A ‘Cool’ Idea For Downtown

Developer Wants Rink To Be A Regular Thing

By RICHARD MAYER
Associate Editor

An outdoor ice skating rink being constructed in downtown Mount Prospect this winter is expected to be a mainstay for years to come.

Nick Papanicholas Jr. of Nicholas and Associates, the developer of a recently proposed luxury apartment building at Busse Avenue and Wille Street, is expected to demolish a former law office on Busse Avenue this week to pave way for construction next spring.

In place of that law office this winter, before construction on the apartment building begins, will be a 60-ft. by 120-ft. outdoor ice rink — slightly smaller than a full-sized rink.

According to Papanicholas, the rink will begin to go up around the first of November and take about 10 days to... (Continued on page 2A)

Wait & See On What Could Be Cut

By RICHARD MAYER
Associate Editor

Several scenarios regarding possible cuts in Mount Prospect Elementary School Dist. 57 have been formed, but school administrators have yet to make those documents public.

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Dist. 57 Community Forums This Month

Mount Prospect Elementary School Dist. 57 will hold three Community Forums this month to provide more information on the district’s financial issues and possible tax referendum.

The forums also will be an opportunity for residents to provide input and ask questions. They will be held... (Continued on page 2A)

Clowing Around At Fall Fest

Members of the Prospect football team volunteered service hours during Saturday’s Mount Prospect Park District “Fabulous Fall Fest” at Lions Park. Tom Mantych, defensive guard and tackle, partakes with great humor by monitoring the “Pony Races” in costume for the younger kids. See more photos on page 5A. (Shawn Clisham/The Journal)
PH Celebrates National 'Walk,' 'Coffee With Cop' Days

Prospect Heights police officers participated in two national events Oct. 4 and invited the community to join them.

The department joined forces with Dist. 23 schools Anne Sullivan Elementary and Betsy Ross Elementary, as well as local Dunkin' Donuts restaurants.

National Walk to School Day kicked off at 7:45 a.m. at Country Gardens Park on Schoenbeck Road.

Officers, parents, and students walked to Anne Sullivan School from the park to enjoy celebrating National Coffee with a Cop Day at the school.

National Walk to School Day began in 1997 to promote safety to school walkers, healthy living through exercise, with hopes of decreasing air pollution from buses and cars.

National Coffee with a Cop Day began in 2011 to bring citizens and officers together.

Ice Rink

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construct. It would be open from Nov. 22 -March 4, 2018.

The rink will be used for competitions and open skating from 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Lighting will also be installed around the ice. Admission for public/open skate will be $5 and skate rental $8.

"We wanted to do an outdoor concept ice arena and we mentioned it to the chamber and village and they were excited about it," he said. "Instead of having it by our ice rink in the business park, we decided to do it downtown and bring people downtown to support local restaurants, bars and businesses."

Next winter, since the apartment building will either be completed or mostly constructed, the goal, Papanicholas said, is to have a full-sized rink permanently in place on the other side of the downtown railroad tracks where his company plans to develop the Parenti & Raffaelli property on Prospect Avenue.

"We want to make downtown Mount Prospect a destination for all winters to come," he added.

Forums

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in the Fairview School multipurpose room, 300 N. Fairview Ave., Mount Prospect, on the following days and times:

• Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 to 8 p.m.

• Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 to 10 a.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7 to 8 p.m.

Dist. 57 and the school board are considering placing a referendum on the March 2018 ballot to address highest-priority operating and facility maintenance needs.

Without additional funding, the district says it will need to make cuts in staffing and programs starting next school year. At the forums, Supt. Elaine Aumiller and Supt. for Finance and Operations Adam Parisi will explain the district's funding challenges and solutions being considered, as well as invite feedback and answer questions.

Aumiller encourages all community members who live within Dist. 57 boundaries to attend one of the forums.

"We have scheduled the forums for a variety of days and time, even holding one on a Saturday morning, in hopes that everyone will be able to find a time that fits their schedule," she said. "I hope all of our community members will become informed about these important issues that will affect the future of our schools."

Dist. 57 will mail a public opinion survey to residents who can provide feedback about how to address the district's instructional, facility maintenance and transportation needs. The survey will be mailed in mid-October to voters who reside within Dist. 57.

The board of education will likely decide in December whether to place a tax referendum on an upcoming ballot.

Scenarios?

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The Dist. 57 Budget Deficit Reduction Committee met Oct. 2 to develop recommendations for the school board. Assistant Supt. of Finance and Operations Adam Parisi would not say how many scenarios the group of six, that includes himself, came up with, but stated that information will be given to school board members for review in closed session.

Shortly after last week's meeting, the Journal filed a Freedom of Information (FOI) request with Dist. 57 to obtain a list of the scenarios, however, Supt. Elaine Aumiller told a reporter she would decline the request since she does not have to comply because the meeting did not follow the Open Meetings Act.

Plans to cut $1 million from the next budget cycle, which begins July 1, 2018, are being made because the district is facing a $2 million deficit next year. If the district goes out for a referendum this March to increase revenue, and voters reject, certain cuts will need to be made.

Also, if a district task force, currently determining when to go out for referendum, decides to wait until November 2018 to ask taxpayers for more money, then cuts will have to be made regardless.

It's believed those cuts will come in the form of staffing, programs and capital projects. Precise scenarios remain publicly unknown, however.

Parisi said the school board would likely review the scenarios in closed session Nov. 2 and probably vote on one option Nov. 16.
State Rifle Association Fires Back At Moylan

By TODD WESSELL
Journal & Topics Editor

Less than a week after Des Plaines area State Rep. Marty Moylan (D-55th) filed a bill to enact stricter gun control measures in Illinois following the massacre in Las Vegas, the Illinois State Rifle Association Monday charged that Moylan “has an obsessive hatred of firearms and the people who own them.”

“Moylan’s hatred of firearm owners has blinded him to the fact that fostering divisions will not solve the state’s, or the nation’s problems.”

Moylan late last week filed a proposed bill in the Illinois General Assembly to make it unlawful to sell, or purchase an assault weapon, assault weapon attachment, .50 caliber rifle, or .50 caliber cartridge. The proposal also makes it unlawful for anyone to knowingly possess these items 300 days after the effective date of the law except the weapons that are registered with the state police. In addition, the bill prohibits the manufacture, purchase, possession or carrying of bump-stock devices that can allow certain weapons to become automatic. This portion of the bill would become effective immediately upon passage.

Moylan filed the bill just days after the massacre of 58 individuals who were attending a concert near the Las Vegas strip on Sunday, Sept. 24. The suspect is believed to have retooled some of his assault-type rifles with the bump-stocks.

In the rifle association’s statement, Executive Director Richard Pearson said “political opportunists have seized the moment to hammer the rights of lawful American citizens.” He said Moylan is one of those opportunists. He added that Moylan “has gone out of his way to antagonize a whole class of good Illinois citizens merely because they choose to own firearms.” Pearson also said that Moylan’s bill “would result in the ban and eventual forfeiture of millions of firearms lawfully owned by Illinois citizens.”

Moylan has said his proposal could be voted on in the upcoming legislative veto session that begins on Oct. 24. As of yesterday (Tuesday), Moylan was preparing a response to the rifle association’s charges.

In a related matter, Deerfield State Sen. Julie Morrison (D-29th) announced that she is also filing legislation to ban “trigger modification devices” such as “bump stocks.”

“Bump stocks serve no purpose but to inflict maximum carnage on a target and have no place in our communities,” Morrison said. “The federal loophole allowing bump stocks is essentially giving the green light for individuals to purchase and unfortunately use weapons that act just like a fully automatic weapon -- which has been banned in this country since 1986.”

While Morrison is hopeful action is taken in Washington to regulate bump stocks, history has proven Congress seems unable to pass common-sense gun regulations to deal with increased mass shooting events.

Morrison also announced her intentions to push ahead with a proposal she filed in February to give municipalities the ability to ban assault weapons.
State Senator Slates Local Town Halls

State Sen. Tom Rooney (R-27th) is set to host two town hall meetings over the next week.

The first town hall will be held Thursday, Oct. 12 in the Arlington Heights Village Hall Council Chambers beginning at 7 p.m.

The second town hall meeting will take place Monday, Oct. 16 in the Mount Prospect Village Hall Council Chambers also beginning at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to join Rooney as he provides an update on state government and discusses current issues facing the state of Illinois and the northwest suburbs.

Those who attend will also be given the opportunity to ask questions and provide input about issues in the 27th District, which includes portions of Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Palatine and Rolling Meadows.

DP Resident Sparks Property Tax Changes

By LAUREN BARRY
Journal & Topics Reporter

Thanks in part to one area resident, three increased exemption caps for property taxes will be made available for senior citizens in Cook County.

Connie Carosielli, assessor for Elk Grove Township, said the five-year process to change the exemptions was sparked by Des Plaines resident Richard Long, 75. "It was a collaboration that started with a taxpayer being concerned," Carosielli said.

With the approval of Senate Bill 473, sponsored by State Sen. Antonio Munoz (D-1st) and State Rep. Robert Martwick (D-19th), Homeowners Exemptions increased from $7,000 to $10,000 in equalized assessed valuation (EAV), the partial value of a property tax which rates are applied to. Additionally, Senior Exemptions were raised from $5,500 to $8,000 in EAV and the Senior Freeze Exemption is now available to households with an annual income up to $65,000 rather than $55,000.

These changes will go into effect for 2017 tax bills. Raising these caps was necessary due to minimum distribution requirements that kick in half a year after residents turn 70, Carosielli said. These requirements force seniors to draw a certain amount out of their IRA, often causing their annual income to go up, she said.

With the increase in income, some seniors were bumped out of their tax exemptions. "In essence, they felt they were being penalized for being careful," Carosielli said.

A $1,462 property tax bill increase, spurred by a $480 increase in his Des Plaines home's EAV, prompted Long to contact Carosielli in 2012. The former Chicago resident, during a meeting with Des Plaines Ald. Dick Sayad (4th), learned he would have to go through the township to appeal his property taxes.

"She recognized it was a problem and needed to be addressed," Long said. "We need to adjust for the fact that they aren't working anymore."

Over the next years, Long and Carosielli had many conversations about the pressure put on seniors who were pushed out of the exemption programs.

Long also noticed another family in his Des Plaines neighborhood struggling without exemptions. "My next door neighbor had the property tax freeze for four years, and lost it when his annual income increased to $56,000," he said.

Though the neighbor's income went up, it was still not adequate to cover medical expenses for his family. Carosielli said she was initially faced with a "mixed-bag" response when she proposed changes to the exemption model to the Cook County Township Assessors Association and the office of Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios five years ago. However, as discussion continued, the topic struck a chord with both Democratic and Republican decision makers.

"Local government -- we're closest to the people," said Carosielli. "It doesn't all the time, but when we are able to work together, it's a beautiful thing."

Townships offer property tax appeal consultation for suburban Cook County residents. Des Plaines residents are served by both Maine and Elk Grove townships.
Local Republicans Decline To Sign Woman's Nominating Petitions After Recent Criticisms

By TODD WESSELL
Journal & Topics Editor

At least two stalwart local Republicans have declined a request by Marilyn Smolenski, a Park Ridge resident and mother of two, to sign her nominating petitions to be placed on the March primary ballot for the 55th Illinois House District.

Maine Township Trustee Kim Jones confirmed Monday that she would not sign Smolenski's petitions when she was recently asked to do so, adding that Maine Township Clerk Peter Gialamas also refused to sign.

Jones said even though Smolenski will be the apparent candidate to run against incumbent Democratic State Rep. Marty Moylan in the November 2018 general election, she decided not to sign her petition forms because of Smolenski's recent criticism of some Maine Township board members and her conduct at a recent meeting.

"She doesn't know us and she doesn't know the issues," said Jones on Monday. "At the last meeting she was criticizing us and making faces while seated in the front row."

A day after the board meeting, Jones said she was asked by Smolenski to sign her petitions during a fundraising gathering of the Maine Township Republican Women's Club. Said Jones, "You learn this in kindergarten -- to work with people and to be friendly and nice."

Township board members participated in a raucous meeting at Maine Township Town Hall on Sept. 26. The main contentious issue was the recent hiring of Kelly Schaefer to help operate the township food pantry. Schaefer narrowly lost reelection to the town board last fall. Elected were newcomers Claire McKenzie, a Democrat, and Susan Sweeney and Dave Carrabotta, both Republicans. Sweeney is also president of the Republican Women's Club of Park Ridge.

During the board meeting, Sweeney, Carrabotta and McKenzie grilled Supervisor Laura Morask on her hiring of Schaefer to the 30-hour per week, $30,000 per year job following last fall's election. Schaefer was hired because the food pantry's hours were expanding and of her role to attract more donations, Morask said.

About three weeks ago, Smolenski announced at a Republican Women's Club of Park Ridge meeting that she is a candidate for the job Moylan now holds. She is also a member of the political organization that Sweeney heads. Smolenski is the owner of an online company named Nickel and Lace, which sells special gun holsters for women.

An attempt by the Journal & Topics to talk with Smolenski last week was unsuccessful. She said she could not talk at that time, but agreed to call the newspaper back -- something she has yet to do.

Smolenski's campaign chairman is Maine Township Republican Committeeman Char Foss Eggemann, a close friend of Sweeney's.

"I think Marilyn is very nice, but I didn't care for the manner in which she handled the situation," said Jones, referring to the recent township board meeting. She explained that at that meeting she asked critics of Schaefer's hiring if they had any remedy for the situation.

"They didn't have anything to say," Jones said.

During the debate, critics of Schaefer's hiring repeatedly questioned whether Morask had the right to hire Schaefer on her own. Morask and others said that two legal opinions confirmed that she did have that right. Sweeney, Carrabotta and McKenzie said that they should have been involved in the hiring process.

"At the Sept. 26 meeting, Carrabotta said the board should review the new food pantry job and "reopen the issue."
Best Buddies, Indeed

Brett Kay Runs For Brother Drew, A Prospect Senior, At Chicago Marathon

By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

Brett Kay has done a lot in his 26 years. He was a star athlete at St. Viator High School and was drafted out of Illinois State University in the 20th round of the 2013 MLB draft by the San Francisco Giants. He played two seasons of minor league baseball before becoming an assistant baseball coach at St. Viator last year when the Lions won the Class 3A state championship. While he has enjoyed all of the accomplishments, none really measure up to running in the 40th Annual Chicago Marathon this past Sunday in honor of his brother Drew, a senior at Prospect High School in Mount Prospect. Drew has a cognitive learning disability, Kay said, but Brett doesn’t view his brother as having a disability. Brett is the oldest of four siblings with Drew being the youngest.

Kay’s marathon T-shirt displayed the message “Drew’s Crew - Abilities are > (greater than) Disabilities” while Drew, who cheered his brother on, wore a shirt that said “I am Drew and I have abilities.” Kay ran for Best Buddies, which is the largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), according to the program’s website.

“It is a great foundation that gives meaning and purpose to people who may have been labeled with a disability,” Kay said. “I want kids who have been labeled to know they have more abilities than their disabilities, quote unquote.”

Kay couldn’t stop saying enough great things about Best Buddies and what they mean to his family and millions of other families around the world. Running the marathon checked one thing off his life list, but it was more for the cause than for him.

“This was always one of those bucket list things that I wanted to do in general, but to do it for your brother and Best Buddies to raise money and awareness, it was just the perfect fit,” Kay said. “Ideally, in a perfect world, I would have loved to run with my brother. Obviously running the Chicago Marathon is no easy task. At the end of the day I wanted to support him and support others that me be labeled (with a disability). I did this more for them than I did for myself.”

Kay, who currently teaches and coaches girls golf and baseball at Grayslake Central, has two other brothers -- Cory and Gunnar -- both who went to St. Viator. Kay said that his family, including parents Brad and Sara, always make sure Drew knows he has many abilities and can do anything.

“The best thing about Saturday is what we focus on,” Kay said. “We don’t really use the word (Continued on page 12A)

Chicago Marathon Brings Runners Of All Ages Together

Journal-area runners aged 16 to 89 competed in the 40th Annual Chicago Marathon Sunday with many great finishes and stories along the way.

Eric Wallor, 34, of Palatine, finished in 74th place overall and 18th for his age group (30-34) with a time of 2 hours, 31 minutes, 49 seconds to lead all Journal-area runners. Wallor is a 2001 Fremd High School alum and assistant cross country coach at Harper College in Palatine.

Arlington Heights' Dylan Greger, 25, was the second fastest from the Journal-area with a 379th place finish (96th in age group) finishing in 2:50:54. Kyle Somerfield, who graduated from Hinsdale Central, but resides in Wheeling, finished 447th (97th, age 30-34).

Jeffrey Pasieka, 37, of Arlington Heights, finished 542nd overall, 92nd for men age 35-39.


Paul Zimmerman (51, of Palatine), Kwang Shin (45, of Buffalo Grove) and Dave Finntner (56, of Elk Grove) all finished in the top 1,000 out of runners over 45 years old. Finntner is a special studies teacher at South Middle School in Arlington Heights and coaches cross country at the school. Finntner finished 982nd overall, but was amazingly sixth best for men age 55-59. Zimmerman was 23rd fastest for men age 50-54 and 695th overall. Shin finished 786 overall and 52nd for men age 45-49.

Elk Grove native John Hartmann finished 1,010 overall.

The race featured many former Journal-area athletes and students who recently graduated in the past decade like Annie (Continued on page 12A)
Fun For All At Fall Fest

Magician Keith Cobb and his puppet bunny assistant search for a lost carrot (on his hat brim) during a routine loved by the kids during Saturday’s “Fabulous Fall Fest.” Saturday’s event held by the Mount Prospect Park District. Otto was there with mom Sharon and dad Anthony.

Two-year-old Otto Moeller, visiting from Lisle, enjoys the Kiddie’s Straw Maze at “Fabulous Fall Fest,” Saturday’s event held by the Mount Prospect Park District. Otto was there with mom Sharon and dad Anthony.

Village Food Drive Set For Oct. 28

By RICHARD MAYER
Associate Editor

The village of Mount Prospect is asking the community to help fill the food pantry at village hall for the upcoming holiday season, during a food drive outside Costco at Randhurst Village from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28.

Organizing the drive are the village’s Human Services Dept., Mount Prospect Fire Dept., and Mount Prospect Fire Firefighters Local 4119. This will be the seventh year the village has organized a food drive for the holiday season, where between 120-130 Mount Prospect families will receive three bags of groceries for Thanksgiving and Christmas each, along with various miscellaneous items, bread, meat (turkey or ham), diapers if needed, and coats.

According to Fire Chief Brian Lambel, close to $50,000, or 10 pallets of food, was donated from the food drive last year. That did not even come close to filling the entire pantry, but he hopes to surpass that amount this year.

“Donations have been pretty steady throughout the year and I would say we are more than half full right now,” Human Services office manager Carol Baldini said of the pantry.

However, she said the pantry will be utilized more in the coming weeks with the holidays coming up.

“It is important to know that this program is 100% supported by donations and all the bags of groceries are donated,” Human Services Director Julie Kane said. “This assistance goes a long way not only for the holidays but throughout the year and it is pretty steady.”

According to Kane, between 40-50 households receive assistance from the pantry on a monthly basis.

Following the food drive, the fire department will either drop off the donations to the food pantry at village hall later that day, or that following Monday.

ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE:
- baby diapers - sizes 4 & 6
- cake/muffin mix
- canned beef stew, chicken & dumplings, Spam, etc.
- canned chicken & tuna
- canned fruit & fruit cups
- canned ravioli, spaghetti, etc.
- canned refried beans
- canned sloppy Joe mix
- coffee/tea/cocoa
- cookies
- crackers
- dried pinto beans
- frosting
- ham
- hamburger helper
- instant potatoes (or canned)
- jam & jelly
- Jell-O (regular or sugar free)
- juice or juice boxes
- pancake mix
- pancake syrup
- paper towels, napkins & toilet paper
- peanut butter
- pudding & pudding cups
- rice (small packages only)
- rice/pasta sides
- school lunch snacks
- soup
- stuffing mix.

Police Blotter

House Found In Disarray

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 approximately 6:14 p.m. Sept. 11 responded to the 1100 block of W. Milburn Avenue for a residential burglary report. The homeowner told police at that approximately 6 p.m., he returned home and noticed things out of place, as well as a kitchen window opened with the screen slid up. He went upstairs and discovered all the bedrooms were in a state of disarray with items thrown on the floor. The back sliding door was unlocked, but it was locked before everyone left that morning, police were informed.

Fraud Report

Police at 4:22 p.m. Sept. 13 responded to a fraud report at 2330 S. Elmhurst Rd. According to the business owner, on Aug. 27 a man came into the restaurant offering to change the bathroom faucets, but said he needed a $250 deposit to buy the faucets prior to doing the work. The owner told police he wrote a check for $250 and gave it to the man who stated he would be back the following day. However, the man never showed up.

Retail Theft Charge

Genevieve Gaytan, 24, of 1019 Boxwood Dr. Apt. 106, Mount Prospect, was charged Aug. 25 with retail theft. According to police, she paid $7.82 for a Nerf gun valued at $56 from Walmart, 930 Mount Prospect Plaza. Police said she admitted she changed the barcode on the gun in an effort to save money. She was banned

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Police Blotter: Man Falls Victim To Nephew Scam

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from returning to the store, police said.

Theft By Deception

Police received a theft by deception report Sept. 12 from a man stating that at approximately 11 a.m. that day, he received a phone call from an unknown man informing him that his nephew has been in an accident, which resulted in an arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. The caller told the man the nephew needed bond money before being brought in front of a judge. He was instructed to deposit $8,000 into an account at Bank of America. The victim complied. The man then told police he received another call a few hours later from the same caller requesting an additional $7,500 due to damages to city property. The man told police he started to become suspicious of the phone calls and called his nephew, who advised him he was not in any trouble and had not been arrested. The man went back to the bank to try to stop the transaction, but it could not be stopped, according to the police report.

Credit Card Deception

Police received a report Sept. 8 from a man stating an unknown person used his debit card to make an unauthorized purchase. According to police, the man stated he was checking his bank account the day before to ensure his paycheck was deposited. He saw a debit of $292.73. The man saw his account had been charged an overdraft fee of $74, resulting in his account being overdrawn, the police report said.

Retail Theft

Police at 4:26 p.m. Aug. 19 responded to Kohl's, 1,500 S. Elmhurst Rd., for a retail theft in progress. Employees told police that a female removed a pair of shoes from the display, walked it over to the customer service desk, returned the item and received a $45.99 gift card in exchange. The report adds the woman stole a handbag valued at $21 before exiting the store, the police report said.
Acting Chief Mulls Applying For Police Dept.'s Top Position

By RICHARD MAYER
Associate Editor

Acting Police Chief Mike Eterno has yet to decide if he will apply to become the department’s next permanent chief, now that Tim Janowick will not be returning to the top spot.

Eterno, 46, a deputy chief who has been with the department for 20 years, said he may decide within a few weeks to include his name with other applicants.

Selecting the next full-time chief is Village Manager Michael Cassady’s responsibility.

“I want to talk it over further with staff and my family and make sure whatever decision I make, it is the right decision at the end of the day,” Eterno said.

Eterno said that when he took over as acting chief at the end of July, he knew if Janowick was not coming back, the village would hire the next chief either in-house or from outside the village.

“Whatever decision the village wants, I respect,” Eterno said. “If they want an outside chief with fresh ideas, maybe that is what the department needs – I am not sure.”

Eterno said the village has gone outside the department to find a new chief in the past when it hired Richard Ed-dington from Roselle in 2001 following allegations of racial profiling in the department.

“Sometimes you want fresh ideas and sometimes that benefit comes from an outside chief from my experience,” Eterno said.

Should Eterno apply and not be selected, or not apply for the chief’s position, he would resume his deputy chief of operations role once a new chief takes over.

The village is accepting applications through Nov. 3 and will pay the next chief a minimum of $150,000 annually based on years of experience and qualifications.

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Maryville Program Fosters Understanding

Participants of the latest installment in the ongoing Sexton Seminar series on mental health at Maryville Academy in Des Plaines experienced how auditory hallucinations can impact normal activities.

Sexton Seminars are held four-to-five times each year at the Maryville Stevens Center in honor of Stephen Sexton, a young man who committed suicide 20 years ago. His family established the Sexton Sexton Foundation as a way to educate the public about suicide prevention and mental health.

Maryville, a 133-year-old institution aimed toward treating and supporting abused children, is the recipient of Sexton Foundation funds. The academy uses them to provide programs for children, parents and mental health professionals.

Over the two-day "Developing Empathy for the Lived Experience of Psychiatric Disability: A Simulation of Distressing Voices" seminar Aug. 30 and Sept. 1, 48 attendees listened to simulations of auditory hallucinations.

While Sexton Seminars usually draw around 120 guests, only a limited number could attend this program as each (Continued on page 11A)

Rainbow Plans Guide for Vets

Mount Prospect-based Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, Saturday, Nov. 4, plans to release a new 116-page, comprehensive resource guide for veterans and their families at the Chicagoland Veterans Expo: Benefits and Opportunities for Veteran Families.

The expo will be held at the Presence Resurrection Medical Center Marian Conference Center, 7435 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A press conference announcing the guide’s release will take place during the expo at 11 a.m.

“Guide to Home, Health and Honors: Benefits and Opportunities for Chicagoland Veteran Families” is written in a format for veteran families seeking information about federal, state and local services.

According to the author, Katie Curran Kirby, “This guide provides crucial information, but is concise and easy to use. It goes beyond the usual Veterans Affairs benefits. It offers information on public and private services ranging from medical centers and home improvement to pensions, financial assistance, wishes granted and bereavement support.”

A limited number of print copies will be given to veterans in attendance at the expo.

An expert from W.R.I.T.E. Resume Services will be on-site to help eligible veterans sign up for benefits.

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

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Oct. 7 - H. 79, L. 65, Pcp. 55
Oct. 6 - H. 70, L. 63, Pcp. tr.
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Oct. 3 - H. 82, L. 69, Pcp. 0

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Rosemont Police Still Investigating Teen’s Death That ME’s Office Ruled ‘Accidental’

Rosemont police detectives want to interview more people in connection with the Sept. 10 death of Kenneka Jenkins of Chicago whose body was found in a walk-in freezer at the Crowne Plaza hotel on River Road.

And even though the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office on Friday announced that Miss Jenkins’ death was an accident, detectives are in the process of retrieving possible helpful information from four cell phones, a Facebook account and enhanced video surveillance at the hotel.

The medical examiner’s office said Friday that Miss Jenkins died of hypothermia from exposure to cold in the hotel’s lower level freezer. Alcohol and the use of a drug to treat migraines contributed to her death, the examiner’s office said.

The body of Miss Jenkins was found in the freezer after she apparently had accidentally walked into it with the door locking behind her. Police said foul play is not suspected. Jenkins was one of approximately 36 individuals who had attended a late Friday night party on the ninth floor of the hotel. Rosemont police said 30 of the 36 individuals believed to have attended the party have been interviewed. Police also say that 127 reports have been generated in the case and a total of 44 interviews conducted.

Of the four cell phones confiscated by police via a search warrant, one was used by Jenkins. A forensic examination of each phone was conducted and results are pending.

Video surveillance of Miss Jenkins and the hotel is being enhanced and a Facebook account is also being analyzed.

Police add that two individuals who originally checked into the hotel are believed to have been identified. Police are in the process of trying to locate their whereabouts. One of the two, a female, has four active warrants out for her arrest.

Friday’s medical examiner’s announcement came at about the same time that Miss Jenkins’ family filed a request in Cook County court that asked that evidence from the hotel that may be linked to the 19-year-old woman’s death be secured and not destroyed. That may signal the future filing of a lawsuit.

Noise Commission Studies Complaints, O’Hare Stats

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

The effects of the overnight Fly Quiet flight rotations were revealed in the latest releases of airport traffic and public complaints that were released at the O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission’s general meeting Friday.

The third overnight runway rotation plan -- a 12-week sequence of two sets of east-west parallel runway paired choices -- alternating with the remaining set of northeast-southwest runways (4L-22R and 4R-22L), took effect in July.

Each rotation applies for one week at a time, with one runway for arrivals and one for departures. A backup plan is available when winds shift.

The Fly Quiet program applies from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., but often inherits planes from elsewhere held up by weather.

Test 3 -- set to conclude this month -- did not include runway 15-33, which is due to be commissioned next spring. This northwest-southeast bound runway will be restored to the night mix through at least March 2018 once the third test ends, but will continue to be used for daytime flights.

August aircraft operations totaled 80,110 flights, based on 24-hour operations. These are lower totals than August 2013 or 2014, but more than 10,000 flights ahead of August 2015 or 2016.

Complaints on general airport noise were up to 427,557 in August, with about 99.99 percent lodged electronically. Of these, 45 percent were lodged from 18 electronic addresses, which are separate from the Fly Quiet test surveys and provide feedback on night time rotations and integrate with the test period data.

Residents complained in late September that they could not easily get into the Chicago Department of Aviation’s website to answer the surveys. Chicago’s larger 311 calling system, through which the calls are forwarded, was the cause of the problem, and the city is looking for ways to upgrade that system.

One of the issues for communities immediately north and northeast of the airport is the combination of traffic from the northern east-west runway and the traffic headed northeast on the diagonal runways over Des Plaines and northern Park Ridge. They often get traffic around the clock.

When the control tower sends westbound departures northeast over Park Ridge and Niles, the planes start to veer almost immediately to the west to where they should go.

This process of “left banking,” or making sharp turns west shortly after takeoff, led Niles to have a special temporary noise monitor installed over the summer.

Park Ridge Mayor Marty Maloney said last week he would be meeting with Niles officials to see if they would share their data from that monitor with his city.

There are currently 33 permanently installed noise monitors in Chicago and suburbs around O’Hare (of 42 numbered sites). The last of these was added at Chicago’s Ebinger School, 7350 W. Pratt Ave., over a year ago.

Several more monitors planned for sites in Bensenville, Itasca and Mount Prospect may be ready by late fall.

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botta during the Sept. 26 Maine Township board meeting.

McKenzie said she interpreted General Assistance staff as employees who administer public aid. From her perspective, the fundraising and outreach work Schaefer would perform does not qualify.

Sweeney also criticized the fact that only 16 percent of the General Assistance budget actually goes into residents’ hands, that Morask did not consult the board prior to hiring Schaefer, and that the job was not publicly posted.

"Why would you not want to post it to give all the citizens of Maine Township an opportunity to apply?" asked a resident during the board meeting.

There is no requirement to publicly post positions covered by General Assistance funds, according to Morask.

In addition to the new position, some jobs previously assigned to interns were reallocated to staff, Morask said. Recent streamlining, including hiring Schaefer, resulted in $3.6 million savings for the General Assistance fund, she said.

"Essentially, we have reallocated existing resources and in many places been able to cut spending and still have room in existing General Assistance budget," Morask told the Journal.

However, Morask said reallocations were not done just to create a new job. She said cost savings should be passed on to residents through a property tax rebate and/or reduced property tax levy.

Journal Area Runners

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O’Gara (Glenview/Glenbrook South), Maciej Konczewski (Palatine/Fremd ’10), Anders Dinterman (Palatine/Fremd), Lauren Ciardello (Palatine/Fremd), Tohah Schwartz (Buffalo Grove/Stevenson), Julian Cordes (Glenview/GBS), Jacqueline Cichon (Glenview/Loyola), Christina Rentner (Elk Grove/Conant HS), Hanle Kim (Niles/Maine East), Michael Azzaro (Park Ridge/Maine South), Anne Janulis (Arlington Heights/Wheeling HS, gymnast), Leslie Hannon (Park Ridge/Maine South), Georgia Peterson (Des Plaines/Maine West), Patrick Moore (Palatine/Northridge Prep), Julia Bergstrom (Mount Prospect/St. Viator), Ashley Miller (Arlington Heights/Rolling Meadows), Michael Miceli (Des Plaines/Elk Grove HS) and many more.

Even current athletes like Isabelle Claire Varilla De La Cruz (cross country athlete at Niles West) and Andres Barron (Chicago, a soccer player at Niles Notre Dame) competed in the marathon. Maine South’s John Rozny, 17, also ran and finished 101st for boys age 16-19.

A few local teachers and school staff members ran, like Frank Mirandola (Mount Prospect/Prospect HS), Cristen Sprenger (Arlington Heights/Prospect), Matt Ellifson (Park Ridge, former Maine South girls golf head coach), Thomas Crowley (Park Ridge, Niles Notre Dame assistant coach), Mike Riedy (Palatine, Prospect boys volleyball coach), David Schnell (Arlington Heights/Prospect) and Keith Bellop (Palatine/Prospect) were among a number of coaches and teachers in the race.

The race also featured Arlington Heights Mayor Tom Hayes, a Prospect High School alum, who finished in 6:05.12 to place 9,494th overall, but 86th for men age 60-64.

Arlington Heights native Bowen Tucker ran at age 79 and finished in 2:49:09—to 8th for men age 75-79. The oldest runner in the race was 85-year-old John Koomjohn of Oswego, who finished in 7:34.19.

For complete results, visit chicagomarathon.com.

Buddies

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did disability in our family. We make sense, on a daily basis, he knows he can achieve anything he wants to achieve.”

Kay ran with a group of St. Viator alumni including Meghan Donahue and a few others.

He said he had never run a marathon, let alone watch one on TV, so he wasn’t sure what to expect.

"It was incredible and we had wonderful weather," Kay said. "You don’t even know how many people come out to support until you see the statistics and it says one million people were there. The signs and cheers from people as you are running through the different neighborhoods...what an experience. My legs are hurting right now, but in five days I will probably want to run it again.

It was an awesome experience for me and my family. You get pretty emotional coming to the finish line."

Kay said his brother never gives up on anything, so he won’t either. Kay finished the marathon in 4 hours, 32 minutes, 59 seconds to place 19,481st overall.
that our country does nothing about gun control except to offer condolences. President Trump in his comments on the Las Vegas massacre never used the phrase "gun violence." Obviously he did not want to offend the National Rifle Association or his gun rights supporters. He did quote scripture but not the phrase, "He who lives by the sword will die by the sword." Gun rights supporters recently criticized Cardinal Cupich for banning guns in churches and other Catholic property. Maybe the cardinal needs to invite them to a Bible study group.

My brother Michael was killed in 1972 in a robbery aboard a CTA "el" train as he was coming home from Loyola University. While focusing now on semi-automatic rifles and other military guns, we should keep in mind that most suicides, homicides, accidental shootings and other crimes are committed with revolvers and pistols.

Congress at this point seems prepared to make it easier to legally own a silencer by eliminating the need for a background check. Removing that ban has been opposed by the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association. Unfortunately, legalizing gun silencers might be the only thing that this Congress and president accomplish before Thanksgiving.

Carolyn Drblík
Trustee

Niles-Maine Library District Board

(Ed. Note: The library's spending budget for 2016-2017 was adopted at $5.6 million. It was later amended to make a one-time payment to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, which the library joined that year, pushing the budget to $7.4 million. The 2017-2018 spending budget is $6.3 million, which includes a one-time $500,000 payment to IMRF, without which the operating budget would be $5.4 million.)

To Stand, Sit, Or Kneel?

Editor, Journal:

To kneel or not to kneel, that's the question. As I sit pondering my options, I need to take a stand.

Joan McDonough
Park Ridge
Rosemont’s Park Awaits New Name

For the last six years, Rosemont’s entertainment district with its many restaurants, bars, theaters, and in 2018 a Harley Davidson motorcycle dealership, has been named MB Financial Park at Rosemont.

That will change on Jan. 1 when Parkway Bank takes over the naming rights in a deal recently negotiated between the village, which owns the venue, and Parkway Bank. According to Rosemont Mayor Brad Stephens, the district will be renamed Parkway Bank Park.

A tentative deal had been struck between the village and MB Bank for a 3-year renewal and 3-year extension for the naming rights. However, said Stephens, MB came back with a 1-year offer. That included more signage. The deal also called for MB to pay the village approximately $730,000 annually with small increases every year.

The counter proposal that MB made to the village was not the same as the two sides had agreed to in principle, so the village decided to say goodbye to MB and hello to Parkway. The agreement with Parkway calls for the bank to pay the village $600,000 per year for three years. However, said Stephens, the net result for Rosemont will be better than the MB deal because it does not include a number of add-ons for the bank such as the regular commission to a third party because the mayor brokered the deal himself.

Last week, journalists, newspaper executives and many Americans who crave for the truth observed National Newspaper Week. The theme of the week was “Real Newspapers... Real News.”

“Do Americans have the tools necessary to decide for themselves what is real, what is factual and what is necessary for self-government to endure and the country to prosper?” wrote a leader in the special Week’s observance.

He answered his own question saying, “I submit they do. The tools are American newspapers, dailies and weeklies, printed and delivered to American doorsteps and accessed on laptops, tablets and smartphones. Real newspapers in all their formats are created by real journalists, and that’s the key.”

For 87 years, the Journal & Topics has been publishing community newspapers. Since 1997 we've had a strong presence on the web. A week ago we launched a new website that's bigger, better, more colorful and informative than ever. We invite you to check it out at journal-topics.com...

At last week’s Des Plaines City Council meeting, a local resident claimed that he's been frequently overcharged when buying groceries at Des Plaines food stores. He wants the city to address the issue by utilizing the services of the city’s Consumer Protection Commission.

For many years, such a commission existed and was very active in Des Plaines. It helped residents who thought they were being poorly served and in some cases cheated. Its membership was mainly local residents. In recent years, the commission has become mostly dormant. According to City Manager Mike Bartholomew, an effort is underway to re-shape the commission so it can serve the citizens of Des Plaines better than it has in recent years.

As for food stores overcharging customers whose groceries are electronically scanned, the late Bob Hinde, who was the city’s longtime licensing officer, would often discover errors in charging customers. He kept the stores on their toes by personally visiting local stores, spend about $100 to buy food, and closely watch to see if the correct prices came up. Often they would not and Hinde would let the store manager know about it.

As far as we know, when Mr. Hinde, a former 4th ward alderman, passed away, the price checking process he so aptly performed went away as well.

Des Plaines Ald. Carla Brookman (5th) will host a ward meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17 where people will be able to get their property tax appeal questions answered. The meeting will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howard and Lee streets, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Special guest will be Maine Township Assessor Susan Molyan Krey.

Patriotism Vs. Protest

Editor, Journal:

I am offended when seeing overpaid sportspeople or anyone else refuse to stand and respect our flag during the playing of the national anthem. I also would be terrified if there should ever be any threat to the free assembly and the right to freely express our opinions which is so basic in this country.

Long ago it was said, “I do not agree with what you say but will defend with my life your right to say it.” There is no right or wrong answer to President Trump’s comments that those who do not stand during the national anthem should be fired. This is a dilemma and the resulting uproar from his unfortunate comments resulted in more anger, division, misunderstanding and arguments among people in this country. We are a free nation, free to swing our arms as far as we want as long as it does not reach the other person’s nose. We must protect that freedom.

President Trump should be uniting our people, and not tweeting and expressing casual views and opinions which do not belong in politics. He should give very careful thought to the impact that a president’s words have on a nation and the world before he speaks.

We need a united congress to work on tax reform, budget, spending, insurance, global warming to name a few. Don’t waste time on tweets and shrug off negative comments which will always be forthcoming, please work and compromise to get legislation going forward in Congress.

The loose words (opinions) expressed by Trump on this subject brought only divisiveness and backlash from players, managers, and others who may agree with Trump, but do not like his delivery, and join the protest to excursive their freedoms of expression. As Senator Rand Paul said on “Face the Nation” there are other and better ways to express our disapproval rather than to dishonor the flag. I believe that most of this backlash is to refute Trump’s interference rather than showing disrespect for the flag of the greatest nation in history. I sincerely hope that this is true.

William McNutt
Des Plaines

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Who are we?

With all the disheartening events that keep happening in this country, we’ll try to be in a constant state of solemn remembrance, protest, or vigil. Whether we’re standing, kneeling, marching, holding hands, or quietly standing in space, we’re all just trying to find our way to something better.

Good job, Des Plaines

Kudos to the Journal for its coverage of the Vietnam Wall’s visit to Des Plaines. As we see with the recent tragic events in Las Vegas, whether supporting the local municipality like Las Vegas or our country, the first responders and soldiers jump into harm’s way. The Vietnam vets were responding to our nation’s call. Good job, DP, bringing the Wall here.

Team effort

Seems the record should be set (kicked?). The VFW is getting all the credit for The Wall That Heals being here in Des Plaines. The fact is two VFW members were responsible for bringing the Wall to Des Plaines, Mike Lake and Keith Renner. Together they oversaw this project all of 2017 and then some. Other major players include Noreen Lake, secretary treasurer of the committee who worked diligently arranging the Comfort Dogs, the buglers, the Flags Across America people and countless other tasks. Caren Raymond volunteer coordinator spent countless number of hours since March making sure enough people were on hand to serve and assist the public while they visited the wall. Kevin O’Connell head of security. Kevin planned the route and arranged the escorts, motorcycle riders and all police departments, of the truck carrying the Wall from the VFW in McHenry to Lake Park. Kevin also coordinated the helicopter flyover with the Chicago Police Department. Don Miletic, Des Plaines park director. Don made arrangements for electricians, groundkeepers, and other maintenance workers to be on hand throughout the event. Don also arranged to have breakfast and lunch donated by Starbucks and Jimmy Johns for all volunteers. Tony Arredia, chairman. Tony kept everyone focused and dedicated on this project throughout the year. Thanks to all of these people the visit was a success.

Grow up, kneelers

It’s sad that NFL players are kneeling during the national anthem and disrespecting our flag, troops and our anthem. There are other more respectful ways to protest something you don’t agree with. People need to start boycotting the NFL. The high schools need to shut down the sports program if players are going to do this. They must think they are being “cool.” The schools should invite some wounded warriors to talk to the students so they can get a close up of what those troops have lost protecting our country. Shame on those players. It’s time to grow up.

Where’s new store?

Last article I read about the new Butera in Des Plaines was in June. It said it could open by October. Over the summer they seemed to be doing a lot of work on the building. Now there are giant “For Lease” signs in the windows. What happened?

Typical government

Former MP chief of police, Janowick, hit the jackpot like all government employees. He gets paid for accrued sick time until the end of March 2018. Who else but government employees get paid like that? (Ed. Note: It remains unknown if he will be compensated by the village through next March.)

Not all that impressed

To those of you who are putting yourselves on the back about Des Plaines being named the 35th best place to live in America, keep in mind these rankings are subjective. Niles still beats you by having been named the best place in the country to raise kids a few years ago. The rankings obviously didn’t actually visit Des Plaines. If they had they would have seen a community regularly divided in half by train after train travelling at the speed of smell, the regular flooding of the namesake river, and the homes and businesses around it.

Upset with street work

Des Plaines did a terrible job coordinating the street construction. Projects that were supposed to take 10 days lasted months. Months of nobody working on the streets anywhere in Des Plaines while the streets were torn up.

Doesn’t like ‘disrespect’

Hi, I’m back on my soapbox. I saw in Wednesday’s sports section that Maine East football players took a knee during the national anthem. The football team should not be allowed to play anymore during the national anthem. The football team should not be allowed to play anymore during the national anthem. The football team should not be allowed to play anymore during the national anthem. The football team should not be allowed to play anymore during the national anthem. The football team should not be allowed to play anymore during the national anthem. The football team should not be allowed to play anymore during the national anthem. The football team should not be allowed to play anymore during the national anthem. The football team should not be allowed to play anymore during the national anthem.

Improve safety on Ballard Road

Please help me spread the word. I started a petition on care2petition.com, type in search bar Des Plaines and my petition pops up under health care premiums just like every single time. It doesn’t give you the right to disrespect our flag or the anthem we sing for it.

Costs should go up for guards

I’d like to Speak Out about the one-per-year-per-ounce tax from Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle on soft drinks. I’m opposed to it. I’m also opposed to her position that the 3,500 Cook County jail guards will now get a new contract with a 6% hike in health care premiums. The same Teamsters local donated $68,000 in three years to Toni Preckwinkle’s campaign. I think these jail guards should have an increase in health care premiums just like every other person. Thank you very much for your consideration. Have a great day.

He was a great dentist

Dr. Robert Fiecko, a dentist, was active in our community for many years. For those of you, along with myself, who were fortunate enough to have that professional, personal care dentist take care of our needs, he was outstanding. We didn’t see his retirement letter. Being a gentleman he provided everyone with a very lovely goodbye message. For those of us fortunate enough to have his service, we thank him for his competency and for being caring. We all appreciated it. Have a wonderful retirement. Thank you.

Mad about loud train horns

Why is it that the train engineers have taken it upon themselves to blast their train horn so loud and long, way past the justified limit given to them legally? I have begun to think they are doing it to make us homeowners made. And that is what they have done. Enough is enough.

Take care of your stuff

Good afternoon. What really amazes me are the people that fall for these phony phone calls. Okay, they have one about the lottery, they have to send green cards to a certain address and there are the phony job offers. People, be alert, be alert. Calls like this are as phony as a three dollar bill. There are people just looking for ways to get your money. Hide your valuables in your car and lock your car. Doesn’t matter if it’s in a residential neighborhood, in your driveway. Don’t leave things out.

Moved by Wall

Good afternoon. I just read the Journal about the “Healing Wall” coming to Des Plaines. A lot of different organizations were involved: The VFW, American Legion, The Vietnam Veterans of America. People were helping. There were escorts. There were greeters. Also, members of the general public were out there. This was a very moving event.

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West Punches Playoff Ticket

Glenbrook South No Answer For Maine South

By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

Maine South moved a game closer to winning their 16th CSL South championship with a convincing 47-13 win over visiting Glenbrook South Friday in Park Ridge.

The Hawks (6-1, 3-0 in CSL South) won their fifth in a row as they hit the field for the first time since Sept. 22 after Niles North forfeited their Sept. 28 game.

Glenbrook South (5-2), which entered winning six of their last seven dating back to last year, had no answer from the start against Maine South. The Titans are now 0-23 against the Hawks since 1997.

Maine South’s Fotis Kokosioulis had five carries for 131 yards and three touchdowns along with three catches for 59 yards and one touchdown. In total, he touched the ball eight times for 190 yards and four TDs.

“They have a really good defense and were just terrific on offense,” Glenbrook South coach Dave Schoenwetter said. “I think our two teams are playing at two different speeds. We need to get to that level of speed if we want to compete with them.”

Schoenwetter said the team struggled to keep up with Fotis, calling him “a terrific player who is fast and strong.”

Glenbrook South coach Dave Inserra said, “Then Fotis, holy cow! Fotis (Continued on page 8AA)

Golf

Here’s Who’s Headed To State Golf Finals

It was a great day Monday for Journal-area golf teams as four local girls teams and two boys teams qualified for the state finals Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14.

In boys golf, Loyola Academy made program history by winning regional and sectional titles in the same year, something they have never done before. The sectional title is just their third in program history. Loyola won the New Trier sectional Monday with a low 291 score to beat New Trier (294) and Lake Park (308). The Rams were led by Ben Scherman (71, medalist), Chip Savarie (71, 2nd), Ryan Savarie (73, tied 3rd), John Kryscio (76), Jack Crawshaw (77) and Peter Radler (77).

Journal-area teams Maine South (319), Prospect (319) and Conant (355) were all eliminated. Prospect’s Charlie Busch (76) and John Cantieri (76) both qualified for state as individuals. Maine South’s Jimmy Horkavi (76) qualified for state along with Glenbrook South’s Jack Grier (76).

Stevenson qualified for state as well after tying for the Warren sectional championship with a low 296 score at Bittersweet Golf Course in Gurnee. Stevenson’s state qualifiers include Jackson Russell (69), Conan Pan (74), Mark Noonan (77), Matt Schawel (77), Alexander Kim (81) and Brett Ekenberg (82).

Fremd’s Colin Robinson (75) also qualified as an individual.

The Class 3A championship is the next destination for all the qualifiers. They will compete at the Den at Hickory Point Golf Club in Decatur. St. Viator will compete for the Class 1A title at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur.
"We need to get up to that level of speed if we want to compete with them. Fotis is a terrific player who is fast and strong. I think everyone struggles with him and we definitely did."

--Glenbrook South head football coach Dave Schoenwetter on a tough 47-13 loss to rival Maine South and dealing with an amazing player like Maine South's Fotis Kokosoius

Performance Of The Week

Niles Notre Dame running back Ty Gavin had a game to remember against Marian Catholic. Gavin ran for 16 carries, 254 yards and 5 touchdowns in the win. Two weeks ago, he compiled 19 carries for 190 yards and 3 TD against St. Patrick. He has rushed for over 660 yards over the last four games combined, all wins for the Dons.

Softball

Young Rosemont Squad Reaches Conference Championship Game

By DIION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

Rosemont Elementary has the smallest girls softball team in the Leyden Norwood Athletic Conference, but that didn’t stop them from reaching the conference title game Sept. 29 at The Ballpark at Rosemont.

The Lady Cobras junior high team entered as the No. 3 seed in conference and beat River Grove and Elm to advance to the championship. Giles, located in Norridge, won the title game 12-0 to improve to 12-0 this season. Rosemont ended the season 9-3, but went an impressive 7-2 in the regular season.

This was the third time in school history Rosemont reached the title game. They won their previous two attempts (4 years ago and 8 years ago).

“We have a very young team,” coach Julie Fritz said. “We are mostly consisting of fifth and sixth graders, while others are competing with seventh and eighth graders. We have zero seventh graders and only four eighth graders. The eighth graders did a good job helping out the younger kids.”

The Lady Cobras had a few preseason goals. One was to make the playoffs, which they did as they surprised team after team.

“Our girls never gave up,” Fritz said. “It is great and most of our girls will be back for the next two years or so. This is my youngest team I have ever coached.”

Only 13 girls tried out for the team in a school that has around 230 students. Giles, which merged with Lee, is one of the largest schools in the conference.

After Rosemont, most of the Cobra players will go on to East Leyden High School, which routinely has a strong softball program.

Fritz said she will remember this group for a long time, especially how they stuck together and had a lot of fun along the way. “They worked hard and had an excellent season,” Fritz said. “I am really proud of them.”

The softball team consisted of Alexis Miller, Collene Carey, Isabella Cinnamo, Ava Carpinelli, Bora Sinai, Emma Kruppa, Ellie Dorgan, Brianna Rocha, (back row) coach Julie Fritz, Lexi Hernandez, Isabella Fiorentino, Brianna Molini, Grace Dorgan, Madison Schmidt. (Photo by Rich Day)

Top 5 Events To Watch

1) IHSA Golf State Championships: The boys and girls golf state finals are Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14. The Class 1A girls meet is at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur while the Class 2A meet is at Hickory Point Golf Club in Decatur. The boys Class 3A meet is at the Don at Fox Creek Golf Club in Bloomingon. Class 2A boys is at Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University in Normal.

2) Girls Tennis Sectionals: The state meet is Thursday, Oct. 19 through Sunday, Oct. 21 with Buffalo Grove as the tournament host, but matches will be played at Dist. 211, 214 and 220 courts. Hersey hosts a sectional that includes Buffalo Grove, Conant, Prospect, Fremd, Palatine, Rolling Meadows and Wheeling. Stevenson hosts a sectional. The Glenbrook North sectional features Maine West, Elk Grove, Glenbrook South, Maine East and Maine South. Niles West hosts their sectional with Leyden and Loyola traveling to Skokie. While all those are Class 2A, three Class 1A Journal-area teams are competing at Vernon Hills: St. Victor, Resurrection and Regina Dominican. Sectionals are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14.

3) MSL Cup (boys soccer): Buffalo Grove (9-1-1 in MSL) travels to host Barrington (10-0-1) for the MSL championship at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12. Buffalo Grove is the MSL East champion and Barrington won the MSL West.

4) Pumpkin Invite at Maine West (girls volleyball): The annual volleyball tournament starts at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 and at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Games are played at Maine West, Maine East and Maine South. Journal-area teams competing are Conant, Palatine, Hersey, Resurrection, Wheeling, Maine West, Maine East and Maine South. Remaining teams are Batavia, Belleville West, Downers Grove South, Hoffman Estates, Evanston, Hampshire, Homewood-Flossmoor, Jacobs, Lake Zurich, Libertyville, Lockport, Lyons, OPR, Riverside-Brookfield and Sandburg.

5) MSL Cross Country Championship: Rolling Meadows hosts the boys and girls Mid Suburban League conference meets at Salk Park in Rolling Meadows. The girls race starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and the boys start at 11 a.m.
Sophomore Carries Torch For Warrior Golfers

West’s Peric Qualifies As Individual For State Sectional

By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

Anastasia Peric is just the seventh sophomore in Maine West High School history to qualify for sectionals in girls golf, but the first to make sectionals in her first two years. She was also the only freshman in school history to qualify for sectionals, an accomplishment reached last year.

After a great start, the Des Plaines native hopes to only get better before she graduates. She shot a 98 in regionals just a few days after scoring 105 at the conference meet.

Peric graduated from Orchard Place Elementary and Algonquin Middle School before attending Maine West. She is a second generation American and loves to golf, just like her father and grandfather.

Her father is from Serbia—a spot for family vacations every summer to see her relatives overseas. She plays frequently at Cog Hill, Sportman’s and Wilmette Golf Club. She also plays in Wisconsin with her family, when they have the time.

While most elite golfers compete in summer tournaments across Illinois, Peric is usually out of town in Arkansas or Serbia. Her grandparents own a house in Arkansas near a golf course, so she gets plenty of practice.

She qualified for sectionals last year by shooting a 109, but shaved 11 off that score to qualify this year. The 98 is the lowest sectional score by a Maine West golfer since Olenka Kalinowski shot a 90 in 2013. Peric said she is improving with help from those around her.

“Up until now, it was the support of my family,” Peric said. “It is also endless practicing. I am also working on mentality. If you don’t have the right mental approach it won’t work out. That took some time. I just need to keep practicing and working at it.”

Maine West was eliminated as a team after the state tournament regional competition last week, so Peric was left to represent the Warriors at Monday’s (Oct. 9) sectionals.

The sophomore said she loved spending this season with her teammates.

“I love my teammates, they are like my second family,” Peric said. “They are always there for me and I will always be there for them. The support we have for each other as a team is really great.”

She learned a lot from her teammates and the game in general, including etiquette and maintaining a strong mentality on and off the course. Peric said this season has exceeded her expectations.

The future is bright for Peric who hopes to become the first Maine West girls golfer to qualify for sectionals all four years. She is halfway there now.

“I am very, very excited and I can’t wait to see where the next two years will take me,” Peric said. “I want to keep going in golf and continue playing in college. I am hoping for Uni- versity of Arizona, but we will see what happens.”

Chelsea Kellogg is the only state finals qualifier in Maine West program history (2008).

Cross Country Schedules

The state finals in boys and girls cross country are on for Saturday, Nov. 4 at Detwiler Park in Peoria. Teams will have to go through regional and sectional competitions to make the cut. There are 22 Journal-area teams trying to make state in girls cross country:

Girls Cross Country

Hoffman Estates Sectional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Deer Grove Forest Preserve, Palatine
Teams: Buffalo Grove, Palatine, Wheeling, Barrington, Dundee-Crown, Cary-Grove, Grant, Lake Zurich, McHenry

Lake Forest Regional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Lake Forest West Campus
Teams: Stevenson, Warren, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Mundelein, Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion-Benton

Lisle Sectional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
Location: Lake Park East Campus, Roseville

Whitney Young Regional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Washington Park, Chicago
Teams: Leyden, Lane, Lincoln Park, Northside, Schurz, Taft, Von Steuben, Whitney Young, Fenwick

Niles West Regional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Maine West, Maine East, Maine South, Niles West, Loyola Academy, Addison Trail, Evanston, Lake Park, Niles North, New Trier

Class 2A

Chicago University Sectional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Deer Grove Forest Preserve, Palatine
Teams: Buffalo Grove, Palatine, Wheeling, Barrington, Dundee-Crown, Cary-Grove, Grant, Lake Zurich, McHenry

Lake Forest Regional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Lake Forest West Campus
Teams: Stevenson, Warren, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Mundelein, Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion-Benton

Lisle Sectional
Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28
Location: Lake Park East Campus, Roseville

Whitney Young Regional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Washington Park, Chicago
Teams: Leyden, Lane, Lincoln Park, Northside, Schurz, Taft, Von Steuben, Whitney Young, Fenwick

Niles West Regional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Busse Woods

Boys Cross Country

Hoffman Estates Sectional
Date: 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Busse Woods, Groves
Teams: Prospect, Hersey, Elk Grove, Glenbrook South, Conant, Fremd, Rolling Meadows, Hoffman Estates, Glenbrook North, Schaumburg

Niles North Regional
Date: 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Busse Woods, Groves
Teams: Lake Forest, Libertyville, Mundelein, Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion-Benton

Niles West Regional
Date: 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Busse Woods, Groves
Teams: Prospect, Hersey, Elk Grove, Glenbrook South, Conant, Fremd, Rolling Meadows, Hoffman Estates, Glenbrook North, Schaumburg

Palatine Regional
Date: 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Deer Grove Forest Preserve, Palatine
Teams: Buffalo Grove, Palatine, Wheeling, Barrington, Dundee-Crown, Cary-Grove, Grant, Lake Zurich, McHenry

Lake Forest Regional
Date: 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Lake Forest West Campus
Teams: Stevenson, Warren, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Mundelein, Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion-Benton

Lisle Sectional
Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28
Location: Lake Park East Campus, Roseville

Whitney Young Regional
Date: 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Washington Park, Chicago
Teams: Leyden, Lane, Lincoln Park, Northside, Schurz, Taft, Von Steuben, Whitney Young, Fenwick

Niles West Regional
Date: 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Busse Woods

Teams: Prospect, Hersey, Elk Grove, Glenbrook South, Conant, Fremd, Rolling Meadows, Hoffman Estates, Glenbrook North, Schaumburg

Northtown, Mather, Steinmetz, Deerfield, Elmwood Park, Ridgewood

Niles North Regional
Date: 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Busse Woods, Groves
Teams: Lake Forest, Libertyville, Mundelein, Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion-Benton

Niles West Regional
Date: 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Busse Woods, Groves
Teams: Lake Forest, Libertyville, Mundelein, Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion-Benton

Teams: Maine West, Maine East, Maine South, Niles West, Loyola Academy, Addison Trail, Evanston, Lake Park, Niles North, New Trier

Class 2A

Chicago University Sectional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Deer Grove Forest Preserve, Palatine
Teams: Buffalo Grove, Palatine, Wheeling, Barrington, Dundee-Crown, Cary-Grove, Grant, Lake Zurich, McHenry

Lake Forest Regional
Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Lake Forest West Campus
Teams: Stevenson, Warren, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Mundelein, Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion-Benton

Lisle Sectional
Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28
Location: Lake Park East Campus, Roseville

Whitney Young Regional
Date: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Washington Park, Chicago
Teams: Leyden, Lane, Lincoln Park, Northside, Schurz, Taft, Von Steuben, Whitney Young, Fenwick

Niles West Regional
Date: 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Location: Busse Woods

Teams: Prospect, Hersey, Elk Grove, Glenbrook South, Conant, Fremd, Rolling Meadows, Hoffman Estates, Glenbrook North, Schaumburg

Intrinsic Charter, Lycee Francais de Chicago, DePaul College Prep, F.W. Parker, Daniel, Lycee Francais de Chicago, Marine Leadership Academy, Noble Academy, Rickover Naval Academy, Sullivan, Harvest Christian Academy, St. Edward, Beaconsfield, Cowan Academy, Roycemore, Guerin, Schaumburg Christian, North Shore Country Day

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Maine West’s Anastasia Peric tees off from 1st hole at Rob Roy Golf Course during a meet in September. (Journal photo)
PREP & CHFSP: Looking For More Wins

By STEPHEN GORDON
Journal & Topics Sports

This high school hockey season preview is brought to you by the letters PREP and CHFSP. Who might these letters belong to, you may ask?

Well, for the Prospect/Rolling Meadows/Elk Grove combined team, this season could be their last as the team we have followed for the last seven-plus seasons. The club is expected to go through a name change at some point by the beginning of the 2018-2019 season, according to coach Nick Panos.

"The club has formed an exploratory committee to discuss the changing of the club's name," Panos said. "But we are going to take our time because the name PREP has just been so recognizable to our fans."

While the club lost seven seniors from last year's team, they welcome back eight returning starters.

"We were not surprised by our top-eight finish last year in state," Panos said. "We just ran into a hot Glenbard club who we played really tough."

This season, PREP will be better at both ends of the ice. On offense, they will be led by the likes of Justin Cuddy (Prospect), James Raffone (Prospect) and Alex Kopulos (Rolling Meadows).

"We will definitely roll four lines this season," Panos said. "With Cuddy, he does a great job of finding open spots on the ice and just such a great passer it makes him a dynamic player. As for Raffone, he's just a player who does all the little things right and has a really quick release on the puck and a great shot."

The strength of the team, however, might be its blue line. It will be led by a core of seniors including Cael Hansen (Rolling Meadows) and Ryan Johnson (Elk Grove). As PREP will carry three defensemen, three are lefties while three are righties. Also expected to contribute on the blue line this year is Henry Griffin (Prospect).

In goal for PREP are Dominick Koczwara (Prospect) and Robert Ciezak (Rolling Meadows) who get along great, according to Panos.

PREP will play a 50-game schedule while hosting their annual Thanksgiving tournament.

"We want to put ourselves in a position to win a state title this (Continued on page 8AA)"
Football

Maine West 'Gets To 6'

By CHRISTIAN KALLIO
Special to the Journal

"Playoffs!"
The word was chanted over and over again by the Maine West Warriors (6-1, 3-0) as they made the state football playoffs for the first time since 2002, by defeating Vernon Hills, 21-0, Friday night.

Maine West took total control of the game on both sides of the ball. Jacob Bellizzi scored the first touchdown of the night, rushing 71 yards of an 80-yard scoring drive. Maine West would score 2 more touchdowns before the end of the game: one in the third that started from a fumble recovery by Nestor O'Brien and which Matt Litas ran in, the other in the fourth quarter when quarterback George Markakis threw a 59-yard bomb to top off the night.

All the while, the defense was able to keep Vernon Hills from scoring.

This might be the defining moment of the season for the Warriors: making the playoffs in impressive fashion and riding a tidal wave of momentum.

"Our motto all year was G.U.T.S. It stands for a lot of things; tonight it stood for 'get us to six' so we can make the playoffs, which we haven't done since 2002," said head coach Jason Kradman, not satisfied with simply making the postseason. "We were a little bit greedy ... we still have some work to do and we're excited about the next two weeks."

Five wins and most teams become playoff eligible. Six wins and teams are basically a lock. The playoffs start in three weeks, but West won't know its opponent, time, or location until later this month.

This was the second week in a row the Maine West defense shut out their opponents.

"Our defense was lights out tonight led by Jacob Bellizzi and Krystian Garbicza. Our front put pressure on them all night and then our secondary was able to make plays when the ball was in the air," said Kradman.

The recent run of success is a drastic change from the past few years.

"It was just a culture change to be honest with you," said Kradman. "Our staff came in a couple years ago and each year we got a little bit better and a little bit better."

Bellizzi was one of the players leading the charge on the field, scoring the first touchdown of the game and helping keep Vernon Hills out of the end zone.

"We're eager for the playoffs, we want it bad," said Bellizzi. "I'd never been on a winning team. This is the best feeling ever."

Maine West travels to Highland Park this Friday where they look to keep their winning (and shutout) streak going. They end the season at home against Deerfield.

NEW SOCCER PROGRAMS

FALL & WINTER INDOOR SOCCER!

Men's Soccer League
Co-Ed Adult Soccer League
Soccer Academy for Ages 3-12
Tiny Tots Club for Ages 2-4
High School Kickball League

Please contact Coach Jeff if you have questions regarding our Soccer programs- jhalsema@niles-parks.org.

Full program info online- www.niles-parks.org.
Hersey Defeats BG In MSL East Showdown

By GREG CHIAKULAS
Journal & Topics Sports

Visiting Buffalo Grove came into Friday night’s game undefeated and in a three-way tie for first place in the MSL East. With host Hersey and Rolling Meadows, it was a statement game for both teams.

Hersey came out on top defeating Buffalo Grove 33-14, as the Huskies rushed for 266 yards and controlled the game from start to finish.

“The key was our offensive line tonight,” Hersey quarterback Owen Goldsberry said. “They were firing off the line and really creating space and running lanes.”

Goldsberry rushed for 122 yards and 3 touchdowns and running back Luke Cecala had 129 rushing yards on 23 carries. Cecala also scored two touchdowns, one rushing and the other receiving on a jump pass from Goldsberry.

The Hersey offensive line really limited the Bison defensive front, which has wreaked havoc in the offensive backfield all season.

“We knew the matchups on the offensive line were going to be tough,” Hersey coach Joe Pardus said. “They have some big kids over there and they play hard. Our offensive line did a phenomenal job.”

Hersey (6-1, 3-0) took a 20-0 lead in the first half on a 2-yard touchdown run by Cecala, a 21-yard catch-and-run by Cecala and a fourth-and-1 QB keeper by Goldsberry.

Buffalo Grove (6-1, 2-1) tried to claw back in the game as quarterback Connor Adams connected with Matt Prawicka in the back of the end zone with 3.7 seconds left before halftime to make it 20-7.

The Bison had a golden opportunity in the third quarter to trim the deficit even further as they recovered a Hersey fumble on the Huskie 35-yard line. But the Husky defense stiffened and forced a turnover on downs. Later in the quarter, Goldsberry ran it in from 12-yards out for a touchdown.

Buffalo Grove scored in the fourth quarter on a 3-yard TD pass from Adams to Zach Sheasby but the Huskies added another Goldsberry touchdown to put the game away.

“Injuries plagued us,” Bison head coach Jeff Vlk said. “We were missing a couple of key guys and their defense does a great job doing what they do.”

With the win, Hersey clinched a playoff berth. Buffalo Grove punched their ticket last week.

Hersey can enjoy this victory for only a little bit before they turn their attention to another critical game Friday (Oct. 13) at Rolling Meadows. The Mustangs (6-1, 3-0) are tied with Hersey for first place in the division. The winner has the inside track at claiming the MSL East crown.

Buffalo Grove looks to regroup after suffering their first loss of the year. The Bison host Wheeling.
Santangelo Spurs Prospect To Victory

Friday, Oct. 6

St. Viator 32, St. Patrick 3: Elijah Black (14 carries, 85 yards, 1 TD) and Jacob Wolf (3 carries, 2 yards, 2 TD) did all the scoring on the ground for St. Viator while Bryce Hellgeth (7-for-13, 145 yards, 1 TD) did some damage in the air to help the Lions roar past St. Patrick (2-5). St. Viator (5-2, 4-1 in ESCC) became playoff eligible (as an at-large bid) after dominating from start to finish. The Lions led 25-3 at halftime and coasted the second half to tie their lowest point total allowed this season.

Prospect 12, Wheeling 7: Michael Shafis (25 carries, 107 yards, 1 TD) may get some recognition for Prospect (2-5, 1-2), but it was kicker Anthony Santangelo that was the real hero. Santangelo nailed field goals of 41 and 22 yards to help seal the win. The rain caused issues for both sides as the teams combined for 15 fumbles in the game, but only five resulted in turnovers. Wheeling’s only score came on a 3-yard run by QB Michael Best. The Wildcats (1-6) will try to bounce back against a motivated Buffalo Grove (6-1) team coming off their first loss. Prospect plays winless Elk Grove next.

Lake Zurich 28, Stevenson 0: Lake Zurich (7-0, 5-0 in NSC) is looking for their first NSC title since 2012 and made their path a lot clearer with a statement win over second place Stevenson (5-2, 4-1). The Patriots were shutout for the first time since 2015 (49-0 loss to Loyola). Stevenson’s last regular season shutout loss was in week one of the 2007 season to Loyola. Overall, it is Stevenson’s fourth shutout loss since 2001. Lake Zurich’s win also snapped a 14-game conference win streak by Stevenson dating back to 2015. Stevenson was led by Ryan Miller (6 carries, 64 yards).

Glenbrook North 42, Maine East 0: Glenbrook North snapped a three-game losing streak. The game was only played in the first half due to a large lead and persistent rain. The Spartans improved to 4-3 while Maine East fell to 1-6. The Blue Demons have been shutout in five consecutive games, something they haven’t done in at least the past 21 years. Maine East was shutout five times in 2015 and 2005, but never in a row.

Schaumburg 24, Conant 21 (OT): As odd as it sounds, you won’t find a better 1-6 team in the state than Conant. The Cougars lost in overtime for the second straight week and have suffered seven losses by eight points or less. Conant led 21-7 with 7:53 before Schaumburg (4-3) stormed back late to force overtime. Conant (1-6, 0-3) missed a field goal in overtime. Jack Rieger (25 carries, 192 yards, 1 TD) led Conant’s offense while Anthony Wachal (1 receiving TD), Ross Pedro (1 passing TD) and Brendan Spates (1 rushing TD) all contributed.

Palatine 28, Fremd 14: Palatine won the neighborhood battle, but not without a challenge from Fremd late. Palatine led 21-0 before Fremd’s Andrew Saxe (170 yards passing, 2 TD) connected twice with Ben Koonopka (6 catches, 120 yards, 2 TD) to cut the lead to 21-14. Jake Moriarty took a 34-yard rushing touchdown late to put the game away for Palatine (4-3). Palatine’s Jack Orlando (11 carries, 114 yards) had a rushing touchdown as the Pirates finished with four players rushing for 45-plus yards.

Rolling Meadows 48, Elk Grove 0: Elk Grove was shutout for the third time this season while Rolling Meadows’ defense posted their second shutout of the year. Rolling Meadows’ Tom Szylak scored on rushing touchdowns of 73, 60 and 19 yards over the first three quarters as the Mustangs forced a running clock. Willis Goodwin also had two interception returns for touchdowns on defense. Elk Grove QB Tyler Selvig was injured as the Grenadiers put up less than 100 yards of offense in their 17th straight loss.

Notre Dame 48, Marian Catholic 19: Niles Notre Dame returns to the playoffs after a convincing win over winless Marian Catholic behind the powerful legs of running back Ty Gavin. The star running back had his best game all season and probably of his life with 16 carries, 254 yards and 5 touchdowns. Notre Dame has won four in a row and faces Marian Central this Friday as they try to surpass last year’s win total of six. If they reach seven, it would be the seventh time they have done so since 1997. Notre Dame is 1-2 against Marian Central since the latter joined the ESCC.

Evanston 30, Niles West 0: Niles West, who has been outscored 269-30 this season, was shutout for the second straight game and third time this season. West (0-7) has now lost 11 games in a row.
Hockey

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year all while teaching the kids how to win," Panos said.

CHFSP: And then there is Conant/Hoffman Estates/ Fremd/Schaumburg/Palatine (CHFSP), known as the D211 Chiefs. While they lost six players to graduation, they return seven starters who are filled with talent, according to their coach Bob Veller.

"We now just have to work on the kids getting along with each other in the locker room," Veller said. "But the great thing is everyone wants to be here and wants to be out on the ice."

D211 will be led on offense this year by Matt Park (Fremd) and DJ Angelaccio (Palatine). "Park is the kind of kid who goes 100 miles an hour and does not stop," Veller said. "He will look to pass the puck when he can, but if no one is open he will just take off and create on his own."

D211 will start the year with three lines and feature three teams this season, two varsity teams and one JV team. "I am really excited to have three teams this year," Veller said. "We want each team to be self-sufficient. But most of all is to make sure these kids are student athletes and get their education first."

D211 on the blue lines will be led by Hunter Veller (Fremd) and Drew Goluch (Fremd), both who are "stay-at-home defensemen," according to Veller. Look for both Ryan Stark (Conant) and Joe McTague (Fremd) to both split time in goal.

D211 will play a 40-game schedule and participate in the PREP Thanksgiving Tournament and head to Madison, WI, for a November tournament. "We want to be in the upper of the Illinois High School Hockey League North Central Division this year," Veller said. "We have a lot of potential on this team to be pretty good. We just have to gel on and off the ice to make things happen."
Des Plaines

Parking Issues Delay Church Move

By LAUREN BARRY  
Journal & Topics Reporter  

Des Plaines' Fountain of Life Church will have to wait to see if plans to move from 1645 S. River Rd., Suite 15, to a larger location at 30 N. River Rd. can come to fruition.

Parking issues at the new site proved to be a stumbling block for city council members Oct. 2. Aldermen decided to defer zoning changes and major code variations for the project until the first November council meeting.

According to a memorandum from the city's Community Development Department, Fountain of Life plans to move to a 2,400 square foot building at 30 N. River Rd. to provide adequate space for its growing number of parishioners. This building sits on a 15,600 square-foot General Commercial property. A smaller, 5,236 square-foot building used by private fitness training studio Rush Performance also occupies the lot.

In order to move into the building, Patel Family L.L.P., project petitioners, have asked the city to rezone the property from General Commercial to Institutional, a change that would require Rush Performance to obtain a Conditional Use permit. Petitioners have also requested variations from code requirements for setbacks, lot area and parking. These include a front yard setback 38.5 feet shorter than required; a side yard setback 25 feet shorter than required; a rear yard setback 47 feet shorter than required; and 20 percent greater lot coverage than is permitted; and a larger lot area than permitted in the code.

Although the Des Plaines Comprehensive Plan recommends properties in the area be used for commercial purposes, Community Development says "places of worship are only briefly touched upon in the Comprehensive Plan."

In their petition, Fountain of Life representatives said they had a difficult time finding a large enough space for their congregation that met zoning and

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Arlington Heights

TIF Site To Be Studied For Possible Redevelopment

By TIM O'CONNOR  
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Now that the owner of International Plaza shopping center is on board, the Village of Arlington Heights will pay a consultant $45,860 to study and make recommendations for the future of TIF 4, located at Arlington Heights and Golf roads.

The 35-acre site was designated as a tax-increment financing district in 2002 to coincide with the development of a Super Target. After that project fell through, the TIF has been in a state of limbo. A section of the area was developed in Autumn Leaves memory care facility, but the bulk of the TIF, which includes International Plaza, has been unable to draw redevelopment interest.

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Rosemont

Village Approves $1.2 Million For Kings Tap Room

A tap room, funded by a $1.2 million allowance from the village, is on its way to Kings Bowl in Rosemont.

An agreement requiring Kings pay off the sum within nine years was approved by the village board last month.

According to Mayor Brad Stephens, an extra fee will be added to the dining and entertainment venue’s rent payments to cover the allowance.

“We’re hedging our bets that it’s going to generate more

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Wheeling

Town Center Begins Taking Shape

Structural steel walls are going up for the apartment complex at Wheeling Town Center, a $100 million mixed-use development at Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway.

Framing for the building's first floor and electrical rough-ins are also being installed.

After years of negotiations and research, Town Center construction began this summer. Developer Brad Friedman said work has been moving forward exactly as planned, with utilities, including 72-inch municipal storm sewer, sanitary sewer, piping and storm tech systems being installed.

Footings and foundations were completed for the 300-unit apartment building over the summer, a pre-cast garage was erected, elevator masonry and stairwells completed and a loading dock with a trash enclosure built. All underground plumbing and electrical systems are in place.

"It’s like you pulled a parking garage out of shot glass," Village President Pat Horcher said of the project's pace Oct. 2. After this month, second-story walls will go up as well as floor slabs for decks.

Friedman said all site work, including curbs, gutters and paving, should be completed before winter. Apart from construction progress, retail elements of the Town Center are also falling into place. CMX movie theater is still on track to open next December, as well as City Works Eatery and Pour House, a restaurant with a long list of craft beers on tap.

"It’s a great addition to the Town Center," said Friedman.

A drive-through coffee shop, drive-through bank and a breakfast and lunch diner have also expressed interest in the center, Friedman said. Around 25 percent of the development's retail spaces are not tentatively spoken for, he added.
Save The Date

Business Expo To Feature Products, Raffles, Entertainment

The Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce will host its second annual Business Expo and Community Showcase from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Falcon Park Recreation Center, 2195 N. Hicks Rd., Palatine.

More than 60 vendors will showcase their products and services at the event, which will also feature entertainment and demonstrations throughout the day.

A 50/50 raffle, raffle baskets and dozens of giveaways will take place. Admission is free and food will be available for purchase.

"This event truly highlights what makes the Palatine area business community unique," said Jan Wood, Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce president. "There will be something for members of the entire family, so we invite area residents to come on out and support all of our business and organization participants."

Kings

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When complete, the new area will include large-screen TVs and a sizable selection of draft beers. According to Kings staff, the tap room is slated to open in mid or late November.

Kings is located at 5505 Park Place.

Church

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parking requirements. No modifications are planned for the building and city staff said the use would not interfere with nearby businesses, as the church would be open during off hours like Wednesday evenings and Sundays.

City staff and plan commission- ers recommended approving the requested variations except the parking requirement.

Though the minimum amount of spaces required for the project is 39, the site only offers nine. Petitioners did include a parking lease agreement in their request -- a condition required for approval -- that would allow users of the site to park at nearby businesses that would be most likely be closed.

"I don't think there's any reason, really, to hold this up tonight," said Ald. Don Smith (7th). However, other aldermen wanted to wait for more details about the parking agreement.

Fountain of Life Church is part of the pentecostal Christian denomination Redeemed Christian Church of God based in Lagos, Nigeria. Since it was founded in 1952, RCCC has gained 500,000 followers worldwide.

"We want to serve humanity and enable people through our teachings," said Senior Pastor Tope Adefara in a video produced by Vomoz Media on the church, adding they also raise funds to support churches in India.
Lake Cook Corridor Open House Oct. 12

The village of Buffalo Grove will host a public open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 at the Community Arts Center, 225 McHenry Rd., Buffalo Grove, to reveal and gather feedback on the future of the Lake Cook Road corridor.

The draft vision has been shaped by community input and grounded by environmental, fiscal and market realities. The most recent public outreach activities were held in the summer when the project consultant team presented three framework alternatives for the corridor.

The public was invited to comment on each alternative, either during the July open house or online. These comments were utilized to guide the vision for the corridor.

Residents, business owners, property owners, community leaders and other stakeholders are invited to attend the open house to view and comment on the presented draft vision. Attendees are welcome to stop by any time. Project team members will be present to address comments, questions, and collect additional feedback from the community.

The Lake Cook corridor is a key asset for the Buffalo Grove community. It encompasses more than 472 acres of land and includes in excess of one million square feet of commercial space, residential dwellings, the village campus and municipal golf course.

The corridor serves as a gateway to the village as it connects Buffalo Grove to a regional network of expressways, highways and other major roads. With more than 40,000 vehicles traveling on it per day, Lake Cook Road is one of the most utilized and visible roads in the Chicago region. The project team anticipates the plan will be completed by the end of 2017 or early 2018.

Recycling Day Oct. 21 At Park Ridge Public Works

Park Ridge’s annual recycling event, now held in the fall, will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 21 at the city’s Public Works Service Center, 400 Busse Hwy.

The city, and the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, cooperate on this multi-faceted recycling effort. This year the event is sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), which is restricting participation to residents of Park Ridge or suburbs belonging to SWANCC.

There is a $5 fee, charged by the chamber to drop off items. Participants receive a $5 coupon to redeem at chamber member businesses. Those who have paper documents to shred will be directed to the Avenues to Independence parking lot at 513 Busse. There is a limit of six boxes of personal documents. All clips and plastic bags and binders must be removed.

The entrance line for all recycling will extend west along Busse. Household batteries will be collected. Textiles (shoes and clothing for reuse) may be donated.

Electronics are a major collection item including answering machines, calculators, cameras, CD and DVD players (not discs), cell phones, computers and related equipment, televisions, typewriters, small home appliances, video game consoles, power tools and zip drives.

Large appliances, vacuum cleaners, copiers, refrigerators and lead acid batteries will not be accepted.

Mike McGrath at Public Works can be reached at 847-318-5243 or mmgrath@parkridge.us for information. Volunteer helpers are needed to service the visitors dropping off donations.

6 Join Chamber Of Commerce

Six companies and organizations recently became members of the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce. They are:

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Planning The Perfect Retirement

By TERRANCE R. GAERTNER

Many of us think of the day that we can leave our work life behind us and begin to enjoy our retirement years. And while many people plan well “financially” for their retirement, surprisingly few plan for how they will spend their days in retirement. I have seen too many individuals totally disengage at retirement time and for many, that is not the right choice. Having a sense of purpose that work often brings with it can make you much happier than catching fish or golfing every day. It can actually make you healthier.

For some, leaving work means leaving their social network, leaving the status that their work brought them and they lose the structure of their days. A study published in 2005 concluded that those “retirees” who participated in multiple productive activities, which included both paid work and volunteer work, were 1 ½ times more satisfied than those who did not. Staying engaged tends to help keep your mind sharp as well.

Because I specialize in retirement planning, I’ve had the opportunity to see many of my clients transition from their work life to retired life. I can say from my observations, that it’s not always a smooth transition.

Let’s say for the sake of argument, that you have enough put away for retirement. Does totally disengaging from all form of work equate to a happy retirement for you? You might be surprised.

I think that I am like a lot of baby boomers. I am at an age where I could think about retiring, but I am not thinking about retiring. I am lucky enough to enjoy what I do for a living and if I had my way, I will probably keep doing what I now do in some capacity until I am 80 years old or maybe even longer, assuming I can stay in good health.

Some productive “retirement” alternatives might include doing what you did before, starting a second career, starting your own business, going back to school or doing volunteer work. There is nothing unusual about a high achieving individual staying committed to a cause and giving back to his or her community in some way after retirement.

One of the most important things you can do during your retirement is to stay physically active. That could mean golfing, taking yoga classes, joining a health club or starting to take tennis lessons. Physical activity will not only help you keep your body in shape, it can also help you keep your mind sharp. It’s good for your psyche.

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Mount Prospect

Downtown Restaurant Reimbursed For Improvements

Mount Prospect trustees approved reimbursing the owner of a new restaurant $25,000 for improvements made to their establishment. The owners of Brick City Tavern made significant upgrades to their downtown district establishment at 34 S. Main St. They installed new signage, LED lighting, flooring, and upgraded the mechanical equipment in the restaurant at a cost of $59,025, according to the restaurant. The village has established the Façade Rebate Program in the downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district that offers matching grants to businesses that make improvements to storefronts in the downtown district. The maximum village contribution is $25,000 for restaurants.

Maine Township

Tax Appeal Window Remains Open Through Oct. 24

Over 80 residents attended a property tax assessment appeal seminar for residents seeking to appeal their 2017 property tax assessments at Maine Township Town Hall on Oct. 3. Attendees learned that their real estate taxes may be appealed through Tuesday, Oct. 24. Sponsored by Susan Moylan Krey, Maine Township assessor; Peter Silvestri, Cook County Board commissioner; Michael McAuliffe, state representative; and Marty Moylan, state representative; the hour-long seminar was designed to help residents learn how to appeal property tax assessments.

BBQ Raises $13,000

The first annual Vine Street BBQ Competition by all measures was a rousing success. Twenty teams from around Illinois competed this August with their BBQ preparations. The organizing group called Vine St. BBQ Community Outreach NFP raised over $13,000 which was split between the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation and the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry. Attending a recent volunteer thank you party at Holt's in Park Ridge, are from left to right: Brian Chaplin, Jodi Daily (from Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation), Joe Koutsky, Mayor Marty Maloney, Jamie Rubin, Carol Langan (from Maine Township Food Pantry) and Jamie Rafferty. According to Jamie Rubin, the event will become an annual held each August. He said next year the group is hoping to engage more with event attendees by allowing people to sample from each team and vote for the People’s Choice Award. For more information, visit www.vinesbbq.org or their Facebook page.

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Richard A. Brock
of Mount Prospect

Richard A. Brock, 70, died Oct. 1. Husband of Patricia Brock, father of Rick Brock and Jessica Brock, grandfather of Ricky and Lily Brock. Friedrichs Funeral Home, Mount Prospect, handled arrangements.

Joseph Anthony Gagliano, Sr.
of Park Ridge

Joseph Anthony Gagliano, Sr., 80, died Sept. 28. Skaja Funeral Home, Niles, handled arrangements.

Anne Marie L. Gonczy
of Mount Prospect

Anne Marie L. Gonczy, 81, died Sept. 30. She taught at Wheeling High School for 32 years. Survived by her husband Dennis W. Griesmeyer, son Christopher S. Griesmeyer, her three grandchildren, siblings, and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her brother, Clarence Heidebrecht, and by her parents. Glueckert Funeral Home, Arlington Heights, handled arrangements.

Janice L. Guskey
of Mount Prospect

Janice L. Guskey (nee Ciecko), 76, died Sept. 27. Worked in office administration for many years at both Zenith Corporation and UOP. Retired from UOP in 2002, after 15 years of service. Wife of the late John R. “Jack” Guskey. Mother of Susan G. Bleidorn, Carlene A. Bleidorn and the late James J. Guskey. Grandmother of four, sister, and aunt. Friedrichs Funeral Home, Mount Prospect, handled arrangements.

Jacqueline Kashmere
of Palatine

Jacqueline Kashmere, 77, died Oct. 3. She raised her family in Arlington Heights, worked in accounting for the State of Illinois, and retired to the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Three years ago, she

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Mary J. Malsen
of Niles


Carmen Charles Mormino
of Arlington Heights

Carmen Charles Mormino, 83, died Oct. 3. Worked in the Chicago trucking and scrap communities for over 40 years. Survived by his wife, Frances Mormino, his two children, Monica Duffy and Carmen Mormino, Jr., his five grandchildren, his three great-grandchildren, sister Camille Delia, her sisters in laws and by his nieces and nephews. Glueckert Funeral Home, Arlington Heights, handled arrangements.

Mary Alice Parry Mott
former resident of Des Plaines

Mary Alice Parry Mott, 91, of Sycamore, died Oct. 5. Preceded in death by her husband, Clayton Edgar Mott. Survived by daughters Mary Lynn Friedl, Alice Bluhm and Grace Mott, three grandchildren and her granddaughter. She taught in the Maine Township school system for 20 years. She taught a preschool pilot class for the physically handicapped and set up the Park Ridge school district's physically handicapped classes. After retiring, she volunteered teaching English as a second language for 20 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines since 1952. G.L. Hills Funeral Home, Des Plaines, handled arrangements.

Donald William Nicolay
of Niles


Daniel O’Keefe
of Mount Prospect


Omar Paneque
of Mount Prospect


Rosemarie B. Sullivan
of Prospect Heights

Elk Grove Village

Public Hearings Set For TIF, Tech Park Plans

By TOM ROBB
Journal Topics Reporter

Two public hearings, one on the proposed Higgins Road Corridor Tax Increment Financing District plan and separately, on plans to create a technology park on the grounds of Busse Farm, are scheduled this month at the Elk Grove Village board and plan commission levels.

The Brennan Group purchased Busse Farm and adjoining properties totalling 85 acres earlier this year with plans to build an 85-acre technology park. The plan commission has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, Oct. 16 on plans for the technology park.

The 165-acre proposed Higgins Road TIF includes all of the area planned for the Brennan project and extends beyond. Elk Grove Village officials posted the Higgins Road Corridor TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project to their website last week. A public hearing on the TIF plan before Elk Grove Village trustees is scheduled for Oct. 24.

A TIF district freezes property tax revenue usually provided to schools, park districts, library districts and other taxing bodies at a benchmark level when the TIF area is established. A village report says that benchmark, based on the equalized assessed valuation of property within the geographic boundaries of the TIF, is more than $26.2 million.

The creation of a TIF requires a vote of all taxing bodies serving the geographic area of the TIF in what is called a joint board meeting. At the Sept. 18 joint board meeting, Elk Grove Township and Dist. 59 abstained, with other six taxing bodies voting to approve the TIF. Dist. 59 Supt. Art Fessler said Dist. 59 board members were to discuss the TIF at their Tuesday, Oct. 10 meeting.

The redevelopment plan details $285 million in costs including $120 million in public works improvements, $70 million in property acquisition, demolition, site preparation, assembly, relocation and condemnation, $3 million in analysis, planning, engineering costs and legal fees, $5 million in financing costs, $18 million in interest costs and $2 million in marketing costs.

Niles

Part Of Bank Property For Sale

Plans are being made to sell part of a Niles bank site and to build a new bank branch on the property, the Journal has learned.

Discussing plans for tax increment financing districts in the village, Ross Klicker, Niles economic development coordinator, said part of the Fifth Third Bank parcel on Oakton Street, between Harlem and Waukegan, is for sale. He said the bank has plans to construct a new building on the site.

Currently, the site contains a large parking lot, relative to the size of the building, and six drive-through lanes. Older real estate listings advertise more than 10,000 square feet of leasable office space on the second floor of the existing building.

Klicker said although he did not have specific information on what is planned for a new building, a trend exists in the banking industry to do away with larger, older branch buildings. Instead, smaller branches with fewer tellers and loan officers and more ATMs are being built.

Niles awarded contracts to the firm of Kane, McKenna and Associates to develop four TIF districts, including one centered at the intersection of Oakton and Waukegan which includes the Fifth Third site, along with several shops and the Niles-Maine District Library.

Klicker said the motivation behind the Oakton Waukegan TIF is to encourage development of an affordable housing development for seniors on the Fifth Third site.

Local or corporate Fifth Third Bank officials were not immediately available for comment Monday.

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Blade Runner’ Remains At Cutting Edge

By MICHAEL POULOS
Journal Film Critic


I started writing for the Journal & Topics in August 1981 -- and “Blade Runner” came out in 1982, a film I admired and heavily endorsed. At that time, Harrison Ford was a household name with three “Star Wars” films and “Raiders of the Lost Ark” under his belt -- and director Ridley Scott found great success with “Alien” in 1979. Special effects wizard Douglas Trumbull was riding the high wave with “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” and “Star Trek.” All elements were there for a great film, and to this day, the film is revered in the annals of sci-fi filmography.

It’s a difficult film to get your arms around with an enigmatic ending that didn’t close all its doors. It has been ripe for a sequel all these years. Finally, after a lot of consternation of how to continue the story, Ridley Scott agreed to turn over the reigns to Denis Villeneuve (“Prisoners,” “Sicario” and “Arrival”) to direct this film and recapture the atmosphere and ambiance of its groundbreaking predecessor. No easy task mind you...and probably why it took this long. At over $150 million to make, “Blade Runner 2049” is as stunning as the original, taking into consideration the state of technology of the time.

With Ryan Goslin riding high from his success in “La La Land,” he was a good pick to play the lead. And with Harrison Ford, well into his 70s, still kicking...his presence gives the film special meaning. With Scott executive-producing, a proven young director at the helm and a solid cast, once again, all elements were in place for a spectacular sci-fi film of extraordinary potential. Add to it a synthesizer-like symphonic score that emulates the score written by Vangelis, the look, feel and sound of the original film was a perfect fit for “2049.”

As indicated in the film’s title, the story takes place 30 years after the original, in 2019, making L.A. look like a futuristic city 200 years from now. At that time, the streets of L.A. were overcrowded with a heavy Asian presence, neon-illuminated skyscrapers disappeared into the overcast skies above...enormous billboards boasting gigantic holographic Asian girls were plastered against the buildings...the clouds were full of acid rain...and police cars could fly. All siltiness in lines of a realistic view of the near future, but a stunning view of a world gone topsy-turvy with over-population and fawlessness. It was dystopian nightmare for humans.

In that film as in the new one, Blade Runners were top-of-the-line LAPD cops hired to hunt down renegade automotons, or androids called Replicants, and “retire” them. These replicants behaved and talked just like humans, making it hard to tell them apart. They were bioengineered by the Tyrell Corporation, which was at the cutting edge of making replicants so real that they could virtually pass as human. As genetics would have it, some of the replicants became so self-aware (think the “Terminator” movies) that they staged a revolt and threatened humankind. That’s where the Blade Runners came in -- Harrison Ford as Rick Deckard and Sean Young as Rachel, a young replicant that Deckard fell in love with. At the end of the film, Rick and Rachel make a run for it out of the city to start a new life.

Jump ahead to 2049 and Rick and Rachel never surfaced, conditions have worsened since 2019, the Tyrell Corporation when under in 2023, a 10-day blackout in 2026 shut all systems down and reset with a new company emerging that makes genetically-enhanced food (think “Soylent Green”) manufactured by Niracler Wallace (Jared Leto). His company is also in the business of making replicants. Blade Runners are still being used to hunt down replicants, which are now more advanced -- and dangerous -- than before...cop cars (called “spinners”) are still flying around, L.A. is even more overpopulated and the acid rain is still falling. All indications are that the human race is struggling to survive. We have no view of the rest of the world...only this little corner.

Gosling, in stoic mannerisms with an icy stare and short of words, plays K, a replicant Blade Runner who has been instructed to track down “other” replicants. He hates his job and he hates his boss (played by Robin Wright), and after a hard day of retiring replicants, comes home to his apartment to enjoy the company of his holographic girlfriend, Joi (Ana de Armas), quite beautiful, and in love with K. On this one particular day, K has stumbled upon a mystery that has vast implications if it’s true. What he unearthed...and is then sent to investigate is the possible birth of a child between a human and a replicant. If true, it threatens the balance of humans and the machines they’ve created on Earth. It is a mind-boggling premise with staggering implications.

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Not-So-Sunny ‘Florida Project’

By MICHAEL POULOS
Journal Film Critic


“The Florida Project,” which has been playing the film festival circuit for months, has come down for a landing at theaters and is sure to become a parent’s worst nightmare in childrearing. In this film, which is excellent after you’ve digested the totality of its layered themes and its dreamy-fantasy ending, a young mother chooses to take no charge or responsibility in coping with her 6-year-old’s aberrant behavior, leading to its inexorable depressing ending.

Sean Baker who scored a hit with his controversial Miami-based transgender comic-drama “Tangerine” in 2015, directs, co-produces and scripts “The Florida Project,” a misleading title about a wayward little girl, her neglectful young mother and a caring motel manager who witnesses the slow digression of the mom and child until it’s too late. It’s a nuanced story with a deep, dark subtext on how troubled children could possibly become dangerous teens. They say the seed of juvenile delinquency starts in the home -- if not, on the streets in an environment where you have no home, no guidance or love and you have no regard for laws or rules. You are a misfit in society.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Danielle Dash, Chairperson
Prospect Heights Zoning Board of Appeals

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Sealed bids will be received for Graduation Caps, Tassels and Gowns on November 1, 2017 by Maine Township High School District 207. The scheduled time for receiving bids as well as the public opening and reading of the bids is 10:00 AM, prevailing time on November 1, 2017.

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Sealed proposals will be accepted until 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at the Village of Niles Administration Building, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois, (southeast corner Clarendon Street and Waukegan Road).

Contract will be awarded at the Village of Niles Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at the Village of Niles Administration Building, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, IL 60714.

Nothing herein is intended to exclude any responsible firm, or in any way restrain, limit, or exclude competition. All responsible and eligible firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive informality or technicalities in any proposal, and to accept the proposal which deems it to be in the best interests of the Village.

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Retracing Luther's Footsteps Reveals Region On Rise Again

There was more to Martin Luther than just reforming one of the world's great religions.

The former Catholic monk turned Protestant leader was a devoted husband, the father of six children, a scholar and a genius at marketing.

And like any inhabitant of Saxony, Germany, he really, really liked his beer. Walking and talking, which he did constantly, naturally made Luther thirsty. The drinkability of water was suspect in the 1500s. Beer? No problem.

And so, every time Luther made one of his 60 visits to the beautiful Renaissance town of Torgau, he did what the locals did: enjoyed some suds. Little wonder Torgau became the epicenter of the Reformation in the 16th century.

In this, the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and the birth of Lutheranism, the historically significant and beautiful region of Saxony takes on a special flair of importance. The area regularly resonates with charm and wonder that feeds the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch while also quenching the essential need of people to learn and to believe in something greater than themselves. These days, however, Saxony celebrates its native son and the anniversary of his declaration that grace from God, not good works and money, is the road to heaven. The celebration includes everything from festivals, exhibits, concerts and much more.

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Moving memorial in Leipzig, Germany, is comprised of 140 empty chairs that represent the murder and disappearance of 14,000 Jews by the Nazis in World War II.

In Dresden, A Passion For Country, Culture

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A visit to this federal state, that was part of East Germany until the 1990s, reveals the greatness of the human mind and spirit and instills hope that if people could create and build such beautiful things and form a religious following embraced by 900 million people, then there truly is hope for the future.

Huffing and puffing, three of us trodged the circular interior incline of the Church of Our Lady in the heart of Dresden. A black railing helped steady our 15-minute climb to the top where we hoped our efforts would be rewarded. They sure were.

In every direction Dresden sprawled out in front of us with its restored cathedrals and the meandering Elbe River. Cars and trucks on several bridges scooted over the famous river, which signified the end of World War II, while a paddle steamboat full of sightseers slowly chugged its way south. The beauty of the moment, under a bright blue sky and puffy white clouds caused a cozy couple to momentarily turn their attention away from each other to the colorful and busy landscape below.

The Church of Our Lady is not only the “ultimate Protestant church building,” but it represents the ability and perseverance of the German people. Seventy-two years ago, the church and nearly all the surrounding landmarks of the inner city of Dresden lay in a heap of rubble. Tens of thousands of people died when Allied bombers rained terror from above during the final days of World War II. There literally was nothing left of the famous house of worship with the exception of stones and a few stubbed spirals that miraculously failed to crumble to the ground.

“The people of Saxony are very persistent,” said one young man at the top of the church as he oohed at the scenery. The wind from the west was brisk and the temperature refreshing. “They are very determined and they keep going until they succeed,” added the stranger. “They never give up and they are passionate about their country and culture.”

The proof of those qualities are exemplified in the restoration of the 300-year-old Church of Our Lady and of Dresden’s central area, which took the brunt of the war’s attack. With the arrival of 1990, the people of Dresden decided it was time to look to the future by taking on a Herculean challenge: to restore its most cherished geographical core literally stone-by-stone. Donations from around the world poured in to finance the effort and within 13 years the crusade to bring back to life the marvelous and many centuries-old creations was complete. More than 100,000 people contributed money and time to the crusade. Many donations came from American pilots who dropped bombs on the city in 1945. The young man’s words at the top of the Baroque church rang true. Dresden is once again one of the architectural and historical wonders of the world.

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Adventure Awaits In Yorkville

The United City of Yorkville is known throughout the region for its diverse lineup of festivals, boundless opportunity for outdoor activities, and an exciting downtown nightlife scene.

In the summer, visitors to Yorkville line up by the thousands to make a splash at Raging Waves, the largest waterpark in Illinois.

The change of seasons brings about a different type of adventure, set against a backdrop of golden fall foliage on picturesque stretches of the Fox River and within the cozy confines of hidden gem venues for live entertainment.

Drink, dine and enjoy the scenery with wrap-around views of the Fox River in downtown Yorkville. Restaurants here take comfort food to new heights, with mouthwatering barbecue and award-winning regional cuisine around every corner. Catch some of the most stylish and soulful touring bands and local acts at The Law Office Pub & Music Hall, where craft beers and cocktails are served.

Marge Cline Whitewater Course is a state-of-the-art paddling facility where paddlers can test their skills against a quarter-mile of rapids at a steep yet forgiving grade. Kayaks and canoes are available for rent with local outfitters who can get you geared up for a river romp, and a pedestrian footbridge offers great angles for viewing and photographing the activity. Thanks to its close proximity to the Fox River, nearby Bicentennial Riverfront Park is a popular destination for festivals and events.

Get a glimpse at the rich natural and agricultural history of Yorkville at the historic Kendall County Courthouse, where the Kendall County Forest Preserve District hosts a nature center display and information about parks and forests for hiking, cycling, fishing, and horseback riding. Outdoor sports (Continued on page 4C)

Arizona State Park's Transformation Goes Deep

One of Yuma's two state historic parks is undergoing a significant transformation.

In December 2016, the city of Yuma and Arizona State Parks signed an agreement that maintains locally-based community management for the next 15 years. Part of that agreement approved a name change from the Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park to the Colorado River State Historic Park.

While new signage is going up at the park with its new name, there is much more to this transformation. A new master plan of the park determined that the park should tell the story of the past, present and future of the Colorado River.

Existing exhibits do tell the story of the site as a key transshipment site from steamboats to forts in the Southwest from the 1860s to the 1880s. However, with the coming of the railroad in 1877, the site took on a new mission in the early 1900s as the Bureau of Reclamation and allied water districts built an impressive array of dams, canals and even an underground water tunnel to serve the Yuma Valley. This is the basis of Yuma's multi-billion dollar winter fresh (Continued on page 4C)
Dresden

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Dresden is located near Germany’s Eastern border with the Czech Republic. To reach it from the west, a popular way is through the western city of Leipzig, Saxony’s most populated city.

Leipzig has a population of 560,000. It’s Germany’s fastest growing city and is widely known for its culinary, shopping and coffee drinking delights. The community’s most notable link to the world is through music and the arts.

Johann Sebastian Bach headed the 800-year-old St. Thomas Church Boys Choir here from 1723 to 1750 and the great composer Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy lived in Leipzig for many years.

To get to Leipzig, a comfortable 90-minute train ride from Frankfurt is one of the best ways to go.

Besides its ability to tickle the senses of sound, Leipzig features a multitude of museums, art galleries and a lot of history. The city’s art galleries include the Spinnerei. This world of culture is housed in a former large cotton mill where artists have set up their own studios and galleries to display their paintings, sculptures and other works. Its thick walls keep things cool and comfortable for browsers who want to spend time enjoying the artwork.

Of all the beautiful settings to visit in Leipzig, whether they are old or new, there exists a relatively small memorial that should be on everyone’s must see list. Its message of a horrible time and a proud people is straightforward. Its design is captivating and powerful. The eyes and emotions of visitors will not stray.

One-hundred and forty chairs — all empty and all in perfectly straight rows — make up Leipzig’s Holocaust Memorial, a must see for any visitor to this cosmopolitan city. The chairs represent the 14,000 Jews who once prayed on the very spot until Nov. 9, 1938 when their synagogue was destroyed by Nazis. In the ensuing weeks and months, the 11,000 people of the Jewish faith who lived in Leipzig were rounded up and many murdered. All simply disappeared from the face of the earth. Within seven years, at the end of World War II, there was no longer a Jewish community in Leipzig. The memorial and two nearby plaques tell the story in Hebrew, English, German and even Braille.

From Dresden, 16 miles to the north lies the historic town of Meissen, often referred to as the “cradle of Saxony” whose roots date back to the year 928. Unlike Dresden, Meissen was not damaged during the war. The dark brown stoned Meissen Cathedral still stands majestically displaying its Gothic architecture as it has done since the late 1200s. The Albrechtsburg Castle also dominates the landscape of Meissen along the Elbe River. Built between 1472 and 1525, the castle is the first to be used as a royal residence in the German-speaking world.

Today, Meissen is known the world over as the location of the famous Meissen porcelain factory whose beginnings date back to the first decade of the 18th century. Meticulous artisans on a daily basis fashion splendid works of art ranging from tiny figurines and jewelry to shiniest dinner plates. The steady hands of others, manipulating thin brushes like a violinist handles a Stradivarius, paint colorful patterns on the artwork to add to its beauty and gleam. The oldest porcelain factory in Europe that also possesses the oldest trademark in the world, crossed blue swords, has safely preserved every porcelain mold it has created in the last 300 years.

Thusly, from Leipzig to Torgau, to Dresden to Meissen, Germany’s Saxony is a region that has carefully blended a 1,000 years of history with stunning, inspiring building design, culture, art and beauty.

It’s also a place of quaint restaurants that oozes with friendliness and good food, not to mention plenty of beer to go around.

Martin Luther loved Saxony and its many towns and villages such as Torgau. There, he also met his future wife, Katharina. And there, he carried on his work that changed the world forever.

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Dresden visitors enjoy a great birdseye view of the Elbe River.

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Des Plaines’ Best Restaurants Get Ready For Special Week Of Deals

This year, over 15 restaurants are participating, including Rand Red Hots, Amazing Breads and Cakes, Jimmy's Place and Giacomo's Ristorante Italiano.

"Bring your family, bring your friends, and eat out in Des Plaines," said Mayor Matt Bogusz in a video address to residents.

At Giacomo’s, located at Wolf and Central roads, one Restaurant Week special will be a three-cheese pasta dish. "When you go to a local restaurant and you have local people coming in I would say 90 percent of the time they're going to run into people they know," said Giacomo Zito, restaurant owner. "It's like family."

According to the city, other Restaurant Week participants will offer Mexican dishes, breakfast and baked goods.
We bake with the use of organic, unbleached, stone ground flours and natural ingredients. Everything is baked on site, fresh everyday, always from scratch, never with any artificial flavors or preservatives.

We offer:
- European style breads
- Homemade pastries
- Breakfast Sandwiches
- Lunch offered daily
- Freshly brewed coffee, lattes, hot chocolate, and tea
- Sandwiches on homemade breads offered daily
- Homemade soups
- Breakfast Pizza (Every Wed & Sat)

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## 'Restaurant Week’ Participants

The following restaurants are participating in this year's Des Plaines Restaurant Week (Oct. 20-29):

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October 20-29, 2017

Learn about delicious deals in Des Plaines at www.desplaines.org/restaurantweek

Join us for the 4th annual event in Des Plaines! Participating Restaurants will be announced soon.

Stay tuned to City TV 17 for more announcements.

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