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Longtime Niles resident enjoying retirement

If you've had the pleasure of meeting Frederick "Fred" Henry Disch of Niles, then you might have his photo business card in your wallet. The business card says, "Retired: No clock, no deadlines, no stress, no money! That's all you need to know!"

Disch, a 49-year Niles resident, has been married to his wife, Carol Disch, for 54 years. They have two grown children, Michael Disch and Linda Burke, both of Arlington Heights, and six grandchildren, (three children each by Michael and Linda). Fred Disch went to Lane Tech and was raised in Chicago by Foster and Linda.

We caught up with Disch on March 29 at the St. John Brebeuf Parish Fish Fry Dinner in Niles, where he hoisted jugs of water as a server and volunteer. "They should have been filled with beer," Disch said with a laugh, adding, however, that "tap water is just fine..."

Q: So when did you retire?
A: I think I've been retired for 14 years. I stopped waiting for Greyhound. I started as a mechanic, but I was a manager - I'm on the board of directors there.

Q: Tell us about the Lenten fish fry.
A: I worked for Greyhound for 40 years. From '61 to '64, the United States Coast Guard. I was an engineer. I enlisted.

Q: What have you done during retirement?
A: We did a lot of baby-sitting. Used to be that I'd have to drive the grandkids around. Now they're old enough to drive me around.

Q: How do you like retirement?
A: I love it. I loved work, but I don't miss it at all. I loved my job, but I don't miss it.

Q: Do you like being a part of the Men's Club?
A: I must like it pretty much because I've been in it most of the time I've been in Niles. For about 40 to 45 years, I've been in the Men's Club. I'm also head usher at St. John Brebeuf.

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Q: How is your golf game?
A: They're old enough to drive me around.

Q: What do you like about Niles?
A: It's a good community. You've got a lot of nice people. You've got easy access to any place where you want to go. Close to the grandkids. Good schools.

Q: Any hobbies?
A: I already started my garden in the basement. I've got tomato plants growing. I have five different varieties growing there now. I probably have 50 or 60 plants growing down there. I only plant like a half a dozen, and I give the rest away.

Q: Which kind of tomatoes?
A: I like heirloom tomatoes, those are the ones that I grow.

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Frederick "Fred" Henry Disch

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Clockwise from above: Annette Howard, right, dries Alice Lysiak's hair at Rose's Hair Salon in Niles. The shop is closing on April 27 after 57 years at three locations in Niles. Howard, right, works on a customer while two others dry their hair at Rose's Hair Salon in Niles. After 57 years in Niles at three different locations, Rose's Beauty Salon is closing its doors.

'It was not an easy decision'

After nearly 60 years, Rose's Beauty Salon to close

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

After 57 years in Niles at three different locations, Rose's Beauty Salon is closing its doors on April 27, owner Annette Howard said. "I'm just going down another path," Howard said. "I'm going to miss the ladies. I won't miss some of the aggravation, like the business end of it. I will miss all my ladies. It was not an easy decision. Some of these ladies have been with me since before I had my kids." Rose's, which has operated at its current location at 7625 N. Milwaukee Ave. since 2014, is a throwback to old-school salons, she said. The store's 50 regular customers are very loyal, she said.

"There's not a lot of turnover, because not everybody does what we do," Howard said. "Everything now is blow dry and curler ironed. We do roller sets and blow drying. Not a lot of salons do permanent waves or roller drying." "We're like Floyd's barbershop on the 'Andy Griffith Show,' but for women," said Jodeen Gibson, shampoo technician at Rose's for the last 20 years. Howard's parents, Rose and Charles Simon, opened Niles Beauty School, 8041 N. Milwaukee Ave., and Rose's Hair Salon, 8045 N. Milwaukee Ave., in the 1960s, Howard said. Then, Rose Simon sold the school, and moved the salon to 7502 N. Harlem Ave., where Howard began working for her in 1972 at age 19, Howard said.

"Some of my customers have been with me 45 years or more," she said. "Just last year, I lost a lady who was 105 years old. She had been coming in for over 30 years." Howard, whose husband, Gillis, suffered a stroke several years ago, took a second job as a legal assistant at Berger Newmark and Fenchel law firm in Chicago in order to get medical insurance, she said.

When a full-time position opened up at the firm at about the same time Rose's current lease is set to expire, the opportunity was too good to pass up, Howard said. "I like it. It's different," she said of legal work. "It's just a different setting compared to what I do here." Alice Lysiak of Niles, a customer since 2005, tried Rose's at the recommendation of her daughter, Karen Enviya, who had been coming since 2002, Lysiak said. "I'm sad," she said of the impending closing. "It's a nice beauty shop. (Annette) does her work very, very well. Everyone is pleasant. I'm very satisfied with her work. She's a terrific beautician."

After April 27, Howard is done doing hair -- except for family. "I have a couple of sisters," she said. "My two sons and husband wouldn't know where else to go. But I won't do any clientele because how would I differentiate who? I might as well keep on working."

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Lincolnwood approves resurfacing contract

Officials map out upcoming projects

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood has hired an Arlington Heights company to resurface and patch six village roadways for $839,700 this year.

The Village Board voted unanimously on April 3 to award a contract to JA. Johnson Paving Co. to resurface and patch portions of Longmeadow, Central Park, Lawndale, Lunt, Morse and Ridgeway avenues.

The board chose to remove a proposal to include a short right of way that extends Monticello Avenue from Devon to Lincoln avenues until the Committee of the Whole can review the project next month.

The work is expected to start this week and be completed by July, said Andrew Letson, director of public works.

"There will only be temporary closures while the contractor is doing the work," Letson said.

Trustees requested $400,000 in motor fuel tax funds from the state to pay for a portion of the resurfacing and plan to use funds from tax increment financing districts to pay the rest of the costs.

The project includes the following stretches of roadway:
- Longmeadow from Pratt to Sauganash avenues, including cul de sacs.
- Central Park from Northeast Parkway to Pratt.
- Lawndale from Central Park to Lunt.
- Lunt from Hamlin Avenue to Lawndale.
- Morse from Hamlin to Union Pacific Trail.
- Ridgeway from Touhy Avenue to Lunt.

The board waived bids to allow Christopher B. Burke Engineering, which often reviews bids for and provides engineering services to Lincolnwood, to provide construction oversight services for the work for $79,428.

The 2019 contract is part of a 10-year plan to improve infrastructure on all village streets and replace all water mains rated as poor and 15 percent of mains installed in the 1920s and rated as fair, according to a report Letson presented to the board.

The Public Works Department targeted the first two years of the program to focus on roadway resurfacing, so that water mains are replaced after the village begins buying water from Evanston in 2020, he said.

The 2019-20 phase of the program includes $50,000 for patching, which will be performed by the resurfacing contractor but chosen for resurfacing later in the program, Letson said.

After 2019-20, 3.9 miles of roads, or 94 percent of all Lincolnwood roadways, will be resurfaced, he said. That figure includes roads that will be resurfaced as part of water main and sewer projects expected to be bid in the coming months, Letson said.

J.A. Johnson was the lowest among five bidders, said James Amelio, project manager for Burke engineering.

"The village and (Burke engineering) have worked with J.A. Johnson Paving Co. previously, and they appear to be qualified to perform this work," Amelio wrote in his recommendation to the board.

Most recently, J.A. Johnson resurfaced Pratt between Crawford and Lockwood avenues in 2016, Letson said.

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Is road a public street or owned by trustee-elect?

Lincolnwood pulls pavement from resurfacing list after dispute

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood officials removed a stretch of pavement last week from a list of streets scheduled for resurfacing, after a dispute over whether it's a public street or privately owned by a newly elected trustee.

Lincolnwood Trustee Jecsal Patel Sr. said he asked to remove the stretch, which a resident argued extends Monticello Avenue across Devon Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, because the village has never maintained it in the past.

The paved area is owned by Trustee-elect Craig Klatzco, who ran on a slate with Patel in the April 2 election, Klatzco said. It sits next to the Bunny Hutch restaurant, 6438 N. Lincoln Ave., and Novelty Golf, 3650

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Spring scramble

Kids search for eggs during pre-Easter hunt in Niles

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

The weekend’s snow held off long enough for kids to get in a much-needed Easter egg hunt at Grennan Heights Park in Niles.

About 200 children between the ages of 1 and 8 participated in the Spring Egg Scramble on Saturday, said Robin Brey, recreation program supervisor for the Niles Park District.

Children collected colorful eggs that included candy or small toys like bracelets, rings, spin tops, bunny-related trinkets and more, Brey said.

In addition to the outdoor hunt, children were invited to take part in some indoor activities, like games and meeting the Easter Bunny.

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Officials agree to change

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W. Devon Ave., both owned by Klatzco's family.

Patel said he was surprised to see the stretch on the list of roadways approved by the Village Board on April 3. The village has never paved the property before, he said.

"There's no recollection that I have of that going onto the plan," Patel said. "If we're adding the paving of any area of Lincolnwood, we have to have discussion. It showed up on the budget. We discussed it at the Finance Committee. The recommendation was to remove it."

In a report to the Village Board, Public Works Director Andrew Letson and Community Development Director Steve McNellis said the stretch, which they called a right of way, was slated for removal and replacement of two inches of asphalt that is deteriorating.

No new drainage, curbs or sidewalks would be installed, but the project would cost $201,000 for reconstruction and $25,000 for resurfacing. Letson and McNellis said in a written report.

During a Committee of the Whole meeting before the board's April 3 meeting, resident Howard Cohan urged the board to "open the street up and have it for through traffic between Lincoln and Devon."

Cohan said the village's website shows a street and alley along the stretch and that tax identification numbers for the adjoining properties do not cross onto the street.

"The street needs to be opened," he said. "It needs curbs, gutters, fire hydrant, street lights. It's extremely dangerous."

Cohan said that adjoining property used for parking by the Bunny Hutch and Novelty Golf actually belongs to Lincolnwood. "It's a Lincolnwood asset," he said. "You hold liability. Why do I not have the right to own my own street and put in speed bumps and charge people to park?"

Klatzco said village staff told him last September that they didn't want the parcel. He said he told them he would buy it if Lincolnwood vacates it.

"I've been paving, plowing and maintaining it for many years," Klatzco said. "It's not big enough to be a street. There is a utility pole in the center. It doesn't line with curbs and gutters."

The previous owners of the property may have granted the right of way before Klatzco's family bought the property, he said. The Bunny Hutch and Novelty Golf have used it for parking for more than 35 years, Klatzco said.

"I always thought it was my property," he said. "It was gravel. My family paved it, plowed it and maintained it. When we applied for batting cages in 1984, they knew it was our parking. They never said anything in 1984. If it was their right of way, why didn't they plow it or pave it?"

In their report, Letson and McNellis said the stretch of pavement is designated as a "public right of way for the purpose of a roadway. However, it has not yet been developed as such, they said."

The right of way is 33 feet wide but connects to an additional 33 feet to the north and west that was designated as "reserved for a future street," Letson and McNellis said. However, that additional right of way was never acquired from the property owner, they said.

"(The) Monticello Avenue (stretch) is a public right of way that was used by the public previously for vehicular traffic," the report said. Its location "may be well suited as a future, improved connector between Lincoln and Devon avenues, allowing commercial development on either side."

Patel said a sign on Devon indicates the stretch is Monticello Avenue, but no such sign is posted on the north end at Lincoln.

"I don't believe it's a road. It's a village-owned right of way," he said. "Because there is a street sign doesn't make it a street."

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POLICE REPORT

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

Niles

DUI
■ Valente V. Pita-Rosales, 47, of the 8200 block of Oak Avenue, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on April 6 after police said he was stopped for driving too slowly with his car's hazard lights on at 3:12 a.m.
He was given a May 8 court date.

■ Jansen L. Teague Jr., 28, of the 8200 block of North Oleander Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and illegal transportation of alcohol on the morning of April 6, police said.

■ Enrique Rangel, 21, of the 9400 block of Deed Road, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with driving under the influence on April 8 following a traffic stop on the 7800 block of North Milwaukee Avenue, police said. He was given a May 13 court date.

■ Nathan A. Estes, 38, of the 5700 block of North Mason Avenue, Chicago, was taken into custody on an arrest warrant for retail theft related to an alleged incident that occurred in Niles, police said. Court information was not provided.

■ Timothy V. Fish, 32, of the 9200 block of Aspen Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, was taken into custody on a Niles arrest warrant for retail theft on April 8, police said. Court information was not provided.

DRUGS
■ A 22-year-old Morton Grove man was ticketed for possession of marijuana on April 8 after police made contact with him outside Chaser's, 9003 N. Milwaukee Ave., at 10:20 p.m. According to police, 28 grams of suspected marijuana and two vaping devices with cannabis oil cartridges were found inside his car.

■ A 24-year-old Skokie man was ticketed for possession of marijuana on the night of April 8 after police began investigating two occupied cars parked near the corner of Kathy Lane and Western Avenue. According to police, approximately 30 grams of suspected marijuana was found inside one of the cars, as well as a grinder, scale and a box of plastic baggies.

■ A 36-year-old man from unincorporated Maine Township was ticketed for possession of marijuana on April 10 after police said he was seen counting a "large quantity" of cash in the parking lot of XSport Fitness, 9210 N. Milwaukee Ave.

■ A 17-year-old girl from Myrtle Beach, Fla., was ticketed for possession of marijuana on April 8 after 22 grams of wax cannabis were reportedly found inside the car in which she was a passenger, police said.

THEFT
■ An unknown man stole a pair of $45 sweat pants from Kohl's, Golf Mill, on the afternoon of April 5, police said.

■ Two unknown teens allegedly stole several bottles of alcohol from Jewel-Osco, 5667 W. Touhy Ave., on the afternoon of April 5. Two days later, eight bottles of alcohol, valued at $196.92, were reported stolen from the same store, police said.

■ A 26-year-old Niles man was ticketed for public intoxication on April 5 after he was accused of arriving intoxicated to his job at a restaurant, police said. He was taken to the hospital, according to police.

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Morton Grove

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE
■ Two cars were reported burglarized April 3 on the 8900 and 9200 blocks of Marmora Avenue, police said. Forty dollars in cash was reported stolen from one of the cars, but nothing was missing from the other, according to police.

■ Six insurance cards were reported stolen April 3 from a car parked on the 8100 block of Long Avenue. The owner was unsure if the doors had been locked, police said.

THEFT
■ A Morton Grove resident reported on April 2 that someone withdrew money from two separate accounts without her permission.
Event offers party atmosphere

Lincolnwood Town Center hosts early Easter celebration

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

In its second year, Hide and Peep, at the Lincolnwood Town Center, brought out families for an April 13 indoor afternoon of treats and memories.

The egg hunt started at 1 p.m. in the upstairs food court. More than 2,000 eggs were placed in two age division hunts. They were quickly snapped up.

"Nothing brings out children's adventurous side more than an egg hunt, and we're excited to host a unique version of this time-honored tradition," said Peter Abraham, general manager of Lincolnwood Town Center. "This is just one way we're utilizing our space to create interactive events for our community."

Colorful pastel seasonal stuffed animals were seen tucked with eggs for children to also discover.

Lori Odeste of Skokie, mother of Maia, 3, said the event was, "awesome."

"We came last year," Odeste said, "That's why we came back again this year. That's what we like about coming here to Lincolnwood. Even though it's a small mall, it's family friendly."

The two-hour free Saturday party continued with a disc jockey and treat samples from mall shops plus other event attractions.

Jason Kollum of Niles worked as a balloon artist, and Rosa Cline of Lincolnwood offered face painting.

"It's fun. Look at all of these people here," Kollum said.

Rosa Cline moved to Lincolnwood 10 years ago from the California Bay Area.

"I love Lincolnwood. I love the community; I love the schools," Cline said. "I just love everything about it."

Lori Odeste hoped Maia would look back on her childhood and family holidays such as Easter with fondness.

"Just good memories and fun times together," Odese said.

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Canines search for treat-filled eggs in Morton Grove

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
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It was windy on April 13, but the barks of dogs could be heard as the pups sniffed around for treats in Morton Grove at the Dog Egg Hunt at Prairie View Park.

"It's fantastic," said Jill Monoscalco of Morton Grove, who brought Chompers, 14, her male Yorkie.

Approximately 1,300 filled plastic eggs were placed on the grass on a sunny, 42-degree Saturday morning.

"It's so great," said Jeanette Garrity, recreation supervisor for the Morton Grove Park District Special eggs, four of them, led to prizes.

"Dogs are family members," said Geralyn Konsewicz, superintendent of recreation for the Morton Grove Park District.

The Morton Grove Park District, which presented the event, encouraged donations such as dog food, toys or treats to benefit Wright-Way Rescue of Morton Grove, an animal shelter.

"It's a dog town, and with Wright-Way Rescue right in town, it's only fitting that we have more dog events," Konsewicz said.

Anyone could participate in the free-of-charge event.

"I think it's really nice for the community," said Devin Ramey of Morton Grove, who attended with his wife, Kay Ramey, their child Charlie Ramey, 20 months, plus family pup Kars, 9, a female Bassett hound.

"And it seems to be a great way for some of the pet owners to get together and let their dogs interact," Ramey added.

The plush mascot bunny was on hand to welcome families and to take photos with equally furry friends.

"It's very nice," said Erik Vardijan of Morton Grove, who posed for a photo with the bunny and his daughter Faith Vardijan, 2.

2019 was the event's second year.

"I volunteered at Wright-Way Rescue," said Pam Eskra of Park Ridge, a patron who brought Dolly, 8, her female beagle basett hound mix. "It's a great day."

Eskra added about animal shelters, "Everyone should adopt, she's (Dolly) adopted. I would always adopt dogs. Everyone should adopt and not shop!"

Eggs for the hunt were also provided by Wright-Way Rescue.

"I'm so glad that the park district supports our shelter," said Carol Macejak, a Morton Grove homeowner since 1972 and Wright-Way Rescue's volunteer coordinator. "We attend these events and we see so many people coming that have Wright-Way animals. I mean, no matter where I go, I mean, it's all over the area, not just close to the shelter, it's all over, it's amazing!"

The hunt took place at 11 a.m. with two sections for smaller dogs (under 30 pounds) and larger dogs, both hunt sections fenced.

"It's super fun; they couldn't wait to come today," said Rachel Eastman of Morton Grove, who attended with her children Maggie Eastman, 8, a second-grader, and Dylan Eastman, 10, a fourth-grader, plus their pup Lucy, 7, a female and a Rhodesian Ridgeback breed.

"Lucy gets to embrace her doggy freedom," Maggie said.

Rachel Eastman was grateful for the family event opportunity.

"Thank you," Rachel Eastman said. "Lucy appreciates everything."

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Celebrating those volunteers who are generous in spirit

LYNN PETRAK
Home on LaGrange

On my very first office wall, I hung a quote that I thought was fitting for the nonprofit organization for which I was working: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

While I'm a long way from that period in my life (probably the only time I had an organized desk with paper clips, extra pens and rubber bands), that quote from Margaret Mead has stuck with me.

Granted, I now have a funny mug that says "Stop me from volunteering again!" But I do believe in the power and payback of giving your time and talent freely. I haven't regretted the volunteer time I spent at my children's school, in particular, mostly because those years passed so quickly and I'm glad I had a chance to be a part of their lives beyond just picking them up and dropping them off at the school door.

Over the years, I've come to appreciate the work of other volunteers, who do work that I don't, and frankly probably wouldn't do. Examples of these kinds of volunteer jobs abound, so here's a shoutout to people I think are especially generous of spirit:

Youth sports coaches: I gave some time as a grade school cheer coach and fill-in parent when my kids played school soccer. But I have known dozens of people in this community who have spent countless hours not only helping young people learn sports, but learn sportsmanship and how to win, lose and pick up after yourself if you leave a Big League Chew wrapper laying around.

A special recognition goes to coaches who coach long after their own kids have moved on to their teen and young adult years.

Youth sports referees: If volunteer coaches should be thanked for putting up with parents who can be pushy or downright rude, youth sports referees often get even more grief with no pay. They are out there for the love of the game, and a desire to see the game played right. Even if they make the wrong call, they don't deserve the expletive-laced "Hey ref!" comments that I've often heard on fields, courts, etc.

Hospital volunteers: I was a candy striper as a teen, and although I got moved to another role after I crashed a flower cart and dumped plants and dirt all over a hallway, I met so many volunteers of all ages who gave an extraordinary amount of time to helping the hospital and patients.

I don't think hospitals and other health care centers could run as compassionately and well without such volunteers. Indeed, there are thousands of other unsung and overworked volunteers in our communities who help nonprofit and service organizations in innumerable ways.

National Volunteer Week is in April (or so the internet told me), so it's a fitting time to consider volunteering more or to thank those who help you when they don't have to. Sometimes, the best things in life are free.

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I had measles as a kid. Why would you take that risk?

RANDY BLASER

I had the measles. It wasn't pleasant. I don't recommend it to anyone.

I didn't contract the infection because my mother was a so-called anti-vaxxer. There wasn't a vaccine for measles back then.

It was a time when you got measles and suffered through them. And everyone got chicken pox. And everyone got mumps.

Suffering through those childhood diseases was part of growing up in America — if you were lucky enough to survive them. Between one and two of every 1,000 cases of measles ends in death for the victim, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Let me tell you about my measles experience. I was very sick with the distinguishing rash, high fever and cough. About all I remember of the experience is staying in bed, or watching Bugs Bunny cartoons from the comfort of our living room couch while seemingly going in and out of consciousness.

My mother said she recalls that I became delirious at some point and was hallucinating. My fever skyrocketed. My eyes rolled back. My mom panicked and threw me in a cold bath.

But I don't remember any of those things.

I remember the Bugs Bunny cartoons and staying home from school for about a week, maybe longer. When I returned to school, my classmates were talking about something new — fractions — that had something called lowest common denominators.

What the heck was that? I'm not sure I ever found out.

Today, thanks to vaccines, no one has to suffer through measles. The disease has been nearly wiped out.

I say nearly wiped out because news has hit the Chicago area that measles is making a comeback. Cook County reported a case of measles just two weeks ago.

There have been seven reported measles cases this year in Illinois, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. Since it is only April, we are on a pace to surpass the previous recent high total of 17 reported in 2015.

But in New York City, Mayor Bill De Blasio has declared a health emergency due to an outbreak of measles in certain New York City neighborhoods. The reason for it? Some parents refuse to get their children vaccinated because they believe there is a potential harm in vaccines, including that it is a cause of autism.

But studies show the risk is minimal. A 2011 report from the Institute of Medicine examined eight childhood vaccines and potential side effects. It found vaccines are largely safe and side effects are usually very rare and minor.

In my childhood memory, I recall being vaccinated for polio. My arm still bears the scar.

Thankfully, I didn't get polio. The idea of being placed in what they called an iron lung was more frightening than getting the shot. I took the risk. And today I am a member of Rotary International, which is working to wipe out the disease by vaccinating every child in the world. No one wants polio.

And no one should suffer through the childhood diseases that children my age had to endure more than 50 years ago.

Why take a chance if you don't have to?

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Reasons you shouldn’t fight in front of your kids

Relationship conflict is inevitable. Even couples who have the happiest, healthiest relationships disagree and argue. But there’s a big difference between productively and calmly discussing an issue versus engaging in an angry, hostile shouting match. What’s even worse is when heated battles occur in front of the kids.

Lisa Blumberg is a North Shore-based licensed clinical social worker, who works with individuals and couples, and offers parent guidance. Blumberg said it’s perfectly acceptable to disagree in front of the kids. In fact, if the conversation remains calm and respectful, kids might not even realize you are in a disagreement. But if and when that conversation starts to escalate and become emotional, that’s when it’s wise to take a pause and save it for a later time, or take the fight elsewhere.

“The concept of ‘The kids are upstairs. They won’t hear’ is false. They hear,” said Blumberg, who holds a master’s degree in social work and who has been in practice for nine years. “Even if the kids are really young and they don’t understand the content, they feel the volume and tone.”

Here are Blumberg’s reasons you shouldn’t fight in front of your kids:

1. The kids might feel insecure and unsafe. When a child hears his or her name during a heated argument, they might experience instability in the home. They might wonder, “Are my parents going to get divorced?” This can create a feeling of insecurity and a lack of feeling safe.

2. The kids might feel responsible for the fighting. Let’s say a couple is arguing about money, and the child hears one of them say, “Why are you spending so much?” The child might feel guilty — like it’s his or her fault. The child might think, “Can we afford to eat?” “Are we going to have to move out of our house?” or “If they didn’t have me, they would have more money.”

3. The kids might feel like they have to take sides. This can happen when one parent badmouths the other to the children. For example, if Mom is repeatedly saying negative things about Dad and talking about their fights, the kids might align with Dad because they feel sorry for him and feel the need to protect him. Also, the kids could become angry with Mom for the negative talk and distance themselves from her. Or, they could mimic Mom’s thoughts and side with her. In any case, it puts a huge burden on the kids to choose sides.

4. The kids might shut down. Kids don’t want to be a part of their parents’ fights, so sometimes they cope by shutting down and hiding. If they see their parents as volatile and possibly unapproachable, to making things safer, a kid might just oblige to everything and not communicate, or just fly under the radar and want to become invisible.

5. Long-term effects are possible. If parents want their children to grow up learning how to disagree with others in a productive way, get their needs met, and be heard, they need to be role models for that kind of behavior. That means resolving conflict with good communication skills and showing respect for each other, not screaming and yelling with the goal of making sure to prove to the other person that you are right.

While it’s not healthy to fight in front of the kids, there are lots of things you should do in front of your kids, with hopes that they will grow up to model positive, wonderful, loving behavior. Here are a few:

1. Show affection every day. Kids notice little things, including how their parents act when they walk in the door after work. Take five seconds to kiss or hug your spouse and ask about his or her day. This should come before greeting the kids.

2. Help with chores. Show the kids that running a household is a team effort, and that both Mom and Dad want to do their share.

3. Be respectful toward one another. Kids listen to the way parents talk to each other. So, if you treat your spouse with respect, the kids will pick up on that, and will hopefully treat their spouse the same way someday.

4. Compliment each other. “You look so pretty,” “I know you’ve been watching what you eat and it shows,” “I love that dress,” or “I’m really proud of you for your hard work at the office.” Not only will this help your relationship, but your kids will feel more stability and safety in your home.

5. Give each other gifts and offer kind gestures. Give your spouse a backrub after a long day, leave a handwritten card or a Post-It that says “I love you,” or the kitchen table, or bring her flowers for no reason. These are all great ways to set an example that giving is important in a romantic relationship.

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**ACROSS**

1 Reaction to a surprise
5 Instigate, with “up”
9 Stallone’s commando
14 Steely
19 In a position (to)
20 Out of kilter
21 “That is to say…”
22 French school
23 “No one ever made a difference by…”
27 Canonized 20th-century pope
28 Manufacturer’s assortment
29 German gym wear brand
30 Homeland Security agcy.
31 How much chicken is prepared
33 MD specialty
35 Casinos’ cash
36 Photo session
37 Nearly
38 Order of merit (police)
39 Flash of inspiration
40 UN observer group
43 With 63 Across, Barnum proverb
48 Lose feathers
49 Digital camera mode
50 “That makes sense”
51 Roy, the “King of Country Music”
52 Grass in rolls
53 Faux _
54 Spencer with two Oscars
57 Draws forth
59 Emerald City barker
61 Poker chip pile
62 Make a goal
63 See 43 Across

**DOWN**

1 Fundamental belief
6 Artful tactics
7 Cozy room
8 Slavic John
9 E pluribus unum
10 Sounding like
11 Lennon’s middle name
12 Large inlet
13 Lennon’s middle name
14 Chord
15 Compass reading
16 Lure
17 Casablanca woman
18 Unenviable grades
19 Great pleasure
20 Nervous—system challenge
21 “That is to say…”
22 French school
23 “No one ever made a difference by…”
24 Diplomatic squabble
25 Japanese martial art
26 Nettles
27 Coolidge’s running mate
28 Amp jack label
29 Japanese martial art
30 “That is to say…”
31 compass reading
32 Diplomatic squabble
33 Becomes bitter
34 Proposes a challenge
35 Creek
36 Harry’s running mate
37 “That is to say…”
38 Unenforceable
duty
39 Penniless
40 A sort
41 Mandarin
42 May night
43 Sounding like
44 Unenforceable duty
45 Likely to collapse
46 “That is to say…”
47 Fundamentally
48 Clue
49 Promising
50 “That is to say…”
51 “That is to say…”
52 Grass in rolls
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Quote-Acrostic

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

Clues
A. Green apple: 2 wds.
B. Spielberg forest fire film
C. Free spirit
D. Wings mechanic
E. Fox News founder
F. "Sub capital of the world"
G. Walk This Way band
H. Old space station
I. 'Casing Royale' country
J. Mentioned previously

Words
K. Full, deep
L. Hot pot spot
M. Enticement
N. Shake: 3 wds.
O. Hanging
P. Richandamy, e.g.
Q. Cool gangsta rapper: 2 wds.
R. Self-depreciating phrase: 2 wds.
S. 'I'm mad as hell' flick
T. Whole shebang
U. All your stuff
V. Tough and muscular

Super-Patriotism

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Across
1 Cut wood
6 Nonsense song of 1918
10 Cartoonist Addams
14 Actress Verdugo
15 Niche object
16 With 29 Down, he topped Ruth
17 Superpatriotic
19 In opposition
20 Beach bonus
21 Historic Scott
22 Musical studies
24 Skittered
25 Pole or Serb
26 Saturated
29 U.S. citizen
33 Cricket innings
34 Reposed
35 Vincent Lopez theme
36 Aswan's river
37 Alegre, Brazil
38 Crocus or glad
39 Draft status
40 Woodwind
41 Unanimously
42 Graze
44 Baby tender
45 Goddess of discord
46 Letter opener
47 Reach
50 Pint fraction
51 ___ Lanka
54 Wimbledon's Bjorn
55 Superpatriotic
58 Author Ludwig
59 TV's Thicke
60 Bootless
61 Hess or West
62 Evergreens
63 PGA's Lee

Down
1 Weight
2 Cinder follower
3 Break a habit
4 Sch. subject
5 Is poky
6 Talked hip
7 Etching need
8 Mr. Ameche
9 Rams fan
10 Superpatriots
11 Crewman

44 Wheat belt sight
46 Delphic data
47 Bunked
48 Tony Musante role
49 Lighten
50 Use the teeth on
51 Poker variety
52 Go up
53 Decorator
56 ___ de France
57 Impresario Hurok

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In recent years, newly minted college graduates faced difficult job markets. But a 2018 survey from the online jobs and professional resources website CareerBuilder found that 80 percent of employers intended to hire recent college graduates that year, marking a 6 percent increase from the year prior.

Recent graduates and students on the cusp of donning their caps and gowns may be entering a healthier job market than the one that greeted grads as recently as a few years ago, but grads should still take steps to bolster their chances of finding work as graduation nears.

Use the resources at your disposal. The final months and weeks of college are filled with distractions. In addition to final exams, students may be tempted to fill their final weeks with social engagements and extracurricular activities as they try to squeeze every last ounce of fun out of their college experiences. But students also should book appointments with their schools' career services offices. Such offices can help students prepare their resumes. Career services offices also can help students as they search for jobs, internships or other opportunities. Career services staffs also may coach students on interview preparation.

Gather references. Strong references can help students stand out in crowded job markets. Businesses typically request at least three references, none of which can be family members. Professors, current or past bosses or volunteer program supervisors who can speak to applicants' work ethics and attitudes can make for strong references. It can take time to contact and gather information from prospective references, so students who start early won't experience any lag time when they begin looking for work.

Get ready to dress the part. Graduates must dress the part when going on job interviews. Both men and women should purchase appropriate interview attire if they don't already have any. Do so in advance of graduation so you aren't caught off guard by opportunities to interview.

Find a home. Soon-to-be-graduates can help themselves by studying up on which cities boast thriving job markets and which seem to have few opportunities. Cities may have especially strong job markets for certain majors. Students who research job markets and how geography factors into their job searching equation can then begin to develop a post-graduation housing plan. Some companies may prefer local candidates, so it might be to grads' advantage to move to certain cities even before they've been offered a job. Such students can rely on temporary, part-time or seasonal employment to pay their bills until they find full-time work in their chosen fields.

Students on the cusp of graduating from college can employ various strategies as their college careers wind down to increase their chances of landing a job.

College majors that can lead to higher earnings

Choosing a college major is an important decision that many students delay making until their sophomore or even junior years. Only after taking a few courses and uncovering one's interests do some college students figure out what they want to do with their lives.

Each student is different, and while some may pursue a degree based on a particular passion, others may choose majors that can lead to high-paying jobs.

While men often lean toward majors like engineering and computer science that have traditionally been linked to high earnings, women have historically gravitated to lower-paying specialties like education and social sciences. But in recent years a shift has occurred, and more women have begun to choose majors associated with higher post-graduate salaries.

Reports from the career guidance site Glassdoor analyzed how much male and female professionals with the same college degree earned and identified many instances in which women went on to earn more than men in the first five years of their career. They've identified several majors where female college graduates can earn as much or more than their male counterparts and find successful careers.

- Architecture
- Pharmaceutical sciences
- Information sciences
- Chemical engineering
- Computer science
- Electrical engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Computer engineering
- Business economics
- Civil engineering
- Sports management

Despite these findings, the college
Prepare for automotive mechanic jobs at school

It's easy to underestimate the level of know-how required to be an automotive mechanic, and just how essential the job is.

There are an estimated 30,000 parts on the average car, and data from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers indicates around 74,705,000 cars were produced in 2018.

Auto mechanics are in high demand. Although many high schools offer adequate training to prepare individuals for a job in automotive mechanics, most mechanics are now expected to have completed an associate degree or certificate program in automotive training to keep up with ever-evolving vehicle technology.

Students can enroll in a vocational education program, receive a certificate and then go on to employee training. Upon completion of that training, students can become master mechanics. Training and schooling typically takes two years. Salary.com reports that the average automotive mechanic salary in the United States was $38,551 as of December 2018.

Many change their majors

While high school seniors on the cusp of graduating and moving on to college give ample thought to their college majors, many are likely to change majors at least once after enrolling in a college or university.

According to the University of La Verne, between 50 and 70 percent of college students change majors at least once, and many of them will change their majors three times before they graduate.

The university also reports that 50 percent of college graduates pursue careers that are not related to their majors. Career and personality assessments can help students determine which subjects they may want to study upon enrolling in a college or university. Such assessments can help students discover their interests, and then students can work with advisors and career counselors at their colleges or universities to find majors that align with those interests.

High school seniors on their way to college in the coming months can rest easy that, even if they don't know what to study when they arrive on college campuses this fall, many of their fellow freshmen are equally uncertain.
How to encourage the love of music in children

Music education can have a profound impact on children. According to PBS, research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects, enhancing skills children will inevitably use elsewhere.

The benefits of music education might be even more tangible than that. A 2004 study published in the journal Psychological Science found that 6-year-olds who were given weekly voice and piano lessons benefited from small increase in IQs. Groups that received drama lessons or no lessons at all experienced no such increases.

Additional studies have linked music education to other benefits. The Children's Music Workshop notes that research has shown that musical training physically develops the part of the brain associated with processing language. These are just a handful of the ways music education can positively impact young minds. Parents who want their children to reap these rewards and more can take these steps to encourage a love of music in their children.

Cut a rug with your kids. Children are bundles of energy who want to expend as much of that energy as possible. Dancing along to music is a great way for kids to use it up. Kids might not be able to waltz or dance an Irish jig, but many love to jump up and down. If they begin to associate music and dancing with jumping up and down, they're more likely to smile when mom and dad crank up the stereo.

Sing and encourage kids to sing along. Kids won't know if their parents are classically trained opera singers or performers whose vocal talents are best restricted to the shower. Singing along to favorite songs may encourage kids to follow suit, allowing them to learn words and music can enrich kids' lives in various ways, and it's never too early for parents to encourage a love of music in their children.

Job choices for students proficient in math add up

Math is an important subject and school and proficiency in arithmetic serves people well when it comes time to leave the classroom and enter the workforce. As demand for workers proficient in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics continues to grow, students can benefit by working as hard as possible when studying such subjects.

People with strong math skills who thrive on data and crunching numbers may find a diverse array of jobs available to them when they are ready to enter the workforce. The following are just some of the positions that require math skills, courtesy of the Occupational Information Network, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and CareerCast.

Economist: Economists study and analyze the effects of resources on costs and their relation to industry and government.
Accountant: Accountants are responsible for keeping accounting records and preparing financial statements for businesses or individuals.
Game designer: Mathematics is involved in game theory, and programmers regularly utilize trigonometry, physics and calculus. The same can be said for movie or television animators.
Stockbroker: Stockbrokers purchase and sell stocks, bonds and other securities. Exchanging large sums of money involves a strong command of math.
Chemist: Chemists conduct analyses and experiments in laboratories that require qualitative and quantitative computation.
Engineer: Mechanical engineering, aerospace engineering and civil engineer go hand-in-hand with math. Engineers in various fields perform a host of tasks, including designing equipment and evaluating the adaptability of materials.
Pilot: Navigating, calculating wind speeds and fuel ration and much more are involved in piloting an aircraft. Math skills can be life-saving when pilots have to make adjustments and calculations thousands of feet in the air.
Sports broadcaster: Math is involved in many aspects of sports. Sports broadcasters often must add up statistics on the fly and proficiency in math makes that easier.
Astronomer: Observing, researching and interpreting astronomical phenomena requires a strong understanding of mathematics.

Singing also is a fun activity kids are sure to embrace, making them look forward to daily music sessions.

Let kids be the DJ. When you start playing music, keep a close on children to see how they react to different types of music. If they seem to favor one style over another, play that favorite style more often. If they tend to like it all, continue to expand their horizons, which many even open your eyes to musical styles and acts you'd never consider otherwise.

Let kids participate in music. Especially young children might not be able to pick up a guitar and make it sing, but that doesn't mean they can't participate. Purchase age-appropriate instruments for your children the moment they start playing with toys. Their curiosity might compel them to embrace musical lessons as they grow older. In addition, look for children's musical events in your community, whether it's a sing-along at the local library or an introduction to musical instruments at a nearby community center.

Insurance underwriter: Underwriters rely on math to assess risk as they make recommendations to insurance companies before such companies will issue policies.
Financial planner: Financial planners help businesses and individuals map out the ways to grow their money so they can secure their financial futures.

Actuary: Actuaries measure risk and uncertainty as they evaluate the likelihood of future events occurring as they apply to certain areas, including insurance and pension programs.

Strong math skills can provide an entry-way into a lucrative and stable career.
How students can handle the transition to middle school

A child's school-aged years are filled with many different lessons and experiences. While in school, kids have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and meet new people.

Many students will attend various schools before moving on to college, and therefore they must learn how to adjust to new schools. While many students attend elementary school together for years, students may not know their classmates once they make it to middle school, which tends to boast larger student bodies than elementary schools. That's because many middle schools' student bodies are a combination of several elementary schools. Making the transition from elementary school to middle school or junior high can spark anxiety in students, but that does not have to be.

The National Education Association says a common element of a successful middle school experience is a smooth and positive transition from elementary school. The following are a few ways students can handle their transition to middle school.

Participate in a school-based transition program. Middle schools frequently host open houses for elementary school students, who can take tours of the campus. Parents can take part in these events with their children. If your schedule does not allow you to attend, then schedule a private tour with the middle school principal or a faculty member. Middle school guidance counselors or guest speakers also may make the rounds, visiting elementary schools directly. Be sure your student attends such information sessions so he or she can get an idea of what to expect during middle school.

Dispel any myths your youngster might have heard about middle school. Youngsters hear lots of things about middle schools, and much of what kids hear might be untrue. Ask kids what they have heard about the schools they will be moving on to, and then do your best to dispel any myths.

Find a middle school buddy. Ask an older sibling or invite someone who is currently enrolled in the school to speak with your child and answer any questions he or she may have. Hearing directly from a fellow student may make your child feel more comfortable about what to expect.

Talk about any other fears. Engage in an open dialogue with your son or daughter about any additional fears he or she may have. If students are worried about academics, spend some time over the summer going over the curriculum. If the potential for peer pressure is a cause for concern, reinforce advice on how to react to peer pressure.

Parents and their children can take several steps to make students' transitions to middle school as smooth as possible.
Entertaining ways to prevent summer learning loss

Summer vacation presents an opportunity for students to enjoy an extended break from the classroom. While this respite from routine may be a welcome change to youngsters, teachers frequently lament that valuable educational lessons seem to be forgotten each summer. Educators then face tougher hurdles when students return to school in the fall.

Such a phenomenon is dubbed “summer learning loss,” but it can occur during any extended break from school. Scholars have realized for some time that students' rate of academic development declines during summer vacation. Oxford Learning, a tutoring and education training group, offers these eye-opening statistics.

- Over the summer, students tend to lose 2.6 months of math skills and two months of reading skills.
- Summer learning loss can be seen in students as young as 6.
- It can take up to two months from the first day of school to get students' brains development back on course.
- Summer learning loss, sometimes called “brain drain,” can be prevented. Proponents of year-round schooling at The National Association for Year-Round Education recommend a more balanced school year, where summer vacation lasts only 30 days and other school breaks are lengthened. In this scenario, the school year would still last about 180 days, but without the lengthy breaks.
- Parents may prefer the status quo, and those who do can take several steps to prevent summer learning loss from affecting their children.

Encourage more reading. Schools recommend summer reading lists, but students should also learn to read for pleasure. Research from the National Literary Trust indicates reading for pleasure can improve reading attainment and writing, as well as one's general knowledge. Children can bring books to the beach that they can read between frolicking sessions in the waves.

Enjoy family game nights. Games can be customized to highlight certain skills that require reinforcement. For example, math-centered games that require counting or addition can strengthen generalized math skills. Problem-solving board games may help children become better critical thinkers.

Make vacations educational. Add travel to historical sites or other places of interest to help history come alive. When visiting new towns and cities, read the placards that explain important moments in history that took place in each town or city, making sure to include some thought-provoking areas of interest on your itinerary.

Look for science moments. Trips to the seaside, parks and much more present myriad opportunities to learn about science. Children can stage their own experiments with items they find in nature, such as learning about tides, wind and water flow by sailing homemade boats.

Teach kids through daily tasks. Barbecuing, making a cake, building a raised garden bed, seeding the lawn — each of these moments present educational opportunities for parents who want to keep their kids’ minds sharp during summer.

Children need not fall victim to summer learning loss when their days are filled with educational but fun activities.

How you can help children adjust to starting daycare

Children reach many milestones throughout their lives. While a child's first step and first tooth may garner the bulk of the milestone glory, other moments are just as significant.

One milestone that parents may not look forward to is their kids' first day away from mom and dad. For many children, that day is spent at daycare. Parents may get emotional when dropping their young children off at daycare for the first time, and those emotions might only grow stronger if children cry when mom and dad walk away. Fortunately, there are ways to help kids adjust to starting daycare.

Drop by before the first dropoff day. Many daycare facilities encourage parents to visit the facility with their children before youngsters' first official day at daycare. This allows kids to meet their teachers as well as other children who will be in their class. That familiarity can make first-day dropoff that much easier.

Speak with kids about daycare in advance of their first day. As kids' first day at daycare approaches, parents can speak with them about what to expect. Discuss changes in routine as well as more exciting things, like the chance to play with other kids. If you were able to visit before the first day, mentions teachers and other children your child met during the visit. That can help calm their nerves about leaving mom and dad.

Practice leaving your child with someone else. Much of the fear kids have when being dropped off at daycare for the first time is seeing mom or dad leave the facility. Kids who have seen this before, whether they're left with a babysitter or a relative for a couple of hours, are more likely to smoothly adjust to being left at daycare. Parents who haven't yet enjoyed a date night or time away from their children can book some time away together so their children can get used to spending time with someone other than mom and dad.

Invite other children from the daycare over for play dates. Another way to help kids embrace their first days at daycare is to invite some of their prospective classmates over for a play date. If parents who live nearby recommended the facility, invite their children over for a play date. Familiar, friendly faces can help the transition to daycare go smoothly.

Let kids take a comfort item with them. A favorite blanket or stuffed animal can calm kids' nerves as they transition to daycare. Before telling kids they can bring such an item along, confirm if it's allowed with the program director.

The first day at daycare is a milestone for kids. Parents can take various steps to make that day go as smoothly as possible.
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Factors to consider before pursuing an advanced degree

Advanced degrees have long been associated with better career prospects and higher earnings. Women seem to be especially aware of that, as the Council of Graduate Schools/ GRE Survey of Graduate Enrollment and Degrees noted in a recent study, the majority of first-time graduate students at all levels were women. Among master's degree candidate's that fall, 59 percent were female while 53.5 percent of doctoral candidates were women.

The decision to pursue an advanced degree requires careful consideration. Such a pursuit requires a considerable investment of time and money, and while there are two important factors to consider before making a decision (more on that below), they're not the only things women must think of as they try to make the best decision.

Timing
Timing and time are two different things. While many people considering graduate degrees think about how much time they'll need to complete their degrees, timing also merits consideration.

Newly minted graduates may want to take a break after expending so much effort to earn their undergraduate degrees. Taking time between degrees can provide the opportunity to recharge, and it also can give young graduates a chance to get some professional experience.

That experience can inform their future grad school decision, perhaps reassuring them they're on the right career path or compelling them to pursue other avenues. But enrolling right after completing your undergraduate studies can be beneficial as well. That's especially so for recent grads who hope to start a family soon after graduation. The longer you delay enrolling in a graduate program, the longer you may delay starting a family, which can have a lasting impact.

Career prospects
While it's easy to assume an advanced degree will greatly enhance your career prospects and increase your earning potential, it's not necessarily that simple.

When considering the pursuit of an advanced degree, try to determine if you'll be in the workforce long enough to benefit from the increased earnings.

Women who are mid- to late-career might not benefit considerably or at all from the extra earnings if they're paying for their advanced degrees themselves, as the cost of tuition and other fees might be higher than the extra earnings.

In addition, some advanced degrees won't necessarily lead to considerably higher salaries than you're likely to earn with a bachelor's degree. That will depend on your profession.

Time
The time required to pursue an advanced degree merits strong consideration. Many students pursuing a master's degree full-time can earn their degrees in two years, while those who attend part-time will need more time to complete their degree programs. Doctoral programs take considerably longer.

Cost
The cost of an advanced degree varies widely depending on the program. Some programs may cost $20,000 or less, while others will cost more than $100,000.

Many doctoral candidates receive financial aid from their schools or lenders, but the cost of a Ph.D. is still considerable, especially when considering the potential lost earnings during the years while the degree is being pursued.

Women receive the majority of advanced degrees earned at colleges and universities across the country. Choosing whether or not to pursue such a degree requires careful consideration of a host of factors.

Hats off to grad tradition

Graduation ceremonies are a tradition that dates back to the first high schools and universities. While many aspects of graduation ceremonies have evolved over the years, the graduation cap has remained a hallmark of such ceremonies.

Graduation caps are one of the most visible aspects of graduation dress. Many scholars believe the mortarboard style cap graduates don was developed from the biretta, a similar-looking Italian hat worn by Roman Catholic clergy. In the 12th and 13th centuries, students and teachers typically wore clerical clothing because the church was highly influential at this time. Medieval universities helped inspire academic dress, including the familiar graduation cap.

Mortarboards are shaped like a square, perhaps to give them a scholarly appearance like a book or to represent the shape of a quad on the campus of England's Oxford University, where many graduation dress customs are believed to have originated. Others theorize that the mortarboard, which is named after the flat board used by bricklayers and masons, represents the skill of a master workman.

Many graduation caps were initially black or gray. According to the graduation information site Graduation Source, when color photography became the norm in the 20th century, schools began to use gowns and caps in different shades because they would show up in photographs. Schools often coordinate caps and gowns so their colors reflect their official school colors.

While certain degrees warrant different styles of gowns, cloaks and hoods, mortarboard caps are relatively standard. In addition to the cap, there is a single button at the top. Tassels hang from these buttons.

At commencement, tassels are traditionally worn on the right side of the cap and then moved to the left once graduates receive their diplomas.

Graduation caps are part of the larger scope of academic dress that comprises school traditions. Millions of graduates across the globe will don their caps and toss them into the air later in celebration of their hard work.
Parents of young children tend to have a lot on their minds. While social media may not be moms’ and dads’ foremost concern, it’s a topic that today’s parents must discuss with their children eventually.

Social media is largely uncharted territory for parents. Many parents of young children did not grow up with social media. As a result, they might not know what constitutes appropriate usage, and how to convey that to kids growing up in a world where social media is so prevalent. Parents tasked with discussing social media with kids can consider the following tips.

Recognize today’s kids are the most connected people in the world. UNICEF notes that young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are the most connected people in the world. Seventy-one percent of people in that age group are online, while just 48 percent of the total population across the globe is online. Parents won’t be able to eliminate the internet or social media from their kids’ lives. So discussions about social media usage should be about responsible usage, which should include limits on how much time kids spend online each day.

Don’t view social media as a villain. While social media gets its share of deserved and undeserved criticism, UNICEF, in its “The State of the World’s Children 2017” report, noted that digital technologies can serve as positive forces in the lives of young people. For example, digital technologies allow children to access information on issues affecting their communities. Some youngsters may use that access as inspiration to change their communities for the better. In addition, social media allows young people with conditions such as cerebral palsy to interact with their peers in ways they might not have been able to interact in decades past. When discussing social media with their children, parents can emphasize these positive aspects while also noting the negatives associated with social media, using the combination of both as an example of why social media must be used in moderation.

Address the elephant in the room. Everyone on the internet is not who they say they are, and parents must address this with their kids before youngsters open social media accounts. Point out to children that they should never “friend” anyone who they do not know. A report from Pew Research found that 41 percent of Facebook users are connected with people they have never met in person. While adults who connect with strangers may not be in danger, kids may not be mature or savvy enough to recognize cyber criminals or others looking to prey on their inexperience and trustfulness. Explain this to children and use it to illustrate why mom and dad want to know who they’re speaking to online. Emphasize that your goal is to protect them, not invade their privacy.

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BACH IS BACK

Weeklong fest aims to satisfy musical craving

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
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Bach is back. The 46th annual Bach Week Festival comes to Evanston's Nichols Concert Hall in Evanston on April 26 and 28, and Anderson Chapel at North Park University on May 3.

Once again, the music director and conductor of the festival will be Richard Webster, who helped found the group in 1974 and has been its music director since 1975.

"Our programs are a mix of the very familiar with the things that no one ever hears," Webster said.

Pianist Sergei Babayan is returning to the festival. "He has been coming back practically every year since 2014 to do one or more of the keyboard concertos," Webster said. He will perform the "Keyboard Concerto No. 3 in D Major" on April 28.

Babayan, who maintains a busy performing schedule, teaches at Juilliard in New York and is artist-in-residence at Cleveland Institute of Music, said he keeps returning to the Bach Week Festival because, "The people who are in charge of the festival have a genuine love for Bach." "The person who runs the festival is extremely creative and the musicians are high class."

Babayan also praised Webster's musicianship and the audience members, noting, "You feel that they genuinely love the music of Bach. Any good musician would want to come back to the Bach Festival in Evanston."

The pianist praised the concerto he will perform this year. He described it as being about "happiness and gratefulness for life. The message is so strong. The spirit is lifted up. Anyone who has some kind of tragedy, when you hear the music of the 'Concerto in D Major,' it can make you forget for those few minutes. This is true of all the concertos of Bach."

Another program highlight Webster cited is the "Suite in A minor for recorder and strings" by Georg Philipp Telemann, which will be performed on May 3. "That's always a crowd-pleaser," Webster said.

The Music Conductor also praised the Bach Week Chorus. "We supplement them with the Chamber Singers from North Park University," he said. "We also have eight members of Bella Voce, which is Chicago's leading chamber choir. So we have this fantastic chorus."

This year, the chorus will be accompanied by the orchestra for two Bach cantatas, "O holder Tag, erwünschte Zeit" on April 26, and "Bringet dem Herrn Ehre seines Namens" on May 3.

"The chorus is always a big hit," Webster said.

In addition to the three main concerts, there will be a Candlelight Concert at 10 p.m. April 26, which includes a glass of champagne and gourmet chocolates, called "Bach or Not Bach," featuring Joel Spears on lute and Kiyoe Matsuura on violin.

Webster admitted that when the event was started, "We thought it would be a one-shot deal. We got a few musicians together and we passed the plate. There were no tickets, no board of directors. It was just some musicians who wanted to play Bach."

The Bach Week Festival is now a 501(c)(3) organization with a staff and we have these wonderful musicians who keep coming back year after year to play," Webster said. "And then we have new musicians each year join us."

They also have a packed program of Bach compositions, sprinkled in with music by a few of his contemporaries.

Myrna Petlicki is a freelancer.
Alzheimer's Support Group: Getting Started with Ancestry:
5277 Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-8828. 10 a.m. Thursday, April 18
Birth through 5 with caregiver; siblings language with exciting music, stories, through the sounds and rhythms of Trikes:
members; $35 nonmembers and at door, Lake Ave., Glenview, $25 Chamber p.m. Thursday, The Glen Club, 2901 W. food samplings provided by Glenview Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

The Bridges of Madison County: A Last Thoughts of Mary Stuart: Last handsome photographer, Robert Kinnaid, pulls into Francesca Johnson's driveway seeking directions. What happens in the four days while her family is away may very well alter the course of Francesca's life. Show only: Thursdays and Sundays 6:30-8:49; Fridays and Saturdays $4-$54. Including dinner: Thursdays and Sundays $64; Fridays and Saturdays $69. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre - Evanston, 721 Howard St., Evanston, $39-$69, 773-347-1109.

Alzheimer's Support Group: Getting Started with Ancestry:
Learn how to easily navigate this popular database. Registration required. 2 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Alzheimer's Support Group: Alzheimer's Support Group: We'll share successful care-giving approaches and discuss what works, what doesn't, and how you can care for yourself and your loved one. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Belmont Village of Glenview, 2200 Golf Road, Glenview, free, 847-657-7100.

7th Annual Bites and Brews Event: A community event with beer, wine and food samplings provided by Glenview Chamber restaurants, caterers, wine merchants, and craft beer purveyors. 5 p.m. Thursday, The Glen Club, 2001 W. Lake Ave, Glenview, $25 Chamber members: $35 nonmembers and at door, 847-724-0900.

Musical Storytime with the Lucky Trikes: Engage your child's senses through the sounds and rhythms of language with exciting music, stories, and interacting with different sounds. Birth through 5 with caregiver; siblings welcome. Drop-in, 10 a.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave, Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Current Events Discussion Group: A wide-ranging, fast moving discussion of current events and items in the news that gives an outlet to share insights and views. This group meets every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Niles Senior Center. Free parking and free coffee are available. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, free, 847-287-6247.

Steven Spielberg: A Kid, A Camera, and a Dream: His name is synonymous with record-setting box office blockbusters as well as intensely sensitive and personal feature films. Explore the dramatic personal story of this dreamer who became one of the most popular filmmakers in history. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member; $15 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Become a Google Master: You love Google for searching the Internet, but did you now that it has all kinds of other gems available? Learn about making Google work for travel, mapping, news, and more. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 member; $25 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Rituals and Ceremonies of the World's Great Religions: Bill escorts attendees to the sacred places on four continents that characterize, define, and sustain the world's most dominant religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. Visually explore those rituals associated with life and death, weddings, funerals, beliefs, and holy days. 10 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

T'ai Chi: Practice the ancient, healing art of T'ai Chi, which is the practice of controlled, relaxed body movements. Increase your understanding of the mind-body connection, breathing techniques and flexibility. 9 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $75 member, $89 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Alliance Francaise du N Shore Café Conversation Soir: Join in for relaxed French conversation, facilitated by native or fluent speakers. Listening in French is encouraged, all levels are welcome. For more information: Meetup.com/afnorthshore and AFnorthshore.org. 7 p.m. Thursday, Panera, 1199 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, free, 847-885-1274.

Conceptualizing the Short Story: Another workshop in the educational series of Thursday morning chats put together by the Off Campus Writers' Workshop, $20 at the door or $10 for members. For more info, visit www-wocww.info. 9:03 a.m. Thursday, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka, $20, 847-446-0537.

Friday, April 19

Mother Hips: 8 p.m. Friday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $15, 847-492-8860.

Friday Night Meltdowns: Join in this awesome skate and dance party. Bring your own skates or rent a pair for the evening. 8:15 p.m. Friday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, $8 admit, $4 rental skates, 847-724-2800.

Friday Fun for Ages 3-5 with Adult: Finish the week with stories and hands-on fun with the Youth Services librarians. Tickets given out 20 minutes prior to the program; preference is given to Glenview Public Library cardholders. 10:30 a.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

First Man (141 mins/PG-13/2018): A look at the life of the astronaut Neil Armstrong, and the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969. Just drop in. 2 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Storywalk: Children and animals watch the world transform from the dark of winter to the brightness of summer. The Bridges of Madison County: A Last Thoughts of Mary Stuart: Last Thursday, April 18

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Lionel Hampton Birthday Celebration: Features Joe Locke, Thaddeus Tukes and Tammy McCann. The Music Institute's annual jazz event celebrates the late American vibraphonist and bandleader in an exuberant program. Tickets are available online or by calling 847-448-8328. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $50 VIP seating, $40 adults, $25 seniors and $15 students, 800-838-3006.

Andy Brown Trio: This well-known Chicago jazz guitarist is joined by Dennis Carroll on bass and George Fludas on drums. This performance will be recorded live for Chicago Jazz Live on WDCB FM Radio. Doors open for cocktails and socializing at 7:30 p.m., with cash bar, light snacks and free street parking. For information, email Steve Rashid at steve@studios6.dance, call or visit www.studios6.dance/calendaryear2019/andy-brown. 8 p.m. Saturday, Studio 6, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston, $20 general seating, $25 cabaret seating, 847-328-6683.

Caravans of Gold: The Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University's "Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time: Art, Culture and Exchange Across Medieval Saharan Africa" is the first major exhibition to highlight West Africa's global reach in the medieval period of the 8th to 16th centuries. This exhibit runs through July 21, 10 a.m. Saturday, Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

Sherman Irby's Journey through Swing: Northwestern University's Henry and Leigh Bien Bienen School of Music welcomes saxophonist Sherman Irby for a concert surveying an array of distinctive swing styles. Featured performers include Irby, Victor Goines and students of the Bien School jazz studies program, as well as guest violinist Eli Bishop. 2 p.m. Saturday, Mary Galvin Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 70 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $10-$25, 847-467-4000.

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Earth Day at Air Station Prairie: Meteorology and geography geeks can have a field day with the latest interactive toy at Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie. The public is invited to try out the Glenview Park District’s new Augmented Reality Sandbox at the Earth Day celebration from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The AR Sandbox uses 3-D imaging over a large box of smooth white sand. The event features both indoor and outdoor family activities. Expect to make crafts, take tours and go on trail walks and also visit with representatives from organizations and companies during the Earth Day celebration. 10 a.m. Saturday, Fuller Air Station Prairie/Tyner Interpretive Center, 2400 Compass Road, Glenview, free, 847-299-6096.

Donuts with Miss Dannie: Join us for a fun family storytime followed by coffee, donuts and playful fun. Donuts provided by Schlegel’s Bakery. Birth to age 5 with caregiver; siblings and the whole family welcome. Drop-in event; no registration required. 10 a.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Easter Egg Hunt at The Village Presbyterian Church: Sponsored by The Village Kids Children’s Ministry, this Easter Egg Hunt is for children 10 years old and under. It begins promptly at 10 a.m. inside the church. After the hunt, hop into Fellowship Hall for Easter crafts, food, and special treats for kids and adults. 10 a.m. Saturday, The Village Presbyterian Church of Northbrook, 1300 Shermery Road, Northbrook, free, 847-507-0243.

Contact High, the Musical and Sun-Cloud panel discussion: SunCloud Health is hosting a live panel discussion after “Contact High,” a new musical that joined by his many talented musical friends. 3 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679.

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Insight Church Easter Service: Join in for their Easter Sunday service. Expect a special worship, Insight Kids service and Easter Egg Hunt at Devonshire Cultural Center. 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, free, 847-986-5964.

Monday, April 21

Weekly Irish Music Session: Join in every Sunday for a feast of Irish music led by John Williams, world renowned master of many a musical instrument, joined by his many talented musical friends. 3 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679.

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Fest: A variety of free activities are offered including balloon sculpting, bounce houses, face painting, visits with the Easter Bunny and live entertainment. Children are also invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt featuring 10,000 eggs filled with candy, toys and coupons for Rosemont businesses. 1 p.m. Saturday, Parkway Bank Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008.

Welcome. For information: Meetup.com/afnorthshore and AFnorthshore.org. 7 p.m. Monday, Café at Heinen’s Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-859-1274.

College Knowledge 101: Searching, Applying, Essay Writing: This is for grades 9-12 and their parents. Local experts share tips and strategies on the college search, application and essay-writing processes. Registration is appreciated. 7 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Nonfiction Book Club: Join us for an adult nonfiction book discussion on “Behind the Beautiful Forevers” by Katherine Boo. Registration required. 7 p.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Balance and Fall Risk Assessments: Schedule your assessment with licensed physical therapist Denise Schwartz to learn whether you are at risk for a fall and/or need a more detailed assessment or intervention. Assessments are 15 minutes in length, and you can register by contacting Karen Brownlee at 847-275-0079 or kbrownlee@nsymca.org. 9 a.m. Monday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

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 table, tables, and chairs. Noon Monday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, free, 847-404-9257.

Chinese Perspective on Antiquity: Why did the Chinese send replicas of the terracotta warrior, rather than the actual 2,000-year-old clay figures, to the Museum of Ethnology in Hamburg in 2007? The Germans closed the exhibit instantly, leaving potential audiences with many questions. How could the Chinese cheat the global audience? Were the Chinese being dishonest? What kind of cultural misunderstandings lie in the terms of the exhibit? 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member; $15 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Photo Storage for Your Smartphone or Tablet: If you have a lot of pictures on your Apple or Android phone or tablet, and you are getting messages that you are low on storage, come learn about the best photo storage and backup sites, as well as photo sharing sites. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $15 member; $25 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Uke Fest at the Centennial Activity Center: Uke Fest with the Ukulele Club takes place from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students from Washington School and the Ukulele Club take the audience to a musical journey from the past to the present. This is a free event, but register in advance. 2:30 p.m. Monday, Centennial Activity Center - Park Ridge Park District, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597.

Excavating the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition: Professor Rebecca Graff speaks about her archaeological and archival research focused on the Fair’s ephemeral “White City” and Midway Plaisance. The results of the excavation in Jackson Park revealed a robust archaeological signature of the Fair. Graff’s work links the Fair as a catalyst for structural change and its material record, to the planning and structures of late nineteenth-century America. 7 p.m. Monday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-6930.

Tuesday, April 23

Smile and Rhyme at Heinen’s: Ages 2 and up with Adult: Join in for stories, rhymes, and songs in the Café, then stay for a snack and chat. Just drop in. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Heinen’s Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Designing for Pollinators: Create a garden that pollinators will love to visit. Brennan Zwieg, assistant horticulturist at the Chicago Botanic Garden, covers the basics for designing and installing dynamic plantings to encourage a variety of pollinators. Registration required. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

iPad/iPhone 3: Bring your Apple iPad or iPhone to review accessibility features, settings, and more. Registration required. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Preparing and Meal Planning to Eat Well: Being prepared is your strongest ally for sustainable healthy eating. In this seminar, learn several ways to plan, prep, cook and anticipate any kind of day, so you can make a healthy meal in any situation. Registration requested. 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

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**Wednesday, April 24**

**From the Field - International Archaeologists:** The Block Museum, the department of anthropology and the Program of African Studies present a special opportunity for the public to hear from the six international archaeologists whose excavations in Mali, Morocco and Nigeria were fundamental to the shaping of the “Caravans of Gold” exhibition. Registration required. 6 p.m. Wednesday, Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

**Crime Fiction Author Panel:** In this panel discussion, authors Susanna Calkins, Jack Fredrickson, Julie Hyzy, and Victoria Thompson discuss their works and share the stories behind their exceptional crime fiction novels. Registration required. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Genealogy Club:** Join us for our monthly Genealogy Club. This month we will be discussing how to access and use immigration records in your family history research, then we will have time for sharing tips and tricks for expanding your family history research, and answering questions. We will provide computers for open research work. Registration required. 1 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

**Tech Talk: Amazon's Impact:** We'll discuss the far-reaching services and impact of one of our biggest tech companies. Registration required. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

**Google Drive:** If you are new to Google Drive and its features, learn how to create, upload, and manage content, and collaborate with others. Gmail account is required. Registration required. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Lawyers Networking Lunch:** Attorneys are invited to share ideas and make connections with professional peers at this lawyers-only event presented by the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce. The event begins with informal networking, introductions and lunch followed by table networking. 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, The Claim Company, 2000 Northbrook Court, Northbrook, $23 Northbrook Chamber members by April 19, $33 nonmembers or late registration, 847-513-6004.

**Movie Screening - Paris to Pittsburgh:** Free. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, $105-$403, 847-635-6601.

**Music at Midday:** Concerts to celebrate the Easter Season on Wednesdays during the Easter Season. Artists from around the Chicago area will perform a half-hour recital beginning at 12:30 p.m., April 24: Rose Ernst, flute; May 1: Colleen Ortega, organ. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Our Lady of Hope, 9711 W. Devon Ave., Rosemont, free, 847-825-4673.

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The two-story living room of this home boasts expansive views of the 1.6-acre, landscaped yard. Rooms are sizable and filled with natural light. The master bedroom and bath are located on the first level along with a library, kitchen, laundry, family room and guest quarters. The sunny lower level has three bedrooms, each with a bath and walk-in closet, a second full kitchen, exercise room, recreation room, game room, vault room and storage. Access the lower level stone patio through French doors. The home also boasts an attached, four-car heated garage and multilevel deck.
Agent: Cathleen Callen of Coldwell Banker Residential, 708-214-5516

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D219 exploring policy fixes for home-schooled prep athletes

Legal counsel looks at options after parent highlights inconsistencies

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Niles Township High Schools District 219 is examining its approach to home-schooled students who want to play sports after a parent asked officials to clarify their policy.

The District 219 administration will likely present a list of options to the Board of Education at an upcoming meeting, said district spokesman Jim Szczepaniak.

“Our legal counsel is going back and looking at existing Illinois High School Association rules and regulations to make sure the action we’re taking is in accordance with those regulations,” Szczepaniak said.

Bellamy Eshw, a Skokie parent of three home-schooled children, asked the board to clarify its policy after she said her kids were allowed to play soccer one year, not allowed the next year, invited to return mid-season the third year, allowed again at the start of the current school year and then barred again when the spring season started.

“I’m here to advocate for home-school athletes who are qualified to play,” Eshw told the board April 2. “If you can make a consistent ruling it would help with home schooling and the community to validate our presence.”

Eshw said an attorney representing the district contacted her to explain the district is reviewing policies, including rules used in two other schools in the Central Suburban League athletic conference, of which Niles North and Nile West high schools are members.

“Deerfield and Highland Park (high schools) have home-schoolers,” she said. “They’re going to follow up with those two and see how they incorporated home-schoolers, and see if they can write up something to accommodate us here.”

Eshw said at least two other District 219 families are also interested in their children playing sports in the district.

A parent says District 219 has been inconsistent in its approach to home-schooled athletes.

“If for some reason it would put the school district in jeopardy or confound the problem, I understand,” Eshw said. “We hope it works out that we can somehow find a way to give the kids a chance. It’s a team sport and it’s really hard to find a team.”

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School district 74 recognized as 'Distinguished District' by group

BY MEGANN HORSTEAD
Pioneer Press

For the second year in a row, Lincolnwood School District 74 and its STEM programming has garnered the recognition of Project Lead the Way, a nonprofit organization that, according to its website, "empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, portable skills by exploring real-world challenges."

The district is one of 22 recently lauded as a Distinguished District for the 2018-2019 recognition year. District officials said that once STEM was integrated into grades K-8, the district applied for the district-level recognition and was awarded in the 2018-2019 academic year.

"Lincolnwood School District 74 understood the importance of STEM in student learning, hence the addition of the course into the core curriculum," said David Russo, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the district.

"As STEM continues to gain an instructional footprint, I do believe the district has what it takes to sustain the STEM programming due to the steps taken to ensure it is not only an offering to students, but taught to students alongside math, science, reading, etc."

In an email, Vince Bertram, president and CEO of Project Lead the Way, said it was "a great honor to recognize Lincolnwood District 74 for its commitment to students."

"These are leaders in what school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career-ready and successful on any career path they choose," Bertram added.

District 74 officials said the district has taken steps over the years to increase access, engagements and achievements for students in STEM programming.

"STEM learning began in grades 6-8, and over the course of the last two years, has been integrated into all kindergarten-eighth grade classrooms," Russo said. "In addition to the addition of STEM into the core curriculum, Lincoln Hall Middle School now has three STEM labs — one for sixth grade, one for seventh grade, and one for eighth grade.

At the middle school, students take STEM class each day and extracurricular clubs and competitions such as VEX Robotics and Future Cities are offered to students."

Megann Horstead is a freelance reporter.

Uneven policy confuses parents and students

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District officials have been very cooperative in the process, she said.

"The school administration, especially the athletic director and varsity coach, have been very helpful," Eshw said. "I'm not angry. I'm disappointed, but not angry."

Eshw's oldest daughter, senior Nineveh Eshw, was recruited to play soccer at Trinity Christian College this fall. She was allowed to play varsity soccer at Niles North during her freshman year of homeschooling, her mother said.

"Her sophomore year she was escorted off the tryout field," Bellamy Eshw said. "She was told she could not participate because she was home-schooled."

During Nineveh's junior year, she was invited back on the team in the middle of its spring season, Bellamy Eshw said.

As a freshman this year, her son, Ashur Eshw, was allowed to play the fall season, she said.

However, Nineveh and her sister, sophomore Aturina, who both made the varsity team this year, were told on the day of the team's first game that they would not be allowed to play. Eshw said.

Phil Rockrohr is a freelance reporter.

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Chinese president responds to Niles North class

Mandarin students wrote letter to Xi, spoke to official

BY STEVE SADIN
Pioneer Press

Writing a letter to Chinese President Xi Jinping seemed like an ideal class project for Niles North High School students taking first-year Mandarin Chinese.

They didn't expect a response.

But not only did Xi respond to the Niles North students, but Zhao Jian, the counsel general of the People's Republic of China in Chicago, personally delivered the letter to a gathering of students enrolled in Chinese classes April 3 at Niles North in Skokie.

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Good times keep rolling for Instagram-friendly VW Bus

BY GUSTAVO ARELLANO
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — "You see? You see? You see?" Enrique Aragon shouts over the loud purr of his 1966 Volkswagen 21-Window Deluxe Bus as he gestures toward gawkers.

The 42-year-old electrician and member of the Volksstyle Car Club is cruising Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, Calif. A tow-truck driver mouths, "Beautiful car!" A middle-aged couple in Ohio State sweatshirts wave from a bar. Bearded hipsters offer the thumbs-up. Children flash the peace sign.

Aragon's '66 is a glimmering shrine to Southern California car culture. He spent three years and $45,000 to restore it from a shell with no wheels or seats to its current, show-room-ready state. It has a two-tone brown paint job that tapers into a V in the vehicle's flat front. A ragtop that rolls up like a carpet to reveal a sunroof. A windshield that pops open into two sides. Porsche hubcaps. Pleather interior. Chrome door still opens and shuts. "It's the most easily recognized van or commercial vehicle on the planet," says Brian Moody, executive editor for Autotrader.com. "Low operating cost, low purchase cost when Volkswagen made them. Globally, you can talk to a Brazilian who has great VW Bus memories. A Mexican, a European, an Indian. Not everyone had a Mustang convertible."

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Evanston grad Eastern a key force in Purdue's run

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

Nojel Eastern let his mind wander during the national championship game.

"The Purdue sophomore guard said he experienced a wide range of emotions while watching Virginia defeat Texas Tech to win its first men's basketball national title on April 8.

"It was crazy to watch the game," Eastern said. "We played hard against the national champion. We were seconds away from hopefully being in that game."

Perhaps only a few feet away, too.

Eastern, who was a four-year standout point guard at Evanston, was named a unanimous selection to the Big Ten All-Defensive Team by the conference's coaches. But in an Elite Eight showdown against Virginia, Eastern came ever so close to making a play that could have sent his Boilermakers to the Final Four.

With 5.9 seconds left, Virginia's Ty Jerome missed a free throw on purpose, and the ball ended up at the other end of the floor after a mad scramble for the rebound. Eastern, who was closest to recovering the ball for Purdue, but Virginia's Khei Clark retrieved it instead. Clark tossed a long pass to teammate Mamadi Diakite, who drilled a 12-foot jumper at the buzzer to force overtime.

The Cavaliers won 80-75 in overtime to end Purdue's quest for its first Final Four appearance since 1980.

"I've watched that play a few times," Eastern said. "It's crazy how that play happened and he made that shot. But we made some history for the school, something Coach (Matt) Painter hadn't done since he's been there. It was a really fun ride. Nobody expected us to be there, and we proved them wrong."

Evanston coach Mike Ellis said he attended two of Eastern's games this season — both wins. He called watching that final play a typical part of what makes basketball and the NCAA Tournament so captivating.

"One of the best things about being a high school head coach is watching those players talented and driven enough to play at the next level blossom," Ellis said. "Nojel took the next step in his game this year."

The 6-foot-6 Eastern was a big part of Purdue's success. He started 35 games and averaged 7.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.1 steals per game. Eastern relied on his size, strength and agility to become a defensive force. He blocked 12 shots and tallied 132 defensive rebounds.

Eastern said he took pride in becoming a defensive stopper for the Boilermakers, which allowed guard Carsen Edwards to concentrate more on the offensive side. Edwards made an NCAA Tournament record 10 3-pointers to finish with 42 points against Virginia.

"You never know what your game's going to be, so I just tried to do anything to help the team win," Eastern said. "I took a lot of pride in my job on defense. Defense wins championships."

Eastern said one of his fondest memories was the post-game locker-room scene following Purdue's win to advance to the Sweet 16. He also attended one of Evanston's playoff games this season and kept track of the Wildcats' run to the Class 4A state tournament. He texted his former teammates along the way.

Eastern said he's not sure about what his next step will be on the basketball court. He said he gained valuable insight watching Edwards handle the pressure of leading a team.

"Nojel learned so much this year," Ellis said. "He had a great season. He contributed beyond scoring the basketball and impacted both ends and the success of their season."

Bob Narang is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Nojel Eastern kept in touch with his former Evanston teammates this season as they made a run to the Class 4A title game.
BY GEORGE CASTLE  
Pioneer Press

Anyone walking around Northbrook in the 1970s, ‘80s or ‘90s was likely to bump into a Chicago Cub sooner or later.

Ryne Sandberg, Rick Sutcliffe, Don Kessinger and Paul Popovich were among the baseball players who lived in the village during and after their big-league careers.

But none of those players had as many local ties as Scott Sanderson. He was a two-time all-state pitcher at Glenbrook North and led the Spartans to the 1974 state championship. Later, he joined Sandberg and Sutcliffe as the only Cubs who played on both the 1984 and 1989 teams that reached the playoffs.

Sanderson was the first athlete who came up through local youth baseball ranks on his way to playing for the Cubs, and he later played for the White Sox. He remained a local resident and owned homes in Northbrook and Lake Forest.

Sanderson, who compiled a 163-143 record as a major league pitcher, died Thursday at age 62. The cause of Sanderson’s death was not revealed, but he had been diagnosed with throat cancer.

Members of the Northbrook community recalled Sanderson as an outstanding athlete and an admirable person.

“He was long, lean and mean (on the field),” said Harold “Sam” Samorian, the Spartans’ longtime football coach who also coached baseball. “I recall playing against him five or six times as a sophomore, and I remember he had an incredible curveball,” said Hersey graduate Ken Cocker, now a rock DJ. “I mean, it was really hard to follow, let alone hit, for a high school kid to have a breaker like that.”

Greg Beckway, who coached and taught at Glenbrook North, said Sanderson was “just smart and unflappable” as a pitcher.

“He never looked flustered,” Beckway added.

The 6-foot-5 Sanderson also was a talented basketball player. Cubs blogger Al Yellon attended Highland Park and thought Sanderson played well enough against his Giants that he could even reach the NBA.

Instead, Sanderson made his major-league debut with the Montreal Expos in 1978. In a memorable return to Chicago in 1982, Sanderson slugged an opposite-field grand slam off Cubs right-hander Randy Marz and drew a call of “Holy Cow!” from Cubs broadcaster Harry Caray.

Sanderson came home to the Cubs in December 1983 via a three-team trade. Back problems curtailed his workload in six seasons with the Cubs. He posted a 42-42 record.

“He never used it as an excuse,” said then-Cubs media relations director Bob Ibach. “I could see him wince at times, even from the press box when I had my binoculars on him.”

Sanderson also was involved in one of the most infamous losses in Cubs history. He started Game 4 of the 1984 NLCS, in which Steve Garvey went 4-for-5 with a double and a walk-off home run to extend the series and deny the Cubs a trip to the World Series.

Garvey’s homer came against Lee Smith, but Sanderson yielded a single and double to Garvey.

“I think back about that game all the time and the hitters I faced,” Sanderson said in 2004. “Physically, I couldn’t have done more than I tried to do. ... Regrets? No. The only way you can have regrets is if you feel you came up short on effort.”

Former Cubs players Gary Matthews always appreciated Sanderson’s approach to baseball and life.

“He was a great husband and great dad,” Matthews said. “His family always seemed to come first. He was a true, true competitor.”

George Castle is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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Ty Gavin, Notre Dame senior

Ty Gavin, a senior running back for the Notre Dame football team, won the December challenge. The Winona State recruit carried the ball 28 times for 144 yards and scored two touchdowns on Nov. 17 in a 28-21 loss to Cary-Grove in a Class 6A state semifinal. He ended up rushing for 1,421 yards and added 131 yards receiving. He also starred on defense, contributing 51 tackles and four interceptions. He finished with 26 touchdowns this season. "(Gavin) had three great years," Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey said.

COLLEGE NOTES

Ryan Clamage named All-American in final season at Rochester

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

Ryan Clamage closed out his college basketball career in memorable fashion.

The Lake Forest Academy graduate flourished in his senior season at Division III Rochester. Clamage, a 6-foot-5 guard, was named a Third-Team All-American by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He became the 11th player in program history to earn All-American honors.

The Lake Forest resident also earned numerous other prestigious honors. He claimed regional and conference awards and was named the University Athletic Association Player of the Year. He also was one of 20 players to play in the Reese's NABC Division III All-Star Game at the Division III Final Four in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Clamage, a co-captain for the Yellowjackets, set career highs in numerous categories this season, including points (16 per game) and rebounds (6.7). He was second in the UAA in total points and was in the top 10 in 13 other categories.

"It's an honor to receive this award," Clamage said of being named an All-American. "My teammates and coaches helped a lot with my development outside the season and during the season. They were encouraging and kept me humble."

Clamage said he's not sure whether he will continue playing basketball or not. He helped lead Rochester to a 21-6 record and a second-place finish in the UAA. He credited former Rochester guards Mack Montague and Sam Borst-Smith for helping him during his first two years.

"I'm weighing all my options right now," he said. "I haven't come to a decision about my future, whether it's playing professional basketball or finding a job."

Coseglia starring in softball: Hinsdale Central graduate Katy Coseglia had a memorable spring break.

The Knox College second baseman batted .477 with 23 RBIs and 24 runs scored.

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The Knox College softball team went 10-4 in the UAA this season, including a 7-3 victory over Whittier to claim its fourth consecutive conference championship.

Coseglia was named the Midwest Conference Position Player of the Week.

In the classroom. Rosenkranz also is among the very best academic team. The Barrington graduate finished with a 16-7 record and qualified for the NCAA Championships at 174 pounds.

Rosenkranz stars in indoor meet: Glencoe resident Tyler Rosenkranz was named as the recipient of the 2019 NCAA Elite 90 Award for men's indoor track and field.

Rosenkranz, an MIT senior and New Trier graduate, is the 15th MIT athlete to earn the NCAA Elite 90 Award, and he's the seventh recipient of the award in the men's track program.

The Elite 90 is given to an athlete who competes at a championship level and also is among the very best in the classroom. Rosenkranz has a perfect GPA as a computer science major at MIT, and he's a distance runner for the Engineers.

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