Arts Showcase A First For Park District

The Prospect Heights Park District's first Arts Showcase will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Rd. This is a new, free community event to honor all the arts: performing, visual, martial and culinary arts. Two local artists will be featured in Kate Tully and Allison Walsh. Also, park district veterans on staff will be honored. The park district has also been holding a month-long Instagram Photo Contest leading up to the event.

Monster Mash

Local pumpkins met their maker last Saturday morning as Mount Prospect Public Works turned residents' colorful Halloween creations into fresh compost. Residents were invited to bring their pumpkins to the public works facility at Central and Busse where they were collected, dumped and turned into mush.

Among those bringing pumpkins to public works were Natasha Jerran and Lauren Jerran, 4. The two carried their pumpkins in a stroller to the collection point. Right: Sofia Jakupovic, 2, daughter of public works administrative superintendent Kristina Jakupovic, poses for mom. (Shawn Clisham/Journal photos)

D57 Board Talks Cuts

Final Task Force Meeting Thursday

By RICHARD MAYER
Associate Editor

Mount Prospect Elementary School Dist. 57 board members Thursday discussed in closed session up to $1 million in possible reductions to staff and programs next year if a property tax referendum is not approved this March to increase revenue.

However, what exactly is being considered is still not being made public.

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Possible Landing Gear Issue Gives Chicago Executive A Scare

Wheeling and Prospect Heights fire crews were called to Chicago Executive Airport after the pilot of a Challenger Business jet noticed a gear malfunction light in the cockpit Tuesday morning. The fire crews were ultimately not needed after the plane landed safely.

Rob Mark of airport communications

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Police Chief Candidates Down To 4

By RICHARD MAYER  
Associate Editor

Mount Prospect Village Manager Michael Cassady has served as acting chief before the end of this year after receiving 38 applicants for the position.

Deputy Chief Michael Eterno has served as acting chief following Tim Janowick’s placement on administrative leave over the summer. The village and former chief Janowick officially cut ties in October. Of the 38 individuals who have submitted their resumes, Cassady said they come from everywhere -- locally, regionally and nationally.

Following the Nov. 3 deadline, Cassady reviewed all of the submittals and narrowed them down to four who he will interview this Friday. One of those four is Eterno.

Eterno, 46, who has been with the department for 20 years said he applied because of support from the department, community and family. He said he has enjoyed serving as acting chief over the past few months and he would like to continue to serve in that capacity on a permanent basis.

Regardless of the final decision, Eterno said he would continue to serve the department to his fullest extent.

“I was very pleased with the number of candidates that chose to apply,” Cassady said.

In addition to Eterno, the other three individuals that will interview are locally employed, Cassady said. Ultimately it is the village’s manager’s decision to appoint a new chief, but Cassady emphasized he would seek input from the village board.

He said he would like to have a decision made and an offer presented to a new chief prior to Christmas so they can start at the beginning of 2018, depending on what responsibilities they have with their current employer.

“This is no small task in terms of what we are doing and we are taking the necessary time to make a good decision,” said Cassady.

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Assistant Supt. of Finance and Operations Adam Parisi said the board spent over two hours discussing options.

No decision was made during Thursday’s meeting and Parisi said the board will discuss options most likely again in closed session Nov. 16. They may allow the public to offer input tentatively at the Dec. 7 board meeting before taking any action.

“If we go out for referendum and it does not pass, the board believes they need to have a discussion on potential reductions in open session and provide community members the ability to comment,” Parisi said.

According to Parisi, the board discussed several options to cut next year’s $2 million deficit in half. He said the board has not decided on one specific direction at this time.

“If they make cuts, the board still wants to maintain a rationale they have maintained for years and find a way to preserve the academic integrity as much as they possibly can,” Parisi said. “However, talking about reducing or cutting the deficit by 50% is an overwhelming task while not hurting anyone.”

Starting next year, the district may have to cut 11 teaching positions, three Educational Support Professional (ESP) positions, and one administrator. Additionally, programs would likely have to be cut, including literacy and math support, additional math instruction at Lincoln Middle School, elementary art and music, band and orchestra, and interscholastic and intramural sports and clubs.

Parisi said there are only two ways to balance the district’s budget: raise revenues or cut expenditures.

He said if the district were to raise revenues, it could increase taxes through referendum or significantly increase student fees, which he said has been talked about previously.

A task force comprised of various community members who have been given the responsibility with making a recommendation to the school board on whether to go out for referendum this March, and how much they should ask for, are meeting for the final time at 6 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) at Fairview Elementary School.

At the meeting, results from a recently mailed survey will be presented. The survey asked a series of questions including how much they should ask for a tax increase over the next 10 years of $432 per year.

The new funding would help maintain current staffing levels and class sizes at all four district schools, and reinstate programs that were cut in 2011 such as library personnel, kindergarten fine arts programs and fourth grade band and orchestra.

It also would provide anywhere between $30 million and $40 million over the next 10 years for needed capital projects that have been deferred.

Another question on the survey asked if they did not support an extra $432 per year, what would they support?

Following discussion pertaining to the survey results and feedback received from recent community forums, the task force may make a recommendation to the board.

“Thursday (tomorrow) will be a very important meeting and we will be having important discussions that will lay the groundwork for what happens next,” Parisi said.

According to Parisi, should the board decide to go to referendum in March, there is a good chance they could approve the question and pass a resolution so wording can be placed on ballots by the Dec. 21 school board meeting.

Parisi said even if the task force recommends waiting to go to referendum until November 2018, and the board agrees, this extra year will still need to be made.

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By COLLEEN KANT
Journal & Topics Reporter

Maine Township Dist. 207 Supt. Ken Wallace didn’t hold back his reaction to the state’s “almost unconscionable” school Report Card on the district that claimed zero percent of its students were ready for “the next level.”

“I’m going to be as polite as I can here, so good luck,” Wallace said at Monday night’s school board meeting. “There are just so many problems with the school reporting on just so many levels.”

After Shawn Messmer, assistant superintendent for curriculum and innovation, informed the board that the district and its high schools received their latest Illinois School Report Card, Wallace said he was done keeping quiet about this for 13 years, but I’m not going to be quiet about it anymore.”

The best predictor of a student’s success in college, their high school GPA, Wallace said, just as students’ success in high school can also be predicted by their middle school GPA.

The superintendent pointed to the district’s constantly-evolving courses and teaching methods as evidence that students are always learning and growing in Dist. 207.

“Dist. 207 students in literally every academic performance area outperformed the state, and in most cases greatly outperformed the state, except in our remediation rates, where we’re somehow mysteriously 10 percent behind the state average,” Wallace said, adding that students are being rated against Oakton Community College remediation rates, which are based off students who take non-credit bearing courses. Dist. 207 was given a 56 percent postsecondary remediation rate against the state’s 47 percent.

Wallace said the remediation rate “disproportionately affects” poor minority students, since the rate is based on college students who have taken non-credit bearing courses. “This is simply for us a function of how out of line Oakton Community College is with (Continued on page 12A)
Who Has Pantry Hiring Power?

Party Boss Weighed In On Hiring

By TODD WESSELL
Journal & Topics Editor

Maine Township Supervisor Laura Morask said she will work on hiring a new township food pantry assistant, to replace Kelly Schaefer who resigned two weeks ago, after a year's trial, and social service funding has been approved and a new senior director hired.

Morask, who has explained that she has the authority to fill the pantry job, said this week that she is willing to open up the process so interested candidates can apply for the position. Morask added, however, that she is still researching whether the elected Town Board can vote on hiring the employee or whether that function should remain with the supervisor only.

The township is expected to approve a new tax levy and decide on the allocation of more than $400,000 to social service agencies, with the month of December. It also needs to hire a new senior director to replace Mary Swanson who (Continued on page 6A)

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Local Longtime Pilots Earn Wright Bros. 'Master' Awards

A recent event uncovered another benefit for a pilot growing older: recognition for lifetime achievements.

Four long-time aviators, members of the Chicago Executive Pilots Association, were awarded the coveted Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award given to pilots with at least 50 years of safe, accident-free flying.

This year’s winners were John DeJoris, Armand Bendersky, Jim McLennan and Jack Sheridan.

Even after 50 years of accident-free flying, all four pilots still regularly fly from Chicago Executive Airport, which is owned and operated by the city of Prospect Heights and village of Wheeling.

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots and is based on an individual’s longevity, skill and aviation expertise.

Eligibility requirements include being a U.S. citizen and possessing an FAA-issued pilot certificate. In addition to having flown 50 or more years, each application was accompanied by letters of recommendation from at least three of their peers.

Each winner’s name was also posted to the FAA’s Roll of Honor at faasafety.gov.

Bendersky started flying in 1964 at Sky Harbor airport in Phoenix, an airfield that has since closed. He currently flies a Beechcraft Bonanza.

DeJoris earned his private in 1962 and more advanced ratings at Champaign before flying in Vietnam.

McLennan currently flies a single-pilot Citation Mustang jet at PWK.

Sheridan started flying in 1960 and earned flight instructor, as well as seaplane and balloon ratings, in addition to having volunteered for many years with the Civil Air Patrol.

Next Step For Fly Quiet: Which Night Runways Till 2020

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and its Ad Hoc Fly Quiet Committee are working to create nighttime noise patterns that are about to enter a new phase of discussions on what comes next.

Since July 2016, the communities around O'Hare Airport have been offered three different sets of tests to program nighttime noise patterns. The engineering analysis is begun a year and a half beforeсимplied to sound like a spinning wheel while the flight director is nearly identical to the sound of the engine.

The project was designed to distribute the noise from departing and arriving runways to different communities, although the O'Hare Modernization Program's construction of new runways has shifted nearly everything to east-west runways.

The next step is to design a permanent plan for rotations to be implemented through November 2020, when the final east-west runways along the northern edge of the airport are expected to be ready to open.

The new buzz word is "Interim" Fly Quiet, which will be implemented once the northwest-southeast Runway 15-33 is decommissioned in spring 2018. Until 15-33 goes, the pre-rotation Fly Quiet tower orders will be in effect. A draft report was presented at Monday's Ad Hoc committee, and the group will meet again on Nov. 17 at the Chicago Department of Aviation building, 10510 W. Zemke Blvd., Chicago, to finalize the report.

An extra meeting may be added Nov. 30.

Karen Robles from Schaumburg, vice chair of the Ad Hoc committee, asked Frame for two or three rotation proposals for the committee to review.

ONCC, which normally would not meet again until January, has set a tentative Dec. 1 date for the full ONCC discussion of the Test 3 rotation report and the rotation proposals for the interim phase.

ONCC Chairman Arlene Juracek, mayor of Mount Prospect, said there is some urgency to get the process started, because there will only be three runways available based on the original Fly Quiet plan, and the people on the ends of those runways "will be hammered" at night, once 15-33 is closed.

She urged ONCC members to attend Fly Quiet in the audience and listen through the discussions there this month.

Frame stressed that ONCC as a body must agree to a single-rotation plan. CDA will do its analysis based on that one plan.

Frame is hoping to start the environmental analysis and the rotation plan as soon as possible. He would like to get something approved by the FAA and in place by next November, which would mean the interim plan could function for two years.

As part of its preparation CDA also has to plan around various construction and repair projects that have to be completed in the next couple of years. They are planning to design several models for these tasks, to be built into the submission to the FAA.

The northeast-southwest diagonal runways (4L-22R and 4R-22L), the diagonals saved to provide landing safety in bad weather, will each need repairs and repaving. They may be have to be closed completely for several months – either overnight or 24 hours.

Construction may be scheduled on 4L-22R, handling traffic over Des Plaines and Park Ridge during construction of the new east-west runway on the north end of the airport, in 2018. The further eastern runway, 4R-22L, will be completed in 2019.

CDA has become more successful in scheduling around construction. The percentage of nights when rotations accommodated night work, FAA inspections and maintenance increased in the latest rotation tests.

Also underway at ONCC is a bylaws committee project to replace the ad hoc committee with a permanent standing committee.

Juracek named members for the bylaws committee on Nov. 3. Robles will serve as chair; members will include Dennis Ryan from River Grove, Brian Gaseor from Norridge, Jon Kunkel from Hanover Park, Don Weiss from Westchester and Joe Annunzio from Niles.
Latino Summit Brings Students To Harper

Thirteen Northwest suburban schools, including seven from Township High School Dist. 214, will participate in the annual Latino Summit at Harper College in Palatine on Friday, Nov. 17.

More than 300 Latino high school students will participate in the 17th annual event at Harper, which will include students from Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove, John Hersey, Rolling Meadows, Wheeling, Vanguard, and Newcomer Center schools.

The purpose of the Latino Summit is to improve academic achievement among Latino students and to encourage the pursuit of higher education.

Through role models, the Summit hopes to motivate students to stay in school and to set goals beyond high school. Additionally, it hopes to increase the number of Latino students pursuing post-secondary education.

Lt. General Evelyn Sanguinetti will be offering the welcome address at this year’s Summit. Panel discussions with professionals, college students, and college representatives will take place throughout the day. Students will hear presentations by Latino professionals, college and trade school representatives, and university and trade school students. Speakers will discuss the obstacles they have overcome in order to achieve success.

The program will help participants begin making plans for life after high school, which is key to realizing their goals. Students will also have an opportunity to develop leadership skills, make contacts, and meet peers with similar aspirations for the future. Presentations will be made in English and Spanish.

Scholarships for interested students are made available through the Latino Summit website. Additionally, a variety of additional scholarships are made available on this site for students to encourage the continuation of their education.

The Latino Summit Planning Committee is comprised of various representatives from each high school participating in the Latino Summit.

The Latino Summit is a self-supported endeavor and each year must find funds to finance the event and the scholarships provided to deserving seniors.

Pantry Hiring Power

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recently retired.

Three members of the Maine board have complained that Morask hired Schaefer without first consulting with them and seeking their approval. Schaefer served for a short time on the Town Board before she was ousted in last fall’s election. The three trustees who are challenging Morask on the appointment authority for the food pantry and township-run General Assistance program are Susan Sweeney, Claire McKenzie and Dave Carabotta, all of whom were elected for the first time last year.

Schaefer resigned after the three trustees and others raised questions about her appointment by Morask. The job was created to assist the growing needs of the pantry, which provides food to needy people in Maine Township, and to establish partnerships with local businesses to support the agency’s efforts. It paid approximately $30,000 annually for 30 hours of work a week.

Morask has contended that because the food pantry is part of the township’s General Assistance program, which provides money to local people in need, and the Road and Bridge Fund that pays for road repairs and other types of infrastructure needs in the township’s unincorporated areas, the General Assistance Fund, which finances most day-to-day township expenses, the General Assistance Fund, which provides money to local people in need, and the Road and Bridge Fund that pays for road repairs and other types of infrastructure needs in the township’s unincorporated areas. Years ago, that authority was given to General Assistance.

Morask also said that under township code, the supervisor is an ex-officio member of General Assistance and is responsible for making all appointments that are necessary.

“I don’t know if the board should be able to vote on it,” Morask added. “If it goes back to the Town Fund, then they have to fund it. I'll have to see what's legally allowed. At most every other township the food pantry is administered by General Assistance. I'm trying to meet everybody halfway.”

Townships in Illinois are made up of three basic components, each of which establishes a real estate tax levy. Those three parts are the Town Fund, which finances most day-to-day township expenses, the General Assistance Fund, which provides money to local people in need, and the Road and Bridge Fund that pays for road repairs and other types of infrastructure needs in the township’s unincorporated areas.

In an email sent to the Journal & Topics last week by Sweeney, she said she is concerned about the amount of township money that is spent on the administration of the General Assistance department. She claims it is too high and added, “something is out of whack.”
‘Voice For Nameless’ Earns Honors From Amnesty International

By LAUREN BARRY  
Journal & Topics Reporter

Maine West High School’s Voice for the Nameless club took home titles for both club and sponsor of the year at Amnesty International’s Midwest Region conference.

The students and sponsor received the awards Oct. 28 at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee School of Continuing Education.

History teacher Randall Harper, who serves as group sponsor for the 45 Des Plaines students in Voice for the Nameless, told the Journal he views the honors as an example of “the legacy of student activism for human rights at Maine West.”

Last school year, the student activist group made headlines when it petitioned city council to make Des Plaines a safe space for Syrian refugees.

Though the students presented their case and proposed a resolution themselves, some local residents doubted them, and the city ultimately never became an official safe city for refugees.

Harper said the Amnesty International field organizer who nominated the group was impressed by their tenacity despite the setback.

“It seemed to be more representative of what actually happens in activist work,” he said.

Though many members Voice for the Nameless who worked on the resolution are now away at college, they all returned home for the conference.

“We made a whole day of it,” said Harper.

Voice for the Nameless was chosen out of student groups throughout Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan. Before the group was honored, they were able to check out conference events, such as a seminar on human rights, legislative activism tactics, imprisoned Amnesty International staff, business and human rights, reproductive rights and more.

“When you have outside recognition, from people you don’t know, that’s a really exciting thing,” Harper added.

In addition to the refugee resolution -- the main focus of the group’s efforts in 2016-2017 -- Voice for the Nameless participates in numerous local human rights programs. These include volunteer work with Refugee One, a Chicago-based group that helps refugees settle into homes and learn English, and at the Inspiration Corporation, an organization aimed to help the homeless in the Uptown area of Chicago.

This Sunday at least three members of the club came to Inspiration Corporation to volunteer, though they were not going to receive class credit or community service hours.

“They just wanted to be there,” Harper said. “Our group is an example of what’s possible when young people become passionate.”

Veterans To Graduate From Chamber’s Career Boot Camp

Veterans who participated in the eight-week career boot camp program organized by the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce will graduate this week during a 5 p.m. ceremony Thursday at Moretti's Rosemont, 9519 W. Higgins Rd.

Col. Jill Morgenthaler will serve as keynote speaker. Representatives of U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-9th) are expected to attend.

“Several of the veterans have already started interviewing at local businesses, or gotten job offers,” said chamber Director Andrea Biwer. She plans to run the boot camp again next year.

This summer, 20 local veterans were selected for the program. Over eight weeks, they learned how to utilize the skills they learned during their service to craft resumes and find civilian jobs.

At the last meeting Nov. 1, participants were able to tour SkyChefs on Touhy Avenue, a local business that makes meals for airlines.

“They got to see the operation of a major company,” said Biwer.

Attendees spoke briefly about their experience and how the boot camp was able to help their career search.

“It was very emotional,” said Biwer. “Everything they said was just really from their hearts.”

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Possession Charge

Daniel P. Grant, 20, of 304 S. Hi-Lusi Ave., Mount Prospect, was charged Sept. 27 with possession of cannabis. According to police, officers at approximately 2:17 a.m. were on routine patrol in the area of Shabonee Trail and Hi-Lusi Avenue when they observed Grant parked on the street with all of the vehicle's lights off. Officers approached the vehicle and Grant allegedly turned on his headlights and proceeded on Shabonee. Police said he was traveling at a high rate of speed and turned off the headlights and taillights again near his home. Officers approached Grant and allegedly smelled a strong odor of cannabis emanating from the vehicle. Officers reported observing a green leafy material, that was suspected cannabis, scattered on the front passenger seat and floor, plus a large clear plastic bag containing a large amount of suspected cannabis. During a search of the car, police reported discovering a second bag of suspected cannabis and a cigarette containing probable cannabis. Police also said they recovered a box of bags and a scale. A total of 100.3 grams of marijuana was found in the car, police added.

DUI Charge

Theodore M. Chase, 35, of 6492 Nash St., Downers Grove, was charged Sept. 26 with driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal lane usage and no (Continued on page 9A)
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insurance. According to police, at approximately 12:10 a.m. officers near Elmhurst and Golf roads observed Chase's vehicle fail to come to a complete stop at a red light while making a left turn onto southbound Elmhurst Road. He allegedly began to travel at a high rate of speed going 48 mph in a 35 mph zone. He reportedly failed several standardized field sobriety tests and recorded a blood test of 0.149, police said.

Damage To Vehicle

Police at 7:17 a.m. Oct. 1 responded to the area of Wheeling Road and Boxwood Drive for an accidental damage to vehicle report. According to police, officers observed a Honda CRV on southbound Wheeling Road. Officers observed a portion of the roadway covered with dirt-colored, running water due to a water main break. Police said the front driver's side tire of the car was in a hole in the roadway, resulting in the rear of the car being raised off the roadway. Police spoke with the driver, who stated he saw the puddle and it appeared to be shallow, so he began driving through it, but the front driver's side tire suddenly fell below the roadway surface. The car was towed away, according to the police report.

Burglary Reports

Police at 6:21 p.m. Sept. 19 were dispatched to a burglary to vehicle report at a home on S. Hi-Lusi Avenue. According to police, a man told officers he parked his 2017 Ford Edge in the driveway at 5 p.m. Sept. 18. He went out to the vehicle at 6:30 a.m. Sept. 19 and discovered the center console had been rummaged through and a brown wallet containing two credit cards and gift cards were removed. Some CDs were also missing from the vehicle that was left unlocked overnight.

Police at about 7:35 a.m. Sept. 19 responded to a home on S. Hi-Lusi Avenue for a burglary from motor vehicle report. A woman told police that someone between 8:30 p.m. Sept. 18 and 7 a.m. Sept. 19, entered her three-car detached garage through an unlocked side access door and removed a Lenovo ThinkPad notebook computer from the passenger side front foot well of an unlocked vehicle. The item was valued at $750.

Police at around 8 a.m. Sept. 19 respond to a home on S. Candota for a burglary from motor vehicle report. A woman told police her unlocked 2017 Chrysler minivan was parked on the driveway between 7 p.m. Sept. 18 through 6:40 a.m. Sept. 19. Someone entered the van and removed a $4.58 rebate check, a $45.32 rebate check and a $1,400 personal check. Nothing else was taken from the vehicle, the report added.

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Silverstein Steps Down From Leadership Post Over Sexual Harassment Allegations

By TOM ROBB
Journal Political Editor

State Sen. Ira Silverstein (D-8th) who represents parts of Niles and Glenview, resigned his leadership position in the State Senate last week over sexual harassment allegations made in late 2016 and brought to light in a state hearing last week.

Silverstein stepped down from his Democratic majority caucus chairmanship Wednesday, Nov. 1, one day after a hearing in Springfield on sexual harassment attended by House Speaker Michael Madigan, in which Denise Rotheimer repeated allegations filed in a late 2016 sexual harassment complaint against Silverstein.

Silverstein’s leadership post carries a $20,649 annual stipend. Rotheimer said she wants Silverstein to step down from the legislature entirely.

Rotheimer founded Mothers On a Mission to Stop Violence after she said her 11-year-old family member was raped. In her role with that organization, Rotheimer claimed she was trying to get legislation through the Senate, starting in 2015, and met with Silverstein who later served as the bill’s lead sponsor.

Rotheimer lodged a formal complaint against Silverstein with State Senate President John Cullerton’s office Nov. 30, 2016. John Patterson, Cullerton’s spokesman, said that complaint was forwarded to the Legislative Ethics Commission on Dec. 7, 2016. Rotheimer said at that point, her case was “swept under the rug” and not acted on until after she spoke at an Oct. 31 hearing on sexual harassment in Springfield.

Investigations of legislators would have gone to the office of the legislative inspector general, a post which, until Sunday, had not been filled since 2014, a spokesman for Cullerton said.

Contacted for comment Monday, Silverstein said, “My main priority is talking with the inspector general.” When pressed to confirm or deny any of the allegations, Silverstein said he would not comment further.

“At our duty to fill that (inspector general) post, I take responsibility for my role in that lapse, and I apologize for it,” Cullerton said in a written statement. “These corrective actions are a first step in changing an unacceptable culture that has existed for too long.”

The chair of the ethics commission is State Sen. Terry Link (D-30th) who represents portions of Buffalo Grove, Wheeling and communities to the north. Link did not return calls for comment Monday or Tuesday before press deadlines.

Rotheimer discussed specific allegations at the Oct. 31 hearing and with the Journal.

At one point, Rotheimer said the bill Silverstein was sponsoring for her was killed in committee, after which she claims Silverstein said, “You should call your boyfriend to be consoled.” She said after she told Silverstein she did not have a boyfriend, the bill was revived.

Rotheimer said she was messaged on Facebook and called by Silverstein in the middle of the night. She said Silverstein referred to meetings to discuss the legislation “dates,” made inappropriate comments about her appearance and in one voicemail claimed not to be stalking her.

Rotheimer is currently running as a Republican candidate for the 62nd District State House seat in the North suburbs near Grayslake.

DP Teen Sentenced To Juvenile Detention In Shooting Death Of GBS Student

The teen from unincorporated Des Plaines who pled guilty to charges in the shooting death of 17-year-old Angelique "Angie" Morris of unincorporated Glenview, was sentenced Monday.

In October, the unidentified teen male, charged when he was 17-years-old as a juvenile with involuntary manslaughter, pled guilty. Monday, he was sentenced to confinement by the Dept. of Juvenile Justice by Judge Steven Bernstein.

A spokeswoman for the Cook County State’s Attorney said Juvenile Justice would determine when he would be released.

Those sentenced as juveniles are generally not held longer than their 21st birthday. Former prosecutors the Journal spoke with said only those charged as adults are either sent to adult correctional facilities, or transferred to adult correctional facilities when they age out of juvenile detention.

Rosemont

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The ice rink will be open every day from Nov. 24 through Jan. 4, 2018. In addition to special holiday hours, the rink will also be open on select Sundays through Feb. 25.

Admission to the ice rink is free. Guests are invited to bring their own skates. Skate rentals are also available onsite for $8.

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Tentative D214 Tax Levy Set At $223 Million

The Township High School Dist. 214 Board of Education on Thursday reviewed the district's tentative 2017 tax levy, which shows a 3.33 percent increase over the total property taxes received for 2016.

The property tax-funded levy for this year is estimated at $223 million. The actual tax extension, or how much the district will ultimately collect on property tax bills, will be determined by the Cook County Clerk's Office several months after the hearing.

The clerk's office determines the extension amount based on the prior year extension for existing property and new property or improvements to property that have come onto the tax rolls in Dist. 214. Dist. 214 communications supervisor Jennifer Delgado said the actual extension typically is lower than what is requested. For example, the 2016 approved tentative levy request was 2.23 percent, but the final extension was only an increase of 1.8 percent.

"State law limits the district to a levy increase of the prior year's CPI, which was 2.1 percent, plus an additional amount to capture estimated new property and construction within the district's boundaries," said Delgado.

"Because the assessed value for new property and existing property is not known when the district adopts its levy, it is common practice to levy an amount in excess of what the district actually anticipates to ensure the value of all new property is captured." A public hearing on the 2017 tentative tax levy will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Forest View Educational Center in Arlington Heights. The concrete amount will be finalized later this year.

The district has made progess in the last two years with new Oakton President Joy Smith, Wallace said, but things still have to get better.

"I have great respect for Joy. I care about Oakton and want to see it do really, really well, but the fact that its poor practices are showing up on our Report Card, I'm not going to sit by and let that happen," he said.

"We now have a Report Card that is putting us in a very, very bad light. It's time for the public to really understand what's at stake here," Wallace said.

Oakton is, however, in the beginning stages of a pilot program that will require a 2.75 GPA to receive college credit, Wallace said. The only problem with that is there will be "at least" two-to-three years of bad data reporting while the program gets off the ground, he said.

Wallace and Messmer are working on a Report Card specific to Dist. 207, he said, something that board president Carla Owen approved of.

"I think it would be helpful for the community and us," she said.

Wallace said the district's switch from the ACT to the SAT will increase the district's college-readiness by about 12 percent. He said he plans to present data at the board's December meeting with data supporting that prediction.
Arlington Heights Resident Celebrates 110th Birthday Dec. 1

Lois Arbanas will be 110 years old Dec. 1 and will celebrate the day with family and friends at The Moorings of Arlington Heights, where she has lived since 1991.

Although she wonders why she has lived so many years, she believes that good genes and a healthy, active lifestyle might have had something to do with it.

Born in Michigan, she grew up with six sisters and a brother. She met her husband Joseph, a young attorney, while working in Detroit. Immediately after their wedding, he was transferred to Washington, D.C., to work for the government. Seven years later, he was transferred to Chicago. After her husband retired, they moved to Rancho Bernardo, CA, where they enjoyed golf, bridge, dancing and traveling. Sadly, her husband passed away in 1992.

Joe and Lois have two daughters, Anne Feichter of Elk Grove Village and Marybeth Shearron of Gurnee, and two grandchildren, Melody and Monica Shearron.

Wherever she lived, Arbanas exercised and did volunteer work. She was a scout leader, hospital volunteer, recorded books for the blind, drove disabled children, prepared meals for lonely seniors and more. Later, at The Moorings, she enjoyed bridge, gardening, flower-arranging and shopping at Woodfield. She enjoys playing dominos and watches the news, golf, football, and "Dancing with the Stars." Since moderation in everything has been her norm, she still enjoys one piece of chocolate candy after her meal and an occasional small glass of wine.

Newman Urges Landmarking For WWII Marker

BY ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

Shel Newman, who organized Park Ridge's Spirit of '45 committee, would like to give more permanent protection to the World War II war memorial which the committee managed to move to a safer location in 2015.

The Spirit of '45 celebrated the 70th anniversary of V.J. Day (the date when the United States declared victory against Japan in World War II's Pacific Theater).

After that war the Park Ridge American Legion Auxiliary dedicated a stone, on which the names of local men who had declared victory during the war were listed.

It had moved several times along the Devon Avenue corridor and in and out of the Park District's South Park grounds.

It had become buried in grass on the Devon median, where it was supposed to anchor a corridor of trees. Moving it back to a sheltered but visible spot next to the park field house, was one of highlights of the 2015 celebration.

With some of the funds that were left, a sign was placed next to the memorial stone to explain its significance, but Newman hoped for more.

He asked fellow members on the Historic Preservation Task Force if it could be landmarked by the city. The owner has to give permission, and no one was quite sure who owned it.

The auxiliary at the time consisted primarily of World War I wives and other female relatives, and has since disbanded, although the Mel Tierny American Legion post and auxiliary, had been located among the trees on the Devon Avenue median strip for decades, but was returned to safer ground along the side of the South Park Field House. This year the committee unveiled the plaque (left) to explain the significance of the original brass plaque, now mounted on a rock, as part of ceremonies before the Park Ridge Memorial Day parade Monday, May 29.

(Arland Heights resident Lois Arbanas is looking forward to her 110th birthday on Dec. 1. A celebration is planned at The Moorings where she lives.)

Vets Service At Christ Church

Christ Church UCC's fourth Veteran's Sunday Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 12. Veterans, current military personnel, and their families, are invited to attend this service with members of the Des Plaines church.

Families attending the service, that have an active soldier or officer presently serving in the military, will be presented with a blue star flag by Mike Lake, commander of Des Plaines VFW.

Provide your name along with your family member's name, rank, and branch of service and where he/she is serving.

Church members may give the information to Elaine Hudson or call the church office at 847-297-4230 no later than Oct. 29.

All veterans of Christ Church are asked to bring a framed photo on Veterans Sunday prior to church services. There will be a display table in Wobbe Hall. Identification on the back of the frame is requested.

Donations for Honor Flight Chicago will be accepted after the service.

Christ Church is located at 1492 Henry Ave., Des Plaines.
Two hundred years ago in what we now call the Northwest suburbs, a lot was going on. Potawatomi, Chippewa and Ottawa Indians roamed the region hunting for food, farming, raising their families and doing their best to stall the encroachment of white men from the east. There was no Chicago, but there were fur traders and settlers where Lake Michigan met what is now the Chicago River.

The waters of what we now call the Des Plaines River and its tributaries like Fehanville, Prairie and Farmer’s creeks fed the river allowing human and animal life to thrive.

Socrates Rand, who was among the first settlers in what later became known as the city of Des Plaines, was a young man of 13 in 1817. He was still about six years from the city of Des Plaines, was a young man settling of 39 small single-family homes. Filling those six acres of land that have been vacant for many years is a good thing. Disregarding the many oak trees on the site, some of which were saplings around the War of 1812, is short-sighted on the part of those who swear to serve the public.

Susan Mack, a lifelong resident of unincorporated Maine Township near Golf and East River roads corner and the building of 39 small single-family homes. Filling those six acres of land that have been vacant for many years is a good thing. Disregarding the many oak trees on the site, some of which were saplings around the War of 1812, is short-sighted on the part of those who swear to serve the public.

The native tribes, tall prairie grass, animals and the rivers and creeks, however, were not alone. There were also the great tall oak trees that were sprinkled throughout the area and the mighty cottonwoods along the banks of the region’s many waterways.

Today in the quest for more redevelopment and the dollars it brings in, elected mayors, aldermen and trustees throughout the region must also take into account the effects these projects have on the local environment. That includes trees.

Des Plaines aldermen Monday night tentatively approved several measures that will pave the way for the annexation of property north of the Golf and East River roads corner and the building of 39 small single-family homes. Filling those six acres of land that have been vacant for many years is a good thing. Disregarding the many oak trees on the site, some of which were saplings around the War of 1812, is short-sighted on the part of those who swear to serve the public.

Local leaders would be wise to remember that trees, like animals and people, are all part of the circle of life that need to be held in high regard, loved and preserved.

One day when the construction of the 39 houses are complete, the 239 parkway trees are in the ground and the homeowners association formed, the developers will likely be gone. That’s what usually happens. They’ve built their project and sold the houses. It will be time to move on to other opportunities.

Unless action is taken between now and later this month or early December, the oak trees will also be gone. Forever.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Thomas Jefferson
Piece of pie? Ha!

For the past eight years all I’ve heard is “deficit,” “deficit,” “deficit.” Today we are awash with debt, $17.18 trillion dollars worth. Now the congress says we need a tax cut. “Everyone will get a piece of the pie,” con-
gress says. “This will make America great again.” They offer these tax cuts and say they will cut spending some-
where else. Where will these cuts be? Don’t tell me we are going to get a tax cut now and worry about paying for it later. That’s just crazy. Only by cutting the deficit will we get real growth. Give the rich and the corporations a tax break? During the last recession, did they keep people on their payroll when the economy slowed down? Wake up America. If we give ourselves a tax break today, it will come back to bite us in the future. Does anyone remember 2008? The good times of the last six years are going to end some-
day. Let’s get our house in order now, or the next slow down could be a disaster.

Library patron doesn’t think it’s fair

The Park Ridge Library is not fair. Being a member of the community and a taxpay-
er, I find that being suspended before the suspension. It oc-
curred on Oct. 13 at 4:45 p.m. at the computer in the refer-
ence area.

What to do with MP buildings

Hi, I’m calling to comment about the Mount Prospect Police and Fire building on Northwest Highway. I think they ought to turn over that building to the fire depart-
ment. Buy the bank building behind it and turn that over to the police department and they can then use that for future

Speak Out should include names

Yes, I’m just calling about Speak Out and I have a comment I’d like to share. If people aren’t willing to leave their names on what they write, I think it’s not wise that people have the right to take pot shots on their opin-
ings, unless they are willing to leave their name. I think you’d find a tremendous dif-
fERENCE in people willing to share things. I don’t want to encourage people on Speak Out, but I would require people to leave their names. Thank you very much for listening to my comments. I hope you will listen to that advice and you will act upon it. Thank you. Bye. (Ed. Note: We understand your concerns. However, Speak Out is designed to al-

Looking for a break

Hi, I was just reading the paper and I saw the person that wrote “Technical dif-
ficulties.” I do agree that it is really hard to buy tickets from Ticketmaster. It would be real-

Flyer wants a choice

So now the flight attendants are asking people to close the window shade. What if I want to keep window shade open, are they going to make me off the plane in hand restraints? Well I guess I’m not flying anymore because they are telling people to close the window shades, and that to me is offensive.

Wants to see, too

Where can I go to view the people looking at the cameras. I would love to see the room and where all these cameras are and who is actually look-
ing at the cameras and what do they do with the information they see. There should be public information for all the cameras.

Who cares about $5?

In the Oct. 20 blower it was a report of $5 missing from a BMW. According to police it was unsure if vehicle was locked because no signs of forced entry. So what if someone misplaces $5 and calls the police? And the police actually respond to this call. Doesn’t our police have more to do than trying to track down a missing five bucks? I can’t find a screwdriver I had in my garage, I better call the cops.

Stop being so offended

This is in response to the Speak Out in the Journal on 11/3/17 by David R. All the holidays you mentioned make up the history of the United States. If you don’t like it here and decorating for their holi-
s days to placate me. Celebrate whatever you don’t participate in. When I go to an ethnic restaurant, I’m certainly not offended if it is decorated for a holiday I don’t celebrate. I also wouldn’t be offended if I lived in another country and they celebrated holidays other than the ones I am familiar with. I might even have fun in something new.

Public has a right to know

In regard to our Dist. 62 superintendent. He was on paid leave from Oct. 17-31 as working from home. How can he work from home be-
ing a superintendent? Now from Nov. 1 through present he is on leave of absence. The school board is hiding something on this as they hired this gentleman and the school board hired a company for $25,000 to search for a candid-
ate. The taxpayers of Des Plaines are paying a hefty amount of money on this individual and we are not being informed of the problem as everything is closed door and hidden. When the new superintendent was hired the school board tried to hide his past and for some reason they are trying to hide something else. I feel the school board is hiding something from the taxpayers as I believe they messed up and they are trying to figure out a way to cover themselves. If it has some-
thing to do with his previous problem and being carried over, the school board has to come clean. Come clean, as we have a right as taxpayers and for our children in the district.
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Richard Jacobo (#2182, far left) and fellow runners hit the first mile of the three-mile state championship cross country meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria. The Palatine sophomore, who qualified individually for the state finals, finished 134th in 15:38. Coverage continues on page 3AA. (Photo by Daniel L. Chamness/Special to the Journal)
Girls Volleyball State Tournament

“T did my best to put each girl in a position to succeed and they have done so much more.” Resurrection coach Mike Sopocy

Resurrection Pumped For First State Appearance

Playing At State Also A First For St. Viator Spikers

Resurrection (32-8) pulled off an upset taking out Latin, 25-16, 25-15, in super-sectionals Friday to advance to the state semifinals in girls volleyball for the first time in school history.

The Bandits are guaranteed their first top-four finish in state history, but would love more than anything to bring home their first state title.

Lexi Kalamaris (6 aces, 7 digs), Brittany Welch (9 kills, 11 digs), Jordyn Sprunk (2 kills, 4 blocks) and Christina Gatta (18 assists, 3 aces) led Resurrection in the win over Latin (34-5-1), who placed fourth at state last year.

Their first round opponent is St. Viator (29-11), who also is making their first state appearance after winning their first sectional and super-sectional titles in program history.

Resurrection has been a strong program over the years with 16 regional titles, five sectional titles and two district titles, but they had never broken through to qualify for state in all those years. Sopocy has been shocked to see his girls make the state tournament each of the past four years.

“T didnt really know how much it meant to me until it actually happened,” Sopocy, who was cut from varsity as a player growing up, said of his success as a high school coach.

“I have been in the NCAA tournament coaching against some of the best. Coaching for a possible state championship in high school means so much more. Everyone has treated me so well and the team. We have such great fans, they make it so much fun.”

Brittany Welch (302 kills, 205 digs, 32 aces) and Jordyn Sprunk (123 kills, 81 blocks) were the top two players fans looked at returning this year, but Caitlin Coughlin (162 kills, 39 blocks), Emily Nytko (83 kills, 65 blocks), Natalie McDermott (284 digs, 42 aces), Christina Gatta (653 assists, 143 digs, 103 aces), Lexi Kalamaris (145 digs, 52 aces) and Madison McEwaney (127 digs) all stepped up and made a name for themselves.

“I have 12 girls on my team and at one point or another this season, all 12 have been responsible for a win,” Sopocy said.

“Everyone is confident they can help get us a win. I did my best to put each girl in a position to succeed and they have done so much more.”

Resurrection (32-8) hasn’t faced St. Viator this season, but Sopocy is excited for the matchup. He previously coached with St. Viator assistant coach Jimmy Neill and St. Viator junior Kaylee Liberty with his club volleyball team (Energy Volleyball Club in Niles). The last time St. Viator and Resurrection played each other was Oct. 29, 2015, and the Lions won 26-24, 19-25, 25-22.

“It is really cool to face a team going through the same thing as us,” Sopocy said of St. Viator making their state debut.

“It is going to be a fun match because all the girls know each other from club. They have all played each other at one point or another. I love volleyball in the Chicago area. It is some of the best around. I am glad we get to showcase it this weekend.

I think the winner of our match will go on to win state.”

Baseball

Hobson Named First Manager Of Chicago Dogs

The Chicago Dogs named Butch Hobson as manager for the team’s 2018 inaugural season in which the Dogs play their home games in Rosemont.

Hobson joins the Dogs with more than 30 years experience in both Major and minor league baseball, including three seasons as manager of the Boston Red Sox.

The Dogs’ home opener is scheduled for May 25, 2018 at the state-of-the-art Impact Field.

The team will make their debut with the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball May 18, 2018.

“Butch Hobson is a great baseball man,” said Dogs co-owner Shawn Hunter. “His successful career as both a player and a manager makes him the perfect leader for the Chicago Dogs and helps ensure that our team is competitive on the field and a leading force in the community.”


Impact Field, a $60 million, 6,300-seat new stadium, is currently under construction in Rosemont at the intersection of Balmoral Avenue and Pearl Street, west of I-294.
Tommy Brady, a Maine South junior, runs to a third place finish at the Class 3A cross country championships. Brady ran a three-mile time of 14:29 at Detweiller Park in Peoria. The top two finishers were both seniors, therefore Brady is the top returner for next year. Six seniors finished in the top 10. (Photos by Daniel L. Chamness/Special to the Journal)

Boys Cross Country State Finals

Brady Blazes Way To 3rd Place Finish At State

Maine South's Tommy Brady achieved one of his career goals and nearly one-upped himself with a third place finish in Class 3A of the IHSA boys cross country state finals Saturday at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

Brady finished in a blazing fast time of 14:29, the second fastest in Maine South history behind Steve Senf's 1976 record of 14:28.

Brady posted the highest finish in program history and became just the eighth All-State medalist in program history. Brandon Christopher became the ninth medalist at Maine South by finishing 11th (14:39), the same spot as former teammate Reese Jordan placed last year.

Hersey, the only complete Journal-area team in Class 3A, finished in eighth place with 230 points. The Huskies were led by sophomore Josh Methner in seventh place (14:36). He is the seventh different medalist (Continued on page 10AA)

Nate Mayo (#1840), a Hersey senior, navigates through a group of runners at the state finals.

Anne Marie Jordan, a Palatine freshman, runs the final 100 meters of the Class 3A state cross country championships. She took 73rd in the three-mile race, running a time of 17:59.

Girls Cross Country State Finals

Stevenson Wins Local Team Battle At Finals

The IHSA girls cross country state meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria wasn't the greatest finish to the season for Journal-area teams, but it was still a solid end for area teams.

Naperville North won the Class 3A title with 87 points, but all Journal teams finished 15th on back out of 25 teams. Stevenson (15th place, 378 points) led area teams followed by Palatine (17th, 446), Prospect (18th, 451) and Maine South (25th, 573).

While the teams were outside the top 10, Maine South's Olivia Niziolek finished 10th for her second All-State honor (12th last year). Niziolek's 10th is the fourth-best finish in state history for a Maine South runner. Glenbrook South's Kate Jortberg finished 20th to earn All-State honors as well.

Stevenson had two runs (Continued on page 10AA)
Maine South's Fotis Kokosioulis looks for an official to toss the ball to after scoring another touchdown.

Football Class 8A Playoffs

Maine South Blasts Past Warren In 2nd Half

By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

If you take away the second half, it was a close game between No. 5 Maine South and host No. 21 Warren Saturday night in the second round of the Class 8A IHSA football playoffs.

Unfortunately for Warren, there are two halves in a game and the Blue Devils were outscored 30-0 in the final 24 minutes as the Hawks won 47-13 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Maine South, winners of nine straight, struggled to finish drives in the first half making 1-of-2 field goals by Aiden Carolan and a fumble by QB John O'Sullivan inside the 5-yard line. Despite the struggles, the Hawks jumped out to a 10-0 lead with 8:46 left in the second quarter after a 45-yard touchdown pass from O'Sullivan to Cam Stacy.

Warren responded with a touchdown 1:13 later and a field goal 3 minutes later to tie the game at 10 with 4:14 to go in the first half. Maine South's all-time leading rusher Fotis Kokosioulis made his presence known with a 16-yard TD run to put South up 17-10. Warren hit a field goal as time expired to cut the deficit to 17-13 at half.

Maine South QB John O'Sullivan launches a throw against Warren. (Journal photos)

That was as close as Warren would get the rest of the way. "I thought we left some points on the field in the first half," Maine South coach Dave Inserra said. "We were moving the ball, so I told them not to panic. We shored some things up on the offensive line. Defensively we just needed to trust. We made some plays, but then had some guys get over aggressive (and allowed big plays). We told them to do their job and they really stepped it up (in the second half)."

Kokosioulis (24 carries, 199 yards, 4 TD; 2 catches, 10 yards) scored three rushing touchdowns (Continued on page 8AA)
Palatine Eliminated In High-Scoring Affair

By GREG CHIAKULAS
Journal & Topics Sports

Edwardsville and Palatine put on quite a show Saturday afternoon. Both teams put a ton of points on the scoreboard and had a lot of yardage, but in the end, Edwardsville pulled out a 38-35 victory over the host Pirates in the Class 8A football playoffs.

Palatine (7-4) lost its four games by a total of 14 points. “We were competitive in every game and I told these kids I’m so proud of them for giving a great effort each and every week,” Palatine head coach Corey Olson said. “It’s not always just about wins and losses and these kids are all winners.”

After having a field goal blocked earlier in the game, Edwardsville kicker Devin Parker calmly made a line-drive, 31-yard field goal in the final minute to give the Tigers the 38-35 win.

“I was thinking about that kick earlier in the game and how it got blocked,” Parker said. “This time I knew I had to get some more air under it to make sure it wouldn’t get blocked and just pictured it going through the uprights.”

Palatine was led by senior receiver Johnny O’Shea who finished with 19 receptions for 276 yards and 5 touchdowns, a Palatine playoff record.

“A win would have been nice,” Angelaccio said. “DJ was throwing some great balls. It was a tough way to lose but I’m so proud of my teammates.”

Angelaccio completed 32-of-52 passes for 374 yards and 5 touchdowns.

“Win would have been nice,” Angelaccio said. “These four years have been the best of my life. This program has really helped shape me into the man I’m becoming.”

The Pirates outgained the Tigers 444-234, but field position was a big factor in the game. Palatine kept kicking short, which usually set up the Tigers with great field position. Edwardsville started drives inside Palatine territory multiple times, and usually converted those into touchdowns.

Edwardsville QB Kendall Abdur-Rahman gets tied up by Palatine safety Jake Moertl.

Palatine trailed 35-27 before Angelaccio connected with O’Shea for a touchdown and the ensuing two-point conversion to tie the game at 35. On the kickoff, Tigers returner Norman Harris ran it back to the Pirate 40-yard line, providing excellent field position. The Tigers then pounded it on the ground with running back Justin Johnson, chewing up clock before Parker’s field goal to win it.

“Obviously the key difference in the game was special teams,” Olson said. “They were very good in their special teams on both their kick coverage and return game and their kicker was clutch.”

With the win, Edwardsville advances to the quarterfinals and hosts Minooka.

“This is the most fun I’ve ever had in my life,” Palatine defender Jake Moertl said. “This group of guys is all my best friends. I’m sad it’s over, but am happy to be a part of it.”
Ice Hockey

Stampede Wins By 5, But Better Effort Sought

By STEPHEN GORDON
Journal & Topics Sports

If the Buffalo Grove/Hersey/Wheeling Stampede are to make a run at a second state title in club history, the play of forward Eric Kurpiewski is going to be important.

Thus far this hockey season, he has shown himself to be an asset on the Stampede's top line and has taken his game to another level, according line mate and leading scorer Connor Kelly.

"It's his speed," Kelly said of Kurpiewski after the Stampede's 5-0 win over the Fox Valley Hawks Sunday evening at West Meadows Ice Arena in Rolling Meadows. "He is just the fastest guy on the ice. But it's his confidence out there, that he can make the big plays when we need him, which has made him even better this year."

The effort Kurpiewski showed Sunday in not only scoring two goals, but also assisting (two assists) is something the Stampede will need if they are to be playing in late March 2018.

"It was important for us to come out tonight to match the intensity (Fox Valley) was going to bring," Kurpiewski said. "But for us, we still have to work on our intensity more. We had great intensity when we played New Trier Green last Monday (a 4-4 tie). But then tonight, we did not have that same intensity. Yes, we got the win, but it should have been better."

Expecting more will get you further in hockey and life.

After a scoreless opening period, Kurpiewski got the Stampede on the scoreboard when he pounced on a loose puck just outside the Hawks goal crease and put it past Fox Valley goaltender Riley Clark (31 saves) for the 1-0 with 10 minutes left. The Stampede lead became 2-0 when forward Connor Kelly scored with 7:13 remaining on a rebound chance after a shot attempt by Kurpiewski was initially stopped by Clark.

"Defensively we did a really good job in the neutral zone with our gaps and not allowing them to get to the net at all," Kelly said. "We were back to that consistency in our play we need."

"We are just so much better than (Fox Valley) and we just did not play that way at all tonight," Waters said. "It almost seemed like our kids were not interested at all in the game. We played down to the level of Fox Valley. I did not get anything out of this game tonight."

For Stampede coach Chris Waters, while the win was nice, "It was important for us to get shots on net," Kelly said. "We had to get pucks to the net and create traffic in front of their net. That did not happen in the first period. But it did happen in the second which just goes back to that consistency in our play we need."

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Girls Swimming Playoff Assignments

A state record 371 teams will compete in sectionals for girls swimming and diving Saturday, Nov. 11. They'll be looking for a chance to compete in the state finals at New Trier, Friday, Nov. 17-Saturday, Nov. 18.

Here are the qualifying times by event: 200 medley relay (1:48.58), 200 free (1:55.1), 200 IM (2:09.59), 50 free (0:24.39), 100 butterfly (0:58.18), 100 free (0:53.03), 500 free (5:09.63), 200 free relay (1:38.23), 100 back (0:58.69), 100 breast (1:06.76) and 400 free relay (3:35.52).

There are also four races (50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 100 breast) for athletes with disabilities.

Past Journal-area team champions are Maine South (1975) and Loyola (2014). The Ramblers came in second last year to 2-time defending champion Rosary.

Here is where the Journal-area teams will be competing in sectionals the week before state finals:

Barrington Sectional
Journal-area teams: Buffalo Grove, Hersey, Fremd, Palatine, Prospect, Rolling Meadows, St. Viator, Stevenson, Wheeling
Other teams: Barrington, Cary-Grove, Hoffman Estates, Lake Zurich

Glenbrook South Sectional
Journal-area teams: Glenbrook South, Loyola Academy, Maine East, Maine South, Niles West, Regina Dominican, Resurrection
Other teams: Deerfield, Evanston, Glenbrook North, Highland Park, Niles North, New Trier

Downers Grove North Sectional
Journal-area teams: Conant, Elk Grove, Maine West
Other teams: Addison Trail, Downers Grove North, Fenelon, Glenbard West, Lake Park, Montini, Timothy Christian, Proviso West, Schaumburg, Wheat North, York

Fenwick Sectional
Journal-area team: Leyden
Other teams: Morton, Chicago (CICS/Northtown), Cune, Foreman, Northside, Prosser, Roosevelt, Solorio Academy, Taft, Von Steuben, Westinghouse College Prep, Fenwick, Oak Park-River Forest, Trinity, Riverside-Brookfield

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Ramblers Brush Aside Red Devils To Advance

By JEFF ZIMMERMAN
Journal & Topics Sports

The Loyola Academy express continued to roll Saturday afternoon, this time defeating Hinsdale Central 28-7 in the second round of the Class 8A playoffs in Wilmette.

The Ramblers victory was their 10th in a row. It was a big afternoon for Loyola head coach John Holecek who, with the win over the Red Devils, becomes the school’s all-time coaching leader in wins with 133. The previous leader was the late John Hoester who Loyola Academy’s football field is renamed after.

The outcome was never in doubt.

Senior quarterback Quinn Boyle was outstanding directing the offense to 4 touchdowns. The Loyola defense held Hinsdale Central’s offense to 150 net yards and 8 total yards rushing.

“I was concerned about their speed after watching them defeat Stevenson on film,” said Holecek. “Our defense completely stopped their ground attack. The defense set up our offense with good field position throughout the game.”

The bigger offensive line won out against the smaller Red Devil defense by opening up holes for Boyle and Hamid Bullie. Bullie raced through the Red Devils for 167 yards on 25 carries.

Boyle scored 2 touchdowns on runs of 2 and 4 yards, and had 13 carries for 72 yards.

Boyle directed the Ramblers to touchdowns on the first 2 possessions, both on long drives. Loyola on their first possession scored on an 86-yard, 15-play series with Boyle scoring from the 2. Loyola increased their margin to 14-0 in the second quarter on a 7-yard, 76-yard drive. Boyle’s 8-yard pass to wide receiver Rory Boos capped that drive.

Hinsdale Central’s (8-3) furthest first half penetration was to midfield. The Red Devils twice in the first half gambled on fourth down plays, but fell short.

Loyola followed up after a defensive stop and immediately took advantage when Boyle found Noah Jones in the end zone for 30 yards to put Loyola ahead 21-0 at the half.

Hinsdale Central showed some life. They opened the second half and pulled within 21-7 on a 33-yard touchdown from quarterback Matt Rush to Garrett Oakley. Loyola, on their next possession, answered the Red Devil touchdown just 59 seconds later with the 4-yard touchdown run by Boyle to close out the afternoon scoring.

“Boyle was outstanding showing his poise and leadership,” Holecek said. “Bullie was great. He was patient and exploded through wide holes, hopefully he’ll be injury free and carry us on the rest of the way.”

Loyola (10-1) in the third round will travel to Chicago Marist (11-0), a 37-14 winner over Chicago Curie.
Football Class 7A Playoffs

BG's Magical Run Ends At East St. Louis

By DION MARTORANO
Journal & Topics Sports

Buffalo Grove went a combined 4-14 over the two previous seasons entering this fall, so fans on the outside might not have expected much. But the Bison sure did.

Buffalo Grove used a strong defense and their best offense since 2002 to finish 9-2 and a second place showing in MSL East (4-1).

Their only losses this year were to Hersey (9-2-record) and East St. Louis (10-1), the latter of which is defending state champions in Class 7A.

East St. Louis proved to be too much as they beat Buffalo Grove, 40-18, Saturday. Connor Adams (17-for-31, 236 yards, 2 TD, 3 INT; 4 carries, 22 yards; 1 catch, 13 yards), Matt Prawica (7 catches, 180 yards, 2 TD) and Tommy Trieb (7 carries, 52 yards) led the Bison in the playoff loss.

“I couldn’t be more proud of our kids for how they battled,” Buffalo Grove head coach Jeff Vlk said. “We traveled five hours down to East St. Louis and our guys were not intimidated, especially playing the defending state champions. I am proud of how we fought and competed. Unfortunately we didn’t do enough to win the game. As for our effort, I couldn’t be more proud.”

The Bison were without certain top players on defense due to injuries, but Vlk didn’t want that to be an excuse.

“Our kids gave everything they had, East St. Louis has just too much for us,” Vlk said.

Despite the loss, Vlk couldn’t be more proud of what the Bison accomplished this season.

Buffalo Grove posted their most wins since 2002, first playoff win since 2002 (17-7 over Belleville West Saturday, Oct. 28), best conference record since 2003 (also 4-1) and most points scored since 2002 (296 points in 2017, 356 in 2022).

“It was really just a magical season,” Vlk said. “This group of seniors was phenomenal. Four of the seniors were brought up to varsity as sophomores and were part of the 1-8 team two years ago. For those guys to turn around and be leaders on this team is pretty special. It meant a lot to the school as well. We had people walking around the school in football gear and were always excited. We had a huge fan section down in East St. Louis. We travel so well. Overall, to turn around so much in two years is a real testament to the kids and the hard work they put in.”

Vlk said the seniors on the 1-8 team were more appreciative of the wins this year as they went 8-1 in the regular season.

“To go through the lowest of lows really helps you appreciate the highest of highs,” Vlk said.

The Bison’s resiliency is what Vlk said he will remember the most about this team. He said the team was able to battle back each week and never gave up.

Winning a playoff game over Belleville West was a huge highlight for Vlk, especially doing it in front of the home crowd.

“It was a special moment to win a playoff game and to do it at home,” Vlk said.

Vlk hopes the players who return next year remember what got them to this point, and they can teach the next class of players. He said the Bison need to build a strong foundation this summer and put in the extra work to keep the success going.

Vlk and the Bison don’t want to be a one-year wonder, so look for them to come back strong in 2018.

Lincoln-Way Central Ends Hersey Season, 21-7

By GREG CHIAKULAS
Journal & Topics Sports

One of their best seasons in recent memory came to an end Saturday afternoon as Hersey lost its second round Class 7A playoff game to visiting Lincoln-Way Central, 21-7.

The Huskies (9-2) finished with their most wins since 1987 and won a playoff game for the first time since 2002. The magical season ended as Hersey was physically outmatched and outmuscled by the Knights, who rushed for 245 yards and totaled 384 yards of offense.

Knights fullback Mike Morgan rushed for 163 yards on 37 carries, and continued to move the chains.

"That No. 13 was just a beast," Hersey coach Joe Pardun said. "Every time they needed yardage he got it for them. They just outmuscled us most of the game."

On the Huskies first drive of the game, they drove 53 yards to the Knights 22, but quarterback Owen Goldsberry got sacked on fourth down. The Knights went right down the field and scored to take a 7-0 lead. However, Goldsberry (10-18, 146 yards passing, 1 INT) drove the Huskies all the way to the Lincoln-Way 11-yard line on a 63-yard pass play to receiver Dan Manosalvas.

On fourth-and-goal from the two, Goldsberry was stuffed and the Huskies turned it over on downs. Lincoln-Way subsequently drove 98 yards to take a 14-0 lead on a big 66-yard pass play from quarterback Sam Pipiras to receiver Justin Ellis.

“We had a couple of opportunities in the first half where we got into the red zone but couldn’t score,” Pardun said.

The Huskies got on the scoreboard right before halftime on Vince Carso’s 3-yard run to cut the deficit to 14-7, but that’s as close as they would get.

Morgan scored a touchdown with a little over five minutes remaining in the third quarter to extend the lead to 21-7, and the Knights defense shut the door the rest of the way.

“We put a lot of time and effort into this season,” Goldsberry said. “I loved every single minute of it.”

Goldsberry, the leader of the team, graduates along with a slew of other important seniors. But the Huskies future is bright as a lot of sophomores and juniors return.

“I’m really proud of these seniors,” Pardun said.

“They really set the tone and laid the foundation down of where we want to go as a program and how we need to get there. It’s up to the sophomores and juniors to continue it next year.”
John Leineiger (#1108) and Kevin Goss (#1105), both St. Viator seniors, run side by side, at the Class 2A state championships. Goss finished the three-mile race in 16:46 to take 159th, while Leineiger took 161st in 16:47. As a team, the St. Viator boys took 25th with 592 points.

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Girls

(Continued from page 3AA) ners finish in the top 70 with Isabelle Sparreo (40th) and Natalie Sorensen (65th) leading the charge for the Patriots. The remaining Patriots at state were Natalie Sparreo (116th), Kendall Roberts (129th), Gabriela Jagielo (142nd), Lauren Appell (158th) and Caimin Xi (172nd).

Niziolek was well ahead of the rest of her team with Kathleen Glockner (152nd), Lauren May (176th), Amanda Walbert (178th), Carley Bomrad (194th), Klaudia Wachnik (203rd) and Laura Downey (206th) rounding out the Maine South senior Olivia Niziolek runs in the Class 3A girls state cross country championships on Saturday.

In Class 2A, St. Viator finished 22nd out of 25 teams with 521 points. The Lions only had five runners competing with Katie Castelli (60th) leading the way. The rest of the Lions pack were Loretta Dugo (112th), Payton McDonnell (124th), Maura Hogaboam (181st) and Sophie Limberakis (187th).
I am reminded of the many portrayals of Lyndon B. Johnson, the president who followed in the mighty footsteps of John F. Kennedy, both on screen and on stage...and though they’ve all captured the image I remember of him -- I was a kid when he was president -- this one with Woody Harrelson resonates strongly with me. As much as I felt this was a sugar coated telling of him -- particularly in scenes where no one knew how he really was -- I found great leadership and level-headedness from him...a man who pledged to do his best to complete the vision of his predecessor.

Being a staunch, hard-nosed politician with deep roots in congressional policy and hailing from Texas, he was a man that in a slightly earlier era would have prospered and made good on his policy platforms. But he peaked at the same time JFK entered the political arena for presidency who captured the hearts and minds of his adoring public.

He was simply too GQ for the grizzled old-fashioned political tactician that LBJ was. But this is a film, directed by -- of all people -- Rob Reiner, that takes LBJ out of that long shadow and lets him shine in spite of many who didn’t like his political stranglehold on senators and congressmen. I like that he’s getting his own movie, and from what I see, deservedly so.

Having been released in September 2016 at the To... (Continued on page 12AA)
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ronto Film Festival to mixed reviews that it was a sanitized view of this crusty politician, containing too much “surface skimming” of his accomplishments. Perhaps the last few frames containing the good and not so good of Johnson’s administration was added by Reiner to put things into a more honest context. Another negative of the film involved the makeup that Woody Harrelson was put under to achieve a more aged and wrinkled look we associate with LBJ. Regardless…I found no fault in any of these criticisms in it depiction of our 36th president…stilistically, narratively or authentically.

Of course, the focus is on a brief period of LBJ’s career…particularly during his days as vice-president to Kennedy (Jeffrey Donovan)…then in the transition after his tragic death. I found the scenes covering the race to earn the democratic ticket for presidency in 1960 to be intriguing…how Johnson was kingpin in Congress and if not for Kennedy’s charm and charisma, would have been facing Richard Nixon in the general election. But I got the distinct feeling that both John and his attorney general brother Bobby (Michael Stahl-David) did not like him and often opposed his stance on Kennedy’s policies. Key was passing the Civil Rights Act, which Kennedy staunchly supported but wasn’t around long enough to enact. LBJ took the bull by the horns and with great opposition in the Senate and the House, was able to get that bill passed -- along with another one -- to complete what Kennedy started. It was Johnson’s shining moment.

Reiner was not afraid to depict famous figures of that time in all manner of positive and negative light. Jennifer Jason Leigh plays a perfect doting wife Lady Bird Johnson…Richard Jenkins as a racist Southern senator who opposed equal rights to minorities…Bill Pullman as a Southern senator dedicated to his constituency…Kim Allen as the distraught Jacqueline Kennedy… and so on down the line. But Harrelson really nails it. He has all the swagger and temperament of the brassy Texan who became an imposing figure in his political life…and as a man as well. Yes, the screenplay paints a rosy view of him though we all know everyone of us has a dark side…but chose to frame his career in a respectful, inspiring way…the way a president should act and lead.

The speech he delivers to Congress shortly after JFK’s assassination is as inspiring and instilling of American pride, as you will ever see. I do hope you will take time to see this fine film.
Des Plaines

Marketing
Des Plaines

City Administrators Tout Redevelopment Possibilities

Two of Des Plaines' top administrators presented information about the city's likely purchase of the downtown Des Plaines Theater, plans for a restaurant district, and the possible development of the former Grazie restaurant property during the recent International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) expo at Navy Pier in Chicago.

City Manager Mike Bartholomew and Mike McMahon, director of Des Plaines' Community Development Dept., represented the city at the expo that was held Sept. 27-28. There were a total of 187 booths at the event including Des Plaines'.

In past years, the city has had a booth there.

The expo was attended by many real estate brokers and developers, retailers and financial lenders. Bartholomew and McMahon touted the city's eagerness to promote redevelopment.

According to Bartholomew, there was much interest in the (Continued on page 4B)

Rolling Meadows

Chinese Delegations Continue Touring City

Another delegation from China visited Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce. They visited City Hall, Harper College Avante Center and Manufacturing Technical Center, Weichai America, Rational USA, and Huawei Technologies.

The group was able to visit high-tech businesses and manufacturing facilities as well as educational institutions that facilitate science and technology innovations through creative business opportunities and resources. The visits offered an exchange of practices, networking, and a greater understanding of business operations including foreign business integration in the United States.

The group's visit is part of a business and educational program sponsored and hosted by The 21st Century Institute in Oak Brook.

This was the third recent visit to the city by groups from China. The first delegation from Shanghai toured the city on Sept. 13.

Wheeling

Village Staff Talks Business With Young Entrepreneurs

By LAUREN BARRY
Journal & Topics Reporter

Wheeling's future entrepreneurs are focusing on technology.

Students looked at apps and other technology for cell phones, said Wheeling Economic Development Director John Melaniphy who recently led a master class on market sizing to about 40 students in Wheeling High School's business entrepreneurship program.

This is the third year Melaniphy has used the technique to help developers find tenants for the $100 million Wheeling Town Center currently under construction at Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway.

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Ryan Caulfield and Martin Dimitrov, creators of SnapClips, a device used to hold weights on barbells that won first place at the 2016 Township High School Dist. 214 Startup Showcase, sat in on Melaniphy's talk last year. Today, their product is being marketed in sporting goods stores.

"It's gratifying to see that one of the groups I spoke to actually became a success," Melaniphy said.

In his most recent presentation last month, Melaniphy showed students how to use statistics from the U.S. Dept. through a variety of feasibility studies. Melaniphy has used the technique to help developers find tenants for the $100 million Wheeling Town Center currently under construction at Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway.

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Pink Fitness

Pink Fitness Opens In Niles

After a Park Ridge resident saw her workout facility close on Chicago's Northwest side, she took five of the trainers from that facility and opened her own fitness center in Niles.

Pink Fitness For Women held a ribbon cutting Oct. 27 at its new 2,700 sq. ft. facility at 7029 N. Milwaukee Ave. in the newly built extension to Harts Plaza.

Owner Cindy Blandin grew up in Edison Park and lives in Park Ridge. She worked out at Women's Workout World in Niles and (Continued on page 5B)
William Fall Buys DP Firm

The William Fall Group, a national real estate appraisal firm based in Toledo, OH, has acquired Summit Valuations, located at 2800 S. River Rd., #460 in Des Plaines. Summit Valuations is a national provider of valuation services which specializes in loan servicing and capital markets. Summit will operate as a subsidiary of the William Fall Group. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. “Acquiring Summit Valuations will help produce new opportunities within the loan servicing and capital markets area, as we have quite a bit of crossover in our capabilities,” said William Fall, CEO.

Chamber Prepares Slate For 2018 Board Nominations

The Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce has announced a preliminary slate for board members, to fill positions for retiring directors and vacant seats. The proposed slate includes:


Additional nominations will be accepted by 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at the chamber offices, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. Any member of the chamber in good standing may submit a nominating petition if it is signed by at least 25 chamber members (or their duly nominated representative) or 10 percent of the membership, whichever is less.

Buffalo Grove

Upgrades Underway At Plaza Verde Shopping Center

Improvements to Plaza Verde Shopping Center in Buffalo Grove are underway with more expected next spring.

- The center’s owner is looking to re-subdivide the property into three lots. The purpose of the subdivision is to create outlets for the existing Bank of America and Burger King.
- They are also proposing improvements to existing landscaping, including new plantings in the landscape islands and new foundation plantings around pedestrian areas.
- The parking lot has been resurfaced and large amounts of concrete curb and sidewalks have been replaced.

Enhancements to an existing freestanding sign, located between the Burger King parking lot and Bank of America, have been proposed. The new 96-sq. ft. sign would stand 16-ft. high. Director of Community Development Chris Stillig said the improvements would be a catalyst for the future with filling vacancies in Plaza Verde.

The village board was expected to approve the requests Monday, Nov. 6. Stillig said landscaping enhancements would most likely occur in the spring.

Plaza Verde is located south of Dundee Road and west of Arlington Heights Road.
New Artwork By Chicago Artists
On Display At Fashion Outlets

By MIRIAM FINDER ANENBERG
Journal & Topics Reporter

Rosemont’s Fashion Outlets of Chicago provide residents with more than just a place to shop -- it also offers a cultural experience through various artwork displays from acclaimed artists.

On Nov. 2, Fashion Outlets unveiled two commissioned pieces by Chicago artists Sung Jang and Matthew Hoffman, the newest works joining the shopping center’s permanent collection of 14 commissions. Also new to the outlets is a rotating exhibition by Sarah and Joseph Belknap, who have recently displayed at Chicago’s Museum of Contemporary Art, showing Oct. 27 to Jan. 22.

“We try to do our best to work with both established artists and also up and coming artists,” said Katie Walsh, Fashion Outlets of Chicago senior marketing manager. “We really want to work with a wide range.”

The new works are part of Fashion Outlet of Chicago’s official art program, which was rebranded in 2016 under the name “The Collection: Where Art Meets Fashion.”

The collection aims to bring art and fashion together and consists of both site-specific commissions and rotating exhibits.

Jang’s work uses interlocking pieces of plastic to craft three whales hanging from the skylights of the shopping center. (Photo by Jim Prinz)

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Wheeling  
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of Commerce, the Illinois Dept. of Revenue and business associations to determine how large a product’s market could be. He explained the difference between marketing a local business, such as one of Wheeling’s “Restaurant Row” establishments, compared to a nationally-marketed product like SnapClips. A new challenge for young entrepreneurs is to determine the market size for mobile apps, said Melaniphy. He said as of this year, only about 10 percent of the $4.7 trillion in sales tracked worldwide originated online, with the majority of revenue generated by brick and mortar stores. Therefore, it is harder to find data about mobile app products. Determining who actually owns products created in high school classrooms can also be a challenge, as they typically work in groups that include minors.

“There are lots of legal hoops,” Melaniphy said. However, navigating these issues becomes yet another lesson for students interested in entering the business world.

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a restaurant, banquet hall and for rental. "We can help them get in touch with the owners of the property," said Bartholomew referring to several parcels of property, "which is now vacant. The development of the former Grazzie establishments, compared to Wheeling’s "Restaurant Row" could be a restaurant, banquet hall and for retail. "It's really about empowering individuals," Walsh said. "We really want our customers to engage with it.

The rotating exhibition consists of three display cases located through level two of the mall. Sarah and Joseph Belknap’s work "Spooky Actions" is the latest exhibit to be featured. While the rotating collection normally features a piece from a different artist, the Belknaps’ work takes up all three and explores natural and cosmic mystery and wonder. The pieces express life and movement as they protrude from their displays. "Sarah and Joseph Belknap’s multifaceted practice continues to impress the Chicago art scene with work that traverses between sculpture, video, installation and drawing," said Sharny Cruz Rivera, exhibit curator. "The exhibition highlights the Belknaps’ ability to create visually and conceptually powerful work."

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center. Hoffman’s sculpture on the second floor displays the words “You Are Beautiful” in both English and Mandarin. This piece is part of Hoffman’s larger “You Are Beautiful” campaign aimed at artistically bettering the world.

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Homeless Students To Benefit From Fundraiser

Northwest suburban-based Realtors Against Homelessness will host their seventh annual fundraiser to benefit homeless Dist. 211 high school students from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 at Chandler’s Banquets in Schaumburg.

RAH is comprised of 10 local realtors who became aware of the rising number of homeless high school students attending Dist. 211 high schools and chose to do something about it.

Since officially forming in 2011, the group has held yearly fundraisers and raised more than $190,000. Funds are donated directly to the D211 Education Foundation, which allocates funds assist with housing, transportation, school supplies, activities, events and other personal needs.

The fundraiser will also feature raffles, live and silent auctions. Local band 7th Heaven will provide live entertainment from 7 to 9 p.m.


Mount Prospect

Chamber Of Commerce Moves Office

For the third time in four years, the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce has moved its offices. The local business group was previously located at 662 Northwest Hwy. It can now be found at 46 E. Northwest Hwy.

Prior to 662 Northwest Hwy., the chamber was located at 107 S. Main St. north of Northwest Highway. However, in February 2014, fire in a neighboring building caused significant damage that resulted in the demolition of the building which previously housed the chamber office.

Several attempts by the Journal to contact chamber Executive Director Dawn Fletcher Collins were unsuccessful.
The Journal & Topics Newspapers accepts paid death notices. Death notices may be ordered to appear in the 16 Journal & Topics publications when funeral arrangements are made. If funeral directors do not inform you of this opportunity, call the Journal & Topics at 847-299-5511 for full details.

**OBITUARIES**

**Robert J. Garbarini**
- of Buffalo Grove
- Survived by wife, Shirley (nee Tufano), 68, died Oct. 12. Earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1949 and received his Juris Doctor in 1951, both from the University of Nebraska. Husband of the late Eloise Lockwood; father of David Lockwood; and great-grandfather of Susan Marini; grandfather of six and brother of Richard Lockwood and the late Muriel Schetromph. Lauterburg-Oehler Funeral Home, Arlington Heights, handled arrangements.

**C. Russell Lockwood**
- former of Arlington Heights
- Died Oct. 12. Former husband of Mary; father of Anne and Jason; brother to three; brother, uncle, and great-uncle. Grove Memorial Chapel, Elk Grove Village, handled arrangements.

**David Dae Young Kim**
- of Niles
- Died Oct. 25. He grew up and attended schools in Kanghwa and Seoul, South Korea. Worked as an engineer for ITT Bell & Gossett in Morton Grove for 30 years before retiring in 2007. Survived by his wife, Young Ja; daughters, Nancy Demut and Lucy Raftery; three grandchildren; two sisters and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-laws, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister. Colonial Funeral Home, Niles, handled arrangements.

**Pine Manor, Where Small Weddings Are Just The Right Size!**

On the corner of the 83 s-curve and S. Pine Street, just south of the train station there sits a Dutch Colonial brick home, named by its current owner, Pine Manor. The lovely home and garden is the private residence of Rev. Pamela Magnuson, a Mount Prospect resident since 2002 and Illinois wedding officiant.

As an interfaith wedding officiant, Rev. Pam has been marrying couples at their location for over 30 years, providing couples of alternative lifestyles a different option for their wedding ceremony, including same sex commitment ceremonies and second marriage handfastings.

After retiring from an advertising agency in 2011, Rev. Pam saw a need for a court-house alternative wedding venue offering all-inclusive packages for couples not interested in the hype and expense of a big wedding. A place where they would be welcomed unconditionally, or simply a day spent with their closest family in an intimate environment. She knew she could provide the service in her home. The village agreed, and since then, Rev. Pam has married hundreds of couples in small elopement ceremonies and intimate family weddings held in her home's 1929 parlor and summer garden.

The home was one of the first built in the Meyer Busse owners section of the Prospect Park subdivision area. It was built by Alex Lonsquist, the designer of the Mount Prospect golf course. The manor features three bedrooms, dining room, and a wood-burning fireplace in the parlor. All of the tile, wood work, and floors are original which makes a quaint setting for an intimate ceremony. The home is styled from the Sears and Roebuck "Van Jean" style Dutch Colonial. Shipping markings were found on beams in the attic hinting that he may have restyled the kit home. After the manor was built, Lonsquist lost everything and went bankrupt.

The website www.PineManorHistory.com is a growing research project of Rev. Pam detailing the history of the 1922 s-curve/owners section of the Prospect Park subdivision area. She has given substantiation to the rumor she heard at the historical society that Busse himself helped plan the s-curve road to route everyone through town to pass his own businesses, and has identified many past residents of the home.

The most interesting fact was that the William T. Mott family lived in Pine Manor from 1937-1952. Mott is the politician responsible for Lake Michigan water flowing into sinks every day. He served as chairman of the water commission, DAMP (Des Plaines, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Palatine) and was named president of Lincolnshire in 1978.

The city's centennial inspired Rev. Pam to start researching her home's history. This is an ongoing project to detail the manor's past owners and their lives here.

Those interested in getting married at Pine Manor may call Rev. Pam from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 847-873-7463. The manor and garden are the perfect setting for small weddings. One hundred five star reviews prove it. Pine Manor takes short notice elopements daily until 8 p.m. by appointment and Rev. Pam plans and coordinates all-inclusive ChicagoWeddingPackages.com for weddings up to 300 guests.
Obits
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Robert F. Moore
formerly of Mount Prospect

Robert F. Moore, 87, of Long Grove, died on Oct. 30 following a courageous battle with cancer. Husband of Lois Jean Moore; father of Patricia Ratliff, Carole Moore, Robert J. Moore and Susan Gray; grandfather of nine; great-grandfather of three; great-grandfather of one; uncle of many nieces and nephews. A partner at Moore & Meersman, the village manager of Mount Prospect; vice president and trust officer of Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank/Cole Taylor Bank and CFO of Semmering Fence. Friedricks Funeral Home, Mount Prospect, handled arrangements.

August “Augie” Pfeifer
of Mount Prospect

Augie Pfeifer, 90, died Nov. 2 at his home. He was a retired model maker for Zenith Corporation in Glenview. Husband of the late Margot; father of Manfred Pfeifer; grandfather of the late Konstantinos and grandmother of three; daughter of the late Konstantinos and grandmother of three; great-grandfather of 17; uncle, and great-uncle of Grove Memorial Chapel, Elk Grove Village, handled arrangements.

Karen G. Sineni
of Mount Prospect

Karen Gale Sineni, 67, died Nov. 3. Mother of Nicole Brewer and Lisa Dorsey; grandmother of six; sister of Terry Hicks, Candi Lahrose, Mike Hicks, and the late Connie Miller. Oehler Funeral Home, Des Plaines, handled arrangements. Interment at All Saints Cemetery.

Thomas M. Sullivan
of Elk Grove Village

Thomas M. Sullivan, 82, a veteran of the United States Army, died Oct. 19. He was the husband of Joan Sullivan and father of Ralph, Frank, John, and Guy Sullivan; son of the late Anthony and Margaret Sullivan; brother of Diane Walker; grandfather of 10; great-grandfather of 17; uncle, and great-uncle. Grove Memorial Chapel, Elk Grove Village, handled arrangements.

Berta R. Valdivieso
of Elk Grove Village

Berta P. Valdivieso, 104, originally from Peru, died Nov. 2. Wife of the late Manuel Valdivieso; mother of Carles, Dorita, Teresa, Manuel, Felipe, Jorge, and the late Alberto Valdivieso; grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 12. Arrangements were made by Oehler Funeral Home, Des Plaines.

Richard “Dick” Walser
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**Property Transfers**

*Provided by Cook County Recorder of Deeds*
In the Circuit Court of Cook County
CHICAGO COUNTY
Division: CHANCERY
CASE NUMBER: 16 CH 10996

Plaintiff:
DEFENDANT: JANY G. GEORGES

The following described real estate is subject to foreclosure proceedings and to the right to redeem:

... (descriptive real estate details)

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special fees levied against the property due to any assessment or service and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales on real estate properties pursuant to its credit

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds/or wire transfer, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds/or wire transfer, in order to gain entry into our building and be used for that purpose.

If this property is subject to an order of possession, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/16-1700 which states that the United States shall have one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds/or wire transfer, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds/or wire transfer, in order to gain entry into our building and be used for that purpose.
funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The following described real estate. Commonly known as an E.A. DUNCEY, UNIT 305, PALATINE, IL 60074. The property is a residential real estate parcel used for that purpose. 13066947 a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 00690547

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Bavarian Traditions Drive Out ‘Evil Spirits’ Of Winter, Usher In Christmas Markets & More

Holiday time in Bavaria, Germany, is the time for festivity, treats, shopping and tradition. In addition to the region’s world-famous Christmas markets like Nuremberg and Munich, locals take part in unusual traditions to banish winter and celebrate with Christmas markets in distinctive locations.

Crack That Whip...Winter Be Gone! - Aperschnalzer

Dating back several centuries, whipping “Aperschnalzer” occurs between Christmas and Lent in the foothills of the Alps. This unusual custom dates to the culture of the Aleman. Wearing fur coats, some adorned with twigs and moss, and heavy cowbells hanging from their belts, masked villagers drive away the evil spirits of winter and spread the blessing of life. www.bayern.by/traditionell-anders/en/klausentreiben

Christmas Markets at Castles, Palaces and an Island

Starting on the days prior to Advent (Dec. 3), Bavarian castles and palaces are filled with lights, shopping stalls, and Christmas aromas. For an even more unusual Christmas market, holiday revelers are invited to an island-based locale. A visit to the Christkindl market on the Fraueninsel, an island in the Chiemsee, is a very special experience. On the first and second Advent weekends (Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 8-10), visitors can enjoy the unique atmosphere of the island enhanced by romantic lighting, festive music and the Christmas aromas of the market with its many stalls. A variety of cultural events include concerts in the minster and Advent choral and instrumental music on the stage.

From Nov. 23-Dec.22, the Imperial Courtyard of the Munich Residence provides a setting for a lively Christmas village complete with a chapel and life-size nativity scene. Throughout, numerous artisans demonstrate traditional skills and music pervades. Children enjoy a fairy-tale forest with speaking figures and puppet theater performances.

Castle Christmas at Burghausen Castle takes place from Dec. 15-17. Here, at the world’s largest castle, a selection of market stalls showcase a wide range of items, mulled wine and roasted almonds. Traditional articles such as Christmas tree decorations and nativity figures with stables are available alongside felt and lamb skin products and jewelry. Entertainment includes a musical program of Christmas carols and melodies.

Be Gone! - Aperschnalzer

Starting Nov. 29, the aroma of mulled wine, roasted almonds, potato pancakes and grilled sausages fills the Schlossplatz in front of city hall and Johannishaus, Palace of the Aschaffenburg Christmas market. The huge Christmas pyramids and three-meter-high nutcracker join a Franconian nativity scene with life-size wooden figures. A comprehensive program features alpine music, children’s choirs, and a seniors’ Advent gala in city hall. For children there are carousels, a big wheel and a railway track. Refreshments feature Franconian specialties.

Roscoe Village Rekindles Holiday Spirit

With Annual Candlelighting Celebrations

In the 1830s, Christmas in Roscoe Village in Ohio was less about gifts and more a festive, religious celebration of family and friends. Children were fortunate to receive handmade toys. Often, gifts were more practical in nature such as warm pairs of socks or mittens, a scarf or a warm hat. There wasn’t an overabundance of spices, so a baked good at Christmastime might be as simple as caraway seed cookies. Much of this old fashioned Christmas joy and time of reflection is rekindled each year in December during the annual Candlelighting celebrations in Historic Roscoe Village. These holiday ceremonies are free to the public and begin at 6 p.m. at the main stage near the center of the village on Dec. 2 and Dec. 9.

Prior to the ceremonies, guests may enjoy a walk down Whitewoman Street as the village will be quintessentially decorated for the holiday season. They may browse the charming shops for unique Christmas gifts or share a holiday meal at one of the fine restaurants in the village. Christmas carolers will be singing along the street, filling the air with the cheerful sounds of holiday music.

The Roscoe Christmas tour will be available for guests to experience some of the historical holiday traditions. The Roscoe Village Visitor Center will have canal era hands-on activities to purchase and local crafter made items for sale in the gift shop. Horse-drawn carriage rides are offered for a fee and guests may board the carriage in the front of the Visitor Center and enjoy a ride through the village to the main stage area.

A special Roscoe Village Christmas lantern tour begins back at the Visitor Center at 7 p.m. after each Candlelighting ceremony. For more information contact the Roscoe Village Visitor Center at 800-877-1830 or 740-622-7644.
Dash Away To Rockford For Stroll On State

Annual Holiday Event Attracts More Than 70,000 People Each Year

The Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (RACVB) will transform downtown Rockford into a night of memorable holiday traditions when Stroll on State, presented by Illinois Bank & Trust, marks its fifth anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 25. This year, the event kicks off with a reimagined and expanded Merry & Bright Holiday Parade featuring impressive floats, festive music and costumed characters. The parade steps off at 3 p.m. The parade will be in addition to several other attractions, activities, holiday shopping experiences, live music, theatre performances, and more.

The annual holiday tradition is how Small Business Saturday goes big in downtown Rockford. The free family-friendly festival runs from 2 to 9 p.m. and includes the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and fireworks show at 6:15 p.m. A full schedule of events can be found at www.strollonstate.com.

"We are overjoyed that Stroll on State has become a cherished holiday tradition in the Rockford community. Over the last four years, we've worked alongside so many inspiring community partners and volunteers to grow the event by adding new attractions each year," said Tana Vettore, RACVB director of destination development. "We thought the five-year anniversary would be the perfect time to introduce a festive parade to kick off the event in an extraordinary way. We couldn't be more excited to share this new experience with our guests who come to Stroll."

Dasher Dash 5K To Kick Off Stroll On State

The Dasher Dash will begin at 8 a.m. on the morning of Stroll on State. The route will take runners through an all new course. Starting at the UW Health Sports Factory, the race then moves through historic parts of downtown and southwest Rockford, including four bridge crossings. The course was created with all skill levels in mind; awards for overall and age group winners as well as finisher medals will be provided. Participants also receive a race T-shirt with their registration.

"We knew in year five of Stroll on State that we would have to set the bar at a new high level and the Dasher Dash 5K will help us do just that," said Tana Vettore, RACVB director of destination development. "By adding the run to the event, we have made Stroll a full day event in downtown Rockford. We know this race will truly set the pace for the rest of the day's fun activities!"

Dasher Dash 5K:
- Date: Saturday, Nov. 25
- Start Time: 8 a.m.
- Location: UW Health Sports Factory, 305 S. Madison St.
- Registration: online at www.strollonstate.com or at Fleet Feet, 1653 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford
- Updates and event information will be posted to the Stroll on State Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StrollonState.

The mission of the RACVB is to drive quality of life and economic growth for local citizens through tourism marketing and destination development. www.gorockford.com
History Of Veterans Day

By U.S. DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs

World War I — known at the time as "The Great War" — officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m., and parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

 Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and

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to join hands in the common good. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desire of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Buckingham Place, a five-story apartment complex with 267 units, broke ground at 800 E. Northwest Hwy in Des Plaines on the former Littelfuse property. The complex is one-half of a 21-acre residential development that includes a neighboring townhome development with 127 units. The redevelopment will total 394 residences. Completion is expected in August 2018.

20 West is a mixed-use building of 73 luxury apartments and a two-story restaurant with terrace that is being proposed for downtown Mount Prospect. The six-story building would include apartment units and lower-level space for retail and restaurant.

"The Mount Prospect Ice Arena was packed to the gills last Saturday as former members of the Chicago Blackhawks played a team comprised of military veterans who were injured in combat"

- Todd Wessell, Publisher
Journal & Topics Media Group

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6 Area Men Bestowed Country’s Highest Honor

By LAUREN BARRY

Entrance to All Saints Cemetery on River Road in Des Plaines. (Journal photo)

Of the nearly 3,500 military personnel who have to-date been awarded a Medal of Honor, the highest military distinction in the U.S., six have a direct contact to the Northwest suburban area.


According to the National Medal of Honor Museum, the first U.S. medal was awarded to assistant army surgeon Bernard J.D. Irwin in February 1861.

Guidelines for the honor require recipients be engaged in an action against an enemy of the country, engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or

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Medal Of Honor Winners Buried Here

(Continued from page 6) "serving with friendly forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party," to qualify. It is awarded by the president to one who "distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

This honor is the only U.S. medal worn around the neck, and its honorees are the only service men the president is required to salute to. Each branch of the military distinguishes their own servicemen with the honor.

Chicago native and World War I Marine Kelly of the 6th Regiment, 2d Division, was awarded medals by the Army and Navy for a heroic act on Blanc Mont Ridge, France, Oct. 3, 1918.

He ran a 100-yard advance of the front line through a barrage and attacked an enemy machine gun nest, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Kelly was able to kill the gunner with a grenade, shoot another member of the crew, and return through the barrage with eight prisoners.

Kelly survived the war and moved back to Chicago where he passed away in 1957. He is buried at plot 13, section 2, row 4, grave 12 of All Saints.

Blanchfield of the 503d Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade, was awarded his medal posthumously. He was just 19 when he threw himself on a grenade, saving four of his patrol members.

Blanchfield's patrol had surrounded a group of houses in Binh Dinh Province, Vietnam, on July 3, 1969 during the Vietnam conflict. At one point, a man suddenly ran out toward a nearby tree line. Blanchfield shouted for him to halt and began firing, but the man ignored the warning. After the suspect threw a first grenade, a wounded Blanchfield regained his feet to continue the pursuit of the enemy. He was not able to escape the second grenade.

"By his gallant action and self-sacrifice, he was able to save the lives and prevent injury to four members of the patrol and several Vietnamese civilians in the immediate area," says Blanchfield's medal citation. His grave is located at section 52, block 27, lot 4, grave 8 of All Saints.

Gould, born in Elk Grove, and Pond, born in Lake County, were both honored for service in the Civil War, according to homeofheroes.com. Participating in a volunteer storming party May 22, 1863 in Vicksburg, MS, earned Gould, a private in Company G, 113th Illinois Infantry, his medal the following year. Pond, a private in Company C of the 3d Wisconsin Cavalry, earned his Medal of Honor by attacking a guerrilla group May 15, 1864 with two other companions to rescue prisoners. He was awarded his medal in 1899.

Gould and Pond are buried at Sacramento City Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery, KN, respectively.

Fort Sheridan, IL, resident Archie Miller was honored with his medal on Patian Island in the Philippines in July 1909. During the Philippine conflict, Miller, a member of the 6th U.S. Cavalry, was able to fix a gun tripod that had been knocked out of position while under heavy fire and helped advance a machine gun unit 20 yards.

Miller died in 1921 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Kilmer was originally from Highland Park. He served in the U.S. Navy and was attached as a medical corpsman with the 1st Marine division. Although he was wounded when struck by mortar fragments during the Korean conflict on Aug. 13, 1953, Kilmer inched his way to the side of the stricken marine through enemy fire, according to the medal of honor society. He successfully administered first aid to his comrade and, as through an enemy barrage, shielded the wounded soldier. Kilmer was mortally wounded in the process. He is buried at San Jose Burial Park in California.

Second entrance to All Saints Cemetery on River Road, Des Plaines. (Journal photo)
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After Unexpected Cost Hikes, Elevator Project Back On Track

By TOM ROBB
Journal & Topics Reporter

The quest to build an elevator in the Elk Grove Village VFW Post 9284 Hall at 400 E. Devon Ave. appeared to be back on track Oct. 25 thanks to an introduction by one of Elk Grove’s most well-known veterans.

 Costs to build an elevator on the exterior of the building at its front door unexpectedly rose by about $70,000 to $250,000, which might have placed the project out of reach, Post 9284 Cmdr. Wally Campbell said.

Late October talks between trade union representatives, Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson and Kitty Weiner, the Elk Grove Village Rotary Club president who led the fundraising effort with Johnson, are on track to lower costs enough to make the project possible.

Weiner and VFW officials hope to see the elevator up and running by Independence Day.

When the split-level VFW hall was built decades ago when members of the post were young, no one considered a problem with the building’s design. The building has no ground-level lobby, so visitors are faced with an immediate choice to go down four stairs to a lower level space or go up to the second floor.

Many of the organization’s members are more than 70 years old and now struggle with the stairs.

At an Elk Grove Village Board meeting in August, Johnson and Weiner announced that nearly $179,000 was raised, or more than the initial $150,000-to-$160,000 estimated project cost. A fundraising drive at which Castle Chevrolet donated a new Corvette for the “Vette For Vets” raffle was run through the Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove at a concert in late July at Village Green. More donations rolled in after the announcement, bringing the total raised to about $183,000, Weiner said.

After that announcement, Campbell said he and post members met with architects and construction managers who informed them labor costs would cause the project cost estimate to raise to nearly $250,000, placing it in jeopardy.

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“We when presented us with their numbers, their (VFW members) faces just dropped," Campbell said. He said the group was running about $60,000 short of needed funds and was discussing whether the post should attempt further fundraising or take out a loan.

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Just two days before his death in mid-September, retired Air Force Master Sgt. Mark Evans of Elk Grove Village and founder of Pizzas 4 Patriots, introduced Weiner to several key union officials, many very supportive of veterans and veterans issues, leading to ongoing talks with three trade unions which appear on track to bring costs back down.

Even in death, Evans "ends up the gift that keeps on giving," Weiner said.

The project saw a breakthrough Oct. 25 after more than a week of talks with local union representatives indicated they would likely lead to lower labor costs. "Come hell or high water, these veterans are getting an elevator," Weiner said.

One key event several years ago set Weiner on the path to see the elevator built. When Weiner worked for U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam (R-6th), a wheelchair-bound Afghanistan War veteran doing veterans affairs work for Roskam came with Weiner to the Elk Grove VFW Hall -- a place Weiner had never been to at the time.

Without missing a beat, VFW members -- all over 70 years old -- hoisted the man up the stairs of the hall and carried him back down when his work was completed.

"Until that day, it never dawned on me what needed to be done," Weiner said. "I put out the rally cry and they (veterans) stepped up."

Coming in as Rotary Club president, Weiner made the elevator funding drive her project.

"I give this community credit: They did it," Weiner said.

Weiner said she saw in late October what she thought could be an omen while leaving a building after a meeting with a union official. Weiner said she and Johnson encountered an elderly man with a walker, climbing exterior steps to reach the building’s front door. Weiner said as he held the door for the man, Johnson asked if he were a veteran.

The man said yes.
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Legion Friendships Help Podgor Earn Eagle Rank

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

There was a time when veterans' groups waited until people finished their military service before recruiting them as members.

Alex Podgor, a member of Rosemont's Scout Troop 20, was working toward his Eagle Scout rank last year, as he finished East Leyden High School.

Rosemont has many park spaces but there was no monument for veterans. He visited Mayor Brad Stephens to discuss his proposal for installing an array of flags, representing each branch of the U.S. military.

It was up to him to recruit help, find funding and make it happen, before his 18th birthday.

Public Works Director Mike Raymondi worked with him to find an appropriate site. The village has a section of Stephens Park north of Higgins near Kirschoff, just east of the Soo Line tracks and Willow Creek, where the installation took place.

Alex also developed friendships with members of the Des Plaines American Legion Post 36.

He already was planning to join the Army as soon as he turned 18 this past summer. Post 36 recruited him to become a post member as soon as he became an official recruit.

Some of the Legion members came to join family, fellow Scouts and community friends and neighbors for the Memorial Day 2017 ceremony.

Alex expects to be away in the Army for three years, but he'll have a Legion base of friends whenever he gets back to Rosemont.

At the dedication ceremonies for Rosemont's new veterans memorial in May are Eileen, Alex and Alan Podgor and Mayor Brad Stephens. (Journal photo)
On Behalf of the Citizens of Rosemont, Mayor Brad Stephens Wishes to Thank all of our Veterans for their Dedication and Sacrifice.

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www.Rosemont.com
This Veterans Day, Tap House Grill in Des Plaines honors all the men and women that have served in the Armed Forces. The owners and staff are extremely proud to honor one of their own, Sean Bay and his family. Bay served in the Coast Guard after graduating from boot camp at Camp May, NJ. He was assigned to the Coast Guard Station at Ashtabula, OH, where he maintained small craft assigned to that station. He came to work for Tap House in 2016.

His brother, Brian, entered the U.S. Navy in February 2000. Following boot camp at Great Lakes, he attended nuclear power school in Charleston, SC. After graduation, he became an instructor for the power school. From 2008, to his discharge in 2010, he was a quartermaster serving on the U.S.S. LaBoon out of Norfolk, VA. He is presently working as a reactor operator at the Morris, IL, power plant.

Stephen, their father, served in the U.S. Navy for a total of 26 years, of which five were active duty and 21 were in the Reserves. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam from 1972 through 1974. In 1974, he attended submarine school and finished serving as a fire control technician on the U.S.S. Nautilus and the U.S.S. Skate. While in the Reserves, he was attached to a submarine unit based in Hawaii.

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Troops stationed overseas receive fresh batch of care packages and well wishes from home, courtesy of Help USA Troops.

By COLLEEN KANT
Journal & Topics Reporter

Help USA Troops sends out most of its packages to troops serving overseas in April, but it takes the rest of the year and a lot of hard work to make that happen.

Founded by Arlington Heights residents Dawn and Tom Hedrick in 2011 after their son-in-law U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. James Bray Stack was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan the previous year, Help USA Troops has reliably shipped care packages to troops all over the globe since its December 2011 start.

"I thought, 'It's going to be easy,'" Dawn Hedrick said. "We have learned, Every year you learn something."

That first year saw 401 boxes of "just pure candy" go out at a shipping cost of $7,700, she said, adding they joked they should "send a dentist over with these boxes."

While donations currently cover the high cost of shipping, the first two years were mostly personally funded by the (Continued on page 19)
7 Years After Son-In-Law’s Death, AH Couple Continues To Donate Time, Items

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Hedricks. Now established as a 501(c)(3) organization, Help USA Troops mailed 640 boxes in April, up from the 599 posted out in April 2016. Toiletries, snacks and entertainment items can be dropped off in the group’s boxes at dozens of sites throughout Chicagoland when they’re open for donations, Dawn Hedrick said. After picking up the items, about 175 volunteers this year sorted and packed the boxes for a week in April at Amvets Post 66 in Wheeling before they were shipped off for five-week journeys to various locations.

“Now, people want to help the troops,” Dawn Hedrick said. “We don’t turn anyone away. We always have something to do.”

Hedrick’s daughter Katie Stack, now 26, was married to the late Marine, who was a rifleman assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. They shared a daughter, Mikayla, who was just one year and one week old when her father died only one month into his first tour of duty in Afghanistan. Katie Stack said Help USA Troops acknowledges that troops are still being deployed today and that it’s “overwhelming” so many people have contributed to the cause in her husband’s honor.

“There are people still out there still doing so much. I’m so humbled by everyone’s gratitude,” Katie Stack said.

Katie and James were high school sweethearts at Christian Liberty Academy who were “completely smitten” with each other from the start, the Arlington Heights resident said.

“He was a really kind hearted, hard-working man who was dedicated to the Marine Corps and dedicated to being a father and a husband,” she said.

Dawn Hedrick said the organization’s work assures them that they’re “helping those who are defending our freedom.”

Donating items or shipping costs, packing boxes and trucks to transport those packages is a way for people to not only give back, Dawn Hedrick said, but also let troops know they’re not forgotten.

“Without people giving back, I think they (service members) feel lost,” Dawn Hedrick said, adding that Vietnam veterans who often volunteer to pack the boxes are touched by the work.

“You can see tears in their eyes. Nobody did this for them,” she said. “I promised the Vietnam vets, Vietnam will never happen again. I will keep doing what we’re doing and keep supporting.”

The boxes usually contain letters from local children to add a little sunshine to soldiers’ days, she said, and a picture of James also is included in each parcel.

While volunteer support is instrumental in the packing and shipping process, it takes a lot of help to fill up those boxes. California Pizza Kitchen puts out collection boxes at all of their Illinois restaurants, Dawn Hedrick said, and this past year an Arlington Heights police officer secured donations from five police stations for the project.

“It was really awesome to have that,” she said.

Local Girl Scouts also donated boxes of cookies, much to the delight of the troops, said Dawn Hedrick, who maintains a separate full-time job at Allstate Insurance. While all of the collection boxes are currently closed, new locations will be announced around the new year, according to their website.

Arlington Heights resident and U.S. Army veteran Greg Padovani said he became involved with Help USA Troops when he ensured the village’s streets were lined with people for the motorcade bringing James’s body to the funeral home.

“It just brought tears to your eyes,” Padovani said, adding that’s when he

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(Continued from page 19) met Tom and Dawn as well as James’s parents, Linda and Robert Stack. “Those four are the neatest, strongest, most wonderful people you could ever meet. I’ve been blessed to be associated with them.”

Both James’s parents and Katie Stack volunteer with the organization, Dawn Hedrick said.

Padovani, a chairman with the Arlington Heights Veterans Memorial Committee, said he used his large network of contacts to get people involved in donating items, packing and contributing toward shipping costs.

“Having been in the Army myself and knowing how important it is to receive anything from home... the value is more than you can imagine,” Padovani said. “The things we take for granted are like gold. (Help USA Troops) is one of the most worthy causes I’ve run across in a long time.”

Besides its main shipment in April, the group also sends out smaller shipments throughout the year to specific service men or women in need, Dawn Hedrick said. After receiving a phone call from a recently-unemployed Indiana woman who couldn’t afford to send a care package overseas to her daughter serving in the Army, Dawn Hedrick was on it. When that same woman was back on her feet, she ended up donating back to the cause, she said.

“We bounce off of each other,” she said. “We helped her out in her time of need. When she had a welcome home party for her daughter, she invited us. It still gives me chills. She didn’t forget that we were out there. That’s really what it’s all about.”

The organization also just sent extra supplies to Puerto Rico and Texas to help in the aftermath of recent hurricanes, Dawn Hedrick said.

Support should be given to the troops, regardless of personal opinions on the politics of the situation, Dawn Hedrick said — “You can still defend the people who are defending you” — and Help USA Troops will be in business as long as possible to do that.

“It’s an easy way to give back. We make it as easy as possible,” she said. “We pick up, then we pack it, then we send it out.”

Katie Stack said she appreciates her mother and step-dad’s pledge to keep the organization going.

“After my husband was killed, they came up with the idea that they wanted to help and make note of every person who is deployed, and said they won’t stop until they’re all home,” said Katie Stack, who is currently studying law to help and make note of every person who is deployed, and said they won’t stop until they’re all home,” said Katie Stack, who is currently studying law enforcement and law and also has a four year old daughter along with Mikayla, now 8.

Dawn Hedrick said being able to provide supplies to James’s military brothers and sisters has provided comfort to the family as they continue to remember him.

“It’s hard. He was 20 years old. (Katie) was 19,” she said. “That’s a tough pill to swallow. He couldn’t even buy alcohol and he died for our country... This is helping us pick up the pieces.”

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How Gem Of Past Evolved Into Dedicated Training Facility For Pilots

By DENISE FLEISCHER
Lifestyles Editor

It’s difficult to imagine young men training to be pilots over the early neighborhoods of Glenview, but it happened back in the 1940s. Both national and international air races entertained the crowds over Glenview as well.

Curtiss Flying Service was responsible for building the airfield, which would become Naval Air Station (NAS) Glenview. Today, it is The Glen, containing a mix of businesses, homes, parks, and still, lots of open space. Truck farms were established on the land before the airfield was purchased. After buying the 325-acres, numerous homes were moved and transitioned into officers’ housing. The Curtiss-Reynolds Airfield was named after Curtiss Flying Services, the developer, and Earl Reynolds, the banker that financed the land.

“The grand ambition behind Curtiss Airfield was developing it to be the center of commercial aviation,” explained Bev Dawson, co-president of the Glenview History Center. “Chicago Municipal Airport, now known as Midway, experienced poor visibility (Continued on page 23)
“Yellow Peril” biplanes were used in primary flight training at Naval Air Station Glenview during WWII.

Glenview

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because of poor air quality caused by industry.”

Glenview’s flat terrain was suitable for a flying field and the location was ideal, in that it was far from the city. The field was developed Oct. 20, 1929. Nine days later, the stock market crashed. This undermined the grand plan for Hangar One.

On a positive note, the owners were not giving up. Scheduling airshows kept funds coming in. This is where the National Air Races of 1930 and International Air Races played an important role. Like any spectator sport, danger lurked around every corner. Though professionals who were part of the air show circuit piloted the planes, there were mid-air collisions or planes losing power. At times, these unfortunate planes and pilots crashed into the bleachers.

There were also measures of equality observed here. Spectators witnessed the talented Chicago Girls Flying Club and their piloting skills.

In 1937, the Navy was interested in expanding its Pilot Training Program. As aviation progressed, there was the need for longer runways for modern aircraft’s faster and more powerful engines.

“The Navy decided that Curtiss (Continued on page 24)
Following the closure of NASG in 1995, most of Hangar One was demolished to make way for new construction.

In the 1950s, a one-time model plane expo was sponsored by a national group. Dawson said it was a big draw. Families loved attending. After World War II, until 1993, an annual air expo brought in planes. People were invited to talk to pilots and seaplane air crews, as well as the mechanics. This helped to generate recruiting. The base was also used by the Chicago Air and Water Show as the staging area for the Blue Angels, and it hosted the Canadian Snowbirds and the British Red Arrows. A British Vulcan crashed on take off in 1978 and four crewmen died. No official reason for their deaths was stated, said Dawson.

NAS Glenview was operational as a U.S. Navy Air Station from 1937-1995. The decision was made by the Department of Defense in 1993 to close the base in 1995. Five different commercial developers arrived at the site to plan construction of residences and the Town Center business area. The property was turned over to the village, runways and nearly all the buildings were demolished, with the exception of the base chapel and control tower and two walls of the hangar.

"Hangar One was mostly demolished, but remnants remain and they make up many of the stores at The Glen. All the infrastructure the development required, such as sewers, electrical, roads, and water pipes were installed," said Dawson.

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**Glenview**

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The land has been developed as a town center catering to the needs of both local and surrounding communities. It provides retail opportunities, dining experiences, entertainment, residential homes and outdoor meeting areas.

**Preservation**

For 20 years, the Glenview Hangar One Foundation has seen to it that a memorial “recognizes the contributions of veterans of Naval Air Station Glenview who served and supported its operations.” A dedicated group of volunteers helped see to the establishment of a museum on nearby Lehigh Avenue.

Events help to celebrate the air station’s former dedication to the nation. “Flight Fest” has been held for three years. This year, the park district-sponsored event at Gallery Park featured a “Flying Feet Run” 5K race.

Recently, a proposal was drafted to build a state-of-the-art museum and learning center dedicated to educating the public about the past and teaching science, technology, engineering and math, which will be needed to address the nation’s future needs. The proposed location for the NAS Glenview Museum & Flight Academy is north of Park Center and Attea Middle School. It will be modeled after the youth annex of the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL, known as the National Flight Academy.

According to the foundation, the facility will present non-combat, humanitarian mission flight planning, and simulation exercises geared toward STEM learning objectives.

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Diploma Was Delayed But Valued By 'Nam Vet

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

When he was just a teenager, Ray Ortiz made the life-changing decision to drop out of Lake View High School after two years and join the U.S. Marine Corps in 1962.

Upon his return home, Ortiz didn’t take advantage of the G.I. Bill for college, because he hadn’t finished high school. The coursework he took during military training, and as a trainer, should have counted.

He started a family and was lucky enough to find a security career in the railroad police. He never went back to get his GED, an equivalent diploma available after taking classes in night school or junior college.

It was, however, on his private bucket list. It was “a chapter in my life’s book that was left unfulfilled,” he said.

That was before Ortiz met Art Ellingsen at a district American Legion meeting this spring.

Ellingsen, a resident of Arlington Heights and a 1968 graduate of Chicago’s Taft High School, had learned that relatively recent legislation allows vets, who served in the military between World War II and Vietnam but never earned their diplomas, to apply to receive one from a local high school principal.

Current Taft High School principal Mark Grishaber was willing to participate.

Ellingsen had been looking for vets who didn’t have diplomas. He had found a few without GEDs, but most were embarrassed to have left it go so long and declined his offer to receive a publicly-presented diploma.

Ortiz was the first to say yes, and within a couple of weeks found himself on stage at Taft’s June 11 graduation ceremonies at the Rosemont Theatre.

It was a day with special meaning for Ortiz — his 72nd birthday — and for Ellingsen, the 47th anniversary of the day he shipped out to Vietnam.

It took more than a little bravery for Ortiz to sit among Taft’s class of more than 700 graduates. He told only a few people in advance.

Ortiz says he was very nervous and apprehensive as he filed on stage in a cap and gown and sat among the VIP guests and the assistant principals.

His name wasn’t on the program, but it was the first one to be called, and (Continued on page 28)
Rivers Casino Donates $65,000 To ‘Boot Camp’

Rivers Casino presented a $65,500 check to the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce in support of its Back-To-Work Boot Camp, which is helping veterans make a successful transition to civilian life.

“We contributed to the Back-to-Work Program because it’s important that veterans and their families know that the business community supports them during and after their service ends. It is an honor to be able to support area veterans by partnering with the Chamber to offer this program,” said Corey Wise, senior vice president and general manager of Rivers Casino.

The Boot Camp will inspire, support and prioritize career readiness. During the eight-week boot camp, 20 military veterans will experience workshops focused on topics ranging from success stories from fellow veterans to career exploration, computer and social media, resume writing, company tours and much more.

Five local business leaders will serve as mentors throughout the program, including Marne Deithorn, Rivers Casino’s director of Human Resources and USMC veteran. “The military gave me discipline, drive and determination. It gave me the confidence that I could accomplish anything,” said Deithorn. “I look forward to showing our mentees just how much they have to offer. All of their leadership and technical skills translate easily,” she added.

“We are fortunate to have many veterans on our team and encourage area veterans to apply to join our team,” said Wise.

Ortiz

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Grishaber presented the diploma with a joyful explanation and a big bear hug.

The audience gave him a standing ovation. He stood in the line onstage to shake hands with the entire Taft senior class.

“It all turned out for the best,” Ortiz says. “I got a huge response from my family and friends.”

His weekly golfing buddies congratulated him too.

He says he was surprised how many people told him how proud they were of him and how glad they were he had done it.

He recommends that others who are hesitant to take advantage of this diploma program in Illinois do so.

Ortiz’s family had emigrated from Puerto Rico, and he was still bilingual when he entered high school, which was in a primarily Jewish neighborhood in the early 1960s.

After enlisting in 1962, the Marine Corps gave him challenges that made him grow up fast and master English.

He spent two years as a patrol leader running training missions in the jungles of Hawaii.

In 1965 he was sent to Vietnam -- an experience he still doesn’t like to talk about. He did his duty in difficult times.

One of his friends, a Congressional Honor winner, died there and is remembered on the Vietnam memorial wall in Washington, D.C.

“People who glorify war have not been ugly you can’t imagine it...It’s not something I want to remember.”

When he returned home, some Americans were confusing their personal reactions to the war with the way they treated the servicemen and servicewomen.

So Ortiz put the war behind him, mostly.

Now retired, he is the commander of the Elk Grove American Legion Post 216.

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Behind Tank That Put Amvets Post 66 On Map

By LAUREN BARRY
Journal & Topics Reporter

Since the late 1980s, Wheeling's Amvets Phillip Carpenter Post 66 on McHenry Road has been one of the easiest locales to find in the village, thanks to the M47 Patton tank stationed outside its doors.

Post Cmdr. Tony Altieri said the tank has become a meeting spot for different veterans organizations from all over the area.

"I know these different groups use the tank as a place to meet up," Altieri said.

Altieri, who was a new member when the tank was brought to Wheeling in 1989, said Post 66 leaders had been working to obtain some sort of U.S. military artifact to set it apart from other local veterans organizations. They were able to secure the vehicle from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command in Warren, MI.

"It was costly to get the thing transported," he said.

Altieri remembers Dan Horcher, a relative of Village President Pat Horcher and owner of Dan Horcher's Service, helped bring the 48.5-ton vehicle to Wheeling.

Commissioned in 1950 as an upgrade of the M46 Patton medium tank used in World War II, the M47 was specially designed for troops fighting in the Korean conflict. However, fighting in Korea ended before the tanks were fully operational in 1958, according to militaryfactory.com.

The tank featured a nearly-identical frame to the M46 Patton tank, with a newly-designed turret to improve mobility; a 90mm gun; and three other machine guns. Its range measured 100 miles and it could fit a crew of five going 37 miles per hour.

By the time the U.S. sent troops to Vietnam, the new M48 tank model had
Amvets Tank (Continued from page 29)
replaced the M47. Militaryfactory.com says to date, it is the only tank commissioned by the U.S. not used in direct combat for the country. Instead, the tanks were sent to NATO ally countries. Over the years they have been utilized in the Six Day War between Jordan and Israel, the Indo-Pak War of 1965 and the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

In order to keep the tank as a Wheeling landmark, Amvets must photograph it annually and provide proof that they are maintaining it, said Altieri. He hopes to keep the tank in front of the post indefinitely.

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MEDICARE APPROVED
Konrad Hack, Longtime Military Artist, Made Home In Niles

By TOM ROBB
Journal & Topics Reporter

The paintings of a Vietnam War combat artist and longtime Niles resident not only hang in the Niles History and Cultural Center, but also in multiple military art collections.

Konrad Hack's works are now on display at the Pentagon and are part of the Army Art Collection and the Air Force Collection in Washington, D.C.; National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, FL; the 1st Infantry Division Museum, Cantigny in Wheaton; and the National Veterans Art Museum (formerly the National Vietnam Nam Veterans Museum) in Chicago. Hack's work was part of exhibits on Eileen Collins, the first woman to pilot a space shuttle, at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. His work was also included in the NASA Fine Art Program and in an Air Force book.

After graduating from the School of the Art Institute, Hack took a job at WGN as a graphic artist before joining the Army in 1968, since his draft number was quickly approaching.

In the Army, Hack trained to be an artillery officer, but knew he wanted to do something else. He met members of the 19th Military History Detachment of the 9th Infantry Division, and after showing his work to the major in charge of unit slides, was reassigned.

The history unit had five artists and five art historians assigned to it. Hack said he served in the Mekong Delta, where he would embed with infantry and artillery units and convoys of the 9th Infantry Division, taking photographs and creating sketches that he would later turn into oil paintings.

Hack recalled his first assignment as an artist in Vietnam, to paint a portrait of then Lt. Gen. Julian Ewell. While on a helicopter en route to varnish the oil on masonite painting of the general, the helicopter he was flying in was shot down. Hack was not seriously injured. Even after being shot down, Hack said he preferred flying to land convoys.

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Hack (Continued from page 31)

Left: Another example of Konrad Hack's military artwork.

After only six months in the Army, Hack was made a sergeant in the art unit. Following his discharge from the Army, Hack went back to work for WGN, but his work painting for the military continued. He met an Air Force major and became involved in the Chicago Air Force Art Program, part of the larger U.S. Air Force Art Program dating back to World War I.

When Hack started with the program in 1973 and 1974, the Chicago unit was small, with just 12 members copying their bylaws from the New York Society of Illustrators, which performed similar work for the military. Hack said the Chicago group grew to 35 members and was renamed the Midwest Air Force Artists Group. Hack served as president of the group from 1990 to 2012. The program faced federal funding cuts under sequestration budget cuts during Barack Obama's presidency.

Members were not be paid for their work, but would fly both nationally and internationally aboard Air Force planes to bases from Iowa to Germany, embedding with units to take photographs and sketches later turned into paintings. Hack rode along on air refueling missions and in combat fighter jets.

Hack’s artist group maintained a good working relationship with the Air National Guard unit based at O’Hare Airport and would regularly tag along on their missions.

A highlight of this time was staying aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln for a week to paint images from that ship. Other paintings Hack completed depicted the 1991 launch of the Space Shuttle Atlantis from Cape Kennedy for NASA, and a depiction of the Wright Brothers first flight for the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum’s 50th Anniversary of Flight exhibit.

Hack recently submitted his work for a competition that would see his work hung in the Pentagon. He took first place in that competition and several of his works are now hanging in the halls of the Pentagon.

Hack's work has also included historical war works from the American Revolution to the Civil War and World War II. Several of those historic works are on loan from the Cantigny Park Museum to the Niles Historical and Cultural Center. Hack was active in the Niles VFW post for many years and taught art history at Robert Morris University before recently retiring and moving to Lake Barrington.
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Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care released a new 116-page, comprehensive resource guide for veterans and their families at its “2017 Chicagoland Veterans Expo: Benefits and Opportunities for Veteran Families” expo Nov. 4.

The expo was held at the Presence Resurrection Medical Center Marian Conference Center, 7435 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The “Guide to Home, Health and Honors: Benefits and Opportunities for Chicagoland Veteran Families” is written in an easy-to-follow 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.”

The event’s presenting sponsor, Dignity Memorial, provided 4,000 copies of the guide book for distribution. A limited number of print copies were given to veterans in attendance at the expo. The guide is also available for download at www.RainbowHospice.org/We_Honor_Veterans.

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center provided free flu shots and blood pressure screenings to veterans in attendance. Additionally, Veterans Affairs Service officers were on-site to help eligible veterans sign up for benefits. An expert from W.R.I.T.E Resume Services was also on-site to provide resume and job search consultations.

Other exhibitors included All Chicago; The American Legion, Department of Illinois; CapTel Outreach; Catholic Charities Supportive Services for Veteran Families; CM Ministry; Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital; No Veteran Dies Alone and Hospice and Palliative Care Programs, and Hines VA Foster Home; Freedom Farm for Vets; Guardian Corps of America; Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs; Illinois Northern Tier We Honor Veterans; Inner Voice; Legal Assistance Foundation; Lutheran Church Charities Kare 9 Military Ministry; Military Outreach USA; Presence Resurrection Medical Center; Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care and Rainbow Grief & Loss Services; TLS Veterans; Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County, Veterans Consultants, Inc. and more.

According to Susan Enright, Rainbow’s interim president, “Honoring service to our country is an important component of our care for veterans. We hope that the information in our guide (Continued on page 35)
Between Wars, Argall Readied Others Stateside

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

Growing up in a generation of men whose young lives were defined by the conflicts that surrounded them, Glen Argall of Park Ridge, 81, calls himself a "tweener": too young for Korea and too old to serve in Vietnam.

That didn't save him from military service, however. Every young man was required to register with the government by age 18, and subject to the draft, unless they enlisted first.

"I was drafted -- I had no choice," he said. "I graduated from Bradley University on a Saturday in 1958 and reported to Fort Jackson, SC, on Monday."

The electrical engineering graduate was sent to the Army's armored division's basic training program at Fort Knox, KY, where he learned to become a tank driver. Argall trained on the M48 tank, a "relic" now, he said, adding that when he sees one of the M48s at the military museum in Cantigny, he wonders how he ever got in it.

Argall didn't see active combat, but during his time, the threat was there. In Europe the World War II peace accords had left an unsteady relationship in Germany, divided between Russia and the western allies. He only had to serve two years, and spent his time at Fort Knox, helping to train the next generation for tank duty. By 1960, his service was no longer required. There were plenty of young men in the tank cadre, and he was discharged and allowed to go home.

"I was very fortunate," Argall says, "I have great respect for the folks who fought and died."

Argall, who had grown up on a farm in Harvard, IL, made his post-service career in designing industrial control systems for Honeywell, installed in major plants and steel mills.

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and at the expo will assist veteran families, and those caring for them, to locate appropriate services and more easily navigate the benefits process.

The "Guide to Home, Health and Honors" was published as part of Rainbow's commitment to the We Honor Veterans Program, an initiative of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization with the Department of Veterans Affairs, which aims to ensure our nation's veterans have quality care at the end of life.

Rainbow is a Level Four We Honor Veterans Partner, the highest distinction within the program, which less than 13% of hospices nationwide have achieved.

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When Troops Are Away From Home

By TOM ROBB
Journal & Topics Reporter

When military servicemen and servicewomen are deployed for long periods of time, they’re not the only ones missing home; their loved ones at home long for them as well.

Besides the obvious worry that takes place during deployments, there are sometimes financial challenges that families face while their loved one is overseas, says Niles Family Services Director Tony Hollenback.

The group, which places counselors in schools, is currently helping two- to three-dozen families dealing with issues brought on by having a family member in the military. Separations can be especially hard on children, Hollenback said, since unlike adults or spouses who generally know what to expect, children do not.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas fast approaching, that loss is amplified.

Children especially can harbor feelings of anger and resentment when a parent is deployed, Hollenback said, since there is a lack of control felt when service members must suddenly leave.

Hollenback said keeping in regular touch with family as much as possible on a regular schedule helps with separation. Video calls can also help to reassure children, friends and family.

One local veteran recalls his service in the 1990s Gulf War in Iraq, which included being deployed over Christmas.

Niles Village Manager Steve Vinezeano was a second lieutenant in an engineering company deployed with four platoons ready to build bridges over the Euphrates River for tanks in Iraq.

Vinezeano was deployed to Germany when his company was lined up and told they were going to Iraq in 48 hours, after Saddam Hussein’s forces invaded the small oil rich nation of Kuwait. Vinezeano, then 26 and single, said he called his sister, who let family know about his deployment. He was not able to talk to relatives for the next six months as Operation Desert Shield in Kuwait turned to Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991.

Even as he could not communicate, CNN and other television news networks were broadcasting wall-to-wall near-live images of the conflict.

Vinezeano said his family watched the news carefully for any news of his unit. No soldiers from his unit were killed, but some Marines and others his unit worked with did see troops killed in action.

Vinezeano said he saw firsthand the toll his deployment had on his father, the late Carmine Vinezeano.

“My family always does a video Christmas Eve.” Vinezeano said. “You could tell someone was gone; my father couldn’t smile at all.”

On Christmas, Vinezeano said he and other troops ate a great meal and walked through a tent decorated for the holidays. Troops received care packages, many of which Vinezeano recalls as including...
Seeing ‘Wall’ Serves As Learning Experience

“History books are great,” says Oakton Community College photography student Les Durov of Des Plaines, who was a student documentarian for the Wall that Heals, a traveling half-size replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. “However, through this project I was able to capture images that people can relate to and learn about what happened in Vietnam. Through my photos, I tried to depict the feelings and emotions of people who visited the wall.”

Durov worked on the USS Midway aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War and served in the U.S. Navy from 1969 to 1974. The photos he took the last weekend in September at the Lake Memorial Pavilion in Des Plaines will be part of an Oakton exhibition that will be on display Nov. 9-12 at the downtown Des Plaines Public Library.

“Viewing the wall brought back a lot of my feelings about the conflict,” Durov recalls. “I have friends whose names are on the wall. It was a nice way to say goodbye to many of the people I served with in Vietnam. While it was sad, it helped bring a feeling of closure.”

Oakton Professor of Art and Graphic Design Judy Langston helped coordinate the service project for her digital photography class. Her assignment required students to compile a photo documentary of activities related to the Wall that Heals.

“This was a great learning undertaking for Oakton students,” Langston says. “Students had the opportunity to speak personally with veterans and understand more about a time of turmoil in our country’s history. Students took more than 100 thoughtful and capturing images including veterans in front of the wall looking at the names of those who gave their life for their country.”

Durov says the project was especially personal, as he alone took more than 200 images: “I wanted to get as many photos as possible. I wanted to document that not enough was done for veterans who came back from Vietnam. Servicemen who returned never got the respect they deserved and were actually spit on when they came home. These images will invoke different feelings for each viewer.”

Durov is an avid photographer and has been taking pictures since he was 10-years-old. “I’ve always been playing with cameras as long as I can remember,” he says. “I thought this Oakton service project was a wonderful way to sharpen my photography skills as well as to expose myself to self-learning.”

While capturing images, Durov said there were plenty of opportunities to understand more about what transpired in Vietnam.

“There were so many facts for people to learn at the Wall that Heals,” he recalls. “Some people who served in Vietnam were as young as 14, and there are more than 58,000 names on the wall. Most of the veterans who perished were 18-years-old or younger.”
Tank Commander Served
In WWII, Korean Conflict

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

Robert "Bob" Burns was a freshman in college in his home state of Massachusetts in 1943 when he decided to enlist in the U.S. Army. "Everybody joined," Burns, 93, said. "It was the thing to do."

Basic training was held in Atlantic City, NJ, because the Army had run out of barracks elsewhere. He learned to be a radio operator and a mechanic gunner, training in western Massachusetts, but by the time he was sent to the Pacific, "The war was going away."

He went home, studied chemistry at University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and had just graduated when a new war broke out in Korea. Because Burns had been in ROTC, he was committed.

"Korea was MY war," he said. The Army made him a lieutenant in the tank corps, with three 'months' training at Fort Knox.

Burns became a tank platoon leader in Korea, where the tank battalion already was. For a year, he said, they chased and were chased back and forth across the boundary lines as the Chinese forces came down to help North Korea fight. Their tanks helped to defend Seoul. He remembers it as "Operation Yo-Yo."

As a first lieutenant, Burns should have commanded five tanks, but when command personnel was short, he led 10.

When he was sent home shortly before the fighting stopped, he decided he didn't want to join the Army Reserves.

"I never got hurt," Burns said. "I was fortunate."

Shortly after his return home to the States, an astronomer friend at Harvard University showed him one of the new mechanical brains: a computer whose memory took up an entire building. The world was changing.

Burns spent his post-war career working as an industrial engineer in the food industry, a job that involved a lot of travel. After some time in Philadelphia, he and his late wife Mary moved to Chicago and settled in Park Ridge to raise their family.

"I have no complaints. I had a very good life," Burns said.

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Brother's Example Led Kopec To Enlist For 'Nam

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

Growing up, Donald Kopec never thought he was very much like his older brother, but the life decisions that R. Joseph “Ron” Kopec made first also turned out to influence Don’s future as well.

They both attended DePaul Academy on Chicago’s Northeast Side and advanced to DePaul University.

Ron was in the ROTC and earned a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army when he graduated in 1963. He set his sights on being in the Army as a career, where he specialized in languages.

He came home on leave when Don was midway through college and talked about his war experiences in Vietnam.

By that time, the draft seemed inevitable, and Don felt a personal sense of duty.

He decided to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps, an elite group with lofty goals and extra demands that challenged its members.

He finished college, signed up for officer training and was commissioned on his 23rd birthday.

The Army had units in Europe and Germany due to NATO commitments, and he might have faced less fighting there. The Marines had a smaller troop strength with a greater likelihood of going to Southeast Asia.

Don’s specialty training was in artillery combat, and he was trained to be a forward observer. During his artillery training at Fort Sill, he crossed paths with his brother, already a captain training for the next level.

The elder Kopec advanced into service as a military attache with a full career.

Don was sent to Vietnam in March 1969, where his job was to accompany infantry units and provide artillery and fire support to them out on the front lines in “the bush.”

In the height of the fighting, officer promotions were accelerated.

Of some 550,000 American troops in the Vietnam War, one in six were in forward combat, he said, and the rest were in the rear echelon, providing support services.

Kopec came home in late 1970. Marines were being sent back to bases at home, filling them to overflowing. He hadn’t planned a military career and the need for lieutenants on the front lines was dwindling.

The reduction in military force, from over 300,000 to 190,000, offered him an opportunity to go back to civilian life.

Kopec and his wife were both from Chicago. At first he worked for Continental Illinois Bank in Chicago, but after becoming restless, applied for many types of jobs in many places.

He was recruited by the Federal

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Naval Radio Man Went From V-J Day In L.A. To Typhoon Near Okinawa

By ANNE LUNDE
Journal & Topics Reporter

Dean Whitford, 91, knew he’d be going into service in World War II. Growing up in Ft. Atkinson, WI, there were 44 boys in his senior class, and about 30 had already enlisted before graduation.

He was one of them, choosing the Navy Air Corps over being drafted for the Army.

Graduation came June 8, 1944, two days after D-Day, when the Allied troops had invaded the Normandy beaches to reclaim France from Germany. Whitford was on his way to boot camp by June 10.

He had hoped for officer school or to be a pilot, but the training programs’ lists were full. He signed up as an Air Corps crewman.

After two-dozen weeks in radio school in Memphis, TN, he was sent to Seattle, WA, for gunnery training and to Corpus Christi, TX, for flight training. They were learning to serve and to land; their plane kept bouncing off the waves.

They hooked up a radio connection with the ground, and the doctor with them, a newly-assigned second lieutenant, talked the corpsman down below through the operation.

In summer 1945, Whitford’s unit was in California where a new plane was being outfitted for them. Getting a 72-hour pass, they hitchhiked to Los Angeles to visit the beach.

They got back to Hollywood and Vine after sirens signaled the war was over in Japan.

“I spent VJ Day at Hollywood and Vine, getting kissed by all the girls,” Whitford remembered with a grin.

A Marine gave him a cap. His own uniform was covered with mustard by the time they got back to base... and no one gave him any trouble. At the gate they told him, “Looks like you had a good time, sailor.”

They never got their new plane (why waste a new one when the war was over, Whitford shrugged). They were sent to Okinawa’s Kanohe Bay Naval Base on their way back to the Pacific front.

Whitford remembers seeing the devastation of the wrecked ships destroyed at Pearl Harbor in 1941.

They would be assigned to a series of places: Okinawa, Saipan, Majuro, then Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tsing Tao, China.

Their plane carried a crew of three pilots, three ordnance men, three mechanics and three radio men. They mostly carried the mail between bases.

As they arrived at Okinawa, they were assigned to a destroyer and had a particularly bad time landing on board during a furious typhoon. They had barely arrived at the mess hall when Whitford was told he had plane watch duty on the bridge between midnight at 4 a.m.

He didn’t know his way through the inside of the ship, so he crawled up a 1 foot-wide steel ladder on the outside, clinging tightly as the storm raged around him.

His job that night was to stand for four hours in the wheel room. There were three planes on buoys on the portside, floating next to the destroyer—and suddenly one was on the wrong side.

The only “rescue” situation came when they were ordered to land a doctor to operate on someone with appendicitis. The seas were too rough to land; their plane kept bouncing off the waves.

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Volunteers Provide Monument With TLC

By MIRIAM FINDER ANNENBERG
Journal & Topics Reporter

The restoration of the Belleau Wood World War I monument in Des Plaines is nearing completion after the memorial's summer upgrades and Aug. 5 rededication. First unveiled in 1926, the 91-year-old structure honors the soldiers and Marines who fought in the 1918 three-week battle that significantly aided in stopping Germany's offensive on Paris.

Renovations of the memorial have been underway for years. Charles Groff, a committee member with the Second Indianhead Division Association (SIDA), first noticed that the monument's Indianhead was painted the wrong colors a couple of years ago. He enlisted the help of the Maine East Art Department to correct the paint job.

Then, in the spring of 2017, Landmarks Illinois, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting historic places in Illinois, awarded SIDA funds for cleaning and restoring the monument as part of its World War I Monument Preservation Grant Program.

For the rededication, the monument underwent a complete cleaning and received some enhancements -- the addition of stone urns on either side filled with greenery, which is watered by a neighborhood volunteer.

"I met him on the day of the rededication. He came by and said, 'Anything you need, I'll help you out,'" Groff said.

"Everybody that I contacted in some way to help us -- be it with a donation, (Continued on page 43)

Whitford

(Continued from page 41) were much broader.

Hometown jobs were in the local factory, but his GI credits got him an accounting degree, earned in three years at Milton College in Milton, WI. He advanced to accounting jobs at Dun & Bradstreet and at W.C. Heath, a consulting business.

Heath's expansion into the Chicago market brought him here from Wisconsin. He rose through management at W.C. Heath to president, sold the company and bought it back with a partner.

He and his wife Phyllis, now married 65 years, raised their son and daughter in Park Ridge.

He hasn't been active in veterans' groups, but he was a leader in Friends of the Park Ridge Library, the local United Way and the Park Ridge Community Church.

Now living at the Summit of Uptown, he got a chance earlier this year with other Summit resident vets to ride in a World War II biplane out of Chicago Executive Airport (formerly Palwaukee) in Wheeling.

The 1930 Stearman, a two-seater originally used as a crop duster, was a training plane for WWII pilots.

The vets each got a chance to ride over to Lake Michigan up to the Baha'i Temple in Wilmette and back.

"It was very, very special," Whitford said.

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Belleau Wood

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be it with personal work or services to help with the rededication and cleaning -- were tremendous."

Groff said the only remaining work involves sealing up some cracks, which the group hopes to complete by the end of the year.

On the day of the rededication, Groff said there was a good turnout, with representatives from the VFW and Des Plaines American Legion. While he is unaware of any upcoming services at the monument, he said that moving forward he hopes for more events at the structure, as he believes it fell into disrepair due to an "out of sight, out of mind," mentality.

"My hope is that it doesn't get lost in people's memories," he said. "[I hope] they maintain it there and that my generation passes it down to the next guy."

The Belleau Wood monument is located at the southeast corner of Rand and Ballard roads in the Cook County Forest Preserve within Des Plaines. SIDA brings together veterans who served in the 2nd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, which fought at the Battle of Belleau Wood.
Reliving Wartime Memories

Some veterans get to go on trips to Washington, D.C., through Honor Flight Chicago, but others can take a shorter trip closer to home. On June 28, a group of eight military veterans who now live at Summit of Uptown in Park Ridge, were given a special trip to Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling, arranged through Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation, a non-profit organization which honors seniors and U.S. military veterans who live in long-term care facilities. They each got a ride in this Stearman Boeing biplane, a model used to train pilots for the Navy and Army Air Corps in World War II. Shown are: Glen Argall, Army; Bob Burns, Army; Emil Kvorka, Army; Roger Loeffler, Army; Bob Mickey, Air Force; Derald Schafer, Army; Dean Whitford, Navy Air Corps; and Derald Schafer, Army -- with family members and members of VFW Post 981.

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President Proclaims November Veterans And Military Families Month; Events Held Nationwide

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This is the first time that America will celebrate veterans and military families for the entire month and not just on Veterans Day.

"Our veterans and military families are an important part of our lives throughout the year, and by focusing for the first time nationally on a whole

Kopec

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Bureau of Investigation, which was looking for junior officers with college degrees and military experience. Half of the agents he trained with were ex-military. They shared a common background after wartime service.

Kopec says it is still difficult, half a century later, to convey his impressions of the war.

“I came away unscathed,” he said quietly.

He finds that other veterans may not have had the same assignments but they understand the cross currents of similar experiences and the complexities of war and combat.

While some veterans do struggle afterward, Kopec wants people to understand that the images of “broken veterans” struggling with substance abuse or post-traumatic stress are not universal.

They returned to a different culture after the war, where young people had become politically active and adopted different lifestyles and moral values than the veterans knew from before the war.

Several generations later, he said, adults no longer are joining community groups, service organizations or fraternal groups. He’s the only Vietnam War veteran in his American Legion post.

The benefits that veterans might provide in vets’ groups or by doing service to help injured colleagues are dependent on a new generation of vets to come forward.

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nationwide
Nov. 2 – Capitol Hill Veterans Aware-
ness & Recognition Day
Nov. 4 (and several other days during
the month) – Events held in coordina-
tion with Got Your Six where veterans
tell their stories of service.
Nov. 5 – Philadelphia Veterans Parade
and Festival
Nov. 6 –
50th anniversary of Vietnam War &
Medal of Honor Recognition;
Secretary Shulkin address at the Na-
tional Press Club;
Hiring our Heroes Summit in Atlanta
along with the Atlanta Falcons
Nov. 7 – Minnesota Vikings Visit Spi-
nal Cord Injury Center – Minneapolis
Nov. 8 – National Veterans Stand Out
Day – Veterans will wear something
meaningful to them denoting their
military service
Nov. 9 – National World War I Me-
memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony
-- Washington
Nov. 10 – Boston Parade/Marine
Corps Birthday
Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) – Veterans
Day Breakfast D.C. and Arlington
National Cemetery Veterans Day Cer-
emony
Nov. 13-17 – Veteran Legal Clinic
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Students enrolled in the culinary arts program at Palatine High School won the first Camo and Cooks competition hosted by Illinois Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command’s Delta Herd at Harper College Oct. 18. The students competed against teams from Harper and the Illinois Army National Guard.

Senior Patti Dabrowska, the team captain, said the competition, which required competitors to create a main course, dessert, and beverage using military Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) as the main ingredient, was a lot of pressure.

"I tried to play cool," she said. "It was very exciting, though. There was a lot of emotion."

Erika Varela, a culinary arts teacher at Palatine said she was impressed by the effort and efficiency of her students.

In the competition, each team was given 35 minutes to create their meals from scratch. The teams then had to present their meals to a panel of three judges, which included a representative from Harper College, Palatine High School, and the Illinois Army National Guard. (Continued on page 50)
These Military Veterans Worked Hard
To Begin Their Civilian Careers

Twenty local residents, all veterans of the U.S military, participated in the recent Back-To-Work Boot Camp brought to you by the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Rivers Casino. Sponsored by AT&T and Jewel-Osco. The veterans went through an 8-week program working with mentors and taking classes to prepare for their entry into the civilian workforce after their years in the service. This was the chamber's first-ever Veteran’s program.

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Nicholas Canete
Chicago
Served: Navy - 4 Years
Career Goal: Police Officer

Rachel Renae Cepeda
Huntley
Served: Marines - 6 Years
Career Goal: Executive Administrative Assistant

Nicholas Reuel Czemiak
Arlington Heights
Served: Marines - 4 Years
Career Goal: Firefighter

Leslie Ehardt
Algonquin
Served: Marines - 4 Years
Career Goal: Nursing

Ryan Flurkey
Des Plaines
Served: Army - 3 Years
Career Goal: Security or Media Field

Evan Franck
Arlington Heights
Served: Marines - 4 Years
Career Goal: Law Enforcement

Juan C. Garza
Chicago
Served: Army - 4 Years
National Guard - 2 Years
Career Goal: Philanthropy

Rory Patrick Hehir
Chicago
Served: Marines - 11 Years
Career Goal: Police Officer

Laura Johnstone
Lake in the Hills
Served: Air Force - 4 Years
Career Goal: Marketing

Peter Kespura
Elgin
Served: Army - 4 Years
Army Reserves - 4 Years
Career Goal: Screen Printing/Security

N'neka Malone
Joliet
Served: Navy - 2 Years
Career Goal: Medical Field

Jason R. Rodriguez-Mazari
Des Plaines
Served: Army - 3 Years
Career Goal: Physical Therapy

Richard Moore
Streamwood
Served: Army - 2008-2013
Army Reserve - 2013-Present
Career Goal: Law Enforcement
“The biggest take away for me is to have been able to identify my weaknesses and strengths in my job search. By listening to all the instructors, I have come to the realization that I have been focusing too much on the negative outcomes of my job search instead of taking it as a challenge. Now my objective is to turn a negative experience into a positive one.”

-Jose Torres
Arlington Heights

Two Arlington Heights schools are hosting Veterans Day events. Patton Elementary School is holding its annual veterans assembly at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10. The assembly includes guest speaker Major Melinda Latting and music from the Arlingtones. All veterans are welcome. Thomas Middle School is hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast the same morning. They are inviting veterans along with their family and friends to join the breakfast. An RSVP to mgledhill@sd25.org is required.

Buffalo Grove

Buffalo Grove High School, 1100 W. Dundee Rd., will serve as the site of a Veterans Day celebration beginning at noon Saturday, Nov. 11. From noon to 1 p.m., refreshments and lunch will be served followed by the program at 1:15 p.m. The program begins with a Color Guard Ceremony and playing of the national anthem. VFW Post 981 will present and remove the Colors, as well as pay tribute by presenting the flag for each branch of service. This year's keynote speaker is Lt. Col. Priscilla Van Zanten of the United States Army. To conclude the program, a 21-gun salute presented by the Marine Corps Firing Detail will be followed by the playing of "Taps."

Des Plaines

Local veterans are welcome to the first Veterans Day honor assembly at Maine West High School in Des Plaines, from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8 (Continued on page 51)

Cooking Competition

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manding officer of Battery C, 2nd Battallion, 122nd Field Artillery based in Chicago, served as the judge representing the Guard.

He said after tasting the food that he was surprised MREs were used as the food tasted completely different. After the judges evaluated the meals from all three teams, 1st Sgt. Chad McDannald, the senior noncommissioned officer for Delta Herd, announced Palatine as the winner.

That announcement brought a wave of emotions to the young team. "I cried," said senior Jaz (Diya) Sujayananda. "Cooking is a passion, but I have never competed like this before. I am glad I was picked to compete."

Junior Gio Llanos-Hernandez was also surprised to hear the announcement. "I was shocked," he said. "I feel very proud. This will make my parents proud too."

McDannald presented each member of the Palatine team with a plaque in recognition of their victory.

They are not just soldiers, they are our heroes. We owe so much to them. Let us never forget to pray for them and their families. Let us never forget the sacrifices they have made for us.

Have a very Happy and Proud Veteran's Day.
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in the school’s Spectator Gym. Family
and friends are also invited to the event,
which will include special guest Howard
Hill, a World War II veteran. A reception
will be held after the ceremony. “We
hope to have lots of veterans there,” said
John Aldworth, Maine West’s assistant
principal for students. Maine West is
located at 1755 S. Wolf Rd.

A U.S. Army soldier who lost both
her legs in an explosion while serv-
ing in Afghanistan will be the main
speaker at the Saturday, Nov. 11 Des
Plaines Veterans Day ceremony in the
Prairie Lakes Park Community Center
auditorium beginning at 1 p.m.

Aubrey Youngs, who now is closely
affiliated with Allen Force, Inc., an
organization that works with disabled
veterans, will be the featured speaker.

The event is being hosted by Des
Plaines American Legion Post 36 and
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter
311. According to Des Plaines veterans
Tom Strossner and Bill Christiansen,
the hour-long ceremony will include
the presentation of U.S. military service
flags, the U.S. flag and the POW-MIA
flag. A bagpiper will play “Amazing
Grace” and “It’s a Grand Old Flag”
during the presentations. There will
also be a display of military rifles and
helmets and following the ceremony,

refreshments will be available.

Elk Grove Village

Veterans with Elk Grove Village
VFW Post 9284 are participating in
three events Veterans Day weekend to
commemorate the holiday.

VFW members will hold an observ-
ance at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11
outside their post, 400 E. Devon Ave.,
with a rifle volley and flag ceremony.

Elk Grove VFW color guard will
travel to the now privately-owned
Elk Grove Township Cemetery on
Arlington Heights Road just south of
the Jane Addams Tollway (I-90) for an
observance including a 21-gun salute
at noon Sunday, Nov. 12. The observa-
tion honors two veterans buried in the
cemetery, Eli Skinner and Aaron Miner,
who fought in America’s first two wars,
the American Revolution and War of
1812. Both men moved to Elk Grove
Township in the 1830s.

Veterans from Post 9284 will also dis-
cuss their experiences with Elk Grove
High School students the morning of
Friday, Nov. 10 at the school.

Franklin Park

Franklin Park joins with the American
Legion Post 974 on Saturday, Nov. 11
for a Veterans Day event. At 11 a.m.,
community members are invited to
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Presenting the colors at last year’s Veterans Day ceremony in Niles. (Tom Robb/The Journal)

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gather at the Franklin Park Veterans’ Memorial, 9550 Belmont Ave. The program honors those who have served and includes a ceremony of dedication as new names are added to the monument.

**Glenview**

The 19th annual “Salute to Veterans” program will be held in the Glenview Park District Lakeview Room, 2400 Chestnut Ave., at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. and music begins at 9:45 a.m.

U.S. Navy Commander John Wowk and American Legion Post 166 present the program. The ceremony will feature keynote speaker Robert Crampton, tech sergeant in U.S. Army, and music by the Attea Middle School band and chorus. Cake and coffee will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

A color guard, rifle squad and leaders from American Legion Joseph M. Sesterhenn Memorial Post 166 will gather with buglers from the Glenbrook High School Marching Band, Village President Jim Patterson and other dignitaries for a solemn observance at the Veterans Memorial, Glenview Road and River Drive, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. The event will include speeches, the playing of “Taps” by Glenbrook South buglers, signing of the national anthem, presentation of the colors and a rifle salute.

**Leyden Township**

Leyden Township and Leyden High School Dist. 212 are joining together to host the Home Town Heroes Veterans Day Celebration on Thursday, Nov. 9. At 7 p.m., the groups invite members of the community to the East Leyden High School auditorium to honor community members who have previously served or are currently serving in the armed forces.

The event features music by hundreds of Leyden students, a slideshow, and representation by the American Legion, VFW, police officers, and firefighters. The event is free, but monetary donations will be accepted for the Wounded Warrior Project.

**Mount Prospect**

This year’s Mount Prospect Veterans Day ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Lions Park Recreation Center, 411 S. Maple St. This year’s keynote speaker is Capt. Matt Schachman, a graduate of the military academy at West Point, who will talk about the day that honors all veterans, past and present. Members of the Firing Detail of VFW Post 1337 and Post 525 will perform a 21-gun rifle salute. Weather permitting, the ceremony may be held outside. The VFW and American Legion are asking parents to bring children to the ceremony since the event is on a Saturday instead of during the school week.

**Niles**

Veterans from Niles VFW Post 3579 will gather at the Niles Veterans Memorial Waterfall, Milwaukee and Touhy avenues, for a Veterans Day observance at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Village and VFW post officials speak about the history and importance of the holiday, a color guard presents the American and VFW Post flags, a rifle salute fired, memorial wreath laid and “Taps” played.

After the observance, VFW members are hosting an open house at their post inside White (Continued on page 53)
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Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles VFW Post 7712 recently merged with Park Ridge VFW Post 3579, creating Niles VFW Post 3579. Veterans from both Niles and Park Ridge are expected at the waterfall event.

Palatine

On Friday, Nov. 10, Harper College in Palatine is hosting a veterans breakfast in honor of Veterans Day. The breakfast runs from 7:45 to 9 a.m. All veterans are invited to join in the breakfast, where Korean War veterans will be the guests of honor. Those wishing to attend should RSVP to Erika Hartman at 847-925-6360 or ehartman@harpercollege.edu.

A Veterans Day Salute will be held during the upcoming Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) Business Expo and Community Showcase. Active military members and veterans are invited. The expo, held at Falcon Park Recreation Center, 2195 N. Hicks Rd., is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The salute will take place at 10:30 a.m.

Park Ridge

Local Veterans Day events in Park Ridge will be split this year between Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11, the actual anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War I. Roosevelt School: On Nov. 10, Roosevelt School, 1001 S. Fairview Ave., will host its annual salute to veterans, who will meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Two programs at 9 and 9:30 a.m. will introduce students to the veterans at assembly.

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seemingly, and the school choir as led by Jessica Kwasny will perform. Older students have been making videos including artwork from younger grades. Dr. Kevin Dwyer, principal, will also speak at the event.

Park Ridge Library: The Park Ridge Library will host an afternoon reception for all veterans at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 10 in the lower level meeting room, 20 S. Prospect Ave. The event will replace previous years' events focusing on World War II veterans. Call Reader Services at 847-825-3123 to reserve a place.

Maine South Concert: Maine South High School, 1111 S. Dee Rd., will present a Veterans Day concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, in the auditorium.

Hodges Park: Park Ridge's Mel Tierney Post 241 of the American Legion will meet shortly before 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Hodges Park's veterans monument at Courtland and Prospect avenues. The monument recognizes the men from Park Ridge and the post who were lost in wartime. Post Commander Mike Kolkiewicz and Chaplain Carl Brauweiler will lead the commemorative service, which is open to the public.

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Prospect Heights

On Thursday, Nov. 9, MacArthur Middle School in Prospect Heights is hosting a breakfast and assembly in honor of Veterans Day. The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the assembly at 9:30 a.m. All veterans in the school district community -- including Prospect Heights, Arlington Heights, Wheeling, and Mount Prospect -- are invited to attend along with their families and friends.

Schaumburg

Vietnam veterans will be honored during a pinning ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10 in Schaumburg. The ceremony takes place at the Trickster Art Gallery, 190 S. Roselle Rd. Vietnam veterans who register will receive a lapel pin during the event.

Wheeling

Wheeling Township hosts Major General James Mukoyama to speak on Monday, Nov. 13. His talk is titled, "The Invisible Wounds of War - Moral Injury." The talk takes place at 10 a.m. at the Indian Trails Public Library, 355 Schoen beck Rd., Wheeling. The talk is free but requires pre-registration.

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