



# OUR PLACE PRESS

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## OUR HAPPENINGS

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DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS WRITTEN BY PARTICIPANTS EVERY MONTH

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### A WEEKEND IN OCTOBER

BY: ZACH

My weekend was great. I hung out with my mom and dad for their anniversary. It was fun and I gave my mom a card. We got to have salad and crab. We also had lemonade and popcorn.

On Friday Amy and Bob came over and we Chipotle. We ate chips and guacamole. We went hiking and took Cece for a walk.

On Saturday, we just hung out and watched the Detroit Lions win.

On Sunday we also went to Jewel Osco for apple juice and then I went to bed.

### THE GOOD NEWS

BY: MATT C.

Good news! I will be a groomsman for my friend's wedding. The wedding will be held in Arizona.



**Matt gears up to celebrate**

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# INTERVIEW WITH KATIE ARNOLD, OUR PLACE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY: MARY S.

## 1.) What is your favorite song?

I'll be there for you.

## 2.) When did you decide to be in special education?

I have worked in the disability field for over 20 years. In college, I volunteered with disability organizations. After I graduated, I worked at L'Arche community where I lived with people with disabilities and created a home together.

## 3.) What is your favorite food?

Cheese

## 4.) What is your favorite thing to do with your family?

Going for walks, playing games, and watching movies.

## 5.) What's your favorite hobby?

Reading



**Katie Arnold amplify the voices of participants at the Race to Our Place**



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# YOM KIPPUR

BY: JOSH

On Yom Kippur, the Center for Enriched Living was closed, so Emily and I prayed for services on the computer because the TV screen wasn't working in the living room. In fact, we read the Torah, switched to a book about Hebrew, and we rose and sat down on the couch. Then I swept all the leaves on the sidewalk and cleared the path. Then I took my day off from the Saturday Social and my parents came back from Rochester, Minnesota. My mom's knee hurt so she took her medicine for an IV in her arm to make it feel better. After that, dad and I helped drag all their suitcases, a cooler and some groceries up to the deck and carried them into our house. I drank lots of water and took a nap upstairs in my bedroom. I had spinach and mushroom pizza from Lou Malnati's and cucumber salad for dinner and a chocolate chip cookie alamide for dessert. Yesterday my dad and I also built a sukkah in our backyard, and I took a little water and lunch break and built some more. Then I stayed hydrated and took another nap, and I had leftover bean stew with cheddar cheese and challah for dinner and some chocolates for dessert.

# SPORTS I LIKE

BY: NATALIE

I like watching the Chicago Cubs on tv and on my phone. I like watching Chicago Bulls on tv. I like the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bulls. The Cubs won the World Series in 2016.



**Natalie on an Our Place field trip to the Chicago Sports Museum**

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# DAILY UPDATES

BY: MARY S.

On Monday, October 7th, I had breakfast. I ate eggs and drank coffee. Next, I had Artist Workshop. We made paint. Then, I went to a community lunch with Margaret, Graham, Sam, Dan and Alex. We went to Dengeos. Then I had OPP. I wrote about my week. After Our Place, my mom picked me up. At home, I used my laptop. I watched tv. For dinner, we had something good. I can't remember. It was tasty. After dinner, I took a walk with my mom.

On Sunday, October 13, I woke up. Then I had breakfast. Then my dad drove to work. Then I had work. Then I had my break. Then my dad picked me up. Then I went home. Then I had lunch. Then my mom went to Thompson Farm to pick our own raspberries. It was so cold. Then we went to Brightonwoods Orchard. I bought apples, cider, spreadable apple cheese, and donuts. We did not pick the apples on our own. They had already been picked by workers. Then we met Grace. My mom left. Then I had a clay class. We made coffee pour over. Grace took me home. I cooked dinner. Then I had dinner. Then I took a walk. Then I used my laptop.

On Wednesday, October 9th, I woke up. Then my dad picked me up. Then I had breakfast. Then I started work. Then I had my break. I got a drink too. Then I had lunch at Jin 28 with my mom. Then I walked to my workout. Then I had a workout. Then I took a walk. Then I went bed.



**Grace and Mary at Pottery**

## WEEKEND OF FUN WITH MY FAMILY

BY: DEREK

I am going to be in Lake Forest this weekend at my sister's house while they're on vacation in France. I saw Zach at Walker Brothers in Highland Park for lunch. I bought Taylor Swift coloring books at Half Price books yesterday in Madison, Wisconsin.

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# DAILY UPDATES PART 2

BY: MARY S.

On Thursday, October 10th, I had breakfast. I went to Bird Watching & Gardening. I had community lunch. Then my dad picked me up. Then I had dinner. Then I took a walk. Then I went to bed.

On Friday October 11th, I woke up. Then I had breakfast. Then I had work. Then I had my break. Then I had an appointment with my therapist, Emily, with my mom on FaceTime. FaceTime was not working after so no yoga. Then I took a walk before dinner. Then I had dinner with my mom and dad. Then I went to bed.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

On Sunday, October 20th, I had breakfast. Then my dad drove me to work. Then I had work. Then I had my break. Then we had lunch at Potbelly Sandwich Shop. I got Mediterranean and iced tea. My dad and I went to the movie. My mom was home. Goodrich: The actors are Michael Keaton and Mila Kunis and Carmen Ejogo and Michael Urie and Kevin Pollak and Vivien Lyra Blair and Nico Hiraga and Danny Deferrari and Laura Benant and Andie MacDowell and Poorna Jagannathan. The characters in the show Andy Goodrich and Grace Goodrich and Lola Thompson and Terry and Sy, Andy's business partner and Billie and Johnny and Pete and Naomi and Ann. Andy Goodrich is nice. Grace Goodrich is nice. Lola Thompson is nice. Terry is nice. Sy, Andy's business partner is nice. Bille is nice. Jonny is nice. Pete is nice. Naomi is nice. Ann is nice. I like this tv show. This is about being a good dad. Then my dad and I went to Rita ice. I got something for my mom. Then my dad and I had dinner tuna melt. Then I went to bed.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

BY: MATT C.

On Friday I went to the Lake Forest football game against Libertyville. Andrew Freeman went with me. We went on the field. The score was 42 Lake Forest: Wildcats 35. I went crazy at the end. I got a Lake Forest winter hat and a pink T-shirt. I got a hotdog, and churro for dessert, and I got a senior night program. I stayed out until 10 PM on Friday.

I went to McAlister's for lunch. I got a Witch Brew lemonade. Also, I ate a four-cheese melt. I went with Sam's group. For dessert, I got a trick-or-treat cookie. I was full, I went to sleep in the van. I was happy and it was fun. I went back to Our Place.

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# STAFF APPRECIATION

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## SAM

BY: MATT C.

Sam makes me happy. Sam is a nice staff member

Sam watched Inside Out 2 at Our Place

Sam is funny. Sam is a hard worker

Sam is going to be Bowser. Sam is going to be with Marcus

Sam is working on Our Place press

Sam writes the schedule on the board

Sam loves to read and paint

Sam lives in an apartment

Sam helps with Natalie

Sam is a good driver at Our Place

Sam loves cookies

Sam got a new tattoo



**Staff collaboration together**

## SHOUTOUT STERLING

BY: DEREK

Everybody at Our Place misses you, Sterling! Get better soon.

When are you coming back to Our Place?

We are going to miss you at the Halloween party Sterling.

Everybody misses you doing transportation on Thursday.

## CROSSWORD POEMS OF STAFF

BY: MARY S.

### Katie

Kind  
Admirable  
Thoughtful  
Independent  
Empathetic

### Kelly

Kind  
Easy going  
Leader  
Loving  
Youthful

### Heather

Hard-working  
Easy going  
Active  
Thoughtful  
Helpful  
Empathetic  
Respectful

### Pam

Polite  
Active  
Magnificent

### Amy

Admirable  
Magnificent  
Yule



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# SPECIAL EVENTS

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## HALLOWEEN PARTY

BY: ZACH

I went to the Halloween party. It was fun. I dressed up as Kobe Bryant. I wore my jersey and I had pizza. We also had dance party. I saw staff members there. I saw Juile, Brianna, Jamie, Jack, Patrick, Sam, and Graham. The Halloween party was fun; I had popcorn and apple juice. Then I went home and I went to bed.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY WEEKEND

BY: MATT C.

On Friday, Lake Forest will beat Mundelein 14-6. Lake Forest are 7-2 they are going to the playoffs. They will be in 1st round of the playoffs. I am excited to going to the game around 7pm.

On Saturday, I went to the Our Place Halloween party. I dressed up as a lion. I walked with Dorothy down the costume walk. For dinner I had cheese pizza, punch, and monster's mac and cheese. For dessert, I had dirt cake. I saw Jessie, Sam, Julie, Jamie, Patrick, Barbara, and Jack. I got a face painting of a lion from Roxi. We also did the mummy wrap and I wrapped up Katie L.

On Sunday, I went to Camp Hope Halloween party. My Camp Hope buddy Trey Williams was there. During lunch, I sat by Katie L, Bella, and Margo. We had pizza, played mummy wrapping again, and I played air hockey.



**Zach and a huge skeleton**



**Matt and friends creating a mummy**

# HALLOWEEN PARTY

BY: MICHAELA

I went to Our Place Halloween Party. We had pizza and green mac and cheese. There was pudding and cookies. The cookies were pumpkins, bats and ghosts. There was also Halloween candies-not my favorite. I prefer less nuts and caramel. I am more of Chocolatey fan. The costumes fit everyone perfectly. Natalie was Kirby, Travis was Beetlejuice, Sam from the Staff was Bowser, Julie from the Staff was a police officer, Val was Bellatrix. Ximena was Dorthey, Matt Carr was the Lion, Annie and I were both Wednesday Addams. We did a character costume walk. We also did a lot of dancing. There was also a face paint station Then there was mummy wrap where you wrap people in toilet paper.

I am so excited for my theater's Open Workshop at Piven theater called Peep. Peep is improv we do a lot of fun games and it helps people interact better with disabilities. There's a clap game, name game, portraits, and some newer ones too. It is in the theater it is on stage. So, there is an audience and its free. It is the night before Halloween. It is going to be fun. Some people might dress up in costumes. They also have costumes there.



**Michaela as Wednesday Addams**



**Natalie as Kirby and Annie as Bowser**



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# **HALLOWEEN WEEKEND FUN**

BY: JOSH

On Sunday afternoon, I went to the Camp Hope Halloween party. I saw all my friends and we did a craft. I had lunch and danced. I got candy, made a pumpkin, and had some cookies. My dad dropped me off and picked me up. It was so much fun. Matt Carr wrapped me Last Friday on Staff Day, I went to the Center for Enriched Living Harvest Ball in Riverwoods and I danced in the gymnasium and smiled at the camera and I took a picture in the game room. Then I had dinner in the kitchen and glued a pumpkin on paper with a black cat, a ghost and a spider in a web on the inside.

Last Saturday, I went to Culver's in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with the Center and I had a grilled chicken sandwich, some crinkle cut fries with ketchup and some free iced water. After that, we went to the Harley-Davidson Museum and we looked at bicycles and tricycles so I took some pictures and rode on the motorcycle and the tricycle. Then I looked around in the gift shop and returned to the Riverwoods Center for Enriched Living. Then Jared picked me up and we went home so I took a nap upstairs in my bedroom and changed into my bald eagle costume and I also went to the Our Place Halloween Party. Also, after that, I had Domino's pizza, a creepy hot dog, some veggies with ranch dip and spooky punch for dinner. Then I made a ghost and glued cotton balls on it and put a witch's hat on his head in the quiet studio room and I did a costume contest and had a dance party. After that I had mud pudding with gummy worms for dessert and so are a mini three musketeers candy bar and I did a mummy wrap in the loud room and cleaned up all that toilet paper. Yesterday Emily made banana pancakes for our Sunday breakfast and I ate them in the kitchen at home. Then Emily and Zack and I went to the Apple Store in the Skokie Old Orchard Mall and bought my cinnamon pretzel bites at Auntie Anne's and Zack's salted pretzel on our way home so I saved them in the cabinet and raked all the leaves and ate them for my mid-afternoon snack and took another nap. Then I had chicken mixed with green beans and onions on my mashed potatoes for dinner. up in toilet paper as a mummy 2 times. I was a hippie and I sat next to my friends.

## **HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CAMP HOPE**

BY: KATIE L.

On Sunday afternoon, I went to the Camp Hope Halloween party. I saw all my friends and we did a craft. I had lunch and danced. I got candy, made a pumpkin, and had some cookies. My dad dropped me off and picked me up. It was so much fun. Matt Carr wrapped me up in toilet paper as a mummy 2 times. I was a hippie and I sat next to my friends.

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# THE RACE TO OUR PLACE

BY: JOSH

Yesterday, Emily and I went to the Wilmette Community Park for the Race to Our Place. We all ran, took some breaths, and walked for three miles on the path. We drank lots of water and had free ice cream from Homer's. Then I spun those free wheels and won a tootsie roll, a starburst, and bought those framed artworks. I also had a jelly filled donut from Krispy Kreme. In fact, Emily and I hung out and we went home. So, I had leftover brisket and potatoes for lunch and we took a nap in our bedroom. Last Wednesday, my parents drove all the way to Rochester, Minnesota and stayed at the Candlewood Suites. On Wednesday afternoon, Emily and I sliced the brisket and cut the potatoes for Rosh Hashanah and cooked matzah ball soup in the kitchen. After that, Emily, Zack and I said our prayers, dipped apples in honey, sipped some wine, and blessed on challah and spread strawberry jam on it. We ate while my mom and dad in Rochester, Minnesota are on a face time video in the dining room. Then we had matzah ball soup, brisket, broccoli and roasted potatoes for shabbat dinner and a honeycomb shaped honey cake for dessert. On Rosh Hashanah, Emily and I prayed for services at Beth Hillel online, which is on a computer in the living room as Jewish people read the Torah and blow the shofar. We rise and sit down and read Hebrew and have jam on challah, leftover matzah ball soup, brisket, broccoli and potatoes for dinner and a honey cake alamode for dessert. Also, in fact, Jared caught his covid in Glenview and got sick. He went to the doctor and had his appointment. Then he rested in his room and had matzah ball soup at home.



**Josh and over 400 others participating in the 2024 Race to Our Place**

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# RACE TO OUR PLACE

BY: SEAN

On Sunday October 6th, the annual Race to Our Place was held. This year, it was at a place called community playfields, a massive area of a park that has a little red pebble road that was used as track for the race itself. It travels all around the park. This place is between Locust Rd and Hunter Rd, and in between two local schools in Wilmette, IL. I, myself, live easily within walking distance. As I walked to this vast, open area park, I played Pokémon Go. My mom and I drove to one of the parking lots by the park at around 10:15 am and went to check in. While waiting for the race to start, we checked out some art and enjoyed the lovely race weather: around 70 degrees, clear skies, with a bit of a breeze at times which was refreshing. The race started unofficially at 11 am but actually started about 10 minutes after 11 am. Lap by lap I went until the task at hand was completed: 3 laps, 5 kms, all for Our Place. During the event, I saw many people who I don't normally see, like Catherine Hattendorf, Emily Kerzner, Michelle Pazke, Jason Kaplan, and Adriane. Also, I saw many other familiar faces. And after a tiring yet good race, my mom and I went to Homers for lunch and ice cream, since only plain vanilla was left at the race.

Overall, it was a great event, and I can't wait for the next one!! Here's to us, and here's to Our Place!!



**Sean at the Race to Our Place**



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# CULTURE CORNER

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## ONLY MURDERS IN THE BUILDING

BY: ANDREW

This is one of my favorite shows. Steve Martin and Dana Carvey have incredible movies that they are in including the ones I have at home: from The Pink Panther to The Master of Disguise and then there is Only Murders in the Building. Selena Gomez is doing Podcasts for everybody, especially in the 2 seasons of the show. They are doing things like finding out who did it by looking for clues. They are trying to figure it all out on who did it. One of the best ones so far was Season 1 with Jan Holly from The Office. Selena Gomez did have friends called the hardy brothers. One of their friends was Tim Kono. He was murdered by Holly from The Office Jan. They did figure it all out on who did and then it turned out to be her in the apartment because Charles had two love interests. He was sad that Jan did it. In the other season, the podcast one with 'It Is Not Okay in Oklahoma' one of their friends Bonnie was murdered by 2 people. One was working with the Only Murders in the Building Podcast, the other was a corrupt cop that was Sam's father from Atypical. Then there was the one from last year that we had fun with. That was the one with Paul Rudd and Meryl Streep. Ben Glynn Roy was murdered and then at the end was when Charles found one of his old friends from the past, Sazz Pataki. Get ready for the new season of Only Murders in the Building with a brand new cast of Richard Kind, Kumal, and Melissa McCarthy.

## WILD ROBOT REVIEW

BY: SEAN

Yesterday, my mom and I went to the movie theater in downtown Wilmette and saw the beautifully animated film 'The Wild Robot. With a runtime of an hour and 42 minutes, this film from DreamWorks is a beautiful and powerful story, with well-done voice acting and stunning animation. This movie follows a robot that washes up and wakes up on an island with a variety of animals who it eventually befriends. It raises a baby gosling throughout the film. Overall, I loved this movie and would recommend to everyone who loves animation, robots, nature, and movies from DreamWorks. I give this film a 9.5 of out 10!!! Go see it now!!!

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## **SPOOKY MOVIES REVIEWS**

BY: MICHAELA

Hocus Pocus is a funny Halloween comedy movie. It has a lot of humor. It is about a brother Max, sister Dani, and his future girlfriend. They saved their town Salem, Massachusetts from the evil, crazy witches called the Sanderson sisters.

Curella is an excellent movie. It is an original story of Cruella; her real name is Estelle. There is a lot of beautiful dresses and scenes. There are also lots of dogs in the movie.

Halloweentown, a young teen girl finds out her mom's very spooky secret. That her mom and grandma are witches from another area.

## **THE JOHN WILLIAMS CONCERT REVIEW**

BY: MACEY

I went to a John Williams concert last night with both of my parents. The sad thing is that the famous John Williams had gotten really sick, so he wasn't there to compose his music. I was sad he wasn't able to make it. On the bright side though, there was another composer who was there to conduct the orchestra, very flawlessly. The orchestra played a lot of Star Wars, The Adventures of Tin Tin, Harry Potter, and ET. The whole experience of the concert was so relaxing. The music was like no other I had heard, and that's saying something! What I'm basically trying to say is that I loved the concert and have loved listening to the soundtracks. They help me fall asleep every single night.

## **A REVIEW OF THE 12TH SEASON OF THE GREAT BRITISH BAKING SHOW**

BY: MACEY

I'm currently watching a beloved BBC classic reality TV show The Great British Baking Show. In this season, there are 12 new bakers who are contestants and there will be some drama stirring (no pun intended!) All of the contestants have to bake an insane amount of sweet and savory pastries and so many desserts! The time is on the clock for them to get on cracking. They manage the stress of the heat, unexpected twists and turns or which timer is tick tocking. It's a heartfelt, uplifting, and heartwarming competition baking show. And oh, don't come across Paul Hollywood about his love of bread EVER or it's going to roast or roll you with it. I'm very serious about this, you might get a figure instead of a handshake.

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# CHICAGO SPORTS UPDATES

BY: MATT C.

Chicago Bears won over the Jacksonville Jaguars 35-16.

Lake Forest beat Waukegan High School 42-14.

Milwaukee Bucks take the Bulls 111-107.

Detroit beat the Dallas Cowboys 47-9.

Tampa Bay beat New Orleans 51-27.

Baltimore beat Commanders 30-23.

The New York Mets are taking on the LA Dodgers.

LA Lakers are playing the Golden State Warriors.

Pittsburgh Steelers beat the LA Raiders 32-13.

Highland Park is playing Maine east 1-6 vs 3-4.

Greenbay beat Arizona 34-13.



**Matt and friends visiting the Chicago Sports Museum**



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# FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

BY: ANDREW

I just started playing the 1st Five Nights at Freddy's game today. It starts out when you go through the 1st Night from the grand opening of the place with Freddy, Bonnie, Chica, and more. You get to do all the nights from the 1st to the 2nd nights. The plan is to do it for the Fall of 2024 in October. Starting with the 1st game from the beginning to Games 1, 2 and 3, 4. I was just on Five Nights at Freddy's 4. I just had by passed the 1st Night and now I am on the 2nd Night. All I have to do is go backwards to get back to where I was. I remembered from before, the 2nd Night is easy. In the 1st game, once you get the hang of it, you will get through the 1st Night. The 2nd Night will be easy as before the 1st time will be easy except for one thing. In the beginning of the game usually Bonnie is the one that moves from the Show Stage, downstage to the Dining Room. Remember, the monitors can show you what is going on from the cameras. If you see them move, they would be this close to looking for you. They are watching you and you are watching them. If one of them does catch you, you have to record them with your cameras. The videos show you where they are. Once you get the hang of it you will be fine.

## DYING OF THE LIGHT

BY: SEAN

Open up your eyes and see  
Open up your mind and believe  
And know it's not too late  
Do not go gentle into that good night  
Rage, rage, rage  
Against the dying of the light

Hands reach, eyes meet  
What a wonder you are  
As you fly among the see of stars  
Move by movement  
Note by every note plated  
Its magic in the electric air  
Upon every stage you embrace  
And you know like I know  
We will not go gentle into that good night  
We will, oh how we will  
Rage, rage, rage  
Against the dying of the light  
The dying of the light

Untamed, the energy radiates  
Until it cannot be contained  
It unleashes into the grandest of atomic  
explosions  
That has ever rocked the atmosphere  
And right now, defying odds, we have found  
a place of no fear  
Somewhere lost in the magic of the  
musical wonder  
Where souls are brought to heal and wander  
Oh how they endlessly wander

From the event horizon of oblivion to the  
edge of the relentless storm  
We chase the ghost in the machine  
We rage against the dying of the light  
The dying of the light  
The dying of the light  
Rage, rage, rage  
Against the dying of the light