Build A Bridge?

Pedestrian Walkway Would Connect Opposite Sides Of Main St.

By RICHARD MAYER  
Associate Editor

Village officials are looking into the possibility of building a pedestrian bridge over Main Street in downtown Mount Prospect.

Village Manager Michael Cassady said staffers are meeting with a design team today (Wednesday) to go over plans and get a better handle on financial numbers to construct the bridge. It would span Main Street from the third floor of the village hall parking deck to an elevator tower just north of Brick City Tavern between Busse Avenue and Central Road.

“We studied doing crossing at Busse Avenue and there was no good concept, because we would have to limit traffic and there would be no left turns for westbound or eastbound Busse,” he said. “We were not thrilled with that. We thought maybe a bridge over Main Street could help people cross safely.”

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At 100 Years, MP Resident Proud Of Her Independence

By DENISE FLEISCHER  
Lifestyles Editor

Nancy Caputo is pretty darn proud of her great aunt, Evelyn Lascio.

Not only did Lascio celebrate her 100th birthday Aug. 21 with family and friends at the Mount Prospect Park District RecPlex, she also passed her drivers license test.

“My 100th birthday party was overwhelming. More than 60 friends and family attended,” said Lascio, a 46-year resident of Mount Prospect.

“These people keep me motivated, especially my wonderful neighbors, who watch over me. I thank God for my health, family and faith that gives me strength to get through each day.”

Lascio, born on Aug. 21, 1917 to Mike and Rose Clearly, grew up during the Depression. Besides her two brothers, she had six sisters -- three of whom died during infancy. To support the family, her father drove a newspaper truck for the Chicago Daily News. Although those were difficult days, the family was determined to love and support each other.

In 1935, the same year Lascio finished high school at St. Sylvester in Chicago, her girlfriend Kate O’Connor introduced (Continued on page 2A)
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Educatings Public

Public Education Officer, Cory Pikora, describes the results of a smoke flow demonstration that had just transpired during Saturday’s Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House. He wanted the kids and adults to note the scorch patterns when doors are left open during a fire versus those that are kept closed. (Shawn Clisham/The Journal)

Bridge

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Eventually, the idea of constructing a bridge over Main Street was born. Two elevators would be installed, one on both sides of the street.

According to Cassady, the project is estimated to cost between $2.5 million-$3 million and would be a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district-eligible expense.

Cassady said incremental funding generated from a new luxury apartment building could generate new property tax money that would help support this project. This project would not come out of the village’s General Fund or increase property taxes, he said.

Cassady said he hopes the village board will approve designs before the end of this year with construction to follow next spring.

He said he does not anticipate work taking too long to complete, but emphasized the village needs to work with Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) to ensure the bridge meets all standards.

Main Street, also Elmhurst Road (Route 83) is a state-controlled road.

The village would be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the bridge.

“We think ultimately all the property owners in the Busse Triangle including the future apartment and residents and customers would benefit,” Cassady said.

Lascio

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her to Nick Lascio. The two were married in 1939 and had two children, Donna Jean and Judy Marie.

Hoping to help with the family expenses, Mrs. Lascio worked at Jewel-Osco in Northlake from 1955 to 1980. Then came the grandchildren: Michelle, Diana, Laura, Dawn and Tom.

After moving to Mount Prospect in 1971, the Lascios began attending Mass regularly at St. Cecilia in Mount Prospect -- something she continues to do even after her husband of 67 years passed away.

Lascio, who continues to visit the beauty shop every week, has the support of many when she needs assistance. She is mainly helped by her caregiver Ona and family members, especially her niece Katie, who she considers her guardian angel.
Basking In Red, White & Blue

With ‘Wall That Heals’ Comes Moving Display Of Flags

By TODD WESSELL
Journal & Topics Editor

On most days throughout spring, summer and fall at Lake Park in Des Plaines, the serene setting is ablaze with bright green grass, colorful vegetation, and deep blue skies with white, fluffy clouds.

Late this afternoon (Wednesday), bright red will be added to the mix as local veterans and volunteers of an organization dedicated to honoring men and women who served in the military put into place 1,000 American flags around The Wall That Heals in Des Plaines.

The Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be on display at Lake Park from Thursday to Sunday. It’s estimated that 30,000 people will visit the Wall during that time. It bears the names of more than 58,000 U.S. servicemen and women who died during the war.

Elgin-based True Patriots Care for the last eight years has provided and set up displays of the American flag at dozens of locations throughout the Chicago area.

According to Vietnam veteran Jerry Christopherson, president of True Patriot Cares, a trailer carrying the approximately 1,000 flags will arrive in Lake Park near the memorial pavilion late this afternoon after The Wall That Heals has been erected. True Patriots board members and members of the Chicagooland Carpenter’s Union and local veterans will spend the next few hours placing the flags in U-shaped rows at 5-foot intervals around the 250-foot long Wall. The flags measure 3-by-5 feet.

“It’s very moving when you see all the flags,” said Christopherson. “Signs will explain the reason for the flag display, as well as call attention to the 1,620 Vietnam POWs and MIAs who “haven’t come home.”

The Des Plaines display will be about the 25th time this year that True Patriots Care has set up a display. On 9/11, approximately 3,000 U.S. flags were erected at a ceremony in suburban McHenry. (Continued on page 4A)

Over 300 Motorcycles To Accompany ‘Wall’

By LAUREN BARRY
Journal & Topics Reporter

An estimated 300 to 400 motorcyclists were expected to accompany the arrival of The Wall That Heals in Des Plaines today (Wednesday).

The Wall is a travelling 5-by-250-foot replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. Des Plaines American Legion Post 2992 Cmdr. Mike Lake and other local veteran activists have worked for months to bring the Wall to the city in honor of all Des Plaines residents affected by the Vietnam War. Riders were scheduled to head out at 9:30 a.m. from the McHenry-VFW headquarters at 3002 Illinois Rte. 120 and arrive at the Lake Park Memorial Pavilion around 11:30 a.m.

Kevin O’Connell of Des Plaines American Legion Post 36 organized the motorcade. O’Connell, who served as a Des Plaines police officer for 30 years and as chief for the attorney general for eight years, said several fire departments and schools along the way will pay homage to the Wall as it moves through the Northwest suburbs.

Communities along the route will also close off intersections so the riders can get through.

O’Connell said members of a number of motorcycle clubs including Rolling Thunder, Patriot Guard, Iron Justice, the American Legion Riders and the Jersey Pine Cruisers will participate in the ride through 13 local municipalities. New bikers should join the procession as it moves south, Lake said. (Continued on page 4A)

Event Highlights

From the moment a motorcycle entourage ushers in The Wall That Heals mobile Vietnam Wall memorial in Des Plaines’ Lake Park will be filled with activity.

• Members of the entourage will help erect the wall this afternoon (Wednesday) after the procession from far Northwest suburban McHenry arrives here.

• Programs hosted by Des Plaines American Legion Post 36 at the Wall begin at 8 a.m. tomorrow (Thursday). These include the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance and morning prayers.

• An opening ceremony starts at 5 p.m. with remarks by former Des Plaines Mayor Tony Arredia. Other opening ceremony presenters include VFW Post 2992 Cmdr. Mike Lake, American Legion Post 36 Cmdr. Kevin O’Connell, retired U.S. Army Gen. James Mukoyama and Bill Christiansen of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 311. (Continued on page 4A)
Talk Election With D214

Township High School Dist. 214's Community Education program will welcome political journalists and other experts in October for a conversation outlining issues in the upcoming Illinois gubernatorial election -- part of a continued effort to engage community members on topics of importance.

The free event is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17 in the theater at Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., Arlington Heights.

Community members are invited to explore the trends and topics shaping the 2018 gubernatorial campaign in Illinois, and will have an opportunity to submit written questions. Panelists include Natasha Korecki, senior reporter for Politico and author of "Illinois Playbook"; Bob Secter, director of investigations for the Better Government Association; and Constance Mixon, an associate professor of political science at Elmhurst College.

Prospect High School journalism and American Studies teacher Jason Block will moderate.

Though the event is free, seats are limited.

Motorcycles

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by Des Plaines resident and ride captain Brian Burkowski.

O’Connell said the ride should move at about 20-to-30 miles per hour.

In addition to the bikers, Illinois State Police will lead and follow the procession. A two-ton army truck will accompany the Wall and mobile museum to Des Plaines. Participating motorcyclists agreed to help set up the Wall display to face Lee Street after arriving at Lake Park.

An opening ceremony for The Wall That Heals is planned for tomorrow (Thursday), featuring a speech by Retired U.S. Gen. James Moyer.

It will be open to visitors at Lake Park 24/7 through Sunday, Oct. 1.

Flags

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Oak Brook.

“We don’t ask for anything,” Christopherson said. “We want our flags. But if donations can be made, it would help. To do this costs us some money.”

Christopherson said there would also be a sign "that says these flags are here to honor our heroes. We’ve been all over the Chicago area this year with 33 separate tributes at 28 different locations including two states.”

Christopherson said True Patriots Care also honors first responders at funerals. On April 22, the organization partnered with actor Gary Sinise at the Run For The Fallen fundraiser at Notre Dame University. And in July, they erected a large number of American flags at The Wall That Heals observance in far west suburban Sycamore.

Schedule

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Spiritual remarks and musical performances are also scheduled.

A wreath ceremony continues the four-day event at 5 p.m. Friday with the invocation and benediction by Rev. Virginia Erickson of United Church of Christ.

Saturday, a candlelight ceremony remembering those lost in the war starts at 7 p.m. It will include a special video message from Fred Salanti of the Missing In America Project. There will also be a 21-gun salute flyby and the reading of names inscribed on the Lake Park Memorial Pavilion wall.

To conclude the Wall’s weekend in Des Plaines, Lake has organized a closing ceremony in honor of all those veterans who died from injuries and illnesses after returning home. The ceremony will also recognize veterans living with injuries sustained in the war, including those who suffered from Agent Orange poisoning.

Those who worked to bring the Wall to Des Plaines, including local veteran’s organizations, motorcycle clubs and the Des Plaines Park District, remind all attendees not to climb, sit, eat, litter or “cause a scene” near the Wall. It is recommended that those who come to see the Wall speak to one another respectfully and nonjudgmentally, touch the Wall with care, and leave small tokens or gifts. Items left at the display will be collected and added to the museum that travels with the exhibit.
The Cumberland Metra station is located along Northwest Highway just east of State Street, between stops in downtown Mount Prospect and downtown Des Plaines. (Journal file photo)

City May Step In On Train Station Rebuild

By LAUREN BARRY
Journal & Topics Reporter

Building a new Cumberland train station is a high priority, but figuring out who should build it poses a problem. City Manager Mike Bartholomew said Des Plaines is “definitely interested in a new station.”

If Metra keeps stalling on the project, however, the city may step in to build the new structure.

Built in 1967, the Metra-owned station along Northwest Highway is on the publicly-held corporation’s list for stations needing renovations or rebuilding, Bartholomew said. “We’ve got some limited options,” he said. “We could figure out how to get Metra to move forward, or we could build it.”

In preparation for discussion at the Oct. 2 city council meeting, staff in the public works and finance departments are researching how much it would cost to build the station in-house.

Earlier this year, Metra began a $7.3 million construction project at the Healy station in Chicago. The new depot (Continued on page 12A)

Are Soundproofed Homes Experiencing Odd Odors Here?

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

Midway Airport neighbors have launched an all-out campaign to draw attention to suspicious fumes occurring in homes which were soundproofed near the southwest side airport.

It’s an issue that could be a problem near O’Hare Airport.

Midway protesters held a Sept. 19 rally down south and brought their complaints the next morning to the O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission’s residential soundproofing committee.

Pamela Zidarich, one of the most vocal of the Midway neighbors, said that a tell-tale odor similar to overheated PBC plastic has become a breathing hazard inside the homes, especially in hot weather.

She has detected it within the framework of windows installed when her house, a block from Midway, was insulated against airport noise.

Deputy Aviation Commissioner Aaron Frame, who supervises the soundproofing projects at O’Hare and Midway, said the Chicago Dept. of Aviation is following up on the lodged complaints.

As of Sept. 20, there were 153 specifically relating to odors and diminished air quality, 11 of which are near O’Hare.

CDA is scheduling expert site visits to investigate and identify the odors and their source. Additional steps will involve lab tests to try to identify possible parts within soundproofing materials which may cause the odor.

Zidarich believes there are disintegrating elements in older soundproofing materials (Continued on page 12A)
Learning From Night Rotations, O'Hare Noise

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

While the Fly Quiet program continues to be on track for O'Hare Airport, the test rotation schedule for night time traffic is about to go away for a bit.

The current three-month test, known as Test 3, started in mid-July, immediately after the conclusion of a three-month Test 2 (April to July). Test 3 will end in mid-October.

Unless a more permanent rotation plan is introduced later, predictability is what will be missed.

Between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., the airport designates one arrival runway and one for departures. Normally, there is no public warning which runways will carry the traffic over which communities.

An ad hoc committee of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and the Chicago Dept. of Aviation were given unprecedented opportunities more than a year ago to suggest to the Federal Aviation Administration ways to rotate the overnight traffic so communities under the flight tracks could have predictable, quieter weeks to sleep.

While relief has occurred, especially in Test 1, from July to December 2016, the elephant in the room is the guaranteed decommissioning of Runway 15-33 (northwest and southeast) next spring.

The daily analysis during each test period includes details of which planes flew, which requested longer runways, how ground maintenance or FAA required flight checks or weather conditions affected operations.

In the first test period, CDA asked any airlines whose planes needed a longer runway (for wide body or heavier-load planes) to request it two hours in advance.

Smaller planes heading west were among those requesting the extra takeoff length, possibly because they were carrying fuel for longer cross-country journeys, it was suggested.

While 15-33 is one of the longest runways, the long east-west runways which will survive it, were made more available and alternated in Test 2 and 3 rotations.

In Test 2, when 15-33 was still in the mix, configuration "O" using the east-west runways south of the terminals, was used 80 percent of the time it was designated for the rotation. Each configuration has a secondary pair of runways.

Configuration "N" departing northwest on 15-33 over the Jane Addams Tollway (I-90), with arrivals on 22L, southwest-bound over Park Ridge, was used 72 percent of the time.

Least used was "B," where landings used 15-33, and departures continued southeast from the other end of the runway.

The worst results came during a week when emergency rubber removal was needed on designated runways.

The details show CDA and its consultants from Landrum & Brown, the impact of when delayed flights from other airports arrive late. They can discuss concerns with the air controllers and the cargo handlers.

They learn to plan ahead, working around as many ground delays or construction as possible. Having specific experience in various situations, they can be flexible in seeking solutions.

In Test 3, the longest stretch of Fly Quiet compliance with the rotation came in Week 7 (starting Sept. 3), when 93 percent of the night operations used the designated runways. That was Labor Day week, so the operations were less.

In Week 3, with Aug. 10 thunderstorms and 12 average flight operations, 94 percent flights used designated rotation runways.
Lemons Of Love 5K Set For Sunday

The third annual Lemons of Love "Pink Lemonade" 5K will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at Lions Park, 411 S. Maple St.

Those interested in participating can run or walk to raise funds to build Lemons of Love bags for chemotherapy patients.

Lemons of Love was founded in 2014 by Jill Swanson Peltier of Mount Prospect, a cancer fighter and owner of Fresh Air Systems Technologies (F.A.S.T.) in Des Plaines.

She was diagnosed with stage three colon cancer and went through chemotherapy two years ago. Afterwards, she was inspired to create care packages filled with items that promote peace and healing.

The care packages include lotion (for chemo dry skin), lemon drops (for the metallic taste), dark chocolate (for antioxidants and heart-healthy fats), organic ginger tea (for upset stomachs), superhero socks, a water bottle, lip balm, a happy picture drawn by a child and other special items that are donated by supporters. The items come in bright lemon-themed packages.

The goal is to bring a smile to those during the darkest days of treatments. All proceeds of the 5K will go to Lemons of Love, Inc.

At the event there will be an art table for children to create "happy pictures" that will be used on the Lemons of Love bags. Organizers need drawings with rainbows, sunshine, animals, smiley faces and other happy images to share with the chemo patients.

Those who cannot run or walk, but still want to participate, are invited to cheer for their favorite runner.

The course will begin at Lions Park and run through the local neighborhood. Water will be provided on the course and at the end.

After the race, there will be drinks and snacks available for all registered participants.

A rain day will be scheduled for next spring and all paid entrance fees will be moved to that date.

Peer Jury Volunteers?

The Prospect Heights Police Dept. is looking for residents between the ages of 14-17 who are interested in assisting youths that have committed a crime or have participated in a crime, by providing an alternative punishment prior to police putting those offenders into the juvenile justice system.

The Peer Jury hears cases of youth offenders that have been involved in crimes that can include but not limited to: battery, theft, disorderly conduct, and vandalism.

The jury collaborates and decides a punishment that they feel fits the specific case.

A civilian representative from Omni Youth Services presides over the cases along with a sworn police juvenile officer. The officer and Omni youth worker act as advisors to the peer jurors.

The offender is expected to take all responsibility for their actions and is to return to peer jury upon an assigned date.

The Peer Jury meets every second Tuesday of the month at 5:45 p.m. for approximately one hour at the Prospect Heights Police Dept.

Fall Fest At Lions

Celebrate the season with the Mount Prospect Park District's "Fabulous Fall Fest" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 at Lions Park Recreation Center, 411 S. Maple St., Mount Prospect.

Enjoy a hayride, petting zoo, corn maze and inflatables as well as games, prizes and goodies.

Ice Arena For Sale? Could Happen

By RICHARD MAYER

Associate Editor

While the owner of the one-year-old Mount Prospect Ice Arena said it is "not actively for sale," they would consider parting ways with the facility if it made sense financially.

Developer Nick Papanicholas, Jr., of Mount Prospect-based Nicholas and Associates, whose firm constructed the arena over a year ago for $13 million and owns the facility, said over the last 45 days he has been approached by six different groups, including the Glenview Park District, about possibly selling the 74,000-sq. ft. arena.

"It is doing incredibly well and we love it, but our thought long term was to have the arena be a publicly-owned facility and publicly-operated facility," said Papanicholas, Jr. "In our mind, we thought we would privately own it and manage it for the next 1-10 years and then if all the programs we have reach level numbers that could be supported by a park district or any other organization or business, we could make a deal so the arena is a community-based asset."

Papanicholas said building the arena was largely due to his father who passed away earlier this year.

A Glenview Park District citizen task force recently discussed capital projects that include possibly building a new Glenview Ice Center.

"Never say never," he said. "We have bought and sold so many things. If we were to sell, the first goal would be to sell it to a public entity. We want the arena to be community-based."

He said Nicholas and Associates will continue to run the arena, now in its second year, just like they did the first year.

"We have to look at what is best for the company long term," he said. "But selling could take years to develop."

He said a $15 million asking price is fair.

Life Savers On Display

Firefighters extricate a dummy from a vehicle used in a demonstration during Saturday's annual Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House at the fire headquarters downtown. (Shawn Glisham/The Journal)
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With a survey seeking support for a $432 property tax hike in the works for local residents, Mount Prospect Elementary School Dist. 57 officials explained how the district's financial struggles recently grew.

According to Supt. Elaine Aumiller, enrollment has steadily increased in recent years and will continue to rise over the next five years, but not as fast as officials originally thought.

In 2016-17, total enrollment in Dist. 57 was 2,190. This year's total rose to 2,222. Looking forward, the district projects a decrease next year to 2,145, but a steady increase to 2,204 by 2022-23.

"The five-year projection we received last year is now not as high as we thought it was going to be," Aumiller said. "Kindergarten and first grade really drives the model and we had a high kindergarten last year, but it turned out not as a high first grade this year.

"Also, the kindergarten enrollment this year is typically lower than what we expected. This is a good scenario, because that means we can handle the kids we are going to get."

The last time Dist. 57 voters approved an education fund referendum, similar to what could be proposed in the coming months, was in 1988. Before that, voters approved paying more in property taxes in 1968.

The district attempted to pass education fund referendum questions in 2000, 2001 and 2003, but voters rejected each proposal.

"The district at that time had a 90% fund balance (amount of reserves compared to expenditures) and if I were a community member then, I wouldn't have been happy to give more money with a 90% fund balance," Aumiller said. "The timing was not great, but that is not the scenario anymore and we do not have those fund balances anymore."

Financial projections show Dist. 57's fund balance at $11.46 million, or 45% of total expenditures, by the end of this past fiscal year June 30. The district's policy is to keep annual reserve levels between 30%-50% of total expenditures with a target of 40%.

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Police Blotter

Wallet Goes Missing In Residential Burglary

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.

Residential Burglary

Police at 10:11 a.m. Aug. 5 responded to the 1800 block of W. Willow Lane for an unlawful entry residential burglary that occurred overnight. A woman told police unknown offender(s) entered the home between midnight and 9 a.m. Aug. 5 while she was asleep. When she woke up, she found the living room table drawers slightly ajar. She also noticed the rear patio door was slightly ajar. She told police she thought the door was locked before going to bed the night before. When she checked the spare bedroom, she noticed dresser drawers were open and a jewelry box was rummaged through, but nothing was missing. It was determined that a wallet, which was left inside a purse, was missing. The wallet contained a driver’s license, approximately $25-$30 in cash, three credit cards and insurance cards. No charges were made on the credit cards and the cards were canceled.

Criminal Damage, Trespass

Police at 7:55 a.m. Aug. 6 were called to Starbucks, 195 W. Rand Rd. According to police, a homeless woman, who’s had frequent contact with police, became defensive, started yelling at officers and refused medical attention. The store manager told police they had received numerous complaints about the woman requesting money from customers. They asked that she be banned from the store. Police said the nearby McDonald’s has had similar experiences. The woman was issued trespass notices for both establishments and was informed not to return to either business.

Police at 2:07 p.m. Aug. 5 received a report from a woman stating someone keyed her car in a parking lot in the 300 block of Lynn Court. She stated someone between 6 p.m. Aug. 4 and 10 a.m. Aug. 5 keyed the rear quarter panel, the trunk and the hood of her 2015 Honda Civic. Damage was estimated at $1,500, the report adds.

Mount Prospect Man Charged In Fake Transaction Scheme

By TOM ROBB
Journal & Topics Reporter

A Mount Prospect man was taken into custody last week on charges that he engaged in ongoing financial crimes while employed at a Glenview auto parts store. Francois said store representatives called police to report suspicious irregularities in records and accounts May 10. Detectives asked them to sign criminal complaints. Francois said store representatives called police to report suspicious irregularities in records and accounts May 8. Detectives asked them to sign criminal complaints. Wednesday, Aug. 30, representatives of the business called to check on the status of the investigation and later came in to sign a complaint.
5K Benefits Families Who Need Transportation To Medical Centers

By DENISE FLEISCHER
Lifestyles Editor

In 1974, Michelle Ernsdorff-May was too young to remember traveling with her family for life-saving medical treatment for kidney cancer, but her parents remember seeking medical care for their then-14-month-old.

Since there was no pediatric oncologist in Dubuque, Iowa, where the family lived at the time, her parents, Mike and Sandy Ernsdorff, turned to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. It was at that clinic that Michelle’s kidney was removed and where she received radiation therapy and chemotherapy for 18 months. The medical treatment meant traveling to the clinic on a monthly basis. Michelle’s mother was expecting another child, and the travel expenses were difficult. With one car, Michelle’s father left the car with his wife and hitchhiked home.

“I wanted to honor what my parents did for me, so we incorporated Compass to Care in 2009,” said Ernsdorff-May, 44, of Park Ridge. “Today, we help children whose parents have a financial need. We pay for travel arrangements, gas, parking, tolls and bus fare.”

Help goes to parents whose child has advanced cancer, needs specialized care, or is in a clinical trial. So far, 344 families have received assistance.

Funds raised at the Compass to Care 5K to 1-Mile Walk/Run Saturday, Sept. 30, at Hodges Park in Park Ridge will help children continue to fight cancer. Anna Polyak organized the event. Hodges Park is located across from Park Ridge City Hall. Log onto compasstocare.org/5K to register.

Jen School Hosts Farm-To-Table Dinner At ‘Jammin’ With Jen’

Maryville Jen School’s third annual Jammin’ with Jen featured a farm-to-table dinner using produce from the Des Plaines school’s garden.

The Sept. 8 event featured drinks, tours of the school greenhouse, dancing under the big tent, and a raffle and auction. Music was played by the Bad Dad Band.

The celebration, attended by 175, marks the school’s 10th year.

Not only was it announced that this year’s graduating class was its largest, but in the fall, the school will be accept female students for the first time.

Last June, the Jen School was named a School of Excellence for the fourth year in a row by the National Association of Special Education Teachers.

“We have so much to celebrate,” said Jen School Principal Anne Craig. “Our school has made a big difference in the lives of students and their families in this community. We hope people come to see what we’re all about.”

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Saturday's annual Maine Township Community Garage Sale is considered by many as the signature event for the unincorporated area. With over 1,500 eager shoppers and 80 vendors, the sale brings together the community for a full day of shopping, food and community spirit. Proceeds from the garage sale benefit the Adventure Day Camp for disadvantaged children run by the township staff and the award-winning emergency food pantry, Right: Maine Township Assess-Cor Susan Moylan Krey stops by the Journal’s display table at the garage sale for a free copy of her favorite newspaper. The Journal has been a media partner with the event since it started 12 years ago.

Odor

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materials.

Since home soundproofing efforts began in the 1990s, a number of companies have had installation contracts. Installers are not the same as the companies that manufactured the parts installed. O’Hare alone is on its 17th cycle of installations over close to two decades. Some companies are now out of business. Over 200,000 homes near Chicago have had soundproofing from CDA. Zidarich says she is most concerned about Republic Windows, a former Goose Island-based manufacturer, and its successor, Sound Solutions, which took over Republic and also went out of business in 2014. The products carried a 10-year warranty that should still be current. Their products appear to be involved in some of the Midway contracts, Zidarich said.

Cumberland

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includes a heated platform, canopies, LED lighting, a new sewer system and more.

Along with discussion on the Cumberland station project, aldermen are also expected to continue discussion on the sewer lateral program at the Oct. 2 city council meeting.

Last month, comments from a resident who paid approximately $30,000 to fix her sewer lateral, or the connection to the city’s sewer system, shed light on the program. Aldermen discussed possibly altering the system, which reimburses residents for 30 percent of the cost to repair sewer connections in the city right-of-way.

Des Plaines has a somewhat unusual connection pattern, with some sewers located far away from the homes they serve, making connections particularly long.

To fix this, staff recommended refocusing the reimbursement program based on distance. Ald. Carla Brookman (5th) also suggested the city pay for 100 percent of the sewer repairs in Des Plaines right-of-ways. Both ideas, among others, are expected to be discussed.
Four years ago when Des Plaines State Rep. Marty Moylan (D-55th) spearheaded a new state law that requires school employees to report to their superiors any suspected incidences of students being subjected to hazing, little did he know that he'd be back trying to add more muscle to the bill.

Last week, in the wake of the recent disclosure that five Wheaton College football players in 2016 allegedly abducted a freshman on the team, putting a pillowcase over his head, physically restraining him and inferring that he would be sexually violated, Moylan said he would pursue harsher penalties to his bill.

"I want to see if we can strengthen the bill," said Moylan this week. "Even with the bill we still have hazing. We need to increase the penalties like fines and jail time. We have to send a clear message."

Moylan's anti-hazing measure was signed into law in August 2013 after allegations that Maine West High School soccer team members had been assaulted in the fall of 2012 by teammates as part of a hazing ritual. Cash settlements were paid out to victims of the hazing and two West soccer coaches were fired.

The state rep. also expressed amazement that details of the alleged Wheaton College only recently surfaced even though they are believed to have occurred a year ago.
Depot’s Future Could Be Getting Brighter

An important public discussion is scheduled to take place next Monday, Oct. 2, when Des Plaines City Council members zero-in on improving the appearance and function of the perennially ugly looking Cumberland commuter train station along Northwest Highway.

The discussion will not only include updating elected officials on the prospects of Metra, the owner of the square-shaped building, paying for possible improvements, but also the idea of maybe the city acquiring the property and either building a new station or making extensive repairs. Ald. Don Smith (7th) recently proposed a thorough review of the small building that he says is “dumpy looking” and in need of some kind of makeover.

Complaints about the depot, which is located near Des Plaines’ nice Cumberland neighborhood, are nothing new. As long as I can remember, the station has not been very inviting even though during winter, commuters need a warm place to go as they await their trains for the ride to downtown Chicago.

The station serves not only Des Plaines commuters, but riders from various other nearby communities. They park their cars along Northwest Highway and in a large lot just south of the railroad tracks.

The issue of Des Plaines taking over ownership of a train station is not unprecedented. In the 1980s, the city gained control of the downtown depot after the state wiggled a $1 million grant in front of the city’s nose. The money was spent to build the station that stands there now.

The current Cumberland station was built in 1956. A depot has been on that site since 1927. According to City Manager Mike Bartholomew, Metra has on its construction schedule the building of a new Cumberland depot, but it has no money to do so. One alternative, he explained, is for the city to construct a new, modern station that would resemble the charming design of the Dee Road commuter station located between downtown Des Plaines and Uptown Park Ridge.

The demand for a new depot will likely exist more than ever once the huge residential development on the former Littelfuse property is completed, Bartholomew said. Other planned improvements in the area include the installation of a new traffic light close to the station at Northwest Highway and Broadway Street, and modernizing the Cumberland Circle.

Negotiations have been underway for a while between the village of Rosemont and MB Financial Bank over the extension of an agreement to allow the financial institution to maintain the naming rights of the popular entertainment district. The current five-year deal ends at the end of this year and unless the two sides can hit common ground, the district may take on a new name.

Also, in Rosemont, for several years before Halloween, the entertainment district has been the site of a widely-acclaimed haunted house experience.

Following State Rep. Elaine Nekritz’s (D-57th) announcement several months ago not to seek reelection in 2018, but before Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced last week that she also would not run for another term, Nekritz started cleaning out her political war chest by sending money to preferred candidates and causes.

Earlier this year, Nekritz had accumulated more than $185,000 that would have been used in a fall 2018 reelection bid. Instead, Nekritz decided that it was time to retire from the Illinois House and pursue other interests that most recently included running for attorney general. This past weekend, she said she would decline that opportunity. By then her campaign coffers had shrunk to $94,000 in large part because she had transferred $80,000 to the campaign of Democratic State Senator Daniel Biss who is running for governor. That’s $80,000 Nekritz wouldn’t be able to use in a reelection campaign of her own.

As we reported a few weeks ago, which Nekritz confirmed she is considering, is that the longtime legislator will opt for the potentially more financially attractive life of a Springfield lobbyist.

The 57th District includes small sections of Mount Prospect, Des Plaines and large parts of Prospect Heights, Arlington Heights, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove.

Remembering When We Were On Same Team

Editor, Journal:

When Chief Thundersky was a young Brave, a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout, he says “we all were proud to stand for the national anthem, We were taught to salute the flag, and our president with a two-finger salute for a Cub Scout, three fingers for a Boy Scout, and we knew that a four-finger salute was for military personnel.”

He remembers, that during election years, how the young braves talked among themselves, about how our tribal elders voted for different people running for office, it didn't really matter to us. We knew we were all on...the same team, (all Americans after all) and we would stand and salute, when we should, without question regardless of who won the election. We did it out of respect for those who came before us and sacrificed so much that we may be free. And at some level we knew that someday, we ourselves, might be asked to do the same.

Showing respect for the flag, our national anthem and our country is just that, showing a little respect. But now, the Chief says, “I am just an old man, and I don’t know nothin’!” These are the words of Thundersky.

Victor Rogus
Chief Thundersky
Cub Pack 3955 Den 6
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Dog saved my life

Yes, hi. This is Donna, a resident of Des Plaines and I’d like to report that Lucky Stallion, is his name, a dog, a maltese/pomerian saved my life. He’s 6 years old and only 3-lbs., but the fact that he was howling, I was unresponsive on the floor of the bathroom and his owner was alerted at 4 a.m. to get up. He got up and found me lying on the floor and called the paramedics. The paramedics before, but this had been 15 minutes later I would have died. I would like him to get an award or something in the paper. His owner’s name is Regina.

(Ed. Note: Your message was not complete. Please call back with your phone number and the name of the dog’s owner).

Maybe a young bald eagle?

Good afternoon. I’d like to reach out to the person responding to my recent Speak Out responding to a large bird in Rosemont. I think you’re right. I think it was a eagle, a young bald eagle. I’ve seen mature eagles before, but this was my first occasion of seeing a young one. It had a look of an eagle. The wingsspread. He had piercing eyes. It was quite a sight to see. Pretty unusual to see in Rosemont, but it was fantastic and the person that responded, that was a great response.

Ready to boycott football games

Now it is time for me, a Vietnam veteran, to exercise my freedom of speech. Due to the recent lack of respect for our national anthem and flag by pro-football players and management, I will boycott all future games in their parks and on television. The same will apply to baseball, basketball, hockey and etc., if they display disrespect. I am especially disappointed with the Chicago Bears team and their management. I expected better from them. With all of this on my mind it will be hard for me when I pay my respect to friends on the mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall in Des Plaines this weekend. Over 58,000 names of men and women who never got a chance to live a comfortable life of high income such as our pro-football players.

Both at same time?

Garbage man just came today and took garbage with recycle at same time. Why bother recycling when it’s in same garbage?

Says group does not get violent

As I was saying, there are many hate groups including gangs, cults, fake religions, anti-American groups. These groups make themselves noticed wherever they go because of the violence they perpetrate on innocent people. ACT for America does not get violent, nor do we preach violence on any human being, any race, creed or religion. ACT for America educates Americans of the threat of Islamic terrorism and threats of freedom of speech by Islamics who are anti-constitutionalists.

Suggestion for county

I have a comment about Cook County spending and the need for the soda tax. I know someone who retired at age 50 from working for Cook County. It’s been several years since he retired and he hasn’t worked. He collects a pension with inflation protection. How is that possible for other employers? It’s not. So when I hear that the county needs revenue, and an additional tax is necessary, I suggest that they review their costs and trim their expenses as a first alternative, not raise taxes.

Concerned about protests

Everyday seems to bring a new protest or demonstration and quite frankly, these protests do little to move me to support their “causes.” If anything, I begin to question their motives, but importantly, who is organizing these demonstrations. Think I’m foolish? Think again and read what Kennaeca Jenkins’ mother said when she called off the protests. According to Channel 7 news, she stated that she felt that she had been taken advantage of by protest organizers and that this was financial advantage. So my question is, “Who is behind all these protests?” There have been far too many protests for me to blindly accept the fact that so many people are upset. I question what is going on behind the scenes and what is the goal of these organizers. I have some ideas and it concerns me greatly.

‘Do something’

With McCain again saying “no” to repealing Obamacare, either present and pass something you like, or rid the senate of Susan Collins, “war hero” John McCain, Murkowski and Rand Paul. This is all phony baloney. Either do something or get out of the way and pass something. Time is right to vote these people.

Not my problem

Since almost every phone call now is being recorded, why don’t the companies that are asking for surveys at the end of phone call, just listen to their phone recordings and they’ll hear how their customer service people are doing, instead of having the consumer do their supervisory work for them in a survey. Have someone do their job on their end.

That wacky Trump

Trump is like a guy who tells everyone over and over again what a great piano player he is. But when he sits down in front of the keys and starts banging away, all he does is make a lot of noise, creating nothing at all that even remotely resembles music. Even worse, when he finishes playing, he rises and takes a bow, fully expecting a standing ovation from everyone. Instead — and to his surprise — most folks are aghast. They find the discrepancy between his confidence and talent shocking. Except his supporters. They are either as tone deaf as he is, or they keep insisting he really can play. They claim the problem is not his lack of skill. The real problem, they argue, is his critics, who insist on pointing out the obvious — that he can’t play the piano. His supporters believe that the criticism he receives prevents him from — you guessed it — actually being able to play the piano as well as he could. What’s the old saying? Can you hear the music playing?

Give tax more thought

What is left out is that people on food stamps are not charged the 1-cent per ounce tax on sweetened beverages. So it is OK if some kids are presented with unhealthy sugary drinks? Shame on all of you who are passing this lie as a public health moment. If you are so worried about our health, why are all the fast food restaurants still open? People, please think about this.

Will do something else on Sundays

After watching players and the NFL response to respecting the flag and anthem on Sunday 9/24, I think the time is right to pull the plug on both ESPN and the NFL. The media will try to spin it, but their action is an insult to any current or ex-serviceperson. I have unchanged my Sundays for other activities.

Not interested in other viewpoints

No matter what your political philosophy and inclinations may be, the NFL and WSCR (670) sports talk show hosts Arkush, Rosenblum and Bernstein, etc. are alienating 50% of their audience. My opinion, you cannot or should not call the president names on the radio. Unfortunately, the media and sports has taken a wrong turn. My radio and TV are officially “off the air.”

Don’t blame schools

In response to “Big picture.” Not done yet, you tucked me back in. You say you “have been involved regarding all levels of governmental entity taxation issues for decades.” Then you tell us of the entities “very deep financial trouble.” Hmm. At least you have finally admitted Dist. 57 is the least of our worries. Dist. 57 is just the easiest target because it requires a vote. The village needs money, add a fee, collect millions, no vote and no action. You’re like a bully, find some fault (a parking lot) with the easiest, most vulnerable and least deserving to pick a fight with. Facts are still facts. It’s sad that after your decades of involvement you still haven’t learned how to interpret them.

Oh yeah, taxes

We all love our country until it comes time to pay our taxes.

Trump concerns

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Finishing Strong

Tommy Brady of Maine South arrives first at the finish line in the boys varsity competition of Saturday’s Palatine invite. Coverage continues on page 13AA. (Shawn Clisham/The Journal)

Hazing Probe Hits Niles North

School Suspends Varsity Football

Journal Staff Report

Late Monday evening, Niles North Principal James Edwards released a statement announcing that football operations will be suspended until further notice due to a possible hazing incident involving the Skokie high school’s varsity football team.

“The safety and security of our students is our top priority,” Edwards said. “We have zero tolerance of hazing or even the threat of it. Because this is a matter that involves student confidentiality, we ask that our students and families be patient as the investigation unfolds.”

Niles North’s varsity team is currently 2-3 overall (0-1 in CSL South) after a 38-7 loss to Glenbrook South this past Friday. The Vikings were scheduled to host Maine South (4-1, 1-0) at 7 p.m. Thursday. The rest of their varsity schedule includes New Trier (Oct. 6), Niles West (Oct. 13) and Evanston (Oct. 20). Maine South coach Dave Invernizzi said his team was expecting North to forfeit the game, giving South a week off.

Niles North is coached by Michael Garoppolo, a Rolling Meadows High School alum and the older brother of NFL QB Jimmy Garoppolo. Michael is in his second year with the Vikings and has a 3-11 record. The school plays in the Central Suburban League, which includes other local schools such as Maine South, Niles West, Glenbrook South, Maine East and Maine West.

“Even though this will be a difficult time for our school, I believe that if we pull together and work to act upon the principle that we treat each other with the respect and dignity we all deserve, Niles North will become an even stronger school community,” Edwards said.

Details were not released, but police are investigating the incident.

This isn’t the first hazing news in northern Illinois this year. Two members of the 2016 Lake Zurich football team alleged hazing in the school’s football, wrestling and cross country programs. Wheaton College has also been in the news after five football players were arrested for an alleged 2016 hazing incident.
Quote Of The Week

"Jimmy did some nice things. He is still learning on the fly. The thing you can say about Jimmy Martin is he plays his tail off. He plays with a heart three times bigger than the size of his body, he really does."

Prospect football coach Mike Sebestyen on Jimmy Martin's performance Friday at Buffalo Grove

Performance Of The Week

Niles West boys soccer player Jonathan Cherian enjoyed a record performance against Montini. Cherian scored a school-record 5 goals in Saturday's game as the Wolves (6-6-1) rolled to an 8-2 non-conference win. Andrei Tap (2 goals, 2 assists) and Dani Younathem (1 goal, 1 assist) rounded out the Wolves scoring. What makes it even more impressive: Niles West scored just 14 goals over the previous 12 games combined.

Stat of the Week

Glenbrook North's win streak over Maine West before the Warriors finally snapped the skid with a convincing 42-17 win over the Spartans Friday night in Northbrook. Maine West (4-1), which scored 40-plus points for the third time this season, hosted Maine East (1-4) on Thursday while looking for win No. 5 and their first 5-win season since 2005. West hasn't made the playoffs the last 14 seasons, but certainly hopes to snap that streak this season.

Top 5 To Watch

1) Pat Savage Invite (boys and girls XC): Niles West's annual cross country meet begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The meet comes with two race divisions, red (Class 1A and 2A schools) and white (Class 3A). The varsity races will be 3 miles long and end in the football stadium along Oakton Street. The invite features a handful of Journal-area teams. It is named after the longtime former head coach who led the Wolves from 1969-2005.

2) Hersey Jamboree (girls swimming): The Huskies annual Hersey Jamboree takes place at noon Saturday, Sept. 30 in Prospect High School's natatorium. Among Journal-area teams competing are Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove, Maine East, Maine South, Prospect, Palatine, Hersey, Rolling Meadows and Wheeling. Overall, 16 teams will compete.

3) 56th Annual Lake Park Invite (boys golf): A few area boys golf teams will get one last round in before the state tournament begins, with the Lake Park Invite at Village Links Golf Club Saturday, Sept. 30. Tee times start at 7:30 a.m. Co-nant, Elk Grove, Palatine and Fremd are all set to compete.

4) Golf regionals: Boys golf regionals take place Tuesday, Oct. 3 across many locations, including six hosting Journal-area teams. Girls golf regionals take place Wednesday, Oct. 4. Journal-area teams will be spread across four sections for girls.

5) Maine West “Swim for a Cure” Invite (girls swimming): Maine West hosts its ninth annual Swim for a Cure event at noon Saturday, Sept. 30, with diving starting at 8 a.m. St. Viator is among the six teams set to compete. Since the event debuted, over $15,000 has been raised for the American Cancer Society. Fans are encouraged to wear pink.
A Lasting Local Legacy

Ciampi Helped Put DP Girls Softball On Map; Name Field In His Honor Sunday

By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

"Mr. Softball" was a well-loved man who made it his mission in life to improve others.

Although Joseph "Joe" Ciampi died at 66 on Nov. 27, 2016, his legacy will live on through not only his daughters, Sarah and Beth, but generations of young girls playing softball in Des Plaines. With the help of his family and the Des Plaines Girls Softball league (DPGS), the northeastern corner of Chippewa Park will be renamed Joe Ciampi Field this Sunday in honor of the man who was the epitome of community support.

Before Ciampi -- whose daughters played the sport -- and a few others stepped in, softball didn't get much respect in Des Plaines.

"His big thing was to have a commitment to community and to his daughters," Sarah said. "He wanted his daughters and all the girls of Des Plaines to get a fair shot to play competitive softball. He worked tirelessly to find and secure fields and put everything together."

Ciampi was a founding member of DPGS and served as its first president.

"We all make contributions to our community and try to help others out whenever we can because that's how our mother and father raised us," Sarah said. "He was always able to empower others to do more. He wanted to give every girl a chance to succeed. He was a good guy who always wanted others to have more, so he would help in any way he could."

Because of his daughters, Ciampi’s love happened to be softball. Even when they were past their playing days, he would still volunteer to help wherever needed.

Chris Thomas, current DPGS president, said he was honored to help the family in any way he could when he learned more about the man who helped turn the league into what it is now.

"I am thankful for my daughter to have the chance to play with her friends today," Thomas said. "Joe helped start it, to give her and many others a chance."

Thomas said the organization has established a Ciampi Scholarship Fund to assist players with costs. Sarah said honors like that mean a lot to her family.

"The league helps girls become better members of the community and that meant a lot to him," Sarah said. "I learned a lot about what competition really meant through softball and my dad. It is the experience of playing together and being a part of a team."

"Ciampi's heart beat for Des Plaines and Des Plaines Girls Softball. To have the field dedication on Oct. 1, six days before what would've been his 67th birthday, at Chippewa Park means the world to those closest to him."

"I hope they recognize the permanent place he has in Des Plaines," Sarah said. "This field belongs to the girls of Des Plaines, as he would have wanted. Des Plaines is where his heart was. I hope people see what is possible when you dedicate yourself back to the community."

Sarah said league parents helped raise funds to put the field together.

"His heart was always in Des Plaines," Sarah said. "His legacy should be of making things better for others, especially those who followed in his path. That is the best lesson you can give your daughters. He was selfless and only cared about helping others, rather than himself."

Sarah said her dad would be so excited about Sunday’s event, but even more excited that girls will be able to continue to play the sport his daughters loved for generations to come.

Bandits Name New Coach

Chicago Bandits general manager Tom Calmeyn named Stacey Nuveynan Deniz as the team’s new head coach Sept. 19.

Nuveynan Deniz, a three-time U.S. Olympian during her playing days, has served as associate head coach at San Diego State since the 2013 season. She spent the past nine seasons as a member of the Aztecs’ program in numerous capacities, including recruiting coordinator, hitting instructor, assistant coach and associate head coach.

Prior to joining San Diego State’s coaching staff, Nuveynan Deniz spent six years as an analyst for ESPn in addition to her numerous public speaking appearances and conducting of softball camps and clinics, both domestically and internationally.

"I am thrilled to join the Bandits culture and family alongside some of the game’s most talented athletes," Nuveynan Deniz said. "I look forward to getting started in Rosemont and working toward a Cowles Cup in 2018."

The Bandits conducted a search for a new head coach following the departure of Sharonda McDonald, who guided the Bandits on Sept. 14 due to coaching obligations at Ohio State.

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Remembering Joe Ryback

By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

Joseph "Joe" Ryback, a beloved coach at St. Viator and Wauconda high schools, died unexpectedly Sept. 16 at the age of 33.

Ryback, born Feb. 27, 1984 in Park Ridge, was a physical education teacher at Wauconda Middle School and Matthews Middle School, an adapted physical education teacher at Robert Crown College and football coach at Wauconda High School. He also was a member of St. Viator’s baseball coaching staff since 2011, including this last year when they won the Class 3A state championship.

Ryback, who resided in Island Lake, served as the head sophomore baseball coach at St. Viator last year, but was an assistant on varsity. He played an instrumental role in the Lions great success on the diamond the last few years.

He played college baseball at Northern Iowa, John A. Logan College and (Continued on page 16AA)
Football
Standings

Journal-area teams in bold

Central Suburban League North
Maine West (4-1, 1-0)
Deerfield (2-3, 1-0)
Highland Park (2-3, 1-0)
Glenbrook North (2-3, 2-0)
Maine East (3-4, 0-1)
Vernon Hills (1-4, 0-1)

Central Suburban League South
Glenbrook South (4-1, 2-0)
Maine South (4-1, 1-0)
New Trier (3-2, 1-0)
Evanston (3-2, 0-1)
Niles West (3-0, 1-1)

North Suburban Conference
Libertyville (3-2, 0-1)
North (2-3, 1-0)
North Shore Conference
St. Viator (3-2, 2-0)
Benet Academy (3-2, 1-0)
Nazareth (3-2, 0-1)
Loyola Academy (3-2, 1-0)

Mid-Suburban League East
Buffalo Grove (5-0, 1-0)
Rolling Meadows (4-1, 1-0)
Wheeling (3-2, 1-0)
Prospect (1-4, 0-1)
Elk Grove (0-5, 0-1)

Mid-Suburban League West
Barrington (5-0, 1-0)
Libertyville (3-2, 2-1)
Palatine (3-2, 1-0)
Schaumburg (2-2, 0-1)
Conant (1-4, 0-1)
Fremd (0-5, 0-1)

North Suburban Conference
Lake Zurich (9-0, 3-0)
Stevenson (4-1, 3-0)
Warren (9-0, 3-0)
Niles North (6-1, 2-1)
St. Viator (3-2, 2-1)
Brother Rice (1-4, 0-1)
Lake Forest (2-3, 0-3)
Wheeling (1-4, 0-1)

West Suburban Conference
Lisle-Woodbridge (4-1, 2-0)
Hinsdale South (3-2, 2-1)
Downers Grove South (2-3, 2-1)
Leyden (2-3, 1-1)
Morton (1-4, 1-1)
Addison Trail (3-2, 0-2)
Proviso East (0-5, 0-3)

Week 6 Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 28
6 p.m. - Maine East (1-4) at Maine West (4-1)
5 p.m. - Elk Grove (0-5) at Buffalo Grove (5-0)
6 p.m. - Rolling Meadows (4-1) at Prospect (1-4)
4 p.m. - Palatine (3-2) at Barrington (5-0)
7 p.m. - Niles West (0-5) at Glenbrook South (4-1)
7 p.m. - Niles North (2-3) at Niles North (2-3)
7 p.m. - Stevenson (4-1) at Libertyville (3-2)
7 p.m. - Fremd (0-5) at Conant (1-4)
7:30 p.m. - Wheeling (1-4) at Elk Grove (4-1)

Friday, Sept. 29
7:30 p.m. - Loyola (4-1) at St. Rita (1-4)
7:30 p.m. - Leyden (2-3) at Addison Trail (2-3)
7:30 p.m. - St. Viator (2-3) at Marian Central (2-3)
7:30 p.m. - Carmel (0-5) at Niles North (0-5)

By DION MORTARANO
Journal & Topics Sports

Prospect did their best to end Buffalo Grove's perfect run, but instead ran into the Tom Trieb train Friday night in Buffalo Grove.

The Bison, led by Trier (11 carries, 194 yards, 2 TD; 2 catches, 16 yards), improved to 5-0 for the first time since 2002 with a 21-7 homecoming win over Prospect (1-4, 0-1). The Bison are now playoff eligible and hope to officially qualify Thursday if they can beat Elk Grove (0-5), who is currently 4-1 in the South Suburban Conference.

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"It means so much to the school and it means so much to the kids," Buffalo Grove coach Jeff Vlk said of starting 5-0. "I think everyone around has just been anxious for football to be fun here again and I think it is now. School spirit is up. The pep rally was great along with the crowd tonight, including all our alumni. It was a lot of fun for the kids."

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"Our coaching staff, announced last week, is doing a great job keeping kids out of the end zone," said Buffalo Grove's Justin Gold (4) works with a teammate to tackle Prospect's Michael Shafis. (Dion Mortarano/The Journal)

"We have to fight to get him off the field. We know he has so much in the tank. I don't know where we would be without him."

"We took possession with 3:20 left on the clock and marched down the field with a few big runs by Michael Shafis (20 carries, 104 yards). Prospect QB Jimmy Martin (4-for-11 passing, 25 yards; 27 carries, 57 yards, 1 TD, 1 fumble, 1 catch, 3 yards) scored from 1-yard out to cut the deficit to 14-7 with 2:11 seconds left in the first half."

"The story of the first half, to be frank with you, I think we played with them and at some cases outplayed them," said Prospect coach Mike Sebestyen. "No. 3 (Tom Trieb) made two huge plays and their defense did a good job keeping us out of the end zone."

"Buffalo Grove, which tallied over 440 yards on offense, scored on their second drive of the fourth quarter when Trieb exploded for a 61-yard TD run with 3:28 remaining in the first half."

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Maine West Improves To 4-1

By CRAIG LYNCH
Journal & Topics Sports

The Maine West Warriors went on the road and came home with a 42-17 victory over Glenbrook North Friday evening for their first win over GBN since 2002.

“They knocked us out of (contention for making) the playoffs last year, so this is a bit of a pay back,” Maine West running back Jake Belluzzi said.

Belluzzi led all the Warriors rushing attack with 94 yards on 23 carries. He scored on runs of one, four and one yard. He also scored a fourth touchdown by picking up a fumbled punt and returning it 58 yards putting the Warriors (4-1, 1-0) ahead 14-0.

Maine West QB George Markakis was on target completing 14-of-25 passes for 255 yards. Matt Litas caught five passes for 116 yards. Markakis was effective on the ground scoring on runs of 17 and three yards.

“Being 4-1 is different,” said Markakis.

The Warriors led 28-3 before the Spartans (3-2, 0-1) scored to close to within 18 at the half. The Spartans opened the second half with a scoring drive to cut the lead to 28-17.

“We knew we needed to respond,” Warriors head coach Jason Kradman said.

After a penalty, Maine West was backed up starting at the 10. They drove 90 yards and took a 35-17 lead. From there on, they cruised.

Football Roundup

Notre Dame Runs Past St. Patrick; Meadows Extends Win Streak

Saturday, Sept. 23

Niles Notre Dame 25, St. Patrick 7: Notre Dame moved one step closer to the playoffs with their fourth win, a dominating one over rival St. Patrick. The Dons (4-1, 2-1 in ESCC) have outscored their first five opponents 121-55.

Ty Gavin led the Dons with 19 carries for 190 yards and 3 TD. Miles George also contributed with 18 carries for 91 yards as Notre Dame rushed for over 300 yards against the Shamrocks.

Friday, Sept. 22

Rolling Meadows 24, Wheeling 9: They’re back! Rolling Meadows, who went 11-1 last year, started this year with a loss to St. Viator, but have won four in a row. The Mustangs defense smothered Wheeling all game, recording 8 sacks along the way. Arik Kleniuk (16-for-21 passing, 240 yards, 2 TD) and Justin Krentz (6 catches, 123 yards, 1 TD) led the Mustangs offense.

Wheeling's Michael Best scored on a 1-yard TD run and a 38-yard field goal to account for the Wildcats 9 points.

Stevenson 41, Zion-Benton 7: Jean-Marc Etienne had another great game with 21 carries for 192 yards and 2 touchdowns to lead the Patriots to their third straight win. Stevenson improved to 4-1 overall. Grayson Kubow (9-for-26 passing, 112 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT; 5 carries, 14 yards, 2 TD) and Tyler Poryzky (3 catches, 53 yards, 2 TD) also contributed for the Patriots offense. After a 28-7 loss to Muskegon, Stevenson has outscored their last three opponents 99-14.

St. Viator 24, Carmel 3: Elijah Black (26 carries, 105 yards; 4 catches, 14 yards, 1 TD), Bryce Hellgeth (16-for-20 passing, 90 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; 6 catches, 16 yards) and Jacob Wolf (2 carries, 14 yards, 2 TD) led the way for St. Viator (3-2, 2-1 in ESCC) over winless Carmel (0-5). St. Viator, who has outscored their first 5 opponents 139-86, plays Marian Central (2-3) Friday, Sept. 29.

New Trier 52, Niles West 13: Nothing really went Niles West’s way in another blowout loss to New Trier as the Wolves (0-5) dropped their ninth straight dating back to last year. New Trier has beat Niles West 16 times in a row with the Wolves last win over the Trevians coming in 2002. Niles West, under new coach Jesse Pierce, is looking to avoid their first winless season since 1996.

Hoffman Estates 20, Conant 6: Conant (1-4, 0-1 in MSL West) dropped their fourth straight game, but the Cougars have been much more competitive than last year. Hoffman Estates (5-0, 1-0) was able to do all their scoring in the second half after being blanked in the first 24 minutes. Ross Pedro, the backup QB for the Warriors up 21-3.
Hot Hawks Crush 'Kits, 56-14

By JEFF ZIMMERMAN
Journal & Topics Sports

Central Suburban League competition began Friday night and what that means for Maine South is they can now feast on their CSL South opponents.

The Hawks dominated the South division for 15 years when they ran off 77 consecutive wins in 15 years. The streak came to an end when New Trier upset the Hawks in mid-October last year. Maine South started a new winning streak the following weeks when they defeated Niles West and Evanston.

South ran its winning streak to 3 with a crushing 56-14 win over Evanston. The Wildkits entered Friday's game 3-1 with a big win over Fremd (32-7). Evanston, led by quarterback Drew Dawkins, amassed big numbers in their 3 wins.

This time Dawkins, against the aggressive Maine South defense, totaled 233 yards and 2 touchdown passes. The main problem for Evanston Friday night was their defense. They allowed 8 touchdowns and Maine South registered 456 total yards.

Before the large homecoming crowd could get to their seats, the Hawks built up a quick 14-0 lead. Paul Sasso returned an Evanston punt 51 yards to the Wildkits 9. Fotis Kokosioulis on Maine's South first play from scrimmage dashed into the end zone from the 9.

Sasso 3 minutes later scored his first touchdown of the season on a 20-yard sprint.

The remainder of the first half belonged to Maine South quarterback John O'Sullivan. The senior began to fire strikes to his main receivers Cam Stacy and Rory Hayes. Stacy, on their third possession in the first quarter, hauled in a 23-yard TD. Kokosioulis for the game played the first half and had one possession in the second half. He ended up scoring 3 touchdowns, 2 rushing and 1 receiving for 105 total yards.

Maine South opened up a 42-14 lead at the half. O'Sullivan tossed 3 first half touchdowns. Following a 3-yard touchdown run by Jimmy Nuzzo, early into the third quarter Maine South head coach Dave Inserra removed his starters.

"We had a very comfortable lead at that point," said Inserra. "The game was decided and at that point, I felt it was necessary to play some underclassmen to gain some experience. The team had a great week of practice preparing for Evanston, despite the heat. The only thing that I felt that we could cut down was too many penalties."

The huge Maine South lead meant that reserve quarterback Cole Dow would see his first varsity action. Cole, at the 11:53 mark in the final quarter, dashed around left end on a 58-yard touchdown to put the Hawks ahead 56-14. That began the running clock to quicken up the game. O'Sullivan for the game finished 11-of-21 for 168-yards.

"The team has a lot of faith in O'Sullivan," said Sasso. "O'Sullivan is a smart quarterback. He worked extremely hard with the offense over the summer working with his receivers on timing and route patterns. He has the ability to find the open receiver regardless if it's a wide-receiver, running back or tight end."

Maine South (4-1, 1-0) travels to Niles North (2-3, 1-0) Thursday night, gametime 7 p.m.

Loyola Makes It 4 In A Row, This Time Topping Fenwick

Loyola (4-1, 1-0 in CCL Blue) won their fourth straight with a dominating 41-14 win over Fenwick (3-2) Saturday afternoon in Wilmette.

Quinn Boyle (21-for-30 passing, 199 yards, 2 TD; 16 carries, 123 yards) helped total over 320 yards offense for the Ramblers. John Lynch (2 interceptions), Hamid Bullie (2 rushing TD), Dillon Grant (1 receiving TD) and Artie Collins (1 receiving TD) also contributed for the Ramblers.

Loyola plays at St. Rita (4-1, 1-1) in their next game at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29.
Leyden Offense Struggles In Loss To Lyons

By JACK GREGG
Special to the Journal

For the second time this season, Leyden's football team recorded a game that was strangely similar to their meeting with that team a year ago. This time the duplicate was a 31-0 loss to Lyons Township in their annual non-conference "sisters" meeting with the LaGrange school, but in that last game the Eagles managed to score twice in the 38-13 loss.

Last Friday, Leyden twice found themselves in prime position to score on the team running their Homecoming, but their offense was unable to capitalize.

First, the striking similarities: As they opened in that earlier game, the Lions scored in the first quarter after missing a field goal to take a 7-0 lead. Then just as a year ago, they slammed home three touchdowns in the second session for a 28-0 margin, rather than the 28-6 score in 2016.

Even the names of the Lyons players were nearly all the same: Ben Bryant threw all the passes, Nathan Rusk kicked all the extra points and a final field goal, Bryce Moskiewicz provided much of the ground gains. Only this time it was Brandon Fischer catching the passes for two TDs rather than Hasahn Austin.

Leyden's only two chances to score came on the same possession early in the second half, when they forced Lyons to punt for the only time in the game. Finally stopping them after two first downs with the opening kickoff.

Trayvon Thomas burst through to cleanly block Nate Rusk's kick, driving it back to the LT 19-yard line where James Hana recovered it. But the Eagles were forced backward on that golden opportunity, a 5-yard penalty (one of 9 infractions for the game), a 2-yard loss and a weak zero run and zero pass. Then on fourth down, quarterback Kyler Britten fired a 23-yard pass right up the middle (rather than running around looking for someone to throw to) and it was grabbed by Ata Hinnawi on the LT 3-yard line.

Sadly, another 5-yard penalty then nullified the play and moved the Eagles further back to the LT 31. Coach Tom Cerasani and Britten liked that play so much they did an encore, Hinnawi again snatching the duplicate toss and landing on the Lyons 4-yard line.

This time the first-down aerial was ruled legal, but from just four yards away, tailback Gabriel Guarderas (back in the lineup after missing last week's game) failed to make the end zone on four tries, reaching the two and then the one before losing back to the two and then back to the five on fourth down. That was it as far as scoring threats by Leyden were concerned.

The Lions took over, Tyrone Smith breaking away for a 65-yard run on the first play. Not to be outdone in the yellow flag department, the Lions lost that dash to a holding call all the way back to their 8-yard line. But then Bryant went to the air, throwing 10 times in a 15-play march (completing 7 of them and overcoming another 10-yard holding call) to reach the Leyden 14-yard line to open the final frame. Here, however, came two of his three incomplete tosses and a 4-yard loss, bringing in Rusk to kick a 34-yard field goal for the final points of the game.

The loss also brought to a close Leyden's long skein of shutout-free games. The Eagles had gone 29 games in a row without being held scoreless, all the way back to Sept. 12, 2014 when this same painful opponent stopped them 45-0 in LaGrange. In that span Leyden had won 15 games against 14 losses but had scored at least seven points (and as much as 52) in each of them.

In this Friday's encounter, the Eagles had only 75 yards rushing and 42 yards on 6 complete passes of 15 throws. Guarderas made 75 yards rushing on 21 carries while five other running (Continued on page 8AA)

Hersey Shuts Out Elk Grove, Improves To 4-1

By GREG CHIAKULAS
Journal & Topics Sports

Hersey dominated in all phases of the game Friday night in a 44-0 blowout of Elk Grove.

The Huskies (4-1) got contributions from multiple players in what was a pretty impressive performance considering all the penalties.

Hersey was flagged for 12 penalties in the first half alone, but overcame the entire negative yardage with long touchdown drives.

A 17-yard catch by Kacper Rutkiewicz set up a 30-yard field goal for kicker Scott Tangney. Then a 9-yard run on a critical third down conversion by running back Luke Cecala led to quarterback Owen Goldsberry scoring from 1-yard out.

The Huskies added two more touchdowns before half on a 29-yard run by Cecala and a 41-yard run by Luke Picchioli to take a 24-0 lead into halftime.

"We were looking for momentum in the first half," said Hersey coach Joe Pardun, "but all those penalties hurt us. Our guys stood tall and kept marching forward and finished off drives."

Not to be outdone, the Huskie defense swarmed to the ball all night and didn't give Elk Grove with much space to operate. The Grens best chance of the night came when running back Genio Hypolite had a 62-yard run all the way to the Hersey three-yard line.

However, the Grens were stuffed three times in a row and had to settle for a field goal attempt, which was blocked.

The Huskies added two more touchdowns in the third quarter to put the game away and start a running clock.

Cecala scored from 11 yards out and receiver Sean Watters caught a 58-yard touchdown pass from Goldsberry to provide the final score.

"Our coaches put in a good game plan," said Pardun. "We knew Elk Grove was going to be a tough opponent and they've played some great teams, so we were well prepared and weren't taking this game lightly."

Hypolite provided most of the offense for Elk Grove (0-5), and finished with 128 yards rushing.

"4-1 feels great," said Hersey kicker Scott Tangney. "Shows that all the hard work we put in during the summer has really paid off."

The Huskies look to continue their winning ways as they host Wheeling on Thursday night while Elk Grove plays at Buffalo Grove.
Roundup

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Conant, tossed a touchdown
Mason Sykes to avoid being
shutout for the first time this
season.

Barrington 26, Fremd 14:
Fremd (0-5, 0-1 in MSL West)
is in a rare position: nearly
out of the playoff hunt only
one week into conference
play. Fremd is already tied for
their most losses in a season
since going 1-8 in 1994. The
Vikings lost for the sixth time
in a row and are hoping to
avoid their first winless sea-
don since going 0-8 in 1974.

Palatine 28, Schaumburg
21: Palatine (3-2, 1-0 in MSL
West) erased a 14-0 deficit to
rise above .500 on the year.

Deerfield 57, Maine East
0: Maine East's offense was
shutout for the third straight
game after scoring 48 points
in the opener and 6 points in
the second game. The Blue De-
mons (1-4, 0-1 in CSL North)
have been outscored 148-0
over the last three games and
183-6 over the last four games.

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Leyden

plays ended in a net zero yards.
The Lions rolled up 186 yards
rushing, Mosliewicz making
110 of them on 13 runs, two for
touchdowns. Bryant passed an
awesome 32 times, completing
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19 for 206 yards and the other
two TDs. But most of these
were short flat passes to his run-
ers near the sidelines, where
they escaped the clutches of
couch Tony Zitzka's defense.
His longest success was a 45-
yarder (but not a TD) and a
15-yard touchdown toss; all the
others were 10 yards or less.

After four games with few
penalties on either side, the
Eagles were flagged nine times
(55 yards) but seven of them
were 5-yard lack-of-concen-
tration infractions. Lyons was
called for eight violations (70
yards) but six of theirs were
10-yard offensive holding calls.
(Hey, with 32 passes, at least
those were the only times they
were caught holding!)

Leyden goes back on the road
this Friday night with a West
Suburban Gold contest against
Addison Trail. The Blazers lost
28-0 to Downers Grove South
last Friday.
Volleyball

Change Offers More Hope For Resurrection

By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

Coming off one of their best seasons in recent memory, Resurrection Prep's volleyball team has somehow improved this year with the help of a new coach and an altered lineup.

New coach Mike Sopocy has guided the team to a 12-2 start after going 24-14 last year. One of the early highlights was a 18-25, 25-21, 26-24 win over Fenwick Sept. 19 -- Resurrection's first win over Fenwick in six years.

Sopocy -- the son of longtime Glenbrook South softball coach Kay Sopocy -- brought a new (Continued on page 10AA)

Natalie McDermott makes a diving effort for the Bandits.
Volleyball

Hersey Has Great Run At Maine East Invite

The annual Maine East Blue Demon Volleyball Invite went down Sept. 15-16 at Maine East and Maine West high schools featuring 16 teams. Almost half of them hail from the Journal-area. Leading the local teams was Hersey (6-2) and Maine West (3-2). Maine East (4-1), Maine West (3-2), Maine South (3-2), Prospect (4-1) and Leyden (0-5).

Hersey (12-4) had a great run going at Maine East until the finals when their win streak was snapped by tournament champion Naperville North.

The Huskies were led by Kati Kaburov (32 kills, 29 digs, 7 blocks, 7 aces), Alexia Ollah (38 assists, 33 digs, 17 kills, 2 blocks), Emma Stroczewski (17 assists, 13 digs, 7 aces), Molly Twpigh (52 digs, 8 assists, 7 aces), Amy Morgan (42 digs, 27 kills, 10 aces, 1 block), Hayley Martin (17 kills, 9 digs, 3 blocks), Juliette Van Den Herik (12 kills, 7 blocks) and Janine Boyan (9 blocks, 5 kills). "We played some great volleyball this weekend at Maine East," Hersey coach Nancy Lill said. "We played consistently until the final match when we got beat by a very strong Naperville North team. It was a great tournament for our young team."

Maine West (10-6) went 3-2 in the tournament they helped co-host. The Warriors were led by Ally Block (55 assists, 32 digs, 5 aces), Christy Klosovsky (36 assists, 29 digs, 3 aces), Jessica Riedl (35 kills, 6 blocks, 4 aces), Sophia Saldana (38 assists, 5 digs, 5 aces), Ruby Olson (32 kills) and Amanda Grzebien (33 digs, 6 aces).

Prospect tournament stat leaders were Meghan Merideth (24 kills, 9 blocks), Emma Cogan (23 kills, 29 digs), Sloane Pelak (21 kills, 4 blocks), Valerie Thomas (56 digs, 5 aces), Sara Skagg (54 assists, 25 digs, 4 aces), Gianna Russo (36 assists, 3 aces), Grace Cacini (17 kills) and Colleen Palsczynski (11 blocks).

Leyden (0-5) was led by Camryn McGee (15 kills, 5 aces), Kim Silva (11 kills), Destiny Corral (21 kills, 2 aces), Andrea Horvath (54 assists, 5 aces), Bea Verin (31 digs, 2 aces) and Jenna Meyers (11 kills).

Journal-area scores:
- Naperville North d. Hersey, 25-21, 25-19 (championship)
- Warren d. Niles West, 25-21, 25-22 (3rd place game)
- Hersey d. Warren, 25-18, 25-16
- Naperville North d. Niles West, 27-25, 25-15
- Lane Tech d. Leyden, 17-25, 25-14, 25-18
- Lake Forest d. Leyden, 18-25, 25-16, 15-9
- Hersey d. Leyden, 25-9, 25-10

Maine South d. Leyden, 25-21, 25-9
- Oak Forest d. Leyden, 25-21, 25-20
- Prospect d. Deerfield, 25-12, 25-17
- Plainfield d. Prospect, 25-16, 25-19
- Niles West d. Prospect, 25-19, 25-15
- Maine West d. Prospect, 22-25, 25-22, 25-23
- Maine South d. Maine West, 26-24, 25-20
- Maine West d. Oak Forest, 25-12, 25-21
- De La Salle d. Maine West, 25-15, 25-14
- Niles West d. Riverside-Brookfield, 25-16, 25-22
- Lakes d. Deerfield, 25-18, 25-17
- Maine East d. Lake Forest, 25-20, 25-17
- Maine East d. Lane Tech, 25-22, 25-12
- Maine East d. De La Salle, 18-25, 25-17, 25-13
- Maine East d. Plainfield East, 25-7, 25-21
- Warren d. Maine East, 25-10, 25-11
- Hersey d. Maine South, 25-18, 25-23
- Hersey d. Lake Forest, 25-9, 25-12
- Maine South d. Plainfield East, 25-21, 25-20
- Lake Forest d. Maine South, 26-24, 21-25, 16-14

Resurrection

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mindset and outlook to the Bandits, who have responded with one of the best starts in school history. Sopocy is used to coaching college volleyball (D-1 and D-III) and club volleyball.

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It wasn't easy getting McDermott to adjust, Sopocy said. "Liberos wear different color jerseys than the rest of the team, but she always tries wearing the same color jersey as everyone else."

Sopocy knew what he was getting with Welch, whom he considers one of the best hitters in the state, but McDermott proved to be a nice surprise to help things go so well in his first season.

"You need a whole team to get things to work out and be successful," Sopocy said. "One person can't do everything."

With a 12-2 start, including a season opening win over Latin (15-2) as of Sept. 20, who finished fourth in Class 2A last year, Sopocy expects the team to have a successful season.

"All of this is still new to everyone, but I like the challenge," Sopocy said. "I want to win a state title this year. I know it is cliché, but it is what I honestly expect."
Soccer Roundup

Goals Evade Maine West, Leyden; Eloiza Nets 3 For Buffalo Grove

Results from recent boys soccer games in the Journal-area:

Saturday, Sept. 23

Maine West 0, Leyden 0: The two local teams battled to a 0-0 draw on a hot Saturday afternoon in Northlake.

Buffalo Grove 4, Crystal Lake South 2: Kevin Eloiza scored a hat trick (3 goals) and Kyle Adams chipped in one goal to lead the Bison to a non-conference win.

Friday, Sept. 22

Buffalo Grove 1, Rolling Meadows 0: Daniel Vidal scored the game winner off an assist by Kyle Adams as the Bison improved to 6-0-1 in MSL play.

Glenbrook South 2, New Trier 1: David Joseph scored a goal in the 46th minute and nailed the winner for GBS in overtime to beat Prospect on Sept. 15. (Dion Martorano/The Journal)

Ben Cuthbert (1 goal) and Max Clark (1 goal) each contributed.

Other scores:
- Conant 4, Prospect 1
- Hoffman Estates 3, Elk Grove 0
- Wheeling 3, Palatine 1

Northridge 1, Warren 1

Thursday, Sept. 21

Maine West 2, Vernon Hills 0: Maine West improved to 2-1 in the CSL North with a shutout victory over Vernon Hills. Emerson Herrera (1 goal) and Alex Marron (1 goal) each scored to lead the Warriors to victory.

Northridge 1, Warren 1

Other scores:
- York 5, Elk Grove 0

Golf Regionals Start Tuesday

Boys and girls golf seasons are nearing the end of the road. Here is where Journal-area teams will compete in regionals and sectionals before the state finals:

BOYS GOLF

Class 3A
The Class 3A state finals are Friday, Oct. 13 -
Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Den at Fox Creek Golf Course in Bloomington.

Fremd Regional
Date: Tuesday, Oct. 3
Location: Hickory Point Golf Course, Bloomington
Part of New Trier sectional: Monday, Oct. 9 at Bitter sweet Golf Course in Gurnee
Teams: Fremd, Buffalo Grove, Stevenson, Palatine, Fremd, Wheaton, Barrington, Deerfield, Highland Park, Lake Zurich

Elk Grove Regional
Date: Tuesday, Oct. 3
Location: Fox Run Golf Links, Elk Grove Village
Part of New Trier sectional: Monday, Oct. 9 at Bitter sweet Golf Course in Gurnee
Teams: Elk Grove, Leyden, Addison Trail, Lanes, York, Prospect West, Proctor East, Forrester, Oak Park-River Forest, Lake Park

Conant Regional
Date: Tuesday, Oct. 3
Location: Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club, Hoffman Estates
Part of New Trier sectional: Monday, Oct. 9 at Winnetka Golf Club in Winnetka
Teams: Maine West, Prospect, Maine East, Maine South, Rolling Meadows, Conant, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg

Niles West, Loyola Academy, Taft, Evanston, Glenbrook North, Niles North, New Trier

Class 2A
The Class 2A state finals are Friday, Oct. 13 -
Saturday, Oct. 14 at Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University in Normal.

Lakes Regional
Date: Tuesday, Oct. 3
Location: Midlane Golf Resort, Wadsworth
Part of Grayslake Central sectional: Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Stonewall Orchard Golf Club in Grayslake
Teams: St. Viator, Antioch, Grayslake Central, Grayslake North, Johnsburg, Lakes, Richmond-Burton, Vernon Hills, Wauconda

Class 1A
The Class 1A state finals are Friday, Oct. 13 -
Saturday, Oct. 14 at Prairie Vista Golf Course in Bloomington.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Regional
Date: Tuesday, Oct. 3
Location: Maple Meadows Golf Club, Wood Dale
Part of Christian Life sectional: Monday, Oct. 9 at Elliot Golf Course in Rockford
Teams: Northridge Prep, Disney, F.W. Parker, Morgan Park Academy, Providence-St. Mel, Rochelle Zell, IC Catholic, Timothy Christian, Lake Forest Christian, Christian Heritage Academy, Guerin, St. Joseph, Westmont, North Shore Country Day

GIRLS GOLF

Class 2A
The Class 2A state finals are Friday, Oct. 13 -
Saturday, Oct. 14 at Hickory Point Golf Course in Forsyth.

Glenbrook North Regional
Date: Wednesday, Oct. 4
Location: Sportsman's Country Club, 3535 Dundee Rd., Northbrook
Part of Wheaton Academy sectional: Monday, Oct. 9 at Silver Fox Golf Club, Wheaton

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11 Players Return To
This Year’s Maine Squad

By STEPHEN GORDON
Journal & Topics Sports

Well, of course, it’s 93 degrees out. But does that mean it’s a bad time to talk hockey, just because you closed up your pool over Labor Day weekend?

I say, never!

So, without further adieu, we at the Journal welcome you to the 2017-2018 high school hockey season because... it’s that time of year again. Today we begin with the “Men in Black”, Maine Township.

Maine this year will feature one varsity team and two junior varsity teams. While they lost nine players off last year’s squad, they return 11 for the club’s second season in the Illini West Division.

“It was a mixed bag at the end of last season,” coach Greg Mroczka said. “We did lose a player to junior A hockey in the off-season. So we will be starting the year with 19 skaters. We did recruit two new forwards to the varsity team this year and three forwards who are up from JV. Both of our goalies come from our JV program which won state last year (in the Combined Division of the Blackhawks Cup).”

Maine will start with somewhere between three to four lines, which could change at anytime, Mroczka said.

“This year we have two solid lines who can score,” he said. “Our other lines will be set up to hold our opponents off the scoreboard.”

Maine will look to get their scoring from the likes of forwards Alec Andras, Josh Wydra and Bobby Camieli, all from Maine South.

“Andras is a small shift player who always gets good positioning on the puck and an extremely good passer,” Mroczka said. “With Josh (Wydra), he is just an imposing player at 6-7 who had a breakout year last year for us. He is a strong skater with a wicked shot. He really commands the locker room for us, which is great.”

Mroczka said he will not shorten his bench in the early part of this season, because of what every team gets faced with: injuries.

“Injuries do not discriminate,” he said. “We need to have everyone available at any time. We are going to still do some mixing and matching early on to see what works and what does not. But from what I have seen thus far, we can get scoring from any one of our lines.”

When Maine is not putting the puck in the net, they will try to hold other teams at bay.

For that they will rely on the likes of defensesmen Pat Gillespie and Mark Olazewski, both of Maine South.

“We will have six defensesmen to start the year with three pairings,” Mroczka said. “Three of our defensesmen have three years varsity experience while the other three came from the JV team who won state last year. So they are used to playing winning hockey.”

Maine will sport two new goalies in sophomores Joe Kasch (Maine South) and Sebastian Solarz (Maine West).

“Yes they will have some big shoes to fill from who we had the last four years,” Mroczka said. “But both have travel hockey experience. So I expect them to get us going.”

Look for Maine to play 55-60 games this year, and to be at the Loyola Thanksgiving Tournament, the Chicago Blackhawks Charities Tournament in late December, and a trip to Madison, WI, in early November for a tournament.

“As long as we get better everyday, I will be happy,” Mroczka said. “We are going to be a quick team this year for sure.”

MAINE TOWNSHIP GIRLS:

Maine girls hockey will be under the leadership of first-year head coach Tony Szapielak, who takes over for Stan Dubicki who left the club at the end of last year.

“Last year was certainly a challenging year for us as we did not get any bounces to go our way,” Szapielak said. “But with 13 returning players and four new players who did not play for Maine hockey last year, we have a better chance of winning some games this year. We have no beginners on this team, which helps.”

Maine girls will be led on offense by Jessie Krawitz, Samantha Szapielak and Elizabeth Ahne, all from Maine South. Szapielak characterizes Ahne as “smart and can score from any spot on the ice.”

“We will start the year with three lines,” Szapielak said. “Our top two lines can definitely put the puck in the net while our third line will be asked to keep opponents off the scoreboard.”

When Maine is not controlling the puck, they will look to the likes of Morgan Chichalace (Maine West), DiVenere Cosette (Maine South) and Katie Miller (Resurrection) on defense.

“For us to have a successful season is if we win more games than we did last year,” Szapielak said. “But I do think there is a light at the end of the tunnel because everyone has improved over last year. We still have space for players to join us if they wish.”

For more information, visit www.mainegirlshockey.org.

Numbers Are Up For Leyden

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In this his fourth season as head coach for Leyden, Tony Cruz, along with assistant coach Matt Jeske, knew he had to turn things around for the club.

“We knew we were going to have to recruit some kids coming into this year to boost this program. Last year was such a disappointment and so we had to get better. We think we have gotten better.”

One need not look further than the Eagles only losing one player off last year’s team -- and returning 12 along with gaining another 24 due to recruiting efforts. The Eagles will sport both a varsity team and a JV team for the first time in awhile.

Rosemont will also be well-represented on the club with the likes of forwards Giulo and defensemen Adam Brimire. Gino joins his brother Joe at the varsity level as well.

“With 24 players on the varsity team this year, it will make my job hard,” Cruz said. “We can only dress 20. So, some guys will have to sit.”

“From what I see, everyone wants to be out on the ice. But kids are going to have to earn their spot on game night. If they miss a practice or do not perform on the ice they could sit for the next game.”

The Eagles will also look for scoring output from Adrian Kubes, Dylan Lowther and Josh Kornatowski.

Cruz called a “very physical game night. If they miss a practice or do not perform on the ice they are going to have to earn their spot on the team.”

The Journal is joined by John Brekke (Chicago/Loyola), Daniel Kurkowski (Glenview/Loyola), James Murray (Wilmette/Loyola) and Brett Laurie (Glenview/Glenbrook South).

Nuggets

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Pujals Named Offensive Player Of Week

Holy Cross QB Peter Pujals, a Loyola Academy alum, was honored as the Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week after a dominating performance in a 51-26 win over No. 9 New Hampshire. Pujals went 21-for-39 for 367 yards and 5 TD.

Fremd Alum Scores

7 Goals In One Game

Harper College’s Julia Slyke, a Fremd High School alum, enjoyed the best game of her life scoring 7 goals in one game as the Hawks beat MATC 13-1 in Oak Creek, WI, Sept. 18. She scored goals at 1:13, 19:08, 23:47, 29:17, 48:19, 50:11 and 63:24. Main Line west alum Aylieth Garcia scored 2 goals. Abigail Aguilar (1 goal, 2 assists), Daniela Herrera (1 goal, 1 assist), Lauren Talesky (1 goal, 2 assists) and Julia Morales (1 goal, 2 assists) also contributed for the Hawks. Harper scored 13 goals combined over the previous four games played. The Hawks were 5-3 as of Sept. 19.

Notre Dame Alum

Sona Honored

North Central senior Tommy Sona (Morton Grove/Notre Dame) was named CCIFW Defensive Player of the Week in football Sept. 18.
On a steamy Saturday morning in the forest preserves of Palatine, 29 boys and 26 girls cross country teams hit the course at Deer Grove East for the prestigious Palatine Invite. Runners on various Journal-area teams clocked in with some great performances. The girls side was won by Dunlap (77 points), a school near Peoria. Palatine (176 points, 5th place), Stevenson (213, 6th), Maine South (255, 9th), Prospect (285, 11th), Loyola (314, 12th) and Maine West (829, 26th) all ran the 3-mile course.

Top local runners on the girls side were Stevenson's Isabelle Sparreo (7th, 18:05.8), Palatine's Anne Marie Jordan (16th, 18:37.3), Loyola's Lainey McKinley (18th, 18:38.3) and Maine South's Olivia Niziolek (20th, 18:40.5). Kentucky's St. Xavier won the boys meet with 97 points, well ahead of Mundelein's 159. Maine South (283, 8th), Hersey (334, 11th), Prospect (344, 14th), Palatine (375, 16th), Stevenson (476, 21st), Loyola (478, 22nd) and Maine West (907, 29th) rounded out Journal-area team results.

Prospect's Tommy Brady won the 3-mile race in 14:44.8. Teammate Brandon Christopher placed seventh (15:12.8). Stevenson's Brett Lucas placed 11th (15:18.3) and Anne Marie Jordan of Palatine edges Payton Makowskyj of Vernon Hills by less than half a second at the finish line during Saturday's varsity race at Deer Grove East in Palatine. (Shawn Clisham/Journal photos)

Prospect's Jack Terry placed 18th (15:27.4). Overall, 203 runners took part in the boys varsity race while 177 ran for the girls. Saturday's varsity start times were moved up to earlier in the morning due to excessive heat.

Hersey Tops Prospect For First Time In 3 Years

Hersey used a strong team effort led by Josh Methner (15:27, 1st place), Max Svienty (15:41, 4th), Thomas McCarthy (15:42, 5th), Nate Mayo (15:52, 6th), Ryan Buch (15:52, 7th) and Ryan Theisen (15:52, 8th) to narrowly defeat Prospect (23-26) in boys cross country Sept. 19. It was the Huskies first win over Prospect in three years. Prospect may have lost, but their top two runners posted top 10 times in school history on their home course. Jack Terry ran 15:33 to post the seventh fastest time in Prospect history and Andy Reimann was eighth fastest in school history at 15:35. Terry was second in the race and Reimann was third.

Hersey finished with 8 of the top 10 finishers in the race. Hersey also won the freshman/sophomore race 19-41. The girls competition was much better for Prospect who beat the Huskies 18-37.

Prospect's Mikayla Olsen won the girls varsity race in 19:01 ahead of teammates Reese Lettow (19:15), Kaitlyn Rose (19:23) and Julia O'Grady (19:27) to sweep the top four positions. Each school had five runners finish in the top 10.
Great ‘Battle’

“Battle of the Sexes” (121 min., Rated PG-13 for some sexual content and partial nudity), Rating: 9 out of 10.

“Battle of the Sexes,” a historical account of the famous 1973 tennis match between tennis stars Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs, couldn’t have come out at a better time. As much as the men-women, sexual awareness issues of the 1970s were repressed and taboo, it bears a ton of relevance in today’s society. As summed up so appropriately at the end of the film by Alan Cumming, playing King’s fashion designer and close friend, “the day will come when we’ll be able to be with whom we want and love whom we want.” As a purveyor of King’s sexual tendencies during the course of the story, it captures the heartbeat of sexual freedom and rights today.

Though that is an important underlying message in the film, the main attraction focuses on the conditions that resulted in a hugely publicized tennis match between King (recent Oscar-winner Emma Stone) and Riggs (perfectly played by Steve Carell). At stake was the challenge between men and women that, up to this point in our society, remained primarily patriarchal. The strength and dominance between the sexes was at the heart of this match and a ton of bragging rights on behalf of the winner. It’s how this match came about that occupies about three-quarters of the film.

Director’s Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris and screenwriter Simon Beaufoy are to be heavily congratulated for recounting the key issues surrounding this historic match, but infused the story with personal portraits of King and Riggs and the values associated. Though the film volleys back-and-forth between their own stories, King’s takes center stage as the dominant story. Having gained tremendous notoriety in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s, she was the poster child for all that was good in women’s tennis. This is before Chris Evert grabbed the hearts of America in the mid-‘70s. But at 29, she was just entering the downside of her playing career.

Bobby Riggs, on the other hand, was busy being in the public eye with stupid stunts and clownish behavior—a regular Soupy Sales-like caricature. He won Wimbledon three times, the U.S. and French Opens back in the ‘40s, but now at 55 and out of shape, you’d think any notion of engaging in a tennis match would be out of the question. Married to a rich woman (Elisabeth Shue looking terrific) and being a compulsive, out-of-control gambler, his marriage was on the rocks, resorting to public stunts to gain buffoonish notoriety. King, on the other hand, was all serious, concentrating on her game and spearheading a break from the tennis association (led by a sneering male chauvinist Jack Kramer, played by Bill Pullman) because of their slanted and prejudicial treatment of women’s tennis.

King, Margaret Court, Rosie Casals, Virginia Wade and others formed the “Women’s Tennis Association” apart from the men, which led to the famous Virginia Slims tournaments of the 1970s.

Sarah Silverman plays an important role as their wisecracking manager, spokesperson and confidant. Apart from Riggs’s personal bouts with gambling, King was struggling with early signs of homosexuality when she was approached by a bisexual hairdresser, Marilyn Barnett (Andrea Riseborough), which created inner torment and put a strain on her marriage to Larry (Austin Stowell). It also had an affect on her tennis. It was a huge distraction to her, which at that time was kept secret for fear of major controversy.

This all culminates in a huge tennis match waged at the Houston Astrodome covered by ABC-TV with commentator Howard Cosell. Having already beaten Margaret Court earlier in the year, Riggs was favored to beat King. The digital effects reenacting the match with insertions of Stone and Carell are done well and are barely noticeable. Of course, King won and jumpstarted the women’s lib movement that had begun a few years ago but was barely noticeable. More important was the personal story of King’s battle with her sexual orientation given the fact she was married to a man—and how she championed it to great happiness in the years to come.

“Battle of the Sexes” is a winning movie on all levels from its artful direction and point-on script to its dead-on perfect performances by Emma Stone and Steve Carell.

Last week’s puzzle answers

This week’s answers (puzzles on 15AA)

Weekly Sudoku Answer

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Ryback

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Quincy University after a stellar career at Palatine High School. He played football and baseball for the Pirates. At the start of his career, Ryback was a varsity assistant coach at Buffalo Grove High School for four years where he was the hitting and catching coach. He also served as a coach for the Illinois Indians and Schaumburg Seminoles, two strong travel baseball teams.

Besides baseball, Ryback also served as an assistant freshman football coach at St. Viator in 2010 and 2011. This season he was an assistant football coach for Wauconda and coached them the night before his death.

A number of people went to Twitter to share their memories of Ryback and to pay respects:

"@StViatorBaseball Joe Ryback was a friend and a great human being," Seminole president Russ Gangler said. "It's been 3 days and I'm still in shock. He will be missed by many. RIP!"

Palatine's Twitter posted: "Sadly, the Palatine 9 family mourns the loss of 2002 graduate Joe Ryback. Rest In Peace friend, we are proud you wore our uniform."

Cole Kmet, one of the many St. Viator baseball players who became better athletes and people under Ryback, posted a picture on his account and said, "R.I.P. Coach Ryback. Great mentor, great coach and an even better person! You will be greatly missed."

Many more players, coaches and fans hit social media to send their condolences.

He is survived by his wife Christina (nee Zale) Ryback; his children Logan and Reid; his siblings Andrew (Stacy) Ryback and Casey Ryback, and many more.

Golf

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Oct. 9 at Pheasant Run, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles
Teams: Resurrection, Maine West, Glenbrook South, Maine East, Maine South, Niles West, Loyola Academy, Fenelon, Evanston, Glenbrook North, New Trier

Elk Grove Regional
Date: Wednesday, Oct. 4
Location: Fox Run Golf Links, 333 Plum Grove Rd., Elk Grove Village
Part of Wheaton Academy sectional: Monday, Oct. 9 at Pheasant Run, St. Charles
Teams: Elk Grove, Conant, Rolling Meadows, Addison Trail, Glenbard North, Hoffman Estates, Lake Park, Schaumburg, West Chicago, Wheaton Academy

Palatine Regional
Date: Wednesday, Oct. 4
Location: Palatine Hills Golf Course, 512 W. Northwest Hwy., Palatine
Part of Barrington sectional: Monday, Oct. 9 at Mekay Memorial Golf Course, 1010 S. Northwest Hwy., Barrington
Teams: Buffalo Grove, Hersey, Stevenson, Prospect, Palatine, Fremd, Wheeling, Barrington, Deerfield, Highland Park, Lake Zurich
Class 1A
The Class 1A state finals are Friday, Oct. 13-Saturday, Oct. 14 at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur.

St. Viator Regional
Date: Wednesday, Oct. 4
Location: Highland Woods Golf Course, 2775 Eola Rd., Hoffman Estates

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City Limits Complimentary Drink Licensing

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Customers, however, wanted stronger drinks, cocktails and wine coolers which do not qualify in the current license.

Those would require "spirits," a different level of licensing. It was an issue of customer allergies to products in beer, Gupta said.

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Gupta was advised to settle for the original S-4 license she had been granted.

Des Plaines

Boxer, New Gym Owner, Aims To Connect With DP

BY LAUREN BARRY
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Mount Prospect

Burgeoning Local Ice Arena Turns 1

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**‘Fall Back Brew Fest’ Nov. 4 In Palatine**

Local beer enthusiasts will be able to sample their favorite fall beers at the Palatine Jaycees’ inaugural Fall Back Brew Fest Nov. 4.

Named in recognition of the daylight savings weekend, the event will host close to 50 local and national breweries to help raise funds for individuals and civic groups in the area.

“We’re so excited to bring a fall beer fest to Palatine,” said Jen Hickman, co-chair of the project. “We will be hosting a variety of seasonal beers such as stouts, porters, ciders and more from many local breweries.”

Food trucks will also be at the event, which will take place at the Palatine Park District Aquatic Center parking lot, 340 E. Palatine Rd.

The ages 21-and-up brew fest will run from 1 to 5 p.m. with VIP ticket holders receiving early admission at noon. Tickets are available.

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**Rosemont**

**Fashion Outlets Celebrate Chinese ‘Golden Week’**

Journal Staff Report

Capitalizing on the uptick of Chinese tourists passing through the village during the seven-day Golden Week holiday, Fashion Outlets of Chicago in Rosemont last year began their own celebrations.

“The majority of the Chinese businesses shut down, and those individuals are traveling, so it’s a perfect time to host,” said Katie Walsh, senior marketing manager at the outlets.

“Our plan is to make it an annual tradition.”

During Golden Week, which begins Oct. 1, many Chinese residents take the opportunity to travel, with some finding themselves in Rosemont.

Walsh said shopping is one of primary activities she sees in international travelers, so outlet officials looked for additional shopping incentives for visitors to the mall.

While savings and other deals continue throughout the week, the main draw for local residents is the kick-off event Oct. 1 which aims to bring Chinese culture, art, dance and music to Rosemont and local residents in honor of Golden Week.

“We definitely have local and regional shoppers who come from all sorts of backgrounds just to participate in the activities and to just see the performance,” Walsh said.

Kids will have the chance to participate in games and activities from 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 2, when they can rotate through lantern making, calligraphy, mask making and more.

At 2 p.m., Chinese cultural performances will begin, curated by the Xilin Association’s Huaxing Arts Troupe. The Xilin Association provides social resources and arts programming to multicultural communities through the Chicago area.

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**Wheeling**

**National Louis, Park District Team Up To Serve Community**

Journal Staff Report

Unused green space on National Louis University’s Wheeling campus led to a partnership between the institution and the Wheeling Park Dist. this summer and fall.

This month, NLU started hosting park district soccer games and practices at its campus. The fall season will run until the end of October as a pilot program for future seasons on the college fields.

Marty Mickey of the NLU Finance Department said the fields have gone unused for the past 24 years.

While Wheeling Park Dist. patrons can use the college fields, NLU students can use the park district fitness center and drop in for athletic activities.

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Chinese Delegation Tours Rolling Meadows

The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce hosted a delegation of officials from Shanghai, China, in cooperation with the city of Rolling Meadows, and the 21st Century Institute on Sept. 13 for a business tour of various "Class A" office buildings. This included Chinese businesses (Weichai, Huawei) that made themselves available to meet with the delegation. (Photo submitted)

Rolling Meadows

Ribbon Cutting Held For Employment Firm

An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony was planned for Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Career Builder's new location in Rolling Meadows.

The employment firm is now located in Ste. 120 at the Atrium, 3800 Golf Rd.

The ceremony ran from 5 to 7 p.m. with the ribbon cutting slated for 5:30 p.m.

Arlington Heights

Liquor License Approved For New Italian Restaurant

A new Italian restaurant is coming to Arlington Heights in mid-October.

Earlier this month, the village board unanimously approved a Class A liquor license for Passero, located at 5 W. Campbell St., just east of Harmony Park in downtown Arlington Heights.

The license allows restaurants with a seating capacity of at least 25 people to serve alcoholic beverages to complement a full dinner menu.

During the Sept. 5 village board meeting, Mayor Tom Hayes said Passeros would be "another great addition to the many great dining establishments in downtown but also our community in general."

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Casino Funds Aid School

The Rivers Casino Foundation awarded Queen of the Rosary School in Elk Grove Village a $23,785 grant to support improvements in the school's technology. Rivers Casino Foundation board members on Sept. 1 made the official presentation to Queen of the Rosary. Fr. Fred Pesek, Shane Boyle and Rolando Gomez accepted the check.

Elk Grove Village

House Bill Aims To Can County's New Sugar Tax

In response to the newly added tax on sugary beverages in Cook County, State Reps. Marty Moylan (D-55th) and Michelle Mussman (D-56th) held an Anti-Sugar Beverage Tax Meeting on Sept. 21 at the Elk Grove Park District Pavilion in Elk Grove Village.

"We go door-to-door and many of the residents I have spoken to cannot afford to pay any new taxes," Moylan said. "Many people I have spoken to won't even shop in Cook County anymore, they would rather drive down to DuPage County for all their groceries and gas."

At the meeting, both Moylan and Mussman discussed their efforts to fight the tax. They highlighted their legislation, House Bill 4083, which would eliminate the beverage tax and prohibit any local government in Illinois from implementing such taxes in the future. Both Moylan and Mussman also pushed their petition calling on the Cook County commissioners to rescind the tax.

"Businesses are hurting. Especially those near the county line," Moylan said. "I am fighting everyday to create and retain jobs, but this tax is hurting our residents and killing our businesses. We cannot continue to grow job creation with taxes like this."
Property Assessment Appeal Workshop Oct. 2

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios' office will host an Assessment Appeal Workshop in cooperation with Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin (D-13th) and Niles Township Assessor Scott Bagrell, in order to help homeowners understand and appeal their properties' assessment values.

The workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Representatives from the Cook County Assessor's Office (CCAO) will be present to answer questions and assist homeowners in filing assessment appeals. Taxpayers are encouraged to bring their 2016 reassessment notices, if available. Assessment information will also be distributed to attendees.

"Our outreach workshops are designed to provide homeowners with personal and local access to information regarding their assessments," Berrios said. "We want to ensure that taxpayers are provided with all the tools necessary to not only understand their assessments, but also appeal them if they choose to do so."

Property in Cook County is reassessed every three years. The three assessment districts consist of the city of Chicago, North and Northwest suburban Cook County and South and Southwest suburban Cook County. Although CCAO is reassessing properties in South and Southwest suburban Cook County this year, all taxpayers have a right to appeal their assessments each year during their townships' 30-day appeal filing periods. Taxpayers do not receive assessment notices during non-reassessment years.

The deadline for tax year 2017 appeals for Niles Township is Oct. 12. Any changes as a result of an appeal for tax year 2017 will be reflected on second installment tax bills to be mailed and due in summer 2018. The time to file appeals on these proposed assessments is now, however, when Niles Township is open for appeals.

Buffalo Grove

Gas Station Proposed As Replacement For Restaurant

Plans for a proposed Shell gas station on Milwaukee Avenue in Buffalo Grove are set to be reviewed by the village's planning and zoning commission.

True North Energy, LLC has a contract to purchase Wooli Restaurant at 185 N. Milwaukee Ave. just north of Lake Cook Road. The company intends to demolish the existing restaurant and construct the gas station and 3,500 square foot convenience store with beer/wine sales on the less than one-acre site. The project would require both a rezoning to B3 Planned Business Center with the primary use to be dedicated to a sales tax generating business.

The ordinance also allowed for the existing three cell towers to remain. The proposed gas station would include a covered canopy to accommodate up to 12 pumps and would also include 10 parking spaces in front of the convenience store. Access would be provided by an existing curb cut onto Milwaukee Avenue and another curb cut that extends out to Riverwalk Drive.

More specific details concerning parking, setbacks, landscaping and other regulations will be discussed at a future PZC meeting, likely next month.

Ice Arena

(Continued from page 1B) 450 people in each rink, eight general locker rooms, two private locker rooms, a party room, an off-ice training facility, a pro shop operated by Jerry's Hockey and a restaurant operated by Bricks Wood Fired Pizza Café, which overlooks both ice rinks.

The ice arena has provided a home for associations and clubs such as the Northwest Chargers, Glenview Stars, Mount Prospect Patriots, Skokie Flyers, St. Viator High School Lions, Notre Dame College Prep Ice Dons and PREP Hockey.

The facility has also hosted a number of Chicago Blackhawks charitable events and youth hockey camps.

"The Ice Arena has added to the recreational options of many residents and their children," said Bill Cooney, Mount Prospect's director of community development.

Papanicholas Jr. said he believes he knows why the arena has been successful while other rinks have experienced financial difficulties.

"From the beginning, we knew this was a great location that would attract a variety of clubs and user groups," he said. "With our construction and engineering background, we were able to build the rink efficiently by placing every dollar spent on quality and finishes. Pairing this with our on-site management team, we have been able to operate the arena both professionally and profitably. There's no other location like ours."

"We couldn't be happier with our experience so far. The facility is great for both players and spectators," said Tim Mueller, hockey director of the Northwest Chargers.

Papanicholas Jr. said he sees a broader experience for the community for years to come. My dad is smiling down right now and saying "We told you so—build it and they will come!" he said.

Gym

(Continued from page 1B) During the week, classes will be held in the afternoon and evenings, including an after school program for Maine West High School students. On the weekends, classes will be held in the morning. Gregory plans to run the gym member-style. Students will be able to take unlimited classes each week.

Gregory Boxing and Muay Thai will hopefully be around for at least the next four years, the time Gregory said is needed to set up a successful boxing instruction program.

"This is going to be an awesome place for Des Plaines, it will be a community place," he said.
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**OBITUARIES**


Elaine M. Baranowski
of Wheeling

Elaine M. Baranowski, 90, died Sept. 1. She received her Bachelor's degree at age 58 and worked until 75. Survived by her children, Joseph Baranowski, Carol Huffman, William Baranowski, Daniel Baranowski, Dan and Evan Murphy. Daughters, Janet Leigh. Grandfather of six and uncle to many. Grove Memorial Funeral Home, Rolling Meadows, handled arrangements.

Lucille M. Battaglia
of Mount Prospect


Ernest M. Carlsen
of Arlington Heights


Angela L. Cassettari
of Niles

Angela Louise Cassettari, (nee Tomaso), 99, died Sept. 7. Wife of Albert, mother of Diane Scarpeelli and the late Louise Paul, grandmother of two, great-grandmother of three, sister and aunt. She was a member of the Golden Agers Club at St. John Brebeuf Church. Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles, handled arrangements. Entombment at St. Joseph Mausoleum.

Joan Cullen
of Elk Grove Village


Joseph A.
Dockendorff
formerly of Arlington Heights


Maureen Rose Filetti
formerly of Arlington Heights


Thomas J. Flynn
of Niles


Vernon L. Frost
of Palatine

Vernon L. Frost, 81, died Sept. 14 at home surrounded by his family, Survivors include his daughter, Janet (Continued on page 7B)

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Obits

(Continued from page 6B) Kaufmann; son, James Frost; two grandchildren and two sisters. Preceded in death by his wife, Carol A. Frost; father, Louis Frost; mother, Mildred (late stepfather William) Weide, and sister, Bernice Dalby. Private inurnment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Palatine. Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, Palatine, handled arrangements.

Clifford J. Gerschefske
of Wheeling

Clifford J. Gerschefske died Sept. 17. Born in Des Plaines, grew up in Wheeling and was a barber for over 43 years. Survived by his wife Joyce and by his son Scott. Preceded in death by his parents. Glueckert Funeral Home, Arlington Heights, handled arrangements. Interment at Acacia Park Cemetery.

Lawrence J. Gignac
of Des Plaines

Lawrence J. Gignac, 74, died Sept. 15. Husband of Gloria, father of Scott Gignac, Michelle Peterson and the late Michael Gignac. Grandfather of two and brother. Private family services were held. Funeral care provided by G.L. Hills Funeral Home, Des Plaines.

Patricia B. Keehan
formerly of Arlington Heights


Kenneth Edward Law
of Park Ridge


Mary Patricia McGinn


Walter F. Michna, Jr.
of Elk Grove Village


Sol Name

Sol Name, 87, was born in South America. She was dedicated to serving others and was a long time volunteer in the nursery at the YMCA. Survived by her children Maganita Patmore, Mauricio Name, Hernando Name, Martha Name, her eight grandchildren, her sisters and many nieces and nephews. Glueckert Funeral Home, Arlington Heights, handled arrangements. Interment private.

Shirley A. Ryerson
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This action is the result of a judgment for foreclosure and sale entered in the above cause on March 14, 2017, an order of the Treasurer of Cook County, Illinois allowing entry into the property for that purpose. The property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of which is a condominium owner, and the same identification for sales held on or by the property. The property will be sold at 10:30 AM on October 25, 2017, at the Proceedings Courtroom, One South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth in the order of sale entered in the above mentioned cause on April 18, 2017, an order of the Treasurer of Cook County, Illinois allowing entry into the property for that purpose.

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Travel

Harbor seals "chill" on a block of ice in the Alaskan glacier country.

Greetings From Bay

By DIANA LAMBDIN MEYER
Photos by BRUCE N. MEYER
Special to the Journal & Topics

The silence around us was a little eerie. Although the wind whispered ever so gently across the frigid waters at Glacier Bay National Park, not one person dared whisper a word in response. We waited and watched. Then we heard it -- something that sounded like a kitten with a smoker's cough.

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Fun activities that take place at Fulton’s Fall Festival include gunny sack races, pumpkin decorating and a classic car show. (Photos courtesy Heather Bennett)

Fall Fest, Fulton Style

It’s time for a Fall Festival in Fulton, Illinois, and it just so happens that Midwest Pets for Life have some celebrating they want to do as well.

The festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by De Immigrant Windmill & Cultural Center in Fulton. At 11 a.m. the Muddy Mississippi Mutt March begins on the Clinton, Iowa, side of the north bridge. And what would entice all those perky pups to cross the bridge into Fulton? Why the biggest hot dog ever. The parade will be led by the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile. All shapes and sizes of costumed canines will follow along as they attempt to break the Guinness World Record for most costumed dogs in a parade.

On the Illinois side of the Mississippi River, Fulton is ready to host folks of every pet persuasion or none at all. Grandiose, a jazz band from the Quad Cities and surrounding areas will perform. Grandiose will entertain throughout the day.

Beginning at 9 a.m. food vendors, craft vendors, pet related displays, family friendly games, crafts and more will abound. The Fulton 4-H’ers will be on hand to do some crafting as the Fulton Chamber of Commerce continues its tradition of pumpkin painting. A car show, pin-up contest, parade awards and more are also on tap for the day.

Visitors love Yorkville’s vibrant downtown nightlife scene. Enjoy drinking, dining, and wrap-around views of a picturesque stretch of the Fox River, then catch some of the most stylish and soulful live acts at local venues. Round out your stay with outdoor adventure, boutique shopping, and family-friendly fun.

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Smaller Ship Makes For Remarkable Alaskan Experience

(Continued from page 1C) I wanted to scream in delight, but instead we all kept our voices low and our excitement barely in check.

A newborn harbor seal, floating on a big chunk of ice not far from our raft, found his lungs and shared his enthusiasm with the world. As a fan of Mother Nature, I don’t like to be critical of her efforts, but when it comes to Alaska, Mother Nature is indeed a show-off. This ice flow near the Johns Hopkins Glacier filled with baby seals and their moms was just another example, another all-encompassing experience for our senses on a week-long small ship cruise through southeast Alaska.

Alaska is a remarkable experience for anyone, something that cannot be encompassed in just one visit. On each of our three trips, we experienced the place differently, allowing Mother Nature to show-off in more remarkable ways than before in this wild place we call the Last Frontier.

Our first trip in 2006 was devoted to the national parks of Alaska, so we flew to Juneau and paddle-jumped to Glacier Bay, Kenai Fjords, Denali and Wrangell-St. Elias, the largest of our national parks. The highlight was a day spent trekking the Root Glacier in Wrangell-St. Elias.

The second trip was on Holland America’s Westerdam in 2012. Cruising slowly and quietly through the Inside Passage was an amazing day, but my favorite was a float trip/shore excursion through the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve near Haines. A brown bear cub ran across a sand bar just a few feet from our raft.

But by far our favorite trip was last summer, 2016, on a small ship called the Safari Endeavor with a company called Un-Cruise. Every day, nearly every minute, Mother Nature was in our face, showing off in places that are only available to people who visit Alaska on a small ship.

The name “un-cruise” works for us and for anyone who likes the idea of a cruise but not so much the big crowds that are typical of a big ship experience. Our ship had just 72 passengers the week we were on it. The most it holds is 84.

The ship is 232 feet long and just 37 feet wide, which means it can go a lot of places that the big ships simply can’t. The Endicott Arm, a bay in southeast Alaska, is one of those places. After the captain nudged the Safari Endeavor as far as he could up that arm, we had the option of getting in little rubber rafts and zooming up to about 1/4 mile from the face of the glacier.

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(Continued from page 2C) result, swim thousands of miles from Hawaii to Alaska to eat their fill each summer.

Who doesn't love those playful, adorable sea otters that frolic in the waters around Alaska. While we saw plenty of sea otters on this trip, Carolyn showed us a handful for their favorite snack. Green urchins, which are needed to keep algae under control, are also needed to keep sea otters happy.

Carolyn's colorful tour of the coast's muddy shore included purple sea stars known as ochre, which can only be found in the waters around Alaska and British Columbia.

Having Carolyn on board for our cruise was an unexpected treat. The Un-Cruise people do this throughout the summer -- bring specialists of some kind on board a week at a time to help better explain this phenomenal space that is Alaska.

A native of the Arizona deserts, Carolyn gave a presentation in the lounge one night about the work of marine biologists in southeast Alaska and how it all plays into the bigger picture painted here by Mother Nature.

Another night we had the pleasure of Jenny Eberlein's company, a ranger from Glacier Bay National Park.

The majority of the 450,000 people who visit Glacier Bay National Park each year remain on water, rarely touching dry land. Therefore, park rangers like Jenny go to the boats providing guest lecturers and answering questions like they would otherwise do in a visitor center.

"Being on the large vessels allows us to witness a crowd go silent as they experience the grandeur of this landscape and how it all plays into the bigger picture painted here," said Eberlein.

"It's pretty awesome, but being on a small ship allows us a greater opportunity to talk one-on-one with guests, answer their specific questions and hear their stories about what this place means to them. That's pretty awesome, too."

The park ranger and the marine biologist and crew members with expertise in the Alaskan wilderness were our evening entertainment. Most nights, after a remarkable meal, we all gathered in the lounge as they shared their enthusiasm and knowledge for the Last Frontier.

For those who enjoy the stage shows, dancing and casinos found on big ships, you'll not find that on a small ship. You'll have quiet evenings to watch the stars or to gather in the lounge and play cards or read a book, or talk with a naturalist about the amazing sites you saw earlier in the day.

I had the pleasure of celebrating my birthday while on board the Endeavor, and seriously, not a better place in the world to rejoice being alive. The chef made a special chocolate cake and the bartender created a number of similar treats.

That day, the captain anchored the Endeavor in a quiet bay, so remote and tranquil that the rest of humankind surely would never bother us here. Several of our shipmates took to kayaks, some went ashore and poked around in the forest and others did a little stand-up paddle boarding.

I, well, I was not so industrious. I had a massage and hung out in the hot tub for a while. I was conserving my energy for the big event of the day, the finale of a weeklong cruise.

From the lower ramp of the ship where the kayaks and rafts launched each day, everyone had the opportunity to jump in and go for a swim.

The water was about 35 degrees and chunks of ice floated nearby.

I watched as my shipmates jumped in two or three at a time.

I took note as the shock hit their faces and the screams spewed from their mouths as they scrambled back on the dock, bodies trembling from the cold.

Then I carefully considered myself sitting all comfy and cozy in the hot tub. And that's where I stayed.

Jumping into glacier fed, ice-filled water. That'll have to be an Alaskan moment for another day.

Specialists from the National Park Service frequently come aboard the "Un-Cruise" to share their knowledge about the Alaskan wilderness.

The grand finale of our Alaskan cruise: jumping into glacier fed, ice-filled water.
Where In The World?

While this scene might look familiar, be careful when submitting your answer in the Journal & Topics Media Group’s Where In The World photo contest. If you think you know what this is and where it’s located, send your answers to journalnews@journal-topics.info. The second correct answer will win a $25 restaurant gift certificate. Unfortunately, no correct answers were submitted of the stunning Where In the World photo we published on Sept. 13. It was of Rainbow Mount in Peru. (photoeverywhere.com)

Barton In Budapest

Longtime Park Ridge resident Dick Barton recently took a copy of the Journal & Topics with him on a trip to Budapest, Hungary. All Journal & Topics readers are invited to do the same. Take a Journal wherever you’re going and snap a photo of yourself holding the newspaper in front of a familiar setting. Send your photos to journalnews@journal-topics.info.

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