



OUR HAPPENINGS

Our day-to-day activities and events

Anastasia’s Birthday

By: Natalie F

I went to Anastasia’s party. I had cake, Kit Kat and M&M cake, and pizza. We went bowling. I had lemonade, water and cookies. Val, Stacy, Mary, Annie, Hannah, Anastasia and Katie were there. I brought a present, a puzzle and a card, she opened it. I was on a team. I don’t know if I got strikes or spares. We sang Happy Birthday and blew out candles. It was fun!



Zach and Levi at the Our Place Race earlier this month.

Race to Our Place

By: Zach W

I went to the Our Place Race. I walked with my mom and my dad. Ellyn and I ran with Juile. I ran eight miles. I had so much fun, the race was so cool. I saw Jamie, Catherine, Gabrielle, Emily, Kelly, Matt C., Derek, Sean and Travis. I had strawberry with nuts. I had tacos with chicken, and we took pictures with my mom and my dad. We walked by the beach, had hot apple juice and we got a gold medal. Then the pasta was so good. Then I went to sleep and I thought the race was so fun. I also saw Josh, Levi, Marla and then saw Frank, Jane and Clay.

Taylor Swift Movie

By: Derek S

I went to see the Taylor Swift movie at AMC Northbrook Court. I ate at the movie theater. I had a hamburger to eat in the movie theater while watching. The Taylor Swift movie was filmed at Sofi stadium during her concert. I went with dad and mom and my sister and niece. I liked it the same as the tour.

Our Place Race

By: Matt C

On Sunday I went to the Race to Our Place. I saw my friends that I golf with and saw Jo Gilley and Ron Gilley. I saw Jamie Weller and Catherine. I saw Julie and her sister. We had a food truck. I ordered quesadillas with a Coke. I saw Hannah, Bella, Stacy and Travis. We started the countdown before the race to let people go. I walked 3 laps around the loops. I walked fast to finish the race. I was happy to finish the thing. Travis sang the national anthem. I saw Josh Stern and Emily, our old Our Place staff. I ate Homers ice cream. I had raspberries. I saw Lisa Flanagan on WGN news.

Young Frankenstein

By: Travis T

On Sunday I watched Young Frankenstein with my mom. It is funny. Gene Wilder was playing Frankenstein. I liked Marty Feldman playing Igor. Cloris Leachman played Frau. I watched this movie for the first time over the weekend. I shut my lights off while we watched. We had white cheddar popcorn during the movie. I also liked the monster, Peter Boyle. It was directed by Mel Brooks. I would give this movie a 7/10.

Blue Man Group

By: Zach W

I went to see the Blue Man Group with Samantha on Friday. We sat in the theater and the Blue Man Group was there. I had a great time at the Blue Man Group. I went to the Chicago Theater.

Tuesday October 10th

By: Mary S

On Tuesday October 10th I had breakfast and went to Our Place. I had fitness at Tom's. I did arms and legs and core. Then I had lunch. In Writers Workshop, I did this writing, if I ran for president. Every Tuesday people can buy tacos. Every Sunday is free coffee day. Who is on your team? My mom is vice president, and my secretary is dad. Working with the money is Sam. I trust my mom and dad and Sam. What laws will you keep or change? I am going to keep gay marriage. What will you do to help the world? No war. Then my dad had an appointment, so he picked me up at 3:30 pm. Then we went home, and I used my laptop. Then we picked up my mom from the airport, and we went to a happy sushi restaurant. My dad got rice. I got soup. My mom got soup. I saw someone forgot her purse. I went outside to give it to her. She was happy I saw it. Then we went home and watched TV together and then I went to bed.

My Cousin's Wedding

By: Wes G

Last Friday my cousin got married at a church in the Chicago suburbs. My whole family was at the wedding including my two sisters. My 17 cousins were also at the wedding. The bride had a long white dress on and the bridesmaids had on Burgundy dresses. I got a new black suit for the wedding with a white shirt and purple tie. After the reception I danced all night long. My family stayed overnight at the hotel and I had breakfast with my aunts, uncles, cousins and family. We all ate together at the hotel. After I got home on Saturday my aunt and two uncles came over and we had dinner at Pita Inn. I had fun at the wedding and seeing my family.

All About Me

By: Natalie F

I have 2 dogs, my mom and dad and 2 brothers

My dog's names are Georgie and Rosie

My brother's names are Noah and Alex

My mom's name is Lisa.

My dad's name is Rob.

I like to watch sports with them.

I like to watch sports like Cubs baseball and Bull's basketball

I hope the Chicago Bears win.

I don't know if I have been to a Bears game.

I've been to a Cubs game and a Bulls game.

I like animals and pets.

I like living in the country and the city.

I like art.

Speaker of the House

By: Dan C

On 10/3/2023 Kevin McCarthy of California was booed after representative Matt Gaetz of Florida moved to vacate as he threatened to do earlier in that week after McCarthy voted to keep the government open.

This is the first time a speaker was forced out by an action of a fellow member of the House. The speaker was ousted by a vote of 216 – 210. The question is who will the next speaker be? Many think Jim Jordan. However, this reporter does not think he will be able to get the votes he will need to become speaker. Then who will it be? I can tell you two people who won't be the next House speaker, Donald Trump or Kevin McCarthy.

My Favorite Seasons

By: Ellyn B

My favorite season is spring.

Fall is also my favorite season.

I also like summer.

80's and 70's

I also like winter.

Winter is okay.

My real favorite season is spring.

My birthday is in April.

Flowers are my favorite.

My favorite color is bright bubblegum pink.

Sleeping Beauty is my favorite.

Strawberry milkshakes are my favorite.

Very berry strawberry is my favorite flavor of ice cream.

Also, Reese's peanut butter.

Michigan Weekend

By: Matt C

I went to Michigan to see my brother. I went golfing with my brother. At the golf course I ate a cheeseburger, cheese curds and drank lemonade. I watched TV when I was eating dinner with my mom and dad. I went in the golf cart with my brother. I joined the Our Place social on Zoom. It makes me feel happy. My brother logged into the social for me. My brother heated my mac and cheese up in the microwave after the social.

My 33rd Birthday

By: Katie L

On Friday I celebrated my 33rd birthday at Our Place with my friends, the staff, and volunteers. We had birthday cake from Deerfield bakery. Crystal picked it up. We went out to lunch in the community and then I came back, and we did Game On. I hung out with my friends, and I opened my gift cards at home. We had a birthday party in Pittsburgh. We flew on a private plane and packed our suitcases. We brought

them to our house to stay one night and at another old house one night. We got ready, took a shower and put on an outfit and then my relatives met me at a restaurant for my birthday. Noah and his wife and little baby came over to visit me on Sunday before dinner. He brought flowers and a card. We know each other from the Pittsburgh Penguins. We are going back for Thanksgiving and for the hockey game on Wednesday the 22nd. My whole family is coming and Nora, Kevin and Samantha. My mom, dad and I and our relatives are going to be there. Noah, his wife and baby are going to be there to hang out with me. I am going to have fun and spend time with my family. We are going to see each other, and I can't wait to see him at the game, we miss each other. He is one of my BFF's who I met at club 66. I like going out to dinner, lunch and shopping. I want Nora to get along with my brother's baby, maybe they can be friends and play with each other and do things together. We will get food, games, snacks, drinks, desserts and sweets. We are taking a lot of people to the game, lots of them. I can't wait for this season. I am going to see the Pittsburgh Penguins. We are flying there on a private jet and back.

Race to Our Place

By: Derek S

I was happy to see Gabrielle at the 5k Race for Our Place. It was nice seeing Emily and Josh at the race. It was just me and dad at the 5k. I ate chips at the 5k and I handed out medals at the 5k Race for Our Place. I helped my mom put away groceries from Jewel after the race, and waited for my sister to come over to spend the night with us. Last night we decorated the house for Halloween.

Monday October 2nd

By: Mary S

On Monday October 2 I went to Panera with my mom for breakfast. I got ham, egg and cheese on a cinnamon bagel and chai. My mom got eggs and cheese on a cheese bagel and coffee. I liked my food. My mom liked her food. Then my mom dropped me off at Our Place and went to a hair appointment after. Then I went to the food pantry. I did a good job at the food pantry. Then we had cookies. I met Debbie's daughter. Then I went back to Our Place and I had lunch. I had grapes, jelly and peanut butter. Then I did Imagine That. We did Props and Unfortunately

and Fortunately. After that I did Our Place Press. Then my mom picked me up early, I had an appointment. We went to a Fresh Market and went home after, and I used my laptop. Then we watched The Morning Show while we had New York Times scallops and pasta and pomegranate recipe for dinner. It was good. I used my laptop and went to bed.

Race to Our Place

By: Wes G

Last Sunday was the Race to Our Place. I went with my mom, two sisters and one sister's boyfriend and my aunt. Right before the race another aunt and my cousin with their kids came to wish me and my group good luck. I walked around Gillson Park three times and completed the race. I had so much fun! I was happy that I got to see my sisters this weekend and was sad when they left on Sunday afternoon!

My Birthday Adventure

By: Sean W

On Friday the 22nd of September it was my birthday. I woke up and my mom made me an omelet for breakfast. After getting ready and eating lunch, the two of us drove to the Chicago Botanic Garden where we spent a lovely few hours there enjoying the weather and the environment of the natural and beautiful place. We initially started on one of the free garden tours offered there, then ended up going our own way. We saw lots of beautiful plants and flowers. We saw ducks, geese, fish, and a white egret. It was another great time there! Afterwards, we returned home where we prepared dinner for ourselves and our guests. We ordered pizza from Lou Malnati's and got a salad and some cheesy bread from there. Then a little bit after the dinner food arrived, Mary and her mom arrived. We showed them around our humble home, and they got to meet our big Maine Coon cat named Darwin for the first time! The four of us enjoyed dinner together. Once our delicious dinner was finished, it was time for cake. A magnificent chocolate ice

cream cake from Graeters. It is one of my favorites and extremely tasty! We all enjoyed the chocolate ice cream aot. Then it was time for presents. Firstly, I opened Mary's and her mom's gifts. Mary made me a nice little box that had a candy bar, a key chain and mini license plate from Michigan and a lovely card. Mary's mom got me a box of Godiva chocolates and a card too! It was very sweet of them, and I appreciated it very much! After that I opened some cards from some of my family, which also came with a couple of Amazon gift cards and a check. Then I opened my mom's gifts and card, which included a Lego Star Wars set of the Naboo Starfighter from the Mandalorian series, a Lego Spider-Man set of the final battle in Spider-Man No Way Home, two Lindsey Stirling album CDs to complete my collection, and some candy. A little bit after the presents were done, Mary and her mom went home which concluded the end of the festivities. Overall, it was an awesome birthday, and I was grateful to spend some of it with my mom and some of it with Mary and her mom. Cheers to being 31 years old now!

Cartoon House Chapter 4

By: Michaela M

Raelyn responds, "Yes, I think so?" Hallie says, "Cool everyone here is my family. The royal family used to help us before they disappeared. A shocked Raelyn says, "I am sorry, so all you are adopted?" Hallie responds, "Yes, it was easier than saying my father was the last remaining heir, didn't want to start off badly. Raelyn says, "So did you guys have a certain type of magic that you practiced?" Hallie grinned "Yep can you guess what it was?" Raelyn grinned, "Is it Halloween?" Hallie says, "Yes, it is. Come on, I shared with you. Do you know what type of magic you have?" Raelyn answers, "Not a clue you've met my dad." Hallie laughed. "Yep, he is very anti magic." Raelyn sighed, "Maybe he had good reason for being that way?" Hallie says, "There is no good reason to be anti-magic." Raelyn responds, "Guess we have to agree to disagree" Hallie says, "There is a first time for everything. How about we meet other family members? This who we call Auntie she is in charge of the house. "Why not call her Mother?" asked Raelyn. "Mother gives some people here bad vibes," replied Hallie. Raelyn said, "Does that mean people aren't nice?"

Auntie says, "Imagine you meet the perfect person. Then you find out that they are a mermaid or fairy?" Raelyn asks, "Mermaids are real? Fairies are real?" Auntie responds, "There has not been Fairies and Mermaids in a really long time. When the last remaining heir of the Royal Magic family disappeared so did their castles." Raelyn thinks to herself guess Dad was better at magic when he was pressured to be. Raelyn asks, "What kind of Magic does the Royal Family practice?" Auntie responds, "Why are you so curious about the Royal Family?" Raelyn responds, "I want to know what happened to them. Maybe something was blocking their magic?" Auntie responds, "The Royals have all the magic. Their specialty is creating portals to different dimensions." This is Khein. Raelyn asks, "What can you do?" Khein says, "None of your business mortal lover." Hallie whispered, "His mortal family was very anti magic they tried to get rid of his magic multiple times." Raelyn says, "That's awful. He must have heard me talk about it with you." Hallie responds, "Yep, he has really good hearing." Raelyn says, "Darn it I made enemy first day here." Hallie responds, "It's not your fault you didn't know." Lilian happily greeted Raelyn, "Hey you're Raelyn aren't you? It's so

nice to meet you. I can see the future and past lives. I am also 117. I am part vampire.” Raelyn responds, “So you know who I am? Lilian answers, “Yes, I do. You should tell someone the more you hide the angrier they will be.” Raelyn says, “It’s dangerous for me to even be here.” Lilian responds, “Yes, it is. People can help you find out whatever caused their disappearance.” Hallie joins, “That’s the longest I have heard Lillian talk. Raelyn asks, “Does she always talk in riddles?” Hallie answers, “Yep, all here Lydia and Lynx. Lydia shapeshifts into humans. Lynx can shapeshift into animals. They are twins. Lynx does not talk. Lydia translated for him.” Lydia says, “Wow you must be excited to be here. Have you found your power yet? Raelyn answers, “Not yet. I am excited to see my powers.”

Race to Our Place

By: Jason K

On Sunday October 1st it was our annual Race to Our Place, which was held at Gillson beach in Wilmette for the third time. It’s my 3rd year doing the race. Me and my dad went and saw my other Our Place friends there too. We got two t-shirts to take with us before the race

started. Travis sang the national anthem as he usually does. Then I waited until they said go. I mostly just walked during the race and drank plenty of water to stay hydrated. The weather was nice, hot. I kind of sweated out while I walked, and my dad walked with me for a little bit. He sat down to take a rest and then continued walking beside me. After the race was over, we each got medals and ice cream from Homers which was delicious. We saw a food truck there but didn’t get anything. Afterwards we said goodbye and went home.

Pumpkin Scone

By: Sean W

Oh, pumpkin scone
Oh, pumpkin scone
Where are thou?
This autumn season

Will I taste your pumpkin flavors?
Will I enjoy the treat of you?
Or will I be tricked?
During this season of the spooky

This is the time
Of the great pumpkin scone
To spread its sweet scent
Into the atmosphere
It shall overcome
Hallow’s end fear

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A Review of the Peter Pan and Wendy Movie

By: Macey S

I have never read the original book of Peter Pan and Wendy. I actually haven't. The book is written by the author who wrote the Kingdom Keepers book series. His name is Ridley Pearson. Thanks to the Disney Company they worked with Mr. Pearson to make his first original book into a live action movie this year. That's exactly what they did and let me tell you about the newer motion picture live action original classic of Peter Pan and Wendy. I've seen this movie before, but I watched it again for the second time. The movie is about growing up and a young girl named Wendy who didn't want to grow up. That's relatable. When Wendy and Michael first met Peter Pan and Tinker Bell they were shocked and amazed at first and as they got to Neverland, they were excited. But soon as their adventure had gotten really personal, it became the biggest adventure of all, officially growing up!

K9 Companions Review

By: Jason K

Besides doing the Wildcat Workout online Wednesdays on Zoom, I also have been doing something else with MNASR. It's only every other week. It's called K9 companions. I do it at the Oakton Community Center in Skokie. We're paired up with different dogs. They come up to each of us. We hand them treats, play games and teach them tricks. The people that do it with me are nice and friendly. Even though I've never seen any of them before I still enjoy being with them. Some of their names are Elliot, Pedro, Cody, Luigi and Palmer. They all like me and my other group of individuals who I do it with. There are staff members who assist too. I'm getting pretty used to animals anyways.

A Review of Fran-ken-weenie

By: Macey S

I've seen this movie before but until recently I had not rewatched it. This movie is written and produced by a director named Tim Burton. He is a creative and imaginative director of Disney Halloween movies, and original films that he wrote and produced himself. And so my bad I didn't tell you about my all-time number 1 favorite, Tim Burton Halloween movie. Let me tell you about the motion picture original classic Halloween movie that's called Fran-ken-weenie. This movie is about a young boy who is best friends with his dog named Sparky. When Sparky got run over by a car Victor felt emotionally lost without his dog, poor kid. He loved his best friend from his childhood. The science teacher inspired Victor to bring back his dead dog. One night he and the young boy brought back Sparky. Nobody understood him, Victor just wanted his dog back!