Cancer Claims Life of Clerk

By RICHARD MAYER
Assistant Managing Editor

"I am at peace," Mount Prospect Village Clerk Lisa Angell said from her hospice bed at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights on Saturday. "I always wanted to be at peace and wanted my kids to see me at peace. I did not want them to see me suffer."

Two days later on Monday, Oct. 17, Angell, 62, succumbed to a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Angell, a resident of Mount Prospect for 15 years, had worked for the village since 1988, starting in the public works department. In 2005, she was appointed village clerk, replacing Velma Lowe, who had passed away from breast cancer. Prior to working for the village, Angell was a social worker for eight years at the Dept. of (Continued on page 10A)

Big Day For Donations, Village

Members of the Mount Prospect Fire Dept. and Human Services Dept. unload a bus full of food and other items donated by the community this past weekend for the village food pantry. See more photos and story on page 5A. (Journal photo)

Some Answers For Widower

Attorney Says MP Satisfied With Investigation Process

By RICHARD MAYER
Assistant Managing Editor

A village attorney said he would not respond to further questioning by a Mount Prospect widower over the village's handling of his wife's death investigation.

Eric Jakubowski submitted questions to the village on Oct. (Continued on page 10A)

Condo Residents Seek City Assistance In Rehabbing Ponds

By TOM WESSELL
Managing Editor

City officials are open to providing homeowners in one east side condo complex with funding for a pond rehabilitation project, but want a better idea of how much it will cost.

Willow Woods condominium residents spent the summer clearing their two retention ponds along Old Willow Road, just west of River Road, of invasive weeds and overgrowth. Because the ponds had suffered years of neglect, said Willow Woods (Continued on page 9A)
Why Village Needs Contested Election In April

Next April's municipal election will be here before you know it. So far, two village trustees -- John Matuszak and Steve Politi -- have said they will not seek reelection. Trustee Michael Zadel says he will run again, as well as resident Kevin Novelty. With three spots up for voters, at least one more resident is needed to fill that seat. Mount Prospect needs at least two more to run so the April race can be contested and the important issues facing the community can be thoroughly discussed out in the open.

That goes for the mayor's office as well. Giving the mayor and all other elected officials a free pass is not the way to go no matter how hard they say they work and the way to go no matter how one feels about the mayor and all other elected officials.

Congratulations to Mount Prospect Village Trustee Colleen Saccotelli and her husband Mike on the birth of their new baby girl in early September. This is their third child. She has watched village board meetings while taking care of the newborn...

Mount Prospect Village Hall will serve as an Early Voting site for November's Presidential Election. From Oct. 24-Nov. 7, area residents can cast their votes on the first floor from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The week of Oct. 31 through Friday, Nov. 4, village hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. It's that time of year again where families and children are getting excited about Halloween. Trick-or-treat hours in Mount Prospect are set for 3 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31...

For a lifelong Cubs fans like myself, this time of year has been magical. Still, I remain cautiously optimistic after feeling the pain of Cubs heartbreakers over the years. If anyone wants to share their special memories about the Cubs, and/or has old Cubs-related photographs, email news-mp@journal-topics.info and we can share those memories with the rest of the community...

During his two-plus years as head of Mount Prospect's police department, Chief Tim Janowick has undeniably faced some pressure situations. Since becoming chief in June 2014, Janowick, a veteran of the department for over 20 years, has seen officers file grievances claiming unfairness and inappropriate behavior on the part of top administrators, dealt with...

He is divorced, with two adult children both in college. Supporters have helped him collect the minimum 318 signatures required to be placed on the April election ballot. He said he plans to soon go door-to-door to collect even more signatures than the minimum required.

Three village board seats will be decided on by voters in the spring. Trustee Michael Zadel is running for another term while fellow trustees John Matuszak and Steve Politi have decided not to seek reelection. With Novelty running, at least two more residents will need to throw their hats into the ring for the trustee race to be contested.

Mayor Arlene Juracek is also up for reelection in April, but no challengers have stepped forward yet.

Nonahelo Will Run Again

MP Resident Looks To Secure Seat On Village Board 2nd Time Around

By RICHARD MAYER
Assistant Managing Editor

For the second time in two years, Mount Prospect resident Kevin Novelty is running for village trustee next April, he told the Journal & Topics Newsletters Monday.

Novelty, 46, has resided in the village for four years. He ran for trustee in 2015, but finished sixth out of seven in the running for three village board seats.

Novelty is chief school business official for Dolton-Riverdale School Dist. 148. He started work there July 1. His primary responsibilities focus on finance, operations and personnel handling.

Overall, he has worked in the education field for 25 years. He has a doctorate degree in education.

Novelty said he is running again because the experience he gained in the last election was positive and rewarding. He said he felt compelled to try again.

"I have the support from my family, friends, colleagues and neighbors and me running was pretty much a no-brainer," he said.

According to Novelty, he has the passion, energy and commitment to serve residents with integrity, accountability and sustainability.

One of his priorities is to develop balanced, conservative budgets to enhance the village's services. He said he wants to seek new avenues of raising additional revenue for the village while reducing the tax burden on residents.

If elected, he would like to develop a "dream team" of highly regarded professionals. He wants to ensure Mount Prospect is attracting the right people and retaining the best and brightest individuals to lead village departments.

"I want to create a culture of excellence that runs meticulously through the village staff and the services they deliver," he said.

Thirdly, he wants to execute plans to assure residents that the village's infrastructure is properly maintained and financially sustainable for decades to come.

When he has free time, Novelty loves the outdoors, biking, climbing and running. He is a five-time marathon finisher. Novelty is divorced, with two adult children both in college.

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Fly Quiet 'Take 2': Is It Working?

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

Locals Face Federal Indictment Over Credit Card Fraud Claims

Eleven people, including residents of Des Plaines, Mount Prospect and Park Ridge, fraudulently obtained multiple credit cards and quickly maxed out the credit limits, with no intention of ever paying back the balance, according to an indictment unsealed in federal court in Chicago.

The defendants applied for the credit cards online, using false employment and income information to secure approval, and bolster the credit limits, according to the indictment. Upon receipt of the cards, the defendants purchased goods and services, and quickly reached the maximum credit limits to obtain as much money as possible from the financial institutions who issued the cards, the indictment states.

Some of the defendants later filed for bankruptcy in order to discharge the debts they had charged to the credit cards. The scam began in April 2010 and ended in April 2015, according to the indictment.

The indictment states that the fraudsters, also known as "Izabela Cwynar," known as "Daniel Terlecki," 41, of Des Plaines; Gabriel Cwynar, 37, of Chicago; Izabela Kapusciski, also known as "Izabela Cwynar," 39, of Chicago; Jaroslaw Wysocki, 48, of Schaumburg; Bartosz Poziak, 42, of Mount Prospect; Jolanta Wysocka, 50, of Schaumburg; Monika Szczurek, 36, of Lombard; Marcin Cychowski, 41; of Addison; Franciszek Bystron, 37, of Park Ridge; Arthur Radolinski, 32, of Lisle; and Elżbieta Bucek, 37, of Bensenville.

The indictment notes that the defendants charged to the credit cards online, using a user-friendly app link which reduces time to reach the CDA complaint hotline, has shifted most noise messages to online rather than telephone reporting.

ONCC members complained that they couldn't really filter the information that gets collected.

Questions were raised from the audience about the distance from the ground where arriving and departing planes are traveling, and at what points newer landing technology is allowing planes to maneuver closer to the ground and to bank to turn over communities.

There are discussions that Dunlap's committee and ONCC plan to discuss in coming meetings.

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Crave Pizza Closes Doors

By RICHARD MAYER
Assistant Managing Editor

After nearly five years of serving diners in downtown Mount Prospect, Crave Pizza owner Rafael Manjarres Dickson closed the business for good at the beginning of October.

Throughout the years, Dickson had asked village trustees to support video gambling, which he thought would help generate additional revenue for his establishment. Video gambling remains banned in the village.

Crave, located at 106 W. Northwest Hwy. in Clocktower Plaza, was recently remodeled to add a bar.

Community Development Director Bill Cooney said Dickson’s expenses had exceeded what he was generating in terms of revenue. Cooney said the closure was a business decision. Cooney does not expect the Crave space to remain vacant for long.

He said another yet-to-be-named restaurant is expected to move in within the first few months of 2017.

“We are very sorry to see any business fail, but we hope the community comes out to support the next business that comes in there,” Cooney said.

Commentary

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high-ranking officers involved in off-duty incidents, felt the uproar from residents over his proposal to hire non-U.S. citizens, and most recently, dealt with a barrage of criticism from certain residents over findings in bicyclist Joni Beaudry’s death investigation.

On the flip side, since Janowicz has taken over as the department’s top cop, he has remained actively involved in the community, by among other things, participating in National Night Out. Kickin’ It With the Cops, shaving his head for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation and raising money for Special Olympics.

Over all, it’s obvious he cares about the department and the men and women who work for him. Still, Janowick, like any public official, has an obligation to be open and honest with the public. That, too, goes for the village manager and every other public servant despite the human tendency to hunker down when the going gets a little tough.

When they signed on for these jobs, they agreed to conduct themselves appropriately in exchange for the types of salaries and benefits many of us can only dream of...
Big Turnout For Food Drive
Village Takes In Twice Amount As Last Year For Pantry

By RICHARD MAYER
Assistant Managing Editor

Approximately double the amount of food was donated to the Mount Prospect Food Pantry through the village's annual drive compared to last year.

Local residents donated 16 pallets of food, paper products, over the counter medicine and beauty products during the food drive Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Randhurst Village Costco and Jewel stores.

An additional $482.84 in gift cards, cash and checks were collected during the drive organized by Mount Prospect firefighters and the village's Human Services Dept.

"I was really shocked," Human Services Director Julie Kane said. "I knew there was a lot of food donated, but didn't know exactly to what extent. It is just incredible to see when all this food fills up our (village hall) basement and to see the volume. People's generosity is just amazing."

Fire Chief Brian Lambel said he was also amazed by the number of people that came out to donate and was pleased with the outcome. He thanked everyone for their support.

"We are good for this year's Holiday Meal Basket Program," Kane said. "She said more donations are needed to keep the pantry full for the holidays and to ensure enough food is on hand in the months to follow."

She said the amount of food the village receives this time of year allows human services to continue to assist families in need on a monthly basis after the holidays.

"The more donations we receive, the more we are able to help people year-round," she said. "We encourage people to continue to help out so we can reach out to the maximum number of families."

This holiday season (both Thanksgiving and Christmas), Kane said the village would provide food and other goods for 120-130 Mount Prospect families.

Each family will most likely receive four bags of groceries for each holiday as well as a turkey for Thanksgiving and a turkey or ham for Christmas.

Kane said she expects 80 turkeys to be donated by CVS Caremark for Thanksgiving, with the recent gift cards and cash donations to help purchase remaining items. She expects turkeys and hams to be donated for Christmas, but has yet to receive confirmation.

Prior to last weekend's drive, the food pantry was at an all-time low of items on hand. Items that are still needed include canned fruit, fruit cups, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce and baby wipes.

Anyone willing to donate may drop off items at village hall Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

In order to allow time for distribution for the holiday program, non-perishable food must be brought to village hall by Nov. 15 for Thanksgiving. Food for the Christmas holiday must be donated by Dec. 16.

All of the families go through a financial assessment to determine if they are eligible to receive donations.

Those who qualify for the program are also part of this year's toy drive headed up by the fire department and human services.

Unwrapped toys can be dropped off beginning next month through the middle of December at any of the village's three fire stations.

"I just want to give a tremendous thanks to the entire community, fire department and public works, because without them, this wouldn't happen," Kane added.
Tough Choice

Editor, Journal:

For President: It is difficult to vote for either Presidential candidate this time. One of them needs a muddle and the other needs jail time. For those who choose to protest, the only option is to select the third candidate listed on the ballot.

For Congress: The Democratic Party is striving for control of the U.S. Senate that would give them full control of Congress. There is a government waste watch organization in Washington, D.C. which grades congressmen on their job, controlling waste and spending. It gives Sen. Kirk a grade of over 70%, while Durbin's grade is in the teens and Duckworth is under 10%.

For Illinois: It's one of the worst governed and corrupt states in the union. Illinois has too long been under the control of one party and dictated by long entrenched Mike Madigan who has control of a veto-proof Democratic majority. His control with both money and power enables him to control too many of its members. He continues with impunity to carry on business as usual in Springfield. He has made himself and his friends rich while the corruption continues. We need two strong parties in this and every state that can watch and control each other.

We need more independent Democrats who can vote for the people, not the Madigan line in order to keep financing and maybe even their jobs. It is time for the voters to speak up. We the voters are our last line of defense. We all have to voice our choice. A vote for an incumbent is a vote for no change. My vote will be for capable independent Democrats and any good Republican.

William McNutt
Des Plaines

A Great Read

Editor, Journal:

Thank you for being an excellent local paper for locals.

Examples:
Several beautifully written and informative articles about the big proposed project at Mannheim-Higgins roads by a wonderful reporter, Lauren Barry. Reporting about the Main West students who are proposing to city council that Des Plaines be a “welcoming community” to Syrian refugees. I was so proud of these young people. I am 83-year-old. A week ago, I wrote a two-page typed letter to their faculty sponsor, wanting to be on board. I have two spare bedrooms and even have neighbors who are Syrian Arabs, who would help with translation.

Unfortunately, I have not heard one word back from these people. Seems to me a lack of common courtesy.

I was thrilled to see a comment in your Oct. 7 “2016” section quoting the Bible, which in many areas states, in effect: Help the Stranger. And that comment did not even mention the story of the “Good Samaritan,” the greatest “Help the Stranger” story of all time.

Let’s think about being “Good Samaritans” instead of people who “pass by on the other side.”

Mary O. Bachmann
Des Plaines

Back Trump

Editor, Journal:

Aren’t Republicans who won’t back Trump going against their own constituencies? We selected Trump as our candidate for President and by you not supporting him, you’re turning this country over to the Democrats. Are you perhaps sore losers or what?

Joyce Petersen
Des Plaines
Pills Reportedly Discovered During Traffic Stop; Comic Books Go Missing

These items are from Mount Prospect Police Department incident reports. The Mount Prospect Journal publishes the police blotter every Wednesday and Friday. If anyone has information that can help solve a crime, call Crimestoppers at 847-590-7867.

DUI Charges

Guy McNaught, 42, of 5340 Niven Ln., Hanover Park, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, resisting, speeding, and possession of a controlled substance. At approximately 1:36 a.m. Sept. 12, police reportedly observed a vehicle on southbound Elmhurst Road from Huntington Commons Road traveling 49 mph in a 35 mph zone. Police pulled over the vehicle over and Martin reported making a wide left turn to enter a private drive, according to police officers other comic books appeared to be missing from the shelf. According to police, surveillance video showed the boy take three comic books and place them under his shirt. He then selected a fourth book, which was paid for at the register, and left the store, the police report said.

Traffic Stop; Comic Books Go Missing

An employee told officers a white male, approximately 17 years of age, two hours earlier had purchased a comic book. The employee told responding police officers other comic books appeared to be missing from the shelf. According to police, surveillance video showed the boy take three comic books and place them under his shirt. He then selected a fourth book, which was paid for at the register, and left the store, the police report said.
**Kids Say, Go Cubs!**

With the Chicago Cubs playing in the National League Championship Series (NLCS) for the second consecutive year, students at Westbrook School in Mount Prospect showed their support Friday, Oct. 14 by wearing Cubs shirts and cheering for their favorite team.

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**Dist. 23 Confirms Mold Cleaned Up**

Prospect Heights School Dist. 23 administrators were notified Friday that results of a recent air quality investigation at Eisenhower Elementary School, 1 N. Schoenbeck Rd., Prospect Heights, show that all teachers and staff are safe.

The investigation, conducted by United Analytical Services, was spurred after mold or mildew was found in a classroom at the school and on a book in the library, on two separate occasions over the past 45 days, the district said.

Mold or mildew was found on certain items in an early learning classroom at Eisenhower, which serves pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students, when staff returned from summer (Continued on page 10A)
Get Rid Of Prescription Drugs This Weekend

Both Mount Prospect and Prospect Heights police along with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) give the public its 12th opportunity in six years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday at both police stations (112 E. Northwest Hwy., Mount Prospect; 14 E. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights), residents can bring in their pills for disposal.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Items such as liquids or needles or sharps will not be accepted.

Last April, Americans turned in 447 tons (over 893,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,400 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners.

Overall, in its 11 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 6.4 million pounds — about 3,200 tons — of pills. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Rehabbing Ponds

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association treasurer Svetlana Ostrovskaya, some residents weren’t even aware the ponds existed.

However, in requesting assistance from the city at its Oct. 10 council workshop, Ostrovskaya said Willow Woods did not have enough of its own money to fund the project further.

The residents’ request calls for Prospect Heights to provide funding out of Special Service Area (SSA) 5, which encompasses the area for stormwater purposes. In an SSA, property owners pay extra taxes that go into the SSA fund for specific projects.

Willow Woods wants to remove layers of sediment that have built up in the ponds over the years, stabilize the shorelines and aerate the ponds.

Homeowners have received two estimates for all the work, ranging between approximately $500,000 and $1 million, Ostrovskaya told officials.

She said benefits of improving the ponds would be felt both upstream and downstream. Stormwater drainage has long been a concern in the neighborhood due to its proximity to the Des Plaines River and a multitude of apartment and condo complexes.

After water finally leaves the two ponds, it travels through an outlet pipe under Old Willow Road and into the village of Mount Prospect. According to consulting engineer Mark Toberman, there is no storm sewer that runs directly under Old Willow and into the river. Rather, run-off from the two manmade ponds traverses through residential Mount Prospect and into the village’s pump station at the Levee 37 floodwall to the south.

With a lack of funding and know-how in operating heavy machinery, Ostrovskaya said Willow Woods needs the city’s assistance. Volunteers have gone as far as they can in removing weeds and clearing areas around the ponds, she said, adding, “It’s like a swamp right now.”

According to City Attorney Mike Zimmerman, council members do have discretion over approving a project like the one proposed by Willow Woods. However, all property owners in SSA 5 would likely pay some of the costs through future property taxes, if the council goes in that direction.

The council could also decide to establish a new SSA arrangement just for Willow Woods, provide a loan, and make the complex pay the city back over a certain period of time.

Zimmerman further clarified that per city ordinance, the primary purpose of SSA 5 is the evaluation of stormwater. This gives aldermen the ability to study specific issues in an SSA closer. Then, benefits for the area and sturdier cost estimates can be addressed, according to Zimmerman.

Finance Director Stephanie Hannon said $15,000 exists in the SSA 5 fund for professional services and system maintenance. This could fund preliminary engineering costs and soil testing, officials were told. The SSA 5 fund balance is currently around $68,000.

Toberman urged the city to repair piping in the ponds and stabilize the shoreline before winter, in order to preserve work already done by residents.

“It’s a good start,” said Ald. Scott Williamson (3rd). But, he and Ald. Pat Ludvigsen (4th) were concerned about any possible soil contamination, which would need to be tested for.

Mayor Nick Helmer said the city wants to retain control over the project, but would not pay for all of the work. He said Willow Woods’ finances would also need to be reviewed.

“You’re doing what we can do very quickly,” said Helmer.

Aldermen agreed to wait for better pricing information from the city engineer.
Clerk Passes Away

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Mental Health in Iowa.

As clerk, Angell was an instrumental part of operations at village hall. Not only did she provide the roll call and take notes during public meetings, but on a daily basis her responsibilities included handling voter registration, absentee voting, supplying general information, obtaining copies of maps, laws, ordinances and codes. She was also in charge of Freedom of Information requests and more.

In November 2015, Angell was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Last Saturday, her daughter Kathryn said her mother had been doing well for a long time, despite the ailment. She kept working full-time at the village Monday through Thursday since her chemotherapy treatments were on Fridays. "It was an aggressive chemo treatment, but she continued to feel great," Kathryn said. "She had a lot of good days and did so well for a long time because of how strong she is and her drive to live everyday to the fullest and work as hard as she could."

Around the beginning of October, Angell said she was experiencing pain and issues with food and digestion.

She said her entire team of doctors, which she credited for providing her with top-notch care over the years, looked at every way to help and every type of test and research before determining the cancer had spread too far. The chemotherapy treatments came to an end.

"Friends, family and co-workers frequently visited Angell to share their thoughts and condolences. "I cannot think of one negative word for anyone that I have encountered in my life," Angell said during a telephone interview with the Journal & Topics on Saturday. Her children Kathryn and Brian were at her bedside. "I would not change my life for all the money in the world or anything else."

Angell added she received so much support from many of the village's elected officials, not just in this time of need, but throughout her career. When it came to her kids, they were all truly cared about in the end. She was also recently divorced.

"There has never been two more wonderful kids than mine and I am so happy and blessed to have them in my life," she said, adding that she decided on hospice care instead of staying home so her children would not see her suffer.

She said the hospital setting allowed them to spend time together and remember the good things in their lives. Angell said the biggest gift one can give to another is to greet someone everyday with a smile and friendly "hello," because that might be the best part of someone's day. She said she lived by the motto and tried to instill it in her children.

Funeral services were pending as of Monday.

"I cannot think of one negative word for anyone that I have encountered in my life."

Lisa Angell

Driver Fined $150 In Fatal Crash

Jakubowski Reads Statement To Judge Before Sentencing

The driver of an SUV that police say fatally struck a bicyclist on Central Road was fined $150 by a Cook County Circuit Court judge Friday in Rolling Meadows.

According to police, Hanna Burzynska, 56, of Elk Grove Village, struck Joni Beaudry, 55, of Mount Prospect, as Beaudry attempted to cross Central Road at Weller Lane on her bicycle June 9.

Beaudry reportedly activated the yellow flashing beacon at the crossing designed to alert motorists.

Burzynska was charged with failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk and driving too fast for conditions.

Prior to the judge implementing the fine, Beaudry's husband Erik Jakubowski read a pre-written statement:

"Given the senseless and careless act that took a beautiful mother away from her family, we firmly believe that a criminal penalty is appropriate if only as a small gesture of understanding for the pain and devastation caused by this act," Jakubowski read in the courtroom Friday.

Jakubowski criticized the Cook County State's Attorney for not issuing a subpoena to see if Burzynska was distracted at the time of the crash. He also continued to criticize the village over a Sept. 30 press release in which police said Beaudry was partly to blame for her death.

Jakubowski said after court, Burzynska did show him signs of remorse.

Central-Weller Work Ongoing

The village of Mount Prospect has completed a series of projects to make the pedestrian crossing to Melas Park on Central Road safer for pedestrians.

According to the village, the following steps have been taken:

- Aug. 26 - Public works staff installed "Wait for All Traffic To Stop Before Crossing" signs.
- Sept. 13 - Public works staff installed "PED XING" pavement markings in each lane of traffic to improve advanced warning for motorists.
- Sept. 15 - Public works installed additional "Stop For Pedestrians" signs in the center island.
- Oct. 7 - Public works installed a third rapid flash beacon in the center pedestrian refuge island. This beacon activates in conjunction with the existing beacons.

Public works officials have submitted engineering drawings to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for overhead rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB) and speed feedback signs.

Also, IDOT is performing speed limit study and traffic signal warrant studies.

The possibility of constructing an overhead bridge is also being considered, as well as additional pedestrian signal work at Central and Busse roads.

Central-Weller Project concludes

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11 seeking answers as to how the village came to the conclusion that his wife Joni, 55, was partly to blame for her death when she was struck by a car while crossing Central Road on her bicycle June 9.

Attorney Lance Malina said the village is satisfied the investigation was conducted in a professional manner in accordance with departmental protocols and established industry standards.

Jakubowski asked for the number of calls police or public works received about the crossing, from when it was first installed in fall 2013 to the time of his wife's death. Malina stated to his knowledge, no one call was received complaining about the beacon signal during that time period.

Jakubowski also wanted to know how many citations were issued to pedestrians crossing in a crosswalk throughout the village.

Malina said he is aware of at least two instances where police reports indicate pedestrians contributed in some way to personal injury accidents. He added there have been no special monitoring assignments by the police department with respect to the Central and Weller crosswalk and no tickets were ever issued prior to the time of Jakubowski's wife's death.
The Illinois Constitution establishes a structure for government and laws. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Constitution before they become effective. The purpose of this document is to inform you of proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution and provide you with a brief explanation and a summary of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Proposed changes in the existing constitutional amendment are indicated by underscoring all new matter and by crossing with a line all matter which is to be deleted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION II TO ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IX – REVENUE

SECTION II. TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

(a) No moneys, including bond proceeds, derived from taxes, fees, excises, or license taxes relating to registration, title, or operation of vehicles, or related to the use of highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, airports, or to fuels used for propelling vehicles, or derived from taxes, fees, excises, or license taxes relating to any other transportation infrastructure or transportation operation, shall be expended for purposes other than as provided in subsections (b) and (c).

(b) Transportation funds may be expended for the following: the costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportation, including statutory refunds and adjustments provided in those laws; payment of highway obligations; costs for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and bettement of highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, airports, or other forms of transportation; and other statutory highway purposes. Transportation funds may also be expended for the State or local share of highway funds to match federal aid highway funds, and expenses of grade separation of highways and railroad crossings, including protection of at-grade highways and railroad crossings, and, with respect to local governments, other transportation purposes as authorized by law.

(c) The costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportation shall be limited to direct program expenses related to the following: the enforcement of traffic, railroad, and motor carrier laws; the safety of highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, or airports; and the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and administration of highways, under any related provision of law or any purpose related or incident to, including grade separation of highways and railroad crossings. The limitations on the costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportation under this subsection (c) shall also include direct program expenses related to workers' compensation claims for death or injury of employees of the State's transportation agency; the acquisition of land and the erection of buildings for highway purposes; or for investigations to determine the reasonable anticipated future highway needs; and the making of surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates for the construction and maintenance of flight strips and highways. The expenses related to the construction and maintenance of flight strips and highways under this subsection (c) are for the purpose of providing access to military and naval bases, defense installations, defense industry sites, and sources of raw materials, including the replacement of existing highways and highway connections shut off from general use at military and naval reservations, defense industries, defense industry sites, and defense industry sites, or the purchase of rights-of-way.

(d) None of the revenues described in subsection (a) of this Section shall be transferred, offset, or otherwise diverted to any purpose other than those described in subsections (b) and (c) of this Section.

(e) If the General Assembly appropriates funds for a mode of transportation not described in this Section, the General Assembly must provide for a dedicated source of funding.

(f) Federal funds may be spent for any purposes authorized by federal law.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment adds a new Section to the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that provides revenue generated from transportation related taxes and fees (referred to as "transportation funds") shall be used exclusively for transportation related purposes. Transportation related taxes and fees include motor fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees, and other taxes and user fees dedicated to public highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit (buses and rail), ports, or airports.

Under the proposed amendment, transportation funds may be used by the State or local governments only for the following purposes:

1. Costs related to administering transportation and vehicle laws, including public safety purposes and the payment of obligations such as bonds;
2. The State or local share necessary to secure federal funds for or local government transportation purposes as authorized by law;
3. The construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and administration of highways, mass transit, and railroad crossings;
4. Expenses related to workers' compensation claims for death or injury of transportation agency employees; and
5. To purchase land for building highways or buildings for or to be used for highway purposes.

This new Section is a limitation on the power of the General Assembly or a unit of local government to use, divert, or transfer transportation funds for a purpose other than transportation. It does not, and is not intended to, impact or change the way in which the State and local governments use sales taxes, including the sales and excise tax on motor fuel, or other home rule powers granted under this Constitution. It does not seek to change the way in which the State funds programs administered by the Illinois Secretary of State, Illinois Department of Transportation, and operations by the Illinois State Police directly dedicated to the safety of roads, or entities or programs funded by units of local government. Further, the Section does not impact the expenditure of federal funds, which may be spent for any purpose authorized by federal law.

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment adds a new section to the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution. The proposed amendment provides that no moneys derived from taxes, fees, excises, or license taxes, relating to registration, title, operation, or use of vehicles or public highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, or airports, or motor fuels, including bond proceeds, shall be expended for other than costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportation, costs for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and bettement of public highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, airports, or other forms of transportation, and other statutory highway purposes, including the State or local share to match federal aid highway funds.

YES – For the proposed addition of Section II to Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.

NO – Against the proposed amendment.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, Dated in the City of Springfield, this 22nd day of June, 2016.

Jesse White
Secretary of State

This copy of the information is available in written format in English, Chinese, Hindi, Polish, Spanish, and Braille. It is also available in audio format in English. For more information visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com or write the Secretary of State, Capitol State Building, Springfield, IL 62756.
Tickets On Sale For Housewalk

This year's Mount Prospect Historical Society Holiday Housewalk will feature the neighborhood surrounding St. Mark Lutheran Church, 205 S. Wille St., just south of the Prospect Avenue commercial district.

The 29th annual walk will be held from 3:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. Tickets go on sale Nov. 1.

The interiors of six private homes, built between 1923 and 2005, are included in this year's tour, along with the exteriors and histories of two other homes.

Homes featured this year, both inside and out, are located at: 210 S. Main St., Denise and Philip Rominski; 210 S. Wille St., Joe and Maria Plata; 217 S. Pine St., John and Amy Ward; 205 S. Elmhurst Ave., MATT and Jill Schiltz; 207 S. Elmhurst Ave., Jenny Myk; and 208 S. Elmhurst Ave., Beth and Joe Zander.

The exteriors of 223 S. Pine St. and 221 S. Wille St. will also be highlighted with historical notes hung on lighted outdoor podiums.

The tour begins at St. Mark where refreshments will be offered and watercolors of the featured houses displayed. Tickets ordered through PayPal can be picked up at the church.

In keeping with tradition, the walking tour will be accented by luminaria. Parking is available on neighborhood streets.

Commentary in the homes will be provided by volunteers from local organizations, businesses, schools and the community.

Local florists and homeowners will provide decorations.

Non-refundable tickets can be purchased at FirstMerit Bank, 30 N. Main St.; Mount Prospect State Bank, 299 W. Central Rd.; Busse Flowers and Gifts, 100 E. Northwest Hwy.; River Trails Weiss Center, 1500 E. Euclid Ave.; Lions Park Recreation Center, 411 S. Maple St.; Millie's Hallmark, 1024 S. Elmhurst Rd.; Dave's Specialty Foods, 105 W. Prospect Ave.; and the Dietrich Fritz House Museum, 101 S. Maple St.

Tickets are also available through PayPal on the Historical Society's website and on the day of the walk beginning at 3 p.m. at the church.

The Housewalk is the Historical Society's largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds support the organization's educational endeavors and help to pay for museum upkeep.

Take Holiday Photos Here

The Mount Prospect Historical Society (MPHS) and a photographer offer local residents an opportunity to take unique holiday portraits in a historic family home.

Images by David Kay will be on hand at the Historical Society, 101 S. Maple St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22 and Sunday, Oct. 23. Participants are allotted 15-minute portrait sessions. The walk is free to the public and is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22.

We are really excited to offer this unique holiday experience at the museum this year," MPHS Executive Director Lindsay Rice said. "We are going to decorate the museum early this year for Christmas so that it adds the perfect charm to the portraits." Portraits are available on a per-session cost. Spaces are limited.

Hersey Band Captures First Place At NIU Competition

John Hersey High School's Marching Band won first place overall in its class at the Red & Black Fall Classic marching band competition Oct. 1 at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

The Hersey band also received a first place award for Best Overall Effect in Class AAAA. This year is a great boost for our season," said Scott Casagrande, director of bands at Hersey in Arlington Heights. "This performance set us up perfectly for our ultimate goal: a fantastic performance at the State of Illinois Marching Championshio at the ISU Redbird Stadium on Oct. 22."

Northern Illinois University Marching Band co-sponsors the Red & Black Fall Classic with Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corp, a nationally-known group based in Rockford.

For the 2016 performance season, the Hersey Marching Band's theme is "The Festival of the Rose," featuring music from noted composers Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Astor Piazzola and Georgies Bizet. Musical selections include Alborod and Fandango from Capriccio Espagnol, Flamenco, Danse Boheme from Carmen, and Libertango.

Altogether, the John Hersey Marching Band consists of 150 musicians and color guard members. The band's next competition is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Illinois State University Invitational Marching Championship in Normal.

MP Community Band Fall Concert Oct. 30 At Trinity

Mount Prospect Community Band's fall concert "All Hallows' Eve - A Musical Treat" is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 W. Golf Rd., Mount Prospect.

Under the direction of Monty Adams, the band will play Halloween music including movie selections such as "The Harry Potter Symphonic Suite" by John Williams and orchestral favorites such as "Dance Macabre" and "Sorcerer's Apprentice."

Concert-goers will also have an opportunity to hear the premiere of "Psycho" by Bernard Herman.

Wheeling High School Marching Band ended the 2016 season on a high note. Despite soggy conditions at the Prospect Marching Knight of Champions Festival, the Marching Wildcats took 1st place in Class AA division and were 2nd overall. They also took home caption awards for best overall music, best visual, and best auxiliary. At the recent Marengo Settlers Day Parade and Competition, Wheeling claimed 1st place overall, 1st place Class AAA field show and grand champion awards. The Wildcats also took home best marching, best woodwinds, best brass, best percussion and best auxiliary caption awards. Claiming the honors for the Wildcats were band members (from l. to r.) Jackie Borns, Rachel Lisowski, Jacqueline Skup, Nicole Dorey, Gabby Garnowski and Cameron Zusman.
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Yep, It’s Election Season Crunch Time

A desk drawer full of campaign flyers and brochures charging local candidates with everything from being a hypocrite to endangering the well-being of senior citizens and children are being circulated to voters throughout the Northwest suburban area.

The four-color, double-sided pieces, all printed on heavy coated paper stock, focus on the negatives of candidates. The materials are funded by the political committees of some of the candidates and well-financed political action committees. This suburban area is home to three high-profile election contests that state party leaders desperately want to capture in order to gain or maintain control or leverage of the Illinois General Assembly. Parties and PACs are literally spending millions of dollars collectively in these races.

Here’s a sample of some of the campaign pieces:

- "Blank Check Murphy created this monster", a reference to State Senator Laura Murphy in the 28th Senate District that includes parts of Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Elk Grove Village and communities to the west. The flyer’s main focal point is a photo of House Speaker Mike Madigan wearing a Donald Trump wig. "Chicago Democrat boss House Speaker Mike Madigan combines the worst qualities of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump." This was paid for by conservative PAC Liberty Principles.

- "Dan Gott would help dangerous predators hide." Accompanying this message is an unattractive picture of Des Plaines resident Gott who is running against incumbent Democrat State Rep. Marty Moylan in the 55th House District. This piece was paid for by the Democratic Party of Illinois. The 55th District includes sections of Park Ridge, Des Plaines and Elk Grove.

- "No Bull. Politician Mel Thillens’ out-of-control Tax and Spend policies are wrong for us." On the flip side of this flyer is a picture of a Texas Longhorn in a China shop. The state Democratic Party paid for this. Thillens of Park Ridge, is running against Laura Murphy in the 28th Senate.

We also were handed a letter from GOP Presidential candidate Donald Trump asking for any contribution between $35 and $1,000...

"My mother would always say that I should help people." "I never had a drink of beer or a drink of coffee." "Remember, your waistline is your life line." "Aid, Always fly the flag."

Those were but a few of the items that a good friend of mine would frequently say as we got together with a politician for lunch at the Des Plaines Elks Club or out on the golf course enjoying some of mine would frequently do. Ed was a true people person who never got into social events in the golf course enjoying some of his friends in the Cook County newspaper and political world. Ed McElroy, a kid from the Irish neighborhoods of Chicago, who later in life rubbed elbows with every U.S. President from Harry Truman to Barack Obama, died last Thursday night in Chicago. He was 91.

Ed was a true person who never got into social media, but mastered the art of knowing the thing that really counts: people.

In life, Ed ran his own public relations business where his clients were judicial candidates and politicians. Before that, he hosted numerous radio sports programs in Hammond, IN, and throughout the Chicago area. He always liked to say he was a baseball catcher in his youth and, being from the South side, he loved the White Sox.

Ed McElroy was a good friend of too many people to count. He touched the lives of thousands with his friendly Irish personality and through his devout Catholic faith. I never heard Ed swear. Not once. Not even on the golf course. When he missed a short putt he would say in soft disgust, "Fish."

As Ed’s casket was being wheeled out of St. Germaine Church in Southwest suburban Oak Lawn Monday, there was nary a dry eye as those assembled sang one of Ed’s favorite songs, “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling”...

We were saddened to hear about the death of longtime Mount Prospect Village Clerk Lisa Angell, who passed away Saturday. She was quite a person and a good clerk. Mount Prospect has suffered a major loss...

The city of Des Plaines has been held by the owner of Boston Fish Market that they will not be closing their local restaurant at Forest and Lee streets. While they are proceeding with plans to open as of early this week, the city approved the company’s construction permit to perform the work. As of early this week, they haven’t visited city hall to get the necessary paperwork approval.

Meanwhile, if you’re looking for a good local seafood restaurant, there’s the dean of Des Plaines seafood eatery, DON’s Dock, on Miner Street.

Record Day For Recycling In Park Ridge

The electronics recycling event held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Park Ridge Public Works Center unloaded a record 468 vehicles! The Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, the city of Park Ridge; and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) worked together to put on this community event so residents could get rid of the unwanted electronics, textiles and documents.

A huge thank you to city employee Mike McGrath, who continues to oversee the entire event each year.

To pull off a community event this size, volunteers from all over the community are needed and we couldn’t have done it without all these volunteers: Park Ridge Citizens Patrol; Park Ridge Chamber members; Maine South High School students; Maine East High School students; Notre Dame High School students; Boy Scout Troop 1; Park Ridge Kiwanis; St. Paul of the Cross Youth Group; One Brick; Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Thank you to chamber sponsors: Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, Maine Township; Village Bank & Trust; and Walter Kazmierzczak, Maine Township highway commissioner.

And finally, thank you to D’Agostino’s Pizza & Pub for feeding the many hungry volunteers and Avenues to Independence for allowing us to use their parking lot for the document destruction.

When the whole community comes together to address community needs such as electronics recycling, it continues to make Park Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, play and raise a family!
A beautiful day

What a glorious October 17th day in Des Plaines, Illinois. I saw two white butterflies, one by Campground Road and Des Plaines River and the other by River Road and Lawrence. We haven’t even peaked on the fall colors. Looking forward to that, too. I wonder how many more white butterflies I will see in this year.

Put toll booth at S-Curve

I can’t believe it, $4 million for that S-Curve thing. I have a suggestion on how to recover some of the costs. How about a toll booth there, that way those that use it can help pay for it. Just a thought.

Thankful for Restaurant Week

Thanks, Mayor Bogusz, for Restaurant Week, great idea, we get to try different prices.

No more

To all the politicians in the state of Illinois, The taxpayer is no. You cannot have anymore of my family’s income! It’s not that I’m being selfish and greedy, it’s just that I need the money for my family. How am I supposed to put twins through college when federal, state, property taxes, sales taxes, and dozens of other taxes take nearly 50% of my family’s income? It is not there for your use. It is not community money because I earned it. If you continue down this path of confiscating even more of my money, I will be forced to cheat on my tax returns. I don’t want to, but I will if I have to.

Moving at a snail’s pace

The never ending construction project on Algonquin Road between Prospect Road and Elmhurst Road moves at a snails pace. The road was a washboard before it started...what are the odds that it will be a washboard after it is completed. Let’s hope that it is completely repaved...not sure who oversees this road but maybe there might be a politician who can make it happen. Not holding my breath.

MP appreciate their service

To the Mount Prospect retiring trustees Steve Polit and John Matuszak, the community and its residents say “thank you.” This country was founded on the principles that citizens step up and serve their local areas and not to make a career out of it. There is the problem that is plaguing this country right now, too many career politicians. Sure you can vote them out of office, but they build up such a patronage system during their term of service that many people are so beholden on them for their jobs, favors and liveliness (a la Madigan) it’s impossible to vote them out of office. They either die in office or get tired of having people kissing their backsides with votes, and retire as very wealthy office folks. To trustees John and Steve, again your service is and has been appreciated by your local citizens.

Show common sense at crosswalks

This comment is in response to the “Sees Danger Ahead” in the Sept. 30 Journal Speak Out. The crosswalk stop sign law is most certainly not the worst law ever. Many laws are probably made because people lack the common sense and/or good judgment to do the right thing. A driver should never be so complacent as to become “accustomed” to anything while driving. A good driver should be alert to his/her surroundings at all times. The crosswalk-stop sign law (Illinois Vehicle Code 625 ILCS 5/1002) pertains to both vehicles and pedestrians. Yes, drivers are to come to a stop when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk. However, a pedestrian is not supposed to step off the curb and walk into the path of a moving vehicle. With that said, drivers: stop for pedestrians. Pedestrians: give the car a chance to stop before stepping into the crosswalk. We all need to exercise some common sense to avoid accidents.

Vote for Studenroth

In this upcoming election, voters have a unique opportunity to support an accomplished and experienced lawyer for judge of the Circuit Court in the 12th Judicial Subcircuit race. Rarely do voters have an opportunity to have a voice in who sits on the bench. Many states across our country do not allow citizens to elect judges. Here in Illinois, we have that privilege. I encourage you to exercise your right and elect David Studenroth. I have observed him for the last 25 years wherein he served as a prosecutor and private lawyer in many areas of law. He is a man of integrity and experience. Let’s elect judges on their credentials.

Get rid of Obamacare

Health insurance rates in Illinois are going through the roof - 44 to 55% increases. Under Obamacare we have less choice of a carrier and a plan because carriers are going bankrupt or refusing to sell policies in Illinois. The policies available under Obamacare contain coverage which we do not want nor need. We can sign up for a new policy only during a short specific time of the year. Obamacare is a travesty and we have to get rid of it. One candidate wants to make the government take over the entire health care system. If you want to see what nationalized health care in this country would look like, all you need to think of is the VA system - that’s government-run health care where patients are treated like cattle if they are treated at all and 300,000 vets have died before they received treatment. We have to vote this election for the candidate who will get rid of Obamacare.

Voters deserve what they get

Every presidential election, I find it interesting that a Republican candidate has some slime dug up by the media. Now women are popping up in Trump’s background from 10, 20, 35 years past. Before the election not a peep. If the Americans fall for this tactic again, we deserve the government in D.C. that we get. Apparently none of the Wiki-leak releases are significant and the mainstream media buries them until after the election. Sad commentary on the fourth estate’s fair and balanced approach. When another disaster happens anywhere in the world, you will have nobody to point the finger at this time. Leading from behind or just not leading ends in disaster.

Feels ignored

With November elections approaching I can honestly say I don’t like either Presidential candidate. In fact, I am pretty much annoyed with most politicians. It seems that as a group they have ignored the middle class. You know, the average American whose ancestors came here legally, whose husbands, brothers, uncles, and grandfathers fought and (and died) in wars which guaranteed our freedom. The average American who pays a mortgage and those awful property taxes. The middle class senior citizens who worked multiple jobs to put their children through college because their family did not qualify for the Dream Act funding. The average American who works hard, follows the laws, and raises their children to be respectful citizens. I would love to speak one on one to the candidates, but they are too busy with their fundraising events which cost a great deal to attend and only serve as a platform to pander to special interest groups. Interestingly, win or lose, these candidates get to keep those funds after Election Day and there is no guarantee that all those campaign promises will be kept. Who really wins? Who are the losers? Makes you kind of mad, doesn’t it?

Weather Report

The following weather readings were compiled by Northwest suburban weatherman Karl Lindahl:

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Year-to-date precipitation: 28.78-inches.
Mount Prospect resident Tim Mellin shows off his pumpkin crop. (Journal photo)
By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

Last Chance For ‘Bubble’ Teams

6 Wins Is Magic Number For Playoffs; Four Local Teams 5-3 Heading Into Final Week

Rolling Meadows (8-0, No. 3 in Class 7A) - The Mustangs are looking for their second perfect regular season in school history (other was 2000) as they wrap up against Buffalo Grove (3-5) on Friday, Oct. 21. The Mustangs have won 5 in a row against Buffalo Grove and 7 of their last 9 matchups. RM beat Hersey, 47-7, last week.

Loyola Academy (8-0, No. 2 in Class 8A) - The Ramblers have won 25 straight, but face a biggest challenge in a while when they face Brother Rice (8-0, 3-0 in CCL Blue) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, in Chicago. Loyola went 1-4-0 last year and won the Class 8A state title. Loyola, which beat Providence Catholic last week, 42-7, has outscored opponents 350-117 this year. Brother Rice has outscored opponents 350-107.

Palatine (8-0, No. 5 in Class 8A) - The Pirates have won all 8 games this season and 14 of their last 15 (dating back to last year) after knocking off previously undefeated Barrington, 49-31, last week. Palatine has gone undefeated once (1965, 8-0) in program history. They went undefeated in the regular season in 1997, but ended the season 11-1 with a loss in the playoffs. Palatine, in the playoffs for the 21st time, wraps against Schaumburg (4-4) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at home.

Stevenson (7-1, No. 10 in Class 8A) - Stevenson beat Waukegan, 36-7, last week for their seventh win. The Patriots (6-0 in NSC) have won 7 in a row and look to knock off rival Warren (4-4, 4-2 in NSC) in the season finale. Warren, which hosts the finale at 7:30 p.m. Friday, is clinging to the final Class 8A playoff spot, but needs to win over the charging Patriots to advance. Warren beat Stevenson, 30-27, last year.

Leyden (6-2, No. 25 in Class 8A) - The Eagles (6-2; 5-0 in WSC Gold) soared to their fourth straight win with a 48-6 pounding of Morton last week and their first playoff appearance since 2012. Leyden went 6-12 over the last two seasons before coming out strong in 2016. Leyden’s last regular season game is against Willowbrook (8-2, 4-1 in WSC Gold) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 in Villa Park.

On The Bubble

St. Viator (5-3, No. 26 in Class 7A) - The Lions (5-3; 4-2 in ESCC) are looking to make their 16th playoff appearance in school history. First under new head coach David Aricai, St. Viator hosts Niles Notre Dame (5-3, 4-2 in ESCC) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at Forest View Stadium in Arlington Heights.

Stevenson hosts Niles Notre Dame (5-3) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at Forest View Stadium in Arlington Heights.

Wheeling’s Jalen Dennis directs traffic during his team’s win at Prospect last Friday. (Dion Martorano/The Journal)
Patriots Are Local Favorite At State

But Athletes From 7 Other Journal-Area Schools Also Look To Make Some Noise

By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

A total of 20 Journal-area teams attempted to qualify players for the girls tennis state tournament, but only eight accomplished the feat. The eight area schools with qualifiers are Stevenson, Fremd, Palatine, Maine South, Elk Grove, Conant, Loyola and St. Viator.

The IHSA state tournament starts Thursday, Oct. 20 and runs through Saturday, Oct. 22 on courts in high school district 211, 214 and Barrington. Matches will be played at Barrington, Buffalo Grove (the central host), Conant, Elk Grove, Fremd, Hersey, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and Wheeling high schools.

This is the first year with two competition classes since the tournament started in 1972.

In Class 2A, Stevenson is the favorite from the Journal-area after winning the Hersey sectional on Saturday, Oct. 15 and qualifying all of their players. Dhwan Kumar went 3-1 to finish second in the sectional. She will be joined by freshman teammate Athena Kolli after her fourth place finish.

In doubles, Gina Kondos and Elizabeth Ferdman won the sectional title for Stevenson over teammates Katherine Harvey and Paige Niernian.

Harvey won state with Vinitya Rao in doubles in 2014, but came in second with Rao in 2015. Harvey is 13-1 overall at state.

Fremd went 3-2 at state last year in doubles with Alexandra Zoubareva. Kumar went 3-2 in singles at state a year ago, but lasted until the fourth round of the consolation bracket before bowing out.

Stevenson has finished top three in program history including runner-up finishes in 1979, 1996, 2014 and 2015. The Patriots have finished in the top 10 at state each year since 2011.

Hinsdale Central has won state the last three years and eight of the last 10. The Red Devils qualified only one singles competitor and two doubles qualifiers this year.

At the Hersey sectional, Fremd earned a pair of state qualifiers with Diya Matta in singles and the doubles team of Kate Bodensteiner and Julia Smiarowska. The Vikings doubles team went 4-2 at state last year, falling in the seventh round of consolations.

Palatine's Asuka Kawai won the Hersey sectional title in singles to qualify for state again. Kawai came in third place last year in singles after falling in the consolation round.

Fremd's Diya Matta gets some practice in with Lake Zurich's Sophie de los Reyes before their match at the Hersey sectional.

Palatine's Asuka Kawai serves against Buffalo Grove's Jessica Prus during Frida'y sectional at Hersey.
Girls Volleyball Roundup

Pirates Pick Apart 'Pumpkin'

Warriors Win On 'Senior Night'

Maine West went 3-3 this past weekend, including 2-3 at their prestigious Pumpkin Invite. The 24-team invite featured Palatine, Maine East, Maine South, Hersey, Wheeling, Conant, Resurrection and more, with Palatine winning the championship.

Monday, Oct. 17

Maine West d. Vernon Hills, 25-13, 26-28, 25-22: Maine West won on Senior Night in Des Plaines. Seniors Lee Harty (1/1 service attempts), Julia Korte (5 kills) and Brenna Skinner (8 kills, 1 block) led the way for the Warriors (17-17, 5-4 in CSL North).

Other scores:
- Resurrection d. St. Joseph, 25-17, 25-17
- Maine West Pumpkin Invite:
  - Palatine d. Libertyville, 25-17, 25-23 (title)
  - Palatine d. Hersey, 25-22, 25-16
  - Palatine d. Wheeling, 25-19, 25-19
  - Palatine d. Oak Forest, 25-12, 25-13
  - Palatine d. Resurrection, 25-17, 25-20
  - Lockport d. Hersey, 25-19, 25-21
  - Hersey d. Batavia, 25-14, 25-16
  - Maine East d. Queen of Peace, 25-12, 25-0
  - Lyons d. Maine East, 25-11, 25-20
  - Maine West: The host Warriors finished 18th and improved to 16-17 overall. Maine West was led by Christy Kolosvary (57 assists, 40 digs, 8 aces), Jessica Riedl (41 kills, 11 blocks), Reilly Olson (43 kills, 36 digs), Amanda Grzebien (22 kills, 34 digs), Sophia Saldana (44 digs) and Brenna Skinner (25 service points).

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Wheeling: The Wildcats (23-11) went 3-2 at the Pumpkin Invite. Timber Terrell (48 kills, 42 digs, 10 blocks, 3 aces, 2 assists) recorded her 1,000th career kill. Wheeling also had help from Jessica Janowski (93 assists, 42 digs, 5 blocks), Kamila Staniszewski (27 kills, 23 digs, 6 aces), Jazmyn Veloso (34 digs, 3 aces), Shannon Kennedy (21 digs), Hala Fakhoury (20 digs, 4 assists, 3 aces, 2 kills) and Melissa Claver (12 blocks, 13 kills).

Other Journal-area teams:
Wheeling Dominates Prospect, Moves Closer To Playoff Spot

By DION MARTORANO

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Hawks Get Back On Track

By JEFF ZIMMERMAN
Journal & Topics Sports

Maine South began a new conference win streak Friday night by defeating Niles West, 55-33, on Senior Night in Park Ridge.

The Hawks were aggressive right from their first play from scrimmage when quarterback Nick Leongas rifled a 36-yard pass to Cam Stacy. Maine South went on to a 7-0 lead at 11:01 of the first quarter when Leongas tossed a 12-yard scoring strike to Matt Holbrook.

"We were all fired up all week for this game," said Maine South coach Dave Inserra. "The practices were great, and now it's a new era. The long conference winning streak has passed and now we're playing like we're starting over the season at 0-0."

Niles West's defense continued to get pounded by their conference opponents. The Wolves in their last 3 games allowed a total of 153 points.

"With our lack of depth and injuries to our starting seniors on defense, we're forced to play underclassmen," said Niles West coach Scott Baum.

"This was a typical Maine South game with them scoring quickly, piling up the points in the first half and playing their reserves in the second."

The final score of the game was decisive. Maine South led 31-6 at the half. The Hawks in the first half scored 3 touchdowns on drives of 57 yards on 3 plays, 89 yards on 5 plays and 49 yards on 3 plays. Holbrook scored the first 2 Maine South touchdowns on a 12-yard pass from Leongas and followed up on a 12-yard run. Fotis Kokosioulis played only in the first half and scored 2 touchdowns on runs of 36 yards and 5 yards. The fleet-footed junior rushed for 106 yards and caught 4 passes for 56 yards.

Niles West opened the second half with a 14-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Johnny Pabst to wide receiver Dino Perocevic. The scoring drive took exactly one minute. The Wolves second half momentum didn't last very long when Maine South scored 10 unanswered points to take a 41-13 lead. Hawks place kicker Sean McNulty converted 2 field goals from 29 and 30 yards. McNulty's third attempt in the second half from 56 yards fell short.

Niles West played a tough game in the final quarter against the Hawks reserves slowly chipped away at the Hawks lead. Pabst scored on a 14-yard run and later fired a 60-yard touchdown to Matt Matz. Wolves running back Matt Galanopoulos had a big night running for 216 yards on 28 carries. Galanopoulos scored 2 touchdowns on runs of 2 and 98 yards.

"Matt in the last 2 games has carried the football more often," Baum said. "He really had an outstanding night with some really nice runs. The 4-4 record that we have now probably wouldn't qualify us for a playoff spot even if we upset New Trier Friday night."

Niles West for the game outgained Maine South 484 yards to 439. The difference in the totals were the 60-yard pass to Matz and the 98-yard run by Galanopoulos. Leongas completed 14-of-18 for 230 yards. John O'Sullivan completed 4-of-4 for 43 yards and 1 touchdown on 2 yards to Anthony Bartell.

"We did a good job of executing our offense," Inserra said. "Defensively we made some adjustments during the week by playing Holbrook, Stacy and Kevin Jarvis both ways. Friday night at Evanston we'll use the same defense, hoping to win to run our record to 6-3 and get a higher seed in Class 8A."

Mustangs Run Past Listless Huskies, 49-7

By STEPHEN GORDON
Journal & Topics Sports

The Hersey Huskies (3-5) were a "bubble team" going into their Friday night varsity football game with MSL East-leading Rolling Meadows (8-0). Hersey knew that if they had any chance at a postseason berth, a win against the Mustangs was crucial.

In front of a Homecoming crowd of over 1,200, the Huskies seemed anything but prepared while falling to Meadows, 49-7.

The Mustangs conclude the regular season Friday against Buffalo Grove as they prepare for another postseason run while the Huskies will limp to the end of theirs.

"I know what the scoreboard said, but it was not easy for us tonight," Mustangs coach Matt Mishler said. "(Hersey) threw some things at us on defense we were not expecting like a 4-0 front and we did not prepare for that. It was not an easy game for us. I thought the game was actually very physical for us."

The Mustangs left no doubt early they would be the dominant team. They took a 6-0 lead with 10:33 left in the opening quarter when QB Asher O'Hara threw a 68-yard pass to Devonte Ames who got behind the Huskies secondary and scrambled into the Hersey end zone.

After the failed 2-point conversion, the Mustangs made it 13-0 with 3:11 left in the first when Amos scored his second TD on the evening on a 14-yard run to the Hersey end zone to go along with a Logan Reece PAT.

Hersey showed some life when they closed the gap to 13-7. Owen Goldsberry threw a 49-yard TD pass to Matt Abfall to go along with the PAT.

It would be as close as the Huskies would get.

The second quarter featured 24-yard TDs by Nick Delporte with 2:24 left until halftime and a 17-yard TD pass from O'Hara to Amos with just 11 seconds left until halftime, which made it 27-7.

"I thought we did all our jobs really well tonight on the O-line," Mustangs offensive lineman Andrew Neville said. "We give Asher (O'Hara) time and he can just do it all. He just amazes me by how well he just avoids getting hit."

The Mustangs would strike 2 more times in the second quarter on a 7-yard TD pass from O'Hara to Amos with 7:05 left to play and another from O'Hara to Jose Camacho (Continued on page 6AA).

Palatine Beats Barrington, Claims Third Straight MSL West Crown

By GREG CHIAKULAS
Journal & Topics Sports

The game between Palatine and Barrington had many things at stake: first place in the Mid Suburban West, remaining undefeated and staying in the hunt for a top seed in the IHSA Class 8A playoffs.

Palatine came out on top, 49-31, as Pirates quarterback Mike Hennessey, "each week this conference gives you a tough opponent."

For the game, both teams had an outstanding night with some really nice runs. The team's point total will be tallied differently, as Palatine dominated and put the game away.

The Pirates defense made some adjustments at halftime and only allowed Barrington to get into the end zone once in the second half, and that was late in the fourth quarter with the game already decided.

"Our defense came up with big plays when we needed them to," Palatine coach Rick Split said. "Our defensive front did a great job tonight."

After putting in their first possession of the third quarter, Palatine scored the next 2 possessions. The first was a 3-yard quarterback keeper (Continued on page 6AA).

Notre Dame In Need Of A Win

By CRAIG LYNCH
Journal & Topics Sports

Notre Dame dug itself out of a 14-point hole in the third quarter, but the Dons couldn't finish the job falling 21-14 in overtime to Marian Central Friday night in Niles.

"We changed some of our formations at the line of scrimmage," said Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey.

The Hurricanes kept their playoff hopes alive scoring twice within an 11-second span to take a 14-0 lead.

For the Dons, sophomore Ty Gavin threw a 5-yard touchdown pass on 4th-and-goal to Brendan Cravens. Gavin then tied the score on a 1-yard plunge to even the game at 14.

Marian took the ball over and on the first play of overtime, the Hurricanes scored on a 10-yard pass. Notre Dame (5-3, 4-2) gave Gavin the ball 24 times for 164 yards. He had 4 chances from the 10, but was stopped a yard short.

"I thought we could get 1 yard," said Hennessey.

Notre Dame needs one more win to clinch a post season berth. They travel to Arlington Heights to meet St. Victor this week.

"They are good," said Hennessey, "each week this conference gives you a tough opponent."
Playoff-Bound Leyden Sprints Past Morton

By JACK GREGG

Amid a breathtaking array of long sprints and short passes for touchowns, with묟 football game, the Eagles’ season came to a close and gained clinched at least a tie for the 5-0 mark in the WSG race. Eagles’ season record to 6-2 and tangs 48-6 in a West Suburban Friday at home in Northlake team accomplished most of touchdowns, Leyden’s football long sprints and short passes for Sprints Past Morton

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Playoffs

(Continued from page 1AA) and sits one spot outside the top qualifying 32 teams for the playoffs after beating Prospect, 38-7, last week. The Wildcats, who have outscored their last three opponents 83-21, are trying to make their first playoff appearance since 2008 and seventh in school history.

Niles West (4-4, No. 38 In Class 8A) - The Wolves are on the outside looking in, but need to win against New Trier (6-0) on Friday, Oct. 21 and get some luck. There are 25 playoff spots loomed up (out of 32) and 4 teams have 5 wins. Among the seven 4-4 teams, Niles West has the fewest opponent wins of all with 29. The Wolves have qualified for the playoffs 9 times before. They lost last week to Maine South.

Wait ’Til Next Year

Prospect (3-5) - Prospect was eliminated with a 37-15 loss to Wheeling (4-4) last week, but can finish with their best record since 2012 with a win over Elk Grove (0-8) on Friday. The Knights have won 3 of the last 2 seasons.

Hersey (3-5) - The Huskies, who went 4-5 last year, will look to play spoiler in week nine against Wheeling (4-4). Hersey is 2-2 in MSL East this season and would love to finish with a winning conference record. Hersey lost to Rolling Meadows last week.

Buffalo Grove (3-5) - After going 1-8 last year, new coach Jeff Vlk has guided the Bolts to a 3-5 record and chance to knock off undefeated conference champion Rolling Meadows (8-0, 4-0 in MSL East) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. Buffalo Grove beat Elk Grove, 42-12, last week.

Maine East (1-7) - Maine East started the season with a 36-13 win over Schaumburg (3-5), but have lost their last 7. The Blue Demons hope to play spoiler against Deerfield (4-4) in Park Ridge on Friday, Oct. 21 in their season finale. Maine East has the toughest schedule in conference facing six 6-plus win teams and one 4-4 team.

Elk Grove (0-8) - Elk Grove has lost 9 straight, but looks to end the season with their first win of the year against Prospect (3-5) on Friday, Oct. 21. The Grens, who are looking to avoid their second winless season in three years, earned their last victory against Prospect in week 8 of 2015. Elk Grove lost to Buffalo Grove last week.

Conant (7-0) - The Cougars, who went 6-4 last year, have lost 11 straight dating back to last year and face Barrington (7-1, 3-1 in MSL West) in the season finale on Friday. The game will be the last for retiring head coach Bill Modralski (49-65 record) who would like to go out with a win to prevent a wireless season. Conant hasn’t gone winless since 1975 when they went 0-1-1 under John Ayres. Conant was also winless (0-8) in 1965.

Glenbrook North (2-2) - According to HSA records, GBN has never won a season in a season. They have their best chance at a win against Niles North (1-7, 1-3 in CSL South) in the season finale. First-year coach Dave Schoenwetter is looking for his first win and nearly got it against New Trier last week before falling, 38-28. The Titans last win was in the 2015 season finale against Waubegon.

Mustangs

(Continued from page 5AA) with 2:40 left to play making it 40-7 heading into the final quarter. “Our motto this week was we had to ‘walk the walk’. I think we did that really well tonight,” Mustangs offensive lineman William Renzy said.

Palatine

(Continued from page 5AA) by Oles and the second was a 4-yard touchdown by running back Jordan Turner, who had 169 yards on 22 carries.

“We talked all week how their defense was going to try and stop Zach,” Turner said. “I had some big running lanes and I took advantage.”

Palatine (8-0, 4-0) finishes the regular season Friday night at home against Schaumburg, while Barrington (7-1, 3-1) plays at Conant.
'Cats Crowned In OT Thriller

By GREG CHIAKULAS
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In a very entertaining boys soccer game Thursday night, it was the host Wildcats who came out victorious over visiting Barrington with a 3-2 overtime win on a goal by Dennis Gavrila in the 90th minute. Jose Mariscal flicked on a beautiful ball to the streaking Gavrila who chipped it over Barrington goalkeeper Brett Sprengel into the back of the net. The entire Wildcat team rushed the field in celebration of the big victory and the big crowd erupted in cheers.

"What an unbelievable game and night for us," said Gavrila. "This game was so much like the first game, except we came out on top this time."

This game had a little bit of everything: great opportunities, major momentum swings and a goalkeeper ejection.

Wheeling controlled the attack most of the game, forcing Barrington into a more defensive role. The Wildcats had plenty of good scoring opportunities in the first half but were constantly turned away by Broncos starting goalie Alex Ruffolo.

But Ruffolo was sent off on a red card in the 46th minute as he came outside the goalie box to challenge a 50/50 ball and touched the ball with his hand. The referee determined it was intentional and forced the Broncos to play a man down the rest of the game.

"It was probably the right call at the moment," said Barrington head coach Scott Steib. "But I'm not sure if he deserved a red card there, as now he has to sit out our playoff opener."

Wheeling forward Konrad Malinowski scored in the 55th minute to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead on a beautiful shot. The lead increased to 2-0 on a penalty kick by Jonathan Sanchez in the 70th minute.

Wheeling was 10 minutes away from the Mid Suburban League championship. With Barrington in full-out attack mode, the Wildcats played very defensively and it cost them.

Barrington scored 2 goals in the last 10 minutes of the game to force overtime.

"I think we all hoped it was going to be over at the end of regulation," said Wheeling coach Kevin Lennon. "We lost our composure in the last 10 minutes and Barrington really showed how great of a team they are."

The Broncos had the better of the play the opening 10 minutes of overtime before

Gavrila was able to bury the game winner.

"I am so proud of my guys right now," said Steib. "They fought hard, despite being down a man the entire second half and overtime. It was a great game to be a part of."
Girls Golf

Ponzi Leads Prospect To 9th Place At State

Prospect put together a solid state finals at Hickory Point Golf Club in Decatur to finish in ninth place in Class 2A.

The only Journal-area team to qualify for the finals, Prospect shot 318-327 - 645 over two days, ending Saturday, Oct. 15.

The Knights were led by Kelly Ponzi (76-75 - 151, 14th), Margherite Pettenuzzo (80-85 - 165, 65th), Sabrina Accardi (81-84 - 165, 65th), Emily Fleming (81-89 - 170, 76th), Kelly Kavanagh (88-83 - 171, 81th) and Mary Schafer (86-85 - 171, 80th).

Ponzi's 14th place earned her a medal, making her just the seventh medalist in program history. The 14th place was also the eighth best individual history. The 14th place was also the eighth best individual history. The 14th place was also the eighth best individual history.

Wheaton-Warrenville South's top golfer was Sarah Hauenstein (71-75 - 146, tied for 6th), the daughter of Maine West girls golf coach John Hauenstein.

Glenbrook South's Sophia Lau (74-78 - 153) tied for 19th place. Lau's teammate Hanna Tanaka (80) tied three others for 35th place after shooting 82-75 - 157.

Buffalo Grove's Haeri Lee (78-82 - 159) and Homewood's Megan Kopeny (81-78 - 159) tied seven others for 45th place at state.

Wheeling's Adrienne Rohwedder (79-81 - 160) came in 54th place in her state debut.

Niles West's Amanda Lee shot 84-87 - 171 to tie for fourth others for 80th place out of 110 golfers in Class 2A.

In Class 1A, St. Viator's Susie Carlson (Sr.) shot 105-95 - 200 to tie for 86th place out of 108 golfers at Red Tail Golf Course in Decatur.

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Boys Golf

GBS, Prospect's Tenuta Card Top Local Finishes At State Finals

Hinsdale Central won the boys golf state finals with a 593 to beat New Trier (618). Glenbrook South (620), Barrington (620) and Loyola Academy (622) on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Den at Fox Creek in Bloomington.

Glenbrook South's third place tie was their second best finish at state in program history, following their 1967 state title. It was also the Titans first top 10 finish at state since 2003 and first top 5 finish since 1981 (5th place).

The Titans were led by Jarrett Prcchal (77-74 - 151, 11th), Charlie Nikitas (77-76 - 153, 17th), Kevin Paek (77-76 - 153, 17th), Robert Hopkins (83-80 - 163, 63rd), Jack Grier (83-86 - 169, 85th) and Jack Upperman (85-86 - 171, 94th). Grier (Jr.), Prcchal (Jr.) and Upperman (So.) will all return next year. Prcchal's 11th place finish earned him a medal, making him the seventh GBS golfer to medal in program history. He tied his brother Quinn for sixth best GBS finish. The Titans shot 314 on day one and 306 on day two.

Loyola Academy just narrowly missed out on tying for third place as a team behind a strong effort led by Connor Prassas (72-79 - 151, 11th), Reb Banas (78-76 - 154, 21st), Jack McGuire (74-83 - 157, 32nd), John Krysco (78-83 - 161, 55th), Chip Savarie (80-82 - 162, 58th) and Kevin Meenan (80-85 - 165, 70th). The Rammers shot 302 on Friday, but 320 in Saturday for their 622. Krysco (Jr.) and Savarie (Jr.) will return next year. Prassas became the 11th medalist in Loyola history.

In Class 3A, Prospect's Nick Tenuta shot 70-78 - 148 to finish tied with three others for third place at state.

Tenuta's third place medal is the highest finish in Prospect history, beating Paul Moas sixth place in 1976. Tenuta, Moas, Mike Dee (7th in 1976), Dave Fatina (10th in 1976) and Art Hage (13th in 1970) are the only individual medalists in program history.

Tenuta's teammate Robert Garmoe finished 23rd (76-77 - 155). Their teammate Charlie Busch (So.) shot 82-94 - 176

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Ice Hockey

Notre Dame Ready To Challenge For Greatness

By STEPHEN GORDON
Journal & Topics Sports

Hockey fans at Niles Notre Dame started to see a glimpse of what the Dons could really be like as far back as two seasons ago when the club advanced to the semifinals of the Red Division of the Blackhawk Cup state tournament.

Despite a second round exit from the tournament last season, the Dons are back with a sense of purpose and new feeling. The newness comes from their new home rink, Mount Prospect Ice Arena, which includes their very own locker room with nameplates above their stalls and the Dons logo displayed prominently on the floor.

"We have 18 seniors in this program this year which I think is really going to help us," fifth-year coach Bart Czachor said. "I think we have now taken the step where we know we can play with anybody this season." Coming into August, the club welcomed close to 60 skaters and seven goal tenders. In fact, the varsity team will carry 3 goal tenders this year led by returning senior netminder Jimmie Hall. He will be backed-up by Eric Keane and Dean Calandra.

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The Dons blue line will have plenty of experience returning as seniors Nathan Yzaguirre, Ricky Huerta and Gus Szewdo are back for their final high school campaigns. I feel this team has turned a corner actually," senior captain O’Kane said. "We are one of the bigger teams around this year. We have just come into this season feeling like we should win every time out. I think one reason for that is the depth we have. A lot more people are starting to notice us, so we do not have to do as much salesmanship. But we have to be a balanced team this year. It cannot just be one or two players only. The Dons will play 55-60 games and make an appearance at the Blackhawks Charities Tournament in late December. The club is still in talks with the Blackhawks about playing a game on United Center ice. However, no plans have been formalized.

“Of the things I like about this year’s team is how we just go forward so much,” Nagle said. "Offensively we are working a lot better together this year, more than we did last season."

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The Dons blue line will have plenty of experience returning as seniors Nathan Yzaguirre, Ricky Huerta and Gus Szewdo are back for their final high school campaigns. I feel this team has turned a corner actually," senior captain O’Kane said. "We are one of the bigger teams around this year. We have just come into this season feeling like we should win every time out. I think one reason for that is the depth we have. A lot more people are starting to notice us, so we do not have to do as much salesmanship. But we have to be a balanced team this year. It cannot just be one or two players only. The Dons will play 55-60 games and make an appearance at the Blackhawks Charities Tournament in late December. The club is still in talks with the Blackhawks about playing a game on United Center ice. However, no plans have been formalized.

“Of the things I like about this year’s team is how we just go forward so much,” Nagle said. "Offensively we are working a lot better together this year, more than we did last season."

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Affleck Is Super In ‘Accountant’


With the advent of his impressive directorial achievements, Ben Affleck has evolved into a force of nature in the film industry. Having won Oscars for screenwriting (“Good Will Hunting”) and director (“Argo”), Affleck has amassed quite a resume of assorted characters, mostly on the action side of things. And, he’s drawn to playing flawed or negative characters—or straight-out villains like in “The Town.” He’s learned well enough to bring more than just that rough-edged, chiseled face and square jaw, but a great deal of physicality to his parts having bulked up for the Batman movies. As you know, Batman’s alter-ego, Bruce Wayne, has a checkered, troubled past, is mostly anti-social, sets himself apart, is filthy rich, hates being bothered with details and on the surface would be considered to be a minimalistic. This pretty much describes Affleck’s character in “The Accountant,” a functioning autistic savant with unique mathematical skills who we see as a child was different from the other kids, including his older brother, but who was channeled into a strict regiment of martial arts training by his sadistic military father. Rather than receive professional help, young Christian Wolff was (Continued on page 12AA)
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trained in fighting skills and weaponry. Now as an adult, though with an affinity to work with numbers, he has become a man on the wrong side of the law.

A topic circulating around this film is the question of whether Affleck’s acute mathematical abilities and his proficiency in martial arts fighting and handling of high-powered weapons draws any relationship with his autism. The fact many children — and adults — are autistic draws some controversy to the accuracy of Affleck’s characteristios and mannerisms. The director Gavin O’Connor and screenwriter Bill Dubuque have gone on record as having heavily researched the subject with adults and -- are autistic. The nature of Christian’s social and psychological “oddities” as brilliant or off-putting his behavior is. Working in front of the public as an accountant with her own set of amazing analytical skills.

What shouldn’t be drawn here is any connection between this character’s autism and his violent tendencies in defending himself. What the filmmakers want to make clear is that there is no association between Christian’s aberrant behavior driven by autism from his ability to fight off five guys at a time. What I liked about the second half of the story when Christian is on the run is how he lets his guard down from his strict routine for Dana who has unwittingly come under his wing of protection. As much as this clever setup devolves into conventional action set-pieces, it never forgets to remind us of Christian’s condition — and Affleck never loses sight of this in his portrayal of a man fragile and vulnerable on the inside, volatile and dangerous on the outside. Jon Bernthal plays a hot-headed assassin who muscles in on Christian’s client’s interests forcing a showdown between to equally matched killers. The one thing I walked away with from this film was how much Affleck’s fighting prowess and stark image of this aloof character reminded me of Batman — except without the cape.
Chamber Board Members Up For Approval

The Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce has announced the slate for its board of directors, to serve in 2017.

The slate is scheduled for approval at the Tuesday, Oct. 25 board meeting. Following the election, the board will select 2017 officers from among its members. Board seats are in staggered two-year terms.

For terms ending in 2018: David Arena of Di Monte & Lizak, LLC; Shawn Cook, SAGE Private Wealth Group; Curtis Edlund of Larsen and Edlund; current president Eric Nelson of Nelson Automotive; Dr. Michael Palliser; Emily Wilderman of WineStyles. For terms ending in 2017: Joe Campagna of Grant Merchant Services; Sheila Duda of Tea Lula; JoAnn Flynn of Village Bank & Trust; Anna Wasyliw of BMO Harris; and Ann Witeck of State Farm Insurance.

Others with terms through the end of 2017 are: Matt Coyne, EJ Coyne & Co.; Paula Besler of State Farm Insurance; Lauren Pruss, Director of Community Development Coordinator Lauren Pruss. If completed, the five-story building would include 51 assisted living units, 17 memory care rooms and 21 employees. It would operate 24 hours a day.

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Ale House...

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Despite not operating as a restaurant, Arlington Ale House will have coolers and refrigerators that can hold up to 20 kegs of beer and keep drink ingredients such as cherries and limes fresh. The business may also provide some prepackaged food such as cheese plates.

Charles Witherington-Perrins, the village’s director of planning and community development, said Arlington Ale House will help Arlington Heights compete against towns like Rosemont and Schaumburg that have entertainment venues. “We do think this is a hidden asset that can build upon the success we’ve had already downtown,” he added.

Labatt Brewing Company previously used the space as an office and training facility for bartenders.

As part of the conditions for the special use permit, Arlington Ale House will have a maximum capacity of 313 people, which will be monitored by village staff. Expected hours of operation will be from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Sunday, according to village documents.

Customers would utilize the building’s stairwell and elevators to access Arlington Ale House. The elevator is shared by Metropolis Performing Arts Centre and theater classes.

Trustees questioned how the Ale House planned to keep those groups from mingling during shared business hours. Joe Keefe, executive director of Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, was enthusiastic about the Ale House’s potential and impressed by McCaskey’s commitment to making his plan work. However, Keefe said the building had some design challenges, such as the fire exits providing access to backstage areas. He asked the village, Ale House owners and Metropolis Place condo association to look into existing conditions of the building and consider where improvements could be made.

In addition to utilizing the 10,000 sq. ft. space inside the building, Arlington Ale House also has plans to use the 1,272 sq. ft. outdoor patio on the third floor. The patio needs work, however, and its use would require approval from the Metropolis Place condo association. McCaskey tried to assure the board that the patio would not disrupt neighboring residents. “One of the big things that’s going to be a draw to this is going to be a beautiful, quiet outdoor patio without a band and without an audience that isn’t speaking loud,” he said. “I don’t want the village or neighboring communities, or condo, or restaurants to not know this is my plan.”

But trustees had several questions about how the patio would function. Instead of approving that part of the proposal, they added a condition that will require Arlington Ale House to come back with a more realized plan at a future date. “I’m just concerned about option B [the patio proposal] right now because you don’t have answers to all the questions I have,” Trustee Thomas Glasgow said.

Several questions about business’ market were also undefined as of Oct. 4. McCaskey may envision it as a place for families, but the village’s current liquor laws would prohibit minors under 21 from entering Arlington Ale House without an adult. McCaskey said that restriction would impact his plans to host alcohol-free teen nights or allow younger musicians to use the auditorium for practice. Village officials said they could consider adjusting the liquor codes to allow for those situations.

“One every time we’ve talked about this space we’ve said this is a unique space that requires creative thinking and has unique challenges.” Village Manager Randy Recklaus said. “As the concept continues to evolve we have to continue thinking that way.”

Eight of the village trustees voted in favor of the special use permit. Trustee Mike Sidor voted in favor of the special use permit. Trustee Mike Sidor voted “pass” because he was impressed by McCaskey’s market were also undefined, but didn’t want to give it a “no” vote. Trustees were in favor of the idea, but worried they would have more questions once Arlington Ale House begins the liquor license process and further defines its patio plans.

New Fitness Club Head Returns
To Park Ridge

Formula Fitness Clubs have named Janet Long, a former Park Ridge resident, as the new general manager for the Park Ridge Club at 826 Touhy Ave. (at Cumberland).

Long, who started Oct. 1 in her new position, has been general manager at FFC’s West Loop location in Chicago.

Native of central Illinois, she graduated from University of Illinois in Urbana with a goal of working in the corporate fitness industry. She started as a personal trainer, but soon got into club management.

In over 25 years in the business, she’s overseen many large projects in the United States and around the world, including the development and grand opening of the Reebok Sports Club in London.

When her career brought her to the Chicago area, she lived in Park Ridge for a while, so she is excited to be working in the area.

The local club, under construction for months, is expecting to be ready to open early in 2017. The 67,000 sq. ft. facility includes amenities inside and outside. It includes parking, and is a block from Park Ridge’s Metra station.

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Charter memberships are already available, and New Year’s, a time of resolutions, matches well with launching new fitness opportunities.

While most members will be adults, the club will offer areas with things to do for younger ages, from 3 months up to 13 years. Activities for kids will be geared away from TV or computer screens. Rock climbing, basketball and swimming will be available.

A homework area is also planned.

Even canines will have a chance to be FFC “Fit Fidos,” Long said. They are planning monthly times when club members can bring their dogs, and may head out for walks in the community.

“I’m looking forward to Janet spearheading the opening of our newest location,” said Gale Landers, CEO and FFC Founder.

“I’m excited to have a candidate selected from within our company leading the charge for us at Park Ridge.

“Janet’s experience, familiarity with the Park Ridge community and the FFC operating culture make her uniquely qualified to deliver the superior service our members have come to expect,” he added.

Assisted Living

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Currently, eight structures are on the proposed facility site, including the former printing company building.

Des Plaines aldermen were expected to vote on a request to extend a one-year Conditional Use Permit, granted to Noske in October 2015, for one more year at their Monday, Oct. 17 city council meeting.
Elk Grove Village

Business Park Vacancy Rate Hits Historic Low

By TOM ROBB
Journal & Topics Reporter

Elk Grove Business Park vacancy rates reached a historic low in the third quarter at just 4.4%. Mayor Craig Johnson said last week.

"This is the lowest I've ever seen it," Johnson, who has served as an elected village official since 1993, said.

"This is the lowest I've seen the vacancy rate in 28 years working for the village," Village Manager Ray Rummel added.

A vacancy rate of 5% is basically full, accounting for vacancies where businesses are normally moving in and out of properties, the mayor said. At the height of the recession, the Business Park rate rose to 12.6% in the third quarter of 2009.

"Now if we can get to 4% in our shopping centers, that would be a grand slam," Johnson said at the Tuesday, Oct. 11 village board meeting.

At more than 62 million square feet, or about six square miles, the Business Park is the largest consolidated business park in North America. It is used the Class 6B property tax program and created a large TIF district within the Business Park to offer economic incentives to businesses.

A TIF district diverts money from property taxes into a special fund that can be used for either public or private development.

The 6B incentive comes from the area ranging from Automobiles to Schools to Pools & Spas.
When To Begin Taking Social Security Retirement Benefits

By TERRANCE R. GAERTNER

The question of when to start taking your Social Security retirement benefits sounds like a pretty simple question, doesn't it? Well guess what -- it's not simple at all.

You'll need to determine if you need the money at age 62 as opposed to delaying to your full retirement age (age 66 for many of us) or even waiting further to age 70, which is when Social Security stops accruing additional retirement benefits.

There are a lot of questions that you'll need to ask yourself before deciding when to take Social Security retirement benefits. Some of the questions are simple to answer and others you won't know the answer, so you will need to use your best guess.

Let's look at some of the questions that need to be addressed when deciding when to begin your Social Security retirement benefits.

Many individuals start claiming Social Security at age 62 because they are fearful that the Social Security system will become insolvent and they will not receive any of their benefits if they wait to claim benefits at a later age. I believe that for anyone approaching age 62 now, you can count on Social Security being solvent for the rest of your lives, as I am quite certain that changes will be made to the system which will keep it solvent for some time to come.

So if you're in your 60s now, I would not let the solvency of the Social Security system come into play when deciding when to take your benefits.

Next, you need to decide whether or not you really need the money at age 62. For some people who are retired at age 62, delaying benefits is not an economically feasible option. For those who have other means of providing retirement income at age 62, there might be valid reasons to delay taking your Social Security benefits.

Are you age 62 and still working? If so, you could easily exceed the annual earnings limit at which your Social Security retirement benefits will be reduced. For 2016 the annual earnings limit is $15,720. If your earnings exceed this limit your benefits will be reduced. The amount of the reduction depends upon your age, but the reduction can be as much as one dollar for every two dollars that your earnings exceed the limit.

Next question you'll need to ask yourself is one that's tough to answer. And that is, how long will you live? And while no one has a crystal ball when it comes to life expectancy, you can look at certain factors that would increase or decrease your life expectancy above or below average life expectancy such as your current health and your family history for longevity. You have to ask the same question about the life expectancy of your spouse. If the first spouse to pass away had the larger social security retirement benefit, the surviving spouse will inherit that benefit as a survivor's benefit.

If you are single, it's fairly simple. If a single individual lives to age 80, there is very little difference in total lifetime benefits whether they claim Social Security benefits at age 62, age 70 or anywhere in between. If you die before the age of 80 you are better off taking early benefits and if you die after the age of 80 you are better off delaying taking benefits. It's little (Continued on page 5B)
Changes Afoot At Niles-Area Panera Restaurants

Changes are coming to several Panera Bread restaurants in and near Niles.

Panera at 7023 W. Dempster St. in Niles, just west of Waukegan Road, closed Oct. 7. A new Panera is under construction at Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles and a new location opened last week on the Niles-Skokie border.

“We have also relocated our Dempster cafe to 5508 W. Touhy Ave. in Skokie (just over the Niles border),” corporate spokeswoman Amanda Cardosi said in an email to the Journal. That restaurant opened Thursday, Oct. 13.

Niles officials said they recently heard from the Dempster Street property being leased to Panera, that a new long-term lease could not be reached.

A new Panera remains under construction in an outlet in Golf Mill’s parking lot along Milwaukee Avenue. Cardosi said that new location has a projected opening date for late December. The Panera at 9465 N. Milwaukee Ave. across from Golf Mill would close once the new location opens.

Both the new Golf Mill and Skokie locations have, or will have, drive-through lanes. Neither the Dempster Street nor 9465 N. Milwaukee locations have drive-throughs. Cardosi said it is not corporate policy that all Panera locations have drive-throughs.

Rosemont

Rosemont Firms Rides To $11,454 Donation

As a result of the 11,454 miles logged by employees of Rosemont-based Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) riding to and from work, a total of $1,145 was donated by CBBEL to this week's annual "Bikes for Lesotho" drive.

At 1 p.m. today (Wednesday), CBBEL volunteers will help prepare more than 600 donated bikes to be shipped to children in Lesotho, South Africa. Officials say many of the children receiving the bikes are orphaned as a result of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in that country. One shipping container holds 600 bikes.

Bikes for Lesotho, a Chicago-based organization, says children receiving the bikes in Africa, "Have had much taken from them. Bikes allow them to be kids. Their enthusiasm leads to learning to ride a bike within mere minutes of receiving one."

The CBBEL donation will cover the cost of the shipment of bikes to Lesotho. About 150 CBBEL employees participated in the bike program this summer out of 194 employees based in Illinois. Leading the CBBEL Lesotho donation efforts are Mike Kerr, executive vice president and co-founder of the CBBEL bike to work program; Jonathan O'Connell, project manager/civil engineering consultant and co-founder of CBBEL bike program; and, Dave Kleinwachter, drainage engineer.

Bikes for Lesotho was founded in 2012 and has sent four shipments of 2,500 bikes to date. Working Bikes, which spearheads the program, is an organization that rebuilds discarded bicycles and gives them away locally and globally.

CBBEL, 9575 W. Higgins Rd., was founded in 1986. It provides engineering services to several municipalities and businesses including the village of Rosemont.

Buffalo Grove

Town Center Anchor Heads To Wheeling

The loss of Binny’s Beverage Depot, a Buffalo Grove Town Center mainstay since 1994, is a neighboring town’s gain.

Buffalo Grove Village Manager Dane Bragg expects a “negative impact...at least for the time being” until a new tenant can be found for the 14,000 sq. ft. Town Center space at 124 McHenry Rd.

Binny’s is moving to a store currently occupied by office supplier Staples on Lake Cook Road in Wheeling. Bragg said the store has not given the village confirmation on an exact closing date, but it is understood Staples in Wheeling won’t close until December.

We consider them an anchor tenant of the center,” Bragg said.

Bragg said the village has been in contact with the Town Center’s property manager.

Jennings also said filling the vacancy is made up to the property owner and management and out of the village’s control.

Village Has Agreement For Fox Point Relocation Services

Residents of Wheeling’s Fox Point Mobile Home Park, whose homes were devastated by major flooding in April 2013, should be relocated to new homes by December 2018.

According to Community Development Coordinator Andrew Jennings, the village’s purchase of Fox Point, located along Milwaukee Avenue and the Des Plaines River, is expected to be complete by early December 2016.

Until then, a $113,930 agreement with ICF Incorporated for relocation services, approved by village trustees Oct. 3, cannot be officially signed. “Grant money is activated through acquisition,” said Jennings.

Wheeling is acting as the subrecipient of a $4 million federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program administered through Cook County. In September, Wheeling agreed to purchase the property using $695,000 of the grant funds.

Jennings said that Fox Point residents in about a year following the property acquisition by the village, said Jennings.

He said that 40 households occupied the park at the time of the flooding, though some have already moved out of the area. According to Jennings, some of the families that moved could still be eligible for relocation services.

“We are trying to get everybody good housing,” he told the Journal & Topics Oct. 4.

Palatine

Midtown Athletic Club ‘Aims To Inspire’

Since 1968, Chicago’s Midtown Athletic Club has remained focused on creating an exercise experience more like a resort than a gym.

Over 25 years ago, the Palatine location opened with the same goal.

“We aim to inspire you through movement, community and personal attention,” said Greg Porcaro, general manager. He likened the approach to a classic department store with many “boutique” areas, including yoga, tennis, basketball, volleyball fitness training, personal training, swimming, spa and dining.

“Our members average over 20 years of membership,” Porcaro added.

He said that Midtown focuses on feeling more like a club through events, community activities, and supportive staff members.

Each of the privately-owned company’s locations, including the gymnasium at McDonald’s “Hamburger University” in Oakbrook, are constantly being updated. Currently, Porcaro said that the Palatine location is working on remodeling its cycling and group fitness areas with professional lighting and music.

“The single most important thing is to get moving,” said Porcaro. “We just want to make it the ultimate experience.”

Benefits

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more complicated for married individuals because you have to factor in the joint life expectancy. I think the point that I’d like to get across here is that it doesn’t always make sense to start drawing Social Security as soon as you can get your hands on it, age 62. A little thoughtful planning here can go a long way in maximizing your benefits. You might want to consult with a financial advisor who is familiar with the ins and outs of the Social Security system when it comes time for you to decide when to claim your benefits.

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Franz, Pete
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Kohler, Robert E.
Kromidas, Christopher W.
Marin, Roman A.
Nowicki, John J.
Sauer, Evelyn G.
Sikorski, Howard A.
Swanson, Robert John
Trawinski, Jane
Travinskis, Jane
Whiting, Jr., George W.
Zawadzki, Irene C.

Glen A. Gager, Sr., 58, a resident of Niles, died Oct. 9. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by children Roseann (Zishan Ali) Gager and Glen A. Jr.; brother Robert (Diana); and friend Kyong O. Suh. Funeral arrangements were handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles.

Robert Edward Haren
of Palatine

Robert Edward Haren, 92, of Palatine, died Oct. 11. Haren was a World War II Navy veteran having served in the Pacific Theatre. He retired from Fannie Mae Federal National Mortgage in Chicago. He was the husband of the late Elaine M. Haren, father of three, grandfather of seven, great-grandfather of four. Ahlgrim Family Funeral Services, Palatine, handled arrangements.

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of Niles

Gustav A. Kohl, 86, of Niles, died Oct. 11. He was the husband of Ottillie, mother of two, grandfather of five, uncle and cousin. Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles, handled arrangements.

Christopher W. Kromidas
of Des Plaines

Christopher W. Kromidas, 46, of Des Plaines, died Oct. 6. He was the son of Frank Kromidas and Patricia Kearney, father of two and brother. G.L. Hills Funeral Home, Des Plaines, handled arrangements.

Roman A. Marin
of Niles

Roman A. Marin, 48, of Niles, died Oct. 8. He is survived by his parents, Roman and Carmen; siblings Anthony (Mima) and Paloma; and was the uncle and nephew of many. Funeral arrangements were handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles.

John J. Nowicki
of Mount Prospect

John J. Nowicki, 86, a lifelong resident of Mount Prospect, died Oct. 6. He was past chairman of the Board of Advanced Mechanical Systems and distinguished alumnus of the University of Illinois Mechanical Engineering Department. Husband of the late Gladys M. Nowicki, father of two, grandfather of four, great-grandfather of two, brother and uncle. Friedrichs Funeral Home, Mount Prospect, handled arrangements.

Evelyn G. Sauer
of Rosemont

Evelyn G. Sauer (nee Bartelak), 84, of Rosemont, died Sunday, Oct. 16. The widow of Karl, she is survived by her children Diane Sheridan and John (Kathryn); five grandchildren; and a sister Rita Stepanek.

Peter Franz
of Niles

Peter Franz, 93, of Niles, died Oct. 2. He was the husband of Maria Franz, father of one, grandfather of three, great-grandfather of seven. Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles, handled arrangements. Longtime member of the Donauschwanen Club.

Jennie V. Dudziak
of Palatine

Jennie V. Dudziak (nee Kaych), 98, of Palatine, died Thursday, Oct. 13. She was the wife of the late Joseph J. Dudziak, mother of four and the late James, loving foster mother, grandmother of eight, great-grandmother of 13. She lived at St. Joseph Home for the Elderly for 14 years. Ahlgrim Family Funeral Services, Palatine, handled arrangements.

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Notice is hereby given to potential Bidders that the Golf Maine Park District will be receiving sealed bids for Dee Park Recreation Center Renovation Phase 2. The Work for this Project primarily consists of anterior restroom improvements, interior toilet renovation, gymnasium floor replacement, HVAC upgrades, lighting upgrades, and fire alarm upgrades.

Specifications may be obtained for a $50.00 non-refundable fee payable to Golf Maine Park District at the office of AFC Document Solutions, 640 North LaSalle Street, Suite 240, Chicago, Illinois 60654; (312) 372-8600 commencing on October 19, 2016. Please contact Wold Architects and Engineers at (847) 241-6100 with any general questions regarding this project.

A non-mandatory, pre-bid meeting shall be held at Dee Park Recreation Center on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 2:00 PM. Each bid must be placed in a sealed opaque envelope clearly marked “Sealed Bid: Dee Park Recreation Center Renovation Phase 2,” and addressed to the Golf Maine Park District, 8800 West Kathy Lane, Niles, Illinois, 60714, Attention: Secretary of the Board. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., on November 9, 2016, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 West Kathy Lane, Niles, Illinois, 60714.

The Project is being financed, in part, with funds from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources “Park and Recreational Facility Construction Grant Program (PARC) grant program.” Minority businesses are encouraged to submit bids for this Project and the successful Contractor is encouraged to utilize qualified minority businesses as subcontractors for supplies, equipment, services, and construction. There is no required minimum percentage of utilization for minority business participation to meet grant requirements.

The Golf Maine Park District Board of Park Commissioners reserves the right to waive all technicalities, to accept or reject any and all bids, to accept only portions of a proposal and reject the remainder without disclosure for any reason. Failure to make such a decision will not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any Bidder against the Golf Maine Park District. The Golf Maine Park District will award the Contract to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder, as determined by the Park District. After bid opening, no bids may be withdrawn and all bids shall remain firm for ninety (90) days.

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- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
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- 15 W. MONROE ST., 12TH FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL 60603
- ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF
- TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS;
- IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF THE REAL ESTATE
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- JUDGMENT OF FORCLOSURE
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- JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
- V. PUSHPA TAILOR
- BRIAN FISON
- JOHN S. LEE
- JUAN CRUZ, YOLANDA MARTI
- JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
- ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEFENDANTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the judgment of foreclosure of the real estate
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auctioned at a judicial sale held November 9, 2016 at The
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24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as
set forth in the following described real estate. Commonly known as 1623 E. CEDAR Lane,
Chicago, IL 60605, the real estate is offered for sale without any representation or warranty
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IN THE MATTER OF: The Estate of YOANNIA FORREST, Deceased,

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The Estate of YOANNIA FORREST, deceased, has real estate whose rights in and to the residue and remnant of the estate is for sale.

The real estate to be sold shall be at a public auction to be held at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 715A, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 for the benefit of A. M. MANORCARE INC., Plaintiff, vs. KIRSTIN VOLK. (SOUTH DAKOTA) NA., CIRCLE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNION MANSIONS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; THE ORLEANS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; THE PARK ORLEANS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH TRUST 2006-41CB, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION; SPSF 2344A INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION; SELLING OFFICER; (312) 444-1122 1704328

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Obits

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Robert John Swanson of Arlington Heights

Robert John Swanson, 53, of Arlington Heights, died Oct. 8. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Swanson, two sons and sisters. He is preceded in death by his parents who had lived in Wheeling. Friederichs Funeral Home, Mount Prospect, handled arrangements.

Robert L. Sylvester of Arlington Heights


Sheila J. Szal of Park Ridge


Jane Trawinski of Niles

Jane Trawinski, of Niles, died Oct. 11. Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles, handled arrangements.

George W. Whitting, Jr. of Buffalo Grove

George W. Whitting, Jr., 91, of Buffalo Grove, died Thursday, Oct 13. He served in the Army during World War II, participating in the Pacific Campaign where he earned two Battle Stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with a Bronze Star. He also received a Purple Heart. He worked as a provision broker and financial planner later in his career. He is survived by his four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, his sister and sister-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Marion. Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., Arlington Heights, handled arrangements.

Irene C. Zawadzki of Arlington Heights

Irene C. Zawadzki, 87, of Arlington Heights, died recently. She was survived by her son, her two grandsons, two great-grandsons and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Zawadzki, her daughter, brother, sister and her parents. Glueckert Funeral Home, Arlington Heights, handled arrangements.
Ohio: The Birthplace Of Presidents
8 Former Leaders Share Ties With Buckeye State

By MARY QUINLEY
Special to the Journal & Topics

During this wild and wacky election year filled with surprises, promises and mudslinging, it might be fun to reflect on and learn about the lives of some of the nation’s past Presidents. A visit to Ohio is just the spot to jumpstart the process.

Dubbed The Birthplace of Presidents, the Buckeye State features a plethora of homes, museums, birthplaces, libraries and final resting places of eight U.S. Presidents, more than any other state. Prior to becoming President, these men served in leadership positions from Civil War colonel and general to secretary of state, congressman and governor.

Here is an overview of Ohio’s Presidential sites:

**Ulysses S. Grant**

While ambling through the U.S. Grant Boyhood Home & Schoolhouse, kids’ faces light up when the animatronic “Grant” begins to chat about growing up in southern Ohio. “Grant, a Civil War general and two-term President, was a man of strong virtue and personal honesty whose character never came into question until generations after his death,” said Adam Curtis, communications officer. To his credit, the 18th president lobbied to pass the 15th Amendment, created the Justice Department with the intention of disbanding the Ku Klux Klan, and, established the first National Park, Yellowstone. Tours are offered at the Ulysses S. Grant Birthplace in Point Pleasant, a 30-minute drive or so from the home and schoolhouse in Georgetown.

**William Henry Harrison**

William Henry Harrison, who was born in Virginia, served the shortest term as President. He died from pneumonia 32 days after his inauguration. Tours of the final resting place of the ninth president are given at the William Henry Harrison Tomb in North Bend. Check out the Harrison-Symmes library in Cleves, one mile from the tomb. Here, learn tidbits about Harrison’s life as well as his Presidential grandson, Benjamin Harrison.

**Benjamin Harrison**

The 23rd President of the United States was born in North Bend along the Ohio River in southwest Ohio. Benjamin Harrison’s house and gravesite are in Indiana.

**William McKinley**

The very fashionable Ida McKinley loved diamonds. As First Lady — depending on the occasion — she would wear a tiara adorned with almost two-hundred diamonds. The glittery piece, presidential campaign items, rare documents, personal Presidential papers and Spanish American War memorabilia are part of the largest collection of McKinley artifacts in the world. They are on display at the Canton-based McKinley Presidential Library & Museum. The final resting place of the 25th president and his family are also on the grounds. Head an hour northeast to Niles to check out the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Museum & Library. During McKinley’s administration, Panama Canal construction conversations began. Six months into his second

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Ohio

(Continued from page 1C) term as President, McKinley was assassinated.

Rutherford Hayes

Kristina Smith, communications/marketing manager at the Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, recommends several "must see" exhibits at the complex. For starters, wander into the museum’s Presidents Gallery to take a selfie near the replica of the Resolute Desk. The original desk, a gift from Queen Victoria of Great Britain in 1880, is still in the Oval Office. Wondering how the 19th President’s contested election was decided? Find out about the fascinating process in the Election Gallery. The country’s first Presidential library and the president’s “man cave” in the 31-room Hayes Home are also noteworthy. “We are one of two Presidential sites where everything — the home, museum, library, and, the President’s and first lady’s tomb — is located in one place,” Smith said.

James A. Garfield

“The crown jewel of James A. Garfield National Historic Site is Garfield’s home,” commented Todd Arrington, site manager. Between 80 and 85 percent of the artifacts in the home, including furniture, art and a dining room table, belonged to the Garfield family. Other crowd favorites are the memorial library founded by his wife, Lucretia Garfield, and the hands-on station where kids decipher a telegraph message. The 20th President’s term ended abruptly when he was assassinated less than four months after he took office. No other president’s birthplace, home and final resting place can be visited in one day. The three sites are located in the Cleveland area.

William Howard Taft

In the spring of 1910, President Taft opened a baseball game from the stands at Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C. Taft, an honest and highly respected individual, supported the League of Nations (now the United Nations). “He was the only man in U.S. history to hold two of the highest positions in our government — 27th president and 10th Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court,” said Reginald B. Murray, park ranger at the Taft National Historic Site in Cincinnati. Atwo-story Greek Revival home, Taft’s birthplace and childhood dwelling, sits atop a hill on the grounds. Tours are available.

Warren G. Harding

During a speech in Birmingham, Alabama in 1921, President Harding shocked even his closest aides when he mentioned civil rights to a divided audience. “He was the first President to visit the South since the Civil War to favor equal rights for African Americans,” said Shannon Morris, assistant site manager of the Warren G. Harding Home & Memorial in Marion. Harding was also the first President to address the American public via radio. Interesting tidbits about the life of the 29th president are shared during tours of the Harding home. The white, Georgia marble Harding Memorial, a circular monument sans doorway and roof, is located less than two miles from the home.

For more information, contact:
• U.S. Grant Birthplace, Point Pleasant, 800-283-8932 or www.usgrantbirthplace.org.
• U.S. Grant Boyhood Home & Schoolhouse, Georgetown, 877-372-8177 or www.usgrantboyhoodhome.org.
• William Henry Harrison Tomb, North Bend, 513-941-3744 or www.hamuseum.org.
• McKinley Presidential Library and Museum & McKinley Memorial, Canton, 330-455-7043 or www.mckinleylibrary.org.
• Hayes Presidential Center, Fremont, 800-998-7737 or www.rbhayes.org/hayes,
• Garfield Monument, Cleveland, 216-421-2665 or www.lakeviewcemetery.com.
• James A. Garfield National Historic Site, Mentor, 440-255-8722 or www.nps.gov/jaga.
• Warren G. Harding Home & Memorial, Marion, 800-600-6894 or www.hardinghome.org.
• Contact the Ohio History Connection at 614-297-2535 or www.ohiohistory.org for information on Ohio’s presidents.
Cruising St. Lawrence

Well-traveled Dick Barton and his wife, Kathleen, of Park Ridge recently sailed on the Queen Mary 2 ocean liner as it travels up the St. Lawrence seaway from Quebec City, Canada, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and ending in New York. Mr. Barton displays his recent copy of the Journal on the ship's sun deck.

Getaway This Fall To Waupaca

With the fall season upon us and winter just around the corner, there is so much to do in the central Wisconsin community of Waupaca.

Waupaca has miles of rustic roads filled with the beauty that nature's color palette has to offer. There are numerous bike trails, 126 lakes and miles of streams for anglers, paddlers and boaters. The community is also home to one of Wisconsin's 12 state park gems, Hartman Creek State Park and its 1,500 scenic acres.

Waupaca also home to some of the finest whitetail deer hunting in Wisconsin. There are many public and private properties allowing for great hunting opportunities.

Winter offers so many activities from ice fishing, snowmobiling, fat-tire bike riding, snowshoeing to cross country skiing.

The area also has many unique shops from clothing, gifts, boutiques, arts and antiques. There are also many wonderful dining opportunities with our area restaurants. Offered are pizza, steaks, seafood, homemade specials, ethnic foods and the traditional Friday night fish fry.

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There's a Halloween party for every trick-or-treat taste in these Upper Great Lakes! Here's a big Midwest round-up that should satisfy most of us. It's going to be hard to choose just one.

Head for HighBall Halloween!
Columbus, OH
Mover over, ghosts, goblins, zombies: Columbus, OH, has a Halloween extravaganza that could really kill your act for good. This fashion capital is known for its creative designers and they're throwing a Halloween runway bash that has become one of the most highly anticipated spectacles of the year. Sure, ghouls are allowed, but they seem pretty ordinary standing next to a glittery, human-sized Venus-fly trap decked-out in sequins. HighBall Halloween turns eight in 2016 as a two-day event (Oct. 21-22) leaving spectators wild for fashion-forward costume designs. The event has earned a reputation as one of the most elaborate and outrageously fun Halloween costume parties in the U.S. It opens on Friday night with an "On the Rocks" party featuring electronic dance-pop sensation Robert DeLong, paying musical and costume tribute to rock legend David Bowie. The nonstop party continues at 9 p.m. Saturday. Tickets and information: HighballColumbus.org; 614-299-8050.

Chuck that Pumpkin!
Racine, WI
In Racine, WI, they're not content to just carve scowling faces and jagged teeth into pumpkins. At the Great Pumpkin Chuckin' Fest, Oct. 22-23, they put high school kids to work just like in the Middle Ages, building catapults, trebuchets, and huge slingshots capable of launching a 10-lb. pumpkin farther than an NFL quarterback can throw a football! Teams build the machines to compete for distance, accuracy, and creativity. As a tasty aside this year, there's a Best of the Midwest BBQ Cook-Off, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society. There's also a pie-eating contest, pie auction, pumpkin baking contest, chili cook-off, costume contests and live music. Just remember, if someone yells "duck!", dive for cover! Racine County Fairgrounds, 19805 Durand Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182; pumpkinchuckin.com; 262-878-4606.

Oh, Sure-Freak Out
Madison, WI
Meanwhile in Madison, they've blocked off always lively State Street to bring out the dead-and the near dead, formerly dead, they guy dressed as a coat hanger, leopard lady, Superman, the pajama-twins, a few Richard Nixons, a walking Winnie-bago and Playboy Bunnies. Among many others. Celebrate Halloween at Freakfest Oct. 26-29. Lots of live music by Anderson, Paak & The Free Nationals, St. Paul and the Broken Bones, Diane Coffee, Sweet Spirit and others. For ticket information call 800-373-6576 or visit madfreakfest.com.

It Came from Outer Space! UFO Day
Belleville, WI
They really did see strange lights in the sky over Belleville back in the 1970s and they weren't just coming to buy Spotted Cow Beer. They haven’t seen the lights for a while, but they still celebrate UFO Day every year and it seems Halloween is a good time to do it. Everyone, earthling or otherwise, is welcome to visit Belleville Oct. 29 for the craft fair, fun run, costume contest, Monster Costume Ball and the UFO Parade. Just don’t be too surprised if some little critter asks you the “phone home!" belleville-wi.com; 608-438-4472.

Jack O' Lanterns Spectacle
Louisville, KY
You may know Louisville, KY, for famous racing horses and some might say it's famous for, um, bourbon! Halloween lovers will be delighted to hear it's also become quite famous for the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular! Yes indeed, from Oct. 13 to Nov. 6, beautiful Iroquois Park will be home to some 5,000 flowing, glaring, grimacing and scowling pumpkins. They line up along a quarter-mile walking trail, illuminated at night to create a fantastic Halloween "art show." It runs until 11 p.m. weekdays and middnights Friday and Saturday.
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Who's Taking Part

Restaurant Week in Des Plaines kicked off Friday, Oct. 14 and continues through Sunday, Oct. 23. Residents and visitors from throughout the Northwest suburbs are invited to visit one or more of the participating restaurants and all others to take advantage of special deals and new offerings.

This is the third year that Des Plaines Mayor Matt Bogusz has held the event.

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Holiday Entertaining Tips Guaranteed To Help Hosts Impress Guests

(BPT) - The holiday season is packed with social events big and small. What makes some more memorable than others? The extra thought and special touches from the host or hostess.

Cookbook author and entertaining expert Gaby Dalkin recently teamed up with the Paper & Packaging - How Life Unfolds campaign to share how you can make a big statement this season with surprisingly little effort. These five entertaining tips are guaranteed to help you create a one-of-a-kind party, leaving guests impressed and full of holiday spirit.

Conquer Holiday Stress With To-Do Lists

To reduce stress, stay organized and ensure you maintain a merry attitude, use printed templates to create handwritten holiday party to-do lists. “I start my to-do lists weeks before the celebration and break them down by day,” Dalkin said. “A few days before the big event, I stock up on beverages. Two days before I buy all the shelf-stable ingredients. The day before, all the produce goes into the fridge, and I make any sauces or appetizers that can rest in the fridge overnight without being affected. And then, the day of the party is broken down by the hour. If you’re making a roast, start it in the morning. A salad can be prepped ahead of time and dressed before serving.”

Elevate Gifting With Personalized Presentation

Nearly half of Americans feel that gift presentation enhances the gift they give or receive, according to a Paper and Packaging Board survey. That means if you want to impress, don’t skimp on gift presentation.

“I grab a few rolls of brown kraft paper and make it special,” Dalkin said. “If I’m sending a present to someone who loves food, I’ll grab some stamps with fun food on them and stamp the paper so it’s customized for that individual. If it’s my younger niece, I’ll stamp it with some hearts. These small gestures make a big impact.” Use A Creative Approach To Assigned Seating Assigned seating is particularly helpful when entertaining large groups. It takes the guesswork out of sitting down to dinner and keeps the evening flowing smoothly. It’s also an easy way to add festive style to the table top. “If I’m entertaining for more than 10, I’ll make little fold-over name tags out of cute cardstock,” said Dalkin. “I punch a hole in the name tag and weave in a bit of rosemary, paper ribbon or a fresh flower to give it an extra pop.” Add Pizzazz With A Champagne Bar The survey also found that for approximately half of Americans, a cocktail bar stands out as a key component for an unforgettable holiday party.

Add an easy yet elegant touch to any holiday gathering by setting up a Champagne bar. Simply chill a few bottles, place on a bar cart and add bowls of fresh berries and carafes of fresh squeezed juices. Include handwritten cardstock labels near each ingredient so your guests can mix and match to their hearts’ content.

This no-fuss station encourages guests to make their own cocktails at their leisure, giving the host extra time to catch up. Plus, Dalkin adds, “I’ve found that Champagne bars are often one of the most photographed components of the night.” Send Guests Home With A Little Something Homemade Frosted cookie dough is one of the trendiest homemade gifts of the year. Just whip up your favorite batch of dough, tightly wrap it in parchment paper and freeze. Then add some holiday ribbons, a personalized paper label and handwritten baking instructions.

“Recipients can slice and bake at their leisure and file the recipe card for years to come,” said Dalkin. “You can make the same thing for everyone, or perhaps a few different batches to suit any sweet tooth. I think of it as a gift that keeps giving.”
Mayor Hears Positive ‘Restaurant Week’ Feedback

By LAUREN BARRY
Journal & Topics Reporter

Des Plaines kicked off its third annual Restaurant Week on Friday, Oct. 14. For local eaters looking to dine out, don’t be surprised to see Mayor Matt Bogusz at one of the 17 participating establishments over the next few days.

During Restaurant Week, deals ranging from $6 to $24 are available at participating restaurants around the city. This year, participants include Silver Stallion, Little Villa Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, Dotombori, Mexico Restaurant and more.

The mayor said he has been making the rounds to Des Plaines’ restaurants, including longtime seafood destination Don’s Dock on Northwest Highway. Bogusz said Monday, Oct. 17 that he plans to stop at a few more of the restaurants throughout the week.

Positive feedback had already come in from participating restaurant owners during the kickoff weekend, according to Bogusz.

“I’ve heard that it’s helping to spur traffic, and bringing in new faces, which is exactly what we want,” he said. Residents have also been supportive of the 10-day event.

“I have heard from residents that they appreciate the deals across town,” Bogusz said. Restaurant Week continues until Sunday, Oct. 23.

Smart Ways To Create Calm As You Rush From Holiday To Holiday

(BPT) – Less than a month separates Halloween from Thanksgiving. And, this year, Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa are all within a day of each other, and the two multi-day holidays both end on New Year’s Day. With end-of-year celebrations coming one after another, transitioning from holiday to holiday can ratchet up your stress level.

If you really want to enjoy the holiday season to the fullest, it’s important to find ways to create calm in the chaos of party preparations, gift shopping, meal planning and other forms of busyness. Here are some tips to remain calm and in control as you move through the hectic pace of the holidays:

Have A Plan

The holidays are busy and stressful enough without adding uncertainty and last-minute challenges into the mix. Plan ahead for holiday celebrations so that you know well in advance what you’ll need to make a memorable gathering. The further ahead you plan, the more time you’ll have for preparation, so go ahead and create your Thanksgiving menu while you’re sneaking treats from the kids’ Halloween stash. Start your Christmas shopping list at the same time.

Establishing a budget can also help ensure you stay calm during the holidays. Overspending is one of the most stress-causing experiences of the season. Planning how much you’ll spend for gifts, decorations and entertainment can help remove the stress of watching the bills pile up.

Relieve Stress With Renting

The amount of clutter you need in your home always seems to increase with the holidays — from Halloween costumes and decorations, to dishes and silverware for meals. Trying to gather everything in time can be stressful, and figuring out where to store it all after the holidays are over can be even more frustrating. Renting holiday-related items can be a hassle-free way to get what you need without the expense of buying, the logistical challenges of borrowing and the headache of storing stuff after the holidays. Local rental stores carry everything you need to move quickly and calmly from holiday to holiday.

You can rent Halloween costumes; chafing dishes, silverware, dishes and linens for large meals; and decor for Christmas and New Year’s. You can find tables and chairs, lighting, centerpiece and even portable dance floors for New Year’s parties. Visit www.rentalHQ.com to find an American Rental Association member store in your area, and remember to reserve items early as the holidays are a busy time for rental stores as well.

Repurpose Recipes

Your guest list probably changes from celebration to celebration. The big Halloween party might include friends from the neighborhood or co-workers; Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa are for spending time with family; and your annual New Year’s Eve party involves practically everyone you know. Trying to make different dishes and entirely unique menus for every one of those holiday celebrations could drive you crazy. Try repurposing recipes and reusing dishes that are easy to make, impressive to eat and work for you and your budget.

Soften Your Senses

Gaudy store displays, flashing holiday lights, blaring TV and radio commercials — the sights and sounds of the season can sometimes get to be too much. Soothing your senses can help create calm amid the chaos. While it may not be possible to completely unplug from the sensory overload, holidays can become, certain tactics can help relax you.

Try using aromatherapy at home and even in the office to create a scented oasis of serenity. Scented candles, potpourri or room spray can help calm holiday aromas like pine, cinnamon, peppermint and vanilla can subliminally create calm. Music is also one of the most enjoyable aspects of the holiday season. If you love holiday music, playing it in the background while you tackle chores like meal prep or gift wrapping can help relax you and put you in a festive mood. Or, if you’re feeling overloaded with holiday music, put on something else that you find soothing — classical music, jazz or hip hop. Whatever works for you is the right background music to help you enjoy the season!
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Since its beginning, Active Senior Expo has delivered on its mission statement: "Dedicated to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens". In one day, under one roof, the event offers more products and services than a senior could possibly explore on his or her own. Special attractions such as free seminars, free health screenings, free musical entertainment and free door prizes serve to elevate the show-going experience.

"The feedback we get is 100% positive," states Show Manager Bob Cycon. "It's been a very gratifying 15 years, and we look forward to serving the senior community for many years to come."

How did Active Senior Expo arrive on the scene? While Cycon was serving as a marketing consultant for Liberty Suburban Chicago Newspapers, the manager of the then-existing Liberty Senior Fair fell ill and Cycon was asked to take over. Armed with a heavy background in marketing, promotion and show management, Cycon doubled the size of the show in a year.

At the time, there were only three senior shows in the Chicago area, all held in the same venue, the Drury Lane Theater at Oakbrook Terrace. Cycon thought, "Why not take this concept to other areas in Chicago, making it easier for seniors to attend?"

He formed Silver Star Expositions and devoted his full-time attention to developing Active Senior Expo. The first event was held in Northlake in 2002.

In 2017, there will be six events: Glen Ellyn, Oak Forest, Niles, Countryside, St. Charles and Arlington Heights. "I really enjoy the Arlington Heights event," Cycon said. "The seniors in the area are very friendly, and Journal & Topics Newspapers and Atlantis Banquets are great to work with."

Cycon emphasizes that he is constantly striving to enhance the value of the events for attendees. "We're always open to new ideas and suggestions." He can be reached at 630-620-6347. Email: activeseniorexpo@hotmail.com.

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