



OUR HAPPENINGS

Our day-to-day activities and events

Cookies at Jane's

By: Katie L

Today I went to Frank's house for holiday snacks and made holiday cookies with icing, sprinkles, and M&Ms. We went with Our Place. I came in the afternoon and had a drink there and we spread the icing on the cookies. I had my lunch at Our Place and came back for Our Place Press. I am bringing cookies home for Santa for Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Katie, Matt, Frank and Molly decorating cookies at Jane's house.

'A Little Magic'

By: Sean W

All I wish for is a little holiday magic
A miracle to take hold
To bring joy and music
Into the senses
Especially, the heart
This is my hope.
My biggest wish!



Friday December 15th

By: Mary S

On Friday, December 15th, I had breakfast with my mom. Then we drove to CVS with Bruno. After that we went to the Westside Market Home to buy wood Christmas, Santa and snowman ornaments and soap. Then we drove to Joanne's but we changed our mind. We went to Chipotle instead. I got chicken, queso blanco, roasted chili-corn salsa, romaine lettuce, fresh tomato salsa, cheese, pinto beans, and brown rice. My mom got queso blanco, roasted chili-corn salsa, romaine lettuce, fresh tomato salsa, cheese, pinto beans, and brown rice. Then we went to Alpine Bakery & Pizzeria/Crabapple to have blueberry cheesecake for dinner/dessert. Then I watched TV and used my laptop and iPhone. We watched Dead to Me and then I went to bed.

Mexico

By: Zach W

I went to Puerto Vallarta in Mexico. It was fun we took United and sat in row 11. I sat by the window and we ate Mexican food. We ate guacamole and chips. We met Roger Robert and we took pictures. We stayed at the Westin. Our room had a shower, sink, toilet and bathtub. I took a bath and a shower, and I had fun. We took two planes, one there and one back home to Chicago. We took a taxi home and we got McDonalds's. We stayed Saturday and Sunday. We saw Alaskan, Southwest, Delta and American airlines. We had a great weekend.

Christmas Shopping

By: Derek S

It is going to be guys night out tonight with dad. I am excited about gifts on Christmas. I am going to Old Orchard after Our Place tonight. We are going to lululemon at Old Orchard. I am going to get a belt bag from lululemon. We might go to Panera Bread for dinner tonight. I will get mac and cheese for dinner.

A Holiday Greeting for Our Place

By: Sean W

I want to wish everyone a happy and full of love holiday season! I am thankful to be a part of the Our Place community and family.

Honestly can't wait to see where this journey continues to go. And I will see you all very soon in the new year! Here's to 2024!

My Trip to Spain

By: Wes G

My mom, dad, sisters and I took a trip to Madrid, Spain. We went in early November. We stayed in Madrid for about 3 days before we went to Seville. We had a long flight from Chicago to Madrid. I watched Encanto on the way to Madrid.

When we arrived in Madrid, we did a lot of walking around and visited two museums. I bought two calendars from the gift shop in the museum. We had a lot of delicious food including Spanish rice. I even had a bowl of chocolate ice cream and some churros. I had fun in Madrid.

Friends

By: Katia C

Friends are more kind to me than other people. They are there for me and help other people as well. They always got my back. They're never going to leave me. They will always be there for me. I'm always on my friend's side. Friends come first. We will always be there for each other. We will always have friendship. It means everything. Friendships matter, they protect you no matter what happens. Friends trust each other and are there for each other. If a friend gets in trouble and someone is mean to her, a friend will help them.



Wes enjoying his chocolate ice cream in Madrid.

My Favorite Christmas Movies

By: Natalie F

My favorite Christmas movies are
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
Home Alone
How the Grinch Stole Christmas
Santa Clause is Coming to Town
Little Drummer Boy

My Weekend

By: Katie L

This weekend I had a lot to do. We brought our Christmas tree down. We went out to dinner on Sunday night. We got our Christmas cookie stuff out and decorated our Christmas tree and we had to bring more stuff downstairs. I made a Christmas list for Santa and wrote a letter to Santa. My mom played music downstairs. On Saturday I went out with NSSRA to Jonnie's Kitchen Tap and Grill for dinner. I got picked up at 9:20 pm and at 9:45 pm we ordered dinner and then dinner came, and we ate our food. The two buses came back to the restaurant to pick us up. We had fun with our groups and went back on the bus to the Wilmette Community Recreation Center. My dad dropped me off and picked me up and we went back home.

My Favorite Cars

By: Matt M

Alfa Romero
They are made in Italy. They go fast. It's cool, I like it.
BMW
They are made in Germany. They go fast. They are expensive.
Range Rover
They are made in England. They are very big.
Chevy Suburban
They are made in the US. They have a big engine.
Infinity SUV
They are made in Japan. They have big tires.

Happy Holidays

By: Ellyn B

Happy Holidays
Is about being with your family and friends.
Having fun
Being together and celebrating
And celebrating
That's what it's all about
Happy Party
It's a party
Who doesn't like to party?
We all do.

Cartoon House Chapter 6

By: Michaela M

It had been a week since Princess Rachelle had appeared. Raelyn asks, "Has anyone see her use royal magic?" Hallie responds, "She portals in every day." Raelyn says, "We have to follow the portal when she is not looking. Klein appeared beside Raelyn and asks, "Why are you so curious about the Princess?" Raelyn responds, "We just want to protect her. She might be in danger from whatever caused the royal family to disappear the first time." Klein asks, "You believe that the Royal family disappeared?" Raelyn responds, "Yes I do. If the Royal family's magic is anything like the royal mortal families they would have enemies." Raelyn used to read a lot about the mortal royal families. Klein asks, "Mortals have royals?" Raelyn answers, "Yes they do." That afternoon when Princess Rachelle portaled into the castle they followed her. It was not castle but a swampland. Hallie says, "This where most creatures are banished too." Raelyn asks, "why?" Hallie answers, "Because a lot of them are dangerous." Klein adds, "And evil." They followed Rachelle. Rachelle transformed back into Siren with beautiful long white blonde hair and

bright sliver eyes. She had a tail that was mixed of mermaid and reptile (most likely snake). She turns around and asks, "What are you doing here?" Raelyn answers, "We want to help you. Why are you pretending to be the Royal Magic family?" Rachelle says, "I am royal through my aunt. We don't have magic anymore since the royal family disappeared. My Aunt is still mad about it. We could not return home. Her anger turned us into sirens. My aunt is not like me. She is a little intense." The aunt looked like Ursula from the Disney movies she had watched when she was younger at Hallie's mortal home. Raelyn says, "Wow that is so cool." Klein adds, "You are so weird." Raelyn laughed. Klein says, "You have nice laugh." Raelyn responds, "Thank you." Hallie rolled her eyes. Her other auntie Oceana said to Raelyn, "I know who you are kid. You look like my brother Ricky except for the hair color." Raelyn smiled, "I get that lot." (People always said she looked like her dad back in the mortal world.) Oceana says, "So are you going help us restore our magic." It was not a question but a statement. Raelyn answers, "Yes, I am going find our royal family. What do you remember about the events leading up to being here?" Oceana answers, "Let me show you." Raelyn asks, "You're not

going to sing, are you?" Auntie Oceana responds, "Nope that was more our great, great, great, great, great grandmothers." Raelyn says, "No wonder I love the water. I remember swimming so deep that I got lost when I was four. Someone brought me back to my dad. Was it you?" "Yes, it was and you never came back even though you promised." Raelyn responds, "My dad refused to let me go to the beach after that." Aunt Oceana says, "Here it is. The events leading up to the rest of the Royal magic family disappearance." She saw the beginning of what happened and in the middle it went dark.

My Favorite Fashion Patterns

By: Ellyn B

My favorite pattern

Is Disney pattern

Everything Lion King pattern.

Yellow t-shirt with Simba on it.

Light pink t-shirt with Sleeping Beauty on it.

I also like bright bubble gum pink with Belle on it.

I also like lavender t-shirt with Cinderella on it.

I do have a mint green t-shirt and purple pants.

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A Review of Twelfth Night at Chicago Shakespeare Theater

By: Dan Cohen

The show was great. The cast includes Jaeda Lavonne, Adam Poss, Yao Dogbe, Roberto Mantica, Naphtali Curry, Ronald L Conner, Danielle Davis, Alex Goodrich, Israel Erron Ford, Christiana Clark, Paul Oakley Stovall, Arielle Leverett, Justin Ross and Shelby Lynn. This was the first performance at Chicago Shakespeare Theater. Many of them had roles in Law & Order, Chicago Fire, PD and Med or some and or all the above TV shows. If you want to know who they played you can look it up. The show was directed by Tyrone Phillips and I would recommend the play.

Winter Session Review

By: Jason Kaplan

For the winter session of Our Place starting in January through March I just signed up for bowling at Michigan Shores Club on Thursdays from 12-3

in the afternoon. The other days I'm working at my portables furniture store. On Mondays and Fridays from 11-1 I'm doing MNASR wildcat workout online, and one other online thing with them too. On Wednesdays K9 companions at the Skokie Oakton community center every other week while still doing Zoom twice a week online with Our Place and Saturday Socials too.

Father Christmas Review

By: Mary Schutt

I like that Father Christmas is back. It is not my favorite movie. I give it 3 stars. Some parts are nice. Someone's dad is not a part of her life. The actors are Elizabeth Hurley and John Cleese and Kelsey Grammer. The characters in the show are Joanna Christmas, John Christmas and James Christmas. The characters are funny.

Annie's Teenage Mutant Ninja Mutant Mayhem Review

By: Annie Garcia

I loved watching Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Mutant Mayhem on Prime video. There were four ninja turtle brothers named Leo, Donnie, Raph, and Mikey who is the youngest with braces. They are teenagers who shop for groceries so that they can eat to survive, but after grocery shopping they watched a movie called Ferris's Bueller's Day off late at night with the humans and they got home very late. Their dad Master Splinter was worried about them and mad because his sons come home late from getting groceries. Then Leo tattled on his brothers and his brothers got super mad at Leo for tattling on them and they got grounded. They got sent to their rooms as punishment and when they got ungrounded they were screwing around and they met April O'Neil for the first time. They got her scooter back to her after it was stolen by the bad guys. They hang out with her at her high school and they discovered April's secret about throwing up when she was doing the morning announcements. She had a horrible nickname "puke girl". They hung out with Super Fly and his siblings at the bowling alley and played bowling and arcade games and they were not

following Super Fly's plan and Super Fly got mad. He made his siblings attack the four turtle brothers, but they defeated them and then soldiers came and took the four turtle brothers to Cynthia Utrom to get milked for their mutagen blood. Then Master Splinter and April came to save them, and then Super Fly and his siblings came again but his siblings turned on him and then they were on the good guy's side. They defeated Super Fly for good and April announced that the Ninja Turtles and the mutants were heroes and the Humans helped them. They cheered for the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle brothers and The Mutants. The Turtles and Master Splinter invited the mutants to live with them and Master Splinter found love and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle brothers went to High School together. They were in different clubs. Leo likes to tell the news and then Cynthia called a special evil someone named The Shredder to take down the Ninja Turtles and Master Splinter. I give the movie a 10 out of 10 because it was an awesome movie to watch over and over again on Prime Video at Iowa. After Christmas break is over on January 14th I will watch more movies because my classes are at different times this year at Iowa for my last year.