A beloved student
Notre Dame awards posthumous diploma to Andrew Berghoff. Page 20

Paul and Lisa Berghoff recently arranged graduation items at their son Andrew Berghoff’s grave site at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Andrew Berghoff was awarded a posthumous diploma at Notre Dame’s graduation ceremony on May 25.

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Playwright Katori Hall’s new production tries to imagine what was on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s mind the night before he was assassinated. Page B11

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Local prospect Alex Turcotte could go to Blackhawks in NHL draft. Page 21
SHOUT OUT

Ben Kalom, retired airline pilot, award winner

Ben Kalom, a 34-year commercial airline pilot, was the recent recipient of the Pilot Assistance Award from the International Airline Pilots Association. The Park Ridge resident, who retired last month after a 30-year career with United Airlines, was recognized for his leadership work in health and wellness programs that are available to United pilots. Among these is the Support Outreach Assistance Resources program, a peer support service for pilots dealing with stressful work or personal situations.

Q: What did you do before becoming a pilot?
A: My family is all from the healthcare field. I started out in hospital laboratory science. I started out in hospital laboratory science. I did get it and I started doing what a lot of people do: I acquired additional certificates and ratings. I stayed in the Chicago area in the 1980s and finally had enough hours in 1985 to get my first job with a regional airline.

Q: What does the Support Outreach Assistance Resources program do for pilots?
A: These are very dedicated individuals who are willing to give up their time and pay attention to questions that go beyond medical certification (like), how do I deal with the balance of family and a career that takes me away from home three, four, five, six days in a row on a routine basis? How do I balance the thoughts in my mind that involve work and the thoughts that are of my family? What do I do with assignments that are dangerous or difficult?.... Here, you don't want to talk to someone who has zero knowledge of what you're going through. You want to talk to another pilot because they have compatibility and can develop a rapport with you. We call it peer support.

Q: Many in Park Ridge complain of airplane noise. How do you, as a pilot, who works out of O'Hare, perceive it?
A: We actually live under one of the old flight paths. You might say it would get loud sometimes, but it wouldn't bother me as much because of course I like airplanes and I don't have too much difficulty with airplane noise. But I do understand my neighbors and their concerns. For them, it was a burden and it was one of those things where the airport and the (O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission) have worked together to try to resolve it. (Today) take-offs have been altered for the purpose of being neighbor friendly. We're taking off for additional quietness. And I believe it's working.

— Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press

TASTE VOLUNTEERS “MAKE IT HAPPEN” AGAIN

The Taste of Park Ridge runs on “high octane volunteerism”, for which the Park Ridge community has long been heralded. While many area suburban residents embrace the notion of community service, Park Ridgians truly shine in an environment of giving and helping.

Like most Park Ridge community organization members (there are too many worthy ones to mention here), Taste of Park Ridge committee members revel in not only contributing to a celebratory event, but just as importantly, the camaraderie that develops from working harmoniously to achieve a common goal. This fellowship, fostered by an unselfish desire to assist, defines volunteerism, and those who experience it, almost magically recognize a kindred camaraderie that develops from working harmoniously to achieve a common goal. This fellowship, fostered by an unselfish desire to assist, defines volunteerism, and those who experience it, almost magically recognize a kindred spirit upon meeting one. This clear sense of working together to produce a joyful celebration, is primarily responsible for the Taste. Taste volunteers come from all walks of life; from service clubs like Park Ridge Kiwanis and Rotary, to city workers, Park District employees, community groups, residents, merchants, and more. Undeniably, the Taste could not function without them, and the TOPR team is humbly grateful.

The Taste still mourns the loss of our two amazing founding members, Dean T. Patras, and John Wannimont, whose volunteer efforts are legendary. Their legacies are proudly continued by Dean’s sons Dean and Andy, and John’s son Steve, all of whom contributed mightily to this signature event.

Taste Committee Chairman Mel Thillens, along with Taste Volunteer Coordinator Fred Sanchez, are particularly pleased with this year’s Community groups’ response to their annual ticket sales volunteer requests. “We have enjoyed another record volunteer enrollment for 2019, which speaks to the importance of the Taste to our community,” declares Thillens. Taste President and co-founder Dave Iglow adds that “It’s truly gratifying to have sponsors tell us how pleased they are to be connected with such a good time, blockbuster event.” He contends that “It must really be good business to support the Taste.” Recently added to the impressive Taste Sponsorship Roster, are Country Financial, Holt’s Park Ridge, Klein Team, Leaf Guard Vistors, Lynette’s School of Dance, Mrig Construction, School of Rock-Park Ridge, Sprout Pediatric Dentistry, and Viking Gymnastics and Dance. The Taste committee is thrilled to have them!

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Start of season draws big crowds to Uptown

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A new season of Park Ridge car shows debuted last week, drawing crowds of car enthusiasts to Uptown.

Close to 200 antique, unique and muscle cars were displayed during the first Cruisin' Park Ridge of 2019 on June 7, said organizer Marko Ratic.

"It was one of our busiest shows," Ratic acknowledged, suggesting that good weather and the event's growing popularity helped to draw a large number of participants.

Hosted by the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Cruisin' Park Ridge debuted in September 2011. What began as a small show to promote an initiative encouraging Uptown businesses to stay open longer on Fridays has grown to feature live bands, beer and wine sales, and children's entertainment — in addition to the cars on display.

"It started out small, but over the years it got more popular as the community rallied behind it and now we have a successful show because of that," Ratic said.

Additional Cruisin' Park Ridge nights are planned for July 5, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6. Each show will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. in the city's Central Parking Lot at 20 S. Prospect Ave. and along Summit Avenue between Prospect and Touhy.

Anyone interested in exhibiting a car can register at by visiting www.parkridgechamber.org/calendar or by contacting the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce at 847-825-3121.

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Pioneer Press reporters Cullotta, Kukulka among award winners

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Pioneer Press reporters were recently honored with awards from the Chicago Headline Club and Illinois Press Association for stories that included features on local residents, watchdog coverage of government and investigations that explored the rates of cancer among firefighters.

Work produced by the Pioneer Press was awarded two Lisagor Awards from the Chicago Headline Club and 10 Illinois Press Association awards, including the Will Loomis Memorial Trophy.

Categories in which reporters were honored included in-depth reporting, community service reporting, news reporting, localization of a national story, government beat reporting, obituary writing and personality profiles.

Pioneer Press Editor Georgia Garvey said the group is pleased and proud that so many of its 2018 stories resonated with readers and journalism groups.

"The Pioneer Press staff comprise a hardworking and talented group of reporters, editorial assistants, digital experts and editors who produce quality journalism every day," Garvey said in a statement. "These awards honored some of the most high-profile pieces we did last year, but all of our reporters and editors deserve recognition …"

-Pioneer Press Editor Georgia Garvey

Hinsdale High School District 86 and its ongoing referendum efforts.

"The access, depth, and breadth of coverage, specifically of a referendum proposal but also across a wide variety of topics, is exemplary," the judge wrote. "Well-written and presented."

Reporters Karen Ann Cullotta and Alexandra Kukulka both won Lisagor and IPA awards. Cullotta was awarded a Lisagor for best in-depth reporting for her series "Firefighters and Cancer" that explores the still-unclear link between firefighting and cancer unfolding across Illinois and the rest of the country.

Kukulka was awarded best reporting in a community newspaper for her investigative story on village credit card use among Glenview officials. Using thousands of village records, her story explored how officials tracked their purchases.

Cullotta and photographer Stacey Wescott also won first-place IPA awards for community service and news reporting in a series. "This series is absolutely stunning!" an IPA judge wrote of their work. "The reporting is first-rate and certainly shows the human impact of cancer. It also does an outstanding job of showing the intersection of firefighter culture, public policy concerns, and tough financial realities. I'm sharing the link with my firefighter friends. This series is what journalism is all about."

Kukulka also won an IPA award for her credit card story along with a first-place award for a localized national story that examined how regular school shooting threats can cause anxiety among students.

In the large non-daily newspaper category, Pioneer Press Media Group won the Illinois Press Association's Will Loomis Memorial Trophy for the group's outstanding overall performance in this year's awards.

Rick Kambic took second place for government beat reporting for his coverage of the Mundelein Fire Department. Kambic also won a first-place award in obituary writing for an article that told the story of a Libertyville homeless man who died months after moving into an apartment of his own.

Karen Berkowitz's personality profile of a Northbrook woman and breast cancer survivor who used new tattoos as an expression of personal empowerment won a first-place award for feature writing.

Garvey said the group is grateful for the awards.

"Our thanks go out to those who worked on the award-winning pieces, as well as the judges who recognized them in the Lisagors and Illinois Press Association awards," she said.

Phil Rockrohr is a freelance reporter.
Farmers' market kicks off for the year

Vendors will convene outdoors on Saturdays through Oct. 19

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Organizers of the Morton Grove Farmers' Market said they were surprised and pleased at the attendance June 8 for the market's opening day, which drew an estimated 600 to 800 people.

"It's amazing, the response has been excellent from the community," said Rich Block, market manager and a Morton Grove resident for 44 years.

Nearly 20 vendors, a few of them new additions, lined the midway at the market, which is held at the Morton Grove Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St. Opening ceremonies, which took place at 10 a.m., included a color guard presentation by Morton Grove Boy Scouts.

"It's our civic duty to our community to help out," said Al Zara, of Morton Grove, scoutmaster for Troop 228 of Morton Grove.

Blue skies and balmy temperatures greeted attendees to the market, which featured produce, perennial flowers and topiary plants, among other offerings.

Business was "pretty good," said vendor Hannah Jessup of Lyons Fruit Farm and Farm Market of South Haven, Michigan.

"Right now, we've got our strawberries, asparagus tomatoes that just came out of our greenhouse and rhubarb," Jessup said.

Noshing on blackberries was Colin Schuster, 2, of Morton Grove.

"He does like them," said Colin's mother, Nicole Schuster.

Lena Strubhart, 2, of Morton Grove danced to live music in the company of her mother, Kendra Strubhart.

Lena's mother said they were making memories and having "so much fun." Kendra Strubhart said the family was thankful to organizers for making the event possible.

"Nice job," she said.

The Saturday outdoor market season runs through Oct. 19, with the indoor Winter Market on Dec. 7.

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for the Pioneer Press.
More suits alleging sex assault filed against ex-gynecologist

Say NorthShore failed to warn of accusations against Ortega

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Four additional women have filed lawsuits against NorthShore University HealthSystem and a former obstetrician/gynecologist there, alleging the system failed to warn them that the doctor had been accused of sexual abuse.

The new lawsuits — filed by four women and the husbands of two of them — accuse Dr. Fabio Ortega, 72, of sexually assaulting them and follow two other lawsuits filed earlier this year against Ortega.

The women in the earlier lawsuits alleged that Ortega sexually assaulted them. One of those lawsuits has since been dismissed.

All the lawsuits were filed anonymously in Cook County Circuit Court, with the plaintiffs named as “Jane Does.” The new lawsuits also list NorthShore Medical Group as a defendant.

Attempts to reach Ortega and his attorney for comment were not successful.

NorthShore spokeswoman Julie Sznewajs noted in a statement June 3 that Ortega no longer works for the system and said NorthShore couldn’t comment on the allegations because “this remains an active legal matter.”

“We take these accusations very seriously,” she said in the statement. “We find any professional misconduct of this nature to be deeply disturbing and not reflective of the high standards of care we stand for and that our patients expect from us.” She declined to comment on the circumstances of Ortega’s departure from NorthShore.

The new lawsuits allege that NorthShore “allowed Ortega to voluntarily, and quietly, retire.”

Ortega was arrested in September by Skokie police and charged with one count of criminal sexual assault in the case of a woman who alleged she was assaulted in 2017. Ortega pleaded not guilty to the criminal sexual assault charge, and that case is still in discovery, said Ortega’s attorney in the matter, Douglas Wexler. That woman also filed a civil lawsuit against Ortega earlier this year, but that lawsuit has since been dismissed.

Ortega’s medical license was also suspended in September for “engaging in sexual misconduct with patient of his practice,” according to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. That suspension was tied to the same alleged 2017 incident, according to the woman’s now-dismissed lawsuit.

At least three of the women in the new lawsuits came forward after seeing news reports of Ortega’s arrest and the earlier accusations, according to their lawsuits. All four new lawsuits were filed for the women by the same attorney, Tamara Holder.

In one of the four new lawsuits, filed June 3, a 35-year-old Chicago woman alleges that when she visited Ortega in 2013 at NorthShore’s Lincolnwood clinic to see if she had suffered a miscarriage, he asked her “deeply personal questions.” She was so upset with his behavior, she refused to be seen by him for future appointments, the lawsuit alleges.

But shortly after she delivered a child in 2016 at Evanston Hospital, Ortega was the doctor on call and he touched her without medical need, sexually assaulting her, before she was discharged, the lawsuit alleges.

In another lawsuit filed June 3, a 40-year-old Chicago resident alleges that when she visited NorthShore’s Lincolnwood clinic in 2016, concerned that she was going through early menopause, Ortega sexually assaulted her.

A third woman, a 42-year-old Evanston resident, also alleges Ortega sexually assaulted her during a 2014 exam at the Lincolnwood clinic, in another lawsuit filed June 3.

And in a lawsuit, a 34-year-old Skokie woman alleges that Ortega sexually assaulted her at Evanston Hospital, touching her unnecessarily after she gave birth to her third child in August 2017. The alleged incident occurred just days after Skokie police had questioned him about allegations of sexually assaulting a different patient, according to the lawsuit.

All four new lawsuits allege that NorthShore failed to warn patients about Ortega and protect them from him.

“Year after year, NorthShore dismissed and covered-up complaints about Ortega, allowed him to continue work with unfettered access to its female patients, and then billed them for his abuses masked as medically necessary care,” the lawsuits allege.

In their lawsuits, the women accuse Ortega and NorthShore of negligence and battery, among other things. They are each seeking more than $50,000.
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Niles

LEAVING THE SCENE
Jusuf Opardija, 53, of the 7500 block of Waukegan Road, Niles, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and driving with a suspended or revoked license on June 1 following a crash at Howard Street and Waukegan Road, police said. According to police, Opardija's car was found parked on the 7500 block of Neva Avenue and officers later made contact with him. He was given a July 15 court date.

THEFT
Araceli Hernandez, 41, of the 700 block of Piper Lane, Prospect Heights, was charged with retail theft on June 1 after police said she stole $901 worth of merchandise from Kohl's, Golf Mill. She was given a June 28 court date.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
A 12-year-old Skokie boy was ticketed for unlawful use of a camera on June 5 after a parent told police he saw the boy place a cellphone under the partition between restroom stalls where his son was changing at the Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive. The boy was released to his father, police said.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
A 59-year-old Chicago man who was arrested three times for trespassing at Niles restaurants between May 24 and May 28 was ticketed for disorderly conduct and criminal trespass on June 6 after officers were called to investigate a complaint at Dunkin' Donuts, 7039 W. Dempster St., police said. According to police, the man was accused of swearing at store employees and customers and was refusing to leave the establishment. Police said the man had been told on a previous occasion that he was not to return to the store due to past incidents.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION
A 55-year-old Chicago man was ticketed for public intoxication on June 4 after police responded to a call of a person on the ground at Dempster Street and Oketo Avenue shortly before 9:30 p.m. The man told police he fell in a driveway. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

A 53-year-old Niles man was ticketed for public intoxication and taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge after he reportedly approached a police officer on the night of June 6 while riding a bicycle and said he was "completely bombed" and in need of an ambulance.

THEFT
Two iPhones valued at $1,150 were reported stolen June 3 from Target, 6150 W. Touhy Ave., police said.

An unknown man allegedly stole two vacuum cleaners valued at $771.73 from Target, 6150 W Touhy Ave., on June 5. The following day, the store reported that two additional vacuums had been stolen on May 15.

A tire and rim, valued at about $500, were reported stolen June 6 from a car parked on the 8800 block of Prospect Avenue.

Surveillance video of the lobby at Fountain View Condominiums, 6980 W. Touhy Ave., showed a woman using a key to open a column of residential mailboxes and remove various pieces of mail on June 6, police said.

Lincolnwood

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
A 2017 white Jeep Cherokee was reported stolen May 25 from the driveway outside a home on the 6600 block of Navajo Avenue, police said. The Jeep was valued at more than $10,000.

A 2004 Ford Explorer was reported stolen June 3 from a back lot of dealership on the 6900 block of McCormick Boulevard police said. Dealership officials said the Explorer could have been stolen any time from April 6 as it was not part of the "floor check" that occurs every 10 days. The value of the car was estimated to be less than $10,000.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE
Ronald L. Watkins, 54, of the 3300 block of N. Kildare Avenue, Chicago was charged June 5 with criminal damage to property after he used his vehicle key to scratch the front-side fender of a car parked in a lot on the 6400 block of Cicero Avenue, police said. Watkins was released on bond with no further information available. Damage was estimated to be more than $300.
Oakton president: Graduates a ‘collective story’ of success

BY STEVE SADIN
Pioneer Press

Recent graduates of Oakton Community College had a variety of life stories to share with classmates during their time there, from a Jamaican immigrant who became class speaker to another who planned to stay at Oakton only briefly but ended up becoming a student leader.

Those stories were an integral part of Oakton’s commencement May 21 at the TenHoeve Center on the Des Plaines campus as those stories intertwined to create an overall picture of the school’s 2019 spring graduating class.

“I think you all have a collective sense of the story of the Class of 2019,” Oakton President Joianne Smith said in her graduation address. “Though each of your stories is unique it is also interconnected with other members of your graduating class. You share a collective story.”

Smith talked about a few of those stories in her opening remarks as she described the tapestry that is Oakton which included immigrants, people working full time while studying there, full time students and others with a variety of backgrounds.

College officials said this spring, 766 applied for graduation: 606 for degrees and 160 for certificates. Smith added at the ceremony that more than 1,600 degrees and certificates awarded for the entire academic year, including summer and fall.

Smith pointed out some collective highlights of the spring graduating class: the students had completed an aggregate 48,283 credit hours, the youngest grad is 18 and the oldest 65 and the average grade point average for the graduating class is 3.06 on a 4-point scale.

Further, during the commencement, Smith asked different groups to stand. They included students who worked while going to school, those heading to a four-year college, graduates who lived in homes where a language other than English is spoken, and all who were the first in their family to earn a college degree.

In each case, a sizeable number of graduates rose.

One of those students was keynote speaker Venice McNish. She came to the United States from Jamaica with 24 hours of college credit already earned - but none of them were accepted. She had to earn a high school equivalency certificate at Oakton before she could pursue a degree.

McNish said she had thoughts of returning to Jamaica and not continuing her education. But, she said, her desire to become a nurse pushed the idea of quitting out of her mind.

"From not having enough money for school to being qualified for scholarships and grants, I knew the path to success was sure to be challenging," McNish said. "Life only seems hard and impossible when we don't believe. If you think it you can achieve it."

When John Timperley arrived at Oakton, Martha Burns, the vice chair of the board of trustees, said he planned to stay a short time and then transfer to a four-year university. But he stayed at the junior college to become the student representative on the board, help restart the student newspaper and become its editor, an orientation leader and a peer advisor.

Timperley’s time at Oakton paid off for him. He earned the Ray Hartstein-Brunswick Educational Scholarship funded by donors to the Oakton Education Foundation, according to Burns.

"It's awarded to a student who plans to continue studies in business, social science or education at a four-year college or university," Burns said. "He intends to complete two bachelor's degrees in business administration and philosophy. Ultimately [Timperley] wants to start his own research company to develop and implement ways to improve our society."

Steve Sadin is a freelancer.
The only hospital system in Chicagoland to earn straight A's for quality and safety.

NorthShore University HealthSystem is the only health system in Chicagoland to have all four of its hospitals receive ‘A’ ratings for quality and safety. The letter grades are awarded by The Leapfrog Group, a nonprofit organization that analyzes performance data of more than 2,000 hospitals across the country.

“Hospitals that earn an ‘A’ grade are making it a priority to protect patients,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “To be recognized nationally as an ‘A’ hospital is an accomplishment the whole community should take pride in.”

Congratulations to our teams at NorthShore Evanston, Glenbrook, Highland Park and Skokie.
Why we should celebrate the many unique roles of dads on Father's Day

I'm compelled to clarify my comic stance and reassure readers I'm definitely not trying to make light of the contribution fathers make in their children's lives.

PAT LENHOFF
In May, we talked about honoring mothers and motherly figures. Now that we're in June, it's a befitting time to turn our attention to the important role fathers play in their family dynamic.

Often, Father's Day cards and tributes include humorous jokes about the idiosyncrasies of many dads or the endearing, but amusing, rituals that often are a part of the whole dad mojo. I myself have written Father's Day columns in the past that recounted silly stories about my dad, or the Boss, or my father-in-law.

Occasionally, male readers have sent irritated emails about my tongue-in-cheek depiction. As a result, I'm compelled to clarify my comedic stance and reassure readers I'm definitely not trying to make light of the contribution fathers make in their children's lives.

Because let's be honest. Dads carry some pretty heavy freight in the family responsibility arena.

Now, gender stereotypes slowly are dissolving and the Leave-It-To-Beaver style of delegating family tasks fortunately has been smashed.

While it's charming to watch those 1950s-era TV shows depicting mom in an apron in the kitchen and dad arriving home from a hard day's work in his tailored suit, I doubt there are many people in 2019 that would eagerly volunteer to go back to those days.

Jobs, household chores and all predetermined gender roles that were cast in stone those days now are open to each family's interpretation of what works best for them.

That can put a lot of pressure on dads all the while — from my college days on — we women were demonstrating for equal rights, burning bras and carrying signs in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. Yet, as I've acquired a few years (or decades) since then, I can see how it may have been confusing for the male side of our species, who had accepted their designated roles and weren't sure where they should fit in, as women stepped up for a change.

Today's young fathers seem to flow easier into those new gender-neutral assignments. They cook and they do laundry. When they are with their children, they don't call it "babysitting," as was the case in previous generations. It's just another part of their parental role.

My own son fits that pattern, and I'm proud of his Generation X peers for willingly taking the steps forward to make parenting an even playing field for both mother and father.

I always used to tell him that my only wish, when he became a father, was to have a boy just like himself, so he could live firsthand the same crazy life that I did while raising him.

Well, he got no boys, which initially dismayed me. But oh, those three adorable, high-spirited and sassy girls will give him a run for his money that has already given me lots of laughs. And, of course, love.

Whether your dad lives in loving memory, like mine does, or you are able to spend time with him on June 16, make sure he knows the unique part he plays in your life.

Happy Father's Day!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Summer is here. You better enjoy it while it lasts.

Randy Blaser

And just like that, summer arrived.

We've had a hard, wet spring that hardly seemed like spring at all. There was snow, a brief warm up, rain and then some more snow.

It was a cold spring, with a series of false starts where the furnace was turned off, then back on again, and off again. It didn't like it.

Baseball Opening Day came, like it always does, to mark the time. But it came much earlier than ever in conditions that at times seemed more suited to an outdoor ice hockey game.

Speaking of hockey, the Stanley Cup finals have finally arrived, which also means that summer is here. But somehow the Blackhawks aren't in them.

Suddenly, the trees have leafed out completely and the quiet suburban landscape is punctuated by a crystal blue sky. There are buds on my apple trees and the gentle hum of lawn mowers breaks through the Saturday morning quiet.

Notes from all over show people going out for ice cream and taking the first pontoon ride. My sister opened up the pool and put the garden in, all in the same weekend.

Although summer is a brief season here in Chicago, perhaps more than any other season it is full of ritual.

There are graduations to witness, that great ancient rite of passage, and the ending of school for summer. You're hearing Alice Cooper in your head right now, aren't you? I am.

There are summer carnivals to attend, filled with dark adventure and late night fun. Nothing says summer like cotton candy and a ride on the tilt-a-whirl. Before you go home, just try and win a prize.

Summer is a time of fishing trips and marking the date and size of the first perch caught out on Lake Michigan or Chain o' Lakes. Summer is a time for the first canoe paddle down the Des Plaines River or in the Skokie Lagoons.

Kayakers are appearing downtown on the Chicago River and the bridges will be going up to let the sailboats pass from winter storage to their moorings on the lakefront.

Summer is a time for night baseball games in shirtsleeves and shorts, for dining al fresco at your favorite restaurant and finishing a hot summer evening with an Italian ice from Johnnie's in Elmwood Park.

In summer, the softball leagues start up and you hope to get through the season with no broken fingers or errors in the field. After the game, you can enjoy a cold one with the team and laugh together as you recount late game heroics, or the cruel "if only" plays that can turn a game from victory to a loss.

Summer is a chance to sit on North Avenue beach and enjoy this fabulous city with a good read in hand. Take time to walk the great neighborhoods of Chicago and enjoy the beautiful gardens from home hobbyists brightening up their patch of a city lot to the splendor of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Don't forget the two great zoos in Lincoln Park and Brookfield.

Fourth of July will be here soon, when we celebrate Independence Day and all that July 4, 1776, promised to the citizens of this nation and the world. Let's take another step closer to living those ideals as we celebrate with picnics, barbecues, volleyball games and fireworks.

Summer is finally here. There is a lot to do. Pull out the water skis, the fishing poles, the skateboards, the ball and glove, the little glass jar with holes poked in the lid for catching fireflies. Swim in the lake, learn to water ski, do your first Iron Man. It is finally summer in Chicago.

But, like a roadside fruit and vegetable stand, don't blink or you might miss it.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist.
Before seeing the movie "Rocketman," the only thing I really knew about Elton John's personal life was that he was a recovering alcoholic and drug addict.

"Rocketman," details John's childhood, his rise to fame, his drug, alcohol and sex addiction, as well as his eventual recovery. The most heartbreaking parts of the film, though, were those in which John's mentally abusive parents ignored, criticized and demeaned him repeatedly, even after he became one of the most successful musicians in history.

So it wasn't surprising that, as an adult, Sir Elton John, despite his extraordinary success, fell into several addictions and entered into a cruel, abusive and manipulative romantic relationship.

The film got me thinking about the huge impact moms and dads have on their children and the choices we make as adults. So much of what our parents say and do from day one of our lives becomes ingrained in our core and can result in learned behavior.

That's not always a bad thing because it works the other way, too. Parents can pave the way for their children to lead happy, healthy lives. That's what happened with me.

Although no childhood is perfect, I had the gift of both a mom and a dad who were loving, caring and supportive. So, in honor of Father's Day, here are some of the most important life lessons I learned from my dad, Zack Pilossoph.

■ Success comes with a price. When I was in my early 20s, I got a promotion at work. Some people at the office were upset because they wanted the job. I called my dad crying and said, "Everyone hates me." His response was, "If you want friends, start doing bad at work. Then you'll have friends."  
■ No one wants to hear your problems. Everyone has their own issues. Casual conversation should be light, funny and upbeat. It's best to share your problems with true friends and family.  
■ Laugh. I have never met anyone who could make me laugh like my dad could. It makes life's struggles seem so much more manageable.  
■ A true giver gives anonymously. At my dad's funeral two years ago, many people told me stories of how my dad helped them otherwise financially or by assisting them with something they needed. We never knew.

■ Professional success boils down to three things: passion, focus and perseverance. As I made my way through junior high and high school, I watched my dad build his business from the ground up. He never complained but I could see how hard he was working, how worried he was, at times, and how much he wanted to be successful. It worked.

■ No matter what happens, keep your dignity. When my dad had lung cancer, he never complained and he wasn't angry about it. He didn't play the victim. He took his chemo and I could see how sick it made him, but he got through it. He lived in remission for nine years.

■ Education should never stop. I seriously cannot believe how much my dad knew about seemingly every topic. How? He read books and magazines and newspapers daily. He watched documentaries, went to the theater and museums, and he traveled. My dad was not college educated and he said it was his biggest regret.

■ Anger is a waste of time. My dad never got angry. He would refer those who wronged him as "poor souls."  
■ Attitude is everything. One time, my sister and my dad were at the airport, waiting at the gate to get on a flight from Pittsburgh to Florida. People were getting off a plane that had just landed from Florida. My dad knew two of the people who walked off the plane. The first guy was pale and sneezing. He told my dad and sister the weather was horrible in Florida. When the next guy got off the plane, he was tan and relaxed. He said, "Enjoy your time down there, it's beautiful!" My dad told us that was the difference between a good attitude and a bad one.

■ Two of the best deeds you can do are visit the sick and help someone get a job.

■ When you're with your family, be with your family. My dad worked long hours, and though he wasn't around much during the week, he was really present on the weekends, sledding with us, taking us to the pool and taking us on trips. There were no cell phones back then, so when he was with us, he truly was disconnected from work. We sure had fun.

■ Appreciate the little things. Most problems are fixable. Once when I was going through my divorce, I called my dad crying. It was early in the morning. I was telling him my problems and he interrupted me by asking, "How's your coffee?" I realized that I hadn't even thought about how delicious it tasted because I was too focused on everything that was wrong.

■ People die but love never does. My dad died a little more than two years ago, but can still hear his voice, and I still feel him with me at times. A dear friend told me that when I miss him, I should pinch my skin. Why? She said "Because your skin is his skin."

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist and the creator of her divorce support website, Divorced Girl Smiling.
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The City of Evanston's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is seeking community input on a new design for the City's Amusement Park in Evanston, IL. This project is part of the overall reconstruction of the park, which includes improvements to the playgrounds, restrooms, and landscaping.

The project is expected to cost $3 million and is scheduled for construction in 2023. The department is seeking input on the design of the park, including the layout of the playgrounds, the types of equipment to be included, and the overall aesthetic.

The department will hold two public meetings to gather input, on October 12 and November 10, at 7 p.m. at the Evanston Police Department, 1201 Chicago Avenue. The meetings will include a presentation of the design options and an opportunity for community members to provide feedback.

To provide feedback, residents can email their comments to parks@evaston.org or call 847-475-2200. The department encourages community members to attend the meetings and provide their input on the park's design.

For more information, visit the department's website at evanstonparks.org or contact the department at 847-475-2200.
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STORAGE SEPTET: A three-letter theme

By Mark McClain | Edited by Stanley Newman
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Audience on trip to ‘The mountaintop’

Production imagines conversation between MLK, hotel maid

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Try to imagine what was on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s mind the night before he was assassinated. That's what playwright Katori Hall does in “The Mountaintop,” performed at Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre June 15-30.

Performances are 7 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays at Noyes Cultural Arts Center in Evanston.

“I read the play years ago and thought that the storyline itself is surreal, a fantasy, a take on what Dr. King's life may have been like,” said Artistic Director Tim Rhoze, who directs the show. “Katori Hall did a wonderful job of using her imagination.”

When he read it, Rhoze decided that if he ever had the opportunity, he would direct this show.

In this two-person play, King is having an intense conversation with the chambermaid who is cleaning his hotel room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. Rhoze cast two talented, relatively young actors. Jelani Pitcher plays King; Shadana Patterson is the chambermaid.

To help them prepare for their roles, Rhoze noted, “We have a dramaturgical package that has a lot of information about that time period, and they’re both very intelligent actors, so they have gone on their own to investigate who he was, the people around him, and what his life represented. Then we had a wonderful week of first rehearsal where we delved into a lot of that information.”

Pitcher reported that he was briefly speechless when Rhoze offered him the role. “There’s no world where I would say no to playing one of the most influential black men in history,” Pitcher said. “He was an incredible person who did amazing things while he was alive and his time was cut way, way too short.”

Pitcher has done extensive research into King’s public life. “Almost every day I’m watching a video because there’s so much to go through,” he said. Pitcher noted he has primarily learned about King’s public life.

“The interesting thing about this play is it’s Martin Luther King’s private self,” Pitcher said. “It’s a little hard to find information about him as just the man. What this play does is show the side that not a lot of people knew.”

The most difficult aspect of playing King for Pitcher is “channeling all the different layers. He is such a complex individual.”

King shares his thoughts and feelings with the chambermaid. “She’s young and she's active about the political climate in 1968,” Patterson said. “She's very aware and she has an opinion on that that sometimes is not eye-to-eye with Dr. King.”

It might seem surprising that King would share a far-ranging conversation with the chambermaid but Patterson's explanation is, “From what I've read, he was a people person and he's also a preacher. As a minister, it's natural to have that ability to counsel and to listen and to teach. That is part of the ease that he has to be able to speak with her.”

The actor also wondered if King had a premonition of what was to come the next day. “What were the things that were going through his mind?” Patterson questioned. “Obviously, tensions were high during this time. Maybe he found this person that he had kinship with.”

Patterson hopes this play inspires audiences to think about “who Dr. King was, how his legacy continues to live on, and what we are doing to push that dream forward.”

Myrna Petlicki is a freelancer.
WHAT TO DO COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

Thursday, June 13

Block Cinema Selections for Spring 2019: "NU DOCS" June 12 to 14. 7 p.m. Thursday, Northwestern University, Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

Starry Night Storytime for all ages: Stories, songs and fun with the lively Youth Services librarians. Tickets are given out 20 minutes prior to program, and preference is given to Glenview Public Library cardholders. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 130 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Much Ado About Mysteries: Discussion topic is New to You: Favorite New Authors You’ve Discovered. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 130 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. Visit the website. 7 p.m. Thursday, The Veterans Club located in the White Eagle, 6839 N Milwaukee Ave #100, Niles, free, 630-832-9222.

Lot 14 Community Auction: This auction features 300 items never offered here before and lowered or eliminated reserves on about 100 items previously offered. Join for a dynamic live auction in Niles, to benefit Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation and get good deals while helping great causes. 5 a.m. Thursday, Lot 14 Auctions, 7900 N. Milwaukee Ave., #2, Niles, free, 847-625-0555.

Current Events Discussion Group: Cen-

A wide-ranging, fast moving discussion of current events and items in the news that gives an outlet to share insights and views. There is no cost to check them out, but attendees 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.

The Red and the Blue: "The Red and the Blue: The 1990s and the Birth of Political Tribalism" is by Steve Kor

The energetic prose style and his compelling analysis make this book a must-read for our often bewildering era. 10 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member; $65 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Andrew Lloyd Webber: Musical Master: With several hit musicals, Andrew Lloyd Webber’s success surpassed his greatest expectations. Today he is recognized as someone who changed the direction of musical theater and is known formally as Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Enhance Your Memory - Memory Training Class: Learn practical techniques and useful information that can help improve brain functioning, increase verbal fluency, and enhance your memory. This course combines presentations with group discussions, memory checks, and skill-building exercises for an innovative experience. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member; $59 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Park Ridge Garden Club Meeting: The Park Ridge Garden Club meeting features members’ craft fair and the installation of new officers and committee chairs for the upcoming year. All are welcome. Members also discuss plans for the 25th annual Garden Walk on June 30. 7 p.m. Thursday, Centennial Activity Center, Park Ridge Park District, 100 S. Western Ave, Park Ridge, free, 773-852-1063.

Chicago Bandits fastpitch softball vs. USSSA Pride: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Parkway Bank Sports Complex, 27 Jennie Finch Way, Rosemont, tickets from $7-$16, 877-722-6348.

2019 Free Summer Concert Series: Rosemont’s Parkway Bank Park entertainment district hosts free concerts on Thursday evenings through Aug. 29, featuring music by classic cover bands, food and beverage tents on the park’s great lawn and a musical fireworks display after every show. Outside food and coolers are prohibited. 7 p.m. Thursday, Parkway Bank Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5006.

Panel and Book Signing – I was a Doctor in Auschwitz: Dr. Danny M. Cohen, Dr. Phyllis Lassner and Dr. Sarah Cushman discuss the re-release of Gisela Perl’s memoir, “I Was a Doctor in Auschwitz.” After decades of being out of print, this text addresses taboo topics tied to women in the Holocaust. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800.

Friday, June 14

Taste of Des Plaines: Attend this two-day, summer festival event featuring great food from local restaurants, live entertainment on two stages. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Woodstock (the 1969 music festival in upstate New York) with a lineup of fantastic tribute acts on Saturday. Visit the family area with free activities including a rock climbing wall, gaming truck and more. Just steps away from the Metra train and downtown Des Plaines; parking is free and easily accessible. 5 p.m. Friday (also noon Saturday), 1501 Miner St., Des Plaines, free, 847-824-9290.

“What to Do in Business Without Really Trying”: Join Music Theater Works as J. Pierrepont Finch climbs the corporate ladder from lowly window washer to high-powered executive, tackling such dangers as the aggressively compliant “company man,” the office party, backstabbing coworkers, caffeine addiction and, of course, true love. 8 p.m. Friday, Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston, starting at $34; half price 25 and younger, 847-920-5360.

Sunrise Beach Yoga: CorePower Yoga Winnetka hosts a free sunrise beach yoga series offered weekly from June 14 through Aug. 16. Bring a yoga mat, towel, water bottle, sunglasses and sunscreen. Participants of all levels and all ages are welcome, but registration is required. 6:30 a.m. Friday, Tower Road Beach, 899 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, free, 303-682-3005.

Bohemian Rhapsody (134mins/PG-13/2018): The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous Live Aid performance in 1985. Just drop in. Winner: Best Actor. 2 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Drop-in Chess through grade 8: Learn fundamentals and strategy with volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenson. Just drop in. 7 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Brain Games: When was the last time you played Rummikub or Scrabble? Ever heard of Set? Join in to have fun playing games while giving your brain a workout. Registration requested; RSVP by calling, or online at the website. For information, contact Karen Brownlee at kbrownlee@nsymca.org. 9:30 a.m. Friday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

“Newsies”: Inspired by the real-life newsboys’ strike of 1899 in New York City, “Newsies” tells the story of Jack Kelly, who rallies his fellow paperboys to strike against unfair conditions. The high-energy musical features a powerful message to seize the day. Tickets are available at nbparks.org. 7 p.m. Friday (also 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday), Northbrook Theatre, 3322 Walters Ave., Northbrook, $20, 847-291-2995.

Classical Piano Concert: Mark Damisch returns to the North Shore Senior Center for a special preview of his upcoming Summer 2018 World Concert Tour. Included in this concert are selections from Gershwin, Copland and Chopin. A reception follows the performance. 1 p.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

New Kids On The Block: Part of the band’s Mixtape Tour. 8 p.m. Friday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, $60+, 847-635-6601.

Flamenco Passion: A Tribute to Dame Libby Komaiko: Ensemble Español hosts three performances in honor of founder Komaiko, who passed away in February. The program features 40 dancers plus guest musicians and choreographers/dancers. 7:30 p.m. Friday (also 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday), North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, $20-$50, 847-673-6300.

Shabbat on the Beach: Join Congregation Hakafa for dinner and Shabbat services at Elder Lane Beach. For a BYO dinner with family and friends, bring a blanket or lawn chairs to enjoy the park above the beach. 5:45 p.m. Friday, Elder Lane Park, 299 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, free, 847-242-0687.

Saturday, June 15

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.

Shred Event: Join properties in Evanston for a shredding event. If you have personal documents that you don’t know how to dispose of, old tax documents or other important papers.

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that you don't want to throw out with the trash, come to safely destroy them, at no cost. 10 a.m. Saturday, @properties, 1821 Benson Ave., Evanston, free.

Eva B. Ross in concert: Eva B. Ross is an active artist on the L.A. music scene whose songs are poetic, insightful, melodious and memorable. She performs a mix of her own songs and jazz standards, and is on stage with Steve Rashid, Robert Rashid and Grant Milliken, as the concert is recorded live for Chicago Jazz Live on WDCB. 8 p.m. Saturday, Studio 5, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston, $20 general seating, $25 cabaret seating, 847-328-6683.

Caravans of Gold: The Block Museum of Art’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. 10 a.m. Saturday, Block Museum of Art, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

“Hedwig and the Angry Inch”: Hedwig Schmidt is a genderqueer glam rock 'n' roll goddess from East Germany whose botched sex-change operation left her with an “angry inch” of flesh where her female genitalia should be. One of the first musicals to explore issues of gender identity, its varied score includes hard rock songs like “Sugar Daddy,” the drag anthem “Wig in a Box” and the tender “Origin of Love.” 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre - Evanston, 721 Howard St., Evanston, $34-$54, 773-347-1109.

Storytown Improv: This show needs you! With audience help, actors create an interactive and fully improvised adventure, perfect for the whole family. Please register online, call 847-729-7500, ext. 7900, or visit Youth Services. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

ACT Practice Test: Professional tutors from College Nannies + Tutors of Glenview guide you through a practice ACT test in a relaxed environment. Participants have 3.5 hours to complete the test and 30 minutes to review answers. Bring pencils and a calculator. Limit 40. Noon Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

10th Season of the Morton Grove Farmers’ Market: Experience “Morton Grove’s Summer & Fall Town Square” and meet friends, purchase fresh and prepared food, listen to entertainment, meet community leaders, learn about local business goods and services, and more. 8 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Farmers’ Market, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436.

Sizzle Into Summer: Join us for an evening of live music and family fun at Harrer Park. Wristbands are available on site for purchase, which gives you unlimited access to inflatable fun. Food and drinks are available for purchase. 5 p.m. Saturday, Harrer Park and Pool, 6250 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, $3, 847-965-1200.

Summer Sing Fling: Bring your family to a special Shabbat sing-along featuring Temple Beth-El's very own Cantor Adam Kahan. Expect singing, dancing, snacks and crafts. All are welcome; open to the community. Please RSVP to Holly (hamburg@tempelbeth-el.org). 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, free, 847-205-9982.

Men’s Club Sabbath at Skokie Synagogue: The Man’s Club of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, conducts special Sabbath services, starting at 9:30 a.m. Men’s Club members serve as greeters, and read the Torah and the Haftorah; they receive Torah honors and lift and bind the Torah after reading in Hebrew. Members also prepare and deliver the sermon and also sponsor and serve the Kiddush lunch, as well. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141.

Winnetka Farmers’ Market: Enjoy the freshest fruits and vegetables, plants and cut flowers, a variety of cheeses and baked goods as well as specialty items. Every Saturday, rain or shine. (No market on June 22 due to the Winnetka Music Festival.) 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Winnetka Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, free, 847-446-4451.

Craft it Forward: Nicole Jakob from Renegade Made shows kids how to use their creativity for good. Some projects are perfect to give to friends and family, while other projects are designed as hidden treasures for someone to find. Various dates, times and projects; intended for ages 8-15. Register at www.winpark.org/recreation/programs/enrichment. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Winnetka Park District Community Room, 540 Hibbard Road, Winnetka, $35, 847-501-2040.

Monday, June 17

Become the Speaker and Leader You Were Meant To Be: Des Plaines Toastmasters 1645 meets monthly from 7-8:45 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at Des Plaines Public Library. No prior speaking skill is required; new members are assigned a mentor-coach to guide them; ESLs are welcome; and more details are available on Eventbrite link (tinyurl.com/1645Meetings). 7 p.m. Monday, Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-823-1777.

Monday Movers Storytime for all ages: Wear your dancing shoes and join the Youth Services librarians as they twirl into the week at our new summer storytime. Just drop in. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.
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categories of identity: creed, country, color, class and culture. How we view identity now is still influenced by outdated and often debunked ideas of the Victorian era. 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member; $65 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

“A Private War” (110mins/R/2018): Marie Colvin, one of the most celebrated war correspondents of our time, is an utterly fearless and rebellious spirit, driven to the frontline of conflicts across the globe to give voices to the voiceless. Just drop in. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Summer Concert - Peaches’ Beach Party: Pack up the kids, grab a blanket and head over to the north end of Harrer Park and listen to the tunes of the Peaches’ Beach Party, with a Jimmy Buffet and Beachcomber Band style. Food and drink are available for purchase. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Harrer Park (north end of park with playground and shelter), 6250 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-1200.

Art Workshop: Easily connect to your creativity and imagination. Share ideas with fellow students (beginning through advanced) as you develop your natural talent. Everyone chooses and brings the media they prefer, be it paint, pencil, pastel, crayon, mixed media, and so on. Each participant is offered guidance by Carl Kock. Or, you are free to work independently. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $225 member; $265 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

If Statues Could Talk, What Stories Would They Tell? Beth Sair takes guests on a one-of-a-kind virtual tour of the “Talking Statues of Chicago.” Hear some of the city’s finest statues and sculptures tell their own stories, as voiced by Chicago actors. Discover unique details about Chicago’s history, like which statues claim they are the city’s unofficial mascots and which declares it actually discovered America 500 years before Columbus. Takes place in the Winnetka Lloyd Room. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Winnetka Public Library, 768 Oak St., Winnetka, free, 847-446-7220.

Wednesday, June 19

Economic Outlook Breakfast Summit: An overview of major issues and conditions facing the economy and discuss the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Freichs will be the keynote speaker. Breakfast and networking included. 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Cafe la Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, $35 in advance; call for required registration, 708-724-0900.

National Theatre Live Encore Series: “Hamlet”: Benedict Cumberbatch (BBC’s “Sherlock,” “Doctor Strange”) plays the title role in William Shakespeare’s great tragedy, directed by Lindsey Turner and produced by Sonia Friedman. The original broadcast returns to international cinemas to mark National Theatre Live’s 10th birthday. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Josephine Louis Theatre, Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $10-$20, 847-491-7282.

Bearfoot in the Park Concerts: Glenview Concert Band performs at Jackman Park Gazebo, July 24 and every Wednesday evening. Guests may bring their dinner, folding chairs and lawn blankets. For all ages. For a complete list of performers, visit glenviewparks.org. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jackman Park Gazebo, 1868 Prairie St., Glenview, free.

College Essay Crash Course: Allan Ruter, longtime Glenbrook teacher and founder of the College Essay Clinic, shares strategies on the college application writing process including the activities list, personal statement, and supplemental essays. Bring your laptop for note taking. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Northbrook Farmers Market Opening Day Bash: The Northbrook Farmers Market opens June 19, and the nonprofit crew invites everyone to the traditional Watermelon-Cutting Ceremony at 10 a.m. at Meadow Plaza. Enjoy watermelon slices (Sunset Foods); Dilly Bars (Northbrook Dairy Queen); balloon creations (RC Juggles); live music (Steve Zane); handouts (Northbrook Police, Fire and bash sponsor NorthShore University HealthSystem), plus games for the kids. Booths of new and returning vendors are open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for farm-fresh produce and artisan foods. 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Farmers Market, Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Northbrook, free.

Playreading with Vivian Mitchel: Perhaps you have dreamed of being an actor. Fulfill your passion by joining the North Shore Senior Center playreading group. Learn about the playwright and discuss the play. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $39 member; $59 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

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Seventh-grader wins design contest for new Lincolnwood vehicle stickers

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Asma Patel, a seventh-grader at Lincoln Hall Middle School in Lincolnwood, was happy to win the village's 2019 design contest for its annual vehicle sticker.

"It's just really cool to see how every car in Lincolnwood is going to have your drawing on it," she said. "It was interesting to see if I was able to create something that showed what Lincolnwood is."

And Asma's father, Aziz Patel, was happy to get a free vehicle sticker as the prize.

"It's a nice benefit," he said. "I'm proud of her and her artwork and that she won the competition. She's good in lots of other activities, so I was kind of hoping she'd win this."

Village President Barry Bass, who presented Asma with her framed drawing and the free sticker, said he was impressed.

"After looking at several fine drawings, this was my pick," Bass said. "This young adult was very creative and came up with the winning piece of artwork. This year's theme was the new bridge over Touhy Avenue."

Asma said she got the idea for her design - letters drawn as faces crossing the bridge - by asking herself a simple question.

"I thought, 'What does the Lincolnwood bridge mean?'" she said. "I think it means the beginning of Lincolnwood, where you enter. I thought of the idea 'Welcome to Lincolnwood.' Then I thought to add another level of creativity. Why not make people walking on the bridge?"

Asma took her inspiration a step further by drawing each letter to represent a person entering the village.

"Lincolnwood is a place where everyone can be, people of all ages and cultures," she said. "Why not make each person in a letter?"

Asma has been drawing since kindergarten, she said.

"I found a fondness for drawing things," she said. "I started because of art class and found I really liked drawing. I decided to do it more and more and put in different ideas. I found I like to draw scenery and things that are obvious but you don't really pay much attention to it.

"The vehicle sticker competition was not her first art contest, nor her first victory. She entered the national Doodle for Google contest earlier this year, Asma said.

"I was not super hopeful that I would make finalist," she said. "I didn't, but I was happy to be in it."

In first grade, Asma submitted the winning design for her school's assignment notebook cover, she said.

"It was a drawing of a classroom and the different types of people there," Asma said.

She plans to continue drawing in high school, but not as a career.

"Drawing is something I really enjoy, when I can express creativity that I really enjoy, when I can express creativity that I can't say out loud," she said. "Honestly, art and drawing is more of a hobby for me. I don't think it's something I want to focus on in my life, but I still enjoy it."

Phil Rockrohr is a freelance reporter for the Pioneer Press.

Lincolnwood moves forward with improvement plan for Touhy, Kostner avenues

BY MARISSA PLESCI
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood officials agreed June 4 to move forward with an intersection improvement plan that, they say, should make the area of Touhy and Kostner safer.

Village officials started planning for the improvements after two fatal accidents in 2014, one involving a motorist and the other involving a pedestrian.

"The improvements with the traffic lights and everything else concerned will make it way more visible and ... mitigate the issue of pedestrian fatalities," Mayor Barry Bass said recently.

Lincolnwood Public Works Director Andrew Letson said the improvements for the intersection include new traffic signals, detectable warning panels, crosswalks and changes to sidewalks that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Overall, the project is estimated to cost about $400,000, but it will be mostly federally funded, Lincolnwood officials said. The plan will cost the village approximately $30,000, according to documents outlining the project.

The next planning phase for the project now involves the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

The state's transportation agency has created a detailed design of the changes to the intersection, develop contract documents and work it into IDOT's multi-year highway improvement plan for 2019-2024, village officials said.

When they started planning for the project following the two fatalities in 2014, Lincolnwood officials conducted a traffic study of the area and presented the findings to IDOT for the agency's consideration, Letson said.

IDOT spokesman Guy Tridgell said the agency is in the midst of a preliminary study that examines the modernization of traffic signals and improvements for pedestrians at the intersection.

He said the project tentatively could be ready for a contract by late 2021. But the timeline depends on land acquisition, funding and other factors, Tridgell said.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Winners of District 64 writing contest announced

Sixteen students from Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 were selected as winners of the district's 2019 Young Authors contest.

According to the district, 575 students participated in the competition by writing and illustrating an original short story outside of school.

Winners were:
Kindergarten: Rachel Born and Chloe Sanderson of Washington School, "The Four Baby Turtles."
First grade: Emily Dickson of Roosevelt School, "I Miss You."
Second grade: Aria Fiozavanti of Franklin School, "The Darling of the Circus."
Third grade: Devan Young and Noah Jang and Franklin School, "The Story of Ordinary Crayon."
Fourth grade: Sofia DiLorenzo, Lucy Sacor and Grace Migasi of Field School, "My Best Friend is a Vampire."
Fifth grade: Kaia Bechtold of Carpenter School, "Rise.""Sixth grade: Thomas Hurley of Lincoln Middle School, "The Greenest Stalk Of Bamboo." and Briana Zahara of Lincoln, "Lead Me Down The Right Path."
Seventh grade: Evan Saurer and Jack Fadin of Emerson Middle School, "Glitched Out 2." Eighth grade: Claudia Domusiewicz and Macy Monical of Emerson Middle School, "File Number: 3007, Outbreak 32."

The contest is organized by Meghan Keefer, English-language arts curriculum specialist for District 64.

Band students perform at festival

Members of the Emerson Middle School band traveled to St. Louis in May to perform in the 2019 Music in the Parks festival, where they scored a superior or rating from judges and won their performance division, said Eric Bachmann, band director at Emerson.

The festival took place May 3 through May 5 and included competition against bands from across the country, Bachmann said.

Emerson students who performed as the Eagle Band were Logan Lay, Henry Morrison, Paul Sunken, Danny Paprocki, Annika Wallace, Sophia Gianaris, Emma Donahue, Evelyn Alsop, Lexi Stott, Collette Gordon Neda and other factors, Tridgell said.

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who entered a drawing of the Pickwick grader at Roosevelt School, for his drawing of St. Paul of the Cross School, of City Hall and Jude Del Plaza.

Meeting of the Park Ridge City Council 2019 poster contest during the May 20. The Commission recognized two winners of its Beautification contest.

Winners named

The Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission recognized two winners of its 2019 poster contest during the May 20 meeting of the Park Ridge City Council. Winners were Charlie Jaroch, a third-grader at Roosevelt School, for his drawing of City Hall and Jude Del Pilar, a fifth-grader at St. Paul of the Cross School, who entered a drawing of the Pickwick Theatre.

Each year, the contest invites students in grades 3-5 to draw a picture of a building or place in Park Ridge that is important to them.

Schuler Scholars announce college selections

Seven seniors who are members of Maine East School’s Schuler Scholar Program announced where they will be attending college in the fall.

The Schuler Scholar Program is made up of high-achieving students and prepares them for admission to top colleges and universities, the school said. Members of the program are selected in eighth grade.

This year’s Schuler students and their college selection are Jaytiben Arora, Carleton College; Minna Behman, College of the Holy Cross; Gisselle Garcia, University of Notre Dame; Jigar Gohel, Brandeis University; Mariam Kane, Bates College; Conrad Persowski, Bucknell University; and Thushara Thomas, College of the Holy Cross.

In the Schuler Scholar Program, students receive 1-to-1 tutoring and prep work for SAT exams, and are placed in on-campus college summer programs between their sophomore and junior years where they enroll in a course, according to the school.

Maine South students win medals at science competition

Three Maine South High School students were the recipients of medals and awards at the Illinois Junior Science State competition at Southern Illinois University, the school announced.

Lydia Keller and Alana Urquhart won gold medals, while Kaitlin O’Reilly received a silver award. Keller also received the SIU Department of Geology Outstanding Research Award and the Best of Category Award, according to the school.

Oakton robotics team competes

Oakton Community College’s robotics team, Oaktobotics, finished 15th out of 48 teams at the 2019 NASA Robotic Mining Competition, the school announced.

According to the college, teams from across the country built robots and demonstrated how they could “autonomously traverse and excavate simulated lunar and Martian soil, known as regolith.” Members of the Oaktobotics team were Alena Palumbo of Skokie, Paran Erfani of Morton Grove, Jason Modi of Des Plaines, Jacob Wachala of Northbrook, Sanjida Alavvi Choudhury of Niles, Peter Solomon of Skokie, Matt Szyzis of New York City, Kristian Jasiak of Winnetka, Jimit Modi of Niles, Ileana Savendra of Chicago, Edward Rosenthal of Lake Zurich, Paul Rubio of Michigan, Nathan Sugatan of Northbrook, Ayush Patel of Des Plaines and Luke Palter of Skokie.

The team consists of students enrolled in an engineering independent study course taught by Angelo Gero.

Learning Foundation provides educational grants

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64’s Elementary Learning Foundation presented five grants totaling more than $21,500 for the 2019-20 school year, the district announced.

The grants will fund tower gardens at Carpenter School; a One Book, One School, One Wish reading event at Field School; Learning via Legos at Jefferson School; the Movement Pathway learning initiative at Field School; and robotics and coding at Carpenter, Field, Franklin, Roosevelt and Washington Schools, according to the district.

— Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press
OFFICER APPLAUDED FOR GIVING HIS SHOES TO MAN IN NEED

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A Niles police officer hopes his gift to a man in need inspires others to act in similar ways.

Officer Brian Zagorski has earned recognition from his department for giving away the shoes he was wearing to a man believed to be homeless and struggling to walk in his own tattered footwear over the weekend.

Zagorski, a Niles native and 12-year veteran of the department, encountered the man while on routine patrol Saturday afternoon along Milwaukee Avenue south of Ballard Road. The man was struggling to walk, Zagorski said, prompting the officer to stop his squad car and check on the man's well-being.

"The soles of his shoes were peeling off the bottom," Zagorski recalled. "They were almost completely off. Every step he took, he was tripping and almost falling over!"

After briefly speaking with the man, Zagorski asked him if he needed a ride but he declined the offer, the police officer said. "I said, 'Well, can I at least offer you my shoes? Because it seems like you're struggling here,'" Zagorski said.

The man's eyes lit up, the officer recalled.

And so, right there in the parking lot next to the Niles Historical Society, Zagorski removed his shoes and gave them to the stranger.

They fit. "His jaw almost dropped," Zagorski said. "He couldn't believe it when I gave him my shoes."

Another Niles police officer snapped a photo of the exchange on a cellphone camera.

Zagorski tried to give the man a backpack of toiletries and nonperishable food items that officers now carry in their squad cars for encounters just like this, but the man declined that offer as well, Zagorski said. He then went on his way in his new pair of shoes.

The police department is applauding Zagorski's compassion.

"We push community engagement and helping others, but this is more than that — this is above and beyond," said Niles Sgt. Anthony Scipione. "It's way above the call of duty to take your shoes off and give them to someone else. We're really proud of Brian and what he did."

Zagorski, who drove barefoot to his nearby home in order to get another pair of shoes so he could finish his shift, said the attention he has received has been "kind of overwhelming," but he hopes it will send a message to others.

"It's fantastic to get a good story out there," he acknowledged. "Maybe it will give people ideas and good deeds will live on through another officer or a pedestrian."

Though the man he met Saturday was a new face, Zagorski said encounters with homeless or indigent people are commonplace for the village's police officers.

"There are regulars we encounter almost every shift, that we know on a first name basis," he said.

It's part of the reason why the Bags of HOPE (Helping Other People Everyday) initiative was recently launched within the department. Spearheaded by Niles Police Officer April Rider, the program stocks each squad car with a backpacks containing items like toothbrushes, soap, hand sanitizers, socks and food, Scipione said.

"Each officer is issued two Bags of HOPE and they can pass them out to anyone they feel needs them," Scipione said.

Rider said she acquired the backpacks and much of the items that are placed inside.

"If we can assist one person with a backpack, then we've done something to help that one person," she said. "Maybe that person didn't need it today, but they'll need it tomorrow. That's what I'm hoping for."

Similar to Zagorski, Rider said she hopes citizens will be moved to create their own Bags of HOPE and share them with homeless individuals too.

"I think it's important to reach out and help other people who are down on their luck," she said.

For Zagorski, a husband and father of two young children, this is the kind of work police are meant to do in the community.

"You sign up for the job to do good," he said. "At least I did."

District 219 buys former Menards store for bus terminal

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Niles Township High Schools District 219 has purchased a former Menards store in Skokie for nearly $5.4 million, allowing the district to park about 75 buses next to Niles West High School.

The Board of Education voted unanimously May 21 to purchase the 5.6-acre site, 6001 Oakton St., said District 219 spokesman Jim Szczepanik. The property sits directly across the street from the Niles West football field.

District 219 eyed the former store, which closed more than 10 years ago, as a potential bus terminal after plans for a 2.2-acre site at Niles West failed to gain zoning approval in the wake of an Illinois Supreme Court decision, said Eric Trimberger, assistant superintendent for business.

In 2015, a few months after District 219 bought its buses, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that Community High School District 155 must comply with Crystal Lake zoning laws in construction of bleachers at Crystal Lake South High School's football field.

As a result of the decision, all school districts must now comply with local zoning laws.

"We intended to park 50 buses at Niles West and 25 at Niles North (High School)," Trimberger said.

"We intended to buy a small piece of property for maintenance and the zoning laws changed, because of the Crystal Lake football case."

District 219 instead purchased a parcel at 6119 Howard St. in Niles with the hopes of storing all 75 buses there, but Niles permitted only 50, despite initial indications that zoning for 75 buses would be approved, he said.

"We felt that based on preliminary conversations with staff members indicating support for the project, we did not have concern that we would not be able to use the property for 75 years," Trimberger said.

"Otherwise, we never would have bought it."

Before buying the former Menards building in May, the district reached an intergovernmental agreement with Skokie supporting the zoning of the property as a bus terminal, Trimberger said.

The village is allowing the district to park buses at Niles West until the terminal opens, he said.

It took District 219 more than a year to reach an agreement on the price of the property, Trimberger said. He called the final agreement of $5,375,000 "market price."

Menards vacated the site and built a new store a few blocks west in Morton Grove more than 10 years ago, Trimberger said.

"The asphalt will need to be resurfaced on the outside of the building," he said. "We're not sure how long it will all take to get done."

District 219 hopes to begin using the space by the start of the 2020-21 school year, he said. District architects have not yet performed any detailed studies to determine the exact renovations the building will need, Trimberger said.

"We know we will need to enhance ventilation so we can park the buses inside," he said. "Exhaust systems will have to be put in place."

District 219 will also need to build office space for First Student, the company that manages and operates the district's buses, a break room, restrooms and a maintenance area for repairs, Trimberger said.

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District 219 owns 55 buses, Trimberger said. The other 20 buses are owned by First Student, he said.

Under the purchase contract, Menards can continue to use the property for up to six months, Trimberger said. The company is currently using it to store dry-wall for three different stores, he said.

"It takes about 90 days to liquidate inventory," Trimberger said. "We're not sure how much is in there and how long it will take to get rid of."

After the district receives final approval for the bus terminal, it plans to sell the Howard Street site, he said. Eventually, all 75 buses will be parked at the terminal, where 50 will fit inside and 25 will be parked outside, Trimberger said.

Phil Rockrohr is a freelance reporter.
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Doherty, Catherine T. "Cay"
Catherine T. "Cay" Doherty, nee Feinendegen. Age 86 of Park Ridge. Passed away June 6, 2019 after a wonderful life filled with family and friends. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Loving mother and remembered fondly of Ed (Sue), Tom (Peggy), Jim (Christy) and John. Adored grandmother of Katie, Colleen, Nolan and Jill. She was always there for them. Preceded in death by parents, William and Catherine and 1 brother, Bill. Cay was an active member of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church for over 50 years and a proud member of the St. Patrick's Guild. She enjoyed travel, bridge, and most of all helping others. Visitation was Sunday, June 9, at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, Park Ridge. Funeral was Monday, at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church. Internment followed in All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Carmelite Monastery, 949 River Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016 are appreciated. Info., www.ryan-parke.com. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Savage-Fraser, Barbara
May 5, 1926 - May 12, 2019
Framingham, MA
Barbara Savage-Fraser, 93, passed peacefully on May 12, 2019 in the company of family members. She was born in Chicago to Edward and Signa Akers and lived her early years in Park Ridge, Illinois. She was a graduate of Northwestern University with a major in music and was an avid pianist who entertained friends and family throughout her life. Barbara taught school in the Des Plaines, Il. public school district and later in the Park Ridge, Il. school district where she was the librarian at Washington elementary school. She was the school resident computer expert during the introduction of personal computing in early education. She later retired and moved to Concord, NH to be close to her daughter's family and also had a winter home in Palmetto, Fl. for many years. Her focus was family, faith, and friends throughout her eventful and active life. Barbara was preceded in death by her first husband Robert Savage, her second husband John Fraser, and her daughter, Sue Ann Martin. She is survived by her three sons Tom, Doug, and Bill Savage, along with ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. An informal memorial gathering of friends and family will be held in Arlington Heights, Il. on June 22, 2019 at 11AM at the Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family of Barbara suggests that a donation be made to the charity of your choice. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

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Notre Dame grants posthumous diploma to Berghoff

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Two hundred diplomas were awarded at Notre Dame College Prep's graduation on May 25, but the first one brought out a wave of emotions. Paul and Lisa Berghoff accepted a posthumous diploma on behalf of their son Andrew Berghoff, who died on March 19, 2017, due to complications from the flu and bacterial pneumonia.

Andrew Berghoff, who was 17, had battled health challenges his whole life after he was born with a rare birth defect: a congenital diaphragmatic hernia. Berghoff was a treasured student at Notre Dame, and his death took a toll on the student community, and his parents. The assembly responded with a standing ovation.

Notre Dame principal Dan Tully said the tributes to Berghoff made it seem as if he were in the gym with his classmates.

Berghoff was a part of the Burke Scholars Program, which offers students with mild to moderate cognitive disabilities an opportunity to receive a Catholic education at Notre Dame. Tully said this type of program, which is expected to include 10 students next school year, is rare because special education requires additional, highly-trained staff, low student-to-teacher ratios and dedicated facilities that might not be in the budget for many Catholic schools.

By all accounts, Berghoff was a shining example of how the program benefits all students at the school.

"You'll hear this from more than one person, that it's hard to say who impacts who more," Tully said. "Sure, we as a school taught Andrew a few things, like reading, writing and 'rithmetic. Or, was he able to teach us more about living life to the fullest, being kind, and the importance of an inclusive environment?"

Berghoff's posthumous diploma was also significant because most students in the Burke Scholars Program work toward a certificate of completion, not a diploma. By receiving a certificate instead of a diploma, Burke Scholars are eligible to continue receiving special education services until age 22.

But Paul and Lisa Berghoff were adamant their son would work toward a diploma, and they were instrumental in starting the diploma track within the Burke Scholars Program.

Andrew Berghoff was working toward a diploma when he got sick during his sophomore year, and he would have been among the first Burke Scholars to earn a diploma. Another Burke Scholar also received his diploma on May 25.

"Andrew was on track to be one of the first guys to do it. He opened this door for special needs kids to receive a diploma at a Catholic high school," Paul Berghoff said. "We hope and pray the opportunity grows (to include more kids) and that expands Andrew's legacy at Notre Dame and other Catholic high schools in the Chicagoland area and across the country."

With that in mind, the Berghoffs have set up the Andrew Berghoff Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is designed to offer financial assistance to students enrolling at Notre Dame, which the Berghoffs called the most inclusive Catholic high school in the Chicago area.

The scholarship, which will be awarded for the first time during the 2019-20 school year, actually began with money that Andrew Berghoff earned and saved through various jobs. He worked as an assistant in the rectory at Queen of All Saints Basilica in Chicago and as a skate guard at Centennial Ice Rink in Wilmette.

In reality, one student per year will benefit from the scholarship. Paul Berghoff said Notre Dame has a committee that will choose the recipient.

The Berghoffs said the scholarship has been designed to prioritize special needs students in pursuit of a diploma, but they realize there might not always be a student who fits that description. The Berghoffs said the grant is meant to be inclusive, and non-special needs students also could be considered for the grant.

Lisa Berghoff said it's also important that the scholarship committee looks for students who exhibit some of Andrew's memorable qualities.

"We wanted to make sure that whoever they choose, they embody Andrew's character and spirit, that they are a unique individual with a very positive outlook," she said. "That part is very important to us."

The Berghoffs said their initial fundraising came from reaching out to friends and family members and those who had taken particular interest in Andrew's health concerns.

Those interested in learning more or making a donation can do so at www.nddons.org/ABMS.

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Chicago-area prospect could wind up a Hawk

‘Rabid wolf’ Turcotte in mix to be drafted No. 3

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For years, Chicago’s best youth hockey teams wanted Alex Turcotte. Alfie Turcotte, Alex’s dad, said no. Not yet.

The family moved from Buffalo Grove to Detroit when Alex was 8, and Alfie stuck with his plan to keep his son on good but not great teams that required him to work hard, avoid complacency and learn the value of never taking off a shift.

When Alfie remarried and moved with Alex to northwest suburban Island Lake six years ago, Alex’s talent was obvious to anyone who watched him easily striding the length of the ice to pocket opponents. If one somehow took the puck from Alex, he didn’t pout. Instead, he would ferociously retrieve it as though it were a family heirloom.

Yet Alfie kept his guns. Alex remained on teams that, while competitive, were not a collection of prodigies.

“Every game he had to perform or we were going to lose,” Alfie said. “That was the idea.”

When Alex turned 15, Alfie decided it was time to let the boy loose. He allowed Alex to join the Chicago Mission, a Tier 1 program for which Nick Schmaltz, Victor Rask and Ryan Hartman played in their early teens before launching their NHL careers.

“When (Alex) came to us, it was magical,” Mission hockey director Gino Cavallini said.

Instead of being overwhelmed with more talent around him, Alex blended in perfectly and became the Mission’s leading scorer.

“He was a rabid wolf,” Cavallini said. “There were times he’d score a goal and I’d leave him out there, and off of the faceoff they’d have (another goal) within five seconds. As good as he was, he still had another level. He loved to dominate.

“He wasn’t arrogant, he wasn’t cocky. He went about his business and everyone respected him for it, especially his opponents.”

Alfie’s decision to play the long game is about to pay off for Alex, now 18, who is expected to be a top-10 pick in the upcoming NHL draft.

The Blackhawks hold the third selection, and it wouldn’t be a surprise if they call Alex Turcotte’s name when they arrive on the podium June 21 at Vancouver’s Rogers Arena.

Then again, it wouldn’t be a surprise if the Hawks selected any of a number of players. After the Devils and Rangers take Jack Hughes and Kaapo Kakko, likely in that order, there is a tier of eight to 10 prospects whom the Hawks could reasonably pick without shocking the hockey world.

Alex, whose dad pulled him out of school to attend the Hawks’ 2010 Stanley Cup championship parade, watched the draft lottery and realized what it meant when the Hawks moved up from 12th to third.

“I guess now it’s a little more realistic to go there,” he said. “That’s obviously really cool because I’m from Chicago and I’ve been a Hawks fan all my life. I guess we’ll just have to wait and see what happens.”

The 2019 draft won’t be the first one in which the Turcotte family is represented in the first round.

Alfie went 17th to the Canadians in 1983 and made his debut the next season when he was 18. But his NHL career ended prematurely at 25 after playing just 112 games for the Canadians, Jets and Capitals.

Getting rushed to the NHL and being scratched for long periods impeded Alfie’s development and, he says, informed the patient approach he took with his son. He hopes Alex’s future NHL team will take a similar approach.

“Alex needs to take steps,” Alfie said. “I don’t want Alex to be playing in the minors for six years like I did, then go play in Europe. Alex is a good enough player and talent that he can play 15 years in the NHL.”

“That’s a tall order and I know how hard that is. But Alex is a different player than I was; he’s a lot better. I was a talented player and had absolutely no discipline and was a goofball my whole career. I had a great time. Alex isn’t about that. He’s about eating right and training correctly and always trying to improve.”

After a season with the Mission, Alex joined the U.S. Hockey National Team Development Program and began playing with Hughes, Trevor Zegras, Cole Caufield, Matthew Boldy and Cam York. All are expected to be first-round picks next month, possibly all in the top 10.

A recurring hip injury cost Alex time this season, but he has been healthy since December and helped Team USA to a bronze medal in the Under-18 World Championships with four goals and five assists in seven games.

“It’s insane that it’s this close already,” Alex said. “You dream about it as a kid and it’s right there in front of you. It’s a lot of guys’ childhood dream and it’s mine, for sure. I’ve thought about the possibility of being an NHL player from the time I was 4 or 5. It’s crazy.”

According to Alfie, all those years of keeping Alex on lesser teams to force him to work harder was worth it. His boy is ready to play against the best in the world.

“It’s instilled in him now,” Alfie said. “It’s completely instilled in him.”

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More than five years ago, Maria Kent started rowing after deciding to forgo AAU basketball that spring.

The Oak Park-River Forest graduate quickly became a standout in her new sport. Kent said she was immediately drawn to rowing. “I had early success with the sport on the novice team,” Kent said. “I enjoyed being on the water and the feeling of freshness that came with starting a new sport. I enjoyed rowing right away.”

Kent, now a Stanford sophomore, is a key contributor on the Cardinal women’s rowing team. She helped lead the Cardinal to the NCAA Championships in the first weekend of June. Stanford placed fourth as a team in Indianapolis.

A few days later, Kent was named to the Pac-12 All-Academic Team as a second-team selection. “We attained one of the goals which Stanford has been after for many years, which was landing all three of our boats in the grand final,” Kent said. “That was really great. My boat finished fourth in our race. We are not satisfied with a fourth-place (team) finish. We intend on winning a national championship within the coming years.”

Kent said she loved playing basketball for the Huskies, but through her years training with the Chicago Rowing Foundation, she came to relish her time on the water.

Kent admitted rowing is a big challenge at Stanford. Kent said it’s a 20-minute drive to the local boathouse, though she’s excited to continue her career as a scholarship athlete.

“The upward shift in training volume and intensity is dramatic from high school to college,” she said. “We practice twice a day for a cumulative 20 hours a week. Initially in my freshman year, I remember feeling rather overwhelmed by all the time we were called to devote to rowing. “Academics are the core to the Stanford experience, so I’m fortunate that the culture on my team is certainly one of academic rigor and high performance in both rowing and in the classroom.”

New Trier graduate Nicole Pocher is also a member of the Stanford women’s rowing team.

OPRF alumna Maria Kent helped the Stanford women’s rowing team finish fourth at the NCAA Championships.
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