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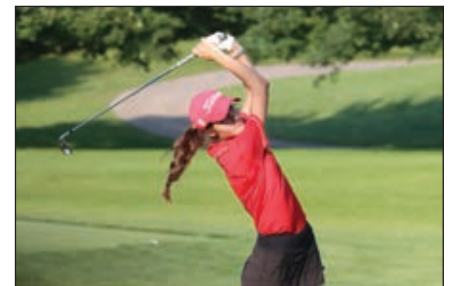
**Students from District 181** schools across the village returned to their classrooms Tuesday. New clothes, new back packs and fresh hair-cuts were quite evident as students gathered outside The Lane School before the opening bell sent them inside with their teachers in the lead. Hinsdale Central students returned last week. While summer seems to have ended early for District 181, the last day for the 2024-25 year is just around the corner on May 30. To see more pictures from The Lane, go to our webpage at [www.thehinsdalean.com](http://www.thehinsdalean.com) and click on "photo galleries." (Jim Slonoff photos)



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# NEWS

## Public hearing on TIF set for Sept. 16

*CH trustees postpone hearing but allow residents to comment during Monday's meeting*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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Even though the Clarendon Hills Village Board continued a public hearing on the proposed 55th Street TIF until September, trustees allowed residents who attended the meeting to speak for about an hour during the public comment portion of the agenda.

All but two of the 17 residents — from Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale and Westmont — objected to the tax increment financing district proposed for 55th Street from Western Avenue to Holmes Avenue. They questioned whether the area qualifies for a TIF and how it will impact local school districts (see sidebar). The area sends students to Maercker Elementary District 60, Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 and Hinsdale High School District 86.

Hinsdale's Kim Notaro said the village needs to find a way to pay for needed improvements on its own.

"I'm sorry if the infrastructure isn't there, but when you incorporated these homes, you made a promise to people in these homes to provide infrastructure, and that shouldn't be on the back of the schools, and that shouldn't be on the back of taxpayers," she said.

Sinead Duffy, a Clarendon Hills resident and District 181 board member, acknowledged the issues with water pressure south of 55th street and agreed they need to be addressed.

"For me, there are other ways of funding that," Duffy said. "I object to the TIF and I believe what you have jerry-rigged in your TIF area does not pass the test."

Hinsdale resident Linda Burke said the TIF is a bad idea.

"At best a TIF is taxation without

representation," she said, noting that many taxpayers who will have to make up for the diverted revenue don't live in the TIF.

District 86 board President Cat Greenspon, speaking as a resident, said the TIF hurts the very organizations that make the community so desirable.

"It scares me that this village could possibly approve a TIF district that could be so detrimental to the public school system that brings families here, that makes families want to live here," she said.

The public hearing was continued after the Joint Review Board voted 4-3 Aug. 14 against recommending the TIF. The Clarendon Hills Village Board now needs a supermajority to approve it. Village officials have 30 days after the JRB vote to confer with taxing bodies. The public hearing will resume at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16.

### What is a TIF?

A tax increment financing district is a mechanism Illinois law allows local governments to use to establish a "redevelopment project area" to eliminate the presence of blight or prevent its onset.

When a TIF district is created, the value of property in the area is established as a base amount. The property taxes paid on this base continue to go to various taxing bodies. But tax revenue on the growth in the value of the property over the base (the "tax increment") does not go to taxing districts. Instead, it

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## Firefighters quickly extinguish fire

The Hinsdale Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire in the 900 block of South Elm Street Wednesday, Aug. 14. The home's occupants were outside, having been alerted by smoke detectors, when the fire department arrived on the scene. Smoke was showing from a garage window, and firefighters quickly gained access to the garage and put out the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Firefighters from Clarendon Hills, Western Springs, Downers Grove, Oak Brook, Westmont and Pleasantview responded to assist with the fire, along with smoke removal and overhaul. (Jim Slonoff photos)

# ONCE UPON A TIME



**Pictures from the past** — The building at 101 S. Washington St., which is now occupied by Marcus, started out as the Hinsdale State Bank. Designed by Hinsdale architect William Barfield, it was built in 1927. In the 1960s the building was purchased by Pat Davis, the mother of Sally Parsons, who provided this photo. Her mom turned the building into “The Left Bank” which housed a restaurant and a several small shops over the years. Davis also founded Pat Davis Realtors, which was the first female-owned real estate agency in Hinsdale. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to [jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com).

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# Hinsdale Central gets summer glow up

*Renovations and upgrades done during break greet Red Devils as they return to classes*

By Ken Knutson

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The most significant improvement project at Hinsdale Central High School over the summer, according to Principal Bill Walsh, didn't require any heavy equipment. "We renumbered all the rooms," Walsh revealed on a recent campus tour shortly before students returned.

Rooms now have four-digit identifiers, with 0100 numbers in the basement, 1000 and up on the first floor and 2000 on the second.

"We ran out of numbers," said Walsh, explaining the way expansion over the years had led to incongruent labeling. "No more do we have room 504 on the second floor. No more room 303 on the second floor."

Not as simple as it seems, however.

"Nobody understands the depth and the breadth of a renumbering, because it requires fixing your 911 services, fixing all your phone services, your fire panels, all of that," he said. "It's a massive project."

Once students figure out which classrooms they're in, they'll want to find their way to the upgraded courtyard off the cafeteria. The outdoor space has been freshly outfitted with lawn game-ready — and budget-friendly — turf surfaces for \$24,700.

"We installed turf so they can play Spikeball and we don't have to worry about the cost of repairing grass anymore," Walsh related.

A new putting green area offers a lower-energy distraction. A ping-pong table occupies another corner, and an oversized chess board soon will be painted on a section of the paved area.

"We've been trying to figure out ways to keep (students) active and maybe off their phones," Walsh said. "There's a lot for these students to do."

New windows overlooking the courtyard, part of a building-wide replacement of 180 window banks, further enhance the aesthetics.

"This is where you really see the breadth of (the window upgrades) because they were



**Banners of Hinsdale Central's** fellow West Suburban Conference members now festoon the school's fieldhouse, while students enjoy playing Spikeball on newly installed turf in the courtyard off the cafeteria. Buildings and grounds employees last week were busy rehanging sound-dampening baffles from the ceiling of the gymnasium, which was repainted as part of an array of summer improvement projects at the school. (Jim Slonoff photos)

in such bad shape," Assistant Principal Ryan Maita.

Walsh distinguished between the staggered nature of the multi-year referendum-funded projects of the Future Ready Facilities program that's just finished and the condensed but extensive summer work. Every stairwell in the building received new treads and railings, for example, and five different roofs were replaced.

"After three or four years of the building referendum, which was awesome, that was really segmented," Walsh said. "But this summer the entire campus was being touched in some way shape or form."

The entire gymnasium

received a fresh coat of paint and a new sound system to the tune of almost \$77,000.

"Now when we have pep assemblies in the gym, you can actually hear on the second floor, so we're excited about that," Walsh said.

More natural light streams in from the east wall, which had previously been covered up.

"We had put graphics up to hide the atrocity that was behind those graphics. So now we have new curtain walls on the gym," he said as the school's building and grounds crew members labored overhead to rehang the acoustic ceiling baffles.

"Summer work was a real-

ly nice collaboration between some of the outside (contractors) and the inside staff," he said. "Our B&G staff is doing a lot of the heavy lifting so that we can get the other jobs done."

The fieldhouse also got the paint treatment on the ceiling and a new sound system for \$44,313. The tired staff cafeteria was given new life with a facelift.

"Nice new furniture, mobile if we need it to be. It's been freshly painted," Walsh said.

Every department office was outfitted with new furniture as well at a cost of just over \$203,000. Walsh said the upgrades to staff spaces and infrastructure were being

addressed after the referendum spending was largely directed to student needs.

"Now post-referendum, we're using a lot of these operational dollars to fix other things within the building," he said.

On the southwest side of campus outside the Bouchard Fitness Center sits a new bocce ball court. Walsh said a community member donated the court to promote the game, now a Special Olympics sport, among special education students and the school's general student body.

"Other people will be able to benefit from it to during the course of the school year," he said.

# NEXT WEEK

## Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22  
Hinsdale South High School  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
[www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings](http://www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings)

**On the agenda:** new board of education website, superintendent goals, 2024-25 schedule of board committee meetings

## Hinsdale Economic Development Commission

8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28  
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org)

## Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27  
Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)

**On the draft agenda:** 2025 budget overview, water heater replacement proposal, HGA preliminary design proposal

## What is a TIF?

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is collected in a special fund and used to make investments in the TIF area. After the area has been redeveloped and the TIF district ends, all taxing bodies benefit from the new growth.

District 181 has estimated it would lose \$1 million to \$3.2 million in potential tax revenue over 23 years.

As EAV in a taxing district increases, its tax rate decreases. So without the increase in EAV, taxpayers would pay higher rates to generate the amount of property taxes districts are allowed to collect under the tax cap.

The TIF proposal created for Clarendon Hills by Ryan LLC indicates a TIF is needed "to overcome a number of redevelopment barriers." It states access to transportation, infrastructure conditions, variable quality of public services and a lack of a sense of place as challenges facing the area.

The 46-acre area along 55th Street from Western Avenue to Holmes Avenue includes 70 tax parcels. Because 52 of the 65 buildings, or 80 percent, are 35 years or older, the area qualifies as a "conservation area," according to the proposal. Additional qualifying factors include lagging or declining EAV, obsolescence, inadequate utilities, deleterious layout and lack of community planning.

After redevelopment, the area's current estimated EAV of \$14 million is expected to grow to \$30 million to \$40 million.

The plan shows a total estimated TIF budget of almost \$29.2 million. Cost estimates are listed at almost \$17.7 million for public works or improvements; almost \$6.9 million for land and property acquisition and assembly costs; \$2.2 million for site preparation, demolition and environmental cleanup; and about \$1 million for professional services, interests, school tuition/library costs and job training. The village may borrow money through a bond issue to pay for the work, then repay the debt from the TIF fund.

The land use map included in the proposal shows new zoning for institutional south 55th Street midway between Holmes and Clarendon Hills Road. It also shows new multi-family residential zoning for the area bordered by 56th Place and 57th Street on the north and south and Holmes and Clarendon Hills Road on the east and west.

This would be Clarendon Hills' third TIF district. It has one on Ogden Avenue between Richmond and Oxford avenues and another in the downtown business district.

For more information, visit [www.clarendonhills.us](http://www.clarendonhills.us) and scroll down to the 55th Street TIF District link.

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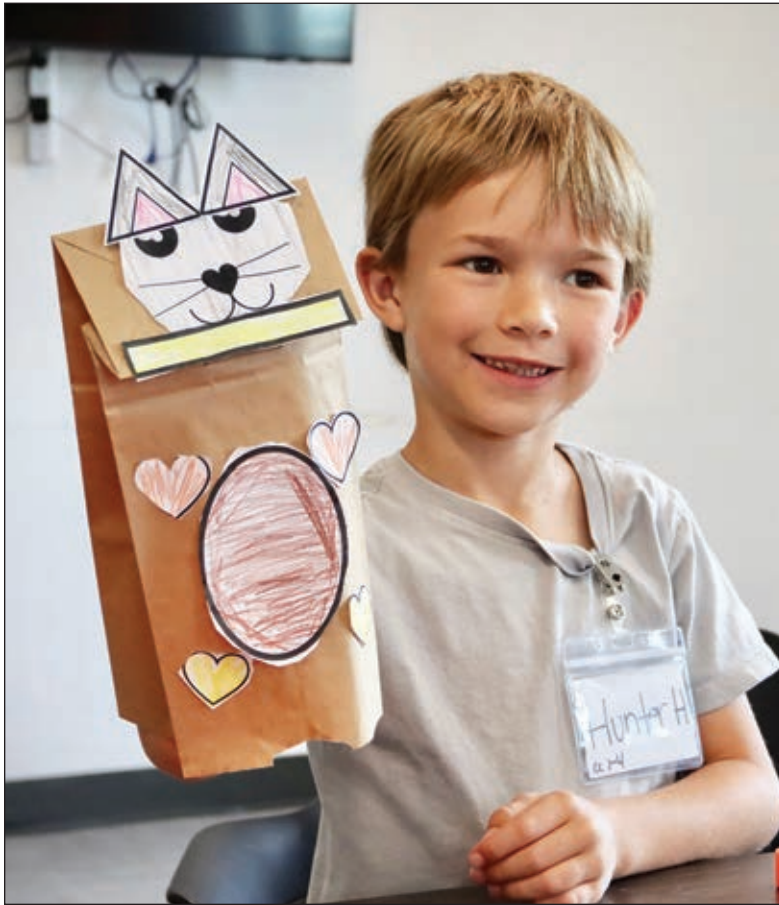
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# Critter camp creations



Students attending last month's Critter Camp at the Hinsdale Humane Society enjoyed various projects. From visiting with the cats and dogs waiting for adoption to making cat and dog puppets, the children had a full camp schedule. Hunter Hapanionck, Emmet Elskafoss and Vivian Zomchek show off some of their artwork. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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## DUI arrests

• Miguel Jaramillo, 32, 10841 S. 71st Court, Worth, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, transportation or possession of open alcohol by a driver and speeding at 1:12 a.m. Aug. 17 at Ogden Avenue and Elm Street. He refused testing to determine his blood-alcohol level and was charged and released to appear in court.

• Nicholas M. Clark, 24, 258 Foxford Drive, Cary, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08 and speeding at 2:02 a.m. Aug. 18 at Route 83 and Burlington Avenue. He submitted to testing that indicated he was over the legal limit before being charged and released to appear in court.

• Matthew R. Gaglio, 42, 620 S. Madison St., Hinsdale, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08 and improper lane use at 1:29 a.m. Aug. 19 in the 5900 block of South County Line Road. He submitted to testing that indicated he was over the legal limit before being charged and released to appear in court.

## Trespass to building

Someone entered the Institute of Basic Life Principles at 707 W. Ogden Ave. between June 17 and Aug. 13 and rummaged through the building. Nothing was reported missing.

## Identity thefts reported

• Someone used the identity of a resident of the 500 block of Walker Road to obtain a loan to buy a vehicle on Aug. 7. The incident was reported Aug. 13.

• The identity of a resident of the 600 block of South Bruner Street was used to submit loan applications between Aug. 1 and 5. The victim contacted police Aug. 13.

• The credit card account information of a resident of the 10 block of South Springlake Avenue was used to make a fraudulent transaction Aug. 17.

## Fraud reported

Someone accessed the cryptocurrency account of a resident of the 500 block of Morris Lane and made fraudulent transactions Feb. 25. The incident was reported Aug. 14.

*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.*

## Police set for holiday weekend

Hinsdale Police are participating in a traffic safety campaign aimed at reducing impaired and other hazardous driving behaviors in advance of the Labor Day holiday.

With powerful messages like "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "If You Feel Different, You Drive Different," "Drive High Get a DUI," this high-visibility enforcement initiative will run from now through the early morning hours of Tuesday, Sept. 3.

"We want our community to understand the importance of

making smart decisions behind the wheel, on Labor Day and every day," Hinsdale Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie said.

The campaign also will emphasize the "Click It or Ticket" initiative, underscoring the importance of wearing seat belts as the single most effective way to protect oneself in a crash.

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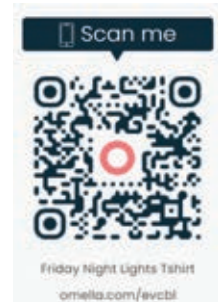
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■ “I’m very, very fortunate to live in Hinsdale. It’s been just a really great place.” — **Cathy Schlesinger**

## Once a newcomer, woman now leads social group

Cathy Schlesinger had spent three decades in Charlotte, N.C., before the desire to be closer to her son’s family led her to Hinsdale in 2021.

“I had moved a lot in my earlier years, but 30 years in Charlotte was a lot to give up,” she said.

A couple of new neighbors invited Schlesinger to a coffee gathering sponsored by Newcomers and Neighbors of the Greater Hinsdale Area. Not only did she find a circle of fellowship — she’s now president of the social organization.

“It’s very welcoming. The nice thing is it’s for newcomers, but also people stay with the group,” Schlesinger said.

Newcomers and Neighbors aims to help both recently arrived and established residents develop friendships through activities and special interest gatherings. Members come from Hinsdale and other neighboring communities.

Annual large-scale events include the spring luncheon, summer social, holiday party, chili cook-off and next month’s fall kickoff luncheon. Monthly activities include Lunch Bunch and Dinner Club to explore the area’s dining scene. For those into games, there are meet-ups for euchre,

canasta and Bunco.

“So you can do what you want and maybe explore new activities,” Schlesinger said. “It’s great for connecting with people as well as trying some new things.”

“I think it’s so important to have that face-to-face connection and support,” she added.

Diving into the planning and coordinating of activities helped her get her bearings in her new home, she said.

“I got involved with planning the luncheons initially and got very fulfilled with the activities,” she related. “That was the best way to get to know people.”

She said the majority of participants fall between the ages of 40 and 80, but everyone is welcome.

“Singles as well as couples,” she noted.

Schlesinger is a retired educator, serving as a classroom teacher and a counselor before spending the last 16 years of her career as the top administrator of a private school for students with learning disabilities in Charlotte.

“I was lucky enough to move from one path of education to another, so it always kept it fresh and interesting,” she said. “I just like kids, and I’d



### CATHY SCHLESINGER

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just laugh everyday because there was always something amusing and fun.”

Those are the same benefits Schlesinger has reaped through Newcomers and Neighbors.

“There are very interesting people who have been a tremendous source for gaining information to make adjusting to the community easier, as well as having someone to

spend time with,” she said.

The Morton Arboretum has become a favorite destination, and Schlesinger appreciates the abundance of good eateries in the western suburbs. But above all she treasures the relationships she’s forged in the last couple of years.

“I’ve always found great people every place I’ve ever lived, and I was able to find a group here, and that has made

all the difference,” she said.

“I’m very, very fortunate to live in Hinsdale. It’s been just a really great place,” she said.

The group’s Fall Kick-Off Luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26. Visit <https://hinsdalenewcomers.clubexpress.com>.

— story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

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# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## Give children a brake as they return to school

Class is back in session for Hinsdale students, which means youth and families making their morning and afternoon school commutes — often on foot or by bicycle.

The urge to hurry often vies for our state of mind when there are tasks to tend to. But let us this season instead tend to the safety of our community's most precious resource by slowing down, yielding to pedestrians and obeying crossing guards who are depending on us to pay attention — i.e. off our phones — and comply as they escort students.

Those driving to and from school also should extend courtesy to one another whether waiting in line or searching for a parking spot. Observing this guidance from AAA and the National Safety Council will help make everybody's trip a safe one.

- Come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.

- Know and follow each school's drop-off and pick-up procedures.

- Know and follow the rules for all school

zones: don't block visibility by double parking and don't load or unload children across the street from the school.

- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school. Better yet, if the weather permits, have students walk or ride their bikes to schools.

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn. Pedestrians forced to go around the car could find themselves in the path of moving traffic.

- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk in a school zone when flashers are blinking.

- Don't honk at a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.

- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

- Never pass a school bus from either direction if it is stopped to load or unload children.

- Stop far enough back from a school bus to provide at least 10 feet for children to safely enter and exit the bus.

- Pass a bicyclist slowly, leaving three feet between your car and the cyclist.

- Wait for the bicyclist to pass when turning left with a rider approaching in the opposite direction.

- Let the cyclist go through the intersection first when turning right with a rider approaching from behind.

- Watch for riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling. Children especially have a tendency to do this.

- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars.

Penalties are high for drivers who commit offenses in school zones or near school buses. The first offense for illegally passing a school bus, for example, is a mandatory minimum fine of \$150 accompanied by a three-month drivers license suspension.

Needless to say the consequences are even more severe for pedestrians or bicyclists who are struck and suffer injuries or the loss of life.

Just two assignments will help keep everyone safe this school year.

Leave a little extra time. Pay a little extra attention.

COMMENTARY

## Summer lovin' — or things I loved this summer

Summer 2024 is over, if you've headed back to school, or about over, if you listen to meteorologists. This week I wanted to reflect on some of the highlights that I've enjoyed — or plan to enjoy — before summer officially ends Sept. 22.

- visiting family

After a few years of texting and Zooming, I had the chance to meet my birth mom's older sister, Barb, while we were in Maryland in June. We traveled there for my birth mom's husband Steve's memorial service, which was beautiful. I loved spending the week with my birth mom, Pat, and getting to know Aunt Barb, my cousin, Erin, and her daughter, Kalika, a little better. Having all these new family members continues to amaze and delight me.

- the Paris Olympics

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Summer Games, from the opening ceremony (weird, but very French) to the closing ceremony and just about everything in between. (I'd go on, but I covered this topic extensively in last week's column.)

- our Summer Days series

As we traveled around Hinsdale visiting various summer events and activities, I had the chance to cover the Fine Arts Festival and the Independence Day parade, visit the pool and spend part of a day at The Community House's summer camps. I also enjoyed writing about the Hinsdale Public Library After Dark concert and will be at the Uniquely Thursdays finale tonight for the series' last installment.

- reading great books

I thoroughly enjoyed "What You are Looking for is in the Library," a novel about five different loosely-connected people who are influenced by their encounters with a rather odd librarian. The book, translated from Japanese, is very sweet without being too sappy — and made for perfect beach reading in Michigan.

- book club meetings

Speaking of books, I enjoyed attending book club gatherings



Pamela Lannom

— especially the one we had on a pontoon boat on Johnson's Slough in Golfview Hills. We munched on tasty treats, chatted about the book and watched the sunset. What a lovely evening.

- vacationing in Saugatuck

After a very chilly visit in June 2023, we made sure to head back to our favorite vacation spot

in July this year. We had beautiful weather for our visits to Oval Beach and enjoyed trying out some new restaurants, shopping and relaxing.

- adopting three rats

When Ainsley brought home three pet rats July 3, I did not anticipate having anything positive to say about them. Ever. But over the past seven weeks, I've grown rather fond of Petunia, Rosalie and Squeakers (my favorite). Once you get past their long and rather creepy tails, they are cute. And affectionate, believe it or not.

- cicadas

Like the rats, cicadas were not among the things I was expecting

to enjoy this summer. Once they emerged, however, I found them rather fascinating. And a little gross. They did make dog walks more exciting and provided me with a column topic this summer. Those can be hard to come by.

- time with friends

This Saturday I'm heading to Edwardsville for a Sigma Kappa mini-reunion with eight of my sorority sisters, which means my face will hurt from laughing when I head home Sunday. And I hope to spend at least part of Labor Day weekend water skiing on Clinton Lake with my best friend.

- the IPA conference

Summer kicked off for me June 6 with a trip down to Bloomington for this annual event. Every year at this conference we learn new things and re-connect with our colleagues across the state. This year, for the fifth year in a row, we also were named the best nondaily newspaper of our size in the state. What a way to start the summer!

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at [plannom@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:plannom@thehinsdalean.com).

# OPINION

## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Life on the 'prairie'

Growing up some of my favorite books were the "Little House on the Prairie" series by Laura Ingalls Wilder. The author and I had the same name. As a third-grader, that was enough to pique my interest.



Laura LaPlaca

It grew beyond that as I read with fascination about the family's adventures and their day-to-day life. Building your own house, cooking over a fireplace, reading by candlelight. Even as an adult, I love to learn about life in those times. Perhaps that led to my many years as a Girl Scout and leader. The camping trips with dinner cooked over a bonfire, sleeping bags in tents and only the dim light of a lantern guiding you to the latrine.

Ahh, romanticize I did and, maybe still do, just a little. That is until a dose of reality hits you upside the head. Like the one we got in July at our lake house in Michigan after some nasty storms. It was the end of a two-week family vacation, and the only ones left at the house with me was my son and his family, which includes children — ages 3, 2 and 11 months. The power went out about 11 p.m. when we were all in bed. The house became eerily silent. No whir of the air conditioning or fans, no white noise from the sound machines, no night lights, no nothing.

I fell asleep with the hope that in the morning all would be back to normal. Well, it was not. It would not be until some 36 hours later. And just like the family on the prairie, all we had was daylight. Oh, and cars to charge our phones. So, a lit-

tle different than the prairie — but still, we were roughing it. The microwave and toaster were out of commission. The gas stove became our "bonfire." Let's hear it for gas stoves! The refrigerator was almost empty save for some eggs and hot dogs, so meal

planning was easy, anyway. And how did the kids react? The 2-year-old kept shouting his favorite show into the TV voice remote to no avail. But we adults rose to the occasion. Sticker books, crayons, Legos and a trip to the library (where they had power, so, again, not really a "prairie" situation). It was still hard! The day wound down and we congratulated ourselves on our perseverance.

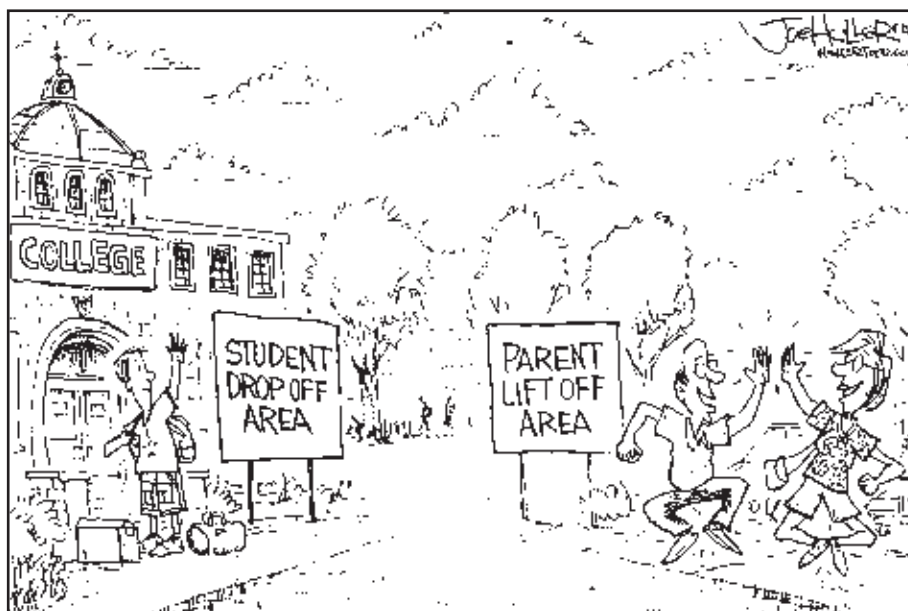
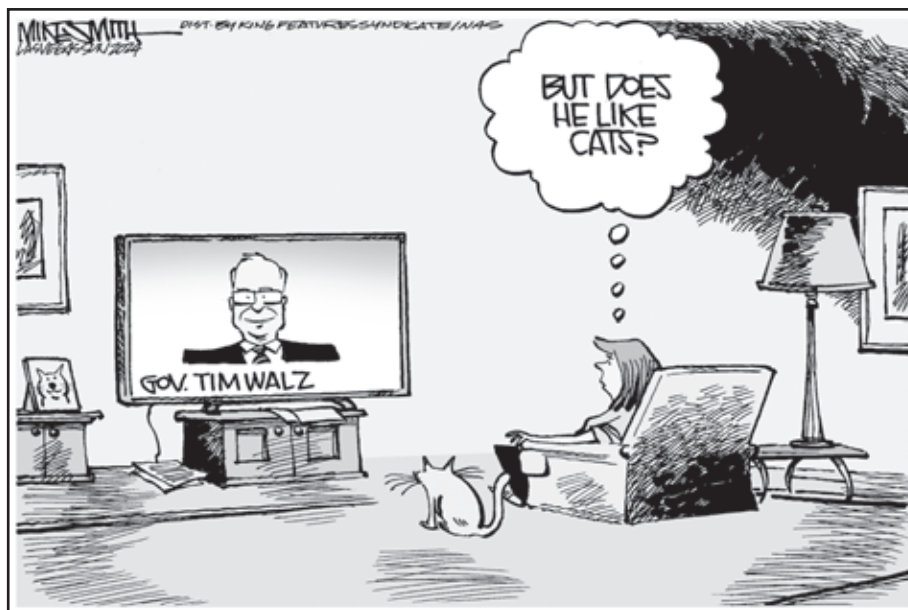
Then it was bedtime, and we realized the sound machines didn't have batteries and were no good to us. If any of you have children or grandchildren of this generation, you know that none of them sleep without a sound machine. Crisis averted — you can get white noise on your phone. Which we had been charging in our cars. So, sleep we did.

The power did come back eventually, but only after the kids were gone. We had survived! Granted it was not life on the prairie. But it was our "prairie."

Is a generator in our future? Nope. I think it's good to test your "prairie" skills now and then. But maybe that is just the Girl Scout in me talking.

— Laura LaPlaca of Hinsdale is a former contributing columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

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# OBITUARIES

## Adam Norris Andrzejewski

Adam Norris Andrzejewski, 55, of Hinsdale passed away peacefully in his sleep at home Aug. 18, 2024.

Adam was born in 1969 to John and Janet (Norris) Andrzejewski. He grew up in Herscher, a small town full of good people and a place that formed in him a strong sense of community and civic pride. He studied business at Northern Illinois University and after graduating with a bachelor's degree in business management and working briefly as a financial adviser, he became an entrepreneur, co-founding the community publishing firm HomePages® Directories which grew eventually to become the largest publisher of small-town telephone directories in the United States. Seeking a larger impact, Adam successfully exited that business after nine years of rapid growth and began a second career in public service and public policy.

Starting with a gathering of concerned parents and taxpayers at a neighbor's kitchen in 2008, Adam began obtaining and publishing local school district expenditure records online. His call to "publish the public checkbook" and create better governmental accountability grew quickly from suburban school districts to community colleges and from there to eventually become OpenTheBooks.com. With the mission "Every Dime, Online, in Real Time," Adam's nonprofit became the nation's largest government transparency portal, growing eventually to include billions of searchable government payroll, pension and line item expenditures from all units of local, state, and federal government.

In the words of the Wall Street Journal, "OpenTheBooks.com has fomented a revo-



Andrzejewski

lution in fiscal transparency." His fact-based, nonpartisan work broke national news independently and also consistently supported journalists across the political spectrum, from Fox News to the New York Times. Research published by OpenTheBooks.com is repeatedly cited in Congressional oversight hearings and reflected in federal legislation. Adam's incredible work ethic, energy, and practical sense of optimism will be deeply missed by his colleagues at work and by advocates for strong fiscal accountability in government everywhere.

Adam's proudest role was as husband and father.

If you spoke with Adam on any topic for more than a minute or two, you were certain to hear a story about Kerry, the love of his life, or about his daughters Emma, Molly and Ellie, who filled Adam's days with joy, surprise, and constant wonder.

He was a man of quiet faith who trusted God deeply. As a dad, husband, entrepreneur or public accountability advocate, Adam was first a good friend and a positive influence on everyone he came to know. Across a wide circle of people from all walks of life, Adam was loved for his enthusiasm, encouragement, optimism and decency.

In addition to his wife and daughters, he is survived by his six younger siblings and his mother.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Sullivan Family Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

## Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick

Mary Jayne Fitzpatrick, nee Nix, of Westmont, passed away peacefully Aug. 9, 2024.

Mary Jayne, 93, was born in Chicago in 1930 to Charles and Nellie Nix.

Always the "fun" grandma, she cherished time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was up for almost anything. Mary Jayne was devoted to family, including her numerous nieces and nephews, and hosted large gatherings. She loved the holidays for their family and spiritual connections and was a gracious and talented hostess. She was fiercely independent and never stopped driving.

Mary Jayne worked more than 40 years at Illinois Central Railroad, where she made life-long friends. She raised her family in Country Club Hills and was an active member of the community, serving as a park commissioner and president of the Girls Softball League. Mary Jayne was active for years in the VFW Auxiliary 4241, serving terms as president and secretary/treasurer. She worked tirelessly to raise money for veterans in recognition of their sacrifices.

Along with family members, Mary Jayne was a longtime Bears season ticket holder and rarely missed a home game, no matter how



Fitzpatrick

cold. Her creative outlets included cooking and ceramics, and she was an avid reader. She lived in Homewood for many years and moved to Westmont in 1998 to be closer to family. Mary Jayne was a devout and prayerful Catholic and was an active member of Notre Dame Parish for the last 25 years of her life.

She is survived by her daughters, Suzann Fitzpatrick and Erin (Doug) James of Hinsdale; her grandchildren, Jarrod (Tracey) Fitzpatrick and Daniel (Justin) James; her great-grandchildren, Ryan (Josie) Fitzpatrick and Kylie Fitzpatrick; and her brother, James Nix.

She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Fitzpatrick; her brothers, George Tate, Richard Tate and Peter Nix; and her sister, Kaye Sekosky.

Visitation is at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills. A funeral Mass will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Interment is at Notre Dame Parish.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Notre Dame Parish Food Pantry.

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# OBITUARIES

## Lynne Dolan Coyne

Lynne Dolan Coyne, 81, of Oak Forest, passed away Aug. 15, 2024.

Born in 1943, Lynne was the beloved daughter of John and Mary Dolan.

Lynne retired as a secretary and radio operator for the Oak Forest Fire Department and was instrumental in founding the Oak Forest Credit Union. Alongside her husband, she established Municipal Equipment Co. and Sail4Less Travel Agency.

Known for her beauty, both inside and out, Lynne's gift of humor and magnetic personality made everyone around her feel special. Her warmth and kindness touched friends and family around the world.

She is survived by her children,

Cathleen (Steve) Hofmann of Hinsdale, Michael (Jane) Coyne, Caryn (Dan) Skiles and Patrick (Linda) Coyne; her grandchildren, Brian, John, Danny, Luke, Anne, Conor, Elisabeth, Callahan (Andrea), Aidan, William and Genevieve; her siblings, Mary Grace (Joe) Crisham, Kathy (John) Swain and Geri Dolan; and many nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Visitation is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

Interment is private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Michael William Coyne

Michael William Coyne, 82, of Oak Forest, passed away on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024.

Born in 1942, he was the beloved son of Bill and Agnes Coyne.

Michael retired as a firefighter/engineer with the Chicago Fire Department and had a distinguished career with the Hershey Chocolate Co., where he worked for more than 25 years. Alongside his wife, Lynne, he co-founded several successful businesses, including Municipal Equipment Co. and Sail4Less Travel Agency.

A entrepreneur and avid traveler, Mike had boundless energy and a wide circle of treasured friends. Above all, his greatest joys were traveling with his wife and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Michael's wife of 63 years, Lynne D. Coyne (née Dolan), died Aug. 15. He was preceded in death by his brother, W.

Patrick Coyne.

He is survived by his children, Cathleen (Steve) Hofmann of Hinsdale, Michael (Jane) Coyne, Caryn (Dan) Skiles and Patrick (Linda) Coyne; his grandchildren, Brian, John, Danny, Luke, Anne, Conor, Elisabeth, Callahan (Andrea), Aidan, William and Genevieve; his siblings, Daniel (Jayne) Coyne, Colleen Coyne (Gary) Burnette, and Kevin (Doris) Coyne; and many nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Visitation is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

Interment is private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to [www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com).

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Robert J. Meisner

Robert J. Meisner, 98, died at his home at Brookdale Lake Shore Drive in Chicago Aug. 16, 2024, after a short illness and a long, successful life.

He and his late wife Betty (Mary E. Casey) were married for 63 years. They were residents of Hinsdale for 33 years and raised six children at their Bodin Street home during that time. Mr. Meisner enjoyed a long career as a product engineer and executive at Kraft Foods.

He was an active member of the Hinsdale community and St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, where his children attended elementary school. He also coached Little League and Pony Leagues baseball teams in the town, where his sons played throughout their school years.

As a young married couple, the Meisners moved their family to Hinsdale when their first children were quite young because they admired its beautiful homes, excellent schools and easy access to the city of Chicago.

Later in life, after their children were grown, the couple moved to The Woodlands of Darien, where they lived for another 25 years.



Meisner

Mr. Meisner was born in Chicago in 1926. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II, where he was a member of the 499th Bombardment Group of the 20th Air Force and was a gunner on the B29 bomber flights to Tokyo in the final stages of the war.

Mr. Meisner is survived by his children, Michael (Patsy) Meisner, Mary Jo Meisner, Susan VanKoughnett and Maureen (Doug) Seaman; his seven grandchildren; his five great-grandchildren; his sister, Patricia Guerra; and his brother-in-law, Patrick J. Casey SJ.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Thomas G. Meisner and Robert W. Meisner.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Burial is private at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the World War II Museum in New Orleans at <https://www.nationalww2museum.org> or the Honor Flight Network at <https://www.honorflight.org>.

## George Charles Mueller

George Charles Mueller, 87, passed away peacefully on Aug. 18, 2024, at Oak Trace Health Center in Downers Grove.

He was born in 1937 in rural Hinsdale (now Oak Brook) to George H. Mueller, whose family had settled there in 1872, and Rose (nee Spamheimer) Mueller. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Hinsdale, where he was a lifelong member. He graduated from Hinsdale High School and North Central College in Naperville with a business degree.

George served with the Illinois National Guard. He was employed for 30 years in the finance department at Electro Motive Division of General Motors in McCook. After retiring there, he was a real estate agent in Hinsdale for 23 years.

George's life was a life of service. He helped to organize a volunteer fire department in Oak Brook and served as its captain. He also helped others with the incorporation of Oak Brook into a village.

He was active in the Oak Brook Civic Association and organized the Oak Brook Winter Carnival for many years. Over the years, he brought hundreds of



Mueller

Great Lakes Naval Base recruits to the area for Thanksgiving dinner in private homes. George served on the Oak Brook Plan Commission and Zoning Board. He was a member of the Lion's Club and was on the Graue Mill Board of Directors, serving some years as president.

George served 65 years as a member of Zion Lutheran Church serving on several of its governing boards, including many years as president and treasurer.

George is survived by his wife, Judith; his sister, Virginia Eggert; his daughter, Janet (Shawn) Pack; his son, Jonathan; and his four grandchildren, Cassidy Kring, Shawn C. Pack, Emma, and Drew Mueller.

Visitation is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Zion Lutheran Church, 204 S. Grant, Hinsdale. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m.

Burial will be at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien.

Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church, 204 S. Grant St., Hinsdale, IL 60521; or a charity of choice.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Donald Patrick O'Neil

Donald Patrick O'Neil, a former Hinsdale High School District 86 Board member, died Aug. 17, 2024.

He was born in 1926 to Winifred (nee Magill) and Jeremiah O'Neil in Fall River, Mass. He spent his youth in Fall River and Wakefield, Mass., enjoying life with siblings Gerry, Paul, Claire and Steve. Life was challenging after the early deaths of both his parents.

After high school he was commissioned into the Navy as an ensign. As part of the Naval training program starting at Tufts, he eventually earned a bachelor's in mechanical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. From there, he served toward the end of World War II on the USS Thompson in the South China Sea.

He was discharged in 1947 as a lieutenant junior grade. Following his Naval service he ultimately continued his education at Harvard and the University of Chicago, earning master's degrees in engineering and business. After a brief stint working in New York, where he would often visit Yankee Stadium to cheer only for the visiting Red Sox, he was hired at Argonne National Laboratory in the Southwest suburbs of Chicago.

He planned to stay there only five years and then return to his beloved New England. One day, however, a beautiful young chemistry technician entered his life and she changed things forever. Colette Koehl became his beloved "Bridey" when they married in 1955. They lived together in Oak Brook for the next 54 years, where they prayed the rosary every night until her death in 2009. During that time they welcomed seven children into their lives, Kevin (who died



O'Neil

as a newborn), Timothy O'Neil, Terri (David) Selvage, Stephen (Kathryn) O'Neil, Jennifer (Chris) King, Mary O'Neil and Dan (Christie) O'Neil. "Pop," as he was called, always put his family first: no sacrifice was too big if it meant taking care of his family. After long days at work, he would spend his evening hours helping each of his children with home-

work, as he valued education so highly. His well-known phrases — "Navy shower," "Hit the books" and "God was good to give us milk" — were ingrained in all his kids.

He retired from Argonne after almost 40 years. He enjoyed gardening and advocacy on the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board and was a decades-long parishioner of St. Isaac Jogues Parish. He loved to stay active and joined several social clubs.

He was a loving grandfather to six grandchildren. "Grampy" loved visiting them in Indianapolis, Carmel and Santa Fe with Grammy, giving them tractor rides, cheering them on in their various activities and taking adventurous vacations. He was a beloved uncle to many and a friend to everyone.

Visitation is from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. Family and friends will gather at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26 for a visitation followed by a funeral at 10 a.m. at St. Isaac Jogues, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a hospice provider of choice.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

# ASK AN EXPERT

SHABANA SHEIKH, COUNSELING CENTER PROGRAM DIRECTOR

## What will help kids as school year begins?

The lazy days of summer have turned into the busy days of another new school year. Shabana Sheikh, program director of The Community House's Counseling Center, said a little planning can go a long way toward getting the new year off to a good start.

"There's a lot of exciting stuff that kids look forward to," said Sheikh, a licensed clinical professional counselor who earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in clinical psychology from Benedictine University in Lisle. And while earlier bedtimes probably don't make the list, Sheikh said starting an evening routine in the days before classes start can make a big difference.

Sheikh suggests establishing a routine that includes time to plan for the next day, followed by a break from screen time before settling in for the night. Dinner might be moved to an earlier hour, followed by time to organize and relax.

Getting supplies in order, lunches

packed and clothes planned the night before can make mornings easier and less stressful for the entire family, Sheikh said.

Even children who look forward to their return for school are likely to feel a bit of uncertainty as they prepare to meet new teachers, new students and maybe even attend a new school. Sheikh said parents should let their children know that all of these feelings are normal.

"It's OK to feel what they're feeling," she said.

She encourages parents to initiate conversations in the days leading up to and following the first days back in class. Rather than asking general questions that can render vague answers, Sheikh suggests questions that seek a specific response. Instead of asking, "How was your day?" a question like, "What was the best thing about your day?" is more likely to ignite a conversation.

New experiences cause some anxiety and fear. Walking through the experience, either verbally or physically, may help. For example, a child who is nervous about walking to school for the first time might benefit from a practice run.

Parents can help children who are apprehensive about school or who

are lamenting the end of summer by talking about the good parts of a new school year. Build excitement by going shopping for supplies together, choosing a new backpack or planning lunches.

"It can be a really good way to connect with kids," Sheikh said.

Along with new supplies, Sheikh said children should start their school year with strategies to help them ease anxiety and stress.

"There are so many breathing techniques," Sheikh said, including box breathing. The technique involves breathing in, holding your breath, breathing out, and then holding your breath again, all at equal intervals.

The return to school can be stressful for parents, too. Sheikh said parents need their own ways to manage stress, including support systems to turn to with worries and fears.

As the school year progresses, Sheikh said parents should continue to talk to their children about school and to watch for signs of stress and anxiety. Parents and children also should be careful not to place too much importance on achievement.

"Reinforce the message of overall well being," Sheikh said.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Shabana Sheikh of The Community House's Counseling Center suggests using a family calendar to help with a smooth return to school. Placed in a spot where everyone can see it, it can make the return to school and other activities a bit less stressful for the entire family. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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*Start of 2024-25 season brings suspense, comedy, chills and more to audiences*

**By Ken Knutson**

*kknutson@thehinsdalean.com*

Summer's sunset doesn't have to darken the mood, since the lights are about to shine on stages nearby.

Area theaters are getting ready to open their new seasons of productions, and there's something for everyone in the offerings.

- "Is it possible to be both a symbol and a person? A postage stamp and a grandmother? And if it is, does that duality take a toll?"

Those are questions posed by Jessica Fisch, director of "The Audience," which hits the Drury Lane Theatre stage Wednesday, Aug. 28. The play, written by Peter Morgan, is an exploration behind the closed doors of Buckingham Palace and of Queen Elizabeth II as she holds her private audiences with her prime ministers.

Witness the delicate balance of power and unspoken rules of engagement that underscore these confidential meetings.

"We will never know what really happened behind the closed doors of the audience room, between the sovereign and her prime ministers, but it has been a delight to imagine," Fisch said.

Drury Lane Theatre is located at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. The show runs through Sunday, Oct. 20, at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets start at \$67.95. Visit [www.drurylanetheatre.com](http://www.drurylanetheatre.com) or call (630) 530-0111.

- Can you name the longest running play in the world? If you said Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," you may have just the kind of mind needed to solve this



Drury Lane's "The Audience" (clockwise from top left), "The Mousetrap" at Theatre of Western Springs and "The Outsider" at COD's McAninch Arts Center are among the 2024-25 season-opening productions to check out at local playhouses. (photos provided)

classic murder mystery.

"The Mousetrap" opens Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Theatre of Western Springs. In this beloved whodunit, young couple Mollie and Giles Ralston, who have opened a new hotel in the renovated Monkswell Manor, find themselves snowed in with four guests and another traveler who ran his car into a snowdrift. Det. Sgt. Trotter arrives on skis to inform the group he believes a murderer is on his way to the hotel. When one of the guests is found dead, they realize the murderer.

Director Jim LaPietra said the show illustrates why the Queen of Crime's popularity has been so enduring.

"Even if you already know the plot twists of the play, the journey to get to the solution is more than half of the fun," he said.

The Theatre of Western Springs is located at 4384 Hampton Ave. The show

runs through Sunday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays; an American Sign Language-interpreted performance will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$15 for children and students. Visit [www.theatreofwesternsprings.com](http://www.theatreofwesternsprings.com) or call (708) 246-3380.

- Ned Newley is the worst candidate to ever run for office, with no political instincts and a fear of public speaking.

In an already stranger-than-fiction presidential election year, the hilarious comedy "The Outsider" that opens Thursday, Sept. 5, at College of DuPage's McAninch Arts Center seems well-timed for the current zeitgeist.

While Ned seems destined to fail, his political consultant sees things differently in this Buffalo Theatre Ensemble produc-

tion that skewers politics and celebrates democracy.

A pre-show discussion with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5. A post-show discussion with the director, cast and crew will be held Friday, Sept. 13.

The McAninch Arts Center is located at 425 Fawell Blvd. in Glen Ellyn. The show runs through Sunday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. An ASL performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26.

Tickets are \$44 for adults and \$42 for seniors. Visit [www.atthemac.org](http://www.atthemac.org) or call (630) 942-4000.

- If open-air entertainment is your thing, Morton Arboretum has the perfect venue with its Walking Plays, in which the action happens at several natural backdrop locations along a one- to two-mile

hiking route.

Final performances of the family-friendly "House on Pooh Corner" (90 minutes) are at 6 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 15. The second half of the series starts Saturday, Sept. 28, with "The Grimmiest of Tales" revealing the darker side of the Brothers Grimm's stories, including an encounter with a mysterious enchantress (it's recommended for ages 10 and up due to scary content and mentions of death and gore). Guests should bring water, a portable chair or blanket and bug spray.

The Morton Arboretum is located at 4100 Route 53, Lisle. The show runs on weekends through Sunday, Oct. 27 with performances running from 4 to about 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for ages 2-17 and free for ages 2 and younger. Visit [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org) or call (630) 968-0074.



The popular band 7th Heaven will close out the Uniquely Thursdays summer concert series tonight in Burlington Park. See Page 28 for details. (photo Deonna Caruso)

## ARTFULLY DONE

### ■ Nature Down the Road

Through Aug. 24  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)  
(630) 206-9566

Enjoy original works by local artists in this fotoMuses exhibit, which began as an artistic response to COVID and the challenges to find the beauty of nature all around. Hours: noon to 3 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

### ■ Landscapes in Glass

Sept. 3  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)  
(630) 206-9566

Create a fused glass tray with images from nature, then pick up the kiln-fired project the following week. Participants will receive instruction from design through lay-up. The program is for ages 12 and older; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 5 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$135.

## CASTING CALL

### ■ 'Calendar Girls'

Aug. 26 & 27  
Westmont Community Center  
75 E. Richmond St.  
[www.westmontparks.org/wpa](http://www.westmontparks.org/wpa)

Westmont Performing Arts is seeking cast members for its upcoming production. Callbacks will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 29. Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 1-11, at Westview Hills Middle School in Willowbrook. Appointments strongly suggested; walk-ins will be seen as openings free up. Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

## CENTRAL TIME

### ■ Red and White Community Night

Aug. 23  
Hinsdale Central High School  
55th and Grant streets

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color guard, cheer and poms will compete in intrasquad competitions. Food trucks also will be on site, and a red and white dance for all current Central students will follow from 7 to 8 p.m. Time: 4 to 8 p.m.

**DINING LOCAL**

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■ **Brasi's Pizzeria**  
34 E. Hinsdale Ave.  
(630) 590-9000  
www.brasipizzeria.com  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday

■ **Café la Fortuna**  
46 Village Place

(630) 537-1586  
www.lafortunahinsdale.com  
Hours: 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon Sunday.

■ **Calle Cantina**  
114 S. Washington St.  
(630) 570-0217  
www.quemiso.com  
Hours: 3:30 to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday & Sunday, 3:30 to 11:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday

■ **Casa Margarita**  
25 E. Hinsdale Ave.  
(630) 455-9000  
www.casamargarita.com  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday & Saturday.

■ **Egg Harbor Café**  
29 E. First St.  
(630) 920-1344  
www.eggharborcafe.com  
Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

■ **Every Day's a Sundae**  
14 W. Hinsdale Ave.  
(630) 974-6162  
www.facebook.com/every-daysasundaeicecream

Hours: 2 to 8 p.m. week-days, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, closed Wednesday.

■ **Fontano's Subs**  
9 S. Lincoln St.  
(630) 789-0891  
Dine in, take out and delivery. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, closed Wednesday.

■ **Fuller House**  
35 E. First St.  
(630) 568-5466  
www.fullerhousebar.com  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday & Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Garden Berry Cafe**  
777 N. York Road  
www.gardenberrycafe.com  
(630) 590-5706  
Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily

■ **Giuliano's Pizza**  
40 Village Place  
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Hours: 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday to

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■ **Page's Restaurant**

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Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

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www.sweetalis.com  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, closed Sunday and Monday.

■ **Toni Patisserie & Café**  
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## ■ YiaYia's Cafe

13 Grant Square

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[www.yiayiashinsdale.com](http://www.yiayiashinsdale.com)

Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily

## FAITH COMMUNITIES

### ■ Neighborhood Block Party

Aug. 25

Trinity Church

201 N. Oak St.

[www.trinityhinsdale.com/blockparty](http://www.trinityhinsdale.com/blockparty)

The whole community is

invited to enjoy award-winning barbecue, a great DJ, a bouncy house and more hosted by Trinity Church on the lawn of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Hours: 5 to 8 p.m.

## FAMILY FUN

### ■ Ice Cream Social

Aug. 25

Burlington Park

30 E. Chicago Ave.

The Hinsdale Hospital Foundation Junior Board will host its annual event featuring of ice cream, face painting, games, arts and crafts, bouncies and more. Hours: 1 to 4 p.m.

### ■ Dad & Me Fun With Football

Tuesdays, Sept. 3-Oct. 8

Robbins Park

Seventh and Vine streets

[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Dads can enjoy Nerf football with their son or daughter ages 3-5 with coaches helping the little athlete learn the proper form and technique of catching, throwing, center skills,

hand-offs, kick-offs and more. Time: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$81. RR

### ■ Family Archery

Mondays, Sept. 9-Oct. 14

KLM Park

5901 S. County Line Road

[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)

(630) 789-7090

Families will learn the parts of an arrow and recurve bow, the basics of using a recurve bow, a nationally recognized beginner's 9-step to the 10 ring progression method and fundamental shooting skills. Equipment will be furnished. The program is for ages 6 and up. Time: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$81. RR

## GAME ON

### ■ Chicago Elite Volleyball

Sept. 3-24

The Community House

415 W. Eighth St.

[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)

(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-14, whether new to volleyball or continuing players, will develop important

volleyball skills such as passing, setting, stacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided according to skill level and age. For details email Steve Dowjotas at [stevedowjotas@chicagoelitevolleyball.com](mailto:stevedowjotas@chicagoelitevolleyball.com). Times: 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 6-10, 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 11-14. Cost: \$120. RR

### ■ Beginner Tennis

Wednesdays or Saturdays,

Sept. 4-Oct. 12

Robbins Park

Eighth and South Clay streets

[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)

(630) 789-7090

Young players ages 8-12 will concentrate on stroke development, rallying skills and learning to play matches at a faster pace in these beginner/advanced beginner lessons. Players will focus on their power and accuracy to improve their performance through challenging and exciting drills and matches. Players will be divided into groups based on ability level. Participants must bring a water bottle, tennis shoes and a racket. Times: 5:30

to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays or 11 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Cost: \$114. RR

### ■ Boys & Girls Lacrosse

Wednesdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 23

Veeck Park

701 E. Chicago Ave.

[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)

(630) 789-7090

This fun and fast-paced program for grades one to eight is open to players of all skill levels. Boys must bring a stick, mouth guard, helmet, gloves, shoulder pads, elbow pads, and athletic clothing and footwear. Girls must bring a stick, mouth guard, goggles, athletic clothing and footwear. Times: 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 6-10, 7 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 10-14. Cost: \$140 for ages 6-10, \$175 for ages 10-14. RR

### ■ Youth Pickleball

Fridays, Sept. 6-Oct. 11

Brook Park

Third Street & Columbia Road

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Kids ages 6-13 will learn

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pickleball basics such as grip, shots, serving and court positioning. Players also will learn scoring and pickleball rules as well as have plenty of time for game play. Equipment will be provided. Times: 4 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 6-7, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. for ages 8-10, 5:15 to 6 p.m. for ages 11-13. Cost: \$54 for ages 6-7. \$81 for ages 8-13. RR

■ **Soccer Stars FUNDamentals**  
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■ **Junior Pitch & Putt Golf**  
Saturdays, Sept. 7-Oct. 12  
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Kids ages 5-7 will receive golf swing instruction for all aspects of the game, including full swing, pitching, chipping and putting. Creative games will be played in a non-competitive and safe environment. Equipment will be provided. Time: 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$81. RR

■ **Outdoor Rec Basketball**  
Saturdays, Sept 7-Oct. 12  
Robbins Park  
Eighth and South Clay streets  
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Boys and girls ages 7-12 of all skill levels will develop their dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding and defensive skills through short skills sessions followed by game play. Players will be assigned to different teams each week, and games will emphasize equal participation, teamwork and sportsmanship. Time: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$108. RR

## GRAND GALAS

■ **Autumn Affair**

Sept. 7

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago  
120 E. Delaware Place  
www.emhfoundation.org/  
autumnaffair  
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The Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation will hold its 20th annual fundraiser, with cocktails and a silent auction, followed by dinner, a live auction and dancing with music provided by The DJ Firm. Proceeds from the event will support Endeavor Health Elmhurst Hospital's Emergency Department to meet the growing needs of the patients it serves. Time: 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets: \$350. RR

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6:30 to 8 a.m. RR

■ **Wednesday Wilderness Walk**

Aug. 28  
Lincoln Marsh  
Harrison and Pierce avenues,  
Wheaton  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630)-942-6200

Take a guided nature hike, observing the seasons, flora and fauna in this lesser-known but greatly diverse site. Have a cup of coffee or tea before the walk and discuss some of nature's wonders. Time: 8 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ **Bird Outing**

Aug. 29  
Bemis Woods-South  
Ogden Avenue west of Wolf  
Road near Western Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(312) 533-5751

Look for birds with Chicago Bird Alliance. Meet at Grove 7. Time: 8 to 10 a.m.

■ **Bird Walk**

Aug. 30  
Salt Creek Marsh  
School Street west of Grove  
Street, Itasca  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 933-7248

Enjoy birding camaraderie, and learn ID tips and tricks while looking for migrating birds on a casual 2-mile guided walk. The walk is for beginning to expert bird watchers, and participants should meet in the main lot off School Street. Bring binoculars. Time: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ **Raptors**

Aug. 31  
Little Red Schoolhouse  
Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Learn about birds of prey and how staff care for the ambassador raptors. Time: 2 p.m.

■ **Women's Outdoor Adventure Day**

Sept. 8  
Herrick Lake  
3S580 Naperville Road,  
Wheaton  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 933-7248

Join this fun-filled day of outdoor activities for women and led by women, including a guided nature hike, geocaching, paddling and archery.

Bring a lunch and water bottle. The program is for ages 18 and older. Time: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$30.

**GREEN THUMB**

■ **Saving Seed from Native Plants**

Sept. 10  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
www.mortonarb.org  
(630) 968-0074

Learn traditional seed saving practices to harvest seeds from native edible and medicinal plants during this hands-on workshop to collect, store and then plant seeds at home. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$39. RR

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

■ **Tai Chi Chuan & Chi Gung**

Aug. 24

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■ **Yoga**

Aug. 25  
Little Red Schoolhouse  
Nature Center  
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■ **Understanding Lymphedema**  
Aug. 27  
Wellness House  
131 N. County Line Road  
www.wellnesshouse.org  
(630) 323-5150

Chronic swelling/lymphedema can occur following cancer treatment or surgery. Learn what lymphedema is, how to reduce one's risk of developing it, how to identify early symptoms and what treatment includes. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

■ **Cancer and Bone Health**  
Aug. 29  
www.wellnesshouse.org  
(630) 323-5150

In this online program, Dr. June McKoy of Northwestern Medicine will share how certain cancer treatments can impact the bones, ways to prevent adverse effects, the impor-

tance of bone surveillance and several new bone enhancing agents that are now available. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. RR

## JUST FOR KIDS

■ **Youth Track & Field**  
Tuesdays, Sept. 3-Oct. 8  
Robbins Park  
Seventh and Vine streets  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr  
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-10 will learn the fundamentals and fitness concepts related to the jumping, running and throwing skills involved in the sport of track and field. Games like Sharks and Minnows and Capture the Cones will be combined with sprints, relays, long-distance walking, running hurdles, long jump, discus throw and other track and field events, culminating in a track and field meet on the last day of class. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$108. RR

## NOTEWORTHY

■ **Proud Tina**  
Sept. 7  
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College of DuPage  
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Sept. 14  
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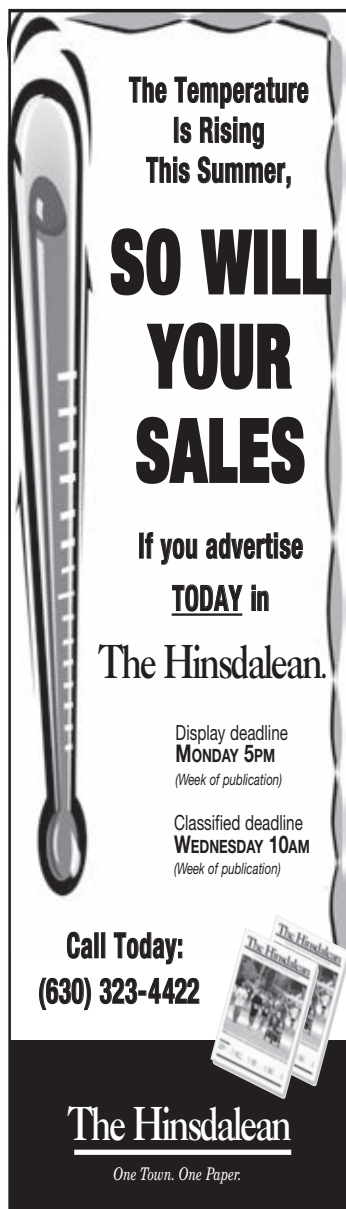
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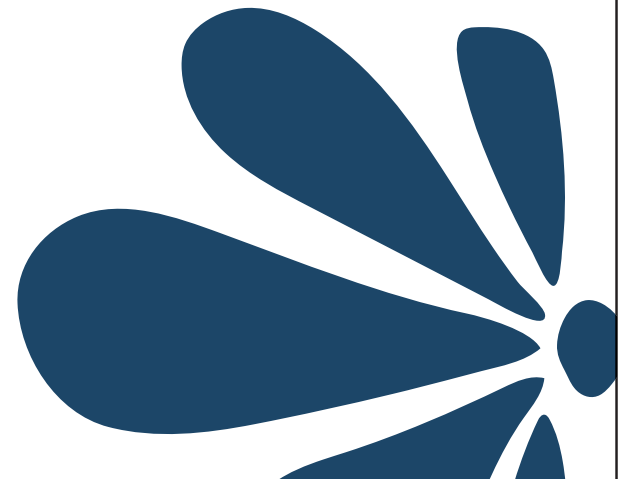
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## ON SCREEN

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Enjoy this outdoor screening and follow the Mallard family, who decides to break out of their rut and make their way south for the winter for a new adventure. Their well-laid plans quickly go awry but the experience teaches them more about each other — and themselves — than they ever imagined. Time: 7:30 p.m., movie begins at dusk.

### ■ 'The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction'

Sept. 1  
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center  
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(630) 257-2045

Join naturalist and author Joel Greenberg to view and discuss this film about the continent's once most abundant bird, with a population in the billions. The last of the species died on Sept. 1, 1914. Time: 1 p.m.

## SENIOR SCENE

### ■ Memory Cafe

Aug. 28  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

This gathering of individuals living with dementia and their care partners offers a place to socialize and connect with others in similar situations using prepared activities. Activities may include education, music, games and arts. The program is sponsored by The Birches and Independence-4-Seniors Home Care. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

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### ■ Virtual encore: How to Stay Safe Online

Aug. 29  
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Learn about common scams and how to avoid them, and get tips to stay safe online, including how to spot phishing and

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### ■ Next Chapter Book Club

Sept. 5  
Hinsdale Public Library  
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This program is for anyone 16 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities, regardless of verbal and reading skill. The group reads books together, taking turns reading aloud. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

### ■ Needlecraft Night

Sept. 5  
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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ■ CAMBr Meltdown

Aug. 25  
Pulaski Woods  
Wolf Road south of 95th Street near Willow Springs  
[www.cambr.org](http://www.cambr.org)

The Palos Meltdown is Chicagoland's premier mountain bike event, with racing for all ages and abilities and open to spectators. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$25 to race, free for spectators.

## STEPPING BACK

### ■ At Home With Nature House Tour

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Historically, the way a real estate agent has been paid has always been negotiable. In some cases, agents are paid directly by their buyer or seller client. However, in other cases, an agent may be paid indirectly, with the broker for the seller "sharing" a portion of their compensation with the buyer's broker.

Until now, brokers have communicated the amount of shared compensation on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). This is the platform where your broker will list your property and that feeds information to all the various real estate sites you're used to seeing.

This competitive and highly efficient process has helped many buyers to obtain professional representation and to realize their dream of homeownership. State governments across the nation have long recognized this lawful process as good for consumers and that it promotes fair housing and housing access for more people.

Recently, class action attorneys targeted this practice of sharing compensation in lawsuits against the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), as well as a number of real estate firms and individual REALTORS® throughout the country. Illinois REALTORS® members are members of NAR. The class action attorneys argued that buyers should pay their broker out of their own pockets exclusively.

Earlier this year, NAR reached a settlement with these class action attorneys, negotiating to retain consumer protections and options. The settlement also provides two industry practice changes, including:

- (1) Beginning on August 17, 2024, brokers will stop including shared compensation information on the MLS. Shared compensation will still be allowed, it just cannot be communicated on the MLS platform. Instead, brokers will communicate this information, in writing, privately or on their own websites. The amount of compensation will remain negotiable, as it's always been.
- (2) Also, beginning August 17th, all buyers who are working with a REALTOR® will be required to have a written agreement detailing the work the broker will do for them, the rate of compensation and how it will be paid. Illinois REALTORS® has long provided and encouraged the use of these written agreements to protect everyone in the transaction.

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Over the coming weeks, you're certain to read or hear more about these industry changes. You may even receive a postcard in the mail from attorneys claiming to be involved in the lawsuits. For REALTORS® in Illinois, our highest priorities will always be fairness and transparency in every transaction and access to homeownership for EVERYONE. Today, we are emboldened to continue to be the strongest advocate for the buyers and sellers we serve every day.

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## Pet pic of the week



**Bonded sisters,** Furu and Gachi are best friends and have lived together their entire lives. They are both very friendly and get along well with other dogs. Furu (right) is a little more timid than her sister, but will warm up once she gets to know you. Gachi loves attention and takes snacks very gently. Furu and Gachi are bonded and must be adopted together. They are approved for children 5 and older and their combined adoption fee is \$425. They are both fully vaccinated, spayed, and microchipped. For more information, stop by the Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center, visit [www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org](http://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org) or call (630) 323-5630. (photo provided)

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sponsored by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce will close out the season with 7th Heaven on Aug. 22. Also enjoy food vendors and plenty of fun surprises. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

#### ■ Farmers Market

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(630) 789-7090

Children ages 4-5 will learn proper grip, basic strokes, and

other beginning tennis fundamentals through lots of fun drills and tennis-like games. Equipment will be provided. Participants must bring a water bottle, tennis shoes and their own racket. Times: 4 to 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$86. RR

#### WINE & DINE

#### ■ Dining with Julia

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  - 13 "ZOUNDS!"
  - 14 CHIEFS COACH ANDY
  - 15 BORING TYPES
  - 17 TEAR
  - 18 BAD HABIT
  - 19 WOODLAND WALKS
  - 20 COMPUTER PROBLEM
  - 22 SWEDISH AUTO
  - 24 SPARTAN QUEEN
  - 25 DIJON PRODUCTS
  - 29 TOKYO'S HISTORIC NAME
  - 30 QUICK LOOKS
  - 31 HASTEN
  - 32 SENDS ON, AS AN EMAIL
  - 34 KICK BACK
  - 35 BEE'S HOME
  - 36 COMIC HEDBERG
  - 37 SUITOR
  - 40 SHAKESPEARE VILLAIN
  - 41 REEDY
  - 42 BIRDS OF PREY
  - 46 QUEUE
  - 47 YANKEE NICKNAME
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  - 49 MAKES A CHOICE
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  - 7 SHEERAN AND HARRIS
  - 8 MEXICAN SHOUT OF JOY
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  - 11 PROBABILITY
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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
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# HOROSCOPES

August 2024 Horoscopes • Week 4

**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Something could be brewing but you can't identify what it is just yet, Capricorn. This could lead you to feeling restless and out of sorts. Give it some time and it will work out.

**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
You may have a renewed sense of energy and motivation right now, Aries. Capitalize on that to tackle a laundry list of projects that have been sitting on the back burner.

**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Everyone's heads are seemingly in the clouds right now, Cancer. It may feel like you are the only person with your feet on the ground ready to get down to business.

**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, being honest with yourself is important as you confront a notable challenge. Accept a self-assessment and devise a plan to make the most of this opportunity.

**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Others' words are meaningful to you right now, Aquarius. Consider these opinions and spend time figuring out how to incorporate this advice.

**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, your sense of humor and quirky personality could get you a few extra chuckles from friends this week, but try not to take it too far. Factor in time for serious pursuits.

**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
Leo, people have been gravitating in your direction for some time seeking advice. You can open up conversations to other topics that are important to you with such a captive audience.

**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
You have to develop a strategy before making your next move, Scorpio. Whether it is a business proposal or something with a friend or family member, don't be too hasty.

**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, often it can be challenging to take the high road. But that's just what you have to do right now. Others will recognize your willingness to set a good example.

**GEMINI** – May 22/June 21  
Gemini, when focusing on your health this week, remember that stress reduction is an important component of getting healthy. Aim for activities that focus on relaxation.

**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
Strong emotions could be drummed up this week and may cause you to be distracted more so than usual. Try to get a break so you can make some time sort things out.

**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Sagittarius, you may notice that people are very sensitive to what you are saying, so you may have to change your approach if you want your message to be well-received.

# SPORTS

## Central teams ready to 'Bring the Fire'

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### Girls golf

**First meet:** Aug. 17 @ Midlothian Challenge (V placed 1st in weather-shortened round)

**Last year:** second at state, won conference, regionals and sectionals

**Head coach:** Nick Latorre  
**Seasons as head coach:** 12th

**No. varsity team members:** 12

**Strengths:** We have two returning four-year players in Toral Bhatt and Elyssa Abdullah. We've got a bunch of talented younger girls that have great potential and have shown the ability to put up some pretty good scores last season and this summer.

**Challenges:** For some of our younger girls, consistency will be something that will be a focus for us. Some of our younger players (need) to

get comfortable in the team golf environment and playing consistently. Our conference is always solid.

**Who to watch:** Elyssa Abdullah and Toral Bhatt are two lead players in the state. Returning from last year's team, Sara Han played a round downstate last year and played well. Olivia Zhang also played a round downstate and played really well. I think those four girls will be, hopefully, the backbone of the team. We've got some really good young players, Anika Danda, a sophomore, she's had some really good rounds. Amelia Gambla, she's a freshman who has shown some early potential. We've got a couple other sophomores and juniors that really could contribute.

**Outlook:** I think there's potential, and I'm hoping that we improve and are playing our best in October.

### Girls swimming & diving

**First meet:** Kendall Pickering Invite Aug. 31

**Last year:** fifth at state, 7-2 duel meets

**Head coach:** Bob Barber  
**Seasons as head coach:** 25th

**No. varsity team members:** 20 swimmers, 3 divers

**Strengths:** We have a lot of returning state qualifiers. The majority of our relays are coming back. We're hoping to build on our experience and use our current pool situation (closed until Oct. 7 at the earliest) as motivation.

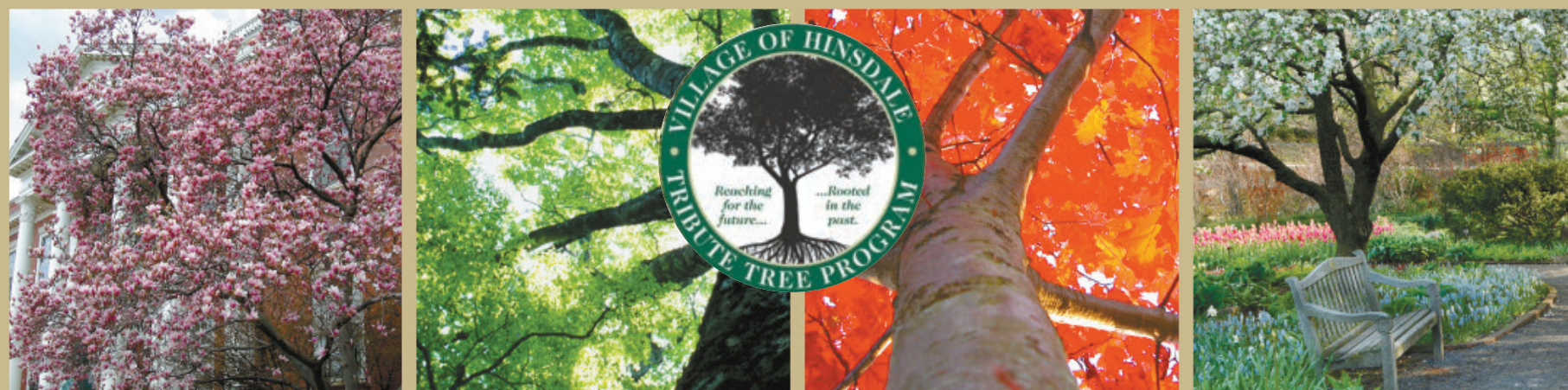
**Challenges:** I think the biggest challenge for the girls is finding time to interact with each group. In one way it's positive. The swimmers all got to practice together for the first two weeks, and we found homes for both swimming and diving that find us most of our needed practice

time. In another way, it's negative, because we don't have a home base where a lot of their camaraderie and time together is built around waiting in the locker room, waiting for a bus, some stuff that is being removed from our season. The challenge is finding new things. We had our car wash on Saturday. It was very successful. When you're doing something like that, it feels more social. The seniors put together a trip to the beach this past weekend. Those activities, we need to find more of them so the kids find time to bond with new people.

**Who to watch:** I'm excited to see so many of our returning state qualifiers who were first-timers last year — Meghan Martell, Siena Allegra, Vija Barber, Lilia Barber, Kamile Zinis, Karina Miller. I'm excited to see how their experience at the meet will help them excel as athletes.

**Outlook:** I think it's going to have a lot of similar feelings to last season. I think the dual meets we can win are the ones we won last year. The dual meets we'll have a tough time winning are the ones we lost last year. We're going to be pretty close on dual meets, conference and sectionals. In terms of the state meet, there has been some shuffling of athletes as families have moved to new school districts. We lost a big piece from our state seniors last year. I think we'll be a top 10 team. Our challenge right now is our depth. We do have — I believe the magic number is — 79 girls out for the program. The varsity program is going to be pretty young.

**Furthermore:** I'm really proud of the girls after week one and handling the start of a new season outside of the house and the start of the school year at the same time.



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# SPORTS

## Central teams ready to 'Bring the Fire'

*Red Devil golf teams open season with wins, first girls swim/dive meet is next week*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
*plannom@thehinsdalean.com*

With the start of classes at Hinsdale Central High School last week came the start of the Red Devils sports season.

The addition of girls flag football this year brings the number of fall sports teams to 10.

In this, the first of a three-part season preview series, coaches for the boys and girls golf teams and girls swim/dive team share insights on their teams and the athletes they hope will take them into the postseason.

### Boys golf

**First meet:** Aug. 15 @ Edwardsville Invite (V placed 1st with 293 strokes)

**Last year:** second at state, first in conference, regionals and sectionals

**Head coach:** Serge Penksik  
**Seasons as head coach:** third

(15th year coaching)

**No. varsity team members:** 14

**Strengths:** I think we are a multi-dimensional team now. We have a couple of veterans that have been downstate for the last two years, three years, so they have been in the thick of it at the state tournament. We have a couple of younger kids who are very experienced in tournament golf, so they are not new to competing. Maybe they're new to high school golf competing, but they have usually seen the kids they are competing with in high school golf tournaments in the summer. We're kind of a mixed bag, but I do like the chemistry of the team a lot.

**Challenges:** For me, the challenge is to make sure that once we get to the postseason, to get the right six kids to try and do the job. Last year, it was pretty evident who the top six players were going to be right off the bat. This year, yes I have the two returners that are going to be on that team, and I

have one superstar freshman who most likely also will be a lock, but that's only three out of six. It creates kind of an exciting moment figuring out who can jump into those final three spots. You have to know which kids are able to play well on which course, who can withstand the pressure, who are the consistent ones. As school ramps up, trying not to get fatigued throughout the season is important. These guys play a long year of golf. They start playing tournament golf in April and they play in high school through October. Now with school work, you have to manage your time well.

**Who to watch:** we have Dru Devata and Kevin Wesolowski, those are the two seniors who have been our go-to guys. Michael Jorski, he's the freshman who has been playing pretty well at the start of the high school season.

**Outlook:** I try to focus and really emphasize the process of preparing for (state), and trying to

become more efficient in preparation as the season goes on. Our goal is to win the state tournament. It's kind of an unspoken goal every time — or has been as long as I've been with the Hinsdale golf program, which is now 10 years. Of course, you're thinking about being the top team at the state tournament. Being there many times, it kind of doesn't matter if you think you're the top team or not. Anything can happen. We've been on the winning side of things. We've been on the losing side of things. The coaches who have won, I've seen them prepare the teams correctly and allow the teams to peak at the right time in the season.

**Furthermore:** I always am cautiously optimistic. I have a lot of trust and faith in the guys we coach. I know they want to compete hard and do well. It makes my job rewarding and enjoyable. I'm excited to see what they can do.

*Please turn to Page 36*



**As the fall sports** season begins at Hinsdale Central, the boys and girls golf teams already have faced their first opponents, and the girls swim team will do so at the Kendall Pickering Invite Aug. 31. (file photos)



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# New Listing | 6242 Clarendon Hills Rd

## \$929,000 | 4 BD | 3.1 BA

Remodeled farm house offering a heartwarming place to call home, with multiple freshly painted porches and nearly a half-acre of privacy. This home features a brick fireplace with built-in bookshelves, a sunroom, office/playroom, and hardwood floors throughout. The kitchen is equipped with high-end appliances including a Bertazzoni oven/range and refrigerator, and top-of-the-line Bosch dishwasher.

The primary bathroom is in the process of being renovated to include a double vanity, larger shower, soaking tub, and new closet. Private balcony off the primary bathroom for your own peaceful retreat. Outside, you'll find a fenced yard, a paver patio, and a private backyard with a European Beech Hedge. Located in a desirable area with easy access to Route 83 and in Hinsdale Central High School district, this home offers a perfect blend of convenience and functionality. A true gem!



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