



OUR HAPPENINGS

Our day-to-day activities and events

My Weekend

By: Derek S

I am excited about Will's Place on Friday for lunch. I am going shopping with dad after Our Place tonight. I did not go shopping with dad last night. I am happy that Jamie and Jessie and Julie are working the social this weekend. I am busy packing this weekend for Minnesota to go to a doctor's appointment.

Happiness for Beginners

By: Mary S

The actors are Ellie Kemper, Luke Grimes, Nico Santos, Blythe Danner, Ben Cook, Shayvawn Webster, Julia Shiplett, Gus Birney, Esteban Benito, Alexander Koch and Mary Neely. The characters in the show are Helen, Jake, Hugh, Gigi, Beckett, Wendy, Sue, Kaylee, Mason, Duncan and Lulu. Helen is nice. Jake is nice. Hugh is nice. Gigi is nice. Beckett is nice. Wendy is nice. Sue is nice. Kaylee is nice. Mason is somewhat nice. Duncan is nice. Lulu is nice. I like it. The show is about people going camping.

Me and Patrick

By: Natalie F

Me and Patrick Kelly are friends. I went to school with Patrick. He is funny. I sit with Patrick Kelly. He is silly. I go to Our Place with Patrick Kelly. Patrick Kelly likes to bowl. Patrick likes art too. He likes to tell jokes and laugh out loud and can be quiet. I say hi to Patrick Kelly. I go to Tom's Gym with Patrick Kelly.



Natalie and Jamie at the Halloween party.

Me and Jessie

By: Natalie F

I cook with Jessie. I dance with Jessie. She is with me at lunch. She is nice. She does activities at Our Place and plays with me. She is silly and funny. Jessie has a dog named Bunny. She walks her dog Bunny. She will go to my house. Jessie is in rhythm circle class with me. She goes with me to the rec center. We walk in circles. She gets cold. She makes coffee in the morning. She goes to the Saturday night socials.



Natalie and Patrick during programs.

Me and Jamie Weller

By: Natalie F

I do Our Place Press with Jamie Weller. He is funny and works at Our Place. He does programs with me. Jamie has a pet gecko named Pete. Jamie Weller drives in a car and has glasses. He has a beard. He is with old staff Catherine. Jamie lives in a house with outdoor and indoor stuff.



Natalie and Jessie at a Saturday social.

My Five Year Work Anniversary

By: Jason K

I recently celebrated a milestone of being at Affordable Portables for nearly five years or so. I started working there back in January of 2019. It's been amazing how far I have come since I was in high school, and the jobs I have had in the past decades of how long I have been going to Our Place. It feels great to have a place where people are really nice and caring. It makes me happy to be earning lots of money because I can spend it on things that I like. I get things for myself from either amazon or other stuff. So yep it's been really good to feel very safe there and not have a job coach anymore telling me what to do, but still have a boss though who's in charge at the furniture store.

My Weekend

By: Josh S

This weekend Our Place is closed on Friday and the Center for Enriched Living is also closed on Saturday because of the snow storm. When the

Our Place programs and the Saturday Center programs were cancelled I shoveled the snow in my backyard and drank lots of water. Then I put away all the groceries and I went to the Saturday Social and I had Domino's vegetable pizza, baby carrots with ranch dip and diet sprite for dinner. After that I had a cookie with sprinkles for dessert. We played winter trivia and did karaoke in the Our Place basement Yesterday I walked on the treadmill when the weather was cold outside because I couldn't shovel the snow any more, I drank water and stayed hydrated. Next Saturday I'll be back at the Center for Enriched Living while it's open. Last night my mom cooked split pea soup and I had it for dinner with a baguette dipped in so I could spread butter on it. Then I had an apple pie a la mode for dessert and I drank iced tea. Beside the snow storm and the cold weather my mom and Zack's haircut appointments were canceled. We stayed home and watched Frozen with Emily in Glenview. She refinished the table at Jared's house before shabbat dinner. Next Friday I will also be back at Our Place if it's open.

Tampa, Florida

By: Taylor H

This weekend my mom and I went to Tampa, Florida to watch my brother play hockey against the University of Tampa. They did not win. After the hockey game on Saturday, we took my brother and three of his friends from Auburn to dinner at a seafood restaurant. I had shrimp scampi for dinner. I also had fried calamari. My mom and I went to an indoor shopping mall and walked around in the mall. We also went to a wildlife discovery center where I let a horseshoe crab crawl on my hands. My highlight of the trip was holding a horseshoe crab and exploring Saint Petersburg, Florida with my mom.



Taylor holding a horseshoe crab in Saint Petersburg.

Friday January 12th

By: Mary S

On Friday January 12th I went to work. I got a Starbuck's Medicine Ball with half hot water, half steamed lemonade, and a bag of peach tranquility tea and jade citrus mint tea, and finished it with a touch of honey. I had free coffee with sweet cream. Then my dad picked me up and I had lunch. I had a meeting on zoom. I did not go to yoga because I had a conflict. It was at the Cove School alumni event but the alumni event was rescheduled. It was on Friday January 12th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Now the Cove School alumni event is on Friday, January 19th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Then I took a nap and had dinner. We watched Ugly Betty. Then I brushed my teeth, took a shower and went to bed. My aunt bought Ro's Argan Body conditioner for me to use.

Springfield

By: Zach W

I am going to Springfield. I am going to see Abraham Lincoln. I am going on Friday April 26th. I am going to stay in the Lincoln hotel and I might see Lincoln's eyes. I might take some pictures. I am going to Springfield with Sarah Hunter and we are going to watch the super bowl. We are going to Springfield on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday we might go bowling with Sarah Hunter and we might cheer for the 49ers. I am going to see a picture of Abraham Lincoln. We are going to bring my pillow, my clock and my night light. I might bring my phone and Ipad and might take four pictures. We might have a party with lemonade, apple juice, pretzels and goldfish. I am also going to watch the Lakers playing the Thunder there. I might watch it all night and might watch Cubs training camp and might watch the packers game.

Today's Plans

By: Katie L

Today Crystal woke me up and I had a bath. She washed my hair and made my breakfast. She got me ready for my day and we went to Our Place. Afterwards, I am going to a cast party for Special Gifts Theatre to hang out with my friends and have fun. And when I go home I am going to watch tv and hang out with my family. I am going to listen to music and use sign language. I will have two snacks and go to bed.

T-Rex

By: Taylor H

This weekend, my mom and I are going to Rolla, Missouri to visit my father for five days. We have a house there. My favorite activity is horseback riding. I would like to visit Branson, Missouri. They have a really cool dinosaur museum in Branson, Missouri. I would love to go to all the attractions in Branson. My favorite dinosaur is the Tyrannosaurus Rex. They were both hunters and scavengers. They could run at a top speed of 10 mph.

The Holidays

By: Sean W

Over the holidays, I spent time with my mom, opened presents, did some baking and cooking, went on a ride with my mom and saw some lovely holiday lights, and went over to Mary's house where my mom and I spent time with Mary and her parents. Overall, it was a pleasant holiday! My favorite parts were baking and cooking with my mom and going over to Mary's house! I baked a batch of my famous brownies and my mom baked some chocolate chip cookies. The brownies came out incredible and absolutely delicious! The cookies came out good too. We did this on Christmas eve! And speaking of Christmas, I got Reese's take five candy, two puzzles, a Lego set of London, the colored collection of the Bone comic series in nine books, a Lou Malnatti's 25-dollar gift card which I still haven't used yet, a hoodie that zips down in the front, Disney Dreamlight Valley videogame for the PS5, and a soft and cozy Lindsey Stirling blanket. I also got a massive Lego Marvel Avengers tower that nearly took 2 days to build or at least

close to 18 hours. It was a long yet satisfying build. The tower is currently on my desk and is nearly 3 feet tall! This is the biggest Lego build I have ever done! And on New Year's Eve as snowflakes were flying in the air, my mom and I drove to Mary's house where we had some delicious cookies for dessert, did some Harry Potter trivia, played some Uno in which I won a round, exchanged some gifts, and hung out for a couple of hours! It was a fun time I am grateful for.

Christmas

By: Wes G

I stayed home for Christmas this year. My mom, dad and two sisters celebrated Christmas with me. I got a game and checkers for Christmas. For Christmas dinner I had salad, potatoes and turkey with my family. After dinner we watched Christmas movies. For dessert I had vanilla cake with vanilla frosting. I had fun spending time with my family on Christmas and seeing my sisters. I can't wait for next year!

January 6th

By: Travis T

Friday I went to work and I swept the leaves on the carpet. I went home for lunch and I had a turkey sandwich with chips and an apple. After lunch I did my crunches and guess who's back? Francis is back from his trip to New Orleans and Florida. For breakfast on Saturday I had eggs and toast and some coffee and I did my laundry. I did some spring cleaning Saturday. I dusted my room. I played my Christmas music all weekend long. I went to the Our Place Saturday social. I had pizza and cookies. I saw Barbara and Bobby B and I saw Julie. I sang New York, New York by Frank Sinatra and Sunday for breakfast I had eggs and toast. I did some more spring cleaning. I went to see a movie with my roommates Frank, Chris, Sam and Ben. Francis went with us. At the movies we had popcorn and some cherry coke. I really liked the one part about the penguins. I really liked the movie and I did enjoy it.

The Holidays

By: Andrew S

After Thanksgiving it was Christmas. We went to the movies. We went to see The Color Purple. It is a movie musical. It was interesting. There was great music. All the actors looked like they were having fun in the movie. My favorite part was when the guys were building a house and the music was like Newsies. They ran around inside the house. They jumped from wall to wall with high kicks and everything. We went to see the new Wonka movie. It was great. It is the prequel of Charlie and the Chocolate factory. The music was never-ending. For Christmas we got games and we did all of them. We did this card game called Double Ditto The Hilarious Family Party Game. It was great. We had laughter and incredibly happy life moments. For New Years we watched The Holdovers with Paul Giamatti. We stayed up all night until it was New Years.

Cartoon House Chapter 7

By: Michaela M

Oceana now looks really creepy. Her voice was so different, she says, "We do not like people who break promises. You don't remember us, it will make it easier for you to lose." Raelyn asks, "What game are we playing?" The voices say, "We are going to play magic fish. You were so good when you were little. Basically, the cards pick an object and the materials are next to you. The person who has the most objects wins." (so that's how Ariel had gotten her objects through Raelyn). Raelyn says, "Okay let's play." There is shock on her creepy tentacles. Oceana was winning pretty fast. Raelyn could barely keep up with her. Raelyn needs help! She contacts her dad through the piece of paper she had. Instead of her Dad a four-year version of herself appears in purple smoke. Raelyn knew instinctively to let her in to help. The card game was getting really heated. Meanwhile on the shore of the Swampland Klein, Hallie, and Rachelle were waiting. Rachelle felt a prick "Ouch". Hallie asks, "What's wrong?." Rachelle answers, "We have to stop the game, neither of them are going to win. As soon as she says that Raelyn comes

up and says, "I won." She was still her four year old self. She had been extremely silly. Raelyn says, "Howdy, what's up?" Hallie says, "Oh great she is four again." Raelyn asks, "Are you Hallie's older sister?" Hallie responds, "I am her cousin." Raelyn says, "Wish I had cousins that looked like me." Rachelle shapeshifts into Raelyn and says, "I will take her classes. Khein will keep her entertained until it wears off." Raelyn asks, "What is your name? Are you my new babysitter?" "Yes," says Khein. Raelyn begins to laugh. She says, "All this is so funny, your name is the brand Kheins. Raelyn asks, "Knock knock who's there?" Khein rolled his eyes and didn't care. Raelyn says, "Hosieries." She laughed at her own joke. Raelyn's four year oldness wears off. "What is going on?" Khein answers, "Not much. How are you doing?" Raelyn says, "You are being weird again." Khein says, "Sorry." Raelyn laughed, "You keep apologizing." Khein smiled, "See you later." A couple of days had passed. Princess Rachelle had disappeared. Raelyn found Rachelle in the forest. Raelyn asks, "Are you okay?" Rachelle answers, "Everything is going wrong. I lost

my aunt. I am no longer a siren. I don't get what's going on." Raelyn responds, "I am sorry about your aunt, she was pretty nice to me." They hugged. Rachelle says, "Thanks for helping, I can't control my powers." Raelyn says, "We are family. Rachelle asks, "We are?" Raelyn nodded, "We are cousins." Rachelle says, You look familiar. Wait a minute, you're the original Princess?" Raelyn answers, "Not so loud. Most people don't know because I am in danger." Rachelle says, "I did not know. I thought someone else was responsible." Raelyn responds, "My dad could not be responsible. He had very little use of his magic at the time. Rachelle says, "I am sorry. I didn't know." It had been a few months since her dad had checked in. He normally checks in at the end of every week. Raelyn was getting really upset about it. Raelyn says, "This is not like my dad at all! Something has happened to him! We have to check my home. See if there are clues." They had a break for the whole month of October. Raelyn portaled back to her home. It was ransacked. It looks like her dad had put up quite a fight.

My Favorite February Colors

By: Ellyn B

My Favorite Color
Is Bubblegum Pink and Light Pink.
And Hot Pink
I also like Violet Purple.
And Bright Purple.
I also like Yellow
And Bright Blue.
I love Valentine's Day
And I like the word LOVE.
I Will Always Love You
From Whitney Houston

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The New Hunger Games and The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes Movie Review

By: Macey S

I will first start off by saying that I have never read the actual book. Even though it is a prequel and the original story of The Hunger Games and also about the infamous president snow as a young skinny boy. Young Snow was impacted and taken with Lucy Gray. He indeed had fallen in love with her and sure did risk everything to help and protect Lucy, but there is more than love at first sight. Young teenage Mr. Snow was that kind of human being who can't be trusted and just because of all he had lost he's no monster at first but it's more about getting to know the person and their personality, instead of emotionally pawning the innocent as well. This movie shows how The Hunger Games had been created and shows the real and true meaning that charm can be misleading.