



OUR PLACE

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OUR HAPPENINGS

Our day-to-day activities and events

January 21st

By: Mary S

On Saturday, January 21st I went to Target with Aunt Margery because I was doing an errand for my mom at Target. Then we went to Max deli. I got a Monte Cristo sandwich and I loved it. Aunt Margery got an eggs benedict, and she loved it. Then we went to work in my new house and that was fun.

Martin Luther King: I Have A Dream Poem

By: Jennifer V

I have a dream
Someday it will come true
And it is you.
It is a dream team.
I have a dream
Let all freedom ring
As we sing.
I have a dream
Someday into woods
Is forever.
I have a dream
Someday it will arise
It is paradise.
I have a dream
Someday black people
And white people
Come together for ever.

Florida

By: Taylor H

Yesterday, I came back from my Grandparents condo in Marco Island, Florida. I went fishing with my mom and brother. My favorite restaurant in Marco Island was Ciao Bellas Italian Restaurant. I had a really great time with my grandparents in their condo in Marco Island. I also went looking for seashells with my mom.

AMASE Choir

By: Matt C

Come to our AMASE choir concert on March 8th! I will sing A Whole New World and Beauty and the Beast by Emma Watson. Also How Far I'll Go from Moana and Don't Stop Believing from Glee. The concert is at 3:30pm. I am excited for my solo in Beauty and the Beast. Matt, Katie L, Spencer, Quinn, Tim, Sterling, Andrew, Julie, and Val like the music that we sing together. I love to sing the music.

My New Job

By: Levi D

Yesterday I started a new job at BJBE. It is a Temple and a preschool in Deerfield. I work at the preschool, and I observed the class. I read to one of the students and I watched the students while they were at recess. I also helped clean the student's art supplies. In the future I will be helping with snack time, and I will be playing with the students. I will be reading to them.

Tides

By: Sean W

It ebbs
It flows
Like the waves
Crashing against the shore
Its wind and water
Carries our ships
From here to there
For plunder and glory
For reasons we know
This is why we sail
We yearn for discovery, for treasures beyond our
imagination
This is our purpose
To go with the tides
This is the life
The way of pirates
To the port of Tortuga
Where many journeys begin
Yet avast ye hearties, you shall be warned
Of the treacherous path you shall be on
Or soon the calling of the Dutchman shall ring
And down below, your sunken grave shall be
In Davy Jones' locker your restless soul will remain
This is our way
Our curse, our love of the sea
A pirate's life for you and me
From here to there
Wherever the endless tides shall take us
The tides shall take us

The Nutcracker

By: Wes G

A few days before
Christmas I went to see
The Nutcracker in
Chicago. It was a
performance by Joffrey
Ballet. The performance
was set during the 1893
World's Fair in Chicago.
The main characters
were Marie, her mother
and her brother Franz.
The Great Impresario of
the Fair gives presents to
everyone, and Marie gets
a Nutcracker. I loved the
show.



*Wes' trip to The Nutcracker
in Chicago!*

Seeing Grandma

By: Travis T

Before Mother's Day I'm going to see my grandma in Utah. I'm going to see the Rocky Mountains. I will look out the cockpit window of the airplane. I will hang out with grandma and see her new deck and fireplace. My grandma likes catfish. I tried catfish. It tastes so good. I will also see my cousins while I am there. I am very excited. It's going to be nice and sunny.

Jon and Marinas Wedding

By: Jennifer V

It is like a dream wedding
An outlook garden wedding
Princess bride style is holding flowers like a Cinderella at her wedding
Japanese princes explore over Denver woods
Denver is a happy ending of a happy ever after
and living into Denver woods forever

Interview with Patrick

By: Matt C:

I interviewed Patrick the volunteer:
What is your favorite sport?
Golf
What is your favorite place to shop?
Nike
What is your favorite food at Traders Joes?
Cereal
What is your favorite Chicago team?
Bears
What is favorite tv show?
Family Guy
What is your favorite coffee place?
Starbucks
What is your favorite thing at Macys?
T-shirts
What is your favorite music?
Rap
What is your favorite treat?
Chocolate chip cookie
What is your favorite musical?
The Lion King

Music and Me

By: Andrew S.

Prince the energetic one from the 80s family of Billy Griffin to Berlin to Kenny Loggins to Cheap Trick to Gazebo. Gene Pitney and all of the other stuff came ever since the 80s when Top Gun came out when Tom Cruise was really young. Back then in the 80s when the 1st one came it was after Prince did composing of the music for all of the movies. When he took up composing it was after Purple Rain. He was also more like Rick James from the 80s. Prince was born in 1958 in June. He has collaborated with Michael Jackson after the Jackson 5 in the 70s. When Prince was around Billy Griffin did Hold Me Tighter In The Rain. Berlin came around the Top Gun Soundtrack. Kenny Loggins also did the music for Footloose around when Donovan did the music. Prince came around before Denice Williams Let's Hear it For The Boys. Prince was a teenager when Prince did When Doves Cry. That was when Batman came in with Michael Keaton and Jack Nicolson. Purple Rain became the very 1st song that was on the Batman Soundtrack. When Doves Cry was the song that was on The Batman Soundtrack and that came out before Purple Rain.

My Family

By: Natalie F.

I have 2 brothers. There is me, my mom, and my dad. We have 2 dogs named Rosie and Georgie.

Meeting Bea

By: Wes G

Over the holidays my sisters came home. One of my sisters brought her cat. The cat's name is Bea. I liked to pet the cat. One of my sisters stayed for a month and one stayed for a week. For one week we had my whole family at home together and I loved it.

Avatar

By: Zach W

I went to see the movie Avatar. It was a funny movie. I went to see a cool movie and I had dinner. I had a hamburger with French fries and popcorn. We had a party at the movie. I had lemonade and we had a great time at the movie. I also had cheesecake at the movie. It is about guys in water and avatar. They were blue like the blue man group.

Tom's Gym

By: Tim J

On Thursday I go to Tom's gym with Keenan, Clay, Bella, Bobby, and Stacy. When we go to Tom's gym we walk, we exercise on the machines, and we work hard. We always play freeze dance with Tom and at the end we have meditation time.



Remembering Gabrielle

By: Jennifer V

I remember last year she was helping me with my writing and helped me at Our Place. She likes my writing from OP Press. I remember I was dancing with her at Our Place fundraising. I remember she took photos of Our Place Halloween party.



Jennifer and friends at the 2022 Our Place Halloween Party!

My Job

By: Katie L

This Tuesday I got asked to lead a reading group on Wednesday and Thursday. I am helping my students read stories in sign language. I have a reading group of all deaf education students and I help in gym. I sign in myself and Ms. Albert job coaches me at work. I help them make lunches. I hand deaf students the workshop tasks. I help with music and I am excited to help out with sign language. If I do good work I am going to get paid for my sign language work for an internship at Harper College and I will go back to finish college. I am so excited and also may get an internship for music. I am really excited and I love both of them and being involved with Deaf Education students and different programs. I like working with them.

My Favorites

By: Ellyn B

In March I like to wear Green. My favorite shade of green is mint green. I like mint chocolate chip ice cream. My favorite flavor is mint chip. My favorite is mint hot tea. I like to wear my mint sweater with my black pants. Spring is on the way. Shamrock Shakes are my favorite at McDonalds. I also like shamrock cookies as well. My favorite activities inside are bowling, mini golf, basketball, and shopping at the mall. My favorite store is Target. The prices are good. I also like Walgreens.



Ellyn during programming at Our Place in her green shirt!

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Illinois

By: Keenan P.

- Illinois has 102 counties.
- Dixon is the boyhood home of President Ronald Regan.
- Ronald Wilson Regan from Tampico became the 40th president of the United States in 1980.
- Chicago's first African American mayor, Harold Washington, took office in 1983.
- Metropolis the home of Superman really exists in Southern Illinois
- Before Abraham Lincoln was elected president, he served in the Illinois legislature and practiced law in Springfield. Abraham Lincoln is buried just outside Springfield at Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site.
- Chicago is home to the Chicago Water Tower and Pumping Station, the only buildings to survive the Great Chicago Fire.
- Springfield is the state capital and the home of the National Historic Site of the home of President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.
- Home to the Chicago Bears Football Team, Chicago Blackhawks hockey team, Chicago Bulls basketball team, Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox baseball teams, and Chicago Fire soccer team.
- In 1905, the president of the Chicago Cubs filed charges against a fan in the bleachers for catching a ball and keeping it.
- The world's largest cookie and cracker factory, where Nabisco made 16 billion Oreo cookies in 1995, is located in Chicago.
- In Illinois, Michael is the top chosen name for boys. Emily is the most chosen name for girls.

Wednesday Review

By: Macey S.

I know that all of you are fans of a very famous writer and director known as Tim Burton. He directed the show series Wednesday on Netflix. This show is about Wednesday Addams figuring out who she is, and Wednesday is trying to solve a murder case against her father Gomez Addams, but no one believed her. But when she met a townie boy who works at a coffee shop, his name is Tyler Galpin and is the sheriff's son, he believes Wednesday. They were friends at first sight, and they formed a special bond. Tyler and Wednesday try to solve the case together but Tyler turned on Wednesday and now she is on her own to solve the mystery.

A Man Called Otto Review

By: Levi D.

On Sunday me and my mom went to go see the movie A Man Called Otto. The main character is Otto played by Tom Hanks. At the beginning of the movie Otto is a grumpy man because his wife had recently died but he became happier once he met his new neighbors from Mexico. He taught the mom how to drive since she never got the chance to learn.

A Movie Review

By: Macey S

I saw a movie about Elvis. It's a documentary about the King of Rock and Roll. This film shows us that Mr. Presley isn't afraid to express himself and also help people who are different. He's also not scared to stand up for his rights and even for others who are not afraid to be different that stand with Elvis Presley. The King of Rock and Roll's manager financially abused Elvis and his family his entire life. That's when Mr. Presley took drugs and he died from a heart attack.

The Speaker, "Weakener" of the House

By: Dan C

On 1/6/2023 after 72 hours and 15 votes, Kevin McCarthy representative of the 20th congressional district, became speaker. McCarthy has been serving for 15 years however due to concessions he is the weakest speaker of the house in US history, and this shows the division in the Republican party as opposed to the Democrats who are unified.

Saturday Social Review

By: Jason K

This past weekend we had our winter solstice themed social with Our Place on zoom. Jessie led it. I enjoyed it very much. First we danced to some music on YouTube which was nice, then played some Jeopardy trivia winter theme edition. I did pretty good answering the questions to the answers. Most of them weren't easy but others we knew. Anyways then we played another game on YouTube that was also a trivia game as well. I got most of the answers right as did my online friends and onsite people who played. Then we said our goodbyes afterwards.

2023: A New Year

By: Sean W

This year I wish for the best, to achieve what I aim to do, and to enjoy the journey along the way. My biggest goal and hope for the year is to go to my first ever Lindsey Stirling concert. She is my favorite artist, and she inspires me and my poetry a lot. I even had an opportunity to share a poem I wrote about her with her, and she liked it. I also have three of her albums on CD. Two Christmas albums: Warmer in the Winter and Snow Waltz. And her latest other album Artemis. I also have a signed notecard card from her that came with a backstage pass card. Those final two things I won on a giveaway that was happening on her discord server which I am a part of. Overall, she is a special person with many, many talents and I feel fortunate to have discovered her and her wonderful community. Another thing I am excited for this year is to finally play Hogwarts Legacy, a video game set in the wizarding world of Harry Potter. You basically become a student enrolled at Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry. You get to explore and have adventures while following an overarching storyline. This game feels massive with lots to do. I cannot wait to play. I already preordered it on my PlayStation 4 and I can finally play it early April of this year. Overall, I hope this year brings a lot of good things as I yearn to bring a lot of light into it. Here's to a new year. Here's to 2023!!