



OUR HAPPENINGS

Our day-to-day activities and events

Easter Weekend

By: Travis T

I had a nice Easter weekend. I colored Easter eggs and went to my Mom's house for dinner. I had ham and potatoes. I had some snacks too, chips and Cheetos. I leave for Utah in five months. I will surprise my Grandma Jean. I will hang out with her and see my uncles. My brother Tyler is going too.

Weekend with Dad

By: Wes G

My Mom went to visit family in Missouri over the weekend, so I spent the weekend with my Dad. We had fun together. We went to see the movie Creed. I had a Slurpee. On Sunday we went to Church. I love going to church and listening to the choir. After church we went to brunch at my favorite restaurant in Andersonville. I facetedimed with my mom and cousins in Missouri. Then Dad and I went to Taco Bell. It's one of my favorite fast food places. My dad doesn't always like Taco Bell but I love it.

My Favorite Restaurants

By: Ellyn B

My Favorite Restaurants

Are Little Italy

And Olive Garden

Lou Malnati's Pizza

I like Italian food

Lasagna

Spaghetti with meatballs

Meat sauce

Eggplant parmesan

And Chicken parmesan

Saturday Social

By: Matt C

On Saturday I went to the Saturday social, it had a Mardi Gras theme. I saw Hayley online on Zoom. I sang to Hayley. It was the song I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For from Sing 2. We had pizza, cookies and water. I saw staff Taylor, Travis, Jessie, and Natalie. I brought diet coke to the social. Sterling was there and volunteers were there. I was so tired that I slept in the car on my way home.

Community Lunch

By: Tim J

Today we went to Shake Shack at Old Orchard for community lunch. I got a chicken sandwich, chicken bites and water. I went with Jamie, Hannah, Zach, Chris, Blake, and Matt. It was a big group. After lunch, we went to Barnes and Noble. We looked at books and walked around the store. It was fun. Now I am writing in Our Place Press.

Spring Equinox

By: Jennifer V

I like to take walks around
Northwestern with my mom.
Sometimes I plant flowers in
my garden. Planting veggies in
my garden. I like having
lemonade and Starbucks coffee
sometimes with my godmother
Marina. Happy spring. Spring
flowers are blooming and
sometimes spring dinners.

Staff Jamie

By: Natalie F

Works at Our Place

Does Our Place Press

Teaches people

Wears glasses

Has a girlfriend

Types on his laptop

Wears a costume on Halloween

Lumberjack

Lives in a house

Does Outdoor Expeditions

Uses his phone

Has pets

Dungeons and Dragons

By: Taylor H

On Saturday, my mom and
I went to go see the new
Dungeons and Dragons
movie. I had a really good
time seeing the New
Dungeons and Dragons
movie. My mom thought it
was very cute. I enjoy
seeing new movies when
they come out in theaters.
Then on Saturday night,
my parents and I went to
501 Local in Winnetka.
They have good food. I had
Mac and Cheese with
French fries. Then on
Sunday we had a get
together with some
neighbors. I do not know
what we are going to have
for dinner tonight.

The Magic of a Game

By: Sean W

Over the weekend, I made a decision and uncovered some magic. I traded in my PlayStation 4 for the next generation PlayStation 5!! I got 125 dollars from my ps4 and used it to help cover the cost of the newer console. It was amazing getting so much value for it!! Such a win!! After making a trip to Best Buy in Skokie on a very chilly Saturday, my mom and I successfully traded in my old game console and got a new one!! Once we got home after stopping by Fresh Market we set up the new PlayStation 5. Once that was done I logged into my Sony PlayStation, bought the game I have been dying to play, and started to download it. That game is Hogwarts Legacy and once I started to play it I immediately fell in love with it. Such an incredible and breathtaking game!! So worth playing!! This game puts you in a 5th year student who has the rare and powerful ability to sense and use ancient magic. The world is immense, stunning, and full of many details. The story is intriguing and makes me want to learn more. You can explore Hogwarts, a large chunk of the surrounding area. I've played for a day and a half so far and I feel like I have barely touched the surface of this game!! It's honestly an easy 10/10!! And I totally recommend it!!

Emily in Paris

By: Mary S

I watched Emily in Paris. The actors are Lily Collins, Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu, Ashley Park, Lucas Bravo, Samuel Arnold, Bruno Gouery, Camille Razat, William Abadie, Lucien Laviscount, and Kate Walsh. The characters in the show are Emily, Sylvie, Mindy, Gabriel, Julien, Luc, Camille, Antoine Lambert, Alfie and Madeline. Emily has an open personality. Sylvie is hard working. Mindy is fashionable. Camille is kind. Gabriel is kind. Antoine is somewhat nice. Alfie is kind. Madeline is kind. This show is about Emily going to work at different places in the world. I like the people in the TV show. I like the places in the TV show.

My Spring Schedule

By: Jason K

Next session my schedule for the Spring semester is still once a week at Our Place. I'm doing Writing Workshop on Thursday from 12:00-3:00 pm. Monday and Friday, I work from 11:00 am -1:00 pm at Portables. Tuesday I'm doing fitness in the afternoon followed by Music in Me and reading with my Dad at home online. Plus, I am doing bingo with MNASR on Zoom from 4-4:30 pm on Wednesday. I also signed up for two MNASR programs which are mindful meditation from 10-10:30 am and Wildcat Workout from 11-11:30 online. I'm really enjoying the fitness program with them and seeing other members I haven't seen before. It's fun meeting new friends. They're nice and respectful people, so I'm looking forward to it.

Special Gifts Theater

By: Katie L

This Monday we started Special Gifts Theater. The Spring performance is May 21st and we are doing Beauty and The Beast. I am the role of the rose. I will be singing, acting, and dancing in it. I am so excited. I'm going to invite a lot of people and special needs people. I am also so excited to see my friends when they watch my play. I am really happy and excited to get my costume. I'm going see a lot of people there. We might go out to dinner with my boyfriends family and my family. We will go out to dinner together after the play and hang out together. We got our lines on Monday. Come one come all!!!!!!!

My Creative Wedding Poem

By: Jennifer V

At time sky
Full of stars
Is who you are
My heart felt
Of art melt
Enchanted rose
Of pose and seeing
Princess of clear
Sight of light
Explore more of beauty
Back yard
Of April showers
My heart goes apart
Song to sing along

Weekend with Mom

By: Wes G

My Dad went to Colorado with my uncles and my sisters. They went skiing and I stayed home with my Mom. We had a fun weekend. We went on a walk around the neighborhood on Saturday. Then we ran some errands. We bought newspapers and magazines. When we got back home I helped with chores. I cleared the dishes and put things away around the house. I Facetimed with my family and then Mom and I ordered pizza. I went with mom to go get it. Mom and I also got Taco Bell over the weekend. We brought it home to eat. We also watched the church service online. It was a fun weekend with Mom.

My Monday

By: Mary S

On Monday, I went to Our Place. I did a good job at the Pantry. I went to community lunch. We went to Homer's. I got a Polish Sausage, Waffle Fries and an iced tea. I love Polish Sausage, Waffle Fries and iced tea. Then we went to the library. Then I had Our Place Press. I fell down and I tripped over the Extension Cord. Now I will be more careful. I will look down. It was my dad's birthday on March 27th. We went to The Cheesecake Factory. We had fun.

AMASE Concert

By: Matt C

We had a great concert at Northwestern. We did a great job and had great food. We had fruit punch, lemonade, fruit and donuts. I did American Sign Language with Katie L, Julie and Val. I saw Jessie and Amethyst there. We had a great time at our concert. We rode in the van on the way there. There were Northwestern volunteers. I gave Flemming a card and told her thank you.



Matt, Flemming (choir director),
Katie, and Chip at AMASE Choir.

Disney

By: Derek S

I had fun at Disney World. I met Anna and Elsa from Frozen. It was my first time not wearing a face mask at Disney World on my vacation. I might be going back to Disney World soon with Dad and Mom. I went on Test Track and to Tomorrow Land. I went on Speedway at Magic Kingdom.

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April Fools Social

By: Jason K

This past weekend was our April fools theme night at the Our Place Saturday social. Amethyst led it and we learned about the history of April fools. It first originated back in the 18 or 1900's, a really long time ago. We had some games and themed trivia. I did a drawing of a cat shaped like a hamburger with cheese, lettuce, ketchup, and a bun. Then I colored it in after. We did another game on a powerpoint and did very well on guessing the answers to the questions. Even onsite played too. Then we had a dance party which was nice. Then we said our goodbyes and signed off.

Shazam! Fury of the Gods Review

By: Macey S

I saw a movie with my friends and the movie is a DC Superhero Film. It's called "Shazam! Fury of the Gods." I won't say any spoilers, but I can give you a recap about the movie instead. So ok from what I've seen from teaser trailers and the official trailers, this movie is about three goddesses. They are at war with Billy Batson and his brothers and sisters. The goddess thinks Billy is just a kid who plays soldier and he's not the champion of a god. They're mad because they think people are taking advantage of their ancestors' power and being greedy, destroying their realm and magic. So the 3 Goddesses had planned to attack Billy and his siblings, but two of them, meaning the goddesses, actually help Billy toward the end.

Unbound

By: Sean W

Love's not just a feeling
It's alive, around all
And without it, what are we?

An open book
As wide as the open sea
The space in between the stars
Unconnected, unbound

It seeks the one
With the will to break expectations
To shatter all the rules without a second
thought
Like a violinist dancing above the world
Defying gravity before our eyes

This is love
More than a feeling
In everything one can be

Always changing
Becoming unpredictable
Shaping us the world around

This is love
Something we need

A Review of The Twilight Zone Spin-off from The Dick Van Dyke Show

By: Macey S

I have been watching a really funny show from the 60's. It's called The Dick Van Dyke Show. One of the episodes from the second season is called It May Look Like a Walnut. In this episode, Laura and Rob were watching a scary show called Turbo Light Zone which is a play on words because they can't say The Twilight Zone. The reason is because the Twilight Zone was really famous in the 60's, so Rob was making jokes about the show that really scared Laura like a lot actually. When Rob fell asleep, he had a terrible nightmare that he was in the Turbo Light Zone and everyone he knew was pulling a trick on him. Really, Rob was in his own version of the Turbo Light Zone. Rob was actually also afraid of the show.

Champions

By: Zach W

I went to see a movie called Champions with Chloe. We sat in the 12th row and we had popcorn and lemonade. Woody Harrelson is in the movie and there are many characters. They are a basketball team called the Friends. The movie was funny. It had good acting and Woody was the coach of the team for work. They practice and play games. They are teammates. The players lose to the other team at the end but they are champions. I liked it a lot. You should see this movie.



Champions (2023)

My Favorite Things of Spring

By: Jennifer V

Spring flowers

Bring May tower flowers

I like enjoying.

Spring of wings

Easter bunny is hopping

Flopping.

Door bells of noodles

With poodles.

I am cool at school.

Enjoying spring is my favorite thing.

Spring flowers

Of showers.

Sky full of stars

Is who you are.