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Kieran Micari-Lawless, represents Niles North

Niles North High School junior Kieran Micari-Lawless, 16, is this year's Niles North High School student representative on the Niles Township High School District 219 school board. Micari-Lawless said he was elected to this role by fellow students and has found the experience worthwhile.

**Q: How did you get the Niles North student representative role?**

A: We had an in-school vote. It's a really great opportunity to voice student concerns when a lot of times students aren't fully recognized. It's very rewarding. I like it a lot.

**Q: Do you have pets?**

A: I do not. I wish I did. My parents do not like pets — at least my mom doesn't like pets. I'd probably get a dog but she's allergic and she also just doesn't really like animals.

**Q: Are you currently reading a book and what book would you like to read next?**

A: I'm reading the book "Beloved" by Toni Morrison. We're supposed to read it later in the year but I wanted to read it now. It's very interesting. It's kind of a crazy story, but it's a good read. I found this really cool book called "Clear Marxism in Two Chinas." It's about tolerance in the two halves of China because they're very culturally different.

**Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A: Right now, I want to go into psychology. Originally, I wanted to be a psychologist who works with (prisoners). But now I want to be a clinical psychologist. It's a hot button issue right now and most people don't understand that mental illness does have a huge effect. I think when people think about mental illness, there's so much skepticism around it.

**Q: What was your first job?**

A: I have not had a job but I will be having a job in a month at Crate and Barrel. I'm not sure exactly what I'll be doing but I really like the store. My uncle and aunt met working at Crate and Barrel.

**Q: Is there a movie you'd recommend?**

A: I really liked "Private Life" with Paul Giamatti. I think it just came out a few weeks ago. It's about these writers having a baby and it's not really working. It's kind of a drama but it's very good.

**Q: What is your favorite charity?**

A: I think my favorite charity would be the Tourette Syndrome Foundation. They do a lot, but there's just not a lot of research right now so they're doing a lot to raise money for research.

**Q: Do you have any words of wisdom?**

A: Try to stay from conformity.

**Q: What is your favorite local restaurant?**

A: I really like the Lucky Platter in Evanston. They have a really good Cajun pumpkin soup.

**Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?**

A: I won a national writing contest once. I think I was in eighth grade. I wrote a little fiction story about how once you die, it's very corporate. Heaven and hell are two companies and they're trying to recruit you.
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Hundreds at anti-hate vigil in Skokie

There is a culture that seems to allow hate to grow and we need to take a deep look at why Staff report

Hundreds of people from different backgrounds filled the parking lot of Temple Beth Israel synagogue in Skokie Oct. 29 to collectively stand against hate two days after 11 Jewish congregants were killed inside their Pittsburgh synagogue.

Each of the dead, who ranged in age from 54 to 97, was remembered at the vigil with a shrine that included lit candles in individual holders bearing each of their names.

“We are gathered to say, in the face of hatred, we will forge understanding,” said Temple Beth Israel Rabbi Michael Weinberg. “In the face of violence, we will build peace. In the face of bigotry, we will breed tolerance. In the face of discrimination, we will seek justice. In the face of darkness, we will spread light.”

People cluttered together in rows that went back as far as the eye could see, many of them saying they believed it was important to be there with others. Some held signs with anti-hate messages, and there was a large one that read “Skokie stands together against hate” that was erected near the speakers.

“Right now more than ever, I think it’s important to support one another like this,” said Naomi Bayer of Wilmette, a member of Temple Beth Israel. “It’s a really difficult time. We all need to be there for each other.”

Robert Goldberg of Chicago said these vigils are always important after hate-inspired attacks.

“It’s scary right now,” he said. “There is a culture that seems to allow hate to grow and we need to take a deep look at why this is happen-

Eleven people were fatally shot and six others wounded Oct. 27 during a 20-minute attack that started when a gunman entered Tree of Life Congregation in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh and opened fire. Four police officers were among the wounded, in what has now been declared the deadliest attack on Jews in this country’s history.

Three days before the Pittsburgh massacre, two shoppers at a grocery near Louisville, Ky., were killed, allegedly targeted because of their race, according to authorities.

Rabbi Ari Hart of Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob, an Orthodox synagogue not far from Temple Beth Israel, a Reform synagogue, said the Oct. 29 vigil was about coming together as one.

“Tonight, we come together across Jewish denominations, across Christian denominations, across Muslim denominations, across human denominations to stand against hate,” he said.

Speakers at the vigil led prayers, asked people to hug and love each other and initiated songs including “We Shall Overcome” and “God Bless America.”

Corrie Wallace, National SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) Chicago coordinator and local resident, said she has experienced racism and anti-Semitism “and all of the other -isms that pervade all of us.”

“No one is free from that in our society,” she said. “Wallace said there tends to be feelings of overwhelmingness and hopelessness in the wake of such hate-filled tragedies.

“I think we all have a huge sphere of influence and power that sometimes we don’t think we have, and it’s with the people that we love that are around us all the time, that are around us in our social spaces and at our dinner tables,” Wallace said.

The Rev. Michael Nabors, senior pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Evanston and head of the Evanston NAACP chapter, said he was at the vigil as “a friend to humankind.”

He recounted how the 11 congregants in Pittsburgh had gone to their synagogue Oct. 27 for a baby-naming ceremony and were killed “because of the hatred that seems to be growing in our nation.”

“It is a hatred that knows no color,” Nabors said. “Just a couple years ago, there were similar rallies that were going on around the United States involving the death of nine people who went to a Bible study and prayer meeting on a Wednesday night and were unceremoniously killed by another person of hatred.”

Muslim Community Center Academy Principal Habeeb Quadri said the Muslim community condemns acts violence against the Jewish community and all other ethnic and religious communities in the country.

“Our friendship in Skokie can be an example for our country and the world that different faiths and different backgrounds can come together and live as one in harmony,” Quadri said to loud applause.

Weinberg said there are some who want to divide and instill fear because of people having different backgrounds and beliefs.

“There are some who will claim that the problem is immigration,” Weinberg said. “They will tell you you should be weary of those not born here in America. We are here to say we are all immigrants and the children of immigrants. We are here to say it is immigrants that make America great.”
Consultant recommends Maine Township Board not cut tax levy

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A consultant on township government matters encouraged the Maine Township Board to avoid reducing the amount of money it levies from taxpayers this year.

Robert Porter, a former township supervisor and special projects director for Maine Township's law firm, Ancel Glink, told the board on Oct. 23 that failing to increase the tax levies would result in a loss of funding that the township can never "get back."

Porter was asked to speak to the board because "we thought it would be a good idea for the board to get a bird's-eye view of the levy process from the expert himself," said Supervisor Laura Morask, who is involved in bringing the town fund and general assistance fund levies to the voting members.

The 2018 property tax levy proposals presented by the supervisor, highway commissioner and staff show increases over what was levied last year, according to documents shared online by the township.

One of the proposals called for $5.407 million to be levied for the general town fund and general assistance funds, an increase of $95,000 over what was approved last year, while a second proposal called for $5.445 million to be levied for the two funds, an increase of $133,000 over last year.

One proposal was presented for the road district levy, the documents show. It called for $2.606 million to be levied, an increase of $54,000 over what was approved last year.

After much push and pull over the tax levies last year, the Maine Township Board voted 3-2 to lower the general town fund and general assistance levies by 5 percent over the previous year, despite urging by Morask to keep the levies flat. Morask and Trustee Kim Jones voted against this reduction.

The board also voted to levy the same amount of money for the road district as it did in 2016, though Highway Commissioner Walter Kazmierczak had called for an increase of 2 percent.

Trustees David Carrabotta, Claire McKenzie and Susan Sweeney had argued that the township did not need to increase its levy due to the large amount of reserves it has and the fact that more money had been budgeted than what was spent.

The city of Park Ridge reduced its property-tax levy by 9 percent last year as well.

On Oct. 23, Porter told the board that increasing the 2018 levies by 2.1 percent over last year will reflect the consumer price index, while an additional 1 percent
Niles Township residents offered free flu shots

Those older than 65 now receive high-dose vaccine

Staff report

More than 100 Niles Township residents were expected to receive free flu shots by the end of the day Oct. 25, according to Niles Township officials.

The Asian Human Services Family Health Center and Niles Township government teamed up again this year to offer the flu vaccination clinic.

"A lot of people can't afford to get a flu shot from their doctor or wherever else," said Niles Township Supervisor Marilyn Glazer, who received her own flu shot Oct. 25. "We started it for our food pantry clients."

The vaccines were administered at a clinic in the main Niles Township building in Skokie.

In recent years, Niles Township officials said they have seen a huge rise in food pantry demand. That growing need led township and Asian Human Services Family Health Center officials to want to provide free flu shots, township officials said.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, flu season starts around October and runs through the winter, into spring. The 2018 flu season comes on the heels of the one last year that the federal agency deemed to be one of the worst in decades.

More than 80,000 people in the U.S. died from the flu and over 900,000 were hospitalized during the course of the 2017-18 flu season, according to the CDC.

The deaths and hospital stays "continue to demonstrate how severe influenza virus infection can be," CDC officials say on the website.

Several of those who came to the clinic Oct. 25 said they were aware that the last flu season was a bad one. But it was more about the easy accessibility of getting flu shots that drew them to Niles Township's main building in Skokie.

Maye Rajasa of Skokie said when she read about the flu shots being available, she didn't want to miss it.

"This is very close to my house," she said. "And I heard how bad this was last year. I have allergies, which can make the flu even worse. Having this is helpful for all people."

By midday, the number of people getting shots was nearing 50, according to those working at the clinic.

Mya Nguyen, pharmacy manager for Walgreens in Skokie who was working with Asian Human Services Family Health Center and administering the shots, said it could be even better to hold the clinic earlier in October in the future.

"If it's early October, we might have more people," she said. "I know a lot of my patients already had a flu shot. That's something we were talking about today."

But those who did take advantage of the clinic Oct. 25 said they were grateful it was available. And Nguyen said it is pretty rare when a government offers free flu shots.

"It's huge," said Rene Camargo of Lincolnwood who got his shot Oct. 25. "This is close by, and since we're talking about public safety, it is a big thing."

For the first time, the clinic offered the Fluzone High-Dose vaccine to those age 65 and older. The high dose contains four times the part of the standard vaccine that helps build the body to protect against the flu, according to the CDC.

Bill Zimmer, 76, of Morton Grove, had a shot for the third year — this one that included the stronger dose. Zimmer said he lives only three minutes from the township office.

"I always got my shots religiously — even before this," he said. "But I think offering this is particularly important, maybe not so much for me, but for people who have nowhere else to go to get a shot."

Zimmer also falls within the age range the CDC is more vulnerable to the impact of the influenza virus.

According to the federal public health agency, children younger than 5 and adults older than 65, as well as individuals with such conditions as asthma, heart disease and diabetes are at greater risk of having flu-related complications. The demographic also includes people with liver and kidney disorders, and other conditions.

Nguyen agreed that the Niles Township government and Asian Human Services Family Health Center partnership provides an important service every year by making flu shots so accessible.

"A lot of people have no insurance," she said. "Last year was really bad. A lot of people did not get a flu shot so they got the flu. A lot of people are willing to get a flu shot but they just can't afford it without insurance."
Two new TIF districts officially approved by Niles Village Board

Zones created to help generate redevelopment

Staff report

Following public hearings last month, the Niles Village Board officially signed off on the creation of two new tax increment financing districts in the village with the aim of spurring economic life into some dormant areas, officials say.

The Village Board approved the Milwaukee-Dempster TIF at the Oct. 23 meeting. The TIF district includes the Golf Mill Shopping Center and is bordered by Howard Street to the north, Waukegan Road to the east, Touhy Avenue to the south and Harlem Avenue to the west.

It also approved the Oakton-Waukegan TIF, which begins at Waukegan Road and Oakton Street, stretches east to the village's public library and west to the extension of Nora Avenue and includes commercial property at the intersection.

The approved ordinances that officially establish the two development areas state that "it is desirable and in the best interests of the citizens of the village" for redevelopment to take place in the new TIF zones.

TIF districts freeze property taxes within established boundaries. Tax revenue that comes in above the frozen level is used to pay for redevelopment in the area.

The goal is that TIF-generated redevelopment increases property values continuing after the TIF has been abolished. TIFs can exist for a maximum of 23 years.

At public hearings last month, Bob Rychlicki of Kane, McKenna and Associates Inc., which the village hired to oversee the TIF process, said the proposed TIF areas need a boost.

"Part of the reason the TIF plan is important is it gives the village an additional planning tool," he said. "You still have your planning tools related to entitlements, permits, infrastructure, but the TIF really gives you a financing plan that adds to the (full package)."

Revenue from the larger Milwaukee-Dempster TIF can be used for improvements to Golf Mill including its parking lots and to stabilize the shopping center and properties to the east, official said.

Kane, McKenna estimates that over 23 years, the equalized assessed value for properties within the districts will increase "depending on market conditions and the scope of the redevelopment projects." TIF revenue would be used for improvements and to "keep the area vibrant and respond to changes in the marketplace," Rychlicki said.

The two TIFs become the village's fifth and sixth such districts although one of the village's TIFs is scheduled to expire in 2020 or earlier, Niles Economic Development Director Ross Klicker said.

POLICE REPORT

The following items were taken from the Niles Police Department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

FORGERY

■ John W. Batts, 51, of the 4700 block of Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, was charged with forgery and acquisition of a controlled substance by fraud or forgery on Oct. 19. According to police, Batts was taken into custody on an arrest warrant in connection with an incident that occurred in the 7100 block of North Milwaukee Avenue.

BATTERY

■ Nabil A. Mako, 54, of the 7100 block of West Carol Court, was charged with domestic battery on Oct. 19.

THEFT

■ Nathan A. Estes, 38, of the 5700 block of North Mason Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Oct. 21. According to police, Estes was accused of stealing a pair of headphones, valued at $149, from a store in the 6100 block of West Touhy. Estes is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 10.

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Brent William Childers, 28, of the 100 block of North Sangamon, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Oct. 23 after police said he stole $180 worth of merchandise from a store in the 8000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. Childers is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 7.

Johnnie C. West, 52, of the 300 block of South Fifth Street, Maywood, was each charged with retail theft on Oct. 24 after they were accused of stealing $179 worth of alcohol from a store in the 8700 block of West Dempster Street. West and Jones are each scheduled to appear in court Nov. 27.

DUI

Nelson M. Denis, 42, of the 8000 block of Dempster Street, was charged with driving under the influence on Oct. 19 after police said he was stopped for speeding in the 7400 block of Oakton Street. Denis is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 21.

Disorderly Conduct

A Skokie woman and a Chicago woman, both 27 years old, were each ticketed for disorderly conduct on Oct. 24 after police said they were involved in a physical altercation inside a cosmetology school in the 8000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue.

Armed Robbery

An employee of a gas station in the 7100 block of West Dempster Street told police a man entered the station Oct. 19, displayed a gun, and stole $500 in cash from the register. The suspect was described as 50 to 55 years old, 5-foot, 10-inches tall, thin, with black curly hair and wearing a white surgical mask and black gloves, police said.

Burglary

A resident of a home in the 7800 block of North Odell Avenue reported that a safe was stolen from his bedroom during a burglary that occurred Oct. 20. The safe reportedly contained two handguns, ammunition, social security cards, jewelry and $50 in cash.

Theft

Approximately $900 worth of clothing was reported stolen Oct. 19 from a store in the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue. DA man and a woman were reportedly seen carrying several items of unpaid clothing out of the store before getting into a dark SUV around 10:50 a.m.

A cash drawer at a restaurant in the 7200 block of North Harlem Avenue was discovered to be missing $150 on Oct. 22, police said. When the manager attempted to speak to the employee who had been using the register, the employee reportedly left the restaurant, leaving behind a note that said "I quit."

A juvenile boy allegedly ran away without paying an $80 taxi fare after he was driven from Dundee to the 8500 block of North Milwaukee Avenue on Oct. 22. The taxi driver told police he earlier spoke on the phone to a person he believed was the boy's father, and the caller said he would pay the cab fare once his son arrived to Niles.

Multiple jackets, leggings, and sweatshirts, all valued at $2,345, were reported stolen from a store in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center Oct. 23.

A phone was reported stolen Oct. 24 from a retailer in the 9600 block of North Milwaukee Avenue.

An unknown number of blank prescription pads were discovered missing from a medical office in the 7900 block of North Milwaukee Avenue on Oct. 24 after the office learned an attempt was made to fill a forged prescription for Norco at a pharmacy in Chicago.

An unknown person attempted to buy two water bottles using a counterfeit $100 bill at a store in the 8700 block of West Dempster Street on Oct. 24.

Burglary

A pair of $200 shoes, a laptop computer, wallet and a 3D holographic sign valued at $319 were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 8000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue Oct. 24.
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Girl allegedly ‘terrorized’ into sending explicit videos

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

A former law school student from north suburban Niles is facing federal charges alleging he extorted and terrorized a 13-year-old teenage girl for more than three years by threatening to expose her if she didn’t send him pornographic videos of herself on a nearly daily basis.

David Cottrell, 28, forced the girl to comply with his every demand, including staying up late on school nights to act out pornographic “scripts” for him and leaving her middle school classes at times to take nude photos of herself in the bathroom, prosecutors alleged in an 18-page filing.

“One bad move and ur parents get a letter from concerned parents about their daughter distributing porn to other children,” Cottrell allegedly messaged to the victim, who was 13 at the time.

Cottrell also bragged that he would never be caught because he’d encrypted all the files and knew how to mass produce child pornography without garnering the attention of authorities, prosecutors alleged.

In a raid in June of the Niles home where Cottrell lived with his mother, federal agents found a computer hard drive that contained images of at least one other minor victim as well as a “cache of information” about her, including her date of birth, email addresses and mother’s maiden name, prosecutors said.

A seven-count indictment unsealed last week charged Cottrell with various child pornography offenses, extortion and inducement of a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity. He faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison if convicted.

On Tuesday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Mason ordered Cottrell held without bond pending trial, ruling no conditions of release existed that could ensure the community’s safety.

Cottrell has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

His lawyer, Kenneth Yeadon, could not immediately be reached for comment, but in a recent court filing, Yeadon said Cottrell has “lived a quiet life” at home with his parents despite knowing he was a target in the investigation.

Cottrell has lived in Niles all his life except while attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison as an undergraduate and law school at New York University in Manhattan, Yeadon said.

Cottrell left law school in 2017 to return to Niles, Yeadon said. Until he was taken into custody, he had been taking classes to finish his law degree and working at his father’s public accounting practice in Park Ridge, Yeadon said.

Yeadon also cited the “weakness” of the prosecution’s evidence linking the alleged extortion to Cottrell.

There is no evidence in David’s case to show that he has photos of anyone on a cloud server or harbors a grudge against anyone, much less Minor A,” Yeadon said.

According to prosecutors, Cottrell met the victim — identified as Minor A in court documents — in an online chat site when she was in 7th grade and he was attending law school in New York.

In later conversations over Snapchat, Cottrell asked the girl to send him nude photos of herself, according to the prosecution filing. She did so “thinking she was anonymous,” authorities said.

In fall 2014, Cottrell told Minor A he knew her real name, address, her parents’ and sister’s name, where her parents worked and the middle school she attended. He started threatening the teen, saying he would “post her photos on the internet and send them to her family” if she didn’t comply with his demands for more material, prosecutors alleged.

Over the next three years, Cottrell demanded more pornographic material from her almost daily, sometimes making the girl “stay up late at night making videos for him, sending her ‘scripts’ and insisting that she perform to his satisfaction, leaving her exhausted the next school day,” prosecutors wrote.

Several times, Cottrell made Minor A leave class during school to take a photo of herself in the bathroom, prosecutors alleged. In one instance in October 2016, Cottrell messaged the girl while she was in math class, telling her, “I f------ own you and don’t tolerate disobedience,” prosecutors said.

The extortion continued until July 2017 when the girl’s parents found Cottrell’s threats on her phone and contacted law enforcement, according to prosecutors.

When agents searched the phone, they found a five-minute video she’d made for Cottrell just two days earlier.

“Three and a half minutes into the video, Minor A starts crying as she is forced to perform for the defendant,” prosecutors wrote.

By Jennifer Johnson
Pioneer Press

Niles Village Hall and the neighboring post office were evacuated Oct. 26 while the Cook County Bomb Squad investigated a parked car that had raised suspicions.

According to Niles police, a customer reported hearing a noise coming from the car, described as a 1996 Toyota, while it was parked on the west side of the Niles Post Office, 6977 W. Oakton St., around 11:30 a.m., and called police.

Niles Police Cmdr. Robert Tornabene said the noise was described as a “clicking” sound and the Cook County Bomb Squad was asked to respond and evaluate the vehicle.

About 50 people working at Village Hall and the post office were evacuated for about 90 minutes until investigators arrived and completed their work, Tornabene said.

A dog trained in sniffing out explosives was brought in, but nothing suspicious was detected, Tornabene said.

According to police, the owner of the car was contacted, and he reported that it had broken down after he loaned it to a friend and, as a result, it was left parked in the lot overnight.

Tornabene said a member of the Cook County Bomb Squad said the clicking sound that was heard could have been an indication that the fuel pump was no longer working properly.

“The car was broken down, so that may have been the issue they were having with it,” he said.

No charges are pending, and there was no danger to the public, Tornabene said. He acknowledged that recent reports of explosive devices sent to prominent Democrats around the country likely heightened suspicions about the car.

“People are a little more nervous about things, (especially) with it being said that (the explosives) were mailed from a post office,” Tornabene said. “We have to err on the side of caution the best we can.”

By Brian L. Cox
Chicago Tribune

The lawyer for a Chicago teenager accused of killing an Uber driver with a stolen machete and knife wants her to remain at a juvenile detention center after she turns 18 in December.

Eliza Wasni's public defender filed the request in court Oct. 22, seeking to avoid her presumed transfer from a juvenile facility to Cook County Jail in a matter of weeks.

Assistant Public Defender David McMahon did not spell out the reasons for the motion.

But since she was taken into custody — immediately following the stabbing death of Uber driver Grant Nelson, of Wilmette, in May 2017 — Wasni has had dozens of disciplinary infractions in juvenile detention, prosecutors say. She's been accused of attacking guards and attempting self-harm; at one point she was brought into court wearing a helmet because she cut herself after repeatedly banging her forehead into a wall, officials said.

As a result, her case has plodded along slowly, with a trial date still far off.

Wasni was 16 when, according to authorities, she stole a machete and knife from a Walmart in Skokie, hailed an Uber ride and, moments into the trip, attacked Nelson. He managed to run from the car but died of multiple stab wounds. He was 34.

When Wasni was found a short distance away, nearby was a bloodied Cubs shirt that officials said she was wearing in Walmart surveillance footage, on which she is also shown carrying the weapons she later stole.

Authorities said the attack was "not provoked in any manner" Wasni was charged as an adult with first-degree murder.

Prosecutors are expected to file a response to the defense motion on keeping Wasni in juvenile detention in November, with a judge's ruling later.

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Bring back creepy, spooky Halloween nights

Halloween just isn't what it used to be.
Back in the old days, Halloween was dark and dreary. Few people decorated their homes for Halloween.
Those who did tried to make it as spooky and scary as possible. Think the Munsters or the Addams family. Pumpkins were carved with scary faces. Skeletons were the decor of choice.

Today, pumpkins are happy, sometimes decorated with crayons and felt or carved with the logo of your favorite pro sports team. Homes are lit up with cute orange lights. Clever and light has replaced wicked and dark.

Instead of tombstones in the front yard bearing the names of Jack the Ripper and Frankenstein, there is the Pillsbury Dough Boy and such.

We're really not into scary so much anymore. And of course, costumes have also changed. Scary is out. Cultural appropriation is a big no-no. Cute and clever is in.

This ban on scary, I've learned, has never been more true than here at home.
For the past week, when my wife would ask what I wanted to do tonight, I would excitedly respond, "Let's watch a scary movie!"
And she would respond, "Oh, I really don't like scary movies."

Or I would say to my son, "Hey, mom's not home, let's watch a scary movie."
No, that's OK, he would say.
The other day I put on "Sleepy Hollow," which is a pretty good movie but not that scary. I thought they would join me and watch the movie, too. Instead, they all left the room.

So I was left with the sad notion that even in my own family, the scary Halloween movie of choice is "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."
Like I said, times have changed. Back when I was a kid, my mom would say, "Let's watch a scary movie!" and that was it. We were watching a scary movie. She'd turn out the lights. It was already cold so she didn't have to turn down the heat. We would get a blanket to curl up in.
I saw all the classics every year in the weeks leading up to Halloween: "Frankenstein," "Bride of Frankenstein," "Dracula," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and "The Phantom of the Opera."
My mom would also make a very special treat. Not popcorn, not pizza puffs. No, she would toast rye bread, spread lard on it and sprinkle it with salt.

Talk about you're old world, scary Halloween treat. Imagine suggesting that at home. Hey kids, who wants some rye toast with salted lard?
I imagined this was some treat she got used to eating as a kid, growing up in the Depression and all. Or maybe it was her own recipe. I actually recall enjoying it. I know now that it was really an old time, Eastern European treat that you might find today in some authentic east European restaurants.

And what else came out of Eastern Europe? Horror, Frankenstein and Dracula, right?

Now there is a new show out, "The Haunting of Hill House" on Netflix. It's based on a Shirley Jackson novel, who is a great writer of creepy horror stories.
I'm hearing that this show is really scary, and that people are actually passing out while watching it.
I know the family won't go for that. And I'm a little leery myself. Will I be able to finish my rye toast with salted lard before I pass out?
No, I'll be lucky if I can convince anyone here at home to watch "Arsenic and Old Lace."
So try something new this year for Halloween. Turn out the lights. Maybe pick up a can of lard at the grocery store for that special treat. And get scared!

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She sheds offer emotional benefits, keep relationships healthy

When Cindy Holmes-Fine and her husband moved in together five years ago, their blended family consisted of five kids, all still living at home. Although very happy to have such a large and loving family, Holmes-Fine felt like there were times she needed and wanted some space; alone time, a reprieve, an escape.

"I got the inspiration from my sister, who had a garden shed that she turned into a garden office," said Holmes-Fine, who also has three dogs and 12 chickens on the family's Mt. Prospect urban farm. "My husband had built a shed for tools and garden equipment, so I asked him to build a shed for me, too."

Described by Holmes-Fine as "a storybook home," her shed, which is constructed of cedar, offers eclectic décor, including a coffee table, chairs, a couch, a desk, and a bookcase. On the walls: pictures of flowers and inspirational sayings.

"It's an escape to a little fantasy world, a place to go read, have a glass of wine, or bring friends in if I choose," she said.

She sheds — a trend that began a few years ago — are basically a women's version of a man cave. But instead of typical furnishings found in a man cave, such as a mini-fridge stocked with beer, a TV, a recliner, and sports memorabilia, she sheds are very diverse in their décor; each one unique, and personally designed to the owner's taste and purpose of the shed.

Some she sheds are extravagant, luxurious, and expensive, and others are basic, with no frills. But one thing all she sheds have in common is that they offer emotional benefits and they help sustain healthy relationships.

Dr. Cassandra Friedman, LCPC, CADC, said in today's world, she sheds make more sense than ever because of the stress level that women face in our lives.

"A large majority of women are working a job outside the home, or working inside the home, and are still the primary caretaker and a caregiver to their husbands, their kids, and possibly their parents," said Friedman, who has been in practice for 37 years.

Here are four benefits a she shed can offer, according to Friedman:

1. Helps physical well-being. Many women have high blood pressure or headaches caused by stress. Spending time in the she shed — a relaxing environment that you decorate for yourself — offers a time to decompress, breathe, and alleviate anxiety and stress. And when you go back into your home, you feel refreshed.

2. Reduces resentment. Many times when women feel deprived of alone time, they fill up with anger and resentment. They become more easily annoyed, frustrated, and irritated with others. Those feelings can lead to more anxiety and possibly depression. It raises your spirit when you know that at the end of the day, you have a place to go to let it all go, to not be bothered for a little while, to relax or to listen to music without being interrupted.

3. Gives you an identity. A woman needs to feel like she has part of her identity left, that she's more than a wife, mom or daughter. When a woman keeps giving and giving and giving with no break, that leads to low self-esteem, possible unhealthy coping mechanisms, and destruction. Having one's own space helps women remember who they are and what they enjoy.

4. Offers privacy with girlfriends. Having girlfriends over and laughing together is one of the best therapies for women to maintain a good quality of life. A she shed allows this type of socializing in the privacy of your own space. No one has to watch what they say because kids or a spouse are around, and women can really be themselves, which helps them bond and trust each other even more.

OK, how much do you want a she shed? I sure do! But like me, those living in an apartment, condo or town home don't have a backyard where we can build one, or maybe financially it's not possible for you right now.

That said, here's what I learned from talking with Friedman. Every woman deserves time alone and away from the family, and you don't necessarily need a she shed to achieve that. Here are some ideas that will accomplish the same emotional benefits you can get from a she shed:

- Go to the library by yourself for an hour.
- Take a long walk either alone or with your dog.
- Have a glass of wine by yourself or read a book either in your bedroom, in the bathtub or in the basement with the door closed.
- Meet a girlfriend or two for coffee or a glass of wine at a neighborhood restaurant.
- Go to see a movie alone.
- Head to a yoga or meditation class.
- Go to your favorite museum or outdoor garden by yourself.

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1  Surrounded securely
6  Erupt
10  Fully awake
15  Beans or broccoli
19  Part of LED
20  Floor space
21  Designer Kamali
22  Conversant with
23  Office-space providers for startups
25  Emulate
27  Rumpelstiltskin with straw
28  Scones, for instance
30  Obliterates
31  Without a warranty
32  Playhouse platform
33  Wintertime comment
34  College sports conference, formerly
35  Très prospère
36  Creative skill
37  Small hoppers
38  Crafty scheme
39  Rainbow segment
40  Metal in the rough
41  Bowl over
42  Damon of cinema
43  Gauchito's missile
45  Outdo
46  Compulsive fire starters
47  Countdown device
48  Quickquip
49  Capital of Belarus
50  Metaphor for a mess
51  Reduces to granules
52  Whips up

Down
1  Word processor function
2  Source of 46 Across
3  City south of West Palm
4  Sends to school
5  Reduces in value
6  Overfills
7  Career athletes
8  Poetic adverb
9  Utah's Mountains
10  Immune-system stimulus
11  Good-for-nothing
12  Miscalculates
13  Presidential monogram
14  School cafeteria morsel
15  Fructose and glucose
16  Milestones for young cos.
17  Ration (out)
18  Calls off
19  Related
20  Senator Hatch
21  Hawaiian fish, for short
22  Order to attack
23  Labourites, for instance
24  Etiquette
25  Expression
26  Convention discussion group
27  Started vigorously
28  Amazement
29  Maria's boss in The Sound of Music
30  Many sports stats.
31  Ballet apparel
32  Modeling medium
33  Russian diplomat
34  Discussion group
35  Novelist Uris
36  Overrun (with)
37  Paper to pay
38  Paper to pay
39  Anxious feeling
40  Squeaky scamperer
41  Trumpet sounds
42  Source of the fleece
43  Sharp as...
44  Common cutter
45  Melting points
46  Female zebras
47  Measures of force
48  Blessed event
49  Accumulate
50  Spell
51  Nominates
52  Maytag sister brand
53  Italian playwright
54  Start of a boss' order
55  Trumpet sounds
56  Peanuts kid
57  Game-box insert
58  Founding Father pamphleteer
59  Squeaky scamperer
60  Branch of math
61  Trumpet sounds
62  Male
63  Extra
64  Printer's proof
65  Chris of CNN
66  Raced on snow
67  The Time Machine author
68  Source of the fleece
69  Sharp-flavored
70  Eastern English county, for short
71  Source of the fleece
72  Strong yens
73  Affectionate
74  Overfills
75  Paper to pay
76  Fructose and glucose
77  Norwegian
glue
78  Hawaiian force of TV
79  Sitting rooms
80  Tiny trace
81  Bambi's little pal
82  School cafeteria sandwiches, briefly
83  Friction
84  Livestock marker
85  Milne's first name
86  Good-for-nothing
87  Warehouse
88  Sharp-flavored
89  Without refinement
90  $88 source for mags
91  Filmmaker from India
92  Mid-sixth-century year
93  Legal assistant, informally
94  Printer insert
95  “And don’t forget...”
96  Sound of a hoofbeat
97  Lots and lots
98  Understood
99  Celebrations
100 Hawaiian force of TV
101 Long-term savings plan
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. Der Kaiser of football 136 17 103 160 116 87 90 66 63 129 29
B. Small stream 22 37 25 88 119 79 156
C. Nursery book character 61 2 99 151 45 27 33 106 112 120
D. Stubborn 85 14 36 51 128 118 105 159 170
E. Beyond 165 149 1 124 101 68 91
F. Inflexible 89 7 104 24 43 73
G. In production 80 57 168 15 100 144 47 32
H. Explanation, so to speak 138 114 52 84 67 4 146 44
I. Early NYC skyscraper 78 145 21 135 63 40 6 108
J. French cuisine codifier 98 20 203 169 127 113 30 86 62

K. Garlic-flavored sauce 131 76 82 48 157
L. Hard time: 2 wds. 81 3 59 109 13 31 158
M. Triumph in mind game 58 139 28 150 8 123 130 94
N. 'Miss Piggy,' among others 83 23 9 38 70 162 54
O. Disney bank robber movie: 3 wds. 60 134 77 154 11 26 96 161 39 142 121
P. Sutton specialty 141 125 107 115 12 64
Q. Confidentially: 2 wds. 35 50 93 111 18 166 74 132 153
R. Potato farmer 1989 Hall of Famer 137 71 143 16 92 55 41 122 148 164 110
S. In heaven 69 19 152 42 72 97
T. Haphazardly 56 102 147 5 46 167
U. Funnyly: hyph 34 155 75
V. Fast and spry 117 49 140 85 126 95 10 133

Oscar Award Actors

BY CHARLES PRESTON

ACROSS
1 "... now, ... later!" 51 1987 winner for Wall Street
6 Church tribunal 22 CA to NY nighttime flight
10 Lobster’s feature 25 Skating competition
14 Iron: prefix 27 And ___ pinch of salt
15 Aroma 28 Merit symbol
16 Peltng onslaught 30 Ornamental autumn flowers
17 All the vowels 31 Bridge positions
18 ___ Hari 32 Vineyard, in Champagne
19 Blues singer James 33 Music to Carson’s ears
20 1984 winner for Amadeus 34 Vacationer’s excursion
23 Celestial body part 36 The Waste Land author’s monogram
24 Property document 38 Fish-producing locale
25 Stk. type 39 Root grown in Clinton, NY
26 Small quantity? 44 Ready to drive
29 Home, in Taos 46 Bennett’s long-time co-panelist
32 Aviation org.: 1938-58 48 Girl in The Turn of the Screw
33 Deal with angrily 50 Clothing pin
35 Musical tone 51 Batter
37 1977 winner for The Goodbye Girl 52 Log hut, in Siberia
40 A Heep of villainy 53 Partly burn
41 Brisk and spry 54 Madison, NJ university
42 Hot time, in Soissons 55 Arabian sultanate
43 Assault 56 Hutch of Starsky and Hutch
45 Center or cure lead-in 60 Biblical affirmative
46 Belly muscles, for short 47 Lord of the frites
49 Famous race loser 48 Strike forcibly

DOWN
1 One ___ kind 21 Burghoff’s M*A*S*H role
2 Milieu for Lloyd Bridges 22 CA to NY nighttime flight
3 Self-evident 25 Skating competition
4 In the neighborhood 27 And ___ pinch of salt
5 Part of a letter sign-off 28 Merit symbol
6 Citta on the Tiber 30 Ornamental autumn flowers
7 Singer Anita 31 Bridge positions
8 Bottom line 32 Vineyard, in Champagne
9 Lawrence’s hangout 33 Music to Carson’s ears
10 Do a waiter’s job 34 Vacationer’s excursion
11 Wood strip 36 The Waste Land author’s monogram
12 Nick and Nora’s pet 38 Fish-producing locale
13 Strike forcibly 39 Root grown in Clinton, NY
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24 ___ Hari 60 Biblical affirmative
Change of Address
BY GREG JOHNSON
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ACROSS
1 Run-down area
5 Fire starter
10 Defunct Ford div.
14 Like some bulls
19 Bigger than big
20 Enjoy slowly, as a drink
21 “I… busted!”
22 Come to light
23 Message about nearly a dozen U.S. sailors being flown overseas? (Pa.)
27 Not talkative
28 Receive inside info
29 Tired comment
30 One terminus of Chicago's Blue Line
33 Soccer goose egg
34 Cunning plan
35 Annoyed Mayberry aunt gets an old Toyota at a raffle? (Wis.)
41 Delaware’s capital?
44 Disheveled
45 At least one landlord’s reminder
48 Tanning time on the Riviera
49 Babe’s counterpart
51 “Follow me!”
53 State definitively
54 Constitution letters
55 White selection, briefly
57 Boast about Japanese animation? (Me.)
60 Not requiring stamps
62 Hopefully, what’s left for dessert?
63 “Funny thing is…”
64 Emanation from an aging rural miner? (Co.)
68 Pitcher part
70 Absence
71 All
75 Lunch treats from Clinton’s veep? (Or.)
78 Holiday song sextet
79 Brooding genre
80 Ornate molding
81 Sources of bow wood
82 Author Caleb
83 Five-O alert
84 Tied
87 Goof
88 Myrtle whose oil is a folk remedy for skin conditions
92 South end?
93 Black Friday headline? (Md.)
97 Overnight retreats
98 Simba, at the start of “The Lion King”
99 Primrose family plant
100 Ready to breed
103 Moonlighter’s work
106 Tokyo shopping district
110 Muslim ascetics drain Sahara pipeline contents? (Ca.)
114 Flawed
115 Cap’n’s underling
116 “Free your pores!” skincare brand
117 Ignore, with “out”
118 Tighten, as laces
119 Jazz club sessions
120 Prefix for a Dow foam
121 Not quite never

DOWN
1 1990s-2000s Laker star, familiarly
2 Humdinger
3 Not-cute fruit
4 Geminids sights
5 3-2-1-4-1D
6 Wrestler’s coup
7 Orbital high point
8 “Deadliest Catch” narrator Mike
9 Work with needled
10 Six-legged prayer?
11 Addresses with “@”
12 Brief invite answer?
13 Artfully shy
14 Treo maker, before it shortened its name
15 Sheikdom of song
16 Air freshener scent
17 On the briny
18 For fear that
19 Kind of alcohol
20 Kid raiser, in two ways
26 Cockpit worker
31 Prez on a five
32 Prince Harry’s locks, e.g.
34 Holder of keys
35 Devoured
36 Untrue
37 “C’mon, take a…”
38 Security checkpoint device
39 Well filler
40 Shoe or its dance
41 Hot sauce bottle image
42 Good guy, to a bad guy
43 French 101 verb
47 Stopped flowing
50 Pakistani tongue
51 Swindler
52 What may be baby’s first word
55 Fair grade
56 Couldn’t avoid it
57 Italian lawn game
58 Lymph...
59 Love to bits
61 Motored (along)
62 Parents
65 Leave, slingily
66 Inappropriate look
68 Silver Bullet Band rocker
69 Joyous song
72 A new one may itch
73 Push forward
74 Actor Maguire
75 Style
76 Nikita’s negatives
77 Rowlands of “The Notebook”
78 Worn things
82 —Magnon
84 Hosp. drama role
85 Sells
86 Sells
87 Add to a website, as a video
88 Bigger copy: Abbr.
89 Guadalajara gal pal
91 Draw upon
92 Most aloof
93 Cough drops brand
94 Scotch cocktail
97 “Just me,” formally
98 Quite a distance
99 Hardly a threat
102 “SNI” staple
103 Wild plum
104 Sparring punches
105 “Never heard…”
107 Car, truck or bike
108 #30 on the periodic table
109 Toward shelter
110 Reason for “Busted!”
111 Small ammo
112 Like deeply discounted msds.
113 Leader with perks

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
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EYEGASS PEAK STORE
BLEND FULL SUGAR
BLAST ARADA ALIENS
PLAYHOUSE SAFE CONDUCT
RULE PETS ELITE SUDAN
YEAR BASS SUNS PEN

"Street Smart"

HATS SEW PASTA
ELIOT IRA IBEAM
WENCES LAS SQUARE
REPORTS OUT
AARON SUE RAM
GINZASTRIP CUTE
AMATIS ENS HERA
SLEN ELK RODIN
CALC ALI CEREAL
OLES PICCADILLY
NEY BOA ARECA
ERR TROY POF
SUNSET BOULEVARD
PHONE ADS BEING
ANTEPOO TOO EKES

"The French Disconnection"

GAWP SENSUAL OBES BF
ANTI CHANS DURIS DUF
MONOCANDER PASTOR
UNPAVED ALL ORENET
MONOPOLIZED DORENET
SNAPPO EGG JETTY BORE
AEROPALAS ELK EN TL
ONDEL REEF SNEAK
BEETLE BOOK WAKEN
AMERICA CANT ARO
ONE DORA KENNEDY
SMELT KELAED CAP ULYS
HOME NONO CATRAINT
ELEMENT FISTY VAPOR
INITIATE ROD NIGERIA
LEBANON BODGE SAT
LEB EDD GODFADD RLEN

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Dave) BARRY: SUPER BOWL PARTY
TIPS: Super Bowl bashes demand dangerous chips so full of harmful substances that they spontaneously combust, but veggies grown by photosynthesis sound really unhealthy. A TV is optional if there's enough beer.

Last week's Sudoku

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This week’s Jumble

EQUATE CLERGY SUNKEN TROPHY AMOEBA HINDER

After a string of bad performances, the trapeze artist’s future —

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**WHAT TO DO**

A bigger ‘Little Shop’

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Plant management becomes increasingly challenging for Skid Row flower shop employee Seymour in “Little Shop of Horrors.” That's because one of the plants has an unusual and very hearty appetite.

Deerfield Family Theater is presenting the Alan Menken (music) and Howard Ashman (book and lyrics) musical, Nov. 9-18, at Caruso Middle School Auditorium in Deerfield. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 1 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays.

“It’s a show I’ve wanted to do for years,” said director and choreographer Debra Goldman. “It’s charming, it’s funny and there isn’t a bad song in it. It’s like old 1960s rock music. It’s kitschy and it’s fun.”

Glenview native Joe Lewis plays Seymour, whose attraction to his fellow shop employee Audrey (Korinne Yonan) leads him down a dangerous path.

“Seymour has a lot of hope but doesn’t really have a lot of direction,” Lewis said. “He knows his life isn’t great. He wants it to be better but doesn’t really feel that it can get better until this weird plant comes into his life.”

Seymour has dreams. “He wants a life where people see him as somebody, not a nobody. He wants a life where he can get the girl of his dreams.”

Yonan, an Arlington Heights native, said that Audrey “is an incredibly complex character. That’s what I love about her. She’s a really beautiful person. She’s kind to everybody she meets, even though she has a big troubled past. She represents a lot of women who come from cycles of abuse and failed relationships. She feels like there’s nothing there for her but she wishes for a better future for herself.”

Audrey also has dreams. It would make her happy “to leave Skid Row behind and go to her special place somewhere that’s green, living in a little suburban town in a little house,” Yonan said.

She is also hoping to get out of her current horrible relationship “and meet somebody who’s going to put her needs first and treat her with respect,” Yonan said.

Lewis said his favorite song in the show is “Closed for Renovation,” which he sings with Audrey and the shop owner.

“I love ‘Suddenly Seymour;’ it’s such a great song to sing,” Yonan said. “And it’s a great song as an audience member because you have been waiting for this moment when Audrey and Seymour are going to get together.”

This is generally a small cast show — three main characters, a trio musically setting the scene, and one actor playing a variety of roles. Goldman has added an ensemble of derelicts, winos and such in order to create the neighborhood in which the show is set. There are 30 performers in this production.

Goldman has also added a lot of choreography. “This is not going to be a ‘Little Shop’ anyone’s ever seen,” the director declared.

Music Director Marty Karlin will lead an orchestra of seven musicians.

Goldman praised her cast. She said, “The voices are incredible and the acting skills match, which is a luxury of riches.”

**‘Little Shop of Horrors’**

**When:** Nov. 9-18

**Where:** Deerfield Family Theater at Caruso Middle School Auditorium, 1801 Montgomery Road, Deerfield

**Tickets:** $20

**Information:** 224-338-7827; www.deerfieldfamilytheater.com

A plant with a hearty appetite causes problems for Seymour (Joe Lewis) in “Little Shop of Horrors” at Deerfield Family Theater, Nov. 9-18.
WHAT TO DO COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 1

Dittmar exhibit examines American identity and media: "You Promised Me Poems," a collection of paintings by artist Chris Kienke, explores American cultural identity. It is exhibited through Dec. 13. "You Promised Me Poems" examines ideas of representation, citizenship and sexuality, as well as how media influences common beliefs about American values. The artist will give a talk at the University on Nov. 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. 10 a.m. daily, Dittmar Memorial Gallery, Northwestern University, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-2348.

The Grove Holiday Arts and Craft Faire: Browse through the charming historic homes and buildings of The Grove, choosing from a selection of holiday gifts, home accessories, crafts, seasonal decorations, and gourmet treats. Food is available in our cafe. 10 a.m. Thursday through Sunday, The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, $5, 847-299-6096.

BookBites: Reading Social: Co-sponsored by the Niles Maine District Library. Visit facebook.com/nilesge...viewbookbites for details. "Anything is Possible," by Elizabeth Strout. A collection of stories tell of two sisters: one trades self-respect for a wealthy husband while the other finds in the pages of a book a kindred spirit who changes her life. The janitor at the local school has his faith tested in an encounter with an isolated man he has come to help; a grown daughter longs for her mother's love even as she comes to help; a grown daughter longs for her father; and the adult Lucy Barton returns to visit her siblings after 17 years of absence. 7 p.m. Thursday, Hackney's Glenview, 1514 E. Lake Ave., Evanston, free, 847-491-2348.

Opera Lecture Series: II Trovatore by Giuseppe Verdi. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

"Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites": "Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites" allows kids to immerse themselves in the life-sized worlds of award-winning children's books. Children can build literacy skills through imaginative, interactive experiences and dramatic play with a focus on vocabulary, print motivation and awareness, narrative skills, letter knowledge and phonological awareness. 9:30 a.m. daily, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-832-6600.

Animal Secrets: Families will explore the hidden habitats and secret lives of forest animals. Using imaginative role-play and hands-on activities, children will discover nature from an animal's point of view in naturalistic environments, including a meadow, woodland, cave and naturalists' tent. 9:30 a.m. daily, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, $11-$12, 847-832-6600.

Glenview's Got STEAM: Chemistry for Grades 5-8: All workshops are developed and presented by the Glenbrook South Society of Women Engineers, whose mission is to inspire girls to develop confidence in STEAM fields and ventures. No prior knowledge or experience is required. Register starting 2 weeks prior to program start date, by registering online, calling 847-729-7500 ext. 7900 or visiting Youth Services. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Glenbrook South High School, 4000 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, $7, 847-729-7500.

ESL Book Reading and Discussion Group: Practice your English conversation and reading skills while expanding your vocabulary. Attendees discuss Three Cups of Tea (The Young Reader's Edition) by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin. Each week, the group reads and discusses selected chapters from the book. This program is most suitable for Adult ESL intermediate level speakers. Copies of this book are available at the first meeting on Nov. 1. 2 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Nature Fun and Frolic: On Thursday Mornings: Introduce your toddler to different plants, animals and natural elements, while singing songs, playing games, reading books and exploring nature in many different ways. An adult must accompany each child. Visit the website or call to sign up. 10 a.m. Thursday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $108 Skokie resident; $135 nonresident, 847-677-7001.

Nature Warblers: Children ages 2-4 learn about animals and the outdoors through music, movement and motion. Craft a musical instrument each week and learn how to keep a beat. Expect to spend half of class time outdoors. An adult must accompany each child. Visit the website or call to sign up. 2 p.m. Thursday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $108 Skokie resident; $135 nonresident, 847-677-7001.

Kiss My Lips - Campaign at Gordon Salon: In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, Gordon Salon in Lakeshore East, Glenview, Highland Park and Wilmette run a "Kiss My Lips" campaign. For a $1 entry fee, guests can try a new fall or winter Aveda lip color. Participants are then invited to kiss and sign an entry slip to be entered into a drawing of 100% of Aveda makeup from Gordon Salon. For every entry, the salon donates 100 percent of the proceeds to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. 10 a.m. daily, Gordon Salon, 3232 Lake Ave., Wilmette, $1.

Friday, Nov. 2

Alice In Wonderland: A Pop Musical: Lewis Carroll's unflappable young heroine takes a tumble down an enchanted rabbit hole to an off-kilter world of mock turtles, dancing flora, punctual rabbits and mad tea parties, where playing cards hold court and nothing is as it seems. This is a pop rock musical adaptation of a favorite of generations of children and adults. Visit their Facebook page for tickets and more information. 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, $15, 847-516-2298.

Evanston Police and Fire Fd, Happy Hour Fun-and-raiser: Come and taste Evanston's finest craft beers, great wine, food and musical entertainment while supporting the Evanston Police and Fire Foundation which allows Evanston's first responders to keep residents safe. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Woman's Club of Evanston, 1702 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $75 per person, 847-475-3800.

Imagine U: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown: Explore a day in the life of the characters of Charlie Brown and his colorful friends in the Peanuts gang including Lucy, Sally, Schroeder, Linus and Snoopy. Based on the beloved Charles Schulz comic strip, this is recommended for ages 5 and older. Director Stephen Schellhardt says the musical captures a look into what being an adult is from the point of view of children. 7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Hal and Martha Hyer-Wallis Theater, Northwestern University, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston, $6-$12, 847-449-7282.

Foreign Policy Roundtable: Gary Midkiff leads this monthly discussion group exploring foreign policy issues of the day. Prior to each session, he emails an agenda and reading list to participants to prepare for that meeting. During the class, Gary discusses the issues on the agenda and allows participants the opportunity to compare and contrast their views and opinions. Class meets the first Friday of each month, 9:30 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $48 member; $60 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Humanities Treasures: Explore many aspects of life by using resources and media provided by a class leader. There is never a dull moment! Facilitated by classmates, these thought-provoking discussions may challenge, change or strengthen your beliefs. Center membership required to participate. 10 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6030.

Antiques and Modernism Winnetka Show: The 2018 Antiques + Modernism Winnetka Show (A+M Show) runs from Friday, Nov. 2 thru Sunday, Nov. 4. The A+M Show is the ultimate destination for interior designers, treasure hunters and collectors alike. In addition to the Show, which features more than 40 of the country's finest dealers of antiques and modern pieces, A+M 2018 also includes speaker events on Friday and Saturday mornings. 10 a.m. Friday through Sunday, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $15-$20, 847-446-0537.

Saturday, Nov. 3

Evanston Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce, meat, cheese, baked goods and flowers from up to 58 vendors. Please note: Dogs are not allowed at the market (service animals excepted). LINK cards are accepted. 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oak Ave. and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free, 847-448-8045.

Keri Johnsrud: Charming vocalist with jazz arrangements celebrating the music of Fred Rogers (aka Mr. Rogers). Tickets: $20 general seating; $25 cabaret seating. 8 p.m. Saturday, Oak Ave. and University Place, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston, $20 general seating; $25 cabaret seating, 847-328-6683.

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Treasures and Trinkets Holiday Bazaar: Handmade holiday crafts, sweaters and afghans, baked goods, and yesterday's treasures are for sale during the Park Ridge Park District's Annual Bazaar. Look further to find that perfect gift — bring your wallet and a friend to support the Centennial Activity Center. Lunch items are available for purchase. 10 a.m. Saturday, Centennial Activity Center - Park Ridge Park District, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597.

Pumpkin Smash and Bash: Recycle your pumpkin at this Park Ridge Park District event. Roll your pumpkin down the Centennial Sled Hill in a fun competition that kicks off the event, smash and bash them, then launch them into piles of compost. Go green by helping to clean up the newly smashed pumpkins and learn about composting. [Please remove any candles, stickers and glow sticks, etc. before bringing pumpkins to the event.] Registration is required. 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Centennial Park, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127.

Modernique: Mixing Modern and Vintage Style: The Antiques + Modernism Show (A+M) welcomes Chicago interior designer and author, Julia Buckingham, as a guest speaker. Join in for mimosas and nibbles as Julia shares how to create a modern look while keeping treasured pieces in the mix. Tickets are $35 (includes three day admission to the show). For more information, visit the website. 10 a.m. Saturday, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $35, 847-446-0537.

Sunday, Nov. 4

Showcase ETHS: Television and film actor Anders Holm, along with other notable alumni, return to Evanston Township High School for Showcase ETHS! The afternoon of entertainment supports ETHS students and raises funds for the new Wildkit Wellness and Performance Center. Appearances and performances from Cecil Martin, Karen Jordan, Jessie Arlen, YBSNRA (with Leslie Michael and Brandon Thomas), Alongside Harold and a few surprise guests. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, $12 and up, 847-424-7158.

Something's Cooking: This gathering features favorite local chefs, restaurants and bakeries, brought together in downtown Evanston. Each dining destination on the menu presents a signature dish for sampling, giving guests a tasting tour of the North Shore. Funds raised support Center for Independent Futures' mission of providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities for a full life. 3 p.m. Sunday, Woman's Club of Evanston, 1702 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $75, 847-475-3800.

Why Chicago is America's Greatest Food City: This is a lively discussion with the author of The Chicago Food Encyclopedia, as they travel through the history of food in Chicago. The talk covers all things food related, from the days of soda fountains in drugstores to more recent Underground Dining Clubs. Copies of The Chicago Food Encyclopedia will be available for purchase and signing. For more information about this event, visit the library website or call. 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Dungeons & Dragons Quests: A Friend Lost - Phandalin: A member of your caravan is lost. Venture to Phandalin with your fellow questers and search (or don't) for your lost friend. Bring your character and your imagination as you help dictate how the quest goes and what happens. To register for this event, visit the library website or call. 1 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Holiday Boutique: Open to the community from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to choose from a large variety of vendors including jewelry, baby gifts, personalized items, stationery, art, clothing, serving pieces, luggage, camp items and college gear. They accept MasterCard, Visa and Discover for payment. 9 a.m. Sunday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walnut St., Evanston, free, 847-802-3107.

2018 Fall Benefit Gala: This year, we are honoring some of our most dedicated supporters, Charles O'Kieffe. Join us for our annual Fall Gala, an elegant and intimate evening of fine food, extraordinary music, raffles and live and silent auctions. 5 p.m. Sunday, Sunset Ridge Country Club, 2100 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, $195-$250, 872-395-1754.

TBI-SPY Scavenger Hunt: Temple Beth Israel presents "TBI-SPY" from 1-4 p.m. Enjoy a fun scavenger hunt adventure: solve clues, complete challenges and find treasures in the area [within five-mile radius of TBI]. Open to the community. Earn points by texting photos or other answers to the clues. Each team must be at least four people and include 2-4 adults. No limit for number of kids under 10 years old per team. Payment the day of the event, but registration is required. https://tinyurl.com/TBI-SPY. 1 p.m. Sunday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, $25 per adult; kids free, 847-675-0951.

Nature Fun & Frolic: On Sunday Mornings: Introduce your toddler to different plants, animals and natural elements, while singing songs, playing games, reading books and exploring nature in many different ways. An adult must accompany each child. 10 a.m. Sunday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 6450 Brummel St., Skokie, $10 Skokie resident, $15 nonresident, 847-677-7001.

Skokie Farmers Market: Farmers and vendors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin sell fresh-picked vegetables, fruits and flowers along with cheese, baked goods, coffee, sauces and spices. 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-0500.


Down Dog & Denim: Join us every Sunday for a free hour-long Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/down-dog-denim-tickets-31076517701. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Down Dog & Denim, 908 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, free.

Monday, Nov. 5

Page Turners: "Britt-Marie was Here," by Fredrik Backman. Walking away from her loveless marriage and taking a job in a financially devastated town, 63-year-old Britt-Marie uses her fierce organizational skills to become a local soccer coach to a group of lost children, becoming a vital community member along the way. With its wonderful cast of oddball characters and sly sense of humor, this novel is sure to capture readers' hearts. 1 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

AARP Safe Driver Class: Age 55+: Driving has changed since you first got your license. This course will help you boost safety awareness, re-fresh and improve driving skills, minimize crash risk and maintain independence. Participants may be eligible to receive a discount on the liability part of their auto insurance after course completion. Materials fee due by cash or check on first day of class; AARP members: $15, nonmembers: $20. Limit 25. Please register online, call 847-729-7500 x7600 or visit Reader Services. 9:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, $15.00 - $20.00, 847-729-7500.

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JCC Chicago Open Game Room: JCC Chicago offers free game rooms at the Bernard Weinger JCC in Northbrook. You bring the games, and we'll provide a room, tables and chairs. Noon Monday and 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, free, 224-406-9257.

Frances Folsom Cleveland: A May-December Romance: June 2, 1866 - As the Marine Corps Band struck up the Wedding March, 21-year-old "Frankie" Folsom entered on the arm of her groom, President Grover Cleveland. The new bride would fascinate the public as the nation's youngest First Lady. Jessica Michna portrays Frankie to share her intriguing stories. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-704-6030.

The Chicago Police Department in Flux: For years the Chicago Police Department has been embossed in controversy. Accusations of excessive force, police torture and unjustified shootings abound, while violent crime has climbed. Numerous proposals for reforming the CPD have been proposed.
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by outsiders while the agency tries to transform itself from within. What remedies are being developed to address this crisis? What new strategies may drive down the level of gun violence? And will pending court litigation reshape the CPD? 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member, $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**

Dungeons & Dragons 101: Curious about how D&D 5th Edition works? We'll discuss character creation and run through a quick scenario. Limit 12. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Homework Help Center for Grades 1-8: High school volunteers to the homework rescue! Thirty-minute sessions for homework, reading and math skills provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Children may be grouped by subject and grade level. Just drop in. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Career Counseling Appointments: 30-minute appointments available; 9-11 a.m. Consult with a career expert for resume help and job search strategies for any stage of your career. To register, call 847-729-7500 x7700. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

School's Off Maker Zoo for Ages 6 and older: Stop by to see (and try) different parts of the library's Mobile Makerspace during their high and low tech petting zoo. Note: there are no animals at this program. Just drop in between 1 and 3 p.m., but register online, call 847-729-7500 ext. 7900 or visit Youth Services. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 1 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Library Website Improvement Workshop: If you would like to help improve library services, come to this workshop to share your input and make the library work better for everyone. To register for this event, visit the library website or call. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

**Nature Neighbors:** Those ages 4-5 explore the wonders of the pond, prairie and woodland “neighborhoods” and learn about the animal neighbors that live there through exploration, play and creative projects. This is a drop-off class; child must be toilet-trained. Visit the website or call to sign up. 11:30 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, $12 member, $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**

Family Game Night for Ages 6 and up with Adult: Bring the family to celebrate International Games Week and enjoy a mix of classic board games and modern strategy games. Just drop in. 6:30 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 arts enthusiasts. Bring your own knitting supplies. 11 a.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Booktalk: From Book to Screen: Bring your Library card to this Booktalk; books will be available for check out. No registration is required. For November, come learn about the newest adaptations of books into movies or TV shows, and discuss which version is better. For more information about this event, visit the website or call. 1 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Mail Merge with Word 2010: This is a hands-on workshop to create letters, envelopes and labels for mailings. Registration is very limited. Prerequisite: Must be experienced and comfortable with computer, keyboard and mouse. Register for this event by visiting the website or call. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

**Retirement Planning and Estate Preservation:** Financial educators Wei Zhang and Le Anh Blanchard of the Heartland Institute of Financial Education offer a free workshop with topics including: sources of retirement income, traditional IRAs vs. Roth IRAs, RMD and how it is determined, tax deferred vs. tax advantaged retirement plans, annuities and long term care. Call to register at 847-272-7250 or online at NSYMCA.org. For more information contact Karen Brownlee, kbrownlee@NSYMCA.org. 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free.

Have an event to submit? Go to www.ChicagoTribune.com/Calendar
Sears has felt like a relic of the past for some time. I’ll still miss it.

Well, it has happened. The onetime largest retailer in the world, Sears Roebuck & Co, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. How times have changed, the once-invincible king of retail has been reduced to the bargain basement.

Reading the press coverage surrounding the demise of Sears, at least in its original format, brings a slew of memories for those in my age category. Sears was our constant from childhood through head-of-family responsibility. We were hauled there as kids to shop for everything from clothes to lawn mowers, and maybe if we were good, we’d get to stop at the candy counter for a 5-cent measure of our chosen chocolate treat, placed in a pink and white paper Sears bag. The potential reward of removing that sweet treat from the glass confectionery was enough to keep us reasonably cooperative during my parents’ Saturday shopping.

When it was my turn at head of household, the Boss and I followed that same tradition, towing our three kids around the Sears in Vernon Hills all the while bribing them with the very same stop at the glass candy counter. Except by this time, that 5-cent bag of chocolates cost 25 cents. But it worked the same magic.

Many late summer afternoons were spent in the boys fitting room, trying to find the right size Toughskin jeans for my mischievous, hard-to-fit son. I remember waiting for a sales clerk in shoes to finally approach me and my daughters, getting fitted for size and then waiting again for boxes of shoes to be retrieved from the stockroom. Everyone saw everyone there, no matter the season or reason, because “Sears has everything.”

And then it stopped.

I, and so many others, began to put Sears visits lower on the mall shopping priority list. As the girls hit high school in the 1990s and dance dresses were needed, one place we never went was Sears. Walking through the store was like a blast from the past, but not necessarily a good one. It had an old, tired feeling that needed updating. Updates did happen, but they never seemed well executed. So gradually, my trips there ended. Clearly, I wasn’t alone.

What’s Mind-boggling in all the obituaries written for Sears is the documentation of vast amounts of history, innovation and legacy of the ground-breaking retailer. The catalogs alone were legendary. The Christmas Wish Book, mailed in late September, was as highly anticipated as new iPhones are today.

It was our family’s holiday bible. No matter where you lived, or what ethnicity your ancestry provided, Sears was there with something for everyone in those catalogs.

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Kids in costumes on parade at annual Halloween party

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

The village of Niles held its Halloween parade Oct. 27, with marching bands, "superheroes" and more rolling through the street.

Niles resident Kasa Sobiepan said older people tend not to celebrate Halloween in her native Poland because they fear it's associated with "dark forces."

But during the parade — and party that followed — Sobiepan laughed off any talk of sinister energy, saying she enjoys the Halloween "holiday" because she can have fun with her son and meet her neighbors.

She was among the more than 100 people who took part in the event that was sponsored by the Niles Park District.

The Notre Dame High School band led the way for the parade that started at Main and Ottawa streets and ended up a few blocks away at Grennan Heights where participants were treated to "ghouly games, ghistly goodies and spooky surprises" and of course candy.

"It's nice to be with the community and friends you don't get to see all that often," said Sobiepan, whose son was dressed up as a computer hacker. "If there's any new neighbors, it's a way for us to introduce ourselves. I think it's a great idea to keep this going."

Niles Park District teacher Debbie Zoerink helped organize the event, which she said has been going on for more than 20 years.

"I have never seen anything so wonderfully put together," said Zoerink, who was dressed as superwoman. "They don't throw politics into the mix. It is for the family. It is a great healthy family safe event."

Laura Kowalski, of Niles, said her whole family was excited to march in the parade, take part in the games and to visit the petting zoo and pumpkin patch.

"This is something awesome that Niles puts on for families," said Kowalski. "We appreciate it. We came last year and it was a blast so we decided to make it a tradition. There's the fun of dressing up and seeing everybody's costumes. There's a little bit of the spooky aspect as well, which we enjoy."

Terry Hansen attended with his wife and two young sons.

"We've done it the last three or four years. They love doing the parade and there's so many games for the kids. They get a pumpkin. Halloween makes everybody feel like a kid again," he said.

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter.

NorthShore to open 50 more care centers

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

NorthShore University HealthSystem plans to open 50 new immediate care centers in Chicago and the north suburbs over the next two years, part of a multimillion-dollar plan to attract new patients.

The health care system also plans to reposition three of its hospitals to each focus on certain specialties.

The changes come as area hospitals compete for patients who are increasingly seeking convenient care that's close to home and as more care is done on an outpatient basis.

NorthShore plans to spend $50 million to $60 million on the additional immediate care centers and $300 million to $350 million on the hospital transformations.

Its four hospital will still have emergency departments. But Skokie Hospital will become a center for orthopedic and spinal care; Evanston Hospital will focus on complex neurosurgery, cancer and heart issues; and Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview will focus on frail, elderly patients.

Highland Park Hospital will remain a full-service medical center. Labor and delivery services will remain unchanged at Evanston and Highland Park hospitals.

The new arrangement means a patient who shows up in the emergency room at Skokie Hospital, for example, might be treated there and then transferred to a different hospital in the system for additional care.

"For patients, this means a greater depth of expertise around services at several of our campuses," NorthShore President J.P. Gallagher said. "This is part of evolving and adapting."

It's a strategy that could help NorthShore bolster its reputation in those specialty areas, make money and improve care, said Jeff Gourdji, a Chicago partner at San Francisco-based Prophet, a management consultancy.

"You have an opportunity to create a reputation for expertise," Gourdji said. He also noted that specialties such as cardiology, neurology, orthopedics and oncology tend to be more lucrative for hospitals than some other services. And focusing on those areas could help NorthShore attract leading physicians and better care.

"In health care, the more volume you have of anything, the more you see anything, the better you get at it," he said.

Evanston-based NorthShore currently has six immediate care centers. The first 20 of the planned 50 locations will open this year, some in former retail spaces and others in new buildings, Gallagher said.

The urgent or immediate care industry is expanding quickly, with expected growth of nearly 6 percent this year, according to the Urgent Care Association. Systems such as Northwestern Medicine have expanded their immediate care centers in recent years, and a number of retailers such as Walgreens, Target and CVS offer clinics in their stores. Such centers also compete with the growing industry of telehealth, in which patients can consult doctors for minor illnesses and complaints from their homes, over their phones and through video.

NorthShore uses its immediate care centers as a sort of "front door" to help draw patients into the system, Gallagher said. A patient who is seen at a NorthShore immediate care center, for example, may be able to make an appointment at that same center to see a NorthShore primary care doctor or specialist for a follow-up, Gallagher said.

He said the system's existing immediate care centers have been seeing more patients each year and that about 20 percent of those centers' patients are new to NorthShore.

Last year, NorthShore and Advocate Health Care walked away from an agreement to merge after a judge ruled in favor of the Federal Trade Commission, which challenged the deal. However, Gallagher said the system's current plans are unrelated to that attempt.
Former teacher faces child porn charges

BY ALEXANDRA KUKULKA, KATHY ROUTLIFFE
Pioneer Press

A Glenview man who taught at schools in Highland Park and Wilmette was charged Oct. 23 after an investigation that began last month. Laird was charged with two criminal sexual assaults, with one of the victims being a juvenile student at the time of the incident, police said.

Mathew Joseph Laird, 32, of the 3900 block of Triunvera Drive, Glenview, was charged Oct. 23 after an investigation that began last month. Laird previously taught at North Shore Academy in Highland Park and Loyola Academy.

The charges were brought after Glenview Police Department detectives and the Cook County Internet Crimes against Children Task Force received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that the user of an adult pornographic website was uploading child pornographic images, police said.

Detectives identified Laird and his current residence based on subscriber information of the IP address used to upload the images.

Detectives served a search warrant at Laird’s residence in September and seized several electronic devices, police said.

The devices were forensically examined and detectives found “several hundred child pornographic images and videos,” according to the release.

The detectives also located several hundred images both pornographic and non-pornographic of current and former female high school students.

Further investigation led to Laird being charged with two criminal sexual assaults, with one of the victims being a juvenile student at the time of the incident, police said.

Laird was charged with dissemination of child pornography under 13 years old, possession of child pornography under 13 years old, criminal sexual assault position of authority, criminal sexual assault non-consensual and non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images, police said.

Detectives investigating Laird found he was a scholastic bowl coach for many years and coached at Loyola Academy and Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, according to the release.

Officials at the North Suburban Special Education District previously said Laird was a second-year teacher at the Highland Park-based school. The special education district serves students from 18 North Shore high school and elementary districts.

According to a letter sent out earlier this month to student families by district Superintendent Kurt Schneider, he also served as a teacher’s aide at the academy in 2010-11 and from 2014-17.

On Oct. 24, Schneider said the district had been informed of the arrest. The school has cooperated with police to provide computers, photos, personnel files and other items to aid the investigation, and will continue to do so, he said.

“The safety, security and well-being of our students are our highest priorities. Loyola has numerous programs and personnel in place to ensure student safety,” the release stated.

Stevenson High School officials told parents in a newsletter that Laird was a former club sponsor at the school during the 2016-17 school year.

“Although SHS received no complaints or concerns about the sponsor during that time, the school is committed to helping the Glenview Police Department with its investigation,” the statement read.

Officials at McGaw YMCA in Evanston said Oct. 26 that Matthew Laird was employed at Camp Echo, the organization’s Michigan camp for children and families during the summers of 2006 through 2009.


Parsons said that the YMCA checked its records and found no reports of complaints against him.

Police are still conducting forensic analysis of the devices, according to the release.

Anyone who believes they may be a victim or has additional information is encouraged to contact the Glenview Police Department Tip Line 847-901-6055 or email gpd tipline@glenview.il.us.

Laird is next scheduled to appear in court Oct. 30.

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Dow keeps Maine South in gear with rout

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

Even in a football program as steeped in postseason tradition as Maine South, playoff wins can't be taken for granted.

So despite the lopsided 55-14 triumph against Huntley on Friday in a Class 8A first-round game, senior quarterback Cole Dow was among the players elated that Maine South had advanced to the second round for the 16th straight year.

"Once the playoffs start, the seniors on Thursdays walk around the field because it could be our last home game," Dow said. "We really take it seriously and know that we have to play our hearts out."

The Hawks did exactly that behind Dow, who started his eighth straight game under center. Bobby Inserra was the Week 1 starting quarterback but has played sparingly because of a leg injury.

Inserra played three series in the Hawks' win against Niles West in the regular-season finale. His reappearance fueled speculation that Dow's run as the starter might be ending as the playoffs began.

Inserra, however, had a setback in practice leading up to the Huntley game. That put Dow back in as the starter might be ending as the playoffs began.

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As the score would indicate, No. 6-seeded Maine South (9-1) and its arsenal of weapons were in command throughout. After their initial drive of the night stalled, the Hawks' next five possessions produced touchdowns. They led 34-7 at halftime.

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Notre Dame gets ‘major stop’ on defense for win

BY STEVE REAVEN
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After a listless first half, Notre Dame's offense needed something to change the trajectory of the Dons' Class 6A first-round playoff game against St. Ignatius.

The timely boost eventually came, courtesy of the Dons' defense. Notre Dame stood tall on fourth down deep in its own territory. That defensive stand helped turn the tide in a hard-fought 14-7 triumph Saturday night in Niles.

The win snapped Notre Dame's string of three straight first-round playoff exits. The Dons (8-2) advanced to face Crystal Lake South (6-4) at 7 p.m. Saturday in Crystal Lake.

That was a major stop, and it got the offense pumped up," senior defensive tackle Michael Tobias said. "It was a big momentum-builder."

The game-changing play came with St. Ignatius leading 7-0 midway through the third quarter. The Dons' defense stonewalled the Wolfpack's fourth-and-1 dive attempt from the Notre Dame 8-yard line. Tobias plugged the hole and flushed the runner's path outward, where senior defensive end Brendan Sheehy stood firm in making the tackle.

Three plays later, Notre Dame tied the score at 7-7 on junior Julian Schurr's 20-yard scamper, and the No. 6-seeded Dons didn't allow another Wolfpack first down in three subsequent possessions.

Sophomore quarterback Anthony Sayles was only 3-for-9 passing for 29 yards but used his feet to make big plays. His 66-yard keeper set up Schurr's score on the game-tying drive.

Despite Notre Dame's first-half futility, which resulted in four straight three-and-outs and a paltry 15 yards of total offense, Sayles said coach Mike Hennessey's halftime message centered on staying the course.

"We all had our heads up (at the half), and we just had to keep encouraging each other," Sayles said. "We wanted this type of game in the first round, and we knew it wasn't going to be anything less than a dogfight."

Sayles, also a Notre Dame basketball standout, was making his football playoff debut, but the eventual game-winner was delivered by someone with more playoff experience. Three-year starter Ty Gavin's 90-yard scoring dash with 5 minutes, 21 seconds left put the Dons ahead for good.

Gavin, who's been nursing a leg injury that sidelined him for the regular-season finale, had enough power in his stride to outrun the entire Wolfpack defense.

"Our fullback made a great seal block, and I just had one guy to make miss and I was gone," Gavin said. "I think we wore them down because they have a bunch of guys going both ways. Our defense played unbelievable and won us this football game."

Gavin finished with 139 yards on 13 carries but did not play on defense, as he normally would at full strength. His defensive mates kept the Dons in the game early, as St. Ignatius ran 29 first-half plays.

Despite the advantage in snaps, the Wolfpack managed only 181 total yards in the game.

With the opening-round win now in the books, the Dons live to fight another week. Doing so allows for extra practice reps that coaches cherish this time of year. Those players with nagging injuries can also get closer to 100 percent.

"There's no better feeling than a team pulling together," Sheehy said. "We didn't want that (early playoff loss) to happen again. Playoff wins are a big deal for the team and for the school, and we hope to keep it going as long as we can."

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Niles North season ends early due to scheduling error

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The girls volleyball season ended early for Niles North due to a scheduling error.

The Vikings were the No. 14 seed in the Class 4A Loyola Academy Sectional but never took the court because the IHSA ruled that they had played too many matches during the regular season.

Niles North had been scheduled to face No. 19-seeded Deerfield on Oct. 22 in a Glenbrook North Regional quarterfinal. The IHSA website lists that game as a forfeit.

IHSA bylaws prohibit teams from playing more than 35 matches during the regular season. Niles North (14-23) played 36 before the playoffs began.

IHSA assistant executive director Matt Troha said Niles North was one of four teams excluded from the girls volleyball postseason for playing too many regular-season matches. The others were Hampshire, Pinckneyville and Rosary.

Troha said the IHSA learned that Niles North had played 36 matches from tournament officials at Glenbrook North, the regional host. The Vikings had the right to appeal the decision.

"Historically teams are not allowed to compete in the regionals when that happens," Troha said. "One team (Pinckneyville) did appeal and the board decided to not let them play."

Niles North athletic director Brett Bildstein said in an email that the school was notified of the IHSA's decision on the morning of Oct. 22. He said the extra game was a scheduling error by the school and was not "done to gain a competitive advantage."

"We are very sorry that our team's season ended this way because of what is an error on our part," Bildstein said in the email. "My heart goes out to our varsity players, especially to our seniors who have dedicated so much time and energy this season."

Bildstein declined further comment.

Troha said mistakes like this can happen when matches are canceled and when substitute games get scheduled. The flexible nature of tournaments also can lead to some scheduling uncertainty.

"There can be a change in a tournament format and a game gets added," Troha said. "Then someone loses track."

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Jennifer Ptak
Name: Jennifer Ptak
Year in school: Senior
School: Maine South
Sport: Girls tennis
Position: Singles

Best game: Ptak rebounded from a 4-6, 6-0, 6-1 loss to second-seeded Katelyn Fiala to become the third Maine South player to win a state tennis title when she defeated Top-seeded Emily Carruthers 6-2, 6-0 in the championship match. Ptak has played in one state tournament this year, hitting two state records of 4-5, 5-6, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-0. She qualified for four of her matches because of the state tournaments.

Jennifer Ptak

Myles Davis
Name: Myles Davis
Year in school: Senior
School: Niles North
Sport: Football
Position: Wide receiver

Best game: Davis scored a 66-yard touchdown and added a critical interception in the fourth quarter as the Vikings won 23-20. Niles North earned its first Central Suburban North victory of the season.

Myles Davis

Anthony Ranallo
Name: Anthony Ranallo
Year in school: Junior
School: Notre Dame
Sport: Football
Position: Running back

Best game: When Ty Gavin went down with an injury in Week 7 against Carmel, Ranallo stepped up. He steadied the Dons with two fourth-quarter touchdown runs to pace his team to a 21-7 victory against the Corsairs. He had scoring runs of 60 yards and 34 yards.

Anthony Ranallo

Ray Niro
Name: Ray Niro
Year in school: Senior
School: Notre Dame
Sport: Football
Position: Wide receiver

First-Team selection last season. A running back and passing threat, Niro tallied 3,658 total yards and the starting kicker as a primary punter during his redshirt sophomore season and the starting kicker as a junior. He made 11 of his 15 field-goal attempts in 2017.

Ray Niro

Josh Pollack
Name: Josh Pollack
Year in school: Senior
School: Highland Park
Sport: Football
Position: Kicker

Best game: When Ty Gavin went down with an injury in Week 7 against Carmel, Ranallo stepped up. He steadied the Dons with two fourth-quarter touchdown runs to pace his team to a 21-7 victory against the Corsairs. He had scoring runs of 60 yards and 34 yards.

Josh Pollack

Hornacek making a splash

Lake Forest College junior right-side hitter Hannah Hornacek is playing quality minutes this season. The La Grange native has played in 20 matches, compiling 93 kills, 44 digs and five aces. In her first two seasons with the Foresters, the former Lyons standout combined to play in 29 matches. The 5-foot-10 Hornacek has notched seven kills or more in eight matches this season.

Hannah Hornacek

Bean Yanovskaya
Name: Bean Yanovskaya
Year in school: Sophomore
School: Highland Park
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Defensive specialist

First-Team selection in the first two seasons. Yanovskaya is a junior defensive specialist for the Foresters. She has 60 digs in 18 matches.

Bean Yanovskaya

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