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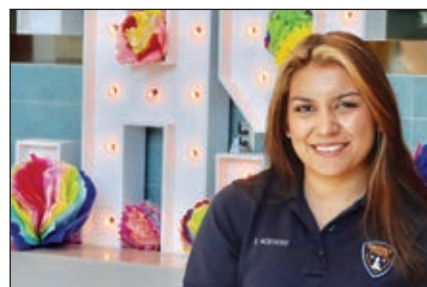


Target acquired

Aaron Chen focuses his aim in on the target Tuesday afternoon at KLM. Chen and students were taking an archery class through The Community House to learn fundamental shooting skills in a safe environment. The class focuses on the beginner's 9-step to the 10 ring progression, which was created by the National Archery Association. Students work on technique and games during the class period. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

Flood-prone area is subject of study

By Ken Knutson
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Residents of northeast Hinsdale hope a delayed drainage evaluation of their neighborhood will finally lead to solutions for flooding issues that have emerged during the Tri-State Tollway expansion project.

At Tuesday's village board meeting, trustees approved a contract with engineering firm HR Green to complete The Lane drainage study to address concerns about stormwater collecting and entering their homes.

Resident John Bloomfield, who has lived on the particularly hard-hit corner of Phillippa Street and Fuller Road for 20 years, told trustees major rain events never posed a threat until work began to widen the Tollway several years ago.

"It never flooded until June of

2021 when the construction by the Tollway caused the flooding," Bloomfield stated during public comment.

He cited another incident this past July.

"The streets were flooded to the point where the police had to block things off," Bloomfield said. "Hours after the rain had stopped, it still wasn't draining. So our concern is something has permanently changed."

Village President Tom Cauley said flood mitigation is the village's responsibility and that a previous study authorized in April of 2021 was not completed because the engineering firm subsequently went out of business.

"That's one of the reasons we're a little bit slower in getting this done," Cauley said. "We've had some good success in fixing flooded areas over the years.

"We plan to do the same thing here," he added.

A memo from village engineer Matthew Lew cited "challenging topographical and subsurface drainage within this area" and stated that HR Green will go over the work done in the previous study "and create multiple potential stormwater projects with optimal benefit for the area."

HR Green, which has done work for the village on numerous occasions, including drainage studies, will be paid \$26,425. This study will be completed in early 2025, according to officials, with drainage improvement work potentially occurring in 2026 or beyond depending on the recommendation.

Because the drainage area discharges onto Tollway property, the Tollway had signed off on paying for half of the study in an inter-

governmental agreement with the village. Cauley expressed a desire that the Tollway would contribute to the cost of the flood mitigation work, as well.

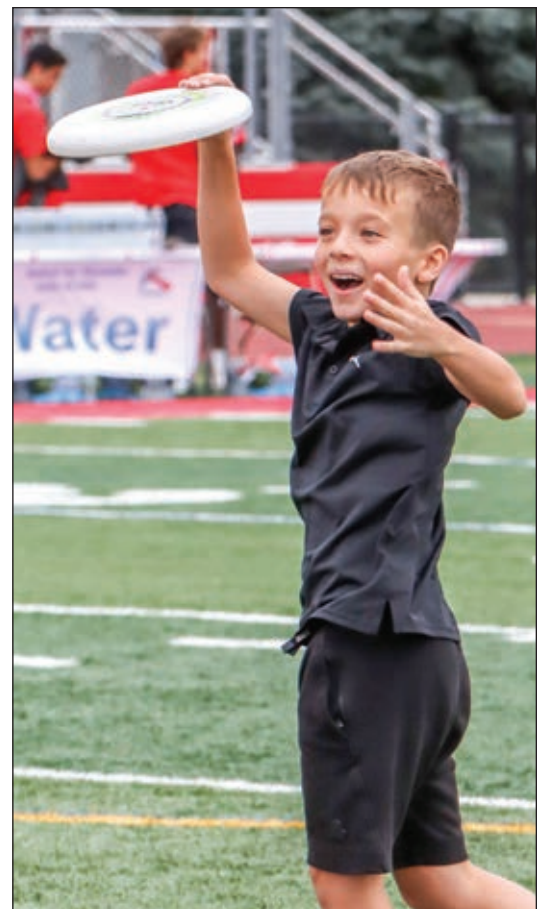
"To the extent that we can get them to help pay for this, we're going to do that, too," Cauley said.

Bloomfield asked that residents be notified of the consultant's site visit to be able to provide firsthand accounts and that a photo repository be created to collect images of flood events. Coverage of the flooding in June of 2021 found residents with multiple feet of water in their basements.

"It just started rushing in a couple of our basement windows," one resident said. "It was all very scary and it happened very fast."

Bloomfield said he and his neighbors said they want peace of mind.

"Our goal is that we can sleep at night when it rains," he said.



Raising the roof

Hinsdale Central's Habitat for Humanity club held its annual event Sunday on Dickinson Field. Proceeds from the 5K run/walk, food trucks, a bounce house and games will be used for the group's annual summer trip to help build a home for deserving family in Lewisburg, W.V. Jonathan Fiero urged participants to keep up the running and walking. Mckenna Molis and Layla Xiao take a turn around the track. Arthur Morari spent some time playing frisbee. (Kennedy Hannah photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME

From the archives —
 Pets have always been part of the family in this town. Pictured here in 1912 is Mildred Lamb, daughter of one of Hinsdale's early photographers, holding the family cat outside her home in Hinsdale. This image comes from many of the glass slide negatives the Hinsdale Historical Society has in its collections. (photo courtesy of the Hinsdale Historical Society)





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Downtown Hinsdale home to new offerings

New businesses specialize in everything from custom clothing to custom charcuterie

By Pamela Lannom
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Hinsdale has welcomed several new businesses in recent months, which means it's time for another installment of our "Good Reasons" series. This is the second of a two-parter, with the first article running Sept. 26.

Sharp dressed man

Frederick Lynn Haberdasshere, which offers custom clothing and accessories for men, is open by appointment on the second floor of 33 E. First St.

Founder and owner Aaron Comes said the right wardrobe, custom-made using premium fabrics, can help an individual create a personal brand.

"This is highly specialized. It is very personal," he said. "It is just like building a house. When they are building a home, it's no different than building a wardrobe."

Getting to know the client is key, store manager Melissa Waters said.

"Our process is an important part of Frederick Lynn, and it's getting to know the customer and tailor that experience to them," she said. "It's going through and taking the time to listen to the client and what their needs are."

Comes, who spent seven years in Chicago working for the world's largest custom clothing manufacturer, started his own business out of his garage 14 years ago when his twin daughters were born. After owning a showroom in Chicago's River North neighborhood, for several years, he decided to move to Hinsdale. His new space features a kitchen and bar — with a curated collection of fine whiskeys — to make customers feel at home.

He said his space will continue to evolve as other clients move into the building, which he purchased in 2021.

Luxury clothing sends a message, Comes said, although it's a subtle one.

"The person with the right eye is going to pick up on those details," he said. "It's



Frederick Lynn Haberdasshere founder/owner Aaron Comes and manager Melissa Waters enjoy welcoming clients into their new space, where they can discuss wardrobe choices while enjoying a whiskey from Comes' private collection. (Jim Slonoff photo)

not flashy, it's fit. Fit is absolutely No. 1."

Pizza, pizza

Brasi's Pizzeria has had a great reception in town since opening at 34 E. Hinsdale Ave. in March.

"Hinsdale is a great town," owner Mariano Grana said.

The pizzeria sells salads, paninis, sandwiches and, of course, pizza, ranging from traditional cheese with a variety of toppings to specialty pizzas like the spicy Sicilian, Hawaiian and capricciosa. So far the margherita pizza, made with plum tomato sauce, fresh mozzarella, basil and tomatoes has been the most popular, Grana said.

Also popular has been the shop's frozen espresso drink, called a cremino.

"We're getting known around town for that," Grana said. "You'll see people walking around with our little cremino cups."

The eatery, which offers carry out, delivery and catering, also sells pizza by the slice and recently added hot

dogs to its menu, both of which are popular with middle-schoolers looking for a late afternoon snack.

"They are the best because they go home and tell their parents, and the parents come in an order food," Grana said.

People looking for something sweet can grab a pint of frozen gelato from the freezer case or try the cannoli or tiramisu.

Brasi's also has a location in Lisle, which opened about three years ago. Although Grana said he wasn't looking specifically to open up shop in Hinsdale, he's happy to be here.

"We just saw the opportunity and kind of ran with it," he said.

Custom charcuterie

Hinsdale's Janice Gerges hopes to open Gone Crazy at 19 W. First St. later this month.

"I'm still hoping for an end of October opening," she said Monday. "We're close with permit approvals and such.

I'm very, very excited to be open before the holidays. That has been my goal."

Gerges has been fashioning charcuterie boards since she started her business in 2021 during the pandemic "on a whim."

"It was a risk, right — global pandemic, this is food, how would it be received — but it took off," she said.

She plans to use the first-floor space in the building she and her husband have purchased for a variety of purposes. She will prepare boards for customers to pick up, sell gourmet food items and wine and offer space for people to drop by for a bite to eat. The store also will have a private dining room where people can host everything from board meetings to baby showers.

"That's really what's driving me with this brick and mortar location," she said. "There's such a need for this. Downtown Hinsdale is wonderful, and there are many wonderful food businesses and restaurants, but not many by way of small bites,

■ GOOD REASONS

This is the latest in an ongoing series of articles about Hinsdale's business community and good reasons to shop here

light bites, grab a cheese and charcuterie board and a glass of wine."

A busy mom of two boys ages 10 and 7, Gerges also works as a digital marketing consultant for Mondelez International, parent company of Nabisco.

"Without the support of my family and friends and customers, I wouldn't be able to do what I do," she said. "I'm unbelievably grateful for all of the love and support."

Stepping up

With new ownership of the building at 19 W. First St. came a move upstairs for Sass-N-Class, which has been doing business in Hinsdale for 50 years.

Owner Mary Beth Copeland opened in her new space Sept. 5.

"I really like it," she said. "It's a smaller space but I think it's cozy."

The bright space is filled with natural light, and the store's merchandise is showcased on shelves lining the walls of the front and back rooms.

Customers who are unable to negotiate the stairs can take a seat just inside the entrance, where Copeland will assist them with whatever they need.

"Nothing has really changed," Copeland said. "I'm just upstairs."

Make it a double

Calle Cantina has opened Pour Destino, a speakeasy bar specializing in wine, whiskey and tequila with a selection of craft cocktails and some light tapas, in the back of its restaurant at 114 S. Washington St. Guests enter through the alley to reach the hidden retreat.

Patrons must be at least 21 years old. Reservations are accepted.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9
Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Commission

6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: public hearing on zoning code text amendment for lighting standards, sign permit reviews on 21 W. Second St. (Modern Skin Dermatology) and 410 W. Chestnut St. (Elan Nail Spa); findings and recommendations on zoning code text amendment for buffers and landscaping

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business at their Sept. 26 meeting, board members:

- held a public hearing on the 2025 budget, which shows projected expenses of \$142.9 million and projected revenues of \$141.3 million. Yvonne Mayer was the only community member to speak at the hearing, asking the board to look again at the projected legal fees before approving the document. The board voted 7-0 to approve the spending plan.
- reviewed a “request for qualifications” that will be sent to qualified legal firms in the state and some national firms as the district considers its legal representation moving forward. Firms must respond by Oct. 23.
- approved a “family” of pilot precalculus courses, including AP precalculus AB and AP precalculus BC, to be offered in the fall of 2025.
- heard Superintendent Mike Lach report on a meeting he and Josh Stephenson, chief financial officer, had with Clarendon Hills village manager Zach Creer regarding the proposed 55th Street tax increment financing district. Lach said he expects to have additional conversations and will keep the board apprised. District 86 and other affected school districts have objected to the plan.
- listened to Stephenson give an overview of the 2024 tax levy. The district expects to levy slightly more than \$104 million for funds controlled by the tax cap and \$12 million for the bond and interest fund for a total estimated levy of \$116.6 million. The board will approve a levy resolution in October and the final levy in December.

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business Tuesday night, trustees:

- heard Village President Tom Cauley announce that he would bring forth at the Oct. 15 board meeting a special service area proposal to fund restoration of the all-brick portion of Sixth Street. The original plan to reconstruct the historic brick lane from Garfield Street to County Line Road in asphalt with only brick intersections for \$800,000 drew objections from residents, who are keen on keeping it all brick for an additional \$2 million. To make up the difference, the SSA would proportionately assess the 38 properties with addresses on or abutting that stretch of Sixth Street. If the board approves it, a public hearing will be held the week of Dec. 15, according to officials.
- held a first read on the proposed 2024 tax levy of just under \$9.08 million for the village, an increase of \$360,376 or 4.14 percent from last year. The village also adopts the levy for the Hinsdale Public Library, which is proposed at \$3.83 million.
- approved a four-way stop at Grant and Fourth streets, replacing a two-way stop regulation. The intersection, in proximity to both St. Isaac Joques School and Madison School, was targeted for the change after three crashes occurred in the last six months.



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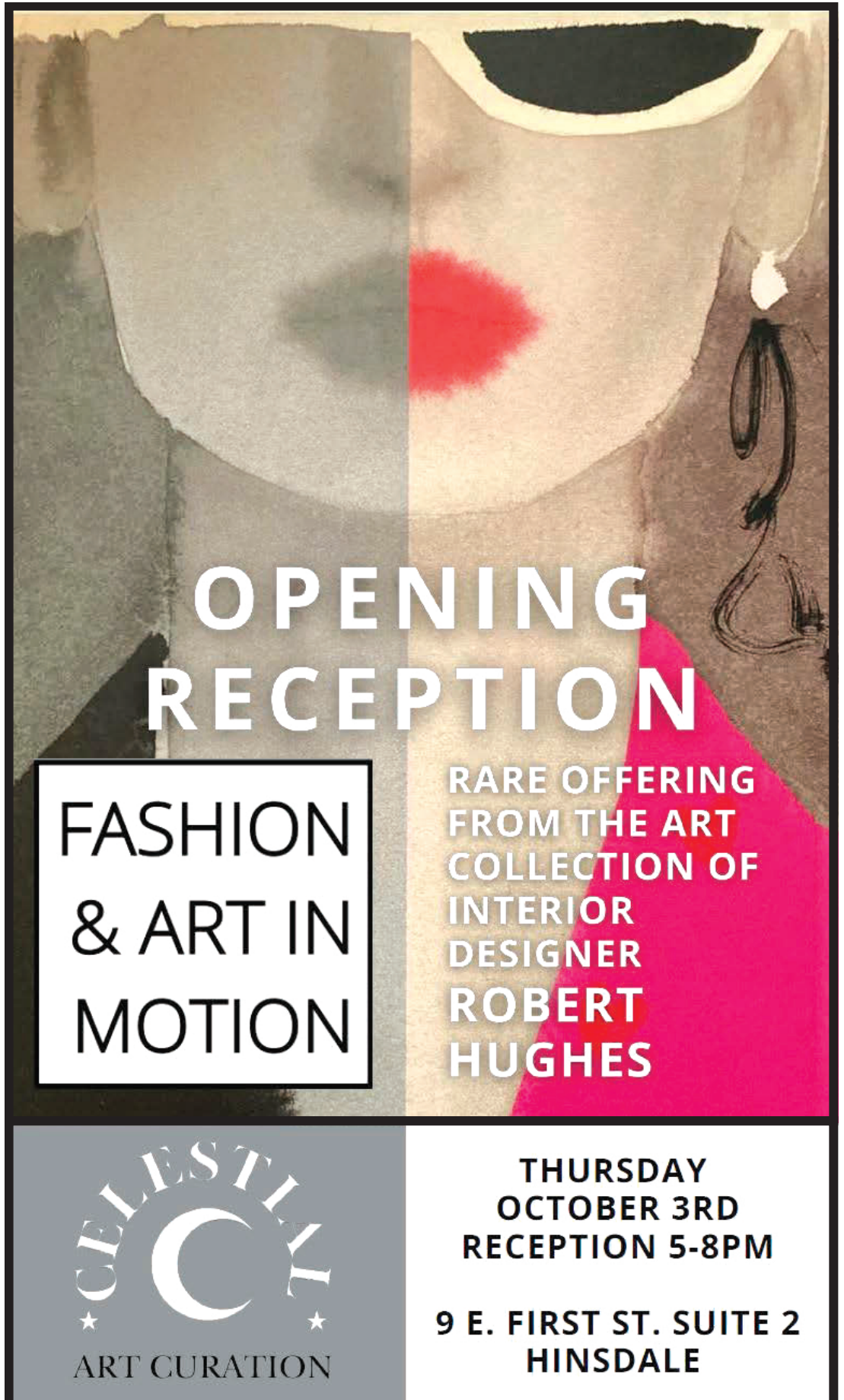
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— Mike Lach

D86 one target of social media threats

By Pamela Lannom
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Hinsdale High School District 86 had to respond to a threat posted on social media just as first period was starting Sept. 13.

“You may have heard that over the past couple of weeks, these kinds of social media threats have been cropping up in just about every state, all over the country,” Superintendent Mike Lach said during his report at the Sept. 26 school board meeting. “We have to take them seriously.”

District officials quickly learned the threat was not viable and had notified students and parents in less than an hour, Lach reported. But the threat did cause disruption.

“It was scary. We had to set up our weapons detection systems quickly with a bunch of students inside and a bunch of students outside, but the team

handled things really well,” Lach said.

Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King said police try to work quickly to determine if the threat is credible.

“The purpose of a hoax is to create disruption, create anxiety, create fear,” he said Tuesday. “Our goal is to quickly assess those and make sure the mission of the school is not in any way impacted.”

A threat will trigger an increased police presence at the school, he said.

“Any time we’re in a period of assessment, when we’re working to determine the credibility of the threat, there is going to be a heightened law enforcement response, until we can say definitely there is no threat to the safety of the staff or the students,” he said.

The Chicago Tribune reported that in a two-week period in September, threats also were investigated in Tinley Park, Elgin, Glendale Heights, Richton Park, Olympia Fields, Park Forest and

the Chicago Public Schools.

Lach noted that the district does not have the tools or mechanisms to police social media for students. He reminded parents that they are responsible for their teens’ actions and asked them to monitor what their kids do on social media.

“Courts and the police take this stuff very, very seriously. It’s not something to joke about,” he said. “You can’t be saying threatening things or dangerous things in your Discord chats or in your DMs. It’s really problematic. It has a negative impact on kids and the people around them.”

King agreed and said individuals who make such threats could face felony charges. “The threats are taken very, very seriously,” he said. “They create a lot of anxiety, a lot of disruption.”

Lach also asked people to remind friends, neighbors and kids that passing along threats on social media only

makes the situation worse.

“If you see something that isn’t right on social media, report it, but don’t repost it,” he said. “Please take it seriously. It’s a big deal.”

The district’s safety and security is one of his primary goals, Lach said.

“We need to make sure every single student and staff member in District 86 can receive and offer education free from violence,” he said.

To help achieve that goal, Lach emphasized the district’s efforts to ensure that all students feel a sense of belonging at school, that comprehensive and easy-to-access mental health resources are available for students and staff, that layers of physical security continue to be implemented and that all efforts are coordinated and managed effectively.

“We continue all the time to review, reflect, to make sure we’re doing the right thing,” Lach said.



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POLICE BEAT

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DUI arrests

• Treasure N. Pouncy, 20, 1262 Greenbay Ave., Calumet City, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, illegal transportation/possession of open alcohol by a driver, improper lane use and driving without tail lamps at 3:59 a.m. Sept. 26 at First Street and Columbia Road. She submitted to testing indicating she was over the legal limit before being charged and released to appear in court.

• Revel E. Erastus Obilo, 31, 144 Ann St., Clarendon Hills, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08 and speeding at 1:52 a.m. Sept. 30 at Ogden Avenue and Adams Street. He submitted to testing indicating that she was over the legal limit before being charged and released to appear in court.

Warrant arrest

Brian T. Rodgers, 31, 115 E. 70th St., Chicago, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and for having an active arrest warrant out of Grundy County. He posted bond on the arrest warrant and was released to appear in court.

Arrests do not constitute conviction of a crime, and individuals listed here should be presumed innocent until proven guilty. If charges are dismissed or reduced or the accused is found not guilty, he or she can contact The Hinsdalean at news@thehinsdalean.com to provide us with documentation. Information will be updated online and in the next issue of the paper.

Armed carjackers nabbed in Hinsdale

Hinsdale police were involved in the apprehension of three men accused of armed carjacking on Saturday.

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick announced Sunday that Javari Williams, 18, of the 15200 block of Turlington Avenue, Harvey; Tremaine Nelson, 18, of the 3400 block of Rhode Island Court, Gary, Ind., and Tyray Hemphill, 22, of the 6400 block of South Oakley, Chicago, were each charged with armed robbery with a firearm, aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm and aggravated vehicular hijacking of a victim over age 60, all Class X felonies.

According to the state's attorney press release, at about 6:50 p.m. Saturday, DuPage County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of an armed robbery of a motor vehicle at 36th Street and Fairview Avenue in unincorporated Downers Grove. Authorities learned from the victim that a black 2006 Dodge Charger was allegedly involved in the robbery, and Downers Grove police located the Charger and the victim's vehicle, a 2006 Silver

Chrysler 300 SRT, and began pursuit. The Charger crashed at Route 83 and Ogden Avenue in Hinsdale. Four occupants exited the vehicle and were walking north along Route 83 when a Hinsdale police officer approached them. Three of them climbed over a wooden fence and fled while the fourth individual allegedly claimed that he was a robbery victim and escaped capture.

The three were taken into custody after a brief search. Nelson was allegedly located in a window well in the 500 block of North Quincy Avenue in Hinsdale, where a loaded semi-automatic handgun also reportedly was found. Williams and Hemphill were allegedly located on the same property along with two more handguns. An investigation revealed that the victim had arranged to sell his car but was ambushed when he met the purported buyer.

The suspects allegedly pointed their guns at the victim and stole his wallet, car keys, a gold chain, a watch and a cell phone before fleeing in his car and the Charger, which was reported stolen out of Chicago on Sept. 23.

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■ “I feel like everyone’s on the same team. I can express my concerns about something and I’m heard.” — **Sandra Acevedo**

New SRO brings her empathy, focus to campus

After two ambulance visits to Hinsdale Central on Friday morning, the school’s new student resource officer Sandra Acevedo was thankful the incidents were minor and for the subsequent calm.

“I don’t think there’s ever typical day,” Acevedo said. “Every day’s a little bit different. I’m still trying to get my bearings the first few weeks in.”

For a good part of the day she can found in her office inside the school bookstore keeping an eye on closed circuit cameras and looking over reports. Students and colleagues may drop by from time to time to chat — or to get their chocolate chip cookie fix.

“I love baking. It’s my favorite pastime,” she said.

During her student days, Acevedo was torn between nursing and law enforcement as she contemplated her post-high school path. Serving others was a central value, and Acevedo witnessed the intentional way police officers in her neighborhood built relationships with her and her peers.

“It drew my attention to how amazing they were with the community,” she said. “So I asked them, ‘What do I do to

get into this position?’ ”

Get a bachelor’s degree in field, she was told. Acevedo’s professional pursuit was confirmed through a college internship with the Lombard Police Department.

“I ended up using my skills for translation or assisting and speaking with a victim or going out to speak to juveniles,” she related. “I ended up falling love with the job.

“Usually when people deal with us, it’s the worst day of their lives. So I wanted to be part of that reassurance and give be a part of that culture,” Acevedo continued.

Hired by the Hinsdale Police Department nearly five years ago, she got to know the town as a patrol officer. Both her training officer and a cohort in another suburban department had extolled the rewards of the SRO role, so she applied and was hired. Working as a youth lacrosse coach in the area has enriched Acevedo’s rapport with teens, and she’s learning to navigate the administrative world.

“I’m not just dealing with kids, I’m dealing with adults, people older than me,” Acevedo said. “I feel like everyone’s on the same team. I can express my concerns about



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something and I’m heard.”

She’s also thankful for her security crew made up mainly of retired police officers.

“They trust my decisions. It’s actually pretty nice to have that feeling,” she said.

An area of emphasis has been getting first responder units from Hinsdale and surrounding towns into Central to familiarize themselves with the site. One 20-year veteran

from a neighboring town’s fire department said he’d never set foot in the building.

“I think it’s beneficial for them to orient themselves,” she said.

Acevedo attends large-scale after-school events, and even when there’s no school she’s working, whether at the school or the police department.

“We’re busy, we’re always doing something and investi-

gating something happening in the school,” she said.

Being a woman and minority in the high-visibility post is gratification for Acevedo.

“It does make me really proud that I’m here and representing Hinsdale PD and being able to be myself with the students,” she said. “It feels nice.”

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

‘Extra! Extra!’ That’s what local papers deliver

The news on newspapers is not great.

The U.S. lost local publications at a rate of 2.5 per week in 2023, according to researchers at the Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications at Northwestern University in the school’s annual “State of Local News Project.” That’s up from two per week in 2022 and has resulted in at least 204 U.S. counties with no local news outlet. Another 228 are on the brink of joining them in the next five years based on the project’s predictive modeling.

Currently more than half of the nation’s counties — 1,766 out of 3,143 — either have no or only one local news source. Unfortunately this has become an all-too familiar storyline. Since 2005, closings or mergers have claimed about 3,000 newspapers across the country, decimating the industry’s landscape by one-third in just 20 years. The vast majority of those still standing? Weeklies.

But it’s not all doom and gloom as we mark the 84th annual National Newspaper Week Oct. 6-12. The occasion gives publications an oppor-

tunity to remind readers of their continued importance as a window into the diverse facets of a community while at the same time serving to unite residents around the desire for a hometown where integrity, creativity and prosperity can thrive.

Last week, The Hinsdalean celebrated 18 years since its launch in 2006, one of a number of success stories as the 21st century has unfolded with publishers and their staff recalibrating and reintroducing themselves to a readership clearly still interested in the people with whom they share a zip code and developments that impact them directly.

“We are at a moment of great loss but also great possibility for local journalism,” said Sarah Stonbely, co-author of the State of Local News report and director of the project.

The theme of this year’s National Newspaper Week observance is Telling Our Stories. Here at The Hinsdalean we try our best to deliver stories that inform, inspire and enlighten. From balanced, incisive reporting on village and school boards to features on the Hinsdale arts scene

and sports landscape that reach beyond simple program notes and stat lines to uncover the motivations driving the participants — who may live right down your street.

In this issue alone you’ll find the latest installment in our periodic Good Reasons series apprising you of the unique new businesses in the downtown, a profile of the rookie student resource officer at Hinsdale Central and a report on how the village is trying to bring neighbors relief from flooding.

We appreciate the recognition from our peers over the years — bringing home awards is certainly nice validation. But the accolades are a byproduct of our commitment to quality and comprehensive local reporting that cannot be found anywhere else. That is to say it can’t be found anywhere else in print or digitally (www.thehinsdalean.com).

Thank you for supporting our work to illuminate the multi-faceted community that Hinsdale is. And if there’s something you think worthy of coverage, please don’t hesitate to let us know.

COMMENTARY

Top 10 reasons why I love newspapers

Thanks for taking time out to read this column in the midst of your National Newspaper Week celebrations!

What?

You haven’t been attending countless cocktail parties and dinners to celebrate this momentous week?

Well, I will forgive you. Newspaper Week hasn’t quite gained the traction of everyone’s favorite fall holiday (perhaps because it’s tough to decorate for), but we do observe it here at The Hinsdalean.

And in honor of this week, I’d like to present my Top 10 list of reasons why I love newspapers.

10. My first taste of fame

My photo ran in the newspaper when I was in elementary school and selected to be “Queen of King Arthur’s Court” by The Homewood-Flossmoor Star. I was a regular contributor of poetry, believe it or not, and enjoyed having a short blurb about me run with my photo and my newest poem, titled “Transportation.”

9. Crossword puzzles

Yes, you can do them online, and yes, I get frustrated when people tell me that it’s their favorite part of the paper — especially when I’ve worked particularly hard that week on a story or column. But I do like doing the crosswords, and prefer putting pen to paper over fingers to keyboard.

8. Recipes

Like crossword puzzles, recipes are available everywhere. But it’s so much more fun when they are accompanied by a personal story and chosen specifically for readers. To see what I mean, turn to Amy McCauley’s “Tales from the table” food column on Page 22.

7. Useful information

Local newspapers help you keep track of what’s happening in your community, from village and school board meetings to upcoming events, like the Hinsdale Fall Festival.



Pamela Lannom

6. Advertisements

I love reading about new merchandise a local shop is carrying, a new dish on the menu of a local restaurant or the a window washing service that will give me a clearer view of the world.

5. Marking milestones

There’s a quote we love that says newspapers write the first draft of history. Newspapers also document individuals’ lives, through birth announcements, engagement/wedding/anniversary announcements and obituaries.

4. Accountability

I’d like to say that we always get everything right, but we’re human, and we make mistakes. When we do, we fess up by running a correction on Page 6. You won’t see that on social media.

3. Opinion pages

In addition to reporting the news and writing features, newspapers also offer thought-provok-

ing commentary in the form of editorials (written by the paper’s editorial board), columns and letters to the editor. We are proud of the fact that we are one of very few local newspapers still running weekly editorials.

2. Community connections

Truly local newspapers share stories that connect readers with people they otherwise would know nothing about — from the folks who serve on the board of a local nonprofit to local business owners to high school athletes.

1. They’re a great place to work

I had no idea when I took my first journalism job in 1988 (as a proofreader at The Doings) that I would still be working in the field 35 years later. But working as a reporter and editor has given me the opportunity to meet fascinating people and learn so many new things. I can’t think of a career I would have enjoyed more.

— Pamela Lannom is editor of The Hinsdalean. This column was first published Oct. 5, 2023.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Consistency wins every time

You want to make a change. You've been telling yourself for years that you need to hit the gym, eat healthier or even start that side hustle you've been dreaming about. One day, you're feeling motivated and start making a dent in the things you want to do. Maybe you clean



Gabriela Garcia

My favorite quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is, "You don't have to see the entire staircase; you just have to take the first step." That's exactly what consistency is — it's not about giant, overnight transformations; it's about small, steady actions. Maybe

it doesn't feel like much when you hit the gym for 10 minutes or work on your side project for 5 minutes a day, but trust me, those tiny steps add up. When you lean on consistency, you start to build momentum. Over time, the small efforts compound, and before you know it, you've climbed way higher than you thought possible.

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3. Consistency = discipline = success

Discipline is like a muscle — you strengthen it every time you push through those hard moments when thinking, "I'll start tomorrow." And guess what? Over time, it becomes easier to follow through because consistency makes action a habit, not a choice. And when something is a habit, you no longer have to talk yourself into it.

Big goals don't need bursts of motivation to come to life. They need you to show up — day after day, step by step. That's how real, lasting change happens. So when you're not feeling it, keep going. Remember, no one can be 100 percent every day and that's OK. Stick with it, even if just a little. Because, in the end, consistency always wins. And so will you.

— Gabriela Garcia of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

If you are always waiting to be motivated before you start on anything, you'll find yourself not progressing as far as you'd like. Why? Because motivation is unreliable. The real key to achieving success is consistency. Here's how:

1. Motivation is fleeting, consistency is reliable

Motivation hits when you're feeling inspired — like when you watch a Ted Talk, read a self-help book or scroll past a motivational quote. But it doesn't last. Some days, you're fired up and ready to take on the world. Other days, you just ... can't. If you rely only on motivation, you'll be stuck in a start-stop-cycle with inconsistent progress.

Consistency doesn't rely on how you feel. It's about showing up and doing the work, whether you're in the mood or not. Over time, consistency becomes a habit, and that habit is what drives long-term success.

2. Small efforts add up

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teens ask readers to donate \$25 to help save lives

Serving as president for the just1mike Junior Board for our schools in an extreme honor. We've been volunteering for the just1mike Foundation since middle school. Just1mike was founded after Michael Brindley tragically died from sudden cardiac arrest in 2016 at the age of 16, right after finishing his sophomore year at Central. He was away at basketball camp when his parents received a call no parent should ever receive.

Michael is missed every single day by those who love and know him. To honor Michael, his parents founded the just1mike foundation. They work hard so no other family receives the call they did. We work hard to support Mrs. Brindley by raising awareness and funds for heart screenings at schools like Central and South.

SCA is the leading cause of death for student athletes and on school campuses nationwide. ECG testing can detect up to 85 percent of hidden heart defects.

Last April at Central, 1,657 students were screened and 19 students were identified. Lives were saved!

In addition to ECG screenings, the foundation raises awareness about the importance of CPR training and raises funds for automated external defibrillators and publicly accessible outdoor AED SaveStations.

October is SCA awareness month, and it is also Michael's birthday month. On Oct. 7, Michael would have celebrated his 25th birthday. We and other junior board members are asking for donations of \$25 to honor Michael. We will also walk in Michael's memory on Oct. 27 from village hall to the just1mike AED SaveStation in Burns Field Park.

We are calling our fundraiser \$25 Saves Lives!

Please consider donating to the just1mike foundation because \$25 will save lives! — **Connor Mangone and Bridget Schwarz, just1mike Junior Board co-presidents**

Leacock earns support for DuPage County Board

We are proud to support our own Hinsdale resident Baron Leacock who is running for DuPage County Board District 3.

Raised in DuPage County by first-generation immigrants, Baron has a profound appreciation for our wonderful community. He grew up in Darien and attended Hinsdale South, then went on to graduate from Harvard and then a law degree from Columbia University. He has worked in several industries including real estate development, tax consulting and tech start-ups.

Baron has returned to our community with his wife to raise and educate their three young children here. He is committed to ensuring we have safe

communities and schools, holding the line on taxes and protecting the most vulnerable.

As a former Illinois State Representative and a former Illinois State Senator, we can say with confidence that Baron will do an outstanding job serving the people of District 3 and all of DuPage County. Baron is of high integrity, hard-working and extremely accountable. He has our full support and we encourage you to vote for him. Early voting has begun! You can cast your vote now at Downers Grove Recreation Center at 4500 Belmont Road. — **former state Rep. Patti Bellock, Oak Brook, and former state Sen. Kirk Dillard, Hinsdale**



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AGENT PROFILE

CHUCK & DIANA IVAS, BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY

Diana Ivas wasn't looking for an escape when she left her teaching career after 17 years.

"I loved teaching," Diana said.

But not long after dipping her toe into the real estate business in 1988, she discovered she loved that world even more.

Now decades into her real estate career, Diana said those years in the classroom still impact her ability to do her job.

"To be a teacher, you have to be very organized," said Diana, who also listed good listening skills and the ability to work with many kinds of people among the qualities that she believes are important to both vocations.

Diana said she always has a plan for how she will sell a home or find a home for her client. An integral part of every plan is her husband, Chuck.

An interior design contractor, Chuck said he's managed nearly every type of home project.

"There's not much about a house I don't know," said Chuck, who earned his real estate license and joined his wife's business in 1993.

The two work as a pair, with Diana often taking on the showings and other tasks at the front end of a transaction and Chuck helping with

inspections, closings and serving as the liaison between the client and the attorneys.

"We each bring our strengths to the table," Chuck said.

For Chuck, that includes his experience and expertise regarding remodels and repairs. With no extra cost to the client, Chuck often coordinates and oversees the work needed to prepare a home for sale or make it the perfect home for its new owner.

The Ivases, both brokers with Berkshire Hathaway in Hinsdale, moved into the Graue Mill condominiums in 1980 and built their current home in Hinsdale in 1998. As longtime residents of the village, Diana and Chuck said they can answer a buyer's questions about the village's schools, parks and neighborhoods. Diana noted their familiarity with the area doesn't stop with Hinsdale, or even the suburbs. They sell homes and represent clients all over the Chicago area, including in the city.

Today's Hinsdale market is different than it was just a few months ago, Diana said. Agents are no longer seeing bidding wars, with homes selling for far above their list price. But homes in Hinsdale are

still finding buyers. Diana said that's especially true of homes with large primary bedrooms and updated kitchens and baths.

Diana said bedrooms with private bathrooms, open-concept floor plans and detached garages often show up on the wish lists of today's buyers. She and Chuck said it's their job to help buyers realize that no home has everything, and to help them see the positives and the potential in a home that they like, but that doesn't check every box.

Sometimes, Chuck said, it's his job to steer a client away in another direction.

"I want to protect my client from making any bad decisions," said Chuck, who added that every transaction should be about the client, and never simply about making a sale.

Now in their 70s, the Ivases have no plans to retire.

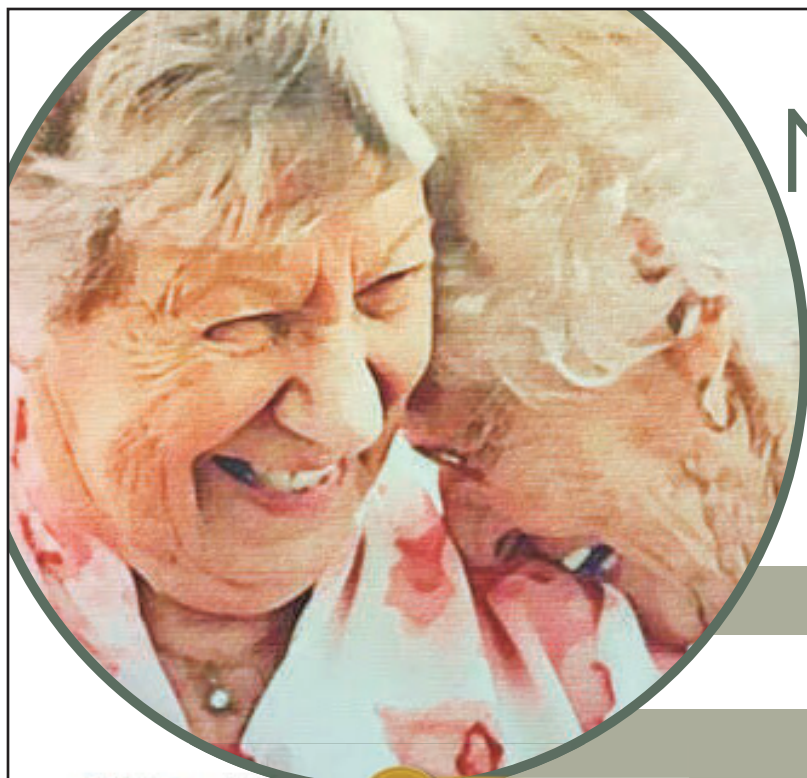
"I like putting real estate deals together," Chuck said of why he chooses to keep working. And of course, both of them like the people they work with.

"It's really been wonderful working with my wife in this business," Chuck said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch



Whether at work or at home, award-winning real estate agents Chuck and Diana Ivas have been a team for more than 48 years. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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OBITUARIES

Martin Geraghty

Martin James Geraghty of La Grange, formerly of Hinsdale, died Sept. 28, 2024.

Martin, 88, was born in 1936 in Hornsby, Australia, a suburb of Sydney. He raised prize finches, won national awards for his copper smithing and was a master welder all by the age of 18. Martin attended St. Patrick's College in Strathfield NSW, served in the Royal Australian Army after secondary school and received a master of management degree from the Australia Institute of Management.

Martin married Patricia Rowe, and the two were together for 60 years until Patricia's passing in January 2022.

He started his professional career as a mechanical engineer at Clark Industries in Sydney before a factory engineer job opportunity at the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. began what would be a long and successful career with the firm. As a result of his creating efficiency in gum wrapping equipment, fixing machines that had remained dormant for months and improving the quality and output volume within the Wrigley factory, Martin was promoted to factory manager. William Wrigley Jr. caught notice of the factory's performance and asked Martin to come to Chicago for a visit in 1971 and was asked to lead Wrigley's USA manufacturing.

The Geraghty family moved from Sydney to Chicago, settling in Hinsdale in 1973. A promotion to global operations lead for Wrigley took him around



Geraghty

the world. Martin opened factories for Wrigley in India, Africa, Russia and China. He retired from Wrigley as the group senior vice president of global operations in 2000. He and Patricia built a retirement home in Alsace, France, but kept their home base in Hinsdale until 2017, at which point they moved to Plymouth Place in La Grange.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Patricia Anne Geraghty, nee Rowe; and his granddaughter, Vivien Geraghty-Reimus.

He is survived by his children, Angela Catherine (David) Rouse, Kerry-Anne Morgan, Vincent James (Susan) Geraghty and Jennifer Margaret Grace (Don) Geraghty-Reimus; his grandchildren, Richard (Esther) Rouse, Rebecca (Tristan) Bowman, Hannah (James) Holding, Samantha (Charles) Willey, Grace, Liam and Emmet Morgan and Walter, Thompson and Margie Geraghty; his great-grandchildren, Eliza, Lachlan and Jack Rouse, William and Zoe Bowman, and Emma Holding; and his siblings, Eileen, Paddy, Noelene and Terry.

A Funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

A reception and lunch will follow at Plymouth Place, 315 N. LaGrange Road in LaGrange Park.

Inurnment is private at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook. Flowers are requested.

Sullivan Funeral Home of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Ann Rose Schenck

Ann Rose Schenck, 86, of Burr Ridge, a former longtime resident of Clarendon Hills died Oct. 1, 2024.

Ann was born in Chicago in 1938 to Richard and Katherine Rose. Ann lived most of her life in Clarendon Hills, first with her parents and siblings, then with her husband and children. She graduated from Hinsdale Township High School in 1956, then earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Northwestern University in 1961. She and Peter met at Northwestern and married in 1961.

Service was central to Ann's life. She was a lifelong Presbyterian, serving the Community Presbyterian Church in many ways. Ann also served as a Clarendon Hills village trustee in the 1980s and 1990s. She was a member of the Clarendon Hills chapter of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, Ruth Lake Country Club, the Faithful Circle Quilters and Centennial Quilters guilds, and the County Line Questers.

A diehard fan of the Chicago Cubs since 1945, she relished the team's World Series in 2016.



Schenck

She is survived by her children, Tom, Jeff, Kathy (Jim) Price and Peg (Mark) Boutchia; her grandchildren, Emily, Nora, Lindsay, James, Matthew, Brook and Anna; her sister, Jean (David) Evans; her brother, Jim (Diane) Rose; her sister-in-law, Joan Schenck Leavitt; her niece, Robyn Rose; and her nephews, Drew and Matt Evans and Hussein and Karim Ibish.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter H. Schenck.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook.

A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Community Presbyterian Church, 39 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Community Presbyterian Church Legacy Endowment Fund, 39 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514; or online to the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago at www.iwfamilyhealth.org.

Sally Lynn Sylvester

Sally Lynn Sylvester, 77, of Hinsdale, a woman of remarkable strength and wisdom, passed away peacefully Sept. 23, 2024, in Downers Grove.

She was a rock for her family, providing support, guidance and love throughout her life. Her sharp intelligence and deep compassion made her a cherished presence in the lives of all who knew her. A true nurturer, Sally had a special bond with animals and children, always offering a caring hand and a kind heart. Her impact on the community was profound, helping more than 100 young people achieve their Eagle Scout rank, guiding them with patience and dedication. Her commitment was a reflection of her generous spirit and belief in the potential of others.

Sally was an exemplary human being, a fine addition to this world and a woman who made it a better place. Words can't fully express how deeply she will



Sylvester

be missed.

She is survived by her children, Michael Sylvester and Jennifer Sylvester; her four grandchildren, Ben Sylvester, Jack Sylvester, Jamie Sylvester and Elena Sylvester; and her brothers, Jamie "Jim" Ellison and Carl Ellison.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Jean Ellison; and her brother, William "Billy" Ellison.

A memorial visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

Eagle Scouts are invited to sign a board at the visitation in honor of Sally's support for scouting and youth development.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the World Wildlife Fund at www.protect.world-wildlife.org, Heifer International at www.heifer.org, the Southern Poverty Law Center at www.splcenter.org or a local animal shelter.



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GOOD NEWS

O'BYRNE NAMED TOP VOLUNTEER



Susan O'Byrne of Hinsdale received the Katharine Van Dusen Sylvester Service/Volunteer of the Year

O'Byrne

award from The Community House at the organization's Stewardship Society Reception Sept. 12.

O'Byrne has been a Community House player since 2011 and became a Community Revue producer in 2017. She performed in "A Christmas Carol" for two years at The Community House, playing the role of Ms. Cratchit, and has taught Shakespeare Sessions through the LyArts program.

Growing up in Hinsdale, O'Byrne took ballet classes at The Community House in 1972 and participated in Fortnightly.

"I am so honored to receive the Volunteer of the Year award, and I share it with the cast and crew of The Community Revue," O'Byrne said. "The show would be nothing without them and the citizens of Hinsdale."

CHAIRMAN'S TERM ENDS ON BOARD



Wasson

Chairman Nate Wasson of Hinsdale.

"I'm extremely appreciative of all that our board and committee members do to advance our work and wish to personally thank Nate Wasson for his leadership these past three years," said Mike Sitrick, DuPage

The DuPage Foundation celebrated its many community volunteer leaders during a special reception Sept. 19, including retiring board

Foundation president and CEO. "He's got an outstanding successor in Bill Blum and I'm confident that we'll continue our trend of increasing our impact under his tenure."

"Nate's advocacy for community giving and leadership on numerous foundation initiatives has been invaluable to the foundation's consistent growth and increased impact," Blum said. "I'm determined to continue the Foundation's trajectory of success moving forward."

Wasson said he found his time on the board rewarding.

"I've grown personally and professionally as a member of this passionate, community-focused and generous group of volunteers and am deeply proud of what we've accomplished together for our community with our donors and partners," Wasson said. "We have a tremendous new class of trustees joining us, and I'm excited to see them continue our important work."

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Alley transformed into fashion runway

Sweet William hosts outdoor celebration to thank customers, mark 35th anniversary

By Pamela Lannom
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Kristi Smith, owner of Sweet William in downtown Hinsdale, spent a lot of time on her phone last Tuesday as the rain continued to fall.

"I kept checking the weather. Every hour that I looked at the weather, it still said sunshine the following day," she said.

The forecast didn't lie — and the weather was beautiful for the outdoor fashion show Smith and her staff hosted for customers Sept. 25 on Village Place.

"We pulled it all together and it turned out remarkably well. I never realized how beautiful that alley was until you don't see any cars on it, you decorate it with your tables, your red carpet," Smith said. "It just looked gorgeous."

Sweet William has been conducting fashion shows to raise money for Scoreboard Charities for about five years. Smith said that experience and her frequent travels to New York inspired her to host a fashion show to thank customers.

"It just gave me the fever to throw more fashion shows," she said. "I just wanted to bring that to our customers, because they don't get to go to fashion shows and see all these things. I just wanted to bring that New York-style fashion show home."

Seven professional models showcased 14 fall and winter looks, ranging from edgy street wear to formal gowns with paillette sequins. The dress code for attendees was "Sweet William chic," Smith said.

"We were so pleased with the turnout," Smith said, noting 125 customers attended the event. "Everyone was dressed in their best. It was just so fun to see our customers meeting each other for the first time."

A DJ kept attendees entertained with music, and they also enjoyed a stilt walker dressed in all white and accessorized with glow-in-the-dark angel wings.

"He just walked around and added to the atmosphere. He was such a hit," Smith said.

Guests also enjoyed food catered by Guiliano's and were given Moet mini Champagne bottles engraved



Professional models showed off a variety of fall and winter looks at an outdoor fashion show Sweet William hosted last week. Founder Marlene Burton (in orange), and current owner Kristi Smith enjoyed celebrating the shop's 35th anniversary. (Jim Slonoff photos)

with Sweet William's logo to toast.

"We all cheered to 35 years. It was just great. It was truly magical," Smith said.

Smith, who started working at Sweet William 20 years ago, purchased the business in 2014 from founder Marlene Burton.

"She really set the path, because she created the store from scratch

15 years ago," Smith said. "I've just been very fortunate to get to step into her shoes and carry on the legacy that she created."

Smith said the store is about more than selling clothes.

"It's about how we make them feel at their special occasion or on their vacation. Everybody feels better and more confident when they

look better," she said.

Smith said she was pleased to be able to entertain customers at the event.

"We really did this fashion show and the event for our customers," she said. "We just wanted to say how grateful we are to them for being so loyal to us and for their friendship."

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It's not too late to sign up for the 30th annual Rotary Run Charity Classic, which steps off Sunday, Oct. 6, from The Community House. See Page 24 for details. (file photo)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Intuitive Watercolor Painting workshop

Oct. 17
Celestial Art Curation
Gallery
9 E. First St., Unit 2
www.christinaangelosstudios.com

Learn from artist Christina Angelos the basic principles of design and the secrets to creating abstract art that the human brain will perceive as beautiful. Use the tranquility of the sea to inspire one's marks through lines, shapes & colors that express the feeling of relaxation & bliss.
Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$80.

■ Painted Wood Ornament or Magnet

Oct. 19
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 206-9566

Paint a wooden ornament or magnet using an image of an animal or flower to create a custom-made memento to

take home or give as a gift. The program is for ages 12 and up; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$47. RR

■ The Process of Art in Nature

Ongoing
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

This collection of collage and mixed media pieces by Marianne Patrevito are on display in the library's Quiet Reading Room this fall.

CASTING CALL

■ 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

Oct. 12
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.stagedoorfinearts.com/winter-auditions

Youth in second grade and up — especially high schoolers — are invited to make an appointment to try out for Stage Door Fine Arts'

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A house divided — by soup

It's been said that a "house divided cannot stand." Be that as it may, when it comes to soup, I am willing to fight a noble battle.

I happen to relish the virtues of a warm and comforting bowl of soup. Is there anything more satisfying on a chilly night? Louis De Gouy, celebrated chef of the Waldorf Astoria and Gourmet magazine, wrote a book devoted to soup in which he praised it as "cuisine's kindest course."



Amy McCauley
Tales from the table

"It breathes reassurance, it offers consolation; after a weary day it promotes sociability ... there is nothing like a bowl of hot soup," he wrote.

However, my unbridled enthusiasm for soup is not matched by everyone in my house. My husband will eat soup for dinner, but it must be hearty and "include some protein." Otherwise, he tends to side with Jay Leno who joked that "Soup is just a way of screwing you out of a meal." My 10- and 11-year-old daughters, on the other hand, are highly suspicious of soup. They tend to see it as a vehicle to serve them potentially questionable vegetables. So, what's a soup-loving cook to do?

I was pondering this question while reading Stanly Tucci's memoir, "Taste," when I came across a chapter that mentioned pasta fagioli. While reading his recipe, I found myself inspired. Could this be the soup that finally bridges the great divide?

I knew I would have to create my own version, without the potentially offending Tuscan kale and tomatoes. After studying a few recipes, I finally decided to create a white pasta fagioli with a flavorful base of pancetta and leeks. The result was a soup that everyone could enjoy.

I sat in wonder that night as I watched my family happily eating soup together. I'm not letting this victory go to my head, because I know I might never fully win the battle over soup. Still, I appreciate this recipe because — like our family — it's better for all the different tastes and personalities that shaped it.

— Amy McCauley is the paper's food columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com

The McCauleys' pasta fagioli



- 4 ounces pancetta, diced
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus drizzling
- 1 leek (white and light green parts only), rinsed and thinly sliced
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, diced
- 3 (15 ounce) cans cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup ditalini or another small tubular pasta, cooked
- 1 cup reserved pasta water
- freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese

• fresh oregano leaves or sprigs

Heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil in a large stock pot or Dutch oven. Add the diced pancetta and cook over medium high heat for about 4 minutes. Next, add the chopped leeks and onions. Allow them to cook over medium heat stirring occasionally until they become tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add in the garlic and cook for an additional minute. Pour in the cannellini beans and chicken stock. Add the bay leaves. Then allow the bean soup to simmer with the lid slightly askew for about 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in salted water according to the package directions. When the pasta is cooked drain it, reserving 1 cup of the pasta water. Pour the cup of pasta water and the pasta into the soup. Then taste and season with salt and pepper and remove the bay leaves. Serve the soup with a drizzle of olive oil, some fresh oregano leaves and a generous sprinkling of fresh Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. I find this soup also pairs well with a warm slice of crusty Italian bread.

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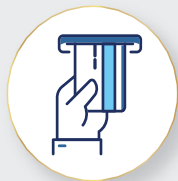


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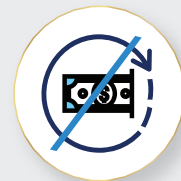
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winter production. See the website for directions on how to prepare. Callbacks will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Oct. 13, if necessary. Performances will be held Jan. 24-Feb. 2. Tuition is \$500 plus costume fees. Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. RR

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ Inter-Faith Fellowship

Oct. 9
Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S. Garfield Ave.
(630) 794-0664

All are invited to this monthly group's October luncheon to hear Martina Mathisen present "Sacagawea Adventures with Lewis and Clark." The group's goal is inclusivity and fellowship, while also supporting charities that address hunger, domestic violence and other worthy causes. Email Elizabeth Jung at Ejung@uchinsdale.org to make a reservation. Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 (cash only).

■ GriefShare

Tuesdays through Dec. 10
Hinsdale United Methodist Church
945 S. Garfield St.

This support group provides care for those grieving the loss of a loved one through the use of videos featuring leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion, and journaling and personal study exercises. Workbooks will be provided. To enroll or for more information, contact Pastor Lisa Capozzoli at lisa.capozzoli@hinsdaleumc.com. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

■ Family Nature Hike: Birds

Oct. 5
Herrick Lake
Butterfield & Herrick roads,
Wheaton
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 942-6200

Explore nature with the whole family on a 1-mile loop trail with a focus on birds and self-guided activities. Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

■ Yoga Storytime

Oct. 12
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.

www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join this yoga-themed storytime for the whole family and learn simple yoga poses and mindfulness activities. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ Rotary Run Charity Classic

Oct. 6
Start & finish at The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
<https://hinsdale.rotary6450.org>

Join this 30th annual event with races for every member and ability level in the family while raising money for local and international charitable work. The activities begin with the 10K Run at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K run at 8:45 a.m., the 3K run at 8:50 a.m., and the 5K and 3K walks and the Mutt Strut at 8:55 a.m. Pets and strollers are allowed only in the Mutt Strut. Cost: \$35/\$120. RR

■ Costume donations

Oct. 7-11
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Spread the Halloween spirit by donating a gently used or new costume so every child can experience the magic of dressing up on Halloween. Costumes will be given to children who are part of the Spark Youth Development Initiative. All sizes and styles are welcome.

GAME ON

■ Board Game Night

Oct. 15
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Ages 14 and up can learn to play the award-winning game Catan with game masters or play another game from the library's collection. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

GREEN THUMB

■ Seed Collecting

Oct. 12
Wolf Road Prairie Nature

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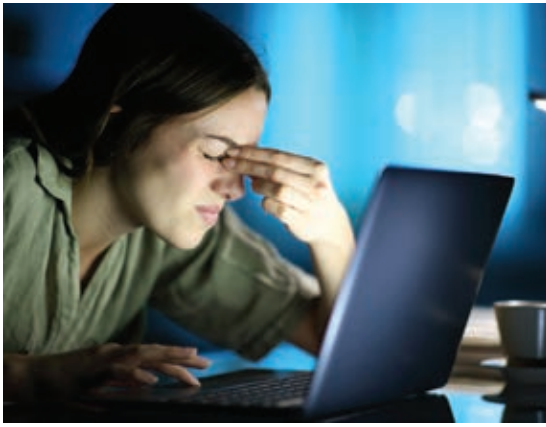
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The college admissions process has never been more competitive or confusing, and application deadlines are quickly approaching for high school seniors. If you're in that boat, don't freak out. This article will help you reduce your anxiety and get you focused on what matters most over the next few months.

For seniors: Your resumé is pretty much set in stone at this point. Your primary focus now should be on these four things:

- **Your story.** Utilize everything you've done to this point in life and craft the strongest narrative possible to stand out as unique.
- **Essays.** This is where you tell your unique story most effectively. Don't skip the supplemental essays!
- **Strategically** select who will write your letters of recommendation.
- **Your college list** is super important and often overlooked. See why below.

At this stage, your test scores, grades, and extracurriculars 'are what they are' for the most part. The biggest area in which you can move the needle is your narrative and essays. Invest sufficient time in these to make the most impact on your application. Don't skimp or assume the essays are just formalities.

Your college list is critically important at this stage as well. Treat it like an investment portfolio in which you have sufficiently diversified options. Don't just categorize safety, target, or reach schools. Also consider the potential for merit based aid or scholarships, honors colleges, choice of major, and other important factors.

There are potentially hundreds of colleges that might be a good fit for you. Don't cheat yourself by unnecessarily excluding what might be great options because you feel rushed or overwhelmed. Get help from an expert if you need it. That's what we do at Summa Factor.

For sophomores and juniors: Here are a few critical things you should be thinking about and doing right now and over the next year:

- Begin crafting your unique story arc - what we call your 'Summa Factor'.
- Continue a rigorous curriculum and focus on strong grades. Get tutoring help if needed.
- Go deep vs wide in extracurricular choices.
- Seek leadership opportunities that can impact others.
- Don't forget the importance of demonstrating character, compassion, and empathy. This is important in life, but also to college admissions' offices.
- Lean into your strengths and passions.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT and engage in test prep if needed.
- Begin building a college list. 15-20 schools is a good starting number. Shrink that down to around 10 as you get closer to spring of junior year and begin planning your campus visits.

For 7th, 8th, and 9th graders, consider the following actions: You're actually at the optimal age to start planning how to maximize your odds of attending your dream college. You need to be as strategic as possible at this stage and think about

which strategies you employ, matter in determining successful outcomes.

Regardless of how you get there though, I wish you all the best in your college admissions journey. If planned well, your college years should be some of the best of your life!

ABOUT RYAN AND SUMMA FACTOR:



Ryan's passion is igniting the spark of purposeful living in others. He thrives in teaching, coaching, and mentoring students and young adults to dream big and go after their goals. His goal is to enable students 'to flourish in all things' (In Latin, 'Florere Omnibus'). At Summa Factor, he employs a

holistic strategy designed to dig deep, find, and help craft each student's unique story. Doing so not only presents the strongest college applications possible, it also gives students a foundational framework for life that will provide focus, clarity, and confidence to maximize the opportunities ahead of them - in college and beyond. A former Ivy League athlete, Ryan attended Harvard University and understands the importance of setting a high bar, being disciplined, and pursuing life goals with grit, tenacity, and passion. Prior to his role as Founder and CEO of Summa Factor, Ryan worked for several startups and technology companies such as LinkedIn and Glassdoor. He worked primarily with C-level executives from some of the largest companies in the world to help them with their global talent and employer branding initiatives. He and his wife have four grown children and have lived in Chicago's western suburbs for the

past 17 years. Fun fact: In 2014-2015, they took a career break and traveled for fifteen months with their kids to over 30 countries and 5 continents so they could experience the world and its incredible cultures together, and to eat as many amazing foods as humanly possible! Ryan and his wife Deena, who owns a travel company, love sharing their experiences with families who also want to explore the world together. Deena writes about their adventures in her blog at Six Hearts One Journey.

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

College	Early Action/Decision	Regular Admission
University of Chicago	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 6, 2025
Northwestern	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 2, 2025
University of Illinois	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 5, 2025
University of Michigan	Nov 1, 2024	Feb 1, 2025
Notre Dame	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 3, 2025
Purdue	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 15, 2025
Ivies (Harvard, Princeton, Yale, etc)	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 1-5, 2025
MIT	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 4, 2025
Stanford	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 5, 2025
Duke	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 2, 2025
Vanderbilt	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 1, 2025
WashU St. Louis	Nov 1, 2024	Jan 2, 2025

the big picture. What are your strengths, talents, passions, and goals in life? While it can be a little daunting to think about these things, it's critical to do so if you want to position yourself for success in college. Plus, it's a great time to begin forming habits that will serve you well for the rest of your life. You have plenty of time to adjust as things change, but planning strategically and learning how to confidently adapt to change, be flexible, and develop grit and perseverance will be a great aid in whatever path you ultimately choose to pursue. This is the time to dream big and start laying the foundation for achieving your goals in life.

There are optimal strategies for all of these stages, and we'd be glad to assist you at Summa Factor. We offer a 'College 911' program for those who are feeling the pinch and need to get moving quickly. We don't employ cookie cutter strategies. We know that how you plan, and



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JUST FOR KIDS

■ Magic Class

Oct. 8
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Children ages 5-12 will learn a collection of fascinating and mesmerizing tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading and more. All materials are provided and each child receives a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped for age-appropriate tricks. Time: 6:45 to 7:40 p.m. Cost:

\$22. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Learn to Sell on Facebook Marketplace

Oct. 7
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn the basics about listing an item for sale on Facebook Marketplace and tips to get the most out of your listing. Participants with a Facebook account should bring their phone or computer already logged into the account and one small item to list. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ An Evening with Stephanie Land

Oct. 10
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Stephanie Land's debut memoir, "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will

to Survive," recounts her harrowing saga as a single mom navigating the poverty trap after fleeing a violent home. The book serves as the inspiration for Netflix's Golden Globe and Emmy Award-nominated original series of the same title. Bridge Communities CEO Amy Von Polen will moderate a Q&A discussion after Land's talk. Ticket-holders will receive a copy of the book, and Land will sign copies following the program. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10.

NOTEWORTHY

■ 'The Planets' & 'Star Wars Suite'

Oct. 5
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 W. Brush Hill Road
www.elmhurstsymphony.org
(630) 600-5100

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will perform Gustav Holst's "The Planets," one of the most iconic pieces of classical music ever

written. The work inspired countless other composers — including Star Wars composer John Williams. A pre-concert talk will be held at 5:45 p.m. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$40, \$32-\$37 for seniors, \$12 for students.

■ Garnet Rogers

Oct. 5
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
www.acousticren.com
(630) 941-7797

The Acoustic Renaissance Concerts series continues with this baritone singer performing songs about people who are not obvious heroes and of the small victories of the everyday, inserting humor and lightning-quick wit that moves audiences from tears to laughter and back again. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

ON STAGE

■ 'Birthday Candles'

Thursdays to Sundays through Oct. 6

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SEASONAL SERIES

■ Farmers Market

Mondays through Oct. 14
Chicago Avenue near Burlington Park
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SENIOR SCENE

Weather Safety

Oct. 7
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Join this monthly Golden Brunch Club meeting to learn

about lightning, tornadoes, flash floods and oppressive heat, the risks they pose and safety measures from meteorologist and amateur storm chaser Alan Jirik. Seniors and those supporting, assisting or looking out for them are welcome. Brunch-worthy snacks and refreshments will be provided. Attendees must register one week in advance. Time: 10 to 11:30 p.m. RR

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Oct. 5
Hinsdale History Museum
15 S Clay St.
www.hinsdalehistory.org/upcoming-events

Learn about and practice this traditional German art of paper cutting for German-American Heritage Day. Crafts will be available for

adults and children. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: Free, recommended donation of \$5. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hinsdale Fire & Police Open House

Oct. 12
121 Symonds Drive
www.villageofhinsdale.org
(630) 789-7060

This annual event will

feature family-friendly activities like a junior firefighter obstacle course, SWAT Team and live fire demonstrations, police department tours, free hot dogs and refreshments and more. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Pet pic of the week

Meet Stone! This little guy is just under 20 pounds and has been looking for a forever home since February. He is a little on the shy side and really does well with another canine companion, so there should already be a dog in the home who is ready to be his friend. Once he warms up to the humans in the house, he is perfectly happy to be a lap dog and will hang out all day. Stone is 2 years old, vaccinated, neutered and microchipped. He is housebroken and approved for children 10 and older. His adoption fee is \$350. Stone is currently in a foster home, so please call (630) 323-5630 to schedule an appointment to meet him. (photo provided)



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Oct. 6
Oak Brook Public Library
600 Oak Brook Road
www.oak-brook.libcal.com/event/12011875

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tion to the community, conservation and philanthropy, followed by a Q&A session and a book signing, with proceeds benefiting Friends of Conservation. Time: 2 to 4 p.m. RR

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■ Teen Self Defense Workshop

Oct. 13
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 11-17 will participate in a series of discussions and be introduced to basic physical self-defense skills and techniques. Topics will be presented at an age-appropriate level to equip the attendees with life skills that allow them to confidently transition into new situations. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$47. RR, MD

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Oct. 4-5
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www.napersettlement.org
(630) 420-6010

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Oct. 12
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www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Dress in a favorite Halloween costume and enjoy inflatables, food trucks, entertainment and crafts at this event. Free pumpkins will be available to the first 500 guests. The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a costume contest at its booth from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with winners announced at 1:30 p.m. The Hinsdalean will take photographs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids also can trick-or-treat at selected sites in the downtown business district from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Autumn After All

Oct. 12
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302 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalehistory.org
(630) 789-2600

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1. 331 The Lane, Philip D. Lorenz Trust and Ann Lorenz to Tameem Souman Trust and Najwa Jaamour, Aug. 27, \$1,855,000

2. 225 Meadowbrook Lane, Richard and Merry Bulger to David Banayan, Aug. 28, \$849,000

3. 737 S. Jackson St., Wendy Wilde and Anita L. Olson Declaration Trust to Mohit Mehta, Aug. 28, \$302,000

4. 812 W. 56th St., Jack and Carol Yao to Abbe L. Blacketer Living Trust, Aug. 28, \$860,000

5. 361 Hampton Place, James and Melissa Michie to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Aug. 29, \$1,900,000

6. 218 W. Fourth St., Angelo N. and Tamara M. Makris 2015 trusts to Nicholas Wendland, Sept. 3, \$1,875,000

7. 234 N. Park Ave., Thomas M. And Ignazia R. Dalicandro family trusts to Shayna and Vinesh Melvani, Sept. 3, \$2,375,000

8. 726 N. Madison St., Albert Tourangeau to Laura and James Limparis, Sept. 4, \$615,000

9. 300 Claymoor Road, Natalia Majerczyk and Manmeet Singh to Yin Peng, Sept. 4, \$285,000

10. 223 E. Eighth St., Itasca Bank and Trust Co. to 223 E 8TH ST LLC, Sept. 5, \$1,800,000

11. 516 N. Vine St., Tameem and Jamila Zainulbhai to Min Lee and Nicholas Chan, Sept. 5, \$1,715,000

12. 5604 S. Garfield Ave., Paul and Tonya Melkus and Melkus Revocable Trust to Kevin J. McGrath Trust, Sept. 6, \$2,500,000

13. 5613 S. Monroe St.,

Investa Inc. to Ricardo Alfonso and Erica Matthews, Sept. 11, \$1,620,000

14. 12 N. Monroe St., Donald and Disa Magee to Richard and Holly Hetke, Sept. 12, \$1,875,000

15. 450 N. Garfield Ave., James Loughlin and Jacquelyn Krzeszewski to Todd and Karin Reed, Sept. 16, \$1,525,000

16. 334 N. County Line Road, James W. and Patricia Doheny trusts to Lee and James Stanley, Sept. 17, \$800,000

17. 504 N. Adams St., Sylvia C. Coan Trust and Brent Coan to Tareq and Lana Alesh, Sept. 17, \$975,000

18. 301 E. 59th St., Ethan and Jennifer Fuller to Raymond and Samantha Bogenrief, Sept. 17, \$1,375,000

19. 532 W. Eighth St., Romy Patel and Nisha Mehta to James and Kathryn Crotty, Sept. 17, \$1,975,000

20. 304 S. Washington St., 304 Washington Street LLC to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Sept. 19, \$1,395,000

21. 314 The Lane, Michael and Amanda Cox to Michael and Elizabeth Clayborne, Sept. 19, \$1,750,000

22. 5733 Giddings Ave., Janice J. and Bernard L. Buzynski trusts to 5733 Giddings Ave. Trust, Sept. 19, \$1,170,000

23. 601 S. Stough St., Grand Bridge Investments LLC to Stough 601 LLC, Sept. 20, \$475,000

24. 841 S. Oak St., Jared and Cynthia Purcell to Marin and Kristine Petkov, Sept. 20, \$2,050,000

25. 441 N. Monroe St., Shahid Yusuf Declaration Trust to Pawel Kaczmarek and Paulina Nowak, Sept. 20, \$615,000

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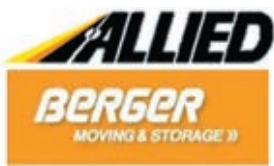
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Located at 470 Fawell Blvd.,
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Located at P.O. Box 315,
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or real name or names of the
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Autumn Is In The Air

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- ACROSS**
- 1 BUDDY
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 - 7 BASHES
 - 12 EPOCH
 - 13 SPECK
 - 14 MOWING SITES
 - 15 GOAL
 - 16 HANDEL COMPOSITIONS
 - 18 AUTHOR HARPER
 - 19 PURSE PART
 - 20 TRUDGE
 - 22 MESS UP
 - 23 PREJUDICE
 - 27 MARDI GRAS VIP
 - 29 BORNEO BEASTS
 - 31 POCKET BREADS
 - 34 HARLEY RIDER
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 - 37 IN SHAPE
 - 38 TITLE FOR HELEN MIRREN
 - 39 GORILLA
 - 41 WILD GUESS
 - 45 CORNELL AND YALE, E.G.
 - 47 E.T.'S CRAFT
 - 48 CITRUS DRINK
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 - 6 FAB FOUR DRUMMER
 - 7 DUD
 - 8 HEARING THING
 - 9 PREFIX WITH NIGHT
 - 10 ROCK PRODUCER BRIAN
 - 11 SNAKE'S WARNING
 - 17 TROPICAL TUBER
 - 21 PREPRANDIAL PRAYER
 - 23 ENTICES
 - 24 PEN FILLER
 - 25 GET OLDER
 - 26 OLD MAP LETTERS
 - 28 IMMIGRANT'S SUBJ.
 - 30 HITLER'S STAT
 - 31 GROUP OF SEALS
 - 32 NEST EGG ACRONYM
 - 33 HIGHLAND HAT
 - 36 ROOF OVERHANG
 - 37 BIRDSEED HOLDER
 - 40 STEINWAY PRODUCT
 - 42 SHROUD CITY
 - 43 BLAZING
 - 44 GREETED A BULLY
 - 45 BORODIN'S "PRINCE --"
 - 46 GIVES A DARN?
 - 48 TEXTER'S "HEAVENS!"
 - 49 ESTUARY
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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2. Prance;
3. Yearn;
4. Futile

Today's Word
TRYING

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters to form each category's four primary words. Then rearrange the board letters to form the cryptic word and complete the grid.



"I hate to complain, Alice, but my husband thinks I'm not really..."

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TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

October 2024 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
You might be walking on shaky ground, Capricorn. Certain variables are shifting, and you need to plan for a way to navigate the new situation. Trust your gut.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you might have been thinking about making changes for a very long time. One of the biggest changes could be moving home base. Look at real estate.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Don't let a cranky beginning to the week ruin the rest of it. There are plenty of days to recover and have a good time with friends and family.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
This week could prove to be all about the unexpected, Libra. Some things may not go according to plan, but it can be fun to be on a little bit of an adventure.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You are always there for other people when they need you no matter how inconvenient that can be for you, Aquarius. This week someone else steps up and take the weight off you.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, even if you're not sure what to do this week, you may have to make a decision quickly. Take an innovative approach when mulling your options if need be.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, typically you enjoy being the center of attention and being gregarious with others. This week you might want to step back and enjoy some quiet time at home.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you are in a home-driven mood, with plans for renovation on your mind. While you are full of inspiration, the only thing holding you back is the budget.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you are in a dreamy mood and everything seems like you are looking through rose-colored glasses. Have fun while it lasts, but don't venture too far away from reality.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Nothing but pleasant energy will surround you this week, Gemini. Use it to your advantage to get a lot of things done at your own pace. Then you can enjoy a night or two out this week.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Just when you thought you wouldn't hear back from someone you thought was out of your life, he or she turns up again, Virgo. You are not sure how to feel about this.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, if someone had predicted last year where you'd be right now, you might not have believed it. But just look at how far you have come in such a short amount of time.

9U GOLD TEAM 40-0 VICTORS AT HOME

The Falcons 9U Gold team cruised to victory at home Saturday vs. Oak Park.

Brooks Jaqua got things going on the Falcons' first offensive series when quarterback Connor Pauley connected with him on a 22-yard touchdown strike. Pauley also connected with Noah Jones for a 35-yard touchdown and Bryce Lee for a 30-yard touchdown on the Falcons' following two possessions. Cole Sherwood also contributed to the scoring effort with a 77-yard interception that he returned to the house as well as a 74-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Luke Schroeder, while linebacker, Dan Campbell returned a fumble 26 yards for a touchdown. Finally, tight end RT Kouba also caught a 2-point conversion from Schroeder. The Falcons' offensive line set the tone early and often with their hard nose blocking, led by Teddy O'Toole, Keats Caruso, Michael Cannizzaro and Bennett Wilson.

On defense, the Falcons were as stingy as the offense was aggressive, controlling the line of scrimmage to help the team earn its second shutout in a row. This unit was led by Michael Dombroski, Wyland Holmes, Cade Phelan and Parker Brey, who forced multiple turnovers and had many tackles for loss.

With this win, the Falcons 9U Gold improves to 5-0 and prepares for the next challenge at Lombard on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m.

10U SILVER HOLD TRI CITY TO ONE TD

The 10U Silver Falcons took to Dickinson Field at Hinsdale Central against a team from Tri City Sunday and played their best game of the season.

They got started fast when Clay Parker ran the opening kickoff back 74 yards for the game's first score. Brody Sobieraj led the Falcon running attack with tough run after tough run, carrying the ball 14 times for 123 yards. His last run of the day was a

65-yard touchdown run that saw him diving into the endzone to put the game away. Sobieraj owed the day's success to the hard work of Paul Voight, Mike Sandberg, Miles Post, Max Breton, Arya Vafa and Dean Windfelder, who opened holes for him all day long. Quarterback Caden Mitchell found tight end Mark Sandberg twice from 5 yards out and again from 9 yards out for two passing touchdowns on the day.

The Falcons' defense gave up an uncharacteristic big play early when the Tri City quarterback rolled right, found the edge and scampered 70 yards for a touchdown. From that point on, the defense would clamp down and not give up another point. Defensive backs Kanas Kitzevicius and Grant Garber shut down the outside runs and safety Massimo Buttita owned the highlight of the day, stripping the ball from a Tri City ball carrier and running it back 70 yards for a touchdown. The defensive line of Jack Slavik, Bennett Brumley and Mark Sandberg got after the quarterback all day, with Sandberg's racking up three sacks.

The game would finish 33-7 in favor of the Falcons. The boys from Hinsdale have improved to 5-0-1 on the season and now travel to Lemont Sunday to take on the undefeated Hornets.

11U FALCONS WIN ON THE ROAD

The 11U Falcons passed a big test Sunday by beating a 4-1 Park Ridge team on the road.

The Falcons took down Park Ridge 23-14 behind solid second-half defense and an efficient ball control offense. It's been a couple weeks running now that the offensive line has set the tone for the game by controlling the line of scrimmage. Hayden Sobieraj, Parker Otzen, Luke Hanson, Luke Gray, Keegon McCoskey and Nico Will have been paving the way for the running backs to get plenty of yards on the ground. If they were not making holes for the backs to run through, they were

providing ample time for the quarterback to throw the ball.

Park Ridge threw for two scores in the first half but was held scoreless in the second half. The Falcons tightened up their pass defense, forcing the Park Ridge quarterback to hold the ball longer than he wanted to and leading to second-half sacks by Luke Gray and Jacob Zager. The tough Falcon defense forced a couple of second half punts and didn't allow a point in the final two quarters.

The Falcon's running game was efficient all game long and proved to be a big part in the victory. Two first half scores by Danny McFarland paced the scoring for the Falcons. First downs late in the fourth quarter by Sawyer Myhra and Jack O'Malley ultimately broke the will of Park Ridge team, securing the victory.

Up next: At Palatine on Saturday @ 1 p.m.

11U GOLD DOMINATES

The 11 Gold team continued its dominant run with a 26-0 victory, overpowering Plainfield from the opening play.

Teddy Ouimette set the tone early, taking the opening kickoff 65 yards for a dazzling touchdown. The Falcons' offense followed up with relentless efficiency, scoring on their next two offensive series.

Kellen Brown broke loose for a 40-yard touchdown run, aided by key blocks from Mikey Adamo, Joshua Castro, and Grant Omiecinski.

The offensive line played a pivotal role in the Falcons' success, with Luke Schremser scoring two long touchdowns, including one through a massive hole created by Matthew Kalish, Soren Carlson and Bo Cuculich. Luca Striltschuk capped off the scoring, kicking the extra point through the uprights.

Quarterback Rohn Ramani orchestrated the final scoring drive, connecting with Carlson on a nice sideline pass to keep the chains moving. Nifty runs from Nate Thangamani

and Marcello Salamone, who broke multiple tackles, set up the final score for Schremser.

On defense, the Falcons were just as dominant, with Christian Gernot and Christian Kirchev wreaking havoc in the backfield all game. Ivan Burt and Owen Parry applied pressure up front, while Ben Murphy and Keerthan Tucke made countless tackles on the outside. The defense forced multiple fumbles and didn't allow a single first down all afternoon.

With this victory the Falcons 11U Gold improves to 5-1 and prepares for the next challenge, at home against Oak Park on Saturday afternoon.

JV GOLD D1 ROLLS ON

The JV Gold Falcons remained perfect at 5-0 after a thorough 32-8 victory over Plainfield. The Falcons have developed in all three phases with an overall aggressiveness that their competition struggle to match.

The Hinsdale offense showed big play capability with three of their four touchdowns coming from at least 45 yards. Dillon Phelan, behind his bulldozing front (Sullivan Camp, Sal Calandriello, Brock Bradley, Grant Wanless, Oliver Johnson and Ben Kurinsky), got the Falcon party started with a 50-yard run to paydirt. A Kellan Goodwin catch made it 8-0. The Falcon defense got a quick stop and the offense made quick work. Michael Kipnis added his stamp to the run game with a 45-yard dash. Charlie Lynch hit Phelan for the conversion; Hinsdale led 16-0 at the end for the first.

The defense had some fun with a thunderous Angel Roman sack and a Torsten Wood suplex takedown. Both players had monster performances.

Phelan once again found the endzone with 48-yard run to make it 24-8. The Falcon scoring was capped by a Phelan throw to an acrobatic Logan Sullivan, who leapt through two defenders to make the

catch in the endzone. The Hinsdale defense stifled any Plainfield comeback with continuous pressure from Connor Gaylord, Grant Kirchheimer. Lynch and Leo Crooks. Jaxon Uthe, Dominic Cresap, Kipnis and Goodwin strapped up the Plainfield passing attack.

Despite the convincing win, the Falcons know the intensity level needs go up as the defending champion Tri-City Chargers come to town next week.

VARSITY SILVER EARNS SHUT OUT

Varsity Silver set the tone early in a 14-0 win at Bloomingdale. Felix Michelini booted the opening kickoff and Jake Knapp forced a fumble on the return, which was recovered by Clayton Tims. On the Falcons' first play from scrimmage, Michael Garber ran around the right side for a 15-yard touchdown. After a goal line stand by the Falcons, Knapp capped a long drive with a 7 yard quarterback keeper for the second score of the day. Michelini knocked the extra point through the uprights to make is 14-0.

The rest of the game was a defensive battle, although the Falcons continued to dominate the line of scrimmage, led by Ben McLaughlin, Noah Natarelli, Leo Rivera, Chase Hellenga, Brit Read and Bryce Kinder. The Falcons sealed the win with a methodical drive that took up nearly the entire fourth quarter, highlighted by a key third-down completion from Knapp to Benji Allanson. The Falcons' defense was stout the entire day, with linebackers Ali Memon, Jake Carney, and Tims making numerous tackles. Nose tackles Michelini and Lino Hernandez were especially strong in the middle of Falcons defensive line.

The eighth-graders play their final regular season home game as Falcons this Sunday at 4 p.m. against Park Ridge.

HINSDALE CENTRAL REMEMBER



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

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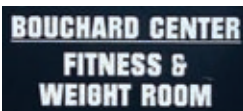
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SPORTS — END ZONE

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HINSDALE CENTRAL 13 — YORK 21



Zach Kruse was the first to get his arms around the York ball carrier, and, Noah McCurry and Braden Howe were quick to help him finish off the tackle for a loss Friday night. (Jim Slonoff photos)

STATS

	Central	York
Passing yards	111	79
Rushing yards	58	252
Total yards	169	331
Touchdowns	2	3
PATs	1	3
Field goals	0	0
Turnovers	2	1

OFFENSE



James Skokna
6 carries, 88 yards
1 touchdown



Kelan McInerney
2 carries, 18 yards
1 touchdown

DEFENSE



Noah McCurry
10 tackles, 2 assists
3 TFL



Owen Sunderson
10 tackles, 3 assists
1 TFL

Riley Contreras fakes a hand off to Finn Cain before passing to Kelan McInerney, who scored Central's first touchdown in the second quarter of their game against the Dukes in Elmhurst.



UP NEXT

Glenbard West
1:30 p.m. Saturday
in Glen Ellyn

Last year
Central lost 21-42

STANDINGS

West Suburban Silver

Downers North..... 3-0...5-0
LT..... 3-0...5-0
York..... 2-0...5-0
OP-RF..... 1-2...1-4
Hinsdale Central.. 0-2 ..2-3
Glenbard West..... 0-2...1-4
Proviso West..... 0-3...2-3

conference/overall

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Dru Devata
Clarendon Hills

What was your goal going into your senior golf season?

There's nothing like winning as a team, and that's the main goal. Winning individually is great, but winning as a team is a different level. It's a different dynamic. It makes the winning that much sweeter and it makes the losing a little more painful.

What has playing for the Red Devils meant to you?

Playing golf at Central has given me a different community, and when I was an underclassman it gave me some friends who were juniors and seniors. Golf has made me a better person.

How have you evolved as a competitor since freshman year?

I think I've gotten a lot better mentally and as a teammate. I've just learned that there's a lot more to golf than just playing. You've got to keep your head in the right place out there.

How would your teammates describe you?

I think the answer has kind of changed each year. This year I've been trying to be a role model for the younger guys who haven't had as much high school golf experience. They'd probably say I'm light-hearted and try to keep the vibe kind of fun. Hinsdale Central is a

super-esteemed program, and we've had a lot of success, but if you're not having fun, there's no point in being out there.

What's the strength of your game?

Hitting greens in regulation has always been among my best stats. I've tried to become a more well-rounded player so I can use course management when I don't have my best stuff.

Do you have any pre-match rituals?

I set my clothes out the night before — you have to make sure you look good and feel good to play good. I also put special marks on my ball: one blue dot, a black line and two little black dots.

What's the coolest course you've played?

Conway Farms in Lake Forest is just super special.

Where are you heading next year?

I've committed to play at Emory University.

Why does coach Serge Pensik like having Devata on the squad?

Dru has brought a lot of leadership and maturity to our team. He is an exceptional player and competitor. He coaches up young players and helps them understand high school golf.

— profile by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Cross country, girls
Sept. 28 @ Midwest Invite
V places 7th with 270 points
Hodneland, 30th, 19:32.6
Satre, 33th, 19:36
Skay, 63rd, 20:20.8
Gruber, 71st, 20:32.2
Krogstie, 73rd, 20:32.7

Flag football
Sept. 30 @ Fenton
V wins 20-18
Sept. 27 vs. OP-RF
V loses 0-18

Golf, boys
Sept. 28 @ Lake Park Invite
V places 13th (tie) with 336 strokes
Frisoni, 33rd (tie), 83
Nordby, 33rd (tie), 83
Ghaben, 41st, 84
Schloegel, 54th, 86

Golf, girls
Oct. 1 @ IHSA regional
V places 1st with 301 strokes
Abdullah, 1st, 69

Bhatt, 2nd, 72
Danda, 4th (tie), 77
Han, 7th, 83
Sept. 28 @ Rosie Invite
V places 1st with 294 strokes
Sept. 25 @ WSC Silver Meet
V places 1st with 309 strokes

Soccer, boys
Oct. 1 vs. LT
V wins 3-2 (OT)
Cinque, 2 goals
Szurgot, goal
Altman, 2 assists
Zamalaitis, assist
Sept. 26 @ Naperville Central
V wins 2-1

Swimming, girls
Sept. 28 @ New Trier
V loses 134-52
Sept. 26 @ York
V wins 102-84
200-yard medley relay
Hawk, Liun, L. Barber, Rocca, 2nd, 1:54.13
Allegra, Marcet, Tobolski, Seraphin, 3rd, 2:02.6

Cassell, Ukoha, A. Warren, Matricaria, 4th, 2:03.64
200-yard freestyle
Pelinkovic, 1st, 1:59.17
V. Barber, 2nd, 1:59.46
Frandsen, 6th, 2:11.04
200-yard IM
L. Barber, 1st, 2:17.63
Miller, 2nd, 2:20.11
Marcet, 4th, 2:28.44
50-yard freestyle
I. Warren, 3rd, 26.4
Hawk, 5th, 27.37
Cassell, 6th, 27.55
1-meter diving
Martell, 1st, 212.35
Driscoll, 5th, 195.2
100-yard butterfly
V. Barber, 1st, 1:02.07
Brubaker, 2nd, 1:03.28
Lahmann, 4th, 1:05.32
100-yard freestyle
Miller, 1st, 53.82
Pelinkovic, 3rd, 57.14
S. Warren, 5th, 59.75
500-yard freestyle
L. Barber, 1st, 5:21.51
Tobolski, 4th, 5:49.28
Allegra, 5th, 6:02.52
200-yard freestyle relay
Rocca, S. Warren,

V. Barber, Lin, 1st, 1:42.66
Lahmann, Ukoha, I. Warren, Seraphin, 3rd, 1:45.5
A. Warren, Marcet, Matricaria, Frandsen, 4th, 1:47.7
100-yard backstroke
Hawk, 2nd, 1:03.51
Brubaker, 3rd, 1:07.8
Cassell, 5th, 1:09.97
100-yard breaststroke
Lin, 2nd, 1:10.05
Ukoha, 3rd, 1:16.99
Seraphin, 5th, 1:19.4
400-yard freestyle relay
Pelinkovic, Miller, Rocca, Allegra, 2nd, 3:45.12
Brubaker, Tobolski, I. Warren, S. Warren, 3rd, 3:56.97
Matricaria, Lahmann, A. Warren, Frandsen, 4th, 3:57.98

Tennis, girls
Oct. 1 @ Glenbard West
V wins 8-0
Asha Sarai, 6-0, 6-0
Gandhi, 6-3, 6-4

Wang, 6-4, 6-2
Parveno/Tomas, 7-5, 2-6, 10-3
Gupta/Shah, 6-0, 6-0
Srinivasan/Nehme, 6-2, 6-2
Tu/Asbahi, 6-1, 4-6, 10-6
Berbas/Stover, 6-1, 6-3
Sept. 26 vs. York
V wins 8-1

Volleyball, girls
Oct. 1 @ York
V loses 25-14, 16-25, 24-26
Sept. 26 vs. Willowbrook
V loses 25-17, 10-25, 20-25
Peterson, 10 kills, 4 digs
Ledy, 9 kills, ace, 4 blocks, 7 digs, 11 assists
Barakat, 5 kills, 2 blocks, 2 digs
Neiman, 4 kills, 2 blocks, 2 digs
Kozlowski, 2 kills
Young, ace, 12 digs, 3 assists
Garchar, 6 digs, 14 assists

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Abigail Gambla follows through on her serve against York during a West Suburban Conference match Sept. 26 in Hinsdale. Central beat the Dukes 8-0. (photo by Steve Johnston for The Hinsdalean)

SPORTS

Red Devils finding wins off the field

Student-athletes leading fundraisers, charity drives to benefit many different causes

By Pamela Lannom

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Attending a sporting event at Hinsdale Central High School isn't the only way to support a student-athlete — or a good cause.

Many Red Devil teams make it a practice to hold annual fundraisers or drives to benefit causes close to members' hearts. Since the start of the school year, the cheerleaders have held a fundraiser at Fuller House, the girls swim and dive team held a car wash at the school, the boys and girls golf teams held a food drive for HCS Family Services and the boys soccer team hosted its annual KICK charity event.

The Sept. 15 event took two to three weeks to organize, soccer team co-captain Austen Szurgot said this week. The event invites students in the Central soccer program — from freshmen to seniors — to compete on a two- to three-person team in a double-elimination soccer tennis tournament.

"It's almost like a March madness type bracket," Szurgot said. "It provides an opportunity to get to know your teammates."

Even though the games lasted only six minutes, the number of teams entered made for a rather lengthy competition.

"It did take a while, but we came to the end," Szurgot said.

The winners were senior Martin Contreras and junior Matt Gantar, who each won a Chipotle gift cart.

Players enjoyed pizza donated by Domino's and drinks provided by the Hinsdale Central Booster Club. With players paying \$20 per person and donations from soccer team alums, the event



The girls swim and dive team held a car wash fundraiser in August to help buy video equipment for the new pool. Often the beneficiaries of teams' efforts are outside organizations, such as Schools Count Corp., which was the benefactor of the soccer team's KICK fundraiser last month. (file photos)

raised more than \$2,000 for Schools Count Corp., with expenses coming in around \$600, Szurgot said.

Schools Count was founded by former Hinsdale Central soccer coach Dick Flesher and provides all kinds of assistance — from school supplies to winter coats — to students in need in Chicago and those in other areas hit by disasters.

"It's just a great event to give back to people in need," Szurgot said.

Helping underprivileged youth and their family is the reason the Hinsdale Central football program is hosting a charity bike drive from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the school's senior parking lot.

The club is asking for donations of gently used bikes to donate to Building Brighter Futures, which

serves youth and their families in the North Lawndale community.

Junior football player Tommy Willet is organizing the event with help from his teammates and other friends.

"We've kind of heard of other projects in the state where people would collect bikes and donate them. We thought that our area — especially Hinsdale — would be a great area to do so."

Tommy's mom, Sarah, had visited Building Brighter Futures and suggested the agency as a recipient for the donated bikes.

The group hopes to collect 150 bikes. Willet emphasized they should be gently used and must be safe to ride.

"We don't want any bikes with missing wheels or

anything like that," he said.

Other than that, there are no restrictions.

"Kid bikes, adult bikes, anything is good," he said.

Central athletic director Mike Jezioro said the coaches and student-athletes at the school love to give back.

"Most of our student-athletes understand that they are in a fortunate position to do what they do on the athletic field, and it's always good to give back to the community or a cause that needs support," Jezioro said.

He encourages coaches and students to take advantage of opportunities to make a difference off the field when they can, but he knows that's not always easy.

"Our kids get pulled in a lot of directions, so it's hard to organize these," he

noted. "I think when our teams and our kids and our coaches get the opportunity to raise funds for a cause or do a bike drive, they are 100 percent on board with those things."

Giving back makes people feel good, he added — and can help give athletes a sense of control that they don't always have while competing.

"They can control giving back. Sometimes they can't control if they are going to win or lose," Jezioro said.

Participating in philanthropic efforts also gives the community a chance to see athletes in a different arena.

"Any type of community service or fundraising for causes always shines a good light on our kids and it shows them in a different way," he said.



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