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Ovie Salgado, senior services worker

Morton Grove older adults know him as “Ovie.” Ovie Salgado, community catalyst for Mather LifeWays, has been stationed in Morton Grove for about four years. He coordinates senior programming and events for older adults.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I grew up in Chicago. I came to this country with my family from Puerto Rico when I was 6 months old. I went to Catholic schools. I went to the seminary for two years and then I was in the shoe business for 10, 12 years. Then I did real estate for 30. And now I’m here.

Q: Why did you decide to make such a dramatic job change?
A: I love what I do now. I live in Downers Grove and I wouldn’t commute 60 miles a day round trip if I didn’t really enjoy what I was doing. It’s not only the job that’s great but it’s the people you work with.

Q: Do you have family?
A: I’ve been married for 42 years. I have two children. One lives in Milwaukee and my daughter just got married in April. I come from a good size family. There were six of us – six kids. We came here from Puerto Rico in 1952. We’ve been here ever since.

Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?
A: I started out wanting to be a priest. I studied for two years. When you go back to when I was growing up, the priest was on this pedestal. He did no wrong. At that young age, you idolized them.

Q: What book are you currently reading?
A: At a lot of police drama books. In fact, on Wednesday, I sit in front of the TV from 7 to 10 watching “Chicago Med,” “Chicago Fire,” “Chicago P.D.” I like books that are similar to those shows.

Q: First job?
A: That was in the shoe business. I was a salesman at Mailing Shoes in Logan Square. I started in 1968 and did it for 15 years. I was managing stores and everything but the hours were tough.

Q: A movie you’d recommend?

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Scores trot amid chilly temperatures

Lincolnwood park holds annual race

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Nearly 2,000 were registered for the annual Lincolnwood Turkey Trot 5K/10K and 5K Fitness Walk Nov. 18 in the north suburb.

"It's a great kickoff to the holiday season," said Melissa Rimdzius-Marsh, superintendent of Parks and Recreation for the village of Lincolnwood. "It's a wonderful community supported event.

She said people participate in the race as families.

"There are multiple generations who run this race," said Rimdzius-Marsh.

The Nov. 18 timed and certified 5K/10K race with 5K fitness walk took registrants through Lincolnwood with the start and finish along Proesel Park.

"It's a fun community race, great turnout, great support, a lot of fun for the Thanksgiving holiday," said returning participant Nathan Rugg of Glenview who registered for the 10K.

Top finishers included: Mathew Olech, with a 17:01 time among males and Colombia Montes, with a time of 18:51 for females, in the 5K.

She also noted how the race comes just before one of the biggest feasting events of the year.

"Get those calories burned before Thanksgiving," Wall added.

The Turkey Trot is a healthy choice in advance of indulging at the Thanksgiving table.

"I feel like I have to earn my stuffing," three-time participant Allison Lundberg of Des Plaines said with a laugh.

The 8:45 a.m. race and walk start was delayed a few minutes due to a first responder call. The horn sounded before 9 a.m. to launch the start under overcast skies with temperatures at 33 degrees.

The Drumstick Dash for children age 6 and under took place after the timed events. The turkey-shaped medal for registrants is a keepsake for many.

A portion of Turkey Trot proceeds benefits the Parks and Recreation scholarship fund, which helps local families in need with costs for day camp and after-school programs, according to village officials.

More than 130 volunteers assisted, Rimdzius-Marsh said.

"It wouldn't be possible without the help of our volunteers," Rimdzius-Marsh said.

"We wanted to find a way to give back," Lee said.

Non-perishable food donations were encouraged to assist the Niles Township food pantry, which serves approximately 3,500 individuals a month, officials said.

People who donated a food item could enter a post-race raffle.

Katie Sith, 15, of Palatine and a Palatine High School sophomore, represented Chicago's Own Young Marines as a color guard member.

"It's just an honor to be here," Sith said.

Lincolnwood mayor Barry Bass addressed attendees from the stage near the start line.

"It's a Lincolnwood tradition, it's amazing," Bass said.

"People do get pumped up because it is a kickoff to the holiday season," Bass added.
Orange Theory Fitness, 5230 Touhy Ave. in Skokie, is one of a dozen locations in the Niles Township that is serving as a collection location for the Niles Township government’s toy drive. Donations are being accepted through mid-December 2018.

Niles Township holiday drive collecting toys

By Kyra Senese
Pioneer Press

The Niles Township government has begun its annual holiday toy drive, in an effort to bring the holiday spirit to local children of families in need, officials said in a news release announcing the drive.

Businesses, villages, libraries and park districts across the area are participating in the toy drive, with some serving as donors, drop-off points or both, according to the release.

About 13 locations spread over Skokie, Niles, Morton Grove and Lincolnwood — including each town’s public library — are accepting donations on behalf of the township. Donations can also be made at Niles Township Government offices, 5255 Lincoln Ave. in Skokie, officials said in the release.

Families served by the Niles Township food pantry are expected to be the recipients of the holiday donations.

The food pantry supplies food and personal hygiene items to more than 1,800 families living in the Niles Township area on a monthly basis, officials said.

“Right now there are children and young adults in our community who are going to bed and going to school hungry,” food pantry Director Tony Araque said in the release. “We rely on the generosity of our Niles Township residents to help make a difference in the lives of their neighbors.”

Donations are being accepted through mid-December, according to the release.

Kyra Senese is a freelancer.
Public art on benches is ‘encouraging’

Niles officials say it promotes arts and culture in town

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Niles residents and visitors can spot the work of local artists on 15 bus stop benches around town, the first project of the village’s relatively new Arts and Culture Council.

“The council is tasked with promoting and encouraging arts and culture in town. The first initiative was this bench project,” said Katie Schneider, community engagement coordinator for the village of Niles.

Roses, nature scenes, outer space oddities and graffiti-style illustrations are some of the artwork that now covers the back rests of the benches, which stretch along Milwaukee Avenue and elsewhere around town.

The pieces were selected over the summer and aficionados can visit an interactive map on the village’s website to learn exact locations of the benches, what they look like and a bit about the artist’s inspiration.

The village received 40 submissions from 20 artists to spruce up the benches, Schneider said. Eighteen pieces from 16 artists were selected.

Bus stop bench artists were given a piece of plywood to display their work upon and $200 to pay for supplies, Schneider said.

Painter David Rzany is a 2002 graduate of Notre Dame High School in Niles. He was so excited about the new Arts and Culture Council that he went to the kick-off meeting about four years ago, he said.

“I love that they are putting such a focus on art work around the city and showcasing local artists,” Rzany said.

Inspiration for Rzany’s bench came from Vincent Van Gogh’s famous painting, “The Starry Night,” and a local attraction, the Leaning Tower of Niles.

“I wanted to bring these two iconic images together,” Rzany said.

His bench sits on Dempster Street west of Greenwood Avenue.

Artist Michael Abcede, who lives in Chicago’s North Center neighborhood, said his two pieces were selected. One depicts a space scene and the other an outdoor space in Niles. They hang in Niles Village Hall, as three bus stop benches were removed from Niles streets after the project was underway, Schneider confirmed.

“It was great. I was pretty surprised. I just didn’t even know there were only 18 slots for artists to do stuff. So I just assumed, oh, they’re going to pass me over. And they would end up picking two of my designs so I was very flattered,” Abcede said.

He said he had never worked in on such a large piece.

“I tend to draw on paper and paintings that I do are much smaller than that. So working on that scale was pretty intimidating,” Abcede said.

He hopes to do it again.

The council’s next project is to commission murals around the village, Schneider said. That should launch in 2019.

Meanwhile, Schneider said, the council has organized an Artisan Guild that meets once a month at the Niles-Maine District Library. Local artists can gather, network and learn more about what the village needs.

Rzany said he hopes to stay involved with creating public art in his hometown.

“The bench was my first outdoor public piece, but hopefully the first of many,” Rzany said. “I can’t wait to see what else Niles has in store.”

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CTA Holiday Train returns next week

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

The CTA's Holiday Train, decorated with colored lights, bows and winter scenes, is ready for its run starting Nov. 23, the Friday after Thanksgiving.

The six-car train, sponsored this year by Allstate, will include an open-flatbed car carrying Santa and his sleigh. On Saturdays, riders also can board the Elves' Workshop Train, which will run behind the Holiday Train and also is lavishly decorated. Both trains are staffed by helper elves, distributing candy canes to passengers.

CTA riders also can check out the Allstate CTA Holiday Bus, which will make its debut Saturday in the Magnificent Mile Festival of Lights Parade. Along with lights and decorations on the outside of the bus, the inside will feature artwork created by Chicago Public Schools students and the Claus' home, with a fireplace for photos with Santa.

The Holiday Train began on the Blue Line in 1992 when a "Season's Greetings" sign was placed at the front of an out-of-service train used to deliver food to charities. This year's service will start on the Orange and Green lines on Nov. 23 and take turns along all the lines through Dec. 31.

The trains — which are like a long, blinking Christmas ornament — have become a popular holiday feature. The train has 62,500 colored lights around the sides and ends, 14,000 twinkling lights on the roof, 175 red velvet bows and 72 candy cane-striped poles, according to the CTA.

The CTA advises riders to watch its websites, transitchicago.com/holiday, transitchicago.com/holidaytrain and transittracker and transitchicago.com/holidaybus tracker, to see exactly when holiday trains and buses are expected. You also can go to transitchicago.com/holiday.

If you plan to ride the train and want to take pictures of the outside, board first and then take pictures of the train after you've exited. Travel light, plan ahead and if you have a stroller, fold it up. Trains will stop at their regular stops, and normal fares apply.

Charges dropped in 2014 death of SIU student

A special prosecutor has dropped charges against a man whose conviction in the death of a Southern Illinois University student from Morton Grove was overturned on appeal.

Prosecutors say they plan to rebuild a case against Gage Bethune, 24, in the 2014 death of 19-year-old Pravin Varughese. Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Mark Clarke in September dismissed Bethune's first-degree murder conviction, saying jurors could have been confused by wording in the man's indictment.

Special prosecutor David Robinson said Thursday that the state will begin again by reinvestigating the murder case against Bethune.

Varughese, a Niles West High School graduate, died after what prosecutors contend was a drunken fight with Bethune while the two drove around Carbondale. After the fight, authorities say, Varughese wandered into a wooded area and died on a night when temperatures sank into the single digits.

— Associated Press, Chicago Tribune staff
The following items were taken from the Niles and Lincolnwood Police Department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

Niles

WEAPON VIOLATION
■ John E. Ashford, 24, of the 5100 block of Barry Avenue, Chicago, was charged with unlawful use of a weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia Nov. 8 while officers were investigating a suspicious vehicle parked in the 8800 block of West Golf Road. According to police, the pair was accused of possessing a box of 9mm ammunition and a digital scale containing a "green, leafy substance." Ashford did not have a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card to possess the ammunition, police said. Ashford is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 21.

THEFT
■ Marcus W. Taylor, 49, of the 3500 block of South State Street, Chicago, and Eric Collier, 44, of the 3700 block of West Ogden Avenue, Chicago, were each charged with retail theft and resisting arrest on Nov. 7. According to police, the pair was accused of stealing $620 worth of shoes from a store in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center.
■ Kenneth E. Nykvist, 61, of the 3900 block of Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Nov. 10 after police said he stole $281.51 worth of clothing, jewelry, and fragrances from a store in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center.
■ A 16-year-old Niles boy was taken into custody on Nov. 13 after police said he entered an establishment in the 9000 block of North Milwaukee on an earlier date, grabbed a display tray containing gold necklaces and ran off with it. According to police, the teen was identified in a lineup by a witness and is facing a charge of retail theft. The boy is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 19.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
■ Two Niles boys, both age 15, and an 18-year-old man from unincorporated Maine Township were ticketed for disorderly conduct on Nov. 10 at following an incident in the 300 block of Golf Mill Center. According to police, the teens were caught entering through exit doors and were accused of threatening to urinate on the floor. Each was also banned from entering the property for one year.

ALCOHOL
■ A 25-year-old Niles man was ticketed for drinking alcohol in public on Nov. 10 after police responded to the 8200 block of West Golf Road for a report of an intoxicated man refusing to leave the store. According to police, the man had an open bottle of alcohol in his possession. He was turned over to a family member.

HIT-AND-RUN
■ An 11-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl reported they were walking north on Greenwood Avenue and crossing Normal Avenue around 7 p.m. Nov. 13 when they were hit by a black, four-door Subaru that was headed west on Normal. The vehicle stopped briefly, but then drove away, the children told police. Both children sustained "minor scrapes," but were not seriously injured, police said. According to police, one of the children reported that the pedestrian signal was activated while they were crossing the street.

BATTERY
■ A man reported he was at a bar in the 8500 block of West Golf Road with his wife Nov. 12 when his girlfriend, from whom he is separated, entered the bar, slapped him in the face and threatened to damage his truck.

THEFT
■ An unknown woman allegedly stole $425.93 worth of Nicorette gum and diet pills from a store in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center on Nov. 8.
■ A woman reported her wallet was stolen from her shopping cart at a store in the 8600 block of West Golf Road Nov. 8.
■ Four women allegedly stole an unknown amount of merchandise from a store in the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue Nov. 10.
■ All four tires were stolen off a vehicle parked in the 7700 block of North Nordica Avenue between midnight and 4 a.m. Nov. 9.
■ An undisclosed amount of baby formula and clothing was reported stolen Nov. 12 from a store in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center.

Lincolnwood

THEFT
■ Darrell K. Keller, 34, of the 8000 block of South Shore, Chicago, was charged with retail theft, criminal damage to property and resisting arrest stemming from an incident Nov. 8 at a store in the 3300 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said the suspect became hostile and threatened to fight if he were placed under arrest. Police said Keller tried to take pepper spray out of his pocket but he was stopped by police.
■ Packages were reportedly stolen between Nov. 8 and Nov. 9 from a residence in the 7000 block of Cicero Avenue. Police said the packages were left on the porch by the front door of the home.

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'I found a purpose for my life'

Yemeni author discusses his book, ordeal at Holocaust Museum in Skokie

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Over 340 people sat completely silent earlier this month at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie as Mohammed Al Samawi spoke about what he considers his miraculous escape from Yemen, where his life was threatened. He was accompanied by Highland Park native Justin Hefter and Daniel Pincus, two of the four people who helped him escape after learning of his plight.

Al Samawi spoke briefly about his family, noting that both of his parents and his four siblings are doctors, but none are able to practice medicine in Yemen because the hospitals have been bombed during the continuing violent civil war in the Middle Eastern nation. He would have been a doctor, too, except for a disability that affected the left side of his body.

Growing up a Muslim in the Middle East, he said "we lived in fear for our family. That's when he planned his escape with the help of four upstanders who connected with him on Facebook. Eventually, a large network of other people was involved in bringing him to this country, he said.

‘I learned the Jews hated us in the Middle East, he said "we learned the Jews hated us and wanted to kill us." He began believing otherwise after meeting a Christian teacher. His plan was to convert the man to Islam but changed his mind after the teacher gave him a copy of the Bible.

Al Samawi said during the Nov. 1 event that he read the Old and New testaments. "I wanted to find the 'ah-hah' moment," he explained. "Instead, he discovered the similarities between the Quran and the Bible. "I found a purpose for my life," Al Samawi said of that experience.

He began doing interfaith education which, he said, caused him to be viewed as an enemy of his people. He said he ignored online threats but when he began receiving phone calls and realized that those threatening him knew where he lived, he began to fear for his family. That's when he planned his escape with the help of four upstanders who connected with him on Facebook.

Al Samawi, Hefter and Pincus appeared at the Holocaust Museum as part of its Donald and Sue Pritzker Voices of Conscience Lecture, presented by the Women's Leadership Committee. New York University President Emeritus John Sexton served as the moderator.

Hefter recalled how he first learned of Al Samawi's plight in 2015.

"I got an email that said, 'My friend from Yemen's life's in danger and he needs to get out of the country,' he recalled. "I knew one guy in Yemen. I said, 'I don't think I can help your friend but here's the contact information for this peace activist named Mohammed Al Samawi. Maybe Mohammad can help your friend.' The woman responded, 'It is Mohammed. His life is in danger.'"

Initially Hefter planned to pass the information on to someone else.

"I didn't think I could do anything," he explained.

"Then when I realized it was someone who I had met before - I had a face, I had a name - I decided to do everything I could but I didn't think it would amount to much at first."

The two had met at a Seize the Peace Conference in Jordan two weeks before Hefter received that email.

"I met him in line getting coffee," Hefter said. "I was blown away by the story that after the conference he was going back to Yemen even though he knew it was dangerous there. The war was starting to build. The extent of our friendship was engaging on Facebook."

Hefter reached out to everyone he knew who had experience in the Middle East, including a professor of his who had worked for the secretary of the Navy, as well as people who had worked at the United Nations and with peace organizations in Israel.

Hefter said he learned that the Indian government was evacuating its citizens from Yemen.

"We developed this plan to see if Mohammed could be part of this evacuation," Hefter said. It turned out to be an extremely complex and dangerous, but ultimately successful, mission. The details are described in Al Samawi's book "The Fox Hunt: A Refugee's Memoir of Coming to America."

Al Samawi's first stop in this country was in San Francisco, where Hefter currently lives. He stayed with Hefter his first three days here.

After that, Al Samawi moved to Manhattan to live with Daniel Pincus. From there he relocated to Miami and currently lives in Washington D.C. where he is continuing his work as a peace activist.

Al Samawi said that when he first arrived in this country, "I was emotional. It was like a baby seeing everything for the first time."

"That was incredibly special because I got to see what this country is like for someone who's never been here before - someone who has so much gratitude to be here," Hefter said. All of a sudden, this place where I've lived my whole life and where I take everything for granted became a little more magical because Mohammed was there."

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Man accused of grabbing Northwestern student

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

At least one man has been charged in the recent rash of incidents involving women being approached by males on the Evanston campus of Northwestern University, and he is currently being held without bail at Cook County Jail.

Yonatan Vazquez, 21, of Berwyn, is charged with battery after being accused of inappropriately grabbing a female NU student Nov. 4 in the 600 block of University Place.

“He knowingly and without legal justification ... approached the victim by the waist and pull her backwards in an insulting and provoking nature,” according to court documents related to the case.

NU spokesman Bob Rowley told the Evanston Review that Vazquez is not a student there and officials have “no idea why he was walking on campus.”

In a statement, NU campus police officials said the incident reportedly took place around 10:20 p.m. near Scott Hall. The male involved, now identified as Vazquez, had left the scene but was located a short time later and arrested.

Bond was set at $10,000 for Vazquez in this case, but he is being held in jail for allegedly violating bail in a string of other cases — where he is charged with battery and public indecency. Bail in those cases was revoked following the arrest by Northwestern University campus police.

“He was booked into the jail on Nov. 5 and he remains in custody,” according to Cook County sheriff's office spokeswoman Sophia Ansari.

There have been five reported incidents of males approaching females on campus recently, university officials said.

The latest incidents were reported Nov. 13.

In one that occurred just before 5 p.m. in the 900 block of Sheridan Road, two females reported they were approached by two white males who made a rude comment to them.

NU police said the females described one of the males as wearing a gray jacket, the other as wearing a red jacket. The females said both suspects spoke with distinctive European accents.

“When the two females did not respond to the rude comment, the two males made a disparaging comment and walked away, heading northbound. The suspects did not make physical contact with the women,” according to campus police.

Also, just after 5 p.m. Nov. 13 near 1700 Chicago Avenue, a female was reportedly approached by two males who made a comment to her and then grabbed her arm, according to NU police. The female ran south on Chicago Avenue and the two males went north.

Police said the males were both described as white and in their mid-20s to early-30s.

University officials said they were looking for suspects after a “possible battery” Nov. 7 on the Evanston campus.

In a statement, campus police said a female reported that around 5:30 p.m. that day, she was walking in the 1800 block of Hinman Avenue when two males, both about 6 feet tall, came up behind her. She felt one of the men grab the handle on the top of her backpack and she took off running north.

The suspects were not found, NU police said.

The alleged incident involving Vazquez was Nov. 4.

On Oct. 28, a student's backpack was "grabbed from behind and lewd suggestions were made as she crossed the street at Chicago Avenue and Sheridan Road," according to campus police.

She escaped the male, who was described as tall with blonde hair and a Russian accent. Police have not located him.

The Evanston Police Department announced in a news release Nov. 14 that it was partnering with the university to step up patrols and increase police presence near the campus, especially near the 1800 block of Chicago Avenue.

“Officers will be patrolling in vehicles and on foot,” the release states.

In alerts to students, faculty and staff, Northwestern campus police officials urged “extra caution” when walking around the campus.

“As university police increases its vigilance, it is important that we work together to ensure a safer environment for our community,” NU police Chief Bruce Lewis said.

Pioneer Press staff contributed to this report.

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OK. Enough warning. Here goes.

One recent autumn day, I found myself at home, going through emails. Could I meet for coffee, or 'schedule a walk'? After pretending to myself that I was very busy, I'd answer yes, then click the "send" button and move on to the next urgent issue.

It took a while before I noticed a growing pile in my out-box, the increasing number of messages silently indicating something was amiss with my server.

When a box on my screen suggested I "Try Sending Again," I clicked, trusting that the internal mechanisms of my MacBook would successfully reconnect to the virtual ether and deliver my emails back to my friends.

Then I saw the tiny exclamation mark at the top of my email screen, an emphatic icon that indicated my Wi-Fi was struggling just to find my server. I'd seen that exclamation mark many times before, and it didn't scare me. I had faith in the invisible power of seeking and finding a higher frequency.

There was a gentle wind outside. It was a Monday. The world was calm. Nothing suggested a logical reason for the temporary disconnection. And yet, I'd been a Comcast customer for decades. I knew too well that anything, or nothing, might be the reason for a temporary disruption of service.

This wasn't my first time at the unconnected rodeo. I didn't give it another thought.

Then, after lunch, I decided to kill a few minutes browsing online for boots. Surely, it wasn't a good use of my time here on earth, but even the best of us have efficiency lapses, and Lord knows I don't rank among the best of us.

"Safari can't find the server" popped up on my screen. I switched search engines, only to learn that Google Chrome delivering the dread news with more whimsy. "No Internet" it claimed, but above those two words stood a miniature tyrannosaurus rex with arms stretched toward the wilderness of a vast empty screen.

A chill rose up my spine, and spread through my body to my every extremity. Frightened, I walked toward a TV and picked up the remote. The screen mocked me. "We're having trouble connecting to the X1 platform."

I looked around my empty house. I was off-line.Disconnected.

I stood alone, untethered from Zappos, and Netflix, and every other comfort of contemporary life. My heart raced at a speed my Fitbit wouldn't have recognized, if it had been able to be connected.

It's been three days. Repair technicians are scheduled, but I'm so desperate for diversion that I've reverted to reading a physical book. How scary is that?

Remember, I warned you. The same thing could happen to you.

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In these divided times, we can take a few lessons from the first Thanksgiving

Randy Blaser

If there is any such thing as a national day of unity in this very fractured time in the United States, it is Thanksgiving Day.

It's one of those rare national holidays where we don't celebrate revolution, war or victory. We come together to celebrate the act of coming together. We feast because we have means to feast. We give thanks because we are truly thankful, whether we were just barely surviving the storms and hardships of the previous year or whether we thrived.

All of that was part of what legend and history tells us was the very first Thanksgiving at Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts in the fall of 1621.

We all know the outlines of the story. The Pilgrims arrived on the stark and forbidding landscape of Cape Cod not quite a year earlier. The eventually made their way to Plymouth Bay, settling on an abandoned Native American village.

It was a hard year. Many of the settlers did not survive. As a matter of fact, if it weren't for the help of those native to the land, the new settlement probably would have been lost to history.

That is a large part of the legend of the first Thanksgiving that we all know. And many current day Americans are quick to note the ironic twist, that the local so-called Indians rescued the colonists, who brought disease, animosity and misfortune that would later beset all future generations of Native Americans.

As with most interpretations of history now accepted as common knowledge, that description isn't entirely accurate. As it turned out, that first group of Native Americans and Pilgrims needed each other. The alliance between the Pilgrims and Massasoit's Pokanokets also protected the Native Americans from larger and more hostile rivals in the area.

So mutual dependence was an early part of our American story and it is a lesson that our time we have learned well. It would be well to remember that lesson in the United States of 2018.

As Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the book “Mayflower: A story of Courage, Community and War” writes, the celebration probably occurred in late September or early October, not the late November date that we celebrate today.

It was soon after the harvest of beans, squash, barley, corn, and peas, and also near the time when Plymouth Harbor was filled with game birds. The men were ordered to go out “fowling” and soon returned with enough ducks and geese to feed the colony for weeks.

Up until this point, the celebration had all the markings of the traditional English harvest festival that had been celebrated since the Middle Ages. But soon, the arrival of Massasoit and about 100 other Pokanokets turned it into a very different affair.

They brought five freshly killed deer, and since their arrival more than tripled the population of Plymouth, the party was short of tables and chairs. Native Americans and Englishmen sat together on the ground or in groups around small fires. It was a picnic.

Adding to the joy of the festival was the fact that it occurred at a very special time in New England — the spectacular turning of the leaves to reds, browns, yellows and russets. A memorable event, indeed.

As Philbrick writes, “There were profound differences between the Pilgrims and Pokanokets to be sure — especially when it came to technology, culture, and spiritual beliefs — but in those early years, when the mutual challenge of survival dominated all other concerns, the two peoples had more in common than is generally appreciated today.”

Much divides us, to be sure. We have our political differences, our arguments over policy and in what direction to take this great country.

But on Thanksgiving, it is a time to remember what those first participants all knew: We have more in common than the fleeting issues that separate us.

Let us gather together again and give thanks.

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Give thanks, especially to these 14 people

Thanksgiving began as a celebration of the harvest. Today, most people see it as a day to give thanks, a day to feel gratitude, and a day to thank God.

But this Thanksgiving season, why not take thank you a step further—a step beyond turkey, pumpkin pie, a day off of work, and family and friends? What I mean is, think about thanking the people in our daily lives who deserve recognition.

Here are 14 special people you might want to thank, either verbally or with a card or a gift:

1. Thank police officers. Men and women who put their lives at risk every day to keep our streets and communities safe deserve to be told how much they are appreciated.

2. Thank firefighters. These wonderful people also put their lives in danger almost daily. They deserve to be told how appreciated and respected they are for their courage and dedication.

3. Thank men and women in the military. Whenever I see a soldier in uniform—usually at O'Hare—I thank them for their service. I get tears in my eyes every time because I'm in awe of their courage and commitment to our country.

4. Thank those who are caregivers. I'm not sure most people understand how difficult it is to be a caregiver, either to an elderly person or to someone with special needs.

5. Thank nurses and other health care workers. If you've visited anyone in the hospital recently, I'm sure you'd agree that the nurses and other staff members are kind, warm, committed and loyal to the care of their patients.

6. Thank your ex if you are divorced. For some, this is a toughie, but if you you nates, if you really needed them, they'd have your back.

7. Thank your kids' teachers and coaches. These are the people who play a big role when it comes to the future of your kids. Most do the job because they love and care about kids, which is why they should be thanked.

8. Thank your garbage collector, mail carrier and delivery people. Think about these men and women in January when it's 10 degrees below zero outside and they are trudging through a foot of snow.

9. Thank your girlfriends. They know you love them, but telling your BFF that you appreciate her will make her feel great.

10. Thank volunteers. Everyone is busy and has so little free time, which is why volunteers deserve recognition. Spending time volunteering is a selfless and kind act, which is exactly what you could say when you thank one.

11. Thank givers. In life, there are givers, and there are takers. You know who they are. Takers are not bad people, but givers are amazing. They are constantly there for you, and they don't ask or expect anything in return.

12. Thank your loved ones. That means your parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and yes, your mother-in-law. Because no matter how much some of them drive

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The property involved is commonly known as 1421 Milwaukee Avenue and is legally described as follows:

That part of Lot 1 in the Grove, a resubdivision being a resubdivision in the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 42 North, Range 13 East, IllinoisTownship, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Vol. 117 of Plat Records, Page 209, Township 42 North, Range 13 East, Illinois; together with any lots in said Northwest Quarter of said Section 27, Township 42 North, Range 13 East, Illinois or parts thereof, located thereon.


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. Native American conference
   - 88 2 31 55 141 21

B. Sabbath bread: var.
   - 20 146 84 123 134 162

   - 32 77 97 11 50 104 64 131 158 139

D. Detest
   - 135 46 17 161 82 150

E. 'On your toes': 2 wds.
   - 24 51 115 5 92 140 79 149 81

F. A fuel system
   - 68 160 1 39 58 19 90 99 125

G. count, allergy measure
   - 52 116 80 107 167 4

H. Amatuer Photographer
   - 86 98 60 65 137 148 106 35 23 126

I. Daughter, in Dijon
   - 128 18 53 153 76

J. The Tigris
   - 6 110 49 34 119 127 101 71 155

K. 'Only Girl', Rihanna video, 3 wds.
   - 56 141 125 143 156 147

L. Tiny details: hyph.
   - 8 136 33 78 138 111 166 42 121 63 154

M. Daughter of Eliam
   - 94 157 10 145 70 112 130 45 120

N. Unyielding
   - 36 75 164 95 147 44 15 59 30

O. Hairpiece
   - 73 22 96 117 163 9

P. Nevertheless
   - 43 102 87 142 12 86

Q. Retinue
   - 91 7 38 47 69 151 62 122

R. Drive, in Beverly Hills
   - 132 105 25 168 57

S. Stellar remnant: 2 wds.
   - 26 156 74 114 54 144 41 93 16 165

T. Take a deep one
   - 28 72 56 13 143 159

U. Completely: 3 wds.
   - 113 85 37 89 103

   - 152 67 48 129 118 27

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**Across**

1. Belmont circuit
5. Crow's cuisine
10. Gourmet pleaser
14. Zapata pleaser
15. Flood stopper
16. Stonewort, e.g.
17. Geraint's lady
18. Cancel
19. Rustic building
20. Dream state
22. Hot-dish plate
24. Lover of the simple life
27. Ornaments
31. 'But the Brave', 1965
32. Furrow
35. Pink-purple bloom
36. Excited
37. Airborne box
38. Classic symphony
41. Shield
42. Wicked
43. U.S. Grant's opp.
44. L-o-n-g time
45. Franks' place
46. Extreme

23. Norma
25. Divine
26. Blackmore's Lorna
27. Critic-playwright
28. Mexican artist Riviera
29. Liquid fat
30. Charlie Brown's cry
32. Ransack
33. Total
34. Laugh-track sound
36. AL batting champ, 1954
37. Dnieper River city
39. Excessive
40. Norse love goddess
45. Unacceptable grade
46. Hardens
47. Sign after Leo
48. Wild Duck's author
49. Zhilago's love
50. Malevolent
51. Opening
52. Sell
54. Sempiternally
55. Shankar
56. Center's pass
59. See 50 Down
60. Special night

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**By Charles Preston**

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Four-day sales event offers lowest prices of the year

The holidays are a special time that children seem to find their dreams can suddenly show up under the tree — or out in the yard. With the best wooden swing sets on the market, parents have trusted their children’s holiday dreams to Rainbow for more than three decades.

This holiday season, Rainbow Play Systems is offering exceptional incentives for Black Friday weekend that make it easier and more affordable than ever to introduce a Rainbow Play System into the lives of children dreaming of long, sunny days of fun.

According to Tim Johnston, owner of Rainbow Play Systems stores located in Vernon Hills and Naperville, special Black Friday promotions include free delivery and installation, the absolute lowest prices of the year, 25 percent off all options and accessories, six-month no-interest financing, and a choice of installation now or in the spring. In addition, Johnston says trampolines will be on sale for 45 percent off normal prices during the four-day sales event.

Rainbow offers more than 200 swing set designs to choose from, all featuring the highest quality construction and an uncompromising commitment to safety. “Rainbow builds swing sets that you will feel good about and that your child will love,” says Johnston. “Our wooden playsets are by far the most economical. They add beauty to any backyard and are built for safety and longevity.”

In addition, Johnston says, Rainbow Play Systems are a year-round activity. “With the lowest prices of the year, there has never been a better time to purchase,” he says. “If families buy for the holidays, the systems can be installed now or in the spring.”

Johnston explains that to help create excitement for a Rainbow Play System being given as a gift, even if it cannot be installed, he has worked with families before where they have wrapped up accessories or the catalog — or a picture of the set they purchased.

Family-owned and operated, Rainbow claims the best warranty in the business, the largest indoor showrooms and the best customer service — all of this in addition to the industry's best product. “We have a lifetime warranty on all wood components, hardware, swing hangers, dipped ladders, handrails, and five years on all accessories,” Johnston says.

“We have two huge indoor showrooms with more than 15 sets to see and try out in both our Naperville and Vernon Hills locations,” says Johnston. “We also have many demo and overstock sets available at even deeper discounts, which are available on a first-come first-served basis.”

Rainbow offers systems for every size yard and every size budget. Systems can be customized to fit any backyard.

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Rainbow Play Systems is holding a four-day holiday sale.

Friday, Nov. 23: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 24: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“All we sell are swing sets and trampolines and we are very knowledgeable in these items,” says Johnston. “I really enjoy dealing with the families and helping them to create the perfect playset for their kids.”
Treetime Christmas Creations enhances holiday traditions

Annual visitors to the Treetime Christmas Creations forest of trees in Lake Barrington will tell you that this year there are more trees, even more sensational displays, and a "must-see" atmosphere for anyone who loves the enchantment and the tradition of the holidays.

According to Laurie Kane, owner of the 8-year-old business that specializes in premium artificial Christmas trees and decorations, every year is different and much of the change comes from talking to customers.

"Each year we continue to offer new products and services based upon our customers' feedback and we present them in even more sensational displays. We continually design new tree styles to add to our forest of trees and incorporate the latest in technology," Kane explains.

"We want our customers to come into the store every year to enjoy the ambiance and get into the Christmas spirit. We change the set-up of the store each year to showcase the latest Christmas trends and offer new design inspiration."

Black Friday special discounts
Kane says Black Friday at Treetime is always exciting and it comes with a huge selection of special discounts plus two or three tree models that are especially steeply discounted for the day. "We keep the details a secret until we post the specials online as we leave for our own Thanksgiving celebrations on Wednesday night," she says.

Certain to be a hit this season is a new multifunction color-change LED light set, offering customers the best new technology in a complete light set for unlit or live-cut trees — indoors or out.

"These sets allow up to one-thousand lights to function together from a single remote control for synchronized functions. They use our SmartLIT LED that allows any bulb to burn out or even be removed from the strand without causing the rest of the lights to fail," Kane explains.

One tree, the Contemporary Curves concept, is like a half-wall tree that looks beautiful from every direction. It's space saving and slim or broad depending on which direction you view it from.

Part of what makes the Treetime Christmas Creations experience so unique is the lengths the staff go to in order to offer distinct gifts and decorations. "We travel the world to find unique pieces for our customers. We go to the extent of designing our own unique tree styles and lighting to provide options that you simply can't find elsewhere."

Price ranges
Treetime's trees range in style from small and inexpensive table-top trees ($30 range) to 40-foot commercial tower trees ($30,000). In between, Kane says they offer styles and price-points to meet most needs. A basic unlit 7½-foot tree (by far the most common height due to the prevalence of 8-foot ceilings) with a simple design starts around $150.

While she is running a business, Kane says for her it is still very personal. "It's all about watching a child walk into the store and say 'Wow!' I love providing a place where we can help people find the decorations and gifts that will make them smile and help them celebrate with their family and friends," she says. "I love helping someone find the perfect Christmas tree that allows them to sit and enjoy the lights after a long day. I love sharing celebrations, traditions and setting the stage for people to pass down holiday memories through the generations."

Treetime Christmas Creations is located at 22102 N. Pepper Road in Lake Barrington. For more information, call 847-527-8880 or visit treetime.com.

Gifts for the little ones in your life

Bring the on the joy this holiday season with some top picks for kids age 12 and under. Whether it's a rad coding robot or looking cool with the accessories of the moment, your kids will love these hot finds.

1. LEGO Harry Potter building kit — "Hogwarts Great Hall"
Invoke the excitement and magic of Harry Potter with the LEGO Hogwarts Great Hall building kit. This intricate, four-level structure features a fireplace, the spiral Grand Staircase tower, potions room, treasure room and much more to recreate favorite scenes from the popular book and movie series, plus imagine new ones. The kit includes 10 mini figures of your favorite characters, buildable creatures and a multitude of accessories like a head table with seats and "floating" candles. This item is available for $99.99 from lego.com.

2. Melissa & Doug Giant Stuffed Tiger
With a plethora of plushies to choose from, the veteran toy store, Building Blocks, can't be beat for popular items like super soft Squishables and perfectly sweet Pusheen toys. But it's the hard-to-find classics, like the oversized lions, unicorns and dragons, that keep folks coming back for that perfect gift. This authentic-looking, jumbo stuffed tiger by Melissa & Doug will become your child's new best friend, and an instant memory-maker for years to come. This item is available for $79.99 at buildingblocks.com, or visit the two locations in Chicago's Lakeview and Wicker Park neighborhoods.

3. Tokidoki Camo Kawaii Small Backpack
This unique toy store in Chicago achieves a specific goal of bringing together designer toys, art and pop culture. With an enviable selection of Tokidoki toys and gear, Rotofugi is a one-stop shop for coveted accessories (check out the new Donutella and Adios Star knit beanies), an endless variety of blind boxes, and DIY vinyl figures of your favorite characters. The small backpack from the Tokidoki Camo Kawaii Collection is stylish and oh-so-cool, with rose gold hardware and removable Palette mascot charm and rainbow pom pom. This item is available for $62 from Rotofugi boutique in Lincoln Park or rotofugi.com.

4. Core Balance Board Trainer
If you've got a little surf, snow or skate...
Dreams of a white Christmas always come with an ulterior motive for skiers and snowboarders, eagerly awaiting a heavy blanket of snow to cover the slopes. And Viking Ski Shop has been filling the holiday wishes of those enthusiasts for more than 50 years.

Paul Engbretson started working part time at the Chicago location in 1980 and still is with the company, serving as hard goods manager at the Barrington store, which opened in 2007. "I said I needed to be part of it," the DePaul University graduate says of walking into the North Side store and asking for a job all those many years ago.

The spacious Barrington outlet features over 75 models of skis, with a similar number of board choices, offered at price points ranging from value to premium to appeal to a broad spectrum of buyers of all ages. For example, Viking sells the Swiss-made Stockli premium-performance ski, which Engbretson describes as "just a pleasure to ride on. When you know how to drive a ski, this is like a fine sports car."

But it also stocks the midlevel Brahma ski, from Austria, that he says is "a very well-liked ski that can make a lot of people happy." And on the budget side is the Rossignol Experience line, which comes with the bindings included.

Myriad boots, helmets, gloves, hats, jackets, goggles, socks and just about anything else to make time on the slopes more enjoyable and safer can be found in the store. Warmth and comfort are key. "Without that, you don't want to be out there," Engbretson says.

Fit is imperative when it comes to boots and helmets, he says, so well-trained employees work with buyers to customize products. "Service has been our specialty from the beginning," proclaims Engbretson, who describes the fitting process as "part art, part science and voodoo sometimes."

Viking also features cutting-edge pin technology on some of its boots. The hinge system allows downhill and Alpine skiers to navigate across a mountain like a cross-country skier, giving them access to backcountry locations otherwise out of their reach.

An emerging focus in equipment is women-specific designs, part of a by-women, for-women marketing strategy by manufacturers, Engbretson says. The difference is in the details, he says, taking into account a woman's bone structure, arch height and heel width.

Engbretson says a good pair of goggles is an often-overlooked piece of equipment. He says science shows that goggles will keep a skier's or boarder's fingers warmer than glasses. One premium pair from Scott includes a battery-powered fan that reduces moisture, thereby eliminating fog and improving visibility.

And for anyone who can't stand being outside in freezing temperatures, from skiers and snowboarders to hunters and Bears fans, Engbretson points to the perfect solution: the Hotronic foot heating system, which he likens to a crockpot in a boot. A thin, 2½-inch battery-powered disc goes in by the toes, keeping feet at a toasty 90 degrees or higher for 8 to 10 hours before recharging.

Viking Ski Shop is located at 3422 W. Fullerton Ave. in Chicago, 773-276-1222; vikingskishop.com.
Holiday gifts for the techie

Technology makes its way into all of our lives. Whether it's in the kitchen, the family room or the office, high-tech often translates into convenience and efficiency. Here are some great gifts that use technology to make our lives better.

1. Weber thermometer puts grilling into app
The Weber iGrill 2 is an app-connected thermometer (compatible with any type grill) that allows you to monitor the doneness of up to four cuts of meat, from beginning to end, and notifies you on your smart device once food has reached the perfect temperature to serve. Whether you're a seasoned grill master, or just digging in, it has never been easier to execute the perfect meal. Features a 4-probe capacity (two meat probes included); meat probes are heat resistant up to 716°F; LED temperature display; Bluetooth connectivity; 200-hour battery life; magnetic base; preset temperatures, temperature monitoring, and many other features are offered in Weber iGrill app. The Weber iGrill 2 retails for $99 and is available at weber.com and Weber retail outlets; amazon.com; Home Depot and Lowes stores.

2. Breakthrough fitness & health capabilities
The redesigned and re-engineered Apple Watch Series 4 helps users stay more connected, more active and manage their health in powerful new ways. While retaining the original iconic design, the fourth-generation Apple Watch has been refined, combining new hardware and software enhancements into a genuinely singular, unified form. The stunning display is over 30 percent larger and seamlessly integrates into the thinner, smaller case, while the new interface provides more information with richer detail. Apple Watch Series 4 with watchOS 5 brings new health capabilities, including a new accelerometer and gyroscope, which are able to detect hard falls, and an electrical heart rate sensor that can take an electrocardiogram (ECG) using the new ECG app. The item is available at Chicagoland Apple retail outlets and online at apple.com. Prices range from $399-$749.

3. Your car is talking — start listening
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4. Dyson Supersonic hair dryer
The Dyson Supersonic hair dryer measures temperature 20 times every second, keeping the temperature under control. For fast drying you need controlled, high velocity airflow. Only the Dyson Supersonic hair dryer comes with magnetic attachments — so you can adjust quickly and easily. Dyson smoothing nozzle dries hair gently using smooth, wide air, allowing you to dry and style at the same time. Dyson diffuser is engineered to disperse air evenly around each of your ringlets. Simulates natural drying to help reduce frizz and improve definition. The powerful motor is tuned to produce one inaudible frequency, and it's enveloped by a vibration reduction system. The dryer is base priced at $399 and available at dyson.com; ulta.com and Nordstrom.

5. Gamers delight in core headset
The Logitech Razer Kraken Pro headset is a basic entry level headphone set that delivers a solid bang for the buck. With deep, rich bass, the set-up is plug and go. Available in two colors: Neon green with black accents or black with neon green accents. The 40mm Neodymium magnets provide a frequency response from 20-20,000 Hz. Look for clear and crisp highs to balance out the heavy bass. Expect amazing game sound in what is billed "the most comfortable headsets ever." Weight comes in at .65 lb. and the ear cups measure just under 2 inches. Memory foam padding is used for the cups, so a custom fit is guaranteed. Fold up is compact and quick, just twist and go. The item is available at Walmart, Target and logitech.com for about $96.

6. Home speaker works with Apple Music
The Apple HomePod is available for the holidays. It's a breakthrough wireless speaker for the home that delivers amazing audio quality and uses spatial awareness to sense its location in a room and automatically adjust the audio. Designed to work with an Apple Music subscription for access to over 40 million songs, HomePod provides deep knowledge of personal music preferences and tastes and helps users discover new music. HomePod features a large, Apple-designed woofer for deep, clean bass, a custom array of seven beam-forming tweeters that provide pure high frequency acoustics with incredible directional control and powerful technologies built right in to preserve the richness and intent of the original recordings.

7. Harmon/Kardon wireless audio
The original design for the Harman Kardon Soundsticks system is enshrined in New York's Museum of Modern Art. This version of the iconic speaker set retains that classic look, but adds wireless connectivity to bring it up to date. Connect to your laptop or mobile device via Bluetooth, and Harman's TrueStream™ technology delivers clear, reliable music, dialogue and sound effects. Built-in amplifiers deliver 10 watts to each "stick" and 20 to the subwoofer, creating a personal desktop "bubble" of sound. It not only looks like a work of art — it sounds like one too. Each of the tall, translucent left and right speakers sports four 1-inch full-range drivers, bass is provided by the 6-inch down-firing subwoofer that's ensonced in a see-through ported cabinet. Pricing starts at $169 and is available at amazon.com, harmonkardon.com and Walmart stores.
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A few ideas for the hard to shop for person

Sometimes it is hard to find something special for someone who buys the latest and greatest as soon as it hits the stores. Here are a variety of creative gift suggestions for the person who has everything.

1. **Corduroy Cruiser**
   In case you missed it, vinyl has made a comeback. Whether this would be a throwback gift or introducing the younger generation to retro music appreciation, the Crosley UO Exclusive Corduroy Cruiser Bluetooth Record Player could be a lot of fun. The classic-looking turntable is paired with today's Bluetooth technology and even comes in playful '90s-inspired colors including rose, honey and slate. This is a new spin on a vintage favorite. This item retails for $99 at Urban Outfitters stores or urbanoutfitters.com.

2. **Dashing Disney**
   For the lady on your list who has discerning taste, but also is a child at heart, consider a special bag from the Disney X Coach collection. Choose from red or black and each has a playful picture of Minnie Mouse embossed into the leather and detailed with glitter. Choose from a simple wallet, a crossbody messenger bag or a tote. Each has multiple inner pockets and comes packaged in a special Coach Disney gift box. This is sure to make their holiday season magical. They retail between $125 to $325 at Coach stores and select department stores or coach.com.

3. **Night at the museum**
   Sometimes an experience creates a lasting memory rather than adding another "thing" to an already full collection. Chicago museums have come up with a variety of after-hours events for a different twist on a visit. Adler After Dark offers adults 21 and older unlimited shows and unique entertainment on the third Thursday most months of the year. Cocktails and other alcoholic beverages as well as snack items can be purchased. $20 admission can be purchased at adlerplanetarium.org. If you are thinking of trying not to add one more item to the toy box consider the Dozin' with the Dino's at the Field Museum. Children ages 6 to 12 can enjoy special activities and a flashlight tour of the exhibits. The best part is they get to sleep in the Genius Hall of Dinosaurs. Tickets are $65 at fieldmuseum.org.

4. **Crank up the cool factor**
   Almost everyone has a cooler, some may even have multiple sizes. But, if they don't have a Yeti it might be a great update they didn't know they needed. The coolers come in lots of shapes and sizes. Find the size that meets their lifestyle. Big Ravinia fans? Maybe try the Hopper Two 30 Cooler. Like to bring a six pack on the boat? Try the Roadie 20 Cooler. Big-time campers? Maybe the Tundra 65 is in order. Their food and beverages could stay cold for days and the ice doesn't even melt with the special Permafrost Insulation. This item is sold for $199.99 to $349 at Dick's Sporting Goods stores or dicksportinggoods.com.

5. **A real winner**
   Cubs fans can find subtle yet sophisticated ways to fly the "W." Smathers & Branson makes a Chicago Cubs "W" Flag Needlepoint belt that is classy enough to wear to work and makes a total team statement. The dark navy belts feature chestnut colored leather and a solid brass buckle. Every belt comes packaged in a handmade wooden gift box making this belt a home run. This item retails for $165 at Ellen's on Elm, 841 Elm St. in Winnetka, or smathersandbranson.com.

6. **Personalized pancakes**
   Art and technology meet for breakfast and the outcome is like a 3D printer for pancakes. The PancakeBot can be loaded with designs into the machine by an SD card or they can come up with their own design using the special software. Want to see what others are doing with their pancake creations? There is even an online community where people share their designs. All the clever chef has to do is load the batter and watch their work of art become an edible feast. This item retails for $299.99 at Crate and Barrel or crateandbarrel.com.

7. **3D doodles**
   Taking creations to a whole new level, the Polaroid Draw 3D Pen can make drawings come to life. The pen is like a hand-held 3D printer. It can be filled with different colors of filament or choose from the natural colors collection that look like wood. Make any art project jump off the page or create a variety of pieces that can be assembled to create 3D figures or designs. An LED display shows the temperature of the pen and how much filament is left. Because the pen heats up on one end it is recommended for ages 12 and older. The pen recharges and comes with a starter kit of 65 feet of filament. This item can be found for $48 at Nordstrom or online at amazon.com.
Great gift ideas for under $25

Do you need some fun gift ideas that won't break the bank? Here are some suggestions for gifts under $25.

1. Escape the everyday
Escape rooms are all the rage, but what if your recipient is more of a homebody? Escape Room in a Box the Werewolf Experiment involves 19 puzzles that need to be solved in order to escape. This Mattel team-based game involves cooperation between two to eight players and can also keep everyone on the cutting edge with the option of connecting the game through Amazon Alexa. Teenagers to adults can unlock the fun with this challenging game that includes both mental and physical puzzles. The game retails for $21.99; widely available at stores such as Target or target.com.

2. Scratch Map
For someone who loves to travel, getting to a new destination can feel like winning the lottery. The Scratch Map is a cross between a travel journal and a scratch off lottery ticket. Every time a new destination is reached, a scratch of the gold foil layer will reveal a colorful, detailed map location underneath. It is a fun way to track where you have been and where you want to go next. This can be a fun tracker for the whole family. It retails for 22.95 at Paper Source, with 10 locations in Chicago and the suburbs or papersource.com.

3. Happy feet
It doesn't matter if they are a serious executive or a silly teen, a fun pair of socks out in the open or hidden under a pair of dress pants can lighten any mood. There is no shortage of options from hamburgers and hot dogs to cats and dogs or the Andy Warhol dollar socks. Happy Socks has something to fit every personality. Some are even limited editions. The socks retail for $12-$14 per pair at Sock Obsessed in Chicago or happysocks.com.

4. Warm it up
Walking through the Windy City or just sitting at your desk in a cold office, the Eddie Bauer Rechargeable Handwarmer will turn the winter toasty. The compact hand warmer looks like an iPod and weighs only 2.22 ounces. It comes with a lanyard for carrying and a USB charging cable. Once fully charged, the hand warmer has a three and a half hour run time. It also comes in a variety of stylish colors including black, red and green — perfect for the holidays. It is available for $17.50 at area Eddie Bauer locations or eddiebauer.com.

5. Guitar lunch box
Who doesn't want to be a rock star at lunchtime — or anytime? Whether for a musician or just a music lover, this unique lunch box will not only be fun to carry, but also a great conversation starter. The 11-by-6-inch design offers plenty of space for food, drinks or a snack. It comes complete with clip closures and a carrying handle that look like the real deal. It retails for $20 at Anthropologie stores or anthropologie.com.

6. Guac-Lock
Sometimes it is the small things that can make a big difference. You make a fantastic batch of guacamole, but when you grab your tortilla chips and get ready to dip in, it has already turned brown. If you know someone with an avocado obsession or the best guacamole recipe, the Casabella Guac-Lock will change their life. It can hold 12 to 24 ounces of guacamole and double as a serving dish for parties and gatherings. The specially designed container helps squeeze air out, protecting the delicious creation from browning and providing longer lasting dining and dipping. This retails for $19.99 at Container Store locations or containerstore.com.

7. Metallic dots
Put together a gift filled with fun and bubbles for the adult in your life. Pair two of the festive Metallic Dots stemless Champagne flutes or wine glasses with a bottle of Champagne or their favorite wine and you are ready to celebrate the season. The silver and gold dots make it perfect for ringing in the new year or a little bit of effervescence any night of the week. It retails for $4.95 each at Crate and Barrel stores or crateandbarrel.com.

8. Eat What You Watch
Bringing binge watching to a whole other level, Eat What You Watch is the cookbook for movie lovers. Many well-known movies feature scenes with restaurants or cooking. These 40 recipes were curated by Andrew Rea from the show "Binging with Babish." Think boeuf bourguignon from "Julie & Julia" or something sweet from "Chocolat." It's like wine pairing for movie lovers. Hardcover retails for $20 at Barnes & Noble stores or barnesandnoble.com.
Gifts for the adventure lover

Whether it's hitting the off-road path or hitting the sack after a long day outdoors, here are some gift ideas that will help you dress, stay warm and get to wherever you are going in style.

1. Montana snow shoeing
Great Falls, Montana, is a hidden gem for Midwesterners seeking outdoor fun. Flights leave from Chicago and land at Great Falls International Airport, just a short drive from the gorgeous city's center. Rolling hills, inspiring landscapes and unblemished beauty can be hiked, biked, canoed and kayaked till your heart's content. Show shoeing in Teton Pass, located in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, is just one way to celebrate winter. Enjoy a Great Falls outdoor getaway any time of the year and instantly renew your spirit and your sense of adventure. To create your authentic Great Falls memory, visit greatfallsmontana.org.

2. TrailShot Pocket-Sized Water Filter
The MSR TrailShot Pocket-Sized Water Filter can clean water all day — without the weight. That's the advantage the TrailShot Microfilter provides. Designed to hide in stash pockets and deploy quickly, this tiny water filter lets you drink directly from sources along the trail for instant hydration, and fill your vessels with clean water. At just 142 grams (5 ounces), the TrailShot water filter is the ultimate filter for fast-paced, high-mileage adventurers, like trail runners, hikers, fast-packers and mountain bikers. At $49.95, the TrailShot Pocket-Sized Water Filter is available at msgear.com, amazon.com and Chicagoland outfitters.

3. Stay warm all night
Stay comfortable out in the backcountry at the coldest basecamps with the Cabela's Mountain Trapper 20-degree Sleeping Bag. Combining proven, rugged construction with classic materials, this cold-weather sleeping bag also integrates modern tech and design to optimize comfort and protection. Heavyweight cotton canvas shell and brushed-cotton-flannel linings surround 3 pounds, four ounces of lightweight 100 percent polyester insulation for proven heat retention you can trust in frigid conditions. Multiple options: 40-, 20-, and 0-degree for men, women and kids' sizes. Price range from $99.99-129.99. Sleeping bag available at BassPro Shops or Cabela's, or online at basspro.com or cabelas.com.

4. Cold and bear proof
Tougher than an angry bear and proven to keep ice frozen for days, Cabela's Polar Cap Equalizer 25-Quart Cooler gives outdoorsmen serious performance over the long haul. Featuring a top-notch insulation-to-weight ratio, this 25-quart cooler's efficient, all-around foam insulation delivers great temperature control and ice retention without excessive weight. A freezer-grade gasket in the lid creates an airtight seal to help lock in cold temperatures even longer (holds ice up to five days). Incorporating molded padlock tabs into its rugged resin shell, this bear-resistant design allows you to securely lock contents inside the cooler. Integrated bottle openers are built in for convenience. Price is $199; available at BassPro Shops or Cabela's, or online at basspro.com or cabelas.com.

5. Fat tire fun all year
The Trek Farley is your ticket to four-season fun. Featuring the signature extra-wide fat bike tires that let you turn any terrain into your next adventure, the Farley can handle riding throughout the entire four seasons Chicago can throw at it. From full carbon fat bike racing machines to dependable alloy explorers, there's several different Farley models, including those featuring a full suspension for getting rad in every season. It claws up climbs, bombs through technical sections, and always leaves you grinning. The Farley is available at Trek bike stores located across the Chicagoland area, and is priced at $2,999.99.
6. Stylish hikers keep feet warm
The Kamik RogueHiker features a warm, soft fleece lining, allowing you to take on winter in style. With seam-sealed waterproof construction and a 14-degree F comfort rating, the RogueHiker adds superior protection from the coldest adventures. The Hudson5 is a versatile men's boot, offering exceptional stability and protection. With a soft fleece lining and Thinsulate insulation, this duck boot boasts warmth and style with a -4-degree F comfort rating. RogueHiker ($109.99) and Hudson5 ($119.99) are available at kamik.com.

7. Camping on the move
Create the ultimate camping oasis wherever your truck takes you with a Napier Sportz Truck Tent. No more searching for a clean, dry and level campsite, the Napier Sportz Truck Tent assembles in the back of your open-bed pickup creating the perfect campsite no matter where you park. Don't worry about cleaning the truck bed before using the tent. Napier's exclusive full floor design protects you from a dirty truck. With models to fit almost every truck on the market, Napier Outdoors is the world leader in vehicle camping tents. Price starts at $269. Available at Walmart and napieroutdoors.com.
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10 Out of juice
18 "It's my turn!"
19 Quick looks
21 Used at the table
22 Actress Swenson
23 Corporate criminal's undoing
25 Orbit, e.g.
27 Public row
28 Sign at a takeout window
30 Ethereal glows
31 "Basket of Bread" painter
33 Finish off
34 Decline the invite, perhaps
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49 Old cereal box no.
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2 Apple variety
3 Deceive
4 Lay out
5 Make a call
6 Like a super saver?
7 Get the news
8 "Just joshing"
9 Pueblo spirit being
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11 Equal
12 Foods product brand
13 Darth's childhood nickname
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15 Many an MIT alum
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17 They may make lakes
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20 Heavy hammers
21 Buy OfficeMax
22 Purchase quantities
24 Many an MIT alum
25 Easy prey
26 Basila section
27 Sound from a happy crowd
28 Paint size
29 Place to see fans
30 Place to see fans
31 Color commentator's data
32 To test, as patience
33 "10" co-star
34 See 41-Down
35 Beverage made with 40-Down
36 Starbucks size after Venti
37 Puff, e.g.
38 Lucky roll in el casino
39 Sargasso Sea spawner
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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.
26 Cleaning material
23 Truthful payment
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15 "Blame Rio;
14 Needed a doctor
13 "Blame Rio;"
12 Bothersome rules
11 Performing
9 Pitfall
8 Night watchman’s role
7 One of the 5 senses
6 Biased, prejudiced
5 Conceal whatever the case
4 Night watchman’s role
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2 At rate; whatever the case
1 Meanders

Solutions

ACROSS
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5 Conceal
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16 Coat hanger material
17 Forest opening
18 Limits
20 Long-eared animal
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23 Truthful payment
24 Dog
25 Need for meteor or graph
26 Cleaning material
27 Worker’s pay
28 Coast guard
29 Bemoan
32 Similar
33 Train track pieces
34 Break a fast
35 Egg drinks
36 Went widely viewed on YouTube
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38 "Be quiet!"
39 Small restaurant
40 Terra brownish-orange earthenware
43 Be present at
44 President Harding
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47 Henry or Peter
48 Like casual clothing
51 Ruby or scarlet
52 Fail to keep up
53 Ridiculous
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55 "Auld Lang _"
56 Meaners
57 At rate; whatever the case
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62 Reveal the madseeds of
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64 June honorees
65 "Auld Lang _"

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4 One of the Kennedys
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9 Sudden jab of pain
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Marriott brings 'Holiday Inn' to the area

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Every holiday is cause for celebration in "Holiday Inn." Set in a converted Connecticut farmhouse, the Broadway musical, based on the beloved 1942 movie, is filled with memorable Irving Berlin songs.

Marriott Theatre is presenting the regional premiere of the show Nov. 7 - Jan. 6. Performances are 1 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays; 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 and 5 p.m. Sundays; plus select 1 p.m. Thursday shows.

Denis Jones, who choreographed the Broadway production, directs and choreographs. "It's nice to come back to the Marriott," Jones said. "I did 'Honeymoon in Vegas' and had such a nice experience with the theater and was also very excited to stage musicals in the round. It seemed like a perfect musical to bring to this kind of space." Jones praised the show, saying, "It's lovely to spend time with this incredible score and some of Irving Berlin's most beloved songs and some that audiences are less familiar with. But I also feel that the story is really quite beautiful and has some lovely things to say about relationships and about home and about families that we create that are very powerful themes."

Michael Mahler stars as Jim Hardy, a performing star who escapes to a farmhouse in Connecticut but discovers he can't really leave show business behind. "He's a performer. He's a romantic figure in 1947 and a songwriter," Mahler said. "He's always had this dream of living a normal, simple life, growing things on a farm. When the show starts, he's finally ready to put aside his performer clothes and move out to a farm in Connecticut."

Jim soon has a change of heart, though. "He pretty quickly discovered he was a much better performer than a farmer," Mahler laughingly explained. Jim needs a solution so he won't lose his farm. That's when he decides to turn the farmhouse into an inn at which he plans to stage shows to celebrate every holiday.

Along comes Linda Mason, played by Johanna McKenzie Miller, a local teacher whose family previously owned the farm where Jim is putting down roots. "Linda is a very smart, independent woman," Miller said. "She's been taking care of herself and her family. She has put her dreams on hold to be a good daughter. She's happy, though."

Linda supports Jim's decision to convert the farmhouse into an inn because he has "a very deep connection to the property that he's trying to transform," Miller explained. "She wants that property to succeed for her family's legacy. And he's proposing everything she's always wished for - to have a performing venue in her family home."

Mahler described the show as "a sweet story about how everybody has to find a balance between living a normal life and, if you're in the arts, finding that sweet spot and holding onto a piece of that."

He noted that, in addition to familiar songs like, "White Christmas" and "Easter Parade," audiences will hear some hidden gems such as "The Little Things in Life."

Miller particularly enjoys singing "Nothing Left to Say." When it comes to personal holiday preferences, Mahler's favorite is Halloween. "I've always loved Halloween. I'm a big horror movie fan," he explained. "And that's one of the holidays we don't touch on in the show!"

"I like all holidays but I love the Christmas holiday, the season of giving," Miller said. Director Jones praised the powerful cast and also set designer Scott Davis, whose set he described as "really ingenious and lovely, and full of surprises."

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**Ditmarr 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. 10 a.m. daily, Ditmar Memorial Gallery, Northwestern University, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-2348.

**Landscapes Through the Seasons:** The artwork of Evanston artist Chris Viau will be featured in November at OTR Gallery in Evanston. 9 a.m. daily, Over The Rainbow Association Gallery, 2040 Brown Ave., Evanston, free.

**Up is Down:** Chicago-area advertising firm Goldsholl Design Associates, headed by husband and wife Morton and Millie Goldsholl, introduced the principles of Bauhaus design to the American public through their innovative campaigns for corporations like 7UP, Motorola and Kimberly Clark. The Goldsholl Museum will reexamine the innovative work of the firm and its national impact from the mid-1950s through the 1970s with the exhibition "Up is Down: Mid-Century Experiments in Advertising and Film at the Goldsholl Studio," 10 a.m. Thursday, Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

**Break A Rule: Ed Paschke's Art and Teaching:** Ed Paschke (1939-2004) was a bold innovator who mentored students for over two and a half decades at Northwestern University to think outside the box. This exhibition considers his teaching alongside his art. 10 a.m. daily, Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free.

**Paul Chan: Happiness finally after 35,000 years...** Paul Chan (b. Hong Kong, 1973) is an American artist, writer and publisher. His work is featured in the Alders Gallery. 10 a.m. daily, Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free.

**Odyssey: the life and work of Ron Villani:** Art show memorial to prolific long-time Glenview artist and commercial illustrator, Ron Villani. 10 a.m.

daily, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8260.

**Registration begins Nov. 19 for Holiday Figure Skating:** The Glenview Ice Center kicks off the 2018 Winter Carnival with a free Holiday Figure Skating Exhibition on Friday, Dec. 21 beginning at 5 p.m. Watch solos, synchronized skating teams and Glenview Skate School skaters showcase their talents. Glenview Skate School skaters who want to participate must register and pay $5 participation fee at the Ice Center front office by Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. 8 a.m. daily, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Rd., Glenview, $5, 847-724-2800.

**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.

**"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. 9:30 a.m. daily, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, adults and children: $13, grandparents and seniors (55+): $12, and infants under 12 months: free, 847-832-6600.

**Thanksgiving Day Dinner:** Sit back, relax and enjoy an all-American feast of turkey and all the trimmings on Thanksgiving Day at Bobby's Deerfield and Cafe Lucci. Enjoy Chef/Owner Augie Arb's three-course turkey dinner highlighting the holiday's most beloved fixings. 1 p.m. Thursday, Cafe Lucci, 609 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, $26.95, $16.95 (children 12 and under), 847-729-2268.

**A Delicious Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner:** Gobble up a delicious Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner! 2 p.m. Thursday, Prairie Grass Cafe, 601 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, $59 per person, 847-205-4433.

**Prairie Grass Cafe Brunch:** Highlighting fresh, seasonal ingredients sourced from local sustainable farms, Prairie Grass Cafe's creations are fresh and delicious. From hearty brunch favorites to light and healthy fare and everything in between, and with chefs-owners Sarah Stegner and George Bumbaris at the helm, there is something to satisfy any type of brunch craving. 10 a.m. daily, Prairie Grass Cafe, 601 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, see website, 847-205-4433.

**Are We Stuck in a Post-Truth World:** Is anti-science here to stay? How about "denialism," the rejection of evolution, climate change, the HIV-AIDS link and even the Holocaust? Listen to the arguments and find real reason to believe that truth is much harder to extinguish. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. daily, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $39 member; $49 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**Jo Herzog Memorial Thanksgiving Day Workout:** Join the Park Ridge Park District for a fun workout that's great for the whole family. Admission: non-perishable food items for Maine Township Food Pantry. 8 a.m. Thursday, Centennial Fitness Center, 1515 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5129.

**SAIC Art Exhibition at Fashion Outlets of Chicago:** Fashion Outlets of Chicago is featuring the work of three Master of Design graduate students from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), as part of THE COLLECTION: Where Art Meets Fashion. The three winning students, Alexia Roach, Nick Mashie and Shaly Guo, entered a university-wide competition and were selected to exhibit their artwork as part of THE COLLECTION's rotating exhibition series. 10 a.m. daily, Fashion Outlets of Chicago, 5220 Fashion Outlets Way, Rosemont, free, 847-957-4600.

**Santa HQ at Fashion Outlets of Chicago:** Furry family members can join the fun and take part in family photos with Santa. The activities within Santa HQ are free. Fashion Outlets of Chicago will also offer a variety of photo packages. Reservations to visit the experience can be made in advance. 11 a.m. daily, Fashion Outlets of Chicago, 5220 Fashion Outlets Way, Rosemont, free, 847-928-7500.

**Thanksgiving with Hofbrauhaus:** Take a break from the kitchen and spend the holiday at Hofbräuhaus Chicago. The delectable Thanksgiving menu includes turkey with mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing and more; crispy pork belly with sauerkraut and lager beer gravy; seasonal vegeta-

bles; apple cobbler and pumpkin pie. Menu prices start at $10.11 a.m. Thursday, Hofbräuhaus Chicago, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont, menu prices vary, 847-671-2739.

**Brush with Nature 2018 - 2019 Exhibition:** This exhibition includes artworks created by local plein air artists who created their pieces while outdoors at the Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie. See website for list of exhibiting artists. On display Nov. 16 through Feb. 24, 2019, regular viewing hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The free public reception is on Nov. 16, from 7-9 p.m. 8 a.m. daily except Sunday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, free, 847-674-1500.

**Parent Tot program at Trinity Church Nursery School:** Introduce your little one to nursery school in this warm and welcoming Parent Tot program. Enjoy music, movement and art with your child while they begin to interact with their peers! New this year - take advantage of free child care for siblings of Parent Tot students. Classes are offered for the 2018 school year on Mondays, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Children must be two years old by Nov. 1. For more information and about registering, visit the website. 9 a.m. daily, Trinity United Methodist Church, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-0479.

**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 to win $25 worth 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, 3323 Lake Ave., Wilmette, $1.

**Friday, Nov. 23**

**Friday Night Meltdowns:** Join in this awesome skate and dance party! A DJ plays today's hits and disco lighting shines on the ice throughout the night. Bring your own skates or rent a pair for the evening. For more information, visit the website or call, 8:35 p.m. Friday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Rd., Glenview, $8 admit; $4.
What To Do Community Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 24

Mario Michael Jackson Don’t Stop Til You Get Enough: This is a Michael Jackson variety show featuring Michael and Janet Jackson music and other artists, and tells a dance story of the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. 6 p.m. Saturday, Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, $10, 224-305-3328.

Shop Local in Downtown Evanston on Nov. 24: Hit the sidewalks of downtown Evanston and shop small with great deals, promotions and special events happening. Shoppers are encouraged to pick up a “We Love Evanston” Shopping Passport at one of the participating businesses, and when $100 is spent, shoppers can bring the passport to One River School (1035 Davis St.) for a gift bag of merchandise, limited to 150 people. Visit the website 9 a.m. Saturday, Downtown Evanston, 800 Church St., Evanston, free.

Holiday in the Park and Parade: At Glenview Road, between Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and Jackman Park, join to kick-off the holiday sea-

Sunday, Nov. 25

Found Kitchen and Social House Brunch with the Beatles: Found Kitchen and Social House may have jumped into a new decade, but they’re taking it back each Sunday for Brunch with the Beatles. Between 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. come to dine on Chef Bradford Phillips’ new brunch menu, boasting sweet and savory breakfast items like doughnuts, stuffed French toast and smoked salmon toast and sip on house made juices, kombucha and coffee as 1960s classics play on the restaurant's turntable. For more information, visit Found’s website and follow the restaurant on Facebook and Instagram. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, see menu, 847-868-8945.

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

Family Storytime and Crafternoon: Wrap up your weekend on a Storytime foot! Come for stories, songs, a craft and some open play social time on a Sunday afternoon. This is for ages birth to 5 with a caregiver; siblings are welcome. No registration required. 2 p.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Family Holiday Celebration: Bring the kids, the pets and everyone to the annual Family Celebration this holiday season at Chalet in Wilmette. Hear the wonderful holiday story of “Oliver the Ornament” and the newly-released sequel, “Oliver the Ornament Meets Belle” from author Todd Zimmerman. Take part in fun, kindness-centered activities for the season. 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Chalet Landscape, Nursery, & Garden Center, 3132 Lake Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-0561.

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Monday, Nov. 26

Alliance Francaise du North Shore Apéro Conversation: Opportunity for relaxed French conversation, facilitated by native or fluent speakers. Listening in French is encouraged; all levels are welcome. Pour yourself a refreshment. A large array of food items are available for purchase. For more information: Meetup.com/afnorthshore and Afnorthshore.org/events. 7 p.m. Monday, Café at Heinen’s Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, free, 847-888-1274.

hoopla, kanopy, MyMediaMall & RDigital Individual App.: Meet with trained Library staff for a 45-minute, one-on-one session and learn how to download eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows or music to your mobile device. Visit or call the Reader Services Desk for questions, to register and for appointment locations. A Glenview Library card is required. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-727-7500.

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 Dr., Northbrook, free, 224-406-9237.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Smile and Rhyme at Heinen’s - Ages 2 plus with Adult: Just drop in for stories, rhymes and songs in the Café. Stay after for a snack and to chat. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Heinen’s Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Rd., 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 Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.
Wednesday, Nov. 28

Found's Salon Series Featuring Nicholas Barron: Found Kitchen and Social House are featuring a new collective of interactive events dubbed the "Salon Series." As a part of this series, Evanston's own Nicholas Barron is set to perform every Wednesday night. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $10, 847-868-8945.

BOOKit! Exploring Nonfiction: Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance, Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., 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.

Converting Your VHS Home Movies: Registration is very limited for this lecture/demo. Attendees learn how to use Library equipment to convert VHS home tapes to digital files and save to a DVD. Register for this event at the website or call. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Free Workshop: Blue Zones Nutrition: Learn to live and eat like the world's healthiest people. This workshop is based on the research in the book by Dan Buettner, the Blue Zones, that are the five geographical areas in the world that have the highest concentration of people living to 100 and beyond. Kim Seiden is a Certified Nutrition Consultant and offers a wellness website and blog through her company: Healthy Food 4 Life. Reserve your seat by calling or register online at the website. For more information, contact Karen Brownlee, kbrownlee@nsymca.org. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Rd., Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

JCC Chicago Community Wednesdays: Every Wednesday, join for a few hours of mind, body and spirit enrichment. They host two, one-hour lectures/classes throughout the day, along with their fitness class offerings at the Martin Lustbader Center. So, choose how you want to spend your day at the J! 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Dr., Northbrook, free for Lustbader members; $10 nonmembers, 224-406-9257.

Hate in America: What is the true state of affairs when it comes to hate in America in 2018? And what can we do about it? 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $10 member; $15 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Lena Horne: Activist Artist: Lena Horne passed through racial barriers to become an exceptionally popular American singer and actor. Examples of how Lena Horne's performance style changed as she matured, as well as an artist who once was a civil rights activist as well are presented. 1 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Mystery at the Mansion Lunch at the Jacob Henry Estate: Enjoy a personalized mystery at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate in Joliet. The afternoon will be filled with intrigue, suspense and fun...and the best part is that the killer will actually be one of the group. Following the luncheon and mystery, there will be a historical and self-guided tour of this Victorian Mansion. The fee includes mystery, lunch and transportation. 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $99 member; $119 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Have an event to submit? Go to www.ChicagoTribune.com/Calendar
Evanston home with six bedrooms: $1.3M

ADDRESS: 9420 Hamlin Ave. in Evanston
ASKING PRICE: $1,350,000
Listed on Nov. 1, 2018

Enter this Evanston home through a marble foyer and continue to the living room, which boasts carved moldings and a wood-burning fireplace. The gourmet chef’s kitchen has high-end appliances, dual sinks and dishwashers, an oversized island and peninsula, a breakfast bar and a breakfast room with a wall of windows and French doors that open to a large patio. Other features include a formal dining room with cove lighting, a family room with custom built-in bookcases, a laundry room and a heated attached two-car garage. There are six bedrooms including the master suite, which has built-in cabinetry, a walk-in closet and spa-like bath. The home also has a fully fenced backyard, stone patio, walkway and paver driveway.

Agent: Judith Berger of d’aprile properties, 847-702-1433

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At press time, this home was still for sale.

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By Genevieve Bookwalter
Pioneer Press

Walk into Rosalie's Hair Design in Niles and it might remind you of the salon from the movie "Steel Magnolias." Hairdressers and customers laugh and chat while locks are curled, colored and coiffed. Many patrons have been coming here for much of the 28 years Rosalie's has been in business on the corner of Milwaukee and Ottawa avenues in Niles, and they'd proudly say so.

But a new addition next door has diversified co-owner Rosalie Ragona's clientele: Rosalie's Lucky 7 Lounge.

It can be accessed from the salon, and customers can order a beer and play slots or video poker, among a variety of video gaming on terminals.

Ragona said her son-in-law had "always dreamed of having a place like this." So when Niles approved video gaming terminals in May 2017, and then the space next to her hair salon opened up, she took her chances.

"Since I've been here for so long I thought, 'let's go for it,'" Ragona said, noting hers is the only video gaming cafe and hair salon combination in town.

Niles and Morton Grove are two north suburbs that allow VGTs in local establishments. The Niles Village Board approved 10 video gaming terminal licenses in May 2017, and extended it to 16 in December 2017. Evanston, Lincolnwood and Skokie do not allow the terminals.

Ragona's cafe offers five terminals, the maximum allowed under Illinois law. She also serves beer and wine in the cafe half of her establishment, and those who enter the cafe space must be 21 or older.

Ragona said the cafe clientele is different from what she sees in the salon. While her hair customers are largely women, cafe guests include those of both sexes and from varying generations, she said.

Still, some salon clients have been known to play slots while they wait for their hair color or permanent waves to set, said Ragona's daughter and co-owner Tina Piraino.

"That's exactly what happens. We put their color on and they come over here and they play," Piraino said.

"Sometimes we have to pry them away because we have to get the color off. They're winning and they don't want to leave the machine."

Piraino said a busy evening or weekend can bring 15 to 20 customers at a time to the VGTs and small bar.

Northbrook will revisit Cook County minimum wage ordinance in May

By Alexandra Kukulka
Pioneer Press

Members of the Northbrook Working Families Coalition asked the Board of Trustees Nov. 13 to consider opting back into the Cook County minimum wage ordinance after residents supported the move in a non-binding referendum.

After discussion, the board moved to reconsider opting into the Cook County minimum wage ordinance at a May 2019 meeting if the state legislature does not take action before then.

Northbrook voters were asked whether the village should match the Cook County minimum wage ordinance to reach $13 per hour by July 1, 2020, and 77 percent of voters supported that initiative, according to a letter from state Rep. Laura Fine to the board of trustees.

Tracy Katz Muhl, a member of the Northbrook Working Families Coalition, said the board should listen to the voters and support working families.

"These workers are counting on us. They have been counting on us for a long time. I'd like to see us not let them down again. I'd like to see us answer the voters with a yes," Muhl said.

Michelle Kohler, a member of the Northbrook Working Families Coalition, said she hoped that the state legislature would have taken action on minimum wage. But since it has not, the village board should listen to the voters and take action, Kohler said.

A year ago, the state legislature passed a bill regarding minimum wage, but it was vetoed by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

After the midterm elections, Democrats will have a super majority in the state legislature and a new governor who is unlikely to veto a minimum wage bill, Frum said. Given these political shifts, the state should take action again, she said.

"They have basically told me they will not make an effort to put something on the books," Frum said. "I am one of those who's said I want to see what the state will do. I want to talk with my legislators personally and actually push them to act because I think this is something that should be done on the state level."

But Frum said that at the end of the legislative session, around May 2019, she will "seriously consider voting for" opting into the Cook County minimum wage ordinance if the state does not take action beforehand.

Frum said she does not support opting into the ordinance by Jan. 1, 2019, because it does not give businesses enough time to adjust.

Trustee Kathryn Ciesla recommended the board discuss opting into the Cook County minimum wage ordinance at the May 28, 2019 meeting because it is "plenty of time to give our state an opportunity to do what they are going to do."

Having the discussion in May will also give businesses enough time to respond, she said.

"The state has always regulated minimum wage. We have never regulated minimum wage. I have had a long history on this board not wanting to tell other governing entities what to do and I am offended that our state representatives have taken the position with us that they are telling us what to do when this is indeed their responsibility," Ciesla said. "But I am not going to ignore the voters in our community who gave us a very clear direction."

In July, Trustee Muriel Collison asked the board to consider opting in to the Cook County paid sick leave ordinance after opting out last year. In October, the board approved an ordinance that would repeal the previous decision, which means the board adopted the paid sick leave ordinance effective Jan. 1, 2019.

Collison voted to opt out of the Cook County minimum wage ordinance last year, and in July she said that her stance on the ordinance has not changed.

On Nov. 13, Collison said that the message from voters is clear and that she is "very comfortable" discussing opting in at the May meeting.

"That gives time, and I really hope that we can somehow get some pressure (on state representatives) because I would really like for it to be statewide," Collison said.

Kohler said she was disappointed by the board's decision.

"I thought the voice of the voters was exceptionally clear," Kohler said. "I am happy to hear it made it as an agenda item but I worry about the worker's wage between then and now."

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District 64 School Board member, elected in 2017, announces resignation

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A short-term appointment to the Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education will be made following the resignation of a board member, the district announced Friday.

Eastman Tiu, who was elected to the District 64 School Board in April 2017, tendered his resignation in a letter dated Nov. 15.

"I have taken on additional responsibilities at work, and I cannot dedicate the time to do the job that District 64 deserves," Tiu's letter, shared by the district, stated.

Tiu is a science teacher at Willowbrook High School. He declined to comment on his resignation Friday.

According to District 64, the school board will appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the April 2019 election. This appointment will occur within 45 days, the district said.

Applications will be accepted through noon Thursday, Nov. 29, and should be sent to Board President Anthony Borrelli, c/o Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, 164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068.

The district announced that it will not accept applications from residents who intend to run for any of the three, four-year school board terms that expire in April 2019, or the new two-year term created by Tiu's resignation.

Candidates interested in serving out the remaining two years of Tiu's term—from April 2019 to April 2021—can file to run for the seat in the next election. Nominating petitions for the April 2, 2019, election must be filed between Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, according to the Cook County Clerk's Office.

The last time a vacancy existed on the District 64 School Board was in January 2016, when board member Dathan Paterno tendered his resignation amid public outcry against comments he made on Twitter regarding that year's Women's March in Washington, DC.

Following Paterno's resignation, former board member Terry Cameron was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy for a little more than two months—until the 2017 election. Eleven members of the community applied for the interim vacancy, and eight were interviewed in closed session by the board, the district said.
Hewn Bakery giving a new rise to use of ancient grains

BY LEE A. LITAS
Pioneer Press

Evanston resident Ellen King had the name "hewn" in her head long before she even thought of owning a business.

"When you find a beam that's been hand-hewn, that means that an artisan crafted it," said King, a Seattle Culinary Academy graduate.

If the diminutive single mom wasn't so humble, she might aptly be describing the venture she and business partner, Julie Matthei also of Evanston, embarked on just over five years ago.

Hewn Bakery, at 810 Dempster Street in Evanston, offers organic and naturally-leavened breads using local flour that is stone milled from ancient grains.

"A lot of people don't know that the wheat they are eating -- conventional wheat that is in almost everything -- is literally grown on soil that is totally depleted of nutrients and, more often than not, sprayed with herbicides," said King.

Hewn is working with local farmers who are not spraying their wheat with fertilizers, pesticides or insecticides when the wheat is harvested, so consumers are spared that layer of exposure, according to the bakery owners.

"Our bakery is really connected to working with local grain and produce farmers," King explained.

Hewn uses products from farmers like Harold Wilken of Janie's Farm in Ashkum, Ill., winner of Illinois Sustainable Farm Award, Meadowlark Organics in Ridgeway, Wisconsin, where King gets her spelt -- a species of wheat cultivated since approximately 5,000 B.C. -- and red fife, another heritage variety of flour.

And then there is Hazard Free Farm in Pecatonica, Ill., founded in 2007 by Andrea "Andy" Hazzard to "counter her frustration towards the role she was playing in the demise of the environment," and who now grows and processes heirloom and ancient non-GMO grains.

To get the best out of these wholesome grains, all the flour sold at Hewn is also stone-milled. The benefit over conventional flour sifted through a roller mill is that stone milling does not separate the three essential components of flour: the bran, the germ and the endosperm, the owners say.

"When you order a whole wheat bread, it actually isn't made from just one field and one berry, it is reconstituted from three different sources," King explained. "Like ground beef, you're most often not just getting meat from one cow. It's a mash of everything. That's how conventional whole wheat is made."

With a stone mill, it is one field and one tote poured into the top of a hopper which ensures that the bran and the germ containing essential oils and B vitamins stay intact, she said.

"If people were eating organically or sustainably-grown flour of heritage varieties that were stone milled, it would be so much more nutritious, and they probably would not have gluten sensitivity," said King.

Additionally, the owners say that all bread at Hewn is made with a sourdough starter and mixed by hand, allowing it to ferment naturally. This enables the yeast to work on the gluten over several hours, essentially pre-digesting it.

"It's doing what it's done for the last several hundred years: it is helping you to eat your bread," said King.

There are over 10,000 varieties of wheat but conventional growers use 'probably only two handfuls' of types today, according to King. She works with local farmers who grow ancient grains like einkorn, spelt and Turkey red, all of which date back millennia.

"Turkey red seeds were sewn into the hems of clothing and brought over in the 1870s by Mennonite farmers fleeing czarist Russia," said King.

Today, conventional mass producers have opted for other hybrid, high-yield, often genetically-modified varieties.

Hewn sells not only loaves of bread made from Turkey red but also its flour for the home baker, alongside a selection of 15-18 different breads and pastries stone milled from ancient and heritage grains.

"The only way we're ever going to change how grains are grown is by having consumers be aware of it and demand it," said King.

King is author of "Heritage Baking Recipes for Rustic Breads and Pastries Baked with Artisanal Flour from Hewn Bakery" which details her process and the organic farm movement.

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CENTRAL SUBURBAN NORTH

BY DAN SHALIN

Must-see: Vernon Hills senior forward Kayla Caudle. Caudle is a fourth-year varsity player who recently signed with DePaul. As a junior, Caudle averaged 15.3 points and 14.4 rebounds per game for a Cougars team that went 18-11 overall (6-2 CSL North). Caudle already is the program's all-time leading rebounder. Vernon Hills coach Paul Brettner said the 5-10 Caudle continues to expand her shooting range, though the Cougars will rely heavily on her presence in the paint. "She has added a little more distance to her game. In college, I'm sure she'll have to do more (outside shooting)," Brettner said. "Caudle handles the ball well, especially in transition. She runs the floor well." Other players to watch: Rachel Kent and Angela Dugalic, Maine West; Sydney Ignoffo, Highland Park; Mallory Sawyer, Deerfield; Jamie Kempner, Glenbrook North; Caralina Apostolou, Maine East.

Save the Date: Glenbrook North at Maine East, Dec. 4. This game between the Spartans and Blue Demons will be a special one because Maine East coach Nicole Rinaldi and Glenbrook North coach Danielle Fluegge are cousins. This is Rinaldi's first head coaching job, but they have matched up before, when Fluegge played at Loyola of Chicago and Rinaldi at UIC. "We are excited to coach against each other this season, and with our families combined, it should draw a large crowd," Rinaldi said via email. Fluegge said she would give Rinaldi any help she needs in her new job. "She's more of a sister than a cousin," Fluegge said. "It will be fun to go head-to-head. We have that sibling and cousin rivalry, and we'll trash talk. But at the end of the game, we'll be the closest friends." The teams play in Northbrook on Jan. 18. Other top games: Deerfield at Highland Park, Dec. 30; Vernon Hills at Deerfield, Dec. 4.

Making a difference: In late-January, the entire Glenbrook North girls basketball program will take part in a free-throw shooting event to raise money for a local coach's daughter, who is battling cancer. The Spartans are expected to get sponsors, who will pledge money for each free throw made. Each player likely will take 100 shots. Last year, the program held a similar fundraiser for a child with a rare neuromuscular disorder and raised $6,000 for the cause. "This year, hopefully we can raise as much or more," Fluegge said. Deerfield, meanwhile, will volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. Vernon Hills also will spend time working at a local food bank.

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This and that: Caudle is the first Vernon Hills girls basketball player to sign with a Division I school since Sydney Smith (Vermont) and Lauren Webb (Bowling Green), who both graduated in 2014. In late December, Highland Park will play three games at the KSA Events Holiday Tournament in Orlando, Fla. This will be the fifth time the Giants have traveled to this tournament in Jolie Bechtel's 14 seasons as head coach. ... Next season, Glenbrook North will head to the CSL South as Niles North returns to the CSL North. The swap is part of a realignment initiative based on a points system. Maine East began the year with 75 players in its program, including 35 freshmen, Rinaldi said. The first-year coach said she promoted the program in local middle and elementary schools and on Instagram and Snapchat. The result is an unexpectedly high turnout.

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Dons’ playoff run ends with last-minute loss to Cary-Grove

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

It looked like the stars had aligned, and senior Ty Gavin would lead Notre Dame to its first state title game in almost 30 years.

Junior running back Julian Schurr joined Gavin to form an unstoppable one-two punch that boosted the Dons in their Class 6A semifinal against Cary-Grove on Saturday in Niles.

But Cary-Grove senior running back Danny Daigle stole the spotlight by scoring on a 5-yard touchdown run with 20 seconds left in regulation to give the Trojans a 28-21 comeback win in Niles.

Daigle ended with seven carries for 63 yards and the game-winning touchdown, and he also scored on a two-point play to stretch the Trojans' lead to seven in the closing seconds. He even had an interception that set up the winning drive.

The Dons (10-3) came within a few plays of reaching their first state title game since 1989, when they lost to Mount Carmel in the Class 5A championship game.

"We gave everything we had, and it's tough to lose like this at home," Schurr said. "All you can ask is we gave everything we got, and I'm proud of these guys. A lot of credit goes to our offensive line. They were fantastic tonight and opened up holes for all of us."

Notre Dame nearly advanced to Champaign with some help from a lucky bounce. Trailering 20-14, Gavin bunted loose for a 19-yard run but fumbled the ball before crossing the goal line. Schurr rose from the pile holding the ball up in the air for a touchdown, and the ensuing extra point gave the Dons a 21-20 with 1:38 left in third quarter.

Throughout the game, Schurr made numerous big plays. Next year, with Gavin gone, the 5-foot-7, 150-pound playmaker will be asked to handle a bigger load.

On Saturday, he showed he should be just fine.

"I just tried to keep my legs moving and kept the ball high and tight," Schurr said.

The Dons had an opportunity to pad their lead late in the fourth quarter, but Gavin's jump-pass was intercepted in the end zone by Daigle to set up Cary-Grove's winning drive.

"They had the ball last," Hennessey said of the difference in the game. "I feel bad for the seniors. (Gavin) had three great years. It was a lot of hard work by the kids through the years."

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FOOTBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULE

Semifinal playoff scores
Class 8A
Loyola 24, Lincoln-Way East 16
Class 6A
Nazareth 47, Batavia 28
Cary-Grove 28, Notre Dame 21
Class 4A
IC Catholic 28, Richmond-Burton 9

State final playoff schedule
All games at Memorial Stadium in Champaign

Class 8A
Loyola (10-3) vs. Brother Rice (13-0), 7 Sat.

Class 6A
Cary-Grove (13-0) vs. Bishop McNamara (12-1), 7 Fri.

Class 4A
IC Catholic (13-0) vs. Bishop McNamara (12-1), 7 Fri.
**Girls Swimming State Notes**

Evanston, Maine South, New Trier crown champions

By Jon J. Kerr
Pioneer Press

All the pressure was on Lucy Hogan, and the senior Evanston diver delivered.

Competing in her home pool in the final competition of her high school career, Hogan became a state champion.

She easily won the diving title with a score of 450.90 on Saturday at Evanston. She finished more than 30 points ahead of the next closest diver.

"It feels great to finally accomplish it this year," Hogan said. "I was really nervous. I just had to settle down and realize I know how to do all the dives I was doing and go out and do my best."

Hogan placed second at state as a freshman and sophomore before taking her junior year off to focus on club diving. Now, she's the second Wildkit to win a state title in girls diving.

"It's so great," said Hogan, a Michigan recruit. "Being able to come back and finally win is super exciting, especially senior year at home." As a team, Evanston placed 10th with 36 points.

Wagner sets record for Hawks

Annika Wagner knew she had plenty of time to gain the lead.

She made history in the 200-yard individual medley on Saturday.

Maine South's Annika Wagner set a new state record in the 200-yard individual medley on Saturday.

"Having another breast-stroker is so much fun. During practice you have someone to race," Gridley said. "It's nice being scared with someone else who is going through the same thing."

Gridley and Venn helped propel the Trevians to a third-place finish. New Trier had 125 points. Maine South had 120 points and champion Neuqua Valley (185).

The Trevians took third in the 200 medley and 400 free relays. Freshman Carly Nolville earned top-five finishes in the 50 free (fifth, 23.22) and 100 free (third, 50.41).

Junior diver Katie Lipsky placed third with a score of 415.50. She said she learned a breathing technique to help calm her nerves.

"I just kind of take a bunch of deep breaths, take a couple of seconds, then breathe out," Lipsky said. "It makes me a lot less nervous."

### Trevians place 3rd at state

When New Trier freshman Kaelyn Gridleay jumped into the pool for the 100 breaststroke final, she was two lanes away from teammate Kasey Venn.

Gridleay won the state title with a time of 1:02.68, and Venn took third (1:03.61).

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**Pioneer Press 2018-19 Girls Basketball Preview**

Central Suburban South

By Steve Sadin
Pioneer Press

Must-see: Niles West senior guard Sam Galanopoulos and Evanston junior guard Kayla Henning. Galanopoulos and Henning enjoy being AAU teammates with Full Package but compete as hard as they can when the Wildcats and Wolves play each other.

"After each game we're calling each other again and they know each other, but during those 32 minutes we're trying as hard as we can to beat each other," said Galanopoulos, a four-year varsity player and Loyola of Chicago recruit. "It's a good competition and we enjoy it when they can keep pace with us."

Henning averaged 14.3 points and 3.5 assists per game last season. New Trier coach Teri Rodgers has to deal with both of them.

"Kayla's a great player who can really penetrate," Rodgers said. "It's the same with Sam, and she's got a great outside shot." Others to watch: Ambrea Gentle, Evanston; Kristin Ralston, Glenbrook South; Nicole Scales, Maine South; Rebecca Goldman and Colleen Condon, New Trier.

Save the date: Evanston vs. New Trier, Nov. 29 and Jan. 11. The Wildcats and Trevians tied for the league title last year, and both return a solid group of players. Henning is playing limited minutes after tearing an ACL in April, while SyAnn Holmes and Jaya Turchin are recovering from other ailments. "We're trying to get everyone healthy so we're ready for the postseason," Evanston coach Brittany Johnson said.

The Trevians, meanwhile, have depth with eight returning players.

### On the rise: Niles West has plenty of seniors to complement Galanopoulos.

"We're bringing back nine seniors from last year and have 10 seniors on the team," Braheny said. "We have a lot of experience and expect to be competitive. We can make a run at the title this year." Lidia Fakhoury, a 3-point specialist, and Sidney Hines are three-year varsity players. "Sidney has the ability to play both inside and outside," Braheny said in an email. "She can create contact under the basket as well as shoot from the outside."

This and that: Rodgers said Condon, a senior forward, does the little things that make a difference. "She's taken two charges already this season," Rodgers said. "... Makayla Stadler led Glenbrook South in assists and steals last season and returns for another run with the Titans. Point guard Albiona Almeti, who started as a freshman, is back for her sophomore season at Niles North. Lauren D'Souza was injured as a junior but is now healthy. "I expect her to be right up there with some of the best players in the CSL," Vikings coach Dan Paxson said in an email.

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Garino's training helps Harper College win XC title

BY BOB NARANG

Maine South graduate Glen Garino had a specific goal for his sophomore season at Harper College.

After a standout showing last spring for Harper’s track team, Garino increased his training and improved his diet. The hard work has paid off this fall.

Garino helped Harper’s cross country team win the NJCAA Division III National Championship. He finished 25th overall with a time of 28 minutes, five seconds in the 8K race on Nov. 3 in Holyoke, Mass.

Lake Zurich graduate Jeff Glatz placed eighth in a time of 27:51, while Barrington alum Jack Casey finished 12th (28:01) to help the Hawks record their NJCAA-record eighth consecutive national title with 38 team points.

Garino said he ran close to 700 miles this summer, and he made sure to sleep 8-10 hours a day to aid recovery. He also cut out sugar from his diet before meets.

“I was very motivated for this cross country season,” Garino said. “I love running cross country, especially with my teammates from Harper. They’re a great group of guys, and we are supportive of each other, and also very competitive with each other. We were running in some great packs all season long, which helped us get some personal-bests.

“I always ran my best during the season because I didn’t want to let my teammates or my coaches down. My goal was to be in the top eight so I could go to nationals. I was pretty consistent throughout the season running fifth or sixth for my team, so I was really happy to go to nationals and be part of Harper’s team.”

North Central thriving with local O-line

North Central College quarterback Broc Rutter was named the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Art Keller Offensive Player of the Year for the second time in his three seasons with the Cardinals.

The junior from Neuqua Valley can thank his offensive line for that.

Left tackle Will Elbert (Hersey), left guard Sharmore Clarke (Oak Park River Forest) and right guard Ricky Strba (Buffalo Grove) are all starters for the Cardinals (10-1). The North Central offensive line was named part of the D3football.com Team of the Week on Nov.13. The 6-foot, 264-pound Clarke was named the CCW Offensive Lineman of the Year — the first time the conference has handed out the award.

Strba was also named to the all-CCIW first team.

“It’s really amazing to have something like this, to be the first picked for the award,” Clarke said.

Deerfield grad Anderson races at NCAA D-III meet

Bill Anderson, a Deerfield graduate, competed Saturday at the NCAA Division III Men’s Cross Country Championships in Winneconne, Wis.

Anderson, a senior at St. Olaf, placed 159th overall by finishing his 8k in 25:55.6. He earned all-region honors the previous week for a top-35 finish in Waverly, Iowa.

North Central College won the meet, and Niles North graduate Dhruvil Patel crossed the finish line first.

At St. Olaf, Anderson has a number of teammates from the Chicago area. His fellow Oles include sophomore Sam Bergman (Evaston), junior Chris Breck (Hinsdale Central), junior Sean Longeran (OPRF) and freshman Henry Shore (Deerfield).

Schiller a soccer star at Brown

Glenview native Daniel Schiller was named Second Team All-Ivy League on Nov.14.

Schiller, a junior midfielder for Brown, attended Glenbrook South. He had a breakout season for the Bears and led the team in assists (five) and points (13). He also tied for the team lead with four goals. He scored the game-winning goal in a nonconference game against Bryant.

Have a suggestion for College Notes? Email Bob Narang at bobnarang@yahoo.com.

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The great news is nearly everyone is a candidate for dental implants. For information on how dental implants can change your life, please call EON Clinics at 312-827-6453 and schedule your FREE consultation.