

# WILDCAT LIFE

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#### With Ally Mackiewicz

#### **Fun in Illinois**

I know that I have talked a lot about going out of the U.S, but now I am going to do it a little closer to home. Even closer than in the U.S, I am going to introduce to you fun things to do in Illinois, the Prairie State.

Maggie Daley park opened in 2014, and quickly became a highlight of the Chicago area. It has the famous "Skating Ribbon" and magical "Play Garden". In addition to the park there is a rock climbing arena and an eighteen hole mini golf course.

The 3-acre Play Garden has elements of two of my favorite movies: Alice and Wonderland, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The play Garden has many opportunities to have fun, but I won't spoil it for you, you have to go there and see the fun yourself.

The Skating Ribbon is very different from your average skating rink. Skaters can experience "alpine in the city" when they put on their skates and glide around the Ribbon which winds around the park. Skaters can watch as climbers hit the wall, and enjoy the nice scenery of the park.

Have fun enjoying this magical adventure, try to convince your parents/guardians to buy you a cup of hot chocolate, and be sure to stay safe.

At Go Ape there are many adventures you can go on. From ziplines, to walking in the trees, you can have a blast. Get strapped in and you can roam the trees, you will get challenged by many different obstacles, and ride ziplines. There is Outdoor ax throwing that you will quickly pick up and aim towards the target.

There is even a Monkey Drop, you will get on a 40 foot platform, where you take a leap of faith and jump. Closed eyes or open, have fun falling towards the ground, as the line catches you at the last minute.

The tree top adventure starts with a rope ladder, you will go through wobbly bridges and obstacles. After you get through the amazing twists and turns, you can ride a nice long zipline.



By Rowdy Vick Phelps



So let's get started on basketball we got in the Eastern Conference the Phoenix Suns are in first the Golden State Warriors are in second then in third is the Memphis Grizzlies. Then in the Western Conference first the Chicago Bulls and following the Bulls is the Miami Heat and in third is the Brooklyn Nets.



Now in the NFL the wild card the Raiders lose to the Bengals then the Patriots lost to the bills. The Eagles lost to the Buccaneers and the Cowboys lost to the 49ers. The Steelers lose to the Chiefs then the Cardinals lose to the Rams. In the Divisional Round the Packers lose to the 49ers the Titans lose to the Bengals then the Buccaneers lose to the Rams then the Bills lose to the Chiefs. The Bengals came out on top with a surprising win to the Chiefs then the Rams vs the 49ers with everybody wanting the 49ers to win but the Rams came out on top and beat the 49ers. The Super Bowl is the Los Angeles Rams vs the Cincinnati Bengals on February 13th at 5:30 p.m.



Now the last sport is Hockey. First in the Eastern Conference is the Panthers then in Second is the lighting and in Third is Maple Leafs. Then in the Western Conference First place is Avalanche and in Second place is Predators and in Third place is Wild.



Hello everyone, Happy January! In this issue I will be talking about the upcoming astronomical events for February, considering it is almost the end of January. To start off the month, on February 1st there is a New moon. According to Google, a new moon is the first lunar phase, "when the Moon and Sun have the same ecliptic longitude." According to thesun.co.uk, a new moon represents the start of a new lunar cycle. People like to say it symbolizes "new beginnings", people like

to use this energy to achieve their goals or start a new project. The next important event is on February 9th. On the 9th, the planet Venus will be at its greatest brightness. According to spacetourismguide.com, Venus will be in the same area of the sky where Mars and Mercury are, they will be low above the southeastern horizon. Other events happening are both on February 16th, first is the Full moon. According to seasky.org, this full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. The second event happening on February 16th, has to do with the



planet Mercury! Stated from the same website seasky.org, on February 16th Mercury the planet will reach 26.3 degrees from the Sun; this means this is the best time to look at Mercury because it is at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. "Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise." On this page I will show a photo of the Full Moon I took this month for January's full moon! There are more events for the month of February but I like to talk about the events I find most exciting! Thank you so much for reading my article and Happy Valentine's Day early<33.



## \_\_\_Upcoming Dates\_\_\_

February 14- Valentine's Day

#### Spirit Week

February 14- Red, White, & Hearts Day

February 15- Pajama Day

February 16- Hat/Shades Day

February 17- Crazy Hair Day

February 18- Tacky Tourist Day

February 21- No School- Presidents Day



## Unpopular Opinions with Laney Cook

These unpopular opinions are not just my opinions but my peers around me. Everyone has different opinions, beliefs, religions, ethnicities, that is what makes us all different from one another. Our opinions and perspective on things make us who we are. There is no right or wrong when it comes to opinions. Unpopular opinions are simply defined as ideas and beliefs that go against or completely contradict the conventional status quo. "Unpopular" is a relative term, because one's opinion may only be that way because of where they are located in the world.

- The color blue is superior
- Tomatoes aren't good
- Light jeans are better than dark jeans
- Short socks feel weird
- Ranch is gross
- Oreo and pickles together is good
- Ketchup is overrated
- Milk is nasty
- Pizza and applesauce are good
- Ketchup is better than mustard
- Pizza rolls are better cooked in the microwave than the oven
- Cocoa Pebbles are better than Fruity Pebbles.
- Gray and gray don't go together
- Bell bottom jeans are not cute
- Video games are the best
- Chicken gizzards are good
- Chocolate is better than vanilla
- Homework is fun
- School is the best

- Math is the best subject
- Fortnite is underrated
- Bears are the best animals
- P.E. is better than lunch
- Cats are better than dogs
- Mac and cheese is the best food
- Soccer is the best sport.
- Biting ice cream is the only way to eat it.
- Pugs should not exist
- Basketball is the best sport
- Football is the best sport
- Softball is the best girl sport
- Tennis is better than football
- Softball is better than volleyball



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