Such a huge impact
Maine South raises more than $54K for Dup15q Alliance.

Executive Director of Dup15Q Alliance, Vanessa Vogel-Farly, left, and the Burke Family, right, speak during the Maine South Spring Spirit Assembly that revealed the year long fundraiser total of $54,201.98, that will benefit Dup15Q Alliance and awareness of chromosome 15q11.2-q13.1 Duplication Syndrome, on May 3 in Park Ridge.

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Maine South fundraiser nets $54,200 for Dup15q Alliance

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

What 13-year-old Brendan Burke can't say with words he expresses in another way.

"He is starting to give hugs now, which is amazing," Brendan's mother, Ember, said. "He doesn't have many words at all, but the love he shows people means so much more than the words 'I love you.'"

Brendan, of Park Ridge, was born with a rare genetic disorder called chromosome 15q11.2-13.1 duplication syndrome, or Dup15q, his mother explained. The disorder has caused Brendan Dup15q Syndrome, his mother explained. The disorder has caused Brendan to experience cognitive disabilities, epileptic seizures and the inability to speak, among other challenges, Ember Burke said.

Though Dup15q may not be a household name in most places, it is well-known to the students of Maine South High School in Park Ridge. That's because the school community — which includes Brendan's older sisters Mikaela, a sophomore, and Alana, a freshman — has spent the last several months raising money for Dup15q Alliance, an organization that helps fund research and provides support to those diagnosed with Dup15q Syndrome.

On May 3, during the Maine South's Spring Spirit Assembly, the grand total of the year's fundraising efforts was revealed: Just over $54,200.

"I was just absolutely overwhelmed," said Ember Burke, who attended the assembly with Brendan and her husband, Mike. "I can't believe such a small community can make such a huge impact. It was very emotional."

This was Maine South's sixth annual school-wide fundraiser — and the fourth to benefit a disease or condition that is not widely diagnosed but has had an impact on current students in some way, school officials have said. Previous years' efforts have benefited Huntington's Disease Society of America, RettsSyndrome.org, and Cure SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy).

"I think the coolest part about the fundraiser is that it brings so much awareness to some of these syndromes that are less commonly known," said Maine South Principal Ben Collins. "For the rest of their lives, these high school students are going to have these causes in their minds."

Students nominate potential fundraiser recipients early in the school year, promote their cause and then vote online to select the organization they want to support, said Laura Kirshner, Maine South English teacher and sponsor of the school-wide fundraiser club. Then, it's off to raise as much money as possible.

"It seems like, in some ways, the promotion gets taken over by the community because so many are aware of the fundraiser," Kirshner said.

As in prior years, money was raised by student clubs, activities and families, she said. Some of the bigger events, Kirshner said, included a Super Bowl party that was organized by parents in Edison Park; a "Pizza Madness" night where guests paid to sample pizzas from local eateries; Hawkfest, a carnival-like event; a color run; and Mr. Hawk, Maine South's version of a male pageant.

Vanessa Vogel-Farley, executive director of the Highland Park-based Dup15q Alliance, said the money raised by Maine South will help support the organization's eight clinics, annual gatherings and conferences for families, and research of Dup15q syndrome, which includes grants to researchers and clinicians.

Vogel-Farley said there are about 2,000 families around the world who are associated with Dup15q Alliance due to a diagnosis, but the exact number of individuals who have the syndrome is not as clear.

"We are estimating 1 in 8,000 to 10,000 live births" have Dup15q syndrome, she said.

Despite his cognitive challenges and seizure disorder, Brendan Burke enjoys many of the things other kids his age do, his mother said.

"He likes trains, he likes cars, cooking, swimming and bowling," she said. "We've just really tried to expose him to so many things."

The family has also benefited from Dup15q Alliance's annual conference, which brings families who are raising a child with the syndrome together.

"I knew with Brendan, after we got his diagnosis, that it wasn't just about Brendan; it was about this community of people and families and other kids with this diagnosis," Ember Burke said.

Vogel-Farley said she hopes Maine South's focus on Dup15q syndrome this year will inspire future researchers.

"For such a large community, 2,500 people knowing the name of a rare genetic disorder is life-changing," Vogel-Farley said. "Hopefully someone in those bleacher seats will be inspired to study medicine and that will lead to developing a treatment or a cure."
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District 64 students gather for Special Olympics spring games

BY HEATHER CHERONE
Pioneer Press

Seven students from Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 competed May 5 in Special Olympics Illinois' Track and Field Spring Games, celebrating months of hard work on the track at Prospect High School.

The seven members of the District 64 team, from Emerson and Lincoln middle schools as well as Field and Roosevelt elementary schools, competed in the 50-meter dash and the 100-meter race, coach Jason Mata said.

A coach and physical education teacher at Field Elementary School, Mata said he didn't think twice about giving up a Sunday to help coach the students.

"There are seven really good reasons why," Mata said, wearing the team's rainbow T-shirt. "It is rewarding to see the kids' progress, especially the ones I taught in kindergarten and are now in middle school."

The team also practiced to compete in the softball throw contest, but that event was canceled, Mata said.

District 64 officials said its Special Olympics coaches work "not only to improve students' physical skills, but also teach the athletes about competition, sportsmanship and teamwork."

The seven District 64 Special Olympians were among approximately 1,000 students who competed Sunday at the Region B Spring Games from McHenry, Lake and Northern Cook counties for a gold medal and a chance to advance to the state games in June.

Amy Brown said her daughter Chloe, who attends Roosevelt Elementary School, had a wonderful experience being a part of the Special Olympics team for the first time this year.

"The support from the coaches has been great," Brown said.

At the urging of District 64 Board Member Larry Ryles, officials have focused on Special Olympics as a way to expand the opportunities offered to students with disabilities after parents in November 2017 began demanding changes to the way District 64 educates students.

In May, an audit by an outside consultant prompted by those concerns found that services offered to District 64 students enrolled in special education classes declined during the past two years.

Brown said she was disappointed that the District 64 team had only seven members, and no representatives of Franklin, Carpenter and Washington elementary schools.

"It would be nice if there were students from every school, and had a bigger team," Brown said. "It would be nice because it would give us more visibility."

Heather Cherone is a freelance reporter.
Anti-Semitic acts spur calls of ‘Never again’

Survivors, their families gather to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day

BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA
Pioneer Press

For the hundreds of Chicago-area Holocaust survivors and family members who gathered in Wilmette on May 5, the recent scourge of anti-Semitic violence and rhetoric underscores an urgent two-word message: Never forget.

“We said, ‘never again,’ but it seems to keep happening again and again,” Henry Jelen, president of Sheerit HaPleitah said, referring to escalating anti-Semitic rhetoric and recent hate crimes against the Jewish community, including the October 2018 mass shootings at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, and last month at a synagogue near San Diego.

“We're living in a time when anti-Semitism and hatred is on the rise ... the world seems to have forgotten,” said Jelen, who helped organize the Chicago area's annual Holocaust memorial observance.

The annual memorial service represents the largest gathering of Holocaust survivors in the Midwest, and is one of the leading events in the U.S.

As sponsored by Sheerit HaPleitah of Metropolitan Chicago, the umbrella organization for local Holocaust survivor groups, this year's event was a first for Wilmette's Congregation Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah, Jelen said.

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The event was moved from its traditional home in Skokie to accommodate a larger crowd due to this year's program also marking the 10th anniversary of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

The Skokie museum has served more than one million visitors since 2009, offering Holocaust education, exhibitions and public programming.

Leaders of the museum and Sheerit HaPleitah said they hoped to bring attention to the importance of remembering and recognizing Holocaust survivors, as well as stemming a rising tide of anti-Semitism.

Carrying on a tradition from years past, the service included a candle lighting ceremony honoring the 6 million Jews, including 1.5 million children, who were killed during the Holocaust.

Each of the candles was lit by a Holocaust survivor or their children and grandchildren, reflecting “the failure of the Nazis' ultimate goal of exterminating the Jewish people,” Jelen said.

This year's memorial service -- an event which has been held annually since the camps were liberated in 1945 -- also featured a visit from Fritzie Fritzshall.

A Buffalo Grove resident and president of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Fritzshall dedicated her message to the women of the Holocaust.

Born in 1929 in Czechoslovakia, Fritzshall said in the days at Auschwitz, Fritzshall realized, “she sold her bread for me... she was the one who told me what to do, and what not to do.”

At nightfall, Fritzshall would crawl into bed with her aunt, comforted by her words.

“She would say, ‘tomorrow will be better. Let’s just live through the night,’” Fritzshall said.

Decrying recent anti-Semitic rhetoric, Fritzshall urged that the lessons taught by the Holocaust not be forgotten.

“I have been their messenger for all these years,” Fritzshall said, describing the women in the camps who would hand over their daily crumb of bread so the teenager could survive.

“For survivors, anti-Semitism has followed us to this nice, free country, and its spouting up all over again,” she said, adding: “I've done all I can, and it's up to you now to remember and never forget.”
Niles North student working to create district Vietnam War memorial

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Eight graduates of Niles Township High Schools District 219 died in action during the Vietnam War. Niles North High School junior Marika Kalodimos told the Board of Education last month.

Kalodimos said she researched and verified all eight names and asked the board to approve the creation of a memorial to honor their sacrifices.

"I would like the board to consider graduates from 50 years ago who went to Vietnam and did not return home," she said. "Hopefully, we can understand the Vietnam War more completely as a result of the project.

Kalodimos volunteered to create a memorial and engrave the names on an 18-inch-by-24-inch granite marker. She asked the board to display it on school grounds.

"We study almost every other single war at Niles North and Niles West," she said. "I took interest from watching documentaries on PBS with my dad. I want this war and the people who have died in honor of it to be remembered like they should be."

Board member Rich Evonitz volunteered to help Kalodimos with the project. He and the rest of the board were moved by her request.

"It was a very impressive and detailed presentation," Evonitz said. "We were very appreciative to hear it. We're looking forward to helping her achieve it."

Kalodimos helped the board realize how important the issue is, Evonitz said. U.S. participation in the war was a source of controversy and protest during the 1960s and 1970s.

"It's an important thing to do," he said. "It's remarkable how incredible our students are. We want to help them when they bring things like this to us."

Evonitz said he reached out to Kalodimos to help her find a District 219 teacher to guide her through the process. He said they will need help to decide where a respectful and appropriate place for the memorial will be.

The process is only in its initial stages, Evonitz said. He and Kalodimos have not yet been able to schedule their first meeting, he said.

"There was testing going on in school," Evonitz said. "She has not been able to get with a sponsor."

Evonitz said her presentation before the board was educational. He was not aware District 219 had been so dramatically affected by the war, he said.

"I found her presentation deeply moving. It was comprehensive," he said. "The amount of research she did was remarkable. She brought an important issue before the board. I can tell you she has the support of the board moving forward on this project."

Phil Rockrohr is a freelance reporter.

Circuit court judge temporarily bars Westlake Hospital from closing

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Westlake Hospital can't close just yet — despite a state review board's decision this week to allow it to shut down.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Anna Loftus issued a temporary restraining order May 3 that she issued the temporary restraining order to give her time to decide whether she should stay the review board's decision. The hospital had planned to close at 4 p.m. Friday, according to the judge's order.

Another court hearing on the matter was scheduled for May 7.

Loftus said in her order May 3 came after the Village of Melrose Park asked the court to stay the review board's decision, alleging in a lawsuit filed earlier this week against the board that its decision was made in error and in violation of the board's own regulations. Pipeline, which is also named in that lawsuit, has argued that the board's ruling was valid.

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**POLICE REPORT**

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

**Morton Grove**

**THREATS**
- Bryant Miller, 31, of the 2700 block of West Harrison Street, Chicago, was charged with threatening a public official, driving without a license, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal transportation of alcohol on April 28 following a traffic stop at Dempster Street and Oleander Avenue, police said. According to police, Miller became argumentative when he was asked to perform field sobriety tests during the traffic stop and, after he was handcuffed and placed under arrest for driving without a license, he allegedly threatened to kill the officer. Police accused Miller of making multiple threats of bodily harm and death toward police officers, according to police reports. He also allegedly stuffed a blanket into a jail cell toilet, causing it to overflow; rubbed feces on the jail cell camera; and demanded to be taken to the hospital, but then refused to go when paramedics were contacted, police said. He was given a June 11 court date.

**BURGLARY**
- A business on the 7100 block of Dempster Street was reported burglarized on April 25 after an employee discovered a hole in the wall and an ATM machine open, police said. According to police, entry was gained through a vacant, adjoining store.

**THEFT**
- Two sump pumps were reported stolen from Menard's, 6301 W. Oakton St., on April 22, police said.
- Counterfeit bills were reportedly used to make purchases at Menard's, 6301 W. Oakton St. on April 23.

**THEFT**
- Korkis M. Youkhanna, 51, of the 8800 block of Lamon, Skokie, was charged with retail theft on April 26 after he allegedly placed items under his jacket and left Menard's, 6301 W. Oakton St., without paying for them, police said. Court information was not included.

**THEFT**
- Maria L. Membreno, 56, of the 2700 block of West Jerome Street, Chicago, was charged with retail theft, presenting a fugitive from justice after an incident at a department store in the 3300 block of Touhy Avenue.

**THEFT**
- Chanel Weatherspoon, 23, of the 7700 block of South Shore Drive, Chicago, was charged April 28 with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage after she was stopped in the 3900 block of Touhy Avenue.

**THEFT**
- Four tires and rims were reported stolen April 28 off a vehicle parked in the 7300 block of Tripp Avenue.

**Police: Church, business fell victim to electric bill scam**

**BY JENNIFER JOHNSON**

A Catholic church and a Niles company were the reported victims of a phone scam last week when police said they sent money to callers who claimed to be collecting unpaid utility bills.

According to Niles police, the callers, who identified themselves as representatives of ComEd, threatened to shut off electrical service to St. John Brebeuf Catholic Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., and a medical supply business on the 6200 block of Howard Street, if unpaid balances were not immediately paid.

An employee of St. John Brebeuf told police he made an online payment of approximately $3,000 to an address he was given after the parish was contacted on May 1 by two different men who said they were with ComEd's "disconnections department" and advised him to make an immediate deposit of $3,498 in order to avoid an electricity shut-off.

Money was withdrawn from a gas station ATM that same day and the employees were given instructions on how to transfer the money, police said.

When the company later contacted ComEd directly, it was learned that the power was not going to be disconnected and that the employees were victims of a scam, according to police.

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Niles mayor pens letter to Pritzker

Przybylo seeks help with improving road, pedestrian safety following fatalities

By Jennifer Johnson
Pioneer Press

Niles mayor Andrew Przybylo said he is calling on Gov. J.B. Pritzker for help in improving local pedestrian and road safety following a string of recent fatalities in the north suburb.

Przybylo told the Village Board last week that he would be sending a letter to the governor and four local state legislators seeking "assistance through the Illinois Department of Transportation to develop solutions for the issues of pedestrian safety along regional arterial roadways" that run through Niles, but are under state jurisdiction.

Przybylo suggested that if the state passes a capital bill this year, he would like to see funding used to help the village.

"There's a part of me that says this letter's going to get lost in the shuffle," Przybylo said during the April 23 board meeting. "But if God is looking down on Niles and at the accidents and the occurrences of injury and fatality, and shows any mercy and justice on this town, then the governor will pick this up. And hopefully in the next capital bill we will see some money so we can light our streets, create little safety islands in the middle of the street like they are doing in Chicago on Milwaukee Avenue, and a lot of other things that can help people crossing the streets."

The state roadways that run through Niles include Golf Road, Milwaukee Avenue, Dempster Street, Harlem Avenue and Touhy Avenue.

Since December, four pedestrians have died after being struck by vehicles in the village. Only one of the pedestrians was in a marked crosswalk. One of the fatalities involved an individual who was walking in the street in an area of Golf Road that does not have sidewalks.

"Our village finds itself at a critical moment where lives are being lost and solutions are seemingly out of our hands due to financial, logistical and jurisdictional constraints," Przybylo wrote in his letter to the governor.

On Tuesday, he said he had already sent the letter, but had not yet received a response.

Village Manager Steve Vinezeano indicated that each year, the village provides state legislators a list of potential improvements on state property around Niles.

"It's everything from sidewalks to pedestrian crossings, to better lighting," he said. "If they in fact do end up having a capital bill and figure out how to fund it, they could help us with that funding."

The village also continues to seek funding for the construction of sidewalks along Golf Road through the Regional Transportation Authority and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Vinezeano said. Recently, the village obtained federal funding for a "road diet" on Howard Street to reduce the number of vehicular lanes and widen bike lanes.

At the same time, the police department has been trying to educate pedestrians about taking precautions when crossing busy streets and warning those caught jaywalking.

Since 2014, there have been 10 pedestrian fatalities involving vehicles along the village's regional roads, Vinezeano said.

Przybylo suggested the state perform a "safety audit" or analysis of pedestrian-involved crashes and determine how they can be "stopped or mitigated."

"We make no assumptions that the state is going to help in this problem," he acknowledged. "Our village staff is looking at ways we can do something, but the jury is still out on that because these projects are very expensive. Even if we provide the solution and the recourse, there's no guarantee the controlling entity [DOT] would let us modify the roadways. So that's a big 'if.' "

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OPINION

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PAT LENHOFF

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The Green New Deal is dreaming. High-speed rail is unlikely to replace air travel.

RANDY BLASER

In what can only be considered a blow to the proposed Green New Deal, Amtrak is canceling the Hoosier State train from Chicago to Indianapolis at the end of June due to lack of state funding.

Indiana approved a budget last week that cut $3 million in funding for the route. Instead, it will pour $205 million into upgrades and expanded service on the South Shore Railroad, which services northwest Indiana and Chicago.

If we are going to go green as green can be, rail transportation is important. When you consider the Green New Deal, which some members of the Democratic Party say is the answer to impending environmental catastrophe due to climate change, a drastic reduction in public air travel and the expansion of high-speed rail is essential.

But the pending demise of the Hoosier State, which is scheduled to end June 30, shows just how hard it will be for trains to replace air travel.

The train runs between Chicago and Indianapolis four days a week. But ridership has dropped 18% from 2014 to 2018, from 33,930 riders to 27,876. At four days a week, 208 trips a year, that averages to just 134 passengers a trip.

A one-way, value ticket on this route costs $28. So when you do the math based on that ticket choice, Amtrak makes about $3,752 a trip.

Oh, and it takes five hours by rail from Chicago. From O’Hare, a flight gets to Indy in about one hour. If I drive, the trip is only four hours from my north Lake County home.

Is that any way to run a railroad?

I like train travel. I regularly took the train to Bloomington while in college. I enjoy the Chicago to Springfield run. I once went to New York via Amtrak, and another time to Boston, with a stop in Providence, R.I.

But those long-distance trips were awful, with constant delays as my passenger train was sidetracked for the freight lines that owned the track or actually paid their bills on time for use of the track. It wasn’t unusual to be four hours behind schedule.

Travel today is all about time and convenience, just two of the reasons why train travel will never be an answer in this country.

I can give you one example to prove train travel is a Green New Deal fantasy that will never come to fruition: Las Vegas.

One of the most popular places for Americans to visit is Las Vegas. If I felt like taking my nest egg and placing it on 22 on the roulette wheel (an astrologist told me that Thursday is my lucky day) there are about a dozen flights I could take from O’Hare to get to Las Vegas on time.

If I take the train, I can leave Chicago at about 3 p.m. Thursday and arrive in Vegas a little after noon on Friday.

Just imagine how many high-speed rail trains have to be built to bring all the gamblers — grandmas, high rollers and genius kids from MIT — to Vegas from points all over the United States? Can you imagine the trip from Miami to Vegas? It will never happen.

They say what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. If the New Green Deal ever happens, then nothing will stay in Vegas, because no one will ever go there.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist.
ADVICE

What does being a mother mean to you?

Jackie Pilossoph
Love Essentially

It's been 17 years, but I still vividly remember how I felt the first time I held my new born son in my arms.

My first thought might have been, "I can't believe I actually gave birth to an almost 11 pounder" but I also was instantly in love.

My new baby's chubby cheeks and angelic soul warmed my heart and gave me a joy I'd never experienced.

But I was also terrified. From the moment I saw him, I knew his life and well-being were completely dependent on me (And, unfortunately, my mother was only staying with us for a week.)

From day one, maternal worrying began. How was I going to learn how to change a diaper? How could I get the baby to stop crying? When will his umbilical cord fall off? And how the heck was I going to get back into my pre-pregnancy jeans?

Fast forward to today. I'm a mom of two teenagers and I wish I had the same worries I had back then. With the exception of the jeans thing, they were comparatively a piece of cake. Worrying goes hand in hand with motherhood, and can be exhausting and overwhelming at times. But the privilege of being a mom trumps all of that.

The gift of motherhood is by far the most special that God has given me. Being a mom means I have a mission: nurture, guide, teach, learn, enjoy and — of course — love my two children, deeply and for as long as I possibly can.

Most moms probably would say that their kids are not the only things in their lives. Moms have spouses, partners, sisters, brothers, parents, friends, jobs (hopefully) even hobbies. But, to the majority of us, the kids come first.

In honor of Mother's Day, I asked a few wonderful mothers I know, "What does being a mother mean to you and why?" Here are their responses.

• I have a connection to and love for another soul deeper than any connection or love I have ever had before.
• Being a mom means raising my kids to be self-sufficient and to have healthy relationships. It means always setting a good example and acknowledging when I fail. It also means putting their needs ahead of my own most of the time, but also realizing when we all are better off if my needs come first — and then trying not to feel guilty about that!
• I share with my kids nuggets of my life experiences in the hope that they will benefit from the information and that it will guide them. In the end, I realize I have to let go and hope their good judgment and the love we share helps them develop into honorable members of society.
• Being a mom is finding a source of love different from anyone else and combining it with all of your insight, life experiences, joys, hopes and dreams. It's then giving all of that to a child who is their own person and watching the magic of who that child actually is, combined with all that you've given to them, unfold into a unique individual that you get to love, cherish and enjoy the rest of your life.
• Being a mother is a unique love I never knew existed. I get to continue to grow as a human, facing each challenge put before us. Thankfully, life as I once knew it will never exist again. All my problems are cast aside as I guide her through life's obstacles with a positive and joyful attitude.

Happy Mother's Day!

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist for Chicago Tribune Media Group. She is also the creator of her divorce support website, Divorced Girl Smiling. Pilossoph lives in Chicago with her two children.
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Public notice is hereby given that on May 10, 2019, after the concurrence of Planning and Development Commission at the 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, Illinois, the City Council of the village of Evanston, Illinois, having determined that a public hearing shall be held at 1:00 p.m., on May 29, 2019, at the Evanston City Hall, 17 South Main Street, Evanston, Illinois, for purposes as described below.

The case file for this matter is under consideration for adoption by Niles Township High School District 112. The public hearing will be held at 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. Any person who is interested in the proposed sale of said property is invited to appear at the public hearing and present their views.

Any interested person or entity requiring information pertaining to the case should contact the Evanston City Clerk at (847) 482-6780.

NOTICERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Evanston Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing for the following Redevelopment Project Area, which have either been adopted by the Plan Commission or are under consideration for adoption:

Other TIF Districts

All persons interested in the above-described matters are invited to attend and be heard.

The above file is available for review. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Planning and Development at City Hall, 4514 Ridge Ave., Evanston, Illinois, and may be obtained by Interested Parties or by their representatives.

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

Clues Words
A. Choral composition 99 74 94 136 29
B. Hands over: 2 wds. 34 5 83 66 95 13 131
C. Steering role: 3 wds. 159 51 119 36 150 46 81 144 103 59
D. Skip it: 2 wds. 75 20 65 105 31 126 140 57 6 37
E. Scarce supply 102 17 56 79 139 63
F. Sabbath bread 149 70 28 161 114 143
G. Naked: 3 wds. 37 97 148 77 7 19 138 50 111
H. High-pitched 54 14 145 85 153 125
I. Be kind!: 3 wds. 120 26 129 62 92 55 80 67 21 43
J. Balanced: hyph. 124 61 78 141 44 152 88 110 3 96

K. I, myself or me: 2 wds. 151 60 100 113 123 115 91 33 68 48
L. Strongly opposed 82 134 2 112 12 106 118 93 39
M. Like skin or clothing 160 11 109 87 58
N. Indecisive: hyph. 69 127 107 23 90 154 47 8 35 122
O. Wearing away 64 89 76 41 116 22 130 49 4
P. Pleasure sailor 156 96 132 30 25 72 117 108 146
Q. Fathered 38 133 104 86 147.
R. San Francisco Bay city 158 52 84 18 40 128 142
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Riddle

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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1. Separated 56. End of description
2. Blow one's mind 60. Jibe
9. Cantina treats 61. Fuss
14. Tuck, for one 62. Spreads
15. Deface 65. Rises rapidly
16. Supra 66. Polish writer
17. Trunk 67. Rope fiber
18. Start of description of 68. Surrealist Max
40. 40 Across 69. Hollywood Hunter
19. Soap ingredient 70. Feisty
20. More of description
23. —Magon
25. Entertainer Zadora
26. Student's jottings
27. Grease
29. Seal-like
32. Opposition
34. Frog on a log?
40. Individual described, beginning at 18 Across
43. Leaflike
44. Manicurist's board
45. Flash
48. Ashtabula's lake
49. Wheel spokes
53. Tablet
55. Dutch painter Gerard

Down
1. Sternward
2. One with know-how
3. Fit to fly
4. Impetuous
5. Scout unit
6. Ethically neutral
7. Taper off
8. Pre-holiday time, to a rabbit
9. No-no
10. After roust or round
11. Napoleon's birthplace, to Napoleon
12. Ellipsoid
13. Foxy, to a wolf
14. Letters from Greece
22. Signed
23. Fastener
24. Southfork or Ponderosa
28. Chemical compound
30. Composition
31. Vocalized pauses
33. Impresario Hurok
35. Before, in poesy
36. Duration
37. Open condition
38. Bird's high spot
39. Laundry appliance
41. Spock's forte
42. Puppeteer Baird
43. Poise
45. Glemented
49. Stringency
50. City near Cleveland
51. U. Taylor, of music
52. Expanded, i.e.
54. Rubbish
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57. Sentry's command
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Dear Residents,

This year, as in years past, your tap water met all USEPA and Illinois EPA (IEPA) drinking water health standards. The Village diligently safeguards its water supply, and we are able to assure you that Harwood Heights has no violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act or other water quality standards in the year 2018. This report covers January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, and summarizes the quality of water that was provided last year, including where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. Much effort goes into ensuring that you and your family get an abundant supply of clean, fresh water from Lake Michigan. The Harwood Heights Water Department will be making some improvements in its distribution system in the near future and we hope this will add to the integrity of the system as a whole.

Addressing arsenic, asbestos, lead, and copper

If you live in older homes, particular attention must be paid to the waterlines and fixtures that may leach harmful substances into your water. The Harwood Heights Water Department monitors for lead, copper and asbestos, but it is the responsibility of the homeowner to take action to prevent lead in the household plumbing. If you live in an older home, you should contact a testing laboratory to determine if you have any problems with these contaminants.

Water conservation measures not only save the supply of our water source, but can also cut the cost of water treatment by saving energy. Here are some water conservation tips you can take:

- Fix leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.
- Install water-saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances.
- Wash only full loads of laundry.
- Don’t use the toilet for trash disposal.
- Don’t let the water run while shaving, washing, or brushing teeth.
- Run the dishwasher only when full.

Water Conservation Tips

At Home:

Outdoors:

- Water the lawn and gardens as often as possible.
- Choose plants that don’t need much water.
- Repair leaks in faucets and hoses.
- Use water from bucket to wash your car, and save the hose for rinsing.
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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Harwood Heights

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For the period January 1 to December 31, 2018

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the Harwood Heights Water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by Harwood Heights is Purchase Water. For more information on this report, contact: Brian Terzo, Water Commissioner @ (708) 867-7200

If your tap water is cloudy:

Water will clear from the bottom up as it warms. Refrigerating the water will minimize the taste and odors. The presence of dissolved oxygen in colder water causes this to happen. During the winter months, water may appear "cloudy" when drawn from the lake. The earthy, musty taste and odor of the drinking water is the result of compounds produced by blue-grass algae and other vegetation found in Lake Michigan. Taste and odors may be more noticeable when the lake water gets warmer. Refrigerating the water will minimize the taste and odors.

If your tap water has a strong chlorine smell:

Chlorine is used to kill harmful bacteria and is not harmful to humans. Chlorine is not expected to pose a risk of cancer or any other health effects from long-term exposure. It is, however, recommended that you shower and wash your hair immediately after using water treated with chlorine to avoid corrosion of your household plumbing systems.

The percentage of TOC removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA.

Definitions:

- Lead and Copper: Samples collected on 07/09/17

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to Minimum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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- Natural Contaminants
- Microbiological Contaminants
- Inorganic Contaminants
- Organic Contaminants
- Combined Radon (226/228) (pCi/L) Decay of natural and man-made radium.

- Fluoride: Removal of Fluoride from water supplies is recommended because of the potential for adverse health effects from chronic exposure to high levels of Fluoride. The USEPA has established a goal for Fluoride levels in drinking water. Effective FLUORIDE removal from water supplies is recommended because of the potential for adverse health effects from chronic exposure to high levels of Fluoride.

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Family secrets exposed in new play

Writers’ Theatre tackles challenging issues with ‘Next to Normal’

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
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The Goodmans appear to be a typical suburban family, but spend some time with them and you will discover that things are not what they seem.

They are coping with deep-down secrets that could destroy the family structure in “Next to Normal” by Brian Yorkey (book and lyrics) and Tom Kitt (music) at Writers Theatre in Glencoe May 8-June 16.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays and select performances at 3 p.m. Wednesdays and 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays.

This is director David Cromer’s first project since winning a Tony award for “The Band’s Visit.” Music direction is by Andra Velis Simon; choreography by Eamon Foley.

“I saw it on Broadway three times and I saw different actors play it,” Cromer said. “I was fascinated by how much it asks of everybody — it asks a lot of the actors; it asks a lot of the audience. It juggles crazily difficult things. It tackles this wild series of subjects. It’s such a crazy, unwieldy magic trick. I loved it but I never thought of directing it.”

That was until Cromer, who often directs at Writers Theatre, was talking with Artistic Director Michael Halberstam about the upcoming season. When Halberstam mentioned that he might schedule “Next to Normal,” “I jumped on it without thinking,” Cromer said. “Kind of an impulse buy.”

He described directing this piece as “a tightrope walk carrying a giant water balloon. I thought that was kind of exciting.”

The story revolves around Diana Goodman, the matriarch of the Goodman family, who is dealing with an illness and a deep secret. “When we meet her, she is so far away from the source of her problem that the problem is virtually unsolvable,” Cromer noted.

Keely Vasquez plays Diana Goodman.

“I think she’s warm and funny,” Vasquez said. “She tries so hard but is misunderstood. I quite like her, which is helpful with the gravity of the play.”

Because Diana is coping with bipolar disorder, the actor did a lot of research on the subject. “The sadness and also the beauty of the disease is that in the manic period, the person who’s suffering doesn’t feel like they’re suffering. They feel like they’re flying,” Vasquez explained. She added that even people without bipolar disorder create illusions and delusions in smaller ways “to help us cope.”

The actor reflected on the fact that people may empathize with the illnesses and problems that other people are dealing with but “They can’t feel what you’re feeling. That goes with any kind of loss or grief.”

Vasquez admitted that this musical is “not the feel-good piece of the year. But the thing that we’re finding at Writers in this production is there’s a lot of hope.”

Cromer said he hopes the audience will discover that the musical “honors everybody’s struggle to keep the family together; to be well. That’s often a private struggle for people so I hope they find something universal in that.”

“It seems strange to say,” Vasquez said, “but there’s a lot of joy in this piece. I’m looking forward to sharing that as well as all the difficulty that comes with this theme.”

Myrna Petlicki is a freelancer.

‘Next to Normal’

When: May 8-June 16
Where: Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe
Tickets: $50-$80
Information: 847-242-6000; www.writerstheatre.org

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Thursday, May 9

Naperville artist Maureen McKee featured in solo show: "Nature's Diversity," McKee's latest show, features landscapes and florals. Her artist reception is from 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 11, 1 p.m. Thursday, Addison Trail High School, 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison, free, 630-458-4500.

Alliance Française du North Shore Ciné Club: Join in for a French film with English subtitles: "Les Innocents aux mains sales." Post-film discussion is in French. 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library Multipurpose Room, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-858-1274.

Social Media for Business 101: Learn best practices to get the most out of social media activities for your business, focusing on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Pinterest. Registration and a Glenview library card are required. Participants must be 18 years or older. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

YMCA Preschool Art: The North Suburban YMCA Art Academy provides a monthly opportunity for preschoolers to explore and create art. Registration required. 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Flowering Spring Trees: A Painting Workshop: Artist-educator Christine Thornton teaches fun, easy watercolor techniques to paint beautiful flowering trees, just in time for spring. Beginners are welcome, with supplies provided. Class size is limited. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

The Modern Sounds of Swing: Brian Patti Orchestra performs a weekly show with tributes to Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, and other greats, like Frank Sinatra. Includes ballroom dancing music. 7 p.m. Thursday, The Veterans Club located in the White Eagle, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., #100, Niles, free, 630-832-9222.

Current Events Discussion Group: A wide-ranging, fast-moving discussion of current events and items in the news. Free parking and free coffee are available. There is no cost to check them out, but must be a member of the Senior Center to be a regular participant. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, free, 847-287-6247.

Road to a Cure: Michael Nishimura, Ph.D. from the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, gives a presentation on the latest research developments in CAR T-cell therapy for blood cancer patients. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Cancer Wellness Center, 215 Revere Drive, Northbrook, free, 847-424-0600.

The Power of Walking Meditation: The program consists of two 20-minute walking meditation practices with a 10-minute break in between, giving participants mindfulness tips to use at home. RSVP by calling or online at the website. 11:15 a.m. Thursday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techy Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

One-on-One Session with a Certified Financial Educator: Possible financial planning topics may include budgeting; asset protection; managing debt; emergency fund; college planning and funding; tax-sensitive investing; retirement strategies; long-term care; Medicare and Medicaid; estate and legacy planning; and more. RSVP by calling or online at the website. 7 p.m. Thursday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techy Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

Conquering the Americas: Collision and Convergence: The societies of the Americas emerge out of the collision, convergence, and complex mixture of Native Americans, Europeans and Africans. Beginning with the conquests of the 16th century, the major features are complete in and by about 1700. This exploration covers both dimensions of the early history of the Americas. 10 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member; $65 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Buying a Cellphone: If you are in the market for a new phone, you might find the choices overwhelming. Mike tells you the differences between Apple and Android, and AT&T, Verizon, and other carriers, as well as types of plans and models of phones. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member; $65 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Park Ridge Garden Club Meeting: The Park Ridge Garden Club hosts a hands-on container workshop at this meeting. Participants receive five 4-inch annuals and should bring potting materials. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Majia at the number shown here. All are welcome. 7 p.m.

Thursday, Centennial Activity Center - Park Ridge Park District, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, $25 charge for non-members, 847-825-2510.

"The Addams Family" Celebrating its five-year anniversary, The Performers School cultivates children ages 9-18 and produces professional, self-confident actors. This production is directed by Stacey Flaster, the musical is directed by Liz Faunteroy and choreographed by Robert Desson. For information, visit www.theperformersschool.com. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $18, 847-677-7761.

Howard Reich - The Art of Inventin: Chicago tribune columnist Howard Reich, a child of Survivors, looks back on his greatest opportunity as a writer and journalist; numerous conversations with the Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel. Reich appears in conversation with another child of Survivors, Regina Schlesinger; former WBBM News Radio 78 broadcast personality. Book signing to follow. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800.

Winnetka Congregational Church Spring Rummage Sale: This annual rummage sale is sponsored by the Winnetka Congregational Church Women's Society to raise funds for over 40 Chicagoland charities. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, free, 847-446-0537.

Friday, May 10

Planet Flippo Trio - Otherworldly Jazz: The trio performs vocal and instrumental contemporary jazz including originals and arrangements by pianist Dave Flippo. Their fifth CD, "Life on Mars," launched the ensemble into a collection of jazz arrangements by contemporary masters. 4 p.m. Friday, Mariano's Des Plaines, 10 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, free.

Lissie: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $26-$41, 847-492-8860.

Swantiques Pop-Up: Evanston's own Lora Swanson has meticulously curated a delightful collection of antique, vintage, and mid-century modern furniture, lighting, art, rugs, and interesting and unusual accessories. 11 a.m. Friday, Swantiques, 2016 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-951-8263.

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Saturday, May 11

9 to 5 The Musical: Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers navigating the corporate world of the late 1970s concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigwig they call their boss. Based on the 1980 hit movie starring Dolly Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, $16-$30, 847-604-0275.

Downtown Evanston Farmers Market: Sixty vendors sell fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, eggs and bakery items. 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free.

Victor Ing Reception, co-hosted by Evanston Made: Swantiques features a collection of watercolor paintings from artist Victor Ing, a graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a longtime North Shore resident. Ing’s daughter, Silwai Ing, hosts a reception at Swantiques’ Pop-Up, sharing stories of her father’s interesting life and education at Swantiques’ Pop-Up, sharing stories of her father’s interesting life and the story behind a collection of watercolor paintings. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, 701 Locust St., Wilmette, free.

Sunday, May 12

Studio 5 Sunday Film Festival - Lost in America: The pre-show commentary is by screenwriter Dana Olsen. Grab some popcorn, order a drink and enjoy a screening of “Lost in America” (1985). It stars Albert Brooks and is about a husband and wife who quit their jobs and cruise around the country in a Winnebago. 4 p.m. Sunday, Studio 5, 1934 Dempster St, Evanston, free, 847-526-6683.

Evanston History Center Mother’s Day House Walk: This year’s House Walk recognizes the many notable architects whose exceptional houses define the Lakeshore Historic District with five historically and architecturally significant houses. The Dawes House is also open to ticket holders from noon to 5 p.m. House Walk tickets may be purchased in advance by phone during regular business hours or by visiting the website. Advance ticket sales (online or by phone) available until 5 p.m. May 11. 1 p.m. Sunday, Evanston History Center, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston, $40-$45, 847-475-3410.

Music of the Baroque: Pulpit and Playhouse: Whether written for the chapel or crafted for the stage, Baroque music goes hand-in-hand with theater. Nicholas Kraemer leads Handel’s thrilling Dixit Dominus and Bach’s impassioned Cantata 131, “Of the depths / I call, Lord, to you.” Excerpts from Purcell’s Fairy Queen, a perfect marriage of poetry and dance, round out a night of musical drama. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, $39-$78, 312-551-1414.

Gangstagram: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $17-$27, 847-492-8860.

Monday, May 13

An Evening with Holocaust Survivor Agnes Schwartz: Holocaust survivor Agnes Schwartz shares her remarkable story. Copies of her memoir, “A Roll of the Dice,” are available for purchase. All are welcome. 7 p.m. Monday, Willow Creek North Shore, 2200 Shermer Road, Glenview, free.

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

Drugs That Can Affect Your Hearing: Erik LaChance, Doctor of Pharmacy, discusses ototoxicity — how some medications can harm your hearing. Held in the Lindon Lounge equipped with live captioning and a hearing loop, 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6079.

Music and Art: Primitivism: Primitivism was an early 20th century artistic movement that championed the values of primitive cultures as superior to those of the modern world. This is reflected in Paul Gauguin’s Tahitian paintings, Picasso’s study of Iberian and African sculpture, and in the folk art of Rousseau...
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Tuesday, May 14

LEGOr Club for Grades 1-2: Calling all builders, to join in for their monthly free build. Lego are provided; you bring the ideas. Registration required. 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Lifestyle Redesign for Seniors: Lifestyle Redesign is about staying engaged in meaningful activities and relationships in your home and community. Identify what is working for you and eliminate any activities or behavioral patterns that are holding you back. RSVP by calling or online at the website. 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

Rediscovering the World of the Celts: How did the ancient warrior clans that ravaged parts of Europe and threatened the Greeks and Romans become the gentle, welcoming cultures on the edges of Europe, celebrated for their music, poetry, arts and spirituality? It’s complicated, but new research in archaeology, linguistics and genetics has raised new questions, which are both challenging and exciting. 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member, $65 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Movie at Temple Beth Israel: Temple Beth Israel presents Movie Night featuring the film “Women's Balcony.” The film is in Hebrew with English subtitles. The community is welcome, and a discussion follows the film. 7 p.m. Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-0951.

Wednesday, May 15

10 People from Illinois Who Changed History: Luncheon is at noon, with the program at 1:15 p.m. Join Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., for this illustrated lecture commemorating 10 intriguing people from Illinois, including heads of state, newsmakers, inventors and others. Register online at Eventbrite. Noon Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, $25, 847-729-7500.

All Things Spanish: Short Story or Excerpt & Discussion: Both native and non-native Spanish speakers are invited to practice their language skills and expand their love of Spanish/Latino culture. Just drop in. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Ceramics Workshop: Glazed Coiled Basket: Create a coiled pot from clay, then, after your piece has been fired, use glazes to add color and texture. There are two weeks between session one and session two, to allow time for the clay to dry and then be fired. The pot has to be fired again after you glaze it, so another two weeks are needed before you pick up your finished project. All supplies are provided in class, and are included in registration fee. 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $29 member, $35 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meeting: An experienced demonstrator does demonstrations of fly tying, with members tying the same pattern using tools and materials provided by the club. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-923-3164.

Maine Township property tax appeal workshop: The Maine Township Assessor’s Office has scheduled a second free workshop to give residents information about how to appeal 2019 Property Tax Reassessments. (Assessments were scheduled to be mailed to residents by May 3). 6 p.m. Wednesday, Maine Township Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, free, 847-297-2510.

Grow Your Revenue: This presentation explains the difference between “Sales and Marketing” and equips small business owners with methods to identify and motivate their target market to buy from them. 6 p.m. Wednesday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-6930.

Have an event to submit? Go to www.ChicagoTribune.com/Calendars.
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Expensive degree and no guaranteed job

More students are considering options outside of 4-year college

Bosch Tool Corp. recently announced a scholarship for students looking to pursue certificates in trades like welding, HVAC, plumbing and carpentry.

Students are increasingly realistic when it comes to post-high school plans, said Matt Kirkpatrick, interim assistant principal for student learning at Oak Park River Forest High School. A recent internal survey at the school revealed “far more than 10 percent” of students weren’t sure if they would go on to college — a number that surprised administrators. And it wasn’t because of their grades, Kirkpatrick said.

“A lot of it had to do with the idea of (college) being a real investment, and being sure that investment was going to pay off,” he said.

The school has tried to further develop its curriculum to include a variety of classes to give students a sense of career possibilities. Like other Chicago-area high schools, OPRF offers courses with dual credit, so students can work toward college or certification programs. This can lead to quicker, well-paying jobs that could fund a more advanced degree, Kirkpatrick said.

Jurczak, who came to the United States at age 12 when his family moved from Poland, said he knew language and financial barriers meant a traditional four-year university immediately after high school graduation might not be his path. But he still wanted a career and to eventually further his education.

In the classes through his school’s Career Pathways curriculum, Jurczak gained skills that set him up for employment even before his graduation in 2013. During his junior year, he was an apprentice at a tool and dye company, and by his senior year, he was earning $13 an hour — a well-paying job compared with typical part-time gigs for students.

Jurczak now works as a product development specialist at a manufacturing company and will soon complete a certification in mold making, as well as his associate’s degree at Harper College. He said he will likely then finish his bachelor’s degree in business but wants to stay in the manufacturing sector. In the years since high school, he said he never had trouble finding a job and never had to take out a loan.

“Many (students) think in order to be successful and make a good living … you have to go to a university” right away, he said. “I know many people who go to a university and they don’t have a job, or they have to start at the bottom. I feel really secure.”

At Leyden High School District 212, the curriculum is designed to “respect all pathways,” said Frank Holtzhouse, director of careers and community outreach. That includes manufacturing courses like the ones Jurczak took, and several other fields, including construction, business, health science, early childhood and culinary skills.

Local employers provide input on the courses, so they best fit what is needed to get jobs, Holthouse said.

Jarrod Nagurka, advocacy and public affairs manager at the Virginia-based Association for Career and Technical Education, said there’s a growing need for workers in these skilled trades — jobs that require more than a high school diploma but not a bachelor’s degree. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows the top four fastest-growing occupations do not require a bachelor’s degree: solar panel installer, wind turbine technician, home health aide and personal care aide.

But often people don’t understand what that work entails or the pay it offers, Nagurka said.

“Sometimes people think of a dirty factory floor, and that’s really not what these programs are like anymore,” he said. “We’re talking about jobs that require serious skills and training … in today’s digital and tech world.”

A wind turbine technician, Nagurka points out, is a field that is predicted to grow by 96 percent by 2026, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data. And the median salary for those jobs in 2017 was nearly $54,000 a year, data shows.

“Four-year institutions are important and, for some students, will be very beneficial,” Nagurka said. “But it’s not the only option.”

Still, a path other than traditional college “is still sort of a hard sell” to parents and students, said Cindy Stover, executive director of the Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education. “There’s still a mindset that a four-year university is the way to go.”

And so many jobs go unfilled “because no one has the skills to do them,” in Illinois, she said, that includes many jobs in the construction trades.

The Village of Park Forest developed the South Suburban Trades Initiative in partnership with local community colleges as a way to build interest in the construction trades, while also fixing up foreclosed homes abandoned after the housing market crash, said David Tracy, village project manager.

“Work on the first home started in August, with much of it completed by students in building trades classes at Prairie State College and South Suburban College in South Holland. Tracy said that once the renovation is complete, this spring, the village will sell it and use the proceeds to fix more village-owned abandoned homes with the students.

Eugene Damiani, instructor at South Suburban College, said interest in the building trades slowed after the housing crash affected job prospects in those fields. Prior to 2008, the college had a waiting list for these hands-on classes.

“It’s starting to pick back up,” he said. “Everybody’s noticing you can make a livable wage doing construction.”

Keyanna White, 23, of Harvey, is a South Suburban student working on the home in Park Forest. She said she enrolled in the community college’s construction courses after earning a bachelor’s degree in communications that didn’t leave her with many job prospects.

White said she pursued college mostly to fulfill her family’s wishes, but when she couldn’t find a job in radio broadcasting, “I started asking myself, what exactly do I want to do? What will make me happy?”

As a kid whose love of playing in the dirt grew to a love of building things, White decided to pursue a certificate in construction and hopes to someday own her own business. She said she knows she can make a good living as a contractor, and doesn’t have to pay much to earn a construction trade certificate after “already growing broke for four years.”

“School isn’t for everyone, but it is highly pushed upon the youth,” she said. “I got the bachelor’s degree for my family to make them happy. Now I’m going to make me happy.”
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Lincolnwood approves removal of contaminated soil

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood officials expect a Waukegan company to complete removal of soil contaminated with arsenic from the village’s public works facilities in coming weeks.

The village board agreed last month to pay Stuckey Construction Company an extra $175,475 for removing 1,750 cubic yards of contaminated soil discovered during expansion of the public facilities yard and a nearby water tower site.

In March 2018, Lincolnwood hired Stuckey to expand the public works yard behind the Public Works Department offices, 7001 N. Lawrence Ave., for $1.5 million. As part of the project, the property surrounding the water tower was enclosed with a masonry wall.

The contamination was discovered by an environmental consultant for the company, said Nadim Badran, assistant to the public works director.

“Staff evaluated ways to minimize the amount of contaminated soil that required removal,” Badran said. “However, due to the strict regulations regarding contaminated soil and the limited scope of the project, the need to remove the soil remained present.”

Only a small area of the water tower property, which sits across Central Park Avenue from the public works offices, is contaminated and it’s limited to the soil, public works Director Andrew Letson said. The arsenic has not infiltrated the water system, he said.

In August, the board directed village employees to remove all of the contaminated soil and complete the project under its original design, which was intended to improve the aesthetics of the area by erecting masonry walls around both operations, he said. Aesthetic improvement is necessary because the village is using tax increment financing to fund the project.

Stuckey’s final cost estimate for removal of the soil included taking down a fence, site cleanup and the pouring of additional concrete, Badran said.

The public works yard is used for the storage of bulk materials, such as sand, stone and dirt, that are used in daily operations, Letson said.

“The expansion project provides us with additional needed space to accommodate our operations while also improving the aesthetics of the Northeast Industrial District by constructing a brick and concrete screen wall,” he said.

The land on which the arsenic was found was oil formerly owned and used by the Union Pacific Railroad as a rail line, Letson said.

“It is my understanding that the railroad would coat the wooden ties in arsenic to prevent the wood from rotting,” he said. “Unfortunately, this arsenic leached into the ground at this location.”

The water tower property, which Lincolnwood calls the “Standpipe” site, lies immediately north of the public works offices. The village uses a stretch of it that was paved during the expansion to store broken concrete, asphalt and dirt, Letson said.

Phil Rockrohr is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Soil contaminated with arsenic was found on the site of an expansion of public works facilities and a nearby water tower in Lincolnwood.
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Boys Gymnastics Notes

Glenbrook North, Niles West head to state meet

By Steve Sadin
Pioneer Press

Seniors on the Glenbrook North boys gymnastics team had known Cam Hardegree as a classmate and as an outstanding club gymnast.

But until this season, the Spartans never knew Hardegree as a teammate.

Hardegree decided he wanted to be part of the squad after witnessing the team's chemistry at preseason workouts. He was ready for a change from club gymnastics, and senior captain Casey Mutchnik soon realized this season could be one to remember.

"That's when I knew we could have something really special this year," Mutchnik said.

Spartans coach Ryan Dul knew about Hardegree's talent and knew him from their shared time on campus. Dul said he never pressured Hardegree to join the varsity gymnastics team, but the coach was sure happy when he did.

"It was awesome," Dul said.

Hardegree led Glenbrook North to a sectional championship with 157.65 team points last Thursday in Northbrook. He helped put the Spartans in position to contend for the state title Friday in Hoffman Estates.

"This year, I wanted to have a little more fun," Hardegree said. "I won't be doing gymnastics in college. I wanted to be a part of a team. You have your teammates cheering for you, and you cheer for them."

When Hardegree heads to Bradley University in the fall, he said he plans to concentrate on cheerleading. But for now, the focus is on his final gymnastics season.

At the sectional meet, Hardegree medaled in all six individual events and placed second in the all-around (54.05). He won the pommel horse (9.40) and finished second in the still rings (8.80) and the vault (9.40).

Sophomore Daniel Lavrentiev earned automatic bids to the state meet in the floor, pommel horse and parallel bars by placing in the top five at the Glenbrook North Sectional. He also earned at-large bids in the all-around, vault and high bar.

Mutchnik qualified for state with a third-place finish on rings and a fourth-place showing on pommel horse. He added at-large berths in the vault and parallel bars.

Anything but routine: Dul said all Spartan gymnasts added difficulty to their routines to increase their scoring potential for the postseason. That worked especially well for Lavrentiev, who had his best meet of the season, according to Dul.

"He's been working hard all year, and everything started coming together the last few weeks," Dul said. "He was just on fire. He had some family here who hadn't seen him perform this year. We may have to require them to come to state."

Lavrentiev added a stutz to his parallel bar routine. He said he started from a handstand, swung backward between the bars and returned to a handstand while doing a half-turn to face the opposite way.

"I'd never tried it before in competition," Lavrentiev said. "I was really on top of my performance."

Glenbrook North had the third-highest score among all teams at all sectionals. The five sectional champions will join three at-large qualifiers in the floor, rings and parallel bars.

"It's going to be a fun competition," Dul said. "We've been close with Libertyville and Niles West all year. It's going to be about making the hits."

Wolves are winners: Niles West is heading back to the state meet after a stellar showing at the Lyons Sectional last week.

The Wolves won four of the six individual events at Lyons and ran away with the team title with 159.05 points, the second-highest qualifying score in the state.

Fresh off dominating the Central Suburban League meet, sophomore Murun Jamiyankhuu won the floor (9.45), pommel horse (9.30) and all-around (54.40). Senior Jack Nguyen won the rings (9.50), and sophomore Brian Liao conquered the vault (9.45).

The Wolves won the 2016 state title and once again send a deep team to the state meet. Niles West gymnasts combined to qualify for 24 entries at the state meet.

Byrd, Bekannon rep Vikings: Niles West's Brian Lieo, seen here performing on the still rings last season, is headed to the state meet.

Senior gymnast Gavin Byrd was an automatic qualifier on the pommel horse (8.50) and the parallel bars (8.90). He also advanced as an at-large qualifier in the floor, rings and all-around.

Niles West senior Ryan Bekannon also advanced to the state meet as an at-large qualifier in the floor, parallel bars and high bar.

Titanic effort: Glenbrook South senior Dante Kelekio paced a contingent of four gymnasts who qualified for the state meet.

Kelekio qualified for an automatic berth in the floor and vault and added at-large berths in the rings and high bar. Joining him at state are fellow Titans Jose Joya (pommel horse), Matt Rubel (rings) and Forrest Eriksson (rings).
IHSA implementing background checks for officials

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Before Rick Yelton officiates a high school football, basketball, baseball or lacrosse contest, he delivers a message to the coaches.

"I remind them that the event they are about to witness is an extension of the classroom," said Yelton, a Park Ridge resident who has been officiating for 33 years. "That is important for every fan, student and administrator to realize. And parents should be confident that the pros who are on the field and the court (officiating) are no different than those (teaching) in the classroom."

That is why Yelton fully supports the IHSA's recent decision to begin conducting background checks as part of the registration process for officials. The IHSA board of directors made that decision at its April meeting, and the new policy will go into effect for the 2019-20 school year.

Sam Knox, assistant executive director for the IHSA, said that for many years, referees were simply asked on their IHSA application: "Have you been convicted of a felony, yes or no?"

In recent years, the IHSA has cross-referenced its list of referees with the Illinois State Police criminal database.

But in 2017, a former IHSA referee, who had worked basketball and baseball games near the Illinois-Missouri state line, was sentenced to three years in prison for failing to register as a child sex offender.

The incident, which made headlines, prompted then-state Rep. Dan Beiser, D-Alton, to introduce a bill requiring high school sports officials to undergo background checks.

The IHSA will partner with a company called Peopletrail to conduct the background checks, which will result in a slight increase in fees officials must pay in order to obtain or renew a license. An official used to pay $50 to obtain a license in his or her first sport, and then $15 for each additional sport. Now, the fees will be $70 for the first sport, $20 for the second sport, and $15 for each additional sport.

It marks the first licensing fee increase since 2014, and the first change in the secondary fee since 1998. The licensing fees also cover the officials' enrollment in Arbitersports, a digital system used for scheduling and paying referees.

Knox said covering the fees for all 12,000 referees was not in the organization's budget.

"To have that extra step of security is something our schools will be grateful for, knowing the official coming to work those games deserves to be there," said Knox, assistant executive director for the IHSA.

IHSA umpire Marty O'Leary takes off his mask during a softball game between Morton and Addison Trail on Saturday.

IHSA umpires Bob Ferguson, left, and Marty O'Leary chat between innings of a softball game Saturday. O'Leary said umpires and other IHSA officials get involved for "many of the same reasons people coach."

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IHSA umpire Marty O'Leary takes off his mask during a softball game between Morton and Addison Trail on Saturday.

IHSA实施背景检查政策

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

在里克·耶尔顿（Rick Yelton）执法高中足球、篮球、棒球或曲棍球比赛之前，他向教练们传递了一条信息。

"我提醒他们，他们即将见证的比赛是课堂的延伸，"他说，"这对每一位观众、学生和行政人员来说都很重要。家长应该有信心，这些专业的裁判员和教师一样，没有不同。

这就是为什么耶尔顿完全支持IHSA最近做出的决定，开始进行背景检查作为注册过程的一部分。IHSA董事会在四月的会议上做出了这一决定，并且新的政策将在2019-20学年开始实施。

西姆·科克斯（Sam Knox）是IHSA的助理执行董事，他说，在很多年里，裁判员只在IHSA申请表上被问到："你是否曾因犯罪而被定罪，是或否？"

但在2017年，一位前IHSA裁判员，他曾在伊利诺伊州和密苏里州之间的赛场上工作过，被判处三年监禁，理由是未能注册成为性侵犯。

这一事件在新闻界引起了轰动，促使当时州议员丹·比塞（Dan Beiser）代表阿尔顿（Alton），提出了一项法案，要求高中体育官员接受背景审查。

IHSA将与一家名为PeopleTrail的公司合作，对其进行背景检查，费用也有所增加。一位官员过去支付50美元来获取他在第一项运动的资格，然后每增加一项运动支付15美元。现在，费用将变为70美元用于第一项运动，20美元用于第二项运动，以及每增加一项运动再支付15美元。

这标志着自2014年以来的首次费用增加，也是自1998年以来的第一次费用调整。这些费用还包括Arbitersports的注册费用，这是一个数字系统，用于安排和支付裁判员。

科克斯说，覆盖这些费用对12000名裁判员来说不在预算之内。

"为了额外的安全措施，学校会很感激，知道前来工作的裁判员值得信赖。

— 西姆·科克斯，IHSA助理执行董事
Sorenson helps Miami of Ohio prep for transition season

By Bob Narang
Pioneer Press

Miami of Ohio football coach Chuck Martin has a clear strategy that involves mining the Chicago area for talented players.

Every year, the RedHawks have plenty of players from Chicago and its suburbs. One such player who made an impact last season was Stevenson graduate Jack Sorenson.

Martin originally recruited Sorenson as an athlete. Sorenson played wide receiver and quarterback as a Patriot and eventually settled into a role as a RedHawks receiver.

Sorenson made a big impact as a redshirt sophomore by catching 53 passes for 742 yards and two touchdowns to earn Third Team All-Mid-American Conference honors.

Sorenson wasn't the only All-MAC receiver from the Chicago area. Barrington graduate Scott Miller earned second-team honors with Bowling Green before being drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The RedHawks lost three-year starting quarterback Gus Ragland and didn't have a quarterback on their spring roster with any collegiate experience.

"But Martin is confident Sorenson's experience will be a plus for the new starting quarterback, whoever that turns out to be," Martin said. "I'm just cracking the surface as a college receiver, as I am still so new to this position," he said. "The other offensive coaches do such a good job of pushing me and making sure I don't become complacent."

Rest of the RedHawks:
Libertyville graduate Ben Kimpler, a redshirt junior defensive end, is rising up the depth chart following an impressive spring at Miami.

Kimpler is slated to be a key contributor on the line after the RedHawks graduated their most experienced players. He started nine games last season and collected 37 tackles.

"We expect Ben to be a solid player and a difference-maker," Martin said. "He's still growing and getting stronger. We expect big things from him."

Travion Banks, an Evanston graduate who will be a senior defensive back, started seven games last season. Redshirt sophomore defensive lineman Josh Maize, who was the 2016 Pioneer Press Defensive Player of the Year with Deerfield, is another player slated to receive more reps, Martin said.

The other local RedHawks include redshirt sophomore kicker Jacob Swartz (Highland Park) and redshirt freshman defensive back Chris Cavalaris (Lake Forest).

Martens earns honor:
Glenbrook North graduate Danny Martens was named a Division III First-Team All-American for the second men's volleyball season in a row.

The Milwaukee School of Engineering junior libero was the defensive leader for a team that finished 21-8. Martens tallied 341 digs, which broke his own single-season program record, in 111 sets.

For his career, Martens already holds the program record with 882 digs. Joining Martens on the Raiders roster are sophomore outside hitter Griffin Dunn (Niles North) and junior middle blocker Spencer Mueller (Carmel).

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

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Stevenson graduate Jack Sorenson was an All-MAC receiver for Miami of Ohio in the fall. He will be among the most experienced RedHawks next season.
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