



## **OUR HAPPENINGS**

**Our day-to-day activities and events**

### Wildcat Workout

By: Jason K

On Wednesdays during the weekdays, I've been doing a fitness class workout called Wildcats Workout with MNASR online at home through Zoom. It usually lasts for about 30 minutes or so. We pick out different stretches to do led by an instructor named Nicole. She's nice and friendly. I enjoy working out with her and my other partners like the workout too. She teaches aerobic exercises such as watching videos of people exercising on YouTube, etc. which is good. I'm liking it and the members are kind and fun to be with. I enjoy seeing them online every week.

### Chicago Auto Show

By: Levi D

On Monday, February 20th, I went to the Chicago Auto show with my Dad. We took pictures sitting in different cars. I sat in a Chevy Camaro, Jeep Wrangler, and a Nissan Armada. I also rode in an electric Cadillac. Riding in it felt like a roller coaster. I also sat in a Volkswagen Golf. My favorite car I sat in was the Jeep Wrangler.

## My Favorite Flowers

By: Ellyn B

I do like Sweet Pea

And also Daisies

They are April Flowers  
like Pink Tulips.

I also have other favorites  
Violets

White and Pink Lilies

Pink carnations.

For Wedding Flowers

I would say White Roses

And White lilies

Yellow Daisies and Roses.

## Lent

By: Tim J

Lent has started. I don't eat meat on Fridays so I had a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch at Our Place. On Sunday I went to Maggiano's. I had chicken parmesan, bread, and flatbread. It was really good flatbread. I drank milk there. We went to church before Maggiano's. I had a really good weekend!

## My Birthday

By: Wes G

I had a fun weekend celebrating my birthday. I brought cupcakes to Our Place to celebrate. The cupcakes were yellow cake with white icing and colorful sprinkles. I had chocolate cake at home and got gifts. My favorite gifts were a Chicago calendar, Target gift cards, money and clothes. I went out to eat at Portillo's and got a hamburger with french fries and lemonade. I saw Puss and Boots with my mom and dad. It was funny. I received a lot of birthday calls, but my favorite was facetimeing with my sisters.

## Basketball

By: Zach W

I went to play basketball with Our Place. It was cool. I shot a three pointer. I played basketball with Sterling, Timmy, Matt and everybody. We won the game. It was awesome and I really liked it. Basketball is fun. The score was thirty two to thirty. Basketball is one of my favorite sports. I'm a big Lakers fan.



Zach and Matt holding up their #1's to celebrate their win after the Our Place basketball program!

## New Trier Carnival

By: Taylor H

This Friday I am going to the New Trier winter carnival with a friend. Her name is Ann Meyers. The winter carnival begins at 5:45pm and ends at 8:00pm. My father is also coming home this Friday. I am really looking forward to going to the winter carnival with Ann on Friday. The winter carnival has lots of games in different rooms. I am really looking forward to karate tomorrow night. My mom drives me to karate every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

# My Weekend

By: Travis T

In New Orleans they have Mardi Gras with all of these costumes and nice outfits. We had a Saturday Social that was a Mardi Gras theme. It went well. I spent time with friends and sang karaoke. I sang New York New York by Frank Sinatra with my Mardi Gras mask on. I ate pizza and cookies. After the social I went back to my house and spent time with my roommates.



*Travis singing Karaoke in his Mardi Gras mask at the Saturday Social*

# Station 19

By: Mary S

The actors are Jaina Lee Ortiz, Grey Damon, Jason Winston George, Jay Hayden, Barrett Doss, Danielle Savre, Alberto Frezza, Okieriete Onaodowan, Boris Kodjoe, Stefania Spampinato, and Miguel Sandoval. The characters in the show are Andrea "Andy" Herrera, Dr. Benjamin "Ben" Warren, Jack Gibson, Victoria "Vic" Hughes, Ryan Tanner, Travis Montgomery, Dean Miller, Maya DeLuca-Bishop, Pruitt Herrera, Robert Sullivan, and Dr. Carina DeLuca-Bishop. Andy is confident. Dr. Benjamin "Ben" Warren is nice. Jack Gibson is strong and brave. Victoria "Vic" Hughes is fun. Travis Montgomery is nice. Maya DeLuca-Bishop is relentless and caring. Dr. Carina DeLuca-Bishop feisty and confident woman. I like to watch them save people.

## Marquita's Visit

By: Jennifer V.

What I know about Marquita is that she is from Jamaica. She is a good writer like me. I like her cute smile and she is beautiful. She changed a bit and she has freckles on her face. She looks older like me. We did not see each other for a long time. I remember Marquita, she was always intelligent and smart at ETHS.

## Florida

By: Natalie F.

I saw my grandma and papa. Me and my mom went and ate. We slept in grandma and papa's house. I went shopping with my mom and grandma. We ate lunch, breakfast and dinner. I took my medicine. I had ice cream that was oreo and vanilla. I had yogurt raisins at grandma and papa's house. I relaxed and went swimming at grandma and papa's house. I had California Pizza Kitchen, McDonalds, and Subway. I got pancakes, orange juice, water and fruit.

# Iowa

By: Keenan P.

- Francis Drake was 66 years old at his inauguration and Iowa's oldest governor.
- Herbert Hoover, a West Branch native, was the 31st president of the United States and the first one born west of the Mississippi.
- Clarion is the only county seat in the exact center of the county.
- Dubuque is the only county courthouse with a gold dome.
- Sabula is Iowa's only town on an island.
- Iowa State University is the oldest land grant college in the U.S.A.
- National Balloon Museum in Indianola chronicles more than 200 years of ballooning history.
- The town of Fort Atkinson was the site of the only fort ever built by the U.S. government to protect one Indian tribe from another.
- The highest double track railroad bridge in the world, the Kate Shelley Bridge, is located at Boone.

# Cabaret

By: Dan C

This past Saturday, I saw a performance of Cabaret at Porchlight Musical Theater. The show has received rave reviews. My brother is on the production team. Some of the lead actors are Erica Stephan, Gilbert Domally, Mark David Kaplan, Mary Robin Roth, Evan Wilhelm, Josh Walker, and more. If you are a fan of musicals I would highly recommend Cabaret. However, the show is set in WWII pre Hitler Germany.

# My Birthday Dinner

By: Andrew S

We had sushi and ramen samplers that were different flavors. One was chicken and then there was Japanese. Don't forget additional spices, aromatics, and all the different flavors including Frikake, Ground White Pepper, Ginger and Garlic. I probably would pick garlic parmesan ramen as the flavor. Then there was boneless Ramen with the stuff off the bone. There was a Japanese one. It had chicken. We all had it in cups and that is why it is called ramen samplers. That is what we had including sushi. There were different flavors. One was Korean barbeque, one had the Chick-Fil-A Sauce in it and then there was beef one. I really liked The Ramen King and that one was one of my favorites. Then there was the other one that had glass noodles, that one was good. Then there was the brown one that was called Shoyu. That was the last one at the end of the table. The Ramen that had the bone broth was Tonkatsu Ramen. Ramen King had stir fried noodles. It was just all good. Right after that the waiters sang happy birthday to me.

# Sign Language Jobs

By: Katie L

I am getting ready for my interview for Park School part time. I am starting to get paid for my work at Park School working with deaf education students. I am going to work on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. I am so excited to get paid for my job. I like working at Park School and I love learning sign language. I work in the classroom and gym. I help with reading their workshop tasks every week. I have a job coach. I study sign language at Harper College and found other sign language jobs. I hope to become a sign language interpreter. I also want to do performing arts, dancing, acting and singing. I am excited to study this. I am very talented, and I love when my close friends are supporting me. It is my dream job and I am doing an interview.

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## Grandma's Birthday Poem

By: Matt C

She makes me fresh orange juice  
She cooks for us in the kitchen  
She rides on the golf cart  
She loves to take care of me  
She watches game show network  
She makes oatmeal cookies  
She makes me breakfast  
She loves to see me  
She likes to see Our Place on Zoom  
She loves to go out to eat with me  
She loves when I ring her doorbell  
She loves watching the Chicago White Sox  
She loves to pick us up at Fort Myers airport



Matt and his Grandma in Florida.  
Happy Birthday 90th Grandma!  
- Matt

## The Twilight Zone Review

By: Macey S

My second favorite show from the 60's is The Twilight Zone. Written, produced, and directed by my role model, Rod Serling. He is creative and imaginative just like me and his team of creative and imaginative writers. The real reason I love this Hollywood show series is because it's SciFi. I also love the way the show has lessons in a cool and twisted way to teach us how to change and become better versions of ourselves, in our conversations, and our united nation. So we can all make a difference.



## Ripples

By: Sean W.

Tiny moments  
Little ripples  
Radiating out into time  
Are the beginning of all  
A small gesture  
A lasting impact  
Not a curse  
But a gift  
This is kindness  
Of unity togetherness  
An aspect of love

## Only Murders in The Building Review

By: Macey S

I've seen this show series on Hulu streaming service. It's a comedy and crime show. This new Hulu television series is about a television actor, a Broadway actor, and an artist. Their names are Chris, Oliver, and Marble. All three of them are true crime podcast fans and that's why they all found inspiration for creating their own Podcast called Only Murders in The Building. They try to solve the murder of Tom Kono and years later the murder of their mean landlord named Bunny. I won't say any spoilers, but so far there are only two seasons. I'm just like you, I'm a fan of Steve Martin and Martin Short. I'm also a fan of Selena Gomez. This show is written by a comedic actor who also produced and directed it. That comedic actor is Steve Martin.

## Poem for Sean

By: Mary S

Smart  
Easy going  
Amazing  
Nice  
Wonderful  
Active  
Thoughtful  
Enjoyable  
Remarkable  
Brave  
Understanding  
Respectful  
You are nice

## Valentine's Day Poem

By: Jennifer V

At times your dreams  
come true.

If sun will rise

My prince is disguise

And it is a tale old

As times

it rhymes.

Celebration of love

Is above.

The wedding bell

Is a spell.

Wedding poems of love

As love is forever of

laughter.

My heart

Is full of art.

Valentine rose

Pose.

## Top Chef Night

By: Jason K

This past Saturday was Top  
Chef theme night at Our Place  
on zoom. Julie the staff led it.

We learned about different  
recipes and types of food from  
cooking, watched a video with  
chefs preparing dinner for

guests, and police at a  
restaurant kitchen place down

in Boston. It was nice to see

that. Then we made drawings of  
food, made pizza, a hotdog with  
mustard and a bowl of pasta.

Then we did a little bit of

YouTube trivia with the onsite  
members joining in. We did

pretty well, some were easy and  
others hard, but we still got

them anyway. I enjoyed the  
social. It was nice seeing my

friends online. They liked  
playing with us too.