



OUR PLACE

PRESS

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OUR HAPPENINGS

Our day-to-day activities and events

Cubs Game

By: Wes G.

I went to the Chicago Cubs game with my Dad. We took the train. Dad picked me up early from Our Place. I had a hamburger at the game and drank lemonade. I got a new hat. It says 42 on it and Jackie Robinson. I picked it out with Dad. I didn't catch a foul ball but the weather was nice. We had good seats. I watched the players on the field. I like the Cubs uniforms.

My trip to Utah

By: Travis T

I had a good weekend. I went to a play. I saw Beauty and The Beast. I saw Katie and Andrew. He played the piano. Bobby B played the beast. I got back from my trip to Utah. I surprised my grandma and gave her hugs. She is 96 and I saw my uncle Bob. He's my Dad's brother from Utah. He got his leg surgery. Me and my mom and brother went to Mother's Day brunch. I had breakfast. I had eggs, bacon, and hashbrowns. I stayed overnight there on the couch. My cousins came over and we had some drinks and snacks and hung out.

By: Tim J Cinco De Mayo

On Friday, May 5th, it was cinco de mayo. I had tacos. They were chicken and beef with sour cream, lettuce, tomato, and guacamole. We had chips and salsa. For dessert we had chocolate cake. I was with my family. I went to my brother Danny's office in the city. I saw the computers and phones. It was a cool office.

Mother's Day

By: Zach W

My Mother's Day was great. I gave my mom a card and it was so much fun. We had food. Cheese, popcorn, and we watched the Air Jordan movie. It was a good Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day mom! I love you.

My Favorite Summer Colors

By: Ellyn B

My favorite summer colors
Are light pink and salmon pink
carnation pink
bubble gum pink
is my favorite
lilac and orchid is
also my favorite
sea green and
yellow green
lemonade
and yellow
tangerine
and yellow orange
sky blue and light blue

Happy Mother's Day

By: Mary S

Hardworking

Active

Polite

Passionate

You are nice

Marvelous

Open heart

Thought

Helpful

Easy going

Remarkable

Smart

Determined

Admirable

You make me happy



Mary and her mom enjoying the Our Place garden!

Our Place Benefit

By: Taylor H

On Saturday night, my Mom and I went to the Our Place benefit. My mom and I had a really good time at the Our Place Benefit.

Then on Sunday, my mom and I went to visit one of her friends that moved to Glenview from Wilmette. On Sunday night, my mom and I had chicken noodle soup for dinner.



Our Place Participants at the 2023 Our Place Benefit - Together We Shine!

Distortions

By: Sean W

Revelations

As one yearns to change, like a topic in a lost conversation

Not realizing what you had until it is too late

Is that all we are, wrapped up in ways the world controls our fate

Distortions of reality

Surrounding the shell of man

Never clear, what is up or down, what is right or wrong

Still we remain, simply floating in a sea of grays

A sea of grays

Distortions of fate

Holding on blindly to belief

Never clear, what is true or false, what one should truly choose for them self

Are we truly destined to be pawns in a higher power's game

Or will we break free of the distortions that blind us still

This is the eternal conflict

The war within

The way forward, to break free

Break free

Florida

By: Derek S

We stayed in Pompano Beach, Florida. We stayed on the beach. Dad found seashells on the beach. You can fish on the pier in Pompano Beach for free. I ate at a restaurant on the pier.

Mother's Day

By: Tim J

I got my mom flowers for Mother's Day. They were yellow flowers. We had dessert. I spent some time with my mom. I love my mom. She gives me hugs. My mom really loves me. Happy Mother's Day, mom!

Cure for Epilepsy Benefit

By: Katie L

On May 6th, I went to get my hair done for the Spring formal and the Cure Epilepsy benefit. It was downtown Chicago. We got dressed and picked up the car. We met friends there and had drinks. Then we met our group upstairs and went inside the room. We sat down. I wore a pink floral dress. We pulled up and had salad, dinner, and bread. We danced and the band was there. We fundraised 3 million dollars for a cure for epilepsy. My mom took pictures of me and my New Trier friends. I had fun and then we took my Ama back to her house. I was really excited to be there and had fun with my friends. My family was there and Crystal, Jeff, Ms. Albert, Jeff, Dottie, and Bud. We had fun and they support me and help me fundraise to find a cure for epilepsy. I got to dance to Hamilton and take funny pictures in the photo booth. It was fun and I was so excited to see everyone there. I am excited for the next one and can't wait to see who I invite.

Special Olympics

By: Ellyn B

Happy Special Olympics
Fun

My favorite

Sport is swimming

And track as well

Basketball as well

Bowling as well

Soft ball and

Bocce ball as well

When I win gold

Medal

I go down state

ISU

Party at ISU

Pizza parties

And having fun

My Monday

By: Mary S

I went to our place. Then I went to the Pantry. Hayley took me to the Pantry. Then I had Community Lunch. We saw Gabrielle. It was fun. I hope that will happen again. Then we went back to Our Place. Then I had Our Place Press. Then my mom picked me up. She watered the flowers in the Our Place garden. Then we went to the Hobby Lobby to get wall decor. We bought flowers, butterflies, and art birds. My mom and I went home. My dad, my mom, and I had dinner. We watched Station 19.



Our Place Participants with
Gabrielle at Noodles & Company

CULTURE CORNER

Our place for reviews, recipes, special interests and more

Cinco De Mayo Social

By: Jason K

This past weekend was our Cinco De Mayo themed Our Place social on Zoom. Amethyst led it. It was nice seeing her. We learned a little lesson about the history of the festivities. It's held every year in the middle of May. We also learned some numbers and words in Spanish which was fun to do. We did a drawing of a pinata with confetti coming out of it. It was pretty neat. Then we did a trivia powerpoint slide game all about Cinco De Mayo. I did okay and knew some of the things but not all of them. My online friends had a great time playing with each other.

The newer updated version of the original beloved classic, The Twilight Zone.

Season 2 Episode 9, "Try Try."

By: Macey S

Yesterday I watched Episode 9 of the reboot of the twilight zone. The narrator is Jordan Peale. The actor who acted and wrote horror films. He acted and wrote Get out, This is us, and Hope. He's also a comedic actor in a show called K and P. Back to The Twilight Zone, the episode is all about time travel. This character Marc with a C keeps reliving the exact same day. He's had a crush on Claudia for a very long time. At first, he was just being her friend. Then it turns out Marc was actually a Villain and that's when Claudia felt unsafe with him. Marc with a C told her his secret and he was actually scaring Claudia. But at the end Claudia actually beat his butt. He deserved it actually.

Guardians Vol. 3 Review

By: Sean W

Last Sunday, May 7th I went to the movie theater with my mom and we saw Guardians of the Galaxy volume 3. We went to the 2:10 showing at the Old Orchard movie theater. The movie itself was really good and I enjoyed a lot about it. The film has a lot of heart and humor. So be prepared for a roller coaster ride of emotions and to have a tissue nearby or handy. This volume serves as a conclusion to the Guardians story. This one focuses on Rocket Raccoon and his origin story, after Rocket and the rest of the guardians get attacked in their home, Knowhere a skull remnant from an ancient celestial being by Adam Warlock who makes his first entrance. The attack leaves Rocket wounded and close to death. After the battle, the Guardians go on a mission to save Rocket. This path and rocket's flashbacks lead us to the High Evolutionary, a man who claims himself and is fixated on creating the perfect society no the matter the cost. He becomes more unhinged as the movie goes on and the actor who plays did an amazing job portraying this. As the film goes on most of the guardians have moments to shine as the story leads to a climatic battle. This is such a well done movie and I love the Guardians so much more now. This film cements Rocket Raccoon as my favorite Guardian. Overall, this is movie I will go see again and I recommend it to those who are Marvel and Guardian of the Galaxy fans. Be wary to those who are very sensitive to animal cruelty as there are a few tough scenes to sit through. Anyways, I rate this film a 4.9 out of 5. Thank you to James Gunn for bringing this family of characters onto the big screen for us!!!

A Haunted Mansion Review

By: Macey S

I am writing a review of a motion picture original classic Halloween 2003 movie. It starts with Eddie Murphy, a really funny comedic actor. This movie is called Haunted Mansion. This movie is about a Real Estate Man and his family. They go on a family adventure that turns into Tim Evans Real Estate business, but when the rain floods the roads the Evans family stayed the night in The Gracey Manor. Now Megan Michael and Tim are picking up small weird vibes from this old haunted house. Even especially from the butler named Ramsey and Mr. Gracey himself. So Tim and his children have to break the curse right before his wife Jane dies from the poison. The kids and Mr. Evans got help from 2 ghosts and a spirit fortune teller from being inside of a crystal ball. Michelle, Meghan, and Tim Evans have to stop the butler right before it's too late. And they tell the truth to Mr. Gracey about Elizabeth's death.

School of Rock

By: Zach W

We went to see a play called School of Rock. It had Mr. Schneebly. We saw the cast and they were so funny. He looked like Jack Black and we liked it. I give it five stars. And the band was so fun.

Super Mario Bro's

By: Wes G

Last Friday I saw the Super Mario Bro's movie with Hayley. We went to Old Orchard Mall and I picked a place for dinner. We went to Pie Five Pizza. I got a cheese pizza and a Hi-C. It was really good pizza. Then we walked around the mall and spent some time outside by the pond. Then we went to the movie theater. I got popcorn and lemonade. I thought the movie was funny. Then we went back to my house and watched the news. I showed Hayley my family photos. It was a fun night.

Our Place Benefit

By: Jason K

This past Saturday was the Our Place Benefit at the Takiff center in Glencoe. The theme was Together we Shine. I had a good time with my friends and staff members. We ate dinner at the participant table and had pizza from Lou Malnati's. We had pasta, salad, drinks, and dessert. There was a silent auction. We watched a video about the Our Place community and what it means to us. I saw a lot of my friends in it and then afterwards we danced together on the dance floor. The music was pretty good and I enjoyed dancing with other people. We all enjoyed ourselves. I got to see some of the other staff members that used to work at Our Place before they left to do other things. It was nice seeing them. We raised money and hopefully it will go toward new stuff for Our Place.



Our Place Participants at the Benefit - April 29th, 2023

