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Lisle resident, **Rev. Daniel Kelly** will celebrate 60 years of service as a Roman Catholic priest on May 19. Kelly, who currently serves as an Assisting Priest at Notre Dame Catholic Parish in Clarendon Hills for the past 10 years, will be honored during a celebration mass at the parish in early June. Father Kelly began his career working as a principal for a catholic high school in Wisconsin. At the age of 48, he was appointed by the Bishop to become the prison Chaplain at Oxford Federal Prison in Oxford, Wisconsin, where he celebrated mass and offered spiritual assistance for the inmates for 20 years. During his six decades of service in the priesthood, Kelly worked at several Wisconsin parishes and since relocating to the Naperville area in 2006, he continues to fill-in as needed at several Catholic parishes including Saints Peter and Paul Church. He also celebrates Mass at several assisted living facilities.



**Kayla Bull** is this year's recipient of the Naperville Central High School **John Pearce Performing Arts Scholarship**. The \$1,000 award has been created as part of the Naperville Education Foundation (NEF). The scholarship, established by the alumni of Naperville Central High

School's music program, honors the 20 years that John Pearce served as choral instructor, musical director and Music Department Chair. The scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding Performing Arts graduating senior from either the NCHS band, choir or orchestra. Bull completed an extensive application process that included information about herself, a 500-word essay, along with two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with her work. She considers herself extremely fortunate to have had opportunities to perform with major artists such as Blue Man Group, Ben Folds and Active Child. She had the honor of performing under the baton of noted Russian conductor Gennady Rozhdestvensky. Bull will begin pursuing a degree in oboe performance this fall. You can hear her perform as a soloist at the Naperville Central High School band concert on May 10, where she will be acknowledged and presented with the NCHS John Pearce Performing Arts Scholarship award.



Several members of the **Naperville Police Department** and their families participated in the 2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge on March 6 and raised more than \$2,500 in support of Special Olympics Illinois. The annual Polar Plunge challenges thousands of jumpers across the state to take a dip into the freezing waters of Illinois' lakes. Locally, hundreds of plungers, including the brave Naperville Police Department employees, took the plunge into Loon Lake in Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville. Donations received by each plunger provide athletes with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in Special Olympics programs.

**Little Friends** raised more than \$200,000 for children and adults with special challenges at their 40<sup>th</sup> annual benefit auction on Saturday, March 5. More than 400 guests took part in the evening of cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions, live music, and games, all within a James Bond theme dubbed *'Shaken Not Stirred.'* The money raised will go to support their mission to empower children and adults with special challenges to live, learn, work, and participate in their community. Organizers say this year was one of the most successful in the event's 40-year history.



The **Benet Academy** girls' basketball team claimed the Illinois High School Association Class 4A girls championship in Normal, IL, last month by defeating Fremd Vikings from Palatine 42-39. This is the lady Redwings' second state title in a row. Benet's Kathleen Doyle was the player of the game scoring 24 points and four 3-pointers.

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