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Red, white and blue color Winnetka as residents celebrate the Fourth of July, Page 3

Fireworks light up the Winnetka sky on Wednesday, July 4. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



Winnetka resident Scott Trench and his 3-year-old daughter Blair participate in the children's flag parade at Winnetka's Village Green July 4. LAUREN FINKLER/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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North Shore Art League instructor Rita Price takes in the artwork on display at the 88th annual Members' Show Friday, Sept. 7. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

Blossoming
with creativity

North Shore Art League holds Art-In-Bloom — its 88th annual Members' Show, Page 23



NSAL instructor and exhibitor Lisa DePinto (right) talks to an attendee of the Members' Show in Winnetka.

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Annual show celebrates 88 years



Northfield residents Jo Strong (left) and Sara Leopold mingle during the North Shore Art League's annual Members' Show featuring Art-In-Bloom. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



Jerry Garlich (left) and Bill Marvin converse during the North Shore Art League's Members' Show, which features artwork from more than 85 artists.

ning with old friends.
"I like coming here to see my friends. I work full time so I don't get to see them as much as I used to," Happ said. "I think [NSAL] does a great job at contributing to the community, and I think this is a great venue."
In addition to the hundreds of pieces on display, attendees were also treated to beautiful floral interpretations of selected artworks created by local garden club members and florists.
Part of the arrangements' beauty was dormant in their florally fresh scents that drew everyone in for a whiff.
NSAL Executive Director Linda Nelson has been preparing for the event for the last six months and said she is excited for this year's display.
"This event is our gift to the community, to have an art show right here in the neighborhood," she said. "These could hang in galleries all over the world. It's a real asset."
One of these professional artists is O'Gara, who sold all her showcased work in the first hour of the benefit.
O'Gara creates her works out of oil on paper. She accomplishes this by cutting the paper to her desired size and pushing the paint around to create unique designs.
She said she is currently leaning more toward abstraction, but has done many still life paintings in her artistic career.
"I want people to recognize the tremendous amount of talent in the member show, and how professional this show actually is," O'Gara said.
Exhibiting artist and NSAL teacher Fran Vail said she loves being a NSAL member because of the many friendships that she's made with her coworkers.
"Being in [NSAL] has changed my life," Vail said. "I'm painting more, I'm more enthusiastic. Everyone is so easy to be with."
Vail is showcasing an oil painting of a still life depicting a table with a vase of lilacs. She said there's nostalgia, something old-fashioned that the painting exudes.
This type of artwork is also different from the paintings Vail usually paints, like landscapes and wildlife, she said.
"I want people to look at my work and the work of some of these other local artists and see something they never saw before," Vail said. "It says a lot about a community when people are so artistically willing to show their work."
The Members' Show featuring Art-In-Bloom will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. daily and noon-3 p.m. on weekends. On Thursday, Sept. 13 there will be special extended hours from 6-8 p.m.
New to this year, the exhibition will feature a Youth Member's Show with artwork by NSAL students ages 5 to 17.



Kenilworth resident Scarlett DeBontin (left) chats with Evanston residents Jeff and Abby McNear during the NSAL Members' Show Friday, Sept. 7, at the Winnetka Community House.

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Winnetka's Pumpkinfest is ripe with family fun and games, Page 5

Richard Sanderson helps his 3-year-old son, Theo, pumpkin bowl at Pumpkinfest Saturday, Oct. 20. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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D36 community passes day at Mayfest

Annual event serves as Hubbard Woods' largest fundraiser

food and entertainment for all at the event put together by co-chairwomen Sue Thompson, Julie Peinado, Deb Shonfeld and their committee.

chance for a student to shadow the principal, a signed White Sox jersey, a football signed by Jay Cutler, an iPad and more.

The funds, raised through raffle ticket purchases, tickets for games, and concessions, will go toward classroom enhancing items on Hubbard Wood School teacher's wish lists. Last year, the fundraiser allowed the PTO to purchase a piano for the music department.

The event also offered a variety of prizes, including a

LAUREN FINKLER, Editor

"I would say it was very successful. The weather was good, we had a great turnout ... it ran very smoothly and fundraising-wise, it was really good," Hubbard Woods PTO President Sandy Welch said.

The Hubbard Woods School community gathered Sunday, May 20, for Mayfest - the school's largest annual fundraiser, held at the Winnetka school.

Children and family members enjoyed carnival games,





Ania Mookencherry, 4, indulges in some cotton candy at Mayfest, an annual event for Hubbard Woods School.

Megan Rittmanic, 12, tries her luck at grabbing cash during Mayfest May 20.

Lauren Vanneck (left), 8, and Allie Banks, 8, enjoy snow cones while sitting on Hubbard Woods School's playground during Mayfest Sunday, May 20. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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Riding into fall

Bike Winnetka, Fall Fest kick off autumn, Page 5



MAIN: Participants in Bike Winnetka ride on the cool and sunny afternoon Saturday, Sept. 22.
LEFT: A young girl has fun on a trampoline station at the Fall Festival Saturday in Winnetka. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

♪ Gage and Burr in Hubbard Woods ♪ Root Beer ♪ Games ♪ Live Music ♪ German Food ♪ Beer Garden

COVER STORY

Bikers and fall lovers gather for Fall Fest

MELISSA ZIEFF, Staff Writer

There's no better way to usher in autumn than with a fun-filled family festival and scenic bike ride for the whole community to enjoy.

People of all ages attended the Winnetka Park District's second annual Bike Winnetka, Whiffle Ball Challenge and Fall Fest held at the Skokie Playfield in Winnetka.

Since the fest gained popularity from last year, the Winnetka Park District decided to add some new features to the event, held Saturday, Sept. 22, like an additional 2-mile bike route and a new route leader with an inspirational story.

Mark Stephan is a Winnetka resident who has always loved biking. When a biking accident snapped his neck and left him as a quadriplegic, it didn't stop him from trying to get right back on his bike.

"It took me four years, and tons of physical therapy, but I just got back from riding from San Diego, Calif., to Jacksonville, Fla., so I'm feeling pretty good about the bike," Stephan

car. "Being on a bike activates a lot of senses not felt when someone is inside on their computer or cellphone all day," he said.

The bikers returned to the Skokie Playfield in hoards, all smiling with pride and just a little bit of pink in their cheeks from the chilly air.

Married couple Clark and Terry Kinney biked the longer route with their 9-year-old son, Clark, beginning at Cherry Street and going all the way around Winnetka back down to Elm Street.

"We really enjoyed getting out and doing something physical as a family," Terry said.

"There were old people and young people, it was so diverse and everyone kept up so well," Clark said.

While the bikers rode, the whiffle ball players swung their bats and hit balls high and across the field. The challenge had three divisions: men's, women's and junior's, all competing to win the coveted Championship Cup.



ABOVE: Winnetka residents (left to right) Henry, Charlie and Andy Cripe participate in Bike Winnetka Saturday, Sept. 22. **RIGHT:** Rotary Club members Wes Baumann (left) and Fred Schwimmer sell beer at the Winnetka Park District's Fall Fest Sept. 22. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

About 60 adults and children watched the challenge, cheering on their family members from the bleachers on the cool, yet sunny first official day of fall.

The Fall Fest began at 2 p.m., offering many activities for the kids like an alligator bounce slide, elephant moon bounce and a ride called Euro Jump, where kids were harnessed into a mini bungee-jump machine.

For the adults, a tent was set up with a live karaoke band, encouraging everyone to come pick a song and

Stephan said he enjoyed the fest and is looking forward to biking the event next year.

"I'm feeling better and stronger with every bike ride I ride. I look forward to continuing to cycle and hope everyone realizes how soothing and healing riding a bike can be," Stephan said.



Revitalize Your Hardwood Floors.

Coffee & Classics draws vintage car enthusiasts

Monthly gathering in downtown Winnetka pulls from North Shore and beyond

LAUREN FINKLER, Editor

There's a new crowd gathering at Cafe Aroma for a monthly cup of coffee, and they come in style.

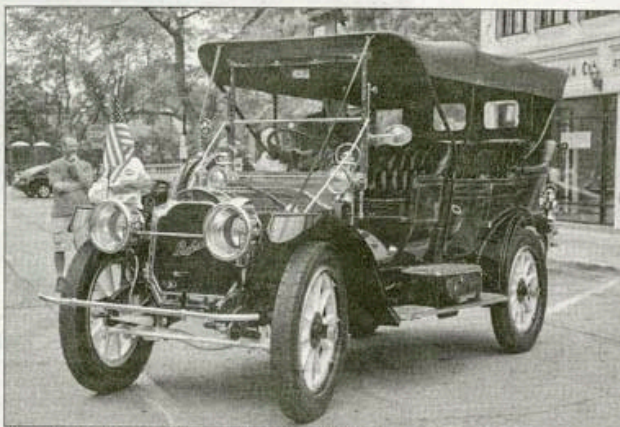
They arrive in vintage European cars, made before 1990.

Car enthusiasts have always been the basis of Fueled, a group based out of Chicago, which puts on the monthly Coffee & Classics events that set up shop at Lincoln and Elm in downtown Winnetka Sunday, June 24. Upcoming Coffee & Classics gatherings will be held from 9-11 a.m., on Sundays Aug. 26, Sept. 30 and Oct. 28 at Elm & Lincoln.

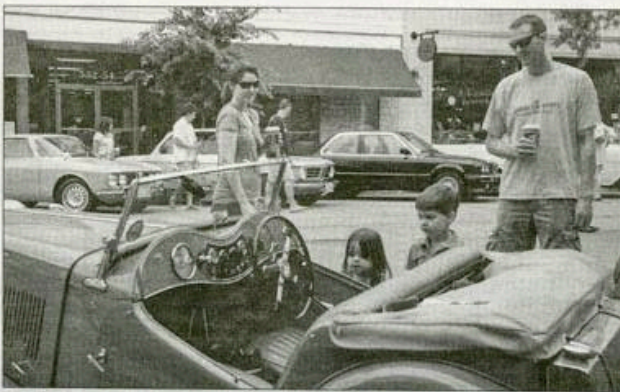
Winnetka resident Alan Gordon is one of many classic car lovers who can be found at the event. Ever since Gordon stumbled across a Coffee & Classics flyer while dining at Little Ricky's a few years ago, he faithfully arrives in his 1954 Mercedes Benz 300SL Gullwing Coupe.

Gordon, whose father owned an automobile dealership in the '20s had an early love for cars, and he's not the only one.

"You can meet a lot of interesting local people from Winnetka and other North



Winnetka resident John William Roberts backs his 1910 Packard into a spot at Fueled's monthly Coffee & Classics gathering Sunday, June 24. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



Winnetka 11-year-olds Rhea Mech (left) and Aili Sharifi sit in a Cutlass as their dads John Mech and Nader Sharifi stand nearby.



The Merlo's, of Winnetka, pose in front of one of the cars at Coffee & Classics.

other vintage cars around the North Shore. Hughes knew there were guys just waiting for the opportunity Coffee & Classics provides.

Although it's hard to count how many cars show up for Coffee & Classics, Hughes estimated about 90-95 were

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involves a lot of socializing with like-minded car enthu-

Inspirational stories guide NT Relay for Life

HILARY ANDERSON, Staff Writer

An air of hope, celebration and remembrance pervaded Gillson Park the evening of June 15 as more than 200 members of the New Trier community gathered for another Relay for Life rally in an ongoing effort to fight cancer.

The event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, previously occurred at a New Trier High School campus. It now is taking a different direction and enlarging its scope.

"We are reaching out to the entire New Trier Township community and inviting anyone interested in fighting cancer to participate," said Kathy Bingham, chairwoman of the event, two-time cancer survivor and member of the Wilmette Park District's Department of Recreation. "Previously mostly students, families and friends connected to New Trier High School participated. Cancer affects everyone in one way or another. We want to reach out to the entire community."

Bingham also trains volunteers like Winnetka's Cecilia Milotti, who lost her husband to the disease in 2006.

"For two years I had my own team working to raise money, but then decided to work with the annual Relay for Life events," Milotti said. "It means so much to know others care about your loss and are working to help find that cure."

Attending the event were survivors as young as 10 years old, like Wilmette's Megan Symons who was diagnosed with a type of kidney cancer at just 6 months



Relay for Life participants, including Ella Jacobs getting her hand Hennaed, gather at the 2013 New Trier Community event June 15 at Wilmette's Gillson Park. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

old. Her mother, Christy, was diagnosed with breast cancer last year.

"My mom died from pancreatic and liver cancer when she was only 55 years old," Christy said. "It is just something you have to do especially if you are a survivor."

Symons' other daughter, Sammy, raised \$2,500 for this year's rally. She achieved this with a Penny War — in which students brought in as many pennies as possible — at her school, Highest Middle School.

Despite the cancer losses, there was positive energy among the survivors, their families and friends who attended the rally.

Luminarias lit up the night sky and dotted the rally's walkway through Gillson Park: Each luminaria featured the name of a loved one who had fought or still is battling cancer.

The luminarias are what initially attracted Wilmette's Maria Ondra to participate in the event. The recent New Trier grad became

involved and now is one of this year's co-chairpeople.

"My sisters participated but what really attracted my attention was the luminaria ceremony that honors survivors' memories," she said. "It is so moving to know those who have succumbed to the disease are never forgotten. The fight to find a cure continues in their memory."

Many of those attending the rally pitched tents on the grassy areas for the 12-hour rally. Some were first-timers, like Winnetka's Celine Oberholzer, a New Trier junior. She attended to support her friend, Maddy Sacks, whose father, Jerry, died from cancer last year.

Oberholzer was there with other members of Team Jerry who helped raise funds for the event. They included Wilmette's Gillian Shields, Julia Rotunno, Ella Jacobs and Laura McCormick; Kenilworth's Jeffrey McHugh; and Northfield's Michelle Castino. The group pitched a tent and stayed for the du-

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Lobsterfest raises new record amount

St. James event raises approximately \$7,000 for local organizations

LAUREN FINKLER, Editor

North Shore residents looking for a fun and scrumptious way to support their community were given that chance Sept. 29, when St. James the Less in Northfield hosted its annual Lobsterfest.

And many people were happy to attend the event, which enabled the church to raise \$7,000, a record amount for the fest.

The event raises funds for several organizations.

"It's quite possibly one of the most fun ways to raise money for a good cause," Lobsterfest Chairwoman Sarah Generes said.

The organizations it supported were Northfield Township Food Pantry, the Night Ministry, A Just Harvest, Lake Cook Health Care Center and Cathedral Shelter of Chicago, organizations which Generes described as the church's "hallmark charities."

"The beneficiaries of the event hit the cross section of all the needs we at the par-



Alexander Hardesty chows down at St. James the Less' Lobsterfest last month.

to provide more than 1,000 pounds of produce to the Northfield Township Food Pantry this year. The garden contains eggplant, pepper, tomato, zucchini, beans, fruit and more.

"Every week [we are] just taking bushels and bushels of stuff," Generes said.

They also give back to the organizations during the holidays by completing wish lists for Cathedral

neres said. Generes said that 188 people, ages 2-80, stayed for the festival portion, enjoying live music while they feasted on lobster and more. Attendees consumed 465 lobsters, with some people choosing to stay and enjoy them at the church grounds, and others opting to take them home for preparation.

Those who chose to stay were additionally treated



Chad Senuta (left) and Aryn Crowley enjoy the feast of lobster and side dishes during the annual Lobsterfest, held at St. James the Less on Sept. 29. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



Approximately 188 people enjoyed the festival and lobster, which was cooked to order, at Northfield's Lobsterfest, held at St. James the Less.

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Skaters glide toward 2013 at Winnetka Ice Arena

Winnetka Park District hosts New Year's Eve Fun Night

STAFF REPORT

For some Winnetka residents, part of the last day of 2012 was spent with the Winnetka Ice Arena at its New Year's Eve Fun Night Dec. 31.

Skaters were treated to free admission, \$3 skate rental, free hot chocolate and cookies, and lots of family fun from 7-9 p.m.

The park district is hoping to move its skating activities outdoors in the near future, with Adult Pond Hockey Championships slated for Jan. 11-13, weather permitting, at the outdoor rink south of the ice arena.

Outdoor skating will also run through Feb. 15 at Hubbard Woods, Indian Hill and Northfield Parks, weather permitting. Outdoor ice requires several days of below 20-degree weather to be suitable. The park district's website will be updated as ice conditions become favorable to inform the pub-



Isabella Sorensen, 5, gets ready to hit the ice at the Winnetka Park District's New Year's Eve Fun Night Dec. 31. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

lic of rink openings and closings.

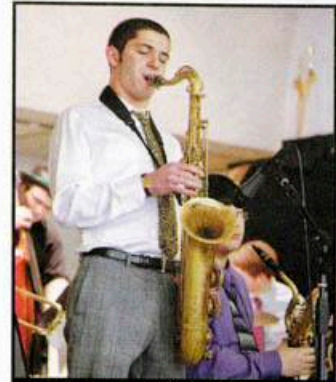
For more information about the Winnetka Ice Arena and other Winnetka Park District activities, visit winpark.org.



Families get in some ice skating at the Winnetka Ice Arena before ringing in 2013.

RIGHT: Five-year-old William McClendon slips and slides away with the crowd at the ice arena Dec. 31.





Jarod Hochberg, with the GBN Jazz Band, performs a solo on the saxophone.



Breakfast bar

57th Annual Pancake Festival draws hundreds, Page 22

Flipping pancakes for Erika's Lighthouse

57th Pancake Festival benefits Winnetka-based charity for adolescents

JACKIE PILOSSOPH, Staff Writer

Winnetka-based Erika's Lighthouse joined in on a tradition 57 years in the making March 2, when Northbrook's Village Presbyterian Church hosted its annual Pancake Festival.

The event, organized by Dave Owen, raised between \$4,000-\$5,000, Owen said, to be split between Erika's Lighthouse and other community organizations. Approximately 500-600 people attended the event, Owen estimated.

Erika's Lighthouse is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating communities about childhood and adolescent depression through



Liz Karles (left) and Tom Karles (far right) enjoy the March 2 Pancake Festival, which benefited Winnetka-based Erika's Lighthouse, with children (left to right) Grace, 7, Jack, 7, and Tyler, 9. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

educational programs directed at schools and community organizations.

Katie Gierke is a volunteer for Erika's Lighthouse, and she was at the festival handing out information about the organization.

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57th Pancake Festival benefits charity for adolescents

JACKIE PILOSSOPH, Staff Writer

Fresh, fluffy and hot off the grill, the pancakes were being served on March 2 at Northbrook's The Village Presbyterian Church.

Hundreds of community members gathered for the 57th annual Pancake Festival and enjoyed an afternoon of music, food and fun.

"I've been coming to this for at least 10 years because we've had our kids in the band," said James Pugh, whose son Michael was playing the trombone in the GBN Band. "The band doesn't have many concerts, so this is a good opportunity for them to be able to perform. Plus, we love pancakes."

"Pancakes are one of my favorite foods," said 10-year-old Erika Nibick, of Northbrook.

Nibick shared up not only for breakfast but also to help her brother, an Erika's Lighthouse volunteer, at the GBN Jazz Band. David is a volunteer at GBN.

Dave Owen has been the organizer of the Pancake Festival for the past four years, and he said he remembers attending the event with his parents as a young child.

"This has been a tradition for so long," he said. "There's something nostalgic about friends and getting together over a stack of pancakes."

According to Owen, the money raised by the 57th anniversary for adults and for children will go to community organizations, such



David Wilson, 17, of Northbrook, is served sausage links and pancakes at the annual Pancake Festival on Saturday, March 2. PHOTO BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



The GBN Jazz Band performed at the event. (Left to right) David Shapiro, an keyboard; David Pugh, on saxophone; David Hochberg, on saxophone; Michael Owen, on trombone; John Prusak, on trombone; Eric Washoltz, on drums; and Luis Lewis, on bass.



David MacMillan holds up one of the large wrapped baskets that was among the prizes at the event.

Bob MacMillan, of Northbrook, who plays percussion in the GBN Jazz Band. "And, of course, he's happy to support the church."

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Tyler Karle (left), 9, and his dad, Tom Karle, eat pancakes together at the annual Pancake Festival on March 2. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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Lucy Latiner (left), 5, and Hannah Latiner, 6, enjoy the Northfield Kids' Dog Show Saturday, July 13, in Clarkson Park, with their dog Charlie, who won Best Trick. INSET: Northfield family (left to right) Charlie, Will and Cindy Whittaker huddle around their dog Lucy, who won Best in Show and took second in Best Looking. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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Northfield pooches garner prizes



Hannah Latiner, 6, shows off a trick with her dog and Ralphie.



Winnetka family (left to right) Ellie, 6, Evan, 2, and Sandy Carlson, enjoy the Northfield Kids' Dog Show Saturday, July 13, in Clarkson Park, with their dog Cooper, who got third Best Looking. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



Elaine Estrada (far right) awards dog Booker T. with a medal as Meada Estrada, 8, (left) and Jenny Kang, 7, watch.



Northfield resident Anna Friedell smiles with her Barney, who won the Smallest Dog prize.

his day, every owner and their companion took home some sort of prize. The prizes included small doggie seat bags, small dog toys and medals that some of the dogs proudly wore after the contest.

"We came out to have fun and spend some time with our dog," said Winnetka resident Sandy Carlson, who was accompanied by her kids Ellie and Evan and their dog, Cooper. "I just think it's great to get people outdoors and meet our neighbors at a fun event like this."

The park district is constantly looking to host events that bond the community, park district member Dede Kern said.

"It's very important to bring the community together and this one included the household pets, who are a part of the family but don't always get to come to things like this," Kern said.

Many parents got a kick out of their kids trying to get the dogs to do tricks, or watching the dogs run off with their kids still holding on for dear life.

A few other pedestrians that happened to be walking their dogs stopped by and watched some of the event.

"The people that attended had a really good time. I think it went very smoothly and it was an overall great event for the community members that attended," Kern said.

The event was judged and sponsored by Loving Care Grooming and Pet Services.

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Winnetka families gather at Crow Island Woods for a nature and camping experience, Page 23

Get ready for an activity-packed evening at an overnight campout at Crow Island Woods Saturday, June 22. LEFT INSET: Elee (left) and Jay Vanderlaan. RIGHT INSET: Samantha Hartman, 5, listen to a presentation with Dad Brad Hartman. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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COVER STORY

Winnetka families connect with nature at campout experience

HILARY ANDERSON, Staff Writer

Nearly 50 Winnetka families connected with nature as they pitched tents and camped out Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23, in Crow Island Woods.

For some, it was the first time they had gone camping. For others, it was something they liked to do, only this time the campground was close to their backyards.

The event was the combined effort of the Winnetka Park District, BackYard Nature Center, Alliance for Early Childhood and the Winnetka Historical Society.

"We wanted to create a program geared towards families spending more time together with nature," said John Muno, Winnetka superintendent of recreation. "We have beautiful natural areas and parks here in Winnetka. We are trying to increase usage of them."

The camping experience achieved its purpose. The bonding was there. Things were learned. Memories made. Even the weather cooperated.

At first Lily Ingram, 9, and Rose Ingram, 7, wanted to just sit in their tent, a new experience for them.

"We wanted to check out camping," said Mother Denise Ingram. Then the girls answered the call to go on a nature hike. The inside of the tent was intriguing, but what the girls saw on their hike was even more so.

"This nature walk was really cool," Lily said. "I saw so many interesting things."

"We are going to tell our friends about it," added Rose.

docent dressed in a period costume made the tours even more interesting.

Zack Weber came with his son, Bennet, 7, because he wanted to be outside.

"This program makes camping so easy," he said. "Everything is provided."

By everything provided, he meant the food as well.

Participants had a choice of cooking their meals on the fire pit the old-fashioned way or on a grill. There was a choice of salmon, vegetable and potatoes; or just vegetable and potatoes for vegetarians. All were wrapped in heavy-duty aluminum foil first and then put on logs gathered from the surrounding forest.

BackYard Nature Center's Linn Carey prepared the fare. She also cored apples, made a mixture of cinnamon, brown sugar and butter, placed the mixture in the core area, then wrapped them in aluminum foil. They baked on the fire pit. Twenty minutes later, they were ready for dessert. Hot dogs and hamburgers were available for those who preferred the more traditional fare.

The cooking process provided additional camping knowledge.

Toby Ross, a Winnetka recreation supervisor, showed how to cook in the fire pit on a wood fire, not charcoal.

LLB's Bob Schiele explained which tree woods are good for different kinds of fires when cooking outdoors, for example slow cooking versus a fire for roasting hot dogs or marshmallows.

The event's mission of connect-

Winnetka resident Rose Ingram (far right) gets sprayed with bug juice from Mom Denise Ingram, while Jacqueline Wynnenchenko (far left) and Lily Ingram watch at a campout at Crow Island Woods Saturday, June 22. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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toys like balls and blocks to keep them busy.

"No batteries required," she laughed.

Ted Wynnenchenko borrowed a tent and came with his two daughters, Rosemary, 9, and Jacqueline, 6.

"I have not camped since I was

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Unity celebrated at World Thinking Day

Wilmotte Girl Scouts gather in support of global awareness, understanding

ALEXA BURNELL, Staff Writer

More than 23 local Girl Scout troops united Feb. 24 at the Wilmette Masonic Temple in honor of World Thinking Day.

The event promoted appreciation for fellow Girl Scouts across the globe while encouraging troop members to become more culturally aware.

Alexis Wall, troop leader and organizer of the event, explained that the program teaches the Girl Scouts what it would be like to live in another part of the world.

"The girls learn about universal citizenship," Wall said, "that our country and the world have benefited from the discoveries, foods, writings, music, dance and art from other lands."

Emily Spectre, troop leader for the fourth-grade girls at Mikenzie Elementary, agreed that the event educated her troop about other societies.

"[The girls] learned a lot when they began researching their assigned country," she said.

Spectre's troop represented China and had the unique opportunity to learn about Chinese culture from a troop parent who teaches English as a second language to Chinese students.

The sixth-grade troop from Highcrest, which is co-led by Brenda Shumaker and Gayle McCormick, is in its fifth year of the program. This year, the troop represented Japan.

Both McCormick and Shumaker agreed that World Thinking Day teaches the girls empathy for another culture and fosters creativity as the girls prepare to represent their assigned country.

Shumaker said the day encouraged her troop to "think outside of their own culture."

She explained that when the girls learned that sushi was a staple of the Japanese diet, they came up with a creative twist — using candy to resemble sushi rolls.

Troop members expressed that the day was not only educational, but also fun. Nine-year-old Alisha O'Connor, who is part of Spectre's fourth-grade troop, said that along with learning about her assigned country, she learned interesting facts about the countries her fellow troops represented.

"I like [World] Thinking Day because we learn about cultures and learn things you never knew before," O'Connor said. "I learned there are five different animals that are popular in South Africa."

In addition to becoming more culturally aware, the event is charitable as well. This year, the focus was on improving the well-being of infants and mothers around the world. The local troops honored this goal by collecting boxes and canned goods to be donated to the New Trier Food Pantry. The goods will be distributed to local mothers and children in need of assistance.

Originally called, Thinking Day, the event was first created in 1926 during the fourth Girl Scout International Conference to provide a day for Girl Scouts to take pause and "think" of one another and give thanks for their sister Girl Scouts. At the seventh global conference in 1932, it was suggested that the event should not only foster appreciation for one another but should include a voluntary financial contribution to the World Association in an effort to increase scouting worldwide.

To emphasize the global aspect of the event, the name was changed from Thinking Day to World Thinking Day in 1959 during the 36th world conference.

World Thinking Day has become a time-honored tradition in the Girl Scout World. McCormick said it is one of her troop members described the event perfectly when she said, "World Thinking Day is like a curval, but you learn new stuff too."

Ava Schneider (left), 9, and Sarah Hirata, 10, both of Girl Scout Troop 40153, pass out information at their booth at World Thinking Day Feb. 24 in Wilmette. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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Northbrook salutes our heros on Veterans Day

ALAN P. HENRY, Staff report

On Nov. 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding led a grateful nation in the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Capturing the moment for posterity was Associated Press writer Kirke Simpson.

"A rocking blast of gunfire rang from the woods. The glittering circle of bayonets stiffened to a salute to the dead. Again the guns shouted their message of honor and farewell. Again they boomed out; a loyal comrade was being laid to his last, long rest.

"High and clear and true in the echoes of the guns, a bugle lifted the old, old notes of taps, the lullaby for the living soldier, in death his requiem. The guns roared out again in the national salute. He was home, The Unknown, to sleep forever among his own," Simpson wrote.

On Oct. 10, dozens of Northbrook veterans gathered at Northbrook Junior High School to stand at attention and in timeless solidarity with their fallen brethren.

"A lot of good men



World War II veterans at the Veterans Day ceremony at Northbrook Junior High School on Oct. 10, where there were speakers and "Taps." RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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Ceremonies included remarks by Village President Sandra Frum.

"They have worked to protect us at all costs. They have served so that we who have not, don't have to," Frum said. "Today, we thank them and honor them and extend to them our never ending gratitude."

Another speaker was Todd Siau, a 1993 graduate of Glenbrook North who served in Iraq and is now in

"I didn't tell him where we were going," said his wife, Cheryl. "I said we have to leave now, it is a surprise."

Wolf, a Navy dentist, was thrilled.

"My father and grandfather were in Illinois State Militia. My uncle fought at Guadalcanal. I got imbued with military fervor," he said.

"I had the honor and the privilege to serve the greatest country in the world, the United States of America,

War II. He recalled, during one break in the action, sailors gathering on deck to watch the movie "Casablanca" off the coast of Casablanca.

"It was OK, I guess," he said.

The 27-year Northbrook resident is one of many veterans who have taken the Honor Flight to the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C.

Everyone at the ceremony stepped outside to stand



Lucas Yoshitani, 4, of Wilmette, awaits his popcorn at the Fun Fair.

Fun Fair celebrates Avoca's community

STAFF REPORT

The Avoca Parent-Teacher Council brought together as many members of the Avoca School District 37 community as possible for the annual Fun Fair Feb. 24 at Avoca West in Glenview.

The fair featured carnival games, a prize

room, cotton candy, inflatables, a cake walk, a raffle and much more in the school's classrooms.

Avoca D37 services Northfield students as well as Wilmette and Glenview families, and the Fun Fair is the "biggest party" of the district's year.



Northfield resident Daniel Skeels (right), 6, plays chess against Northfield resident Rian Julka at the Avoca D37 Fun Fair on Feb. 24.



Amanda Hale (right) and her daughter, Elyse, 3, enjoy some cotton candy at the Avoca D37 Fun Fair. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA





Smarty Pants balances a balloon figure on his nose as part of the Big Balloon Circus Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Wilmette Public Library. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

COVER STORY
Smarty Pants, crowd have some fun at library

ALEXA BURNELL, Staff Writer

There's no better way to begin a Saturday morning than with juggling, magic and balloons. Based on the laughter that poured from the auditorium of the Wilmette Public Library Saturday, Jan. 5, the audience couldn't have agreed more.

Dubbed "Chicago's Favorite Balloon Entertainer," Smarty Pants blew the audience away with his Big Balloon Circus.

Performing with his wife and partner, Miss Dena, he infused classic vaudeville, magic and slapstick comedy into the dad's routine.

At the same time, they created unusual balloon sculptures that go far beyond typical balloon art. Smarty Pants said balloons offer "animated" possibilities and that he enjoys coming up with new and inventive ways to entertain.

At this show, Smarty Pants took the audience to a magical circus made exclusively from his balloons and the crowd's imagination and involvement. The show began with an interactive juggling warm-up.

Next, spectators met Peanut, the shy but friendly elephant. Lastly, participants practiced shooting inflated apples off each others' heads with a balloon bow and arrow.

The majority of The Big Balloon Shows are held in libraries throughout the Midwest because, Smarty Pants said, he wants to "get kids excited about going to the library."

As a child, Smarty Pants earned his name because he loved books and being at the library. Now, he

Pants used balloons as a vehicle to teach science at a school. A graduate of Columbia University of New York with a degree in geology, Smarty Pants has a love for the discipline, but claimed the field was a bit too restrictive for him.

"I'm a people person and the rocks don't talk back," he said. Smarty Pants said the limitless possibility of balloons has inspired him to adopt a "just say yes" philosophy in life.

Many shows ago, Smarty Pants realized he couldn't give a balloon to all attendees but didn't like saying "no." He soon recognized that what the audience was really longing for was simply a memory more so than an actual balloon.

For this season, Smarty Pants and Miss Dena make time at the end of each show to take a picture with audience members who crave a keepsake.

A young audience member assists Smarty Pants and Miss Dena.

Smarty Pants and Miss Dena build a balloon tower during the Big Balloon Circus Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Wilmette library. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA.

Fun for the whole community at Northfield's Boo Bash

LAUREN FINKLER, Editor

Northfield's Community Center saw a packed gym of superheroes, princesses, witches, American Indians and more on Oct. 26 during the park district's annual Boo Bash.

There was a fortune teller, hula-hoer, artist, cookie decorating station, trackless train, and about 17 different games to keep children and families entertained.

There was also a jar full of candy corn, awarded to the Dellelsen family for guessing closest to the number of candy corn in the container.

DeDe Kern, who recently became the recreation supervisor for Northfield, was greeting attendees, and saw many great costumes pass through.

"There were so many cute costumes," she said.

Kern saw pairs such as Woody and Jessie from "Toy Story," Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, and Dr. Suss characters such as Thing 1 and Thing 2.

Overall, Kern said approximately 400 people attended the fun, family event, making for a "great crowd."

"It was just a real gathering of community," Kern said. "So many members of the community came to the event and it was just so great to have that."

Boo Bash attendees (left to right) Konstantine Katchiva, dressed as Woody, Samuel Katchiva, dressed as Mickey Mouse, and Simon Katchiva, dressed as Spiderman, look on as a balloon artist walks creations Oct. 26. PHOTO: WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

Inspirational stories guide NT Relay for Life

HILARY ANDERSON, Staff Writer

An air of hope, celebration and remembrance pervaded Gillson Park the evening of June 15 as more than 200 members of the New Trier community gathered for another Relay for Life rally in an ongoing effort to fight cancer.

The event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, previously occurred at a New Trier High School campus. It now is taking a different direction and enlarging its scope.

"We are reaching out to the entire New Trier Township community and inviting anyone interested in fighting cancer to participate," said Kathy Bingham, chairwoman of the event, two-time cancer survivor and member of the Wilmette Park District's Department of Recreation. "Previously, mostly students, families and friends connected to New Trier High School participated. Cancer affects everyone in one way or another. We want to reach out to the entire community."

Bingham also trains volunteers like Winnetka's Cecilia Milotti, who lost her husband to the disease in 2006.

"For two years I had my own team working to raise money, but then decided to work with the annual Relay for Life events," Milotti

and Laura McCormick; Kenilworth's Jeffrey McHugh; and Northfield's Michelle Castino. The group pitched a tent and stayed for the duration of the rally.

Kenilworth's Drew Higley and Wilmette's Charlie Hanson, both Loyola seniors, participated in honor of their fathers who had cancer, as did other members of their families.

"Cancer affects all of us," Higley said. "We have to keep fighting because there is a cure out there."

Incoming New Trier freshmen and Wilmette residents Bernett Elzman, Judd Babbitt, Jack Kempf, Henry Morgan and Max Williams were at the rally to support their friend, Luke Nelson, whose mother, Kerry, was diagnosed with cancer.

"We are here to help make a difference," Morgan said. Donna and Kenzie Carnow, recent New Trier grads, said they came to honor their mother, Heidi, who was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 2012.

A Hope Wall stood for attendees to write messages to their loved ones. Tears came to everyone's eyes as Morgan Katz, a New Trier senior and cancer survivor related her 2011 battle with skin cancer, which had no relationship to being in the sun too long.

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Sarah McCauland (left) and Emily Ashenden provide entertainment at the 2013 New Trier Community event June 15 at Wilmette's Gillson Park. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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Gail and Irwin Schneiderman, of Wilmette



Our household is quite busy these days with the addition of our new dog, Kirby. Kirby is a 5-month-old Havanese puppy. The Havanese is the national dog of Cuba. In the short time we have had him, he has certainly been an example of what this breed is all about. Kirby has a spirited playful and affectionate personality, a curious disposition and lots and lots of energy.

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Tears came to everyone's eyes as Morgan Katz, a New Trier senior and cancer survivor related her 2011 battle with skin cancer, which had no relationship to being in the sun too long.

"I have learned there is a silver lining to every situation," she concluded. Karen Berzman, a single mom, told of her struggle with cancer shortly after her return to a full-time job.

"I could not have gotten through this had it not been for the support of friends who helped me through my journey," she said. "Even my children's friends planted flowers for me."

A preliminary tally shows the New Trier Township Community 2013 Relay for Life raised approximately



Sarah McCauland (left) and Emily Ashenden provide entertainment for the annual cancer-fighting event. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

\$28,000 before the event began Saturday evening. Proceeds go to research; Road to Recovery (services for cancer patients); Hope Lodge (a residence for families who live far away from where cancer treatment is being given); and Look and Feel Better (hair and skin advice during treatment).

Student-rockers jam at WJH

Youth Connection sponsors annual Battle of the Bands

HILARY ANDERSON, Staff Writer

The weather outside was cold, but Wilmette Junior High's auditorium was anything but Friday, Feb. 1, when more than 40 area children participated in the Battle of the Bands, an annual event produced by Wilmette's Youth Connection.

Families, friends, teachers and area residents gathered to hear these youngsters demonstrate their talents as they played an array of instruments — from electric and bass guitars to drums, keyboards, pianos, cellos and violins.

"The Battle of the Bands is a way for kids to showcase their talents, creativity and build self-confidence," said Karen Funari, executive director of the Youth Connection. "Schools generally do not have the opportunity to put on something like this. Youth Connection as part of its mission provides these opportunities and experiences."

There is no lack of enthusiasm among the junior-high musicians.

"I like making music with guitars," seventh-grader Brendan Traverso said. "I've been doing it since second grade."

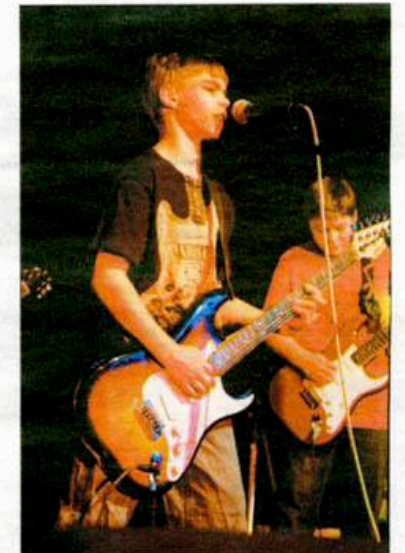
One group, ITL, an acronym for It's Too Loud, practices in member Liam Donahue's basement.

"We've been doing it since fifth grade," Donahue said. "It's fun to play with friends."

Justin Biello calls making a beat his favorite part of playing in the band while Jack Murphy said: "It's fun to make noise and play songs."

Liz Rocklin is a soloist who besides singing likes playing the electric guitar. She wrote the music and lyrics for one of the songs she performed.

"I have been singing forever and take voice lessons," she said. "One of my goals is to be a contestant on 'X-Factor.' I'm also trying out for local musicals."



Liam Donahue of the band It's Too Loud performs at the Youth Connection-sponsored Battle of the Bands Feb. 1 at Wilmette Junior High RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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Mary Ann Dmitrasz Walsdorf, who organized the event along with Mary Kay Dreyfus, thanked the parents for their strong support.

She added that all the work was worth it. "It couldn't have been done without all the parental support," Walsdorf said. "This is the largest turnout since I first became involved four years ago. To everyone involved we say thank you."

This year's Battle of the Bands was sponsored by Wilmette's Rock House. KISS-FM's Rufio was the DJ.

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Dainty date day bonds moms, daughters

Winnetka Park District hosts its first Mother/Daughter Tea Party

STAFF REPORT

The Winnetka Park District hosted its first Mother/Daughter Tea Party Jan. 13 at Skokie School in Winnetka.

The town's best girls and women gathered to enjoy mini sandwiches, drinks, desserts and crafts at the afternoon gathering. They also went home with a goodie bag and a photo to remember the special day by.

The event was a new addition to expand upon the other popular date nights the park district offers, which are approaching quickly.

Next, it's the dad's turns to show their best girls a night on the town, when the Winnetka Park District presents its annual Daddy/Daughter Date Night from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 7 at Skokie School. The soiree will include dancing, entertainment dinner and an ice cream bar.

Daddy's little girls will also get a photo with their special guy. The cost is \$60 per resident couples and \$70 per non-resident couples. For additional children, the cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Registration for the event deadlines Feb. 4.

Then, the mothers and sons will have their turn to get down with the park district on March 6.



Carolyn Manella, 95, and 7-year-old Daniella Egeland pass the day at the Winnetka Park District's tea party Jan. 13 at Skokie School. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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Inspiration from art classes for all ages

really hope that [Art Soul] takes off," said this. "It's hard today, just want it to succeed hopefully, try a painting myself."

Tokowitz said during her month preparations for opening, she made it her duty to focus her courses on the process of creating rather than the end product.

Art and Soul is just a professional yet non-competitive, supportive, comfortable place to draw, paint and do other things," she said.

Art and Soul will feature classes like a Mixed Media class for kindergartners and an Intermediate Art-ture course for first- through third-graders. There is also a Special Learner class for children with disabilities, as well as youth adult drawing courses.

ina Filipovic, of Northbrook, attended the opening with her teenage daughter who took one of Tokowitz's drawing courses.

"I liked that it started with the basics, so it doesn't matter where you are in art," she said, "and you can start from wherever."

Tokowitz plans to provide most of the art supplies needed for the variety of courses so her students aren't required to purchase their own materials. She said her studio will add to the Northbrook art community by reaching out to audiences that most other arts programs don't consider.

For example, Tokowitz said she offers classes for "adaptive learners and seniors."

"Northbrook arts programs haven't expanded their reach yet to those groups," she said.

The first courses Tokowitz hopes to fill are the Winter Workshops, available for all ages, that begin on Dec. 27.

Although she loves art, Tokowitz is also a full-time social worker and a volunteer at Links-North Shore Youth Health Service, a Northfield-based organization that is known for providing affordable health care and health education to those younger than 25 year old, according to its website, www.linksyouth.org. In fact, Tokowitz is donating all proceeds from her grand opening, which raked in just under \$200, to the organization.

Amy Skalinder, Links executive director, attended the opening to show her appreciation for Tokowitz's donations and to spread the word about Links.

"It's fabulous for Art and Soul to be able to coordinate with another organization," said Kotinis. "Probably a lot of people don't know about Links, and it's great."

Tokowitz said she hopes the opening encouraged people to both learn about Links and indulge in their creative talents at Art and Soul.

"[Art and Soul] is a nice place to try new, creative techniques with other creative, interesting people," she said.

EXPRESS YOURSELF
Pam Tokowitz, owner of Art and Soul, 1955 Raymond Drive, suite 118 in Northbrook, offers Winter Workshop art classes for all ages beginning Dec. 27. For more information, visit the website, www.artandsoulmb.com.



Amy Skalinder (left), executive director of Links-North Shore, and Pamela Tokowitz, founder of Art and Soul.



Olga Sheya helps a student with her picture-frame craft project at the opening of Art and Soul studio on Nov. 17. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



(Foreground, left to right) Jessica Resler, Finn O'Machel, Mickenna O'Machel and Shea O'Machel create art while (background, left to right) Patty O'Machel and Peggy Orloff chat. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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FHC HOLDS ST. PADDY'S BASH

Festive celebration benefits school's Anchors with Hearts Fund


STAFF REPORT

Saints Faith, Hope and Charity celebrated St. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 16, with its second annual Blarney Bash.

A Celtic Mass led by the Rev. Marty O'Donovan kicked off the celebration. Then, attendees poured over to the school gymnasium, led by Irish music from the band Character Fleadh.

The celebration also included a silent auction and a grand raffle of a three-year lease on a 2013 green MINI Cooper. There was also a live auction.

Proceeds from the bash benefited the school's Anchors with Hearts Fund.



GIGI Enriquez and Bill Burke enjoy Saints Faith, Hope and Charity's Blarney Bash Saturday, March 16. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



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COVER STORY

Winnetka continues tradition with parade and flag ceremony

HILARY ANDERSON, Staff Writer

Alice Cobb looks forward to Winnetka's Fourth of July parade and flag raising ceremony every year. She stakes a good spot along the parade route in anticipation of the traditional, as well as the new participants.

"I have been coming since the 1970s," Cobb said. "It used to be a short parade but now it is much longer. It is almost as though the whole community comes out to either watch the parade or participate in it."

This year's parade, which marks the 126th anniversary of Winnetka's celebration of Independence Day, was true to tradition with nearly 60 groups and more than a thousand individuals either walking the route, riding in cars, on bicycles or on boats.

There were Winnetka nursery and pre-school students, some walking with their parents while others were being pulled in wagons; hockey and baseball players; pipe bands and District bands; Brownie and Boy Scout troops; figure skaters and dancers; stilt walkers and clowns; New Trier football players and cheerleaders; park district campers and a host of local businesses.

The famous Jesse White Tumblers made an appearance and awed the crowds



Paradegoers (left to right) Ryan Tucker, 4, Finn Donaldson, 4, and Sarah Tucker enjoy Winnetka's Fourth of July parade that began at 10 a.m. at Elm and Glendale streets and ended at the Village Green. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

there to cheer on Rothschild's mother who was part of the Lawn Chair Precision Drill Team.

"She and the team practice at least once a week," Miriam said. "Their routine is something to see."

Chris Donaldson and his wife, Sarah, came to watch their son, 6-year-old Christopher, who was marching with his summer camp, "Happiness 16" from Hubbard Woods School. Joining them was son, 4-year-old Finn and grandparents Maureen and Art Davenport and Jim and Peggy Lamoree.

"My kids are here to run in the footraces," Tom

Jeanne Morette and Lourdes Birnbaum, longtime friends, attend every year regardless of the weather.

"We used to come with our children," Morette said. "They're adults now living far away, but the two of us keep up the tradition. Besides, it's a beautiful day to be outside and watch the parade."

Tom Craddock and wife Mindi brought their three sons to see the parade and participate in the activities following it.

"My kids are here to run in the footraces," Tom

ins Samantha, Kiley and Niki Urban and Whitney Hoban like the interactive aspect of the parade.

"It's a cool thing to do [watch the parade] and a great way to meet friends whom you may not have seen in a while because of school," Samantha Urban said. "We like to see our friends in the parade and meet up with them later."

Shawn and Pam Hoadley describe Winnetka's July 4 parade and events following it as scenes out of Norman Rockwell's paintings. They brought with them Kelly and Randy Balliett, friends



Sean Lawless, Troop 20 member, holds a flag as part of Winnetka's flag raising ceremony.

ceremony following the parade. "We love the ceremony," he said. "It is yet another reminder we are lucky to live in America."

This year's flag raising ceremony was similar to

denance was recited. Later, there was the announcement of a new Village of Winnetka flag. Following that was the parade of children holding flags as they marched around the Village Green to the music



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Warm & Cozy

Even without snow, Winter Carnival carries on in Winnetka, Page 3

Three-year-old Francesca Cora warms up by the fire at the Winnetka Park District Winter Carnival Saturday, Jan. 19. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

Fun, games complete Winter Carnival

DANIELLE PERLIN, Staff Writer

Kids danced, played with Hula-hoops and stood in line for games at Winnetka's Winter Carnival from 1-2:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19.

The entertainment - Dave Rudolf, sang and amused families in the Hubbard Woods shelter throughout the entirety of the carnival, too. S'mores, coffee and hot chocolate were handed out right by the shelter as well.

More than 200 people attended the free event on Saturday, whereas only about 125 people came last year.

Winnetka Park District Recreation Supervisor Greg Saclier was in charge of the event. He said the park district funds most of the



Three-year-old Sarah VanDusen enjoys unseasonably warm winter conditions during this year's Winter Carnival at Hubbard Woods Park.

Small pond hosts big dreams

LAUREN FINKLER, Editor

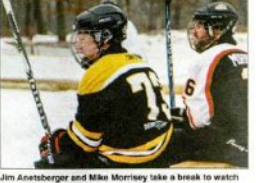
Park district holds long-anticipated Pond Hockey Championships

In Tom Gulien's 30 years at the Winnetka Park District, the most fun he has had at work, he said, was during the Adult Pond Hockey Championships Jan. 25-27.

And he wasn't even playing.

Gulien, who acts as the Winnetka Ice Arena's Superintendent of Facilities, oversees the three-day, 3-on-3 happenings at the Pond on the Green (south of the ice arena), where more than 20 teams participated in a little friendly competition.

Gulien estimated that the



Steve Hamlin controls the puck during Adult Pond Hockey Championships at the Winnetka Park District's Pond on the Green Jan. 27. PHOTOS BY RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

Jim Anstaberger and Mike Morrisey take a break to watch the tournaments Jan. 27.

games, with five- or six-man teams playing in three divisions - recreational, competitive and elite. Aside from a chance to see some familiar faces, the games also offered a shot at winning a do-

Unfortunately, the freezing rain won Sunday's games, meaning some of the teams have to meet up for a rematch when the weather cooperates.

Weather has posed a continual problem: for the out-

Gulien said the tournaments were initially planned last year, but the weather never cooperated. With the Winnetka Ice Arena celebrating its 40-year anniversary, Gulien decided to try again this year.

then originally planned for Jan. 11-13, but they were pushed back a week due to weather conflicts.

In the time that the men did get on the ice, though, a lot of camaraderie and good-spirited fun was present.

lot of things for little kids and probably not as many things for adults," Gulien said.

Knowing that there was also a pretty active hockey community in Winnetka, Gulien was sure the event would

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Home for the holidays

LAUREN FINKLER, Editor

Historical society recreates 1850s holiday at log house

Visitors to the Winnetka Historical Society's Schmidt-Burnham Log House on Dec. 2 were able to celebrate an early Christmas, both in date and in era.

The society held an open house at the historic spot, offering a peek into what an 1850s holiday season looked like for the Schmidt family, the German immigrant family the home is named after.

The event was inspired by research by Winnetka resident Helea Weaver, who serves as a historical society board member and volunteer.

Weaver checked out all the books she could find on pioneer life and enlisted the help of a few other historical

society volunteers to bring it all to life.

Docents Bob Henner and Jade Offerle portrayed pioneers and shared some of the home's history with approximately 50-60 visitors throughout the day.

Offerle wore a black and white plaid dress with a full skirt and high collar and Henner sported suspenders with a collared shirt. Weaver said the characters were loosely based on pioneer life, but not specific people.

The log house was decorated in a simple fashion, with a train under the tree and a few presents.

Weaver said she coincidentally found hand-blown glass ornaments and some research in a closet of the log house, but she decided the ornaments, while beautiful, did not fit her image of a pioneer Christmas.

"I checked these people had too difficult a trip to

American ... and wouldn't have wanted space in their luggage on ornaments," Weaver said.

Visitors were able to join in on various 1850s-inspired crafts. One was making a wooden ball and cup toy, which Weaver said would have been very typical of the period.

They also made candles out of beeswax, which Weaver said would have been only for special occasions as it was expensive in the 1850s.

They also cut paper snowflakes as a nod to the German art form of paper cutting, called Scherenschnitt.

The open house also had treats and New Trier students sang Christmas carols.

Beyond being a fun way to spend the day, Weaver also hopes attendees left with a renewed look on the holidays.

"When we remember how

people celebrate Christmas, or any holidays [in the 1850s], we are reminded that it was a lot simpler," Weaver said. "We need to keep reminding ourselves that it's not all about commercialism and buying everyone presents, but that it's about families, feasting, music and the religious story."

"There were some very simple elements and I think it's good for us to remember what it's all about," Weaver added.

Weaver said she hopes to organize a similar event in the future, perhaps one portraying a Victorian age Winnetka holiday at the historical society museum headquarters.



Docents Bob Henner (left) and Jade Offerle portray pioneers from the 1850s during the Winnetka Historical Society's open house at the Schmidt-Burnham Log House Dec. 2. RACHEL WOLFE/22ND CENTURY MEDIA