



OUR HAPPENINGS

Our day-to-day activities and events

A Monday Dinner

By: Sean W

On a Monday in late June, after Our Place, Mary and I slowly walked to downtown Wilmette and met our moms for dinner at Panera Bread. We all had a great time hanging out and catching up. We ate dinner. I had the smokehouse barbeque chicken sandwich which was sooo delicious! I don't recall what everyone else got. Probably sandwiches, salads, and soups most likely if I had to guess. We talked about what was going on recently, and about making plans like going to the food trucks at Ravinia on a Thursday which sounds so fun to me. Overall, it was a great time as always! Can't wait to hang out again!

Chicago Sumer

By: Wes G

I love Chicago summer. I sometimes have dinner with my family downtown. After dinner we like to walk around. Sometimes my dad and I like to bike outside. Dad and I like to ride for a long time in the summer. We like to ride from Rogers Park to downtown Chicago. My mom will also come with us downtown. I enjoy riding my bike with my mom and dad and being outside during the summer in Chicago.

Fourth of July

By: Wes G

I enjoy the Fourth of July a lot. I always celebrate with my family and neighbors. We all go to watch the fireworks in Evanston. Before we go to the fireworks, we always go over to my neighbor's house for a barbeque. They usually cook hamburgers and hot dogs. My favorite for dinner is usually a hamburger. They also have a pasta salad with tomatoes as a side. After dinner, we all will head to the fireworks together. My favorite colors of fireworks are blue, green and pink. I'm excited to see the fireworks and have a barbeque with my neighbors.

Saturday July 15th

By: Zach W

On Saturday July 15th I went to see Spider Man: Across the Spider-Verse with my friend Noah. Noah's family came to pick me up before the movie. Before the movie we went to P.F. Chang's for dinner. I got shrimp dumplings, edamame, rice and lemonade to drink. Noah got noodles for dinner. After dinner we went straight to the movie theatre. We went to the AMC movie theatre in Northbrook. I like the reclining seats at the Northbrook theatre. Once we

arrived at the movie, I got popcorn and lemonade for the movie. After that we went to the theatre. I really enjoyed the movie. My favorite character was Peter Parker. I would rate the movie a 5/5. I thought it was phenomenal and really cool. When the movie was over Noah dropped me off at home. I hung out with my mom and dad for a little bit and then I went to bed.

Will's Place

By: Natalie F

I was with Bella, her mom, my mom, Jamie and Catherine. We ate lunch and had some drinks. We talked and left Will's Place, it tasted good. There was a big line. We took pictures. People were sitting down, and I sat at the back table. I chatted with Bella, her mom and my mom. I got a hot dog and yellow lemonade with fries. It was good. It would be fun to go to the restaurant with Our Place.



Bella and Natalie at the grand opening of Will's Place.

Cartoon House Chapter 1

By: Michaela M

There is a house that is brightly colored. It has many shapes. It is a pretty big house for a small family, just a dad and his daughter Raelyn. There is a huge secret that the dad is hiding from his daughter. They enjoy hanging out with each other. Sometimes they will hang out in the kitchen and make meatballs and or breakfast tacos or both together. Sometimes they walk around the small town. Today they are playing basketball in their yard. Raelyn said to dad, "If I win this you do my chores for the day." She smiled and her face dropped. Dad said, "Just keep practicing. What's going on?" (He knew when Raelyn was upset) Raelyn said, "Our school project is about our family tree. My teacher says there has to be more than us. I tried to tell her that you're an orphan, but she didn't believe me she gave me detention." Her dad said, "I'll talk to the teacher and explain the situation." The next day her dad meets the teacher Ms. Parker. Ms. Parker looked very familiar to him. Ms. Parker said, "Hello Richard I know you're not an orphan." Richard said "I am to my child Raelyn. She does not need to

know about me know about my childhood." Ms. Parker responds, "She is close to becoming a teenager. You know what happens when they come of age!" Richard responds, "I remember". Magic had ruined his life!

Friday July 8th

By: Travis T

On Friday I went to work at the ACE hardware store. I filled the bird feeder and swept the floor. I took my break after sweeping and had a chocolate donut with sprinkles from Bennison's. After work I came back home and had dinner. For dinner Taylor made chicken fingers for dinner. I called my grandma after dinner and then I went to bed.

My Favorite Fancy Restaurants

By: Ellyn B

My Favorite fancy restaurant is Wildfire.
The best chicken and rib combo.
Carmines is also my favorite.
The best eggplant with spaghetti.
Gibson's is also my favorite chicken parmesan.
Rosebud is also my favorite.
Filet and vegetables.

Wyoming

By: Katie L

I woke up and got ready on Thursday. I packed my suitcase, and we went to the plane to fly to Jackson Hole, Wyoming on Thursday night. We got off the plane and went to dinner at Oriti's. After dinner, I checked into my room, unpacked my carry-on suitcase and went to bed. I woke up the next day and I got ready. Kris came at 8:30 to make our schedule and we planned fun activities. I saw Kris every day. We went out to lunch later at Sidewinders America Grill and we got buffalo wings, truffle fries and salad with extra croutons and dressing and we went out to dinner at different places. I went to Teton Adaptive Sports, and I went to a picnic, and I saw my ski teacher Nate Carry. I hung out with my ski teacher, and he walked back with me, my mom and my dad. After the picnic I went out to dinner with my mom and dad. We went to the lobby for dinner and met 2 friends there. I made a friend named Patch and we became BFF's. I am teaching him sign language. We played games and had free time. I spent time with my sister and uncle Pat. I got a massage. My mom and I went horseback riding for 2 hours.

I went on a float trip. We met my mom's friend and we saw more people. I went to the candy store on July 3rd and 4th and watched the fireworks by our unit. I went swimming and had lunch by the pool and dinner in the lobby. I went to the 4th of July parade where they threw candy stuffed animals and corn. After the parade we watched Grace and Frankie on Netflix and had ice cream sundaes. We had a lot of fun. We packed our things and drove to the private airport to fly home. I had fun on my vacation.

Happy Taste of Chicago

By: Ellyn B

Happy Taste of Chicago.
Go To the Beach
And have a
BBQ Party.
Happy 4th of July.
Happy Fireworks.
Happy cheeseburgers.
Vegetables.
And corn on the cob.
Happy iced tea.

July 11th

By: Mary S

On Tuesday July 11th, I had breakfast with my mom and dad. Then I went to Our Place. For lunch I went to Panda Express with Amethyst, Brianna, Hannah, Keenan, Zach, Derek and Bella. I got super greens, honey walnut shrimp, and honey sesame chicken breast. Amethyst got rice and vegetables. Brianna got rice and vegetables. Keenan ate lunch at Our Place, not at Panda Express. Derek ate lunch at Our Place, not Panda Express but got a soda. Bella got chicken, water, vegetables and chow mien. Zach ate lunch at Our Place, not Panda Express. Hannah got soda, rice and chicken. Then we went to Dave & Buster's. We played a duck game and won ducks. I won two ducks. We played other games also. Then we drove back to Our Place. My dad picked me up at Our Place. Then I used my laptop at home and had dinner with my mom. I used my laptop again after dinner and I went to return a book to the library with my dad. Then we played UNO and I went to bed.

Mary at Dave and Buster's playing a racing game.

Lakehouse

By: Jason K

This past weekend on Sunday we went to my dad's brother's lake house in Michigan for a family gathering. I saw my dad's side of the family there. His brother's wife, cousins, nephews, sister and older grandson and wife with their three kids were there. His two sisters were there also with her newborn daughter. We spent the day hanging out with them. We talked and chatted about how things are going with them. We all went down to the beach for a little bit and walked along the waves of water. We had chicken from the grill, salad, pasta salad and a bowl of fruit for dinner. I had chicken with salad, pasta and watermelon for dessert. It was very delicious. It was nice seeing everybody. We then took a family photo of us all together outside his lake house.



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Go-Go Concert

By: Macey S

Last night I went to a concert with my parents. I had a lot of fun. I heard old-timey songs that I have never even heard of except one song from an old Rugrats movie. That song is called “Vacation”. It’s really catchy and upbeat. This artist was formerly from a girl band and now she is a solo artist. I wouldn’t say she’s like the band Queen or the band The Beatles, but I would say in my experience this was unforgettable and the best of my life. I honestly had so much fun dancing and the songs were also really fun to dance to. I sang along a little bit to the song Vacation. That was my favorite part of the night, and the dancing. I was so very excited and when I came back home, I was still excited. I had the best time at the concert. I would do it again!

Macey with her mom, Danna, and her dad, Mike, at the Go-Go concert.

The New Normal Review

By: Mary S

The actors are Justin Bartha, Andrew Rannells, Georgia King, Bebe Wood, NeNe Leakes, Jayson Blair and Ellen Barkin as Jane Forrest. The characters in the show are David Bartholomew, Bryan Collins, Goldie Clemmons, Shania Clemmons, Rocky Rhoades, Clay Clemmons and Jane Forrest. David is a doctor. Bryan is determined. Goldie is a good mom to Shania. Shania is nice. Rocky is Bryan's assistant. Clay is the father of Shania. Jane is the grandmother of Goldie. Shania is a great mother. I like this TV show. The show is about Goldie being a surrogate to David and Bryan.



Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part 1 Review

By: Sean W

Over the weekend I went to the movies with my mom. We went to Landmark Theaters at the Glen. Before the movie, I stopped by Mingle and got a delicious cinnamon roll smoothie. It was such a treat. After that we went into the theater and found our seats. There were only a few people inside. We saw Mission Impossible Dead Reckoning Part 1, the seventh installment in the series, with the 8th part coming next year. This was a well-done action-packed movie with some good humor and stunning stunts. I am a big fan of these movies and even though it is over a two-and-a-half-hour-long movie it surely doesn't feel like it. From car chases to thrilling action on a train, you better be ready for a wild ride!! This one follows Ethan Hunt and his team trying to track down a mysterious key that has a link to an AI entity that could threaten the world if it falls into the wrong hands. The AI entity has assembled a villain that stems from Ethan's past which ups the ante and stakes as the story unfolds. With a star-studded cast and well-crafted

scenes, this picture will be a delight to all who are fans of this genre, Mission Impossible, or Tom Cruise fans, which is who I recommend it to. Overall, I rate this film a solid 9 out of 10. This review will now self-destruct in 5 seconds!

Hadestown

By: Macey S

I saw a Broadway musical with my parents. I saw Hadestown. It's about a sad tragedy of a myth a long time ago about the gods. It was beautiful and emotional. A well written love story of a god and a poor girl. The songs tell a story that really did happen. It teaches us a lesson, to not repeat the exact mistakes on a regular basis in an endless loop that keeps on going and going. We all can learn from our mistakes. I do know now that not everyone in the whole wide world is not perfect, but we can all learn from our past to change and make a difference so that we can make our own future instead of repeating the past. This musical is definitely inspirational. Hadestown is a beautiful story.