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Break time

Hinsdale Central football players take a break during a five-minute “halftime” during summer camp July 18 at Dickinson Field. Players switched between sessions called “installs” and individual skill drills, all in preparation for their first game Aug. 30 at Naperville Central. For the full story on summer camp and more photos, turn to Page 34. (Jim Slonoff photos)



Fun lunch

Summer series drums up outdoor delight for all ages.

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NEWS

Verizon armed robber gets 26 years

By Ken Knutson
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A former Schaumburg man has been sentenced to 26 years for robbing at gunpoint a Hinsdale Verizon Wireless store in 2022 and a Wheaton Sprint store in 2019, according to DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin's office.

Stephon Little, 31, who has since changed his name to Isa Al Ahad, received his sentence July 18 from DuPage County Associate Judge Joseph Bugos, handing down a 26-year sentence on the Hinsdale robbery and a 21-year sentence on the Wheaton robbery, to be served concurrently.

As detailed in a press release from the state's attorney, on June 16, 2022, Little, who was out on bond and on electronic monitoring following his arrest for the Wheaton robbery,

entered the Verizon Wireless store at 34 E. First St. just before the business' 8 p.m. closing armed with a pistol and wearing a black ski mask, gloves and a hooded sweatshirt. He ordered the clerk at gunpoint to fill a bag with approximately 60 Apple products including iPhones, iPads and watches, then fled the store with the merchandise. Little was taken into custody the same day in Ford Heights without incident.

Little entered a guilty plea Feb. 28 to two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, a Class X Felony. He is currently serving a 15-year sentence for three armed robberies of cell phone stores in Cook County that he committed after posting bond in his DuPage County case. Little's co-defendant in the Wheaton case, Denzel Furance, 25, formerly of



Little

Calumet City, was sentenced in February to 23 years after pleading guilty to one count of armed robbery with a firearm.

Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King noted the incident occurred when a lot of people and families were downtown.

"This was a bold robbery that occurred during a nice summer evening in a crowded business district with a Uniquely Thursdays event at Burlington Park," King commented. "We appreciate the air support provided by the Illinois State Police, which allowed Hinsdale detectives to make a quick apprehension and made the subsequent execution of a search warrant possible. Within hours of the robbery, the gunman was in custody and the property was recovered. I want to recognize

State's Attorney Bob Berlin, who aggressively prosecutes violent crime in DuPage County."

In a statement, Berlin expressed satisfaction that Little would now spend considerable time in jail.

"The fact that Mr. Little committed four additional armed robberies while out on bond is outrageous. His complete and utter disregard for the rule of law and terrorizing those who were just trying to make a living has finally caught up with him," Berlin commented. "Violent gun crimes have no place in society and my office will continue to prosecute anyone who commits this type of brazen criminal conduct. We are all thankful none of the employees were physically injured and it is my hope that the survivors of this crime and the community will feel a little safer knowing that the man who terrorized them is now behind bars."



Hot bargains

The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual sidewalk sale last Friday and Saturday in the central business district. Mother Nature and the village public works lent a hand in making the event a success. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Pictures from the past — Hinsdale's building services supervisor Jim Piontkowski took this photo in 1979. King Keyser Ski & Bicycle, 41 S. Washington St., is one of the few stores in the central business district that hasn't changed in the 45 years since this picture was taken. 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.



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Living it up with Lunch on the Lawn

Families flock to Burlington Park to enjoy a picnic and a special outdoor performance

By **Sandy Illian Bosch**
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There were plenty of picnic blankets and kid-friendly snacks at Burlington Park on July 17, but the village's Lunch on the Lawn event wasn't just about enjoying a mid-day meal. Lunch on the Lawn is all about the entertainment.

Sandwiched between the Memorial Building and the railroad tracks, Burlington Park is among performer Jeanie Bonansinga's favorite places to perform.

"I love the setting because the park has so much variety in the areas that people can enjoy," said Bonansinga,

who performed as Jeanie B. in the second of three children's concerts offered this summer by the Village of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Public Library.

Lunch on the Lawn is an annual series intended to draw Hinsdale's youngest residents and neighbors out for an afternoon of free entertainment in the heart of Hinsdale. At just 5 months old, Grace Casey has already attended two Lunch on the Lawn events.

"It's a nice little weekday activity," said Grace's mom, Molly, and will one day provide a way for Grace to meet and interact with other children.

Henry Yin also is a bit too young to be dancing and singing with the crowd of children gathered for Jeanie B. and the Jelly Beans, but the Wednesday afternoon concert was an opportunity for his parents, Adam and Linda, to get out, enjoy the weather and get to know their new home. The Yins moved to Hinsdale just months ago and are exploring all the village has to offer.

The concert also served as an introduction to Hinsdale for Hinsdale resident Carrie Chorawicki's friend Angie, who was visiting from Wisconsin. The concert offered a fun outing for the older kids, who danced and

sang in front of the stage while the moms and younger kids listened from their blanket.

Bonansinga, who performs all over the Chicago area, said she comes prepared to customize each concert to her audience. After taking a quick inventory of the crowd, she chooses songs that she thinks will appeal to all of the ages in attendance.

"I like to engage kids' minds and bodies while entertaining them and making them think and move and dance and sing," Bonansinga said. She does so with songs about music, animals, food, and even feelings. Some songs, she said,

■ **SUMMER DAYS**

This is one in a series of stories featuring visits to summer events and activities in the village.

are just for fun, but most are intended to teach children something without them even knowing.

The village's three-part Lunch on the Lawn series will continue Aug. 14 with a performance by magician Gary Kantor. The performance is set for 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. on the stage in Burlington Park. In case of rain, check the rainout line at www.villageofhinsdale.org.

Jeanie B. and the Jelly Beans entertained a young but enthusiastic crowd at Burlington Park on July 17. Attending the Lunch on the Lawn concert were John Gialousakis and son P.J., as well as Hinsdale newcomers Adam and Linda Yin and their son, Henry. Nanny Hannah Pjesky treated her charge, Wesley Cockroft, to an afternoon of music and fun. (Photos for The Hinsdalean by Kennedy Hannah)



NEXT WEEK

The Hinsdale Village Board, Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board and Hinsdale High School District 86 Board are not scheduled to meet the week of July 29 to Aug. 2.

Stray animals now taken to Wheaton

The village of Hinsdale was informed two weeks ago by the Hinsdale Humane Society that the nonprofit agency would not be accepting strays from the village's police department until a formal agreement is finalized between the two parties.

Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King said that, to his knowledge, the village had not operated under a contract for the humane society's services up to this point but had donated funding in the past. In an email to The Hinsdalean, King said the two have been trying to hammer out a contract for boarding and animal care services at the humane society's request.

"The village has been negotiating a stray dog contract with the humane society," King stated, indicating that progress has been made. "We anticipate that this will be on the village board agenda in August."

In the meantime, his department has been told not to bring strays there but rather to DuPage County Animal

Control in Wheaton.

"The humane society informed us that the village is no longer allowed to bring animals to their facility until a contract has been signed," he stated. "DuPage County agreed to hold our strays in the interim. We have also procured kennels so that short-term housing for local dogs will occur at the police department."

Responding to rumors circulating on social media that DuPage County Animal Control is a "kill" shelter, King assured that was not the case.

"DuPage is a no-kill shelter," he said. "Unclaimed stray dogs will be transported to DuPage County for holding. Euthanizing an animal is a rare occurrence at DuPage and they will not be euthanizing our animals."

King said his department has handled about eight cases of stray animals so far this year. The cost to keep them at DuPage County is \$15 a day.

— by Ken Knutson

Did you know?

Curfew for people younger than 17 in the village of Hinsdale who are not driving is 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and midnight to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Drivers ages 16 and 17 must comply with the state's nighttime driving restrictions. They are prohibited from being on the road from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday.



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Police: auto thieves target residences

Hinsdale Police reported incidents of attempted auto theft that occurred early Saturday morning, July 20, in the village's northeast neighborhood.

According to an alert posted on the police department's social media, the incidents took place at approximately 5 a.m. in the area just north of Hinsdale Hospital. An officer noticed a suspicious vehicle in the area, which then fled southbound on the Tri-State Tollway at a high rate of speed.

Several hours later, a resident in the neighborhood reported an auto burglary. After reviewing footage from the home surveillance system, it was discovered that the resident's car had been targeted around 5 a.m. just prior to the officer's encounter with the suspects. The offenders had approached the resident's driveway and rummaged through their unlocked vehicle.

Reports were later filed on

two incidents. One stated that an unknown suspect entered two unlocked vehicles and rummaged through the interiors between midnight and 9:30 a.m. July 20 in a driveway in the 300 block of North County Line Road. Taken in the theft was a purse containing the victim's wallet and car key, a laptop, a golf bag with golf clubs, and cash and credit cards.

A second report stated that two unknown suspects were observed on surveillance cameras entering an unlocked vehicle at 5:09 a.m. July 20 while it was parked on a driveway in the 300 block of Flagg Court. Nothing was reported missing from that vehicle.

The police department cautioned residents not to confront perpetrators, who have been to know to carry guns and may have been in these incidents.

"If you witness any suspicious activity, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 immediately. It is important to note that offend-



Surveillance footage captures a possible auto theft suspect on a Hinsdale driveway early Saturday morning. Reports of two car burglaries were later filed in the same area and time frame of the footage. (photo provided by Hinsdale police)

ers in these incidents may be armed. In this recent case, one suspect appeared to be concealing an object, likely a firearm, under his clothing," the department posted on its Facebook site.

Taking steps to protect one's property is the best approach to discourage such activity,

officials advised.

"Hinsdale occasionally experiences overnight driveway incursions, where individuals stroll through neighborhoods in the middle of the night, searching for unlocked cars to rummage through. Their goal is to locate vehicles with the key FOBs inside, which can lead to auto theft,"

the post read. "Each year, Hinsdale suffers losses due to this type of crime. To help protect your vehicle and belongings, please remember to lock your car doors and remove key fobs every night.

"Your vigilance can help keep our community safe."

— by Ken Knutson



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports July 23.

DUI arrests

• Quinyana N. Burkes, 36, 10S710 Lilac Lane, Willowbrook, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving an uninsured vehicle and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 1:35 p.m. July 19 after a property damage crash at 55th Street and County Line Road. The suspect refused to submit to testing to determine blood-alcohol content and was charged and released to appear in court.

• Salvador P. Perez, 23, 946 Evanston St., Hoffman Estates, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content above .08, speeding and transportation/possession of open alcohol by driver at 10:36 p.m. July 19 at Route 83 and 31st Street. The suspect submitted testing that indicated he was over the legal limit. He was charged and released to appear in court.

• David W. Treder, 37, 327 S. Gilbert Ave., La Grange, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and squealing or screeching tires at 12:34 a.m. July 23 at Garfield Avenue and The Lane. The suspect refused to submit to testing to determine blood-alcohol content and was charged and released to appear in court.

Arrest for warrant

Trevell Moore, 31, 6615 S. Keating Ave., Chicago, was arrested for speeding 26-34 mph over the speed limit and for an active arrest warrant at 7:37 p.m. July 17 at Ogden Avenue and Elm Street. After executing a stop for speeding, police learned the suspect had an active arrest warrant out of DeKalb County. He posted bond on the warrant and was cited for speeding. He 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.

Monday deadline for columnist applications

Hinsdale residents have until Monday, July 29, to apply for one of the open contributing columnist positions at The Hinsdalean. The paper once again is looking for volunteer writers to contribute columns once every seven or eight weeks during the school year for a two-year term.

To apply, send a sample 450-word column to editor Pamela Lannom at plannom@thehinsdalean.com. Please provide ideas for three additional columns. The ideas don't need to be extremely detailed, but they are a factor in the selection process.

Applicants should include a name, address and cell number and a few sentences about why they are interesting in writing a column. Student writers, ideally high school seniors, are welcome to apply as well.

These columns, which run on the paper's opinion pages, are designed to share residents' personal experiences or opinions on local issues. Individuals interested in writing to get publicity for a business, nonprofit organization, political agenda or other cause should not apply. Elected officials and employees of public bodies are not eligible.

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■ “I do believe that music heals and inspires. It’s good for our souls, whether you’re participating or listening.” — **Vicky Bush-Joseph**

Woman finds voice anew with local choir

Former attorney Vicky Bush-Joseph of Hinsdale is keenly aware of justice’s often exasperatingly slow tempo.

Joining a choral group post-retirement was refreshing for the tight time frame from first rehearsal to concert.

“This is relatively short and sweet,” Bush-Joseph said of the Sounds Good Choir. “There’s a beginning, there’s an end and there’s improvement — it’s very fulfilling.”

The alto will perform in the choir’s summer show at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at The Community House (see Page 18 for details). The group consists of singers age “55 and better”, Bush-Joseph quipped, quoting her conductor. No one is ever carded, however.

The summer program features rock music. And while the vocalists are amateurs, the accompanying musicians are seasoned pros.

“They always find amazing musicians for us,” she said.

Bush-Joseph enjoyed singing in her youth but had muted that pursuit to focus on her career and raising a family. With that chapter closed, she looked to revive her love of making beautiful music with others. In 2017, a friend of a friend led her to the Sounds

Good Choir, first in Oak Park and then closer to home when the Hinsdale chapter launched.

“You live in a town like this and you feel like you know everybody until you do something a little bit different, and it’s like, ‘We live in the same town and I’ve never run across you,’” she remarked.

Sounds Good has eight groups in the Chicago area. All follow the same repertoire so members of any chapter may participate in any concert. Performances at the Fourth Presbyterian Church with the Chicago branch are particularly stirring, Bush-Joseph remarked.

The pandemic, while hard, did give rise to online tools enabling snowbirds and others who miss in-person practice to stay connected through Zoom meetings and uploaded practice tracks. But virtual choir is decidedly not for Bush-Joseph.

“It’s just not the same when you’re not singing in a room with other people. Just hearing my own voice was not enjoyable,” she related.

Bush-Joseph’s love for collaboration has drawn her into multiple book clubs and onto the board of the nonprofit organization Together Women



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“We are working with not-for-profits around the world on women’s empowerment,” she said, citing countries she’s visited to witness both the progress and work that remains. “It’s everything from girls’ education to entrepreneur skills for women so they can earn money and gain respect.”

Bush-Joseph most recently returned from a weeklong

choir camp in Denver, Colo., preparing two symphonies while sleeping in a dorm with shared bathrooms.

“I didn’t know anybody else going in but made lovely friends,” she said. “We worked with a 50-piece orchestra, local musicians and a conductor from the University of Michigan. It was intense, but it’s amazing what you start with at the beginning of the

week and what you end up with.”

Bush-Joseph encouraged her Hinsdale neighbors to enjoy some free entertainment at next week’s family-friendly concert.

“I do believe that music heals and inspires. It’s good for our souls, whether you’re participating or listening,” she said

— profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Hinsdalympics? Musings for one-of-a-kind Games

The greatest athletes in the world have assembled in the French capital to compete for gold at the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games.

In anticipation of the pomp and pageantry of the opening ceremony and the emotional roller coaster tracking the exploits of Team USA, we couldn't help but let our imaginations run wild with the notion of what an Olympics might look like right here in Hinsdale. Granted Salt Creek may be a bit tighter to navigate than the Seine River for water sports events, and the carillon cupola atop the Memorial Building is no substitute for the Eiffel Tower.

But hosting in the village would afford some intriguing opportunities to showcase unique local sites and, er, cultural elements. Or not, but it sure was fun generating this off-the-wall list of potential sports and sites:

- Sprints — Trying to make that morning train often requires commuters to kick those legs into a gear they didn't know was possible.
- Golf — Ruth Lake Country Club and Hinsdale Golf Club are suitable venues, and

there's plenty of homegrown talent to represent the Stars & Stripes.

- Sailing — Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board members and administrators are sure to take home gold for sailing along with little to no controversy, especially when compared with their counterparts in Hinsdale High School District 86.

- Long jump — As an alternative to the traditional sand pit, competitors will instead launch themselves over the creek that cuts through KLM Park. Clearing a dog or two in the process is sure to land one in medal contention.

- Diving — We're not sure if the diving boards at Hinsdale Community Pool are to Olympic specifications, but how about a contest for most original plunge from the drop slide?

- Pickleball — How is this not an Olympic sport? Whenever the International Olympic Committee wakes up to the explosive power of pickleball or its cousin, paddle tennis, the village is well equipped to serve.

- Road cycling — Teens who own the type

of powerful ebikes that have been banned in the village might be attracted to this sport — although they'd have to use their own pedal power to participate.

- 3-on-3 basketball — Who needs to go to Paris to watch exciting 3-on-3 competition when The Community House will host its own tournament Aug. 17?

- Breaking — New District 86 Superintendent Mike Lach could be a contender in this competition as he tries to dance his way through the tricky situations board members are sure to put him in.

- Football — Again, shocking that this American staple has yet to be sanctioned by the IOC, but Hinsdale could make a real contribution to a future Team USA with players like Brian Allen, Doug Kramer and Kiran Amegadjie.

- Marathon — That's a lot of running. We propose a race where motorists try to find a parking space in town during the middle of day before having to travel 26.2 miles.

COMMENTARY

Hinsdale falling behind the competition on latest ranking

I am sorry to report Hinsdale once again has fallen short of the North Shore.

One of those fancy "W" towns — Winnetka — beat out Hinsdale for the No. 1 spot on the latest list published by HomeSnacks.

What is HomeSnacks, you ask?

We're not entirely sure, but it produces lots of lists — safest states, most dangerous states, even dumbest states. You can read all of these lists on its Facebook page (which contains no information about who is preparing them or why).

And what does this latest list proclaim, you wonder?

The 10 snobbiest places in Illinois for 2023.

Yes, that's right, Hinsdale is less snobby than Winnetka. It's also less snobby than Glencoe, based on home prices, incomes and education levels.

Ridiculous, isn't it?

They list claims only 81 percent of Hinsdale's population is highly educated, that residents' median income is \$224,185 and that the median home price is \$880,000.

That simply can't be right, can it?

Winnetka allegedly tallied 91 percent highly educated, a \$250,000 median income and a \$1.1 million median home price.

Glencoe supposedly had 86 percent highly educated, a \$212,000 median income and a median home price also north of \$1 million.

This so-called data is from something called Saturday Night Science, which sounds like it's based on a Saturday Night Live skit.

"Because place-based rankings aren't peer reviewed, we are trying to achieve a level of accuracy you'd have with friends arguing at a bar," the website states.

I am not reassured.

The site goes on to tout its launch way back in 2015, that it has a "Real Estate Review Roundtable" and that some dude named Nick has been to every state in the country and catalogs his adventures on their YouTube channel. Is that sup-



Pamela Lannom

posed to make me feel better?

What does make me feel better is that Hinsdale ranked above another "W" town, Wilmette, along with Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, Northfield, Hawthorne Woods, Deerfield and our neighboring "W" town, Western Springs.

In case you're wondering, Illinois is the 14th

snobbiest state in the country. (The snobbiest is Massachusetts, which surprised me. I would have guessed Connecticut, but it came in third.)

Clearly Hinsdale could have performed better.

I doubt Nick has even been to Hinsdale. Has he seen the \$10 million house for sale on County Line Road? The number of Teslas parked downtown on a Friday afternoon? Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club members dressed for a night on the town?

Of course I jest.

The first column I ever wrote

was in response to a piece in SmartMoney magazine titled "Deconstructing Hinsdale," in which the author said Hinsdale was filled with "IGMs" (I've Got Mine) — people who have to have the biggest house, the best car, etc. I created quite a lengthy list of people whose generosity proved that accumulating wealth and showing it off was not the goal of every Hinsdalean. (I also created some truly horrible acronyms in the process!).

Like other towns, Hinsdale is filled with all types.

Are some people in Hinsdale snobs? Sure.

Are some people in other towns snobs? Certainly.

Is Hinsdale a great place to live? Better than the North Shore's "W" towns? Absolutely.

Just check out HomeSnacks' list of the 10 best places to live in Illinois. Hinsdale is right there at No. 2 — just after that darned Western Springs!

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. This column was first published Nov. 16, 2023.

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Life feels fragile on verge of move

The moving truck pulled up earlier than expected. I felt a jolt of adrenaline and dread, knowing it was really happening. This year would be our 21st, and last year, living in Hinsdale.



Carol Wittemann

Three big moving guys descended on our home. They were nice but no nonsense as they inventoried our things. They slapped down reams of packing paper and got to work. I cringed as they picked up our special things — crystal from my mother-in-law, Christmas decorations passed down and collected, artwork from our walls, and toys we couldn't let go, like the full gang of little cars from the "Cars" movie and Lincoln Logs in a special box made by my grandfather.

I told the moving guys which art to pack, saying, "Please be careful with that one — our friend painted it for us as a wedding gift." Or, "My mother painted that; it's coming with us."

The wedding gift painted by our friend, Caroline, is a small oil painting of cherries. No one would call it cute — it's beautiful — the luscious reds and blues and contours of the cherries' skin. The painting has graced our foyer all these years, and many have admired it.

After I voiced my earnest art packing instructions, one of the men piled up all the art into a Jenga-like tower on the not very clean kitchen counter. The cherry painting teetered on top. I choked up as I watched the man crumple a bunch of paper around our cherries and secure it with a jerk and loud rip of the packing tape. I felt like someone had punched me or my grandma or both of us. I was sure the painting was ruined.

I retreated to the last remaining

piece of furniture in our house and cried a bit. I didn't realize how sentimental I would be about our things — how irreplaceable they would seem, how much they would turn into a kind of reliable, cozy blanket imbued with love from family and friends. Maybe that cherry painting

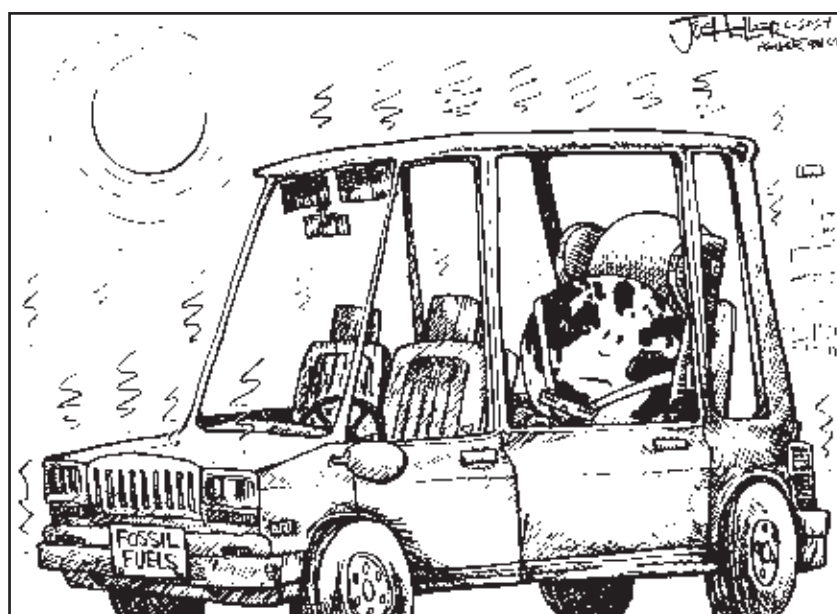
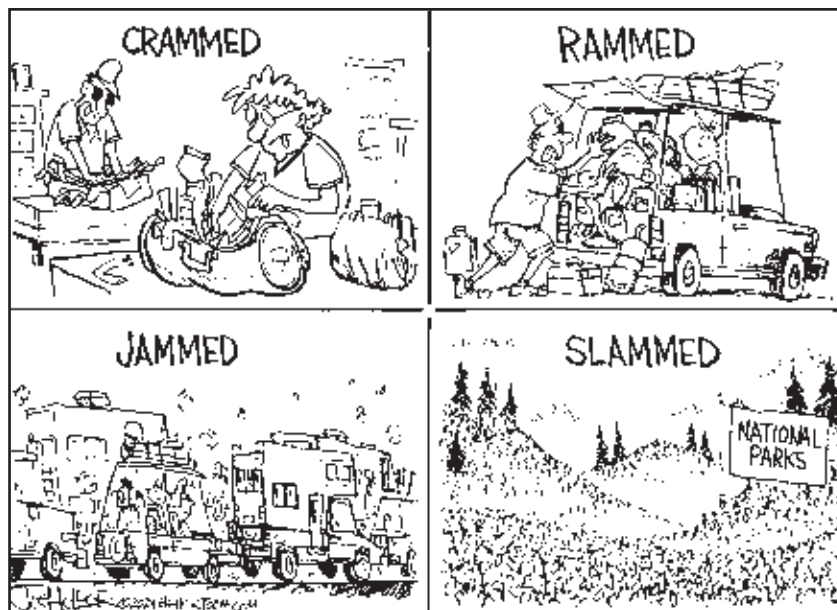
was always a symbol of our hope for a sweet life. The friend who painted it, and all of the friends from Hinsdale who became like family, are also wrapped up in those cherries, in the walls of our home and all of the memories we made there.

I guess I've been wondering if the sweet life we've had so far hinges upon Hinsdale or if it can be carefully packed up and carried along with us to another location in the mountains? Time will tell. A good first sign is that our cherry painting made it intact. It's safely hung on a wall by the door of our new home; I can see it as I come and go, meeting new neighbors and walking along streets that are becoming familiar.

We'll return to Chicago often, we've promised our friends. In the meantime, here's a toast to Hinsdale, our midwestern hometown — to the dear friends we raised our kids alongside, the excellent neighbors who dotted our daily routines, to our faithful church community, the store owners, teachers and doctors who helped us through the years, and to the new family beginning their own sweet life in the house we called home. Cheers to you all — and to finding the cherries in life.

— Carol Wittemann, recently of Hinsdale, is a former contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Ann Lonigro

Barbara Ann Lonigro, nee Puglia, 78, of Bloomingdale, passed away July 17, 2024.

Barbara was a cherished mother, grandmother, and friend who touched the lives of all who knew her with her warmth, kindness, and unwavering love.

Her love and dedication to her family were evident in every aspect of her life, and her memory will continue to be a source of inspiration and strength for them.

She is survived by her daughter, Nadine



Lonigro

Lynn (Baer) O'Malley of Hinsdale; her son-in-law, Bill O'Malley; and her grandchildren, Annie, Billy, Lindsay, Christy and Brian.

Barbara was preceded in death by her brothers, Raymond Puglia, Gary Puglia and Anthony Puglia.

Services were held July 23 at Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale.

Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove.

Nancy J. Scales

Nancy J. Scales, 73 of Tinley Park, passed away on July 12, 2024, after a courageous 28-month fight with cancer at Sunrise Assisted Living in Willowbrook.

Born in 1950 in Ottawa to William J. and Drue Redshaw Scales, Nancy graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in teaching and spent several years working with special needs children before going on to work in retail at Bergner's and Carson Pirie Scott. She was a member of the Morrison Music Theater Association, participating as a cast member and costume maker; an active choir member in the Ottawa Congregational Church; and a proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Nancy was a prolific reader, an avid seamstress and a devotee of musicals and theater. Her favorite vacation was always a warm and sunny beach, which she managed to visit one last time during her battle with



Scales

cancer. Nancy's uniquely caring, fun-loving nature and humor will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her brother, Bill Scales; her nieces and nephews, Rob (Julie) Saunders of Hinsdale, Beth (Tony) Schofield, Gretchen (Patrick) Buchanan, Chris (Melissa) Scales and Heidi (Garrett) Spencer; and her great-nieces and -nephews, Jack and Andrew Saunders, Ethan and Hailey Schofield, Alexander and Grace Buchanan, Patrick Scales-Ramsey, William Ramsey-Scales and Felicity, Maverick and Maxwell Spencer. She was preceded in death by her sister, Chris Saunders; and her parents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made online at www.nbtsevents.braintumor.org/fundraiser/5636333.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Nancy Haymes Tieszen

Nancy Tieszen, a former Hinsdale and Oak Brook resident, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 20, 2024, in her home at Goddard House, Brookline, Mass.

Nancy, 97, was born in Raleigh, N.C., and spent her formative years in Springfield, Mo. She graduated from Purdue University in 1949 and began her graduate studies in statistics there, where she met her future husband, Mel Tieszen. Married in 1952, they settled in the Chicago area to raise their family. Their three children graduated from Hinsdale Central High School, and the family were active at Grace Episcopal Church in Hinsdale.

Nancy worked tirelessly to support her husband in their business, Flavor Tree Foods, until it was sold in the 1980s. She had a great zest for life and adventure and a keen sense of style and fun. One of the greatest joys of her life was serving as a longtime member of the National Ski Patrol. She was also a Master bridge player, a ballroom dancer, a garden enthusiast and a Cubs season ticket holder who saw her team make it to the 2016 World Series. She was active in her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, even decades after her graduation.

Nancy was persistently curious and loved to travel the world with her husband, children and friends;



Tieszen

some favorite adventures included attending Wimbledon in her 20s and visits to the Galapagos Islands, Turkey, Greece, France and Italy. She and her children enjoyed trips to Switzerland, Mexico, New Mexico, Germany and Cuba. Later in life, Nancy enjoyed listening to books on tape, often biographies and mysteries.

Once settled in Brookline, she joined Grace Church, Newton Corner. Nancy loved life and held onto it tenaciously. She will be remembered for her sense of independence, positivity, perseverance and for showing up for the people and causes she cared most about. She was widely loved and will be missed by us all.

She is survived by her three children, Lisa (David Adams), Lori (Tom Gilhooly), and John (Lesa Tieszen); and three grandchildren, Mercer Gary (Ben Randolph), Hannah Tieszen and Jack Tieszen.

Services are private. Memorials are appreciated to Perkins School for the Blind (www.perkins.org) or Good Shepherd Community Hospice (www.gscommunitycare.org/Good-Shepherd-Community-Hospice).

To share a memory of Nancy or to send a note of condolence to her family, visit www.eatonandmack-ay.com.

Laura Schindler

Laura Schindler of Burr Ridge, formerly of Hinsdale, died July 20, 2024, after a long illness.

Laura was born in Chicago to Mary, nee Thomson, and John J. Kennelly. She attended the Faulkner School for Girls and Hinsdale Central High School and graduated from University of New Hampshire. She obtained her master's in social work from Loyola University and her master's in library science from Rosary College. She worked for many years as a librarian at Helen Plum Library in Lombard. She was a longtime member of Westmont Alano Club and Avondale Golf Club of Palm Desert, Calif.

The family offers special thanks to her long-time caregiver, Maria Mapula.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Schindler Jr.; her daughter, Emily Schindler; her sister, Leah Laurie; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held July 24 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Misericordia Heart of Mercy at www.misericordia.com. Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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What's been rewarding about real estate law?

Dominic Mancini found more than a job when he began his career in Hinsdale nearly 50 years ago. He found his forever home.

He's now a father of four and a grandfather of 10, seven of whom live within walking distance of Mancini's house.

"I love that," he said, saying it's not at all uncommon to run into a member of his family while out for a walk or driving to work.

Mancini also continues to enjoy his work as an attorney specializing in real estate, estate planning, and corporations and LLCs.

"Since 1984, it's been primarily real estate," said Mancini, who left his work as a litigator in the financial world for a less stressful area of law.

Mancini branched out on his own just as Hinsdale was experiencing the era often referred to as "the teardown craze." Older homes in the village were being bought up and torn down to make way for new, larger houses. Mancini stepped in to help make those transactions run smoothly and

DOMINIC MANCINI, LAWYER

has been helping buyers and sellers of real estate ever since.

In some ways, Mancini said, tear-down transactions were simpler than a traditional sale, with no need for inspections or negotiations regarding the house's condition. Today, buyers and sellers have to consider things like radon mitigation, tests for lead paint and changes in tax laws.

"It's one of the largest investments most people will make in their lifetimes," he said of buying a home, describing his role as the buyer's or seller's advocate. "They have the confidence that no one is going to take advantage of them. We're experts in what to expect."

Mancini considers a real estate broker essential to the process as the glue that keeps a deal together, Mancini said, adding that those who forgo a Realtor often end up spending the money they expected to save on attorney's fees.

"We have to put in so much more time," he said.

After decades in the business, Mancini said he knows the local ordinances of various suburbs and neighborhoods, as well as the latest laws relating to buying and selling a property. Houses in the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District, for example,

require a payoff letter before a home can be sold. Having that knowledge from the start can help avoid last-minute problems that can threaten or postpone a transaction.

"The worst issues are the ones that happen the day of closing," Mancini said.

Mancini's two sons also work in the real estate business — Paul as a Realtor and Dominic as a mortgage broker.

"There are times when the three of us are involved in the same transaction," related Mancini, noting they've tabbed themselves "Find, Fund and Finish."

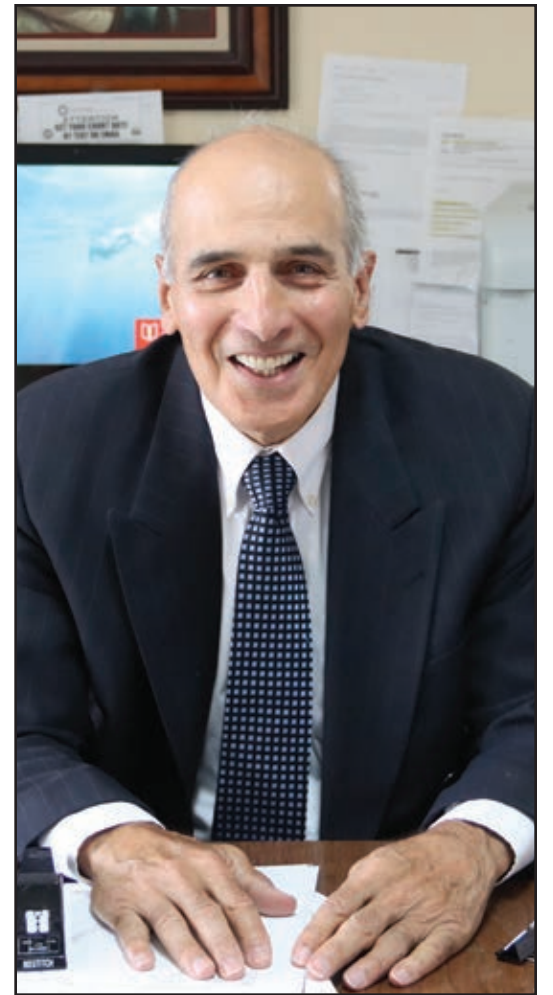
Mancini said having his children in the business keeps things interesting, and with the addition of attorney Joe Bendoraitis to the Mancini Law Firm, he's finding more time to spend with them outside of work.

"When I'm not here, he takes over," Mancini said, affording Mancini time for vacations that weren't possible for much of his career.

But he's not ready for retirement.

"I started out as being one of the youngest attorneys in Hinsdale and will end up being one of the oldest practicing attorneys in Hinsdale," said Mancini.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Chicago native Dominic Mancini began practicing law in May 1975 and will celebrate 50 years of practice next year, all of which have been spent in Hinsdale. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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'Tarzan' swings into town

Stage Door Fine Arts' production promises high-energy enjoyment for all ages

By Sandy Illian Bosch
news@thehinsdalean.com

In her ten years of musical theater, Caroline Walsh has played villains, heroes, mean girls and even starfish. Now, she's adding gorilla to her theater resume as part of Stage Door Fine Arts' production of "Tarzan: The Musical."

"It's a different experience," Walsh said of the motions and postures required to look like a gorilla. "It's muscles you aren't typically using in everyday life."

Based on the Disney animated film and Edgar Rice Burroughs' story, "Tarzan: The Musical" is described as a heart-warming story told through powerful music and high-energy choreography.

"Monkeys don't do pirouettes," said Walsh, a featured dancer in the show that runs July 26-28 at The Community House in Hinsdale.

Including Walsh, the production features several actors making their final appearances with Stage Door. Maddie Miller will appear as Jane in the "Mau" cast of the two-cast show, and

Logan Baffico plays Tarzan in all four performances. All three are recent high school graduates who will leave for college in the weeks following the show.

The Stage Door program is open to students in second grade through high school, but "Tarzan" director Madi Moran is proof that graduation doesn't have to be the end of an actor's relationship with the Hinsdale theater company. Moran made her last on-stage appearance with Stage Door in 2013 as part of the "Tarzan: the Musical" cast.

"It's a really cool full-cir-



Recent high school graduates Maddie Miller and Logan Baffico (Jane and Tarzan) along with Juliana Waters (top right) and Caroline Walsh (bottom right) as gorillas, will make their final appearances with Stage Door Fine Arts as the troupe presents "Tarzan: the Musical" July 26-28 at The Community House in Hinsdale. The high-energy production includes about 60 area performers ranging from second grade through high school.

cle moment," said Moran, who spent time working in New York and touring with the national touring cast of "A Charlie Brown Christmas: the Musical" before returning to Stage Door.

Moran said some of the set pieces and costumes in the current production were also part of the 2013 show. But this won't be a reproduction of her Stage Door finale. Most notably, Moran said, the lighting and technology used in this production far surpass what was available more than a decade ago.

Teaching dozens of kids

to act and move like apes is a challenge, Moran said, but one that is sure to pay off on opening night. For Miller, cast as one of the few humans in the show, the biggest challenge isn't moving like an ape, but speaking like a Brit. Despite the fact that she moved to Hinsdale from London several years ago, a British accent does not come naturally for Miller. Singing, on the other hand, does.

Miller is featured in several key songs, including "Waiting For This Moment" and "Like No Man I've Ever Seen." Told through a soundtrack

by Phil Collins and a book by David Henry Hwang, "Tarzan: the Musical" retells Edgar Rice Burroughs' story of Tarzan, who is raised by gorillas in West Africa.

He meets Jane, a young English naturalist, and falls in love, unaware that Jane's entourage plans to kill the gorillas who are Tarzan's friends.

The Stage Door casts include 60 students from second grade through high school.

Artistic director and co-founder Don Smith said the Stage Door production promises elaborate

sets, vibrant costumes and unforgettable performances.

"We are so excited to bring 'Tarzan: The Musical' back to The Community House," Smith said. "This production is a celebration of the strength of family, the beauty of nature, and the power of love. We can't wait to share this incredible story with our community."

"Tarzan: The Musical" will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, July 26, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 28. To purchase tickets, visit www.stagedoorfinearts.com/tickets.

PULSE



Country singer-songwriter Kelly Daniels and his band will perform at Uniquely Thursdays tonight, July 25. Turn to Page 22 for details. (photo provided)

CENTRAL TIME

■ Spirit Wear Sale

July 31, Aug. 7 & 8
Hinsdale Central
Grant Street entrance
5500 S. Grant St.

The Booster Club is holding its back-to-school Red Devil spirit wear sale to get outfitted for the new school year. Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

■ Storytime at Burns Field

July 31
Burns Field
320 N. Vine St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join librarians for stories, fingerplays and music. In the event of rain, storytime will move to the library. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m. RR

■ Archery: Open House

Aug. 3
Blackwell Forest Preserve
Butterfield Road west of
Winfield Road, Warrenville
www.dupageforest.org

(630) 933-7248

Learn about equipment, try some of the basics with a certified instructor and talk to representatives from local archery groups at this fun family event. A waiver is required and can be filled out online in advance. Hours: 9 a.m. to noon.

■ Glow-in-the-Dark Storytime

Aug. 5
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Come to hear stories, sing songs and dance — in the dark! Time: 6 to 6:30 p.m. RR

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■ Pet Adoption and Supply Drive

July 27
Oakbrook Center
100 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

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■ Hinsdale Humane Society Golf Outing

July 31
Seven Bridges Golf Club
1 Mulligan Drive,
Woodridge
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

Enjoy 18 holes of golf, hole contests, prizes and giveaways, a cash bar and a post-golf dinner while raising money for animals and programs in the this second annual event. Play will be in a scramble format with chances to compete for prizes in several competitions throughout the day. Register by July 26. Time: Noon check-in, 1 p.m. shotgun start, 5:30 p.m. dinner. Cost: \$175, \$700 for four-some, \$60 for just dinner. RR

GAME ON

■ Gymnastics Developmental Training

Mondays & Wednesdays,
July 29-Aug 14
Hinsdale Central High School
5500 S. Grant St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5-12 can take this accelerated class for the capable and motivated young gymnast. Determination and hard work will focus students to achieve excellent basics and higher-level skills. Students must be instructor approved. Time: 5 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$318. RR, MD

■ 3-on-3 Hoops Tourney

Aug. 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org/3on32024
(630) 323-7500

Ages third grade through adult are invited to participate in this annual fundraising event to compete and have fun while also raising critical resources for athletic recreation services at The Community House. The rain date is Aug. 18. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$205

before Aug. 1, \$230 after. RR

■ Wonder Woods Mini Golf

Through Sept. 2
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 968-0074
The tree-themed adventure offers a one-of-a-kind course specially designed for the arboretum, with giant mushrooms, larger-than-life bugs and acorns. Golfers will learn how tree rings can tell the life story of a tree, how trees support the ecosystems of bugs and wildlife and other cool scientific concepts. Tickets must be purchased in advance with arboretum admission. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; last tee time at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$10, \$8 for ages 4-17. RR, MD

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Turtles

July 27
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897
Learn about turtles through hands-on discovery. Time: 1:30 p.m.

■ Wildflower ID

July 30
Danada Equestrian Center
3S507 Naperville Road,
Wheaton
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 942-6200
Learn basic wildflower identification skills through the lens of botanical family groups and their characteristics. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

GREEN THUMB

■ Community Garden Plot Program

Through Oct. 31
Peirce Park
700 E. Walnut St.
(630) 789-7090
Discover the joys of gardening by cultivating a 4x6-foot plot to grow fresh fruits and veggies and bond with fellow gardeners. For rules and guidelines, visit www.cms-4files.revize.com/hinsdaleil/Garden-Plot-Manual.pdf and share garden progress on Facebook and Instagram @HinsdaleParks. Cost: \$25. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Yoga

July 28
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy an all-levels yoga class indoors with a certified instructor, then stay for a self-guided walk after the program. The program is for ages 18 & up. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Fitness Hike

July 31
Country Lane Woods
95th Street east of Willow Springs Road near Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(312) 533-5751

Get some exercise outdoors with this faster paced 5-mile hike with little to no stopping or interpretation. Time: 9 a.m.

■ Women's Wellness

Aug. 3
Swallow Cliff Woods-North Route 83 west of La Grange Road near Palos Park
www.fpdcc.com
(312) 533-5751
Join The Do-Good Movement for a yoga class followed by a women's wellness discussion on Spreading Kindness Together based around the 31 Days to Wellness. Time: 8 to 10 a.m.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Kindergarten Readiness

July 29
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids can practice writing their name, forming and naming shapes with play doh, tracing letters and numbers and more. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Take Home Packet: Back to School

Aug. 2
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
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Students in kindergarten through second grade can pick up an activity packet to begin working on writing, reading, math and more. RR

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LISTEN & LEARN

■ The Best of Regional Pies, Pastries and Cookies

July 31
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn about sweet specialties throughout the U.S., uncovering some of the best and some of the most unusual. Samples of a few of the desserts will be provided. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Director Lecture Series

Saturdays through Aug. 10
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
https://signup.com/go/bQa-SqAg
(708) 246-4043

Each week a different director will provide a unique perspective on the directing process regarding a specific topic, then allow time for questions. This series will teach the role of the director and provide some tricks of the trade. The remaining topics in order are musicals, black box, farces and research. Contact Nicole Leatherwood at nleatherwood@comcast.net with questions. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$20 at the door, free for active TWS members, HSR students and CTWS parents. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ HPL After Dark: Bear Williams Trio

July 28
Memorial Building lawn
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Hear this group led by award-winning Chicago-based blues artist Bear Williams, who has recorded or performed with legends like Mavis Staples, Diana Ross, Little Richard and Alanis Morissette. Guests at this outdoor HPL After Dark: Summer Family Concert should bring a lawn chair and can enjoy a snack and wine, beer or a soft drink compliments of the Friends of the Hinsdale Public Library. While the concert is geared to adults, children are welcome. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Sounds Good! Choir

Aug. 1
The Community House

415 W. Eighth St.
www.soundsgoodchoir.org
(630) 395-9542

Hear the area's largest choral-music organization for adults 55 and older better perform its summer concert, featuring music by The Drifters, Marvin Gaye, The Beatles and more. Led by professional conductors, the whole family will enjoy the show. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

■ Cinema Classics

Aug. 3
First Division Museum
Military Park
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

The West Suburban Symphony presents an outdoor performance of hit movie music from the mid-20th century forward featuring composers John Williams, Erich Korngold, Mel Brooks and others and selections from popular films. The program also will include a salute to veterans with a sing-along to the anthems of the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Seating is on the lawn; folding chairs and/or blankets are recommended. Picnics are welcome and concessions also will be available for sale. Purchase a Concert Snack Tote for \$60 containing a hearty meal for two in an insulated tote; totes must be pre-ordered. Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission: Free with \$15 paid parking.

■ Elton Rohn

Aug. 9
Lakeside Pavilion
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Experience the look, feel, and sound of an Elton John concert with this tribute artist. Blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic are permitted at this outdoor performance. Food and beverage vendors will also be available; outside alcohol is not permitted. The park opens 90 minutes prior to the performance. Guests are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food or paper goods item to donate to the Glen House Food Pantry and COD Student Fuel Pantry. Time: 7:30 p.m.

■ 'Cosi fan Tutte'

Aug. 10
First United Methodist

Church
100 W. Cossitt Ave., La Grange
www.saltcreekchamber-orchestra.com

The Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra presents a concert version of this opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with English supertitles. Tickets can be purchased online and at the door. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$20 for seniors & students.

ON STAGE

■ 'Disney's Tarzan'

July 26-28
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.sdfa.booktix.net

Washed up on the shores of West Africa, an infant boy is taken in and raised by gorillas who name him Tarzan. When a human expedition treks into his tribe's territory, and he encounters creatures like himself for the first time. Tarzan struggles to navigate his animal upbringing clashing with his human instincts. Times: 7 p.m. July 26, 2 and 7 p.m. July 27 & 2 p.m. July 28. Tickets: \$25-\$30.

■ 'Monty Python's Spamalot'

July 26-28
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatrewest-springs.com
(708) 246-4043

The Children's Theatre of Western Springs presents this hilarious musical-comedy inspired by the movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Killer rabbits, Black Knights, French people and lots of silliness in Camelot await. The show is recommended for ages 10 and up. Times: 7 p.m. July 26, 3 & 7 p.m. July 27, 2 p.m. July 28. Tickets: \$17.

■ 'Alice in Wonderland Jr.'

Aug. 1-3
Avenue Christian Church
5750 Holmes Ave., Clarendon Hills
www.bamtheatre.com/box-office

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■ 'Ain't Misbehavin'

Through Aug. 18
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
www.drurylanetheatre.com

Stride along with the toe-tapping, finger-snapping revue that journeys through the Harlem Renaissance with the music of legend Fats Waller. Brimming with the energetic charm of jazz classics such as "Honeysuckle Rose" and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," the crooners of "Ain't Misbehavin'" bring soulful melodies to life, capturing the essence of an era where the joint was always jumpin.' Times: see website above for a full schedule. Tickets: start at \$67.95.

■ 'House on Pooh Corner'

Weekends through Aug. 25
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org

Enjoy this family friendly outdoor play adapted for this arboretum performance in which the audience is led to each scene at several natural backdrop locations along a one- to two-mile hiking route. Bring water, a portable chair or blanket and bug spray. Time: 6 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$15 for ages 2-17, free for infants. MD

SENIOR SCENE

■ AARP Driver Safety Course

July 30 & 31
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Drivers over the age of 50 who wish to update their driving skills can take this classroom-only program. Attendance both days is required to receive a certificate. Arrive 10 minutes early the first day to sign-in and pay; payment is due at the class. Coffee will be provided and you may also bring a beverage or snack, if desired. Time: 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$25, \$20 for AARP members. RR

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■ Beginning Knitting

July 30
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn how to cast on and how to knit that first stitch.

All supplies are included. Additional sessions on how to purl (Aug. 29) and how to follow a basic pattern to knit a scarf (Sept. 10) also are planned. Learn the basics and join the library's Needlework Nights every other Thursday night. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Fencing Olympic Swordplay

Mondays, Aug. 5-26
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.

www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 678-0035

All ages from 7 and older will learn the basics of attack and defense as well as strategies that create the foundation for fencing. Families are invited to learn together. Equipment is arranged with the fencing club; call the number listed above. Time: 7:15 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$46. RR, MD

■ Library Edition Book Club

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

Join this monthly group to discuss "His Only Wife" by Peace Adzo Medie. Copies of the book will be available on the library's Book Club Holds

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shelf. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Birdies and Brews

Aug. 2
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 968-0074

Play a round of Wonder Woods Mini Golf, enjoy beer on tap and stay to learn about studying, appreciating and protecting birds. Watch a professional falconer hold and fly trained birds and take a photo with a falcon. Tickets include a round of mini golf and two drinks. The event is for ages 21 and older, and advance timed-entry tickets are required. Time: 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$50. RR, MD

■ Destination Asia Festival

Aug. 3 & 4
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 968-0074

This fun-filled, fami-

ly-friendly festival celebrates the diverse cultures of Asia through music, dance, food and more. Enjoy cultural performances and demonstrations, a bonsai exhibit, shopping and art vendors, and food trucks. Guests can also explore the arboretum's vast tree and shrub collections from China, Japan and Korea. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for ages 2-17.

■ Fall Expo at TCH

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

Join this inaugural free event to explore the variety of programs available at The Community House for all ages, including enrichment, athletics, arts and before and after school services. Hours: 6 to 8 p.m.

STEPPING BACK

■ Date with History

Aug. 1
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and New York Times best-selling author David Maraniss will discuss his book "They Marched Into Sunlight: War and Peace, Vietnam and America, October 1967." The book weaves together the stories of three different worlds: the death and heroism of 1st Infantry Division soldiers in Vietnam, the antiwar movement back home and the obfuscating behavior of Washington officials. Maraniss is an associate editor at The Washington Post. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. A cocktail reception with Maraniss will be held after the program in McCormick House; advance tickets are \$60 and include parking, drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Time: 6 p.m. Admission: Free with \$5 park-

ing.

■ At Home With Nature House Tour

Through Sept. 30
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak
Brook
www.dupageforest.org
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Learn some of the surprising history of Mayslake Hall, the 1921 home of F.S. Peabody and a landmark and architectural gem that has been surrounded by an oasis of nature for more than 100 years. Ages 12 and up are welcome. Time: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$8.

■ Nothing But Victory

Ongoing
First Division Museum
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

This immersive outdoor exhibit commemorates the 80th anniversary of D-Day, fusing art and history and

spanning across the grounds to recall the pivotal day of World War II: June 6, 1944. A complementary exhibit inside the museum highlights the D-Day service of seven well-known personalities. Lectures, guided exhibit tours and drop-in events for kids and families are also featured.

SUMMER SERIES

■ Uniquely Thursdays

Thursdays through Aug. 22
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
www.hinsdalechamber.com

The annual concert series sponsored by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce will feature Kelly Daniels tonight, July 25. Also enjoy food vendors and plenty of fun surprises. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Cantigny Summer Concerts

Sundays through Sept. 1
Cantigny Park Parade Field
1S151 Winfield Road,
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The outdoor concert series continues July 28 with Hairbangers Ball. Seating is on the lawn, and guests are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets and picnics; an area will be reserved for guests with pop-up tents and canopies. Time: 3 to 5 p.m.

■ **Arbor Evenings**
Wednesdays through Aug. 21
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org

Enjoy this outdoor concert series against the backdrop of spectacular sunsets at the arboretum. Purchase drinks, ice cream, and menu items from a variety of food trucks and play lawn games. The series continues July 31 with the Billy Elton playing hits from Billy Joel and Elton John. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$5 for ages 2-12.

■ **Farmers Market**
Mondays through Oct. 14

Chicago Avenue near Burlington Park
www.hinsdalechamber.com

The 48th annual Hinsdale Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce, will feature farmers from near and far, with booths of fresh produce and unique finds from their farms and stores. Hours: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ **Six Flags Middle School**
Aug. 2
Leave from The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 10-15 can have summertime fun at Six Flags amusement park with transportation included. Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$125. RR, MD

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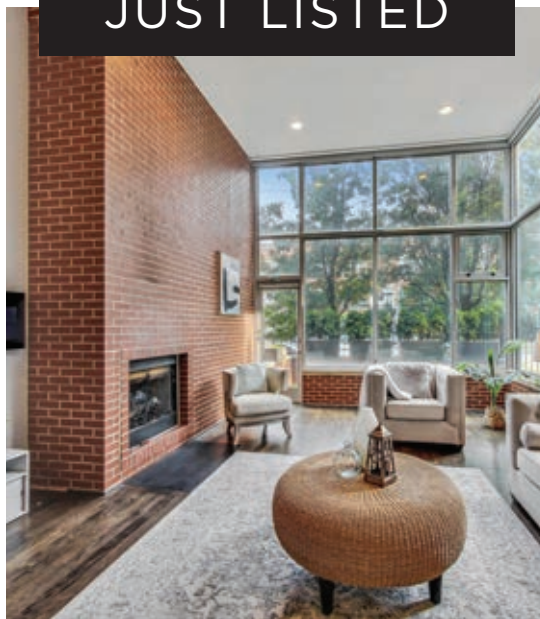
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■ Mock Trial Summer Camp

Aug. 5-8
Hinsdale Central Library
5500 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalecentral.8to18.com

Learn the principles of law and procedures of a trial and get background on constructing a compelling case, understanding rules of evidence, making and responding to objections, speaking confidently and handling the space of a courtroom. The culminating activity will involve a full trial using materials from a previous Illinois state case. Questions: Email Chris Freiler at cfreiler@hinsdale86.org. Time: 8:30 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$80.

■ SDFA Musical Theater Acting Camp

Aug. 5-9
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Campers ages 10-18 will develop a show, complete with song, dance, solo work an ensemble performance. The week will focus on famous shows, actors and composers, with the final performance including numbers from Broadway favorites. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$255.

■ Pre-Season Flag Football Camp

Aug. 5-9
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Prepare for the upcoming season by learning league rules, fundamentals and game play through drills and scrimmages. Players ages 6-12 will learn both sides of the ball, including passing, catching, defensive positioning and de-flagging. Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 9-12, 1 to 2:20 p.m. for ages 6-8. Cost: \$130 for 9-12, \$98 for 6-8.

■ Pickleball & Tennis Camp

Aug. 12-16
Brook Park
Third and Columbia streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 7-12 will be introduced to stroke fundamentals such as forehand and backhand shots, serving, lobbing and drop shots, all of which are important in these two

racquet sports. Through fun drills and recreational matches, players will learn game strategy, form, footwork and sportsmanship. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$130.

■ SDFA Musical Theater Acting Camp

Aug. 12-16
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Campers ages 6-11 will develop a show, complete with song, dance, solo work an ensemble performance. The week will focus on famous shows, actors and composers, with the final performance including numbers from Broadway favorites. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$255.

■ Summer Arts Camp/Morning Drawing

Through Aug. 16

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

Kids ages 5-13 can start their mornings this summer free drawing or participating in a drawing exercise. This can be taken weekly in conjunction with Open Art Studio (below) at a cost of \$210. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. \$80 a week, \$18 a day.

■ Summer Arts Camp/Kids Open Art Studio

Through Aug. 16
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
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by Linda Thistle

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HOROSCOPES

July 2024 Horoscopes • Week 5



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
This is your week to really shine, Capricorn. Let others know what you're made of, but be sure you do not do something at another person's expense just to get ahead.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Your feelings this week may not be entirely trustworthy, Aries. You could end up worrying for nothing, and being pulled into difficult situations for the wrong reasons.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may be so caught up in a specific vision for the future that you are not open to new ideas that are equally beneficial and possible. Be more receptive to what others offer.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you have a way of doing things, and right now you're not ready to deviate from that routine. With time you may be able to branch out and try a new approach.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, if you do not like the course you are on, you have the ability to change things whenever you want. Nothing is set in stone at this point, so start dreaming up new ideas.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, if you are feeling a little lost these days, it could be that you need a change in perspective and location to help you get inspired. Plan a short trip to recharge.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, once you give a certain plan a little more thought you may determine it isn't worth your time right now. Perhaps you've been building this idea up in your head.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
People are receptive to your words and you often speak with assertiveness. Do not let this go to your head, though. Aspire to be humble while exhibiting confidence.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, there are so many ways you can be creative and express yourself. This is a week of true inspiration and exploration. Nothing is off-limits if you desire it.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
You cannot serve as mediator or help friends establish harmony if you are all over the emotional map, Gemini. Work your way through your emotions before offering to help.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you are eager to share your ideas and vision with others, but right now the audience isn't as receptive as you would have hoped. Do not give up; people will come around.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, this is one of those weeks when you can get into trouble if you let your emotions be the driving force behind your actions. Make an effort to balance emotion and reason.

SPORTS



They've got spirit

Before heading down to the Little League Central Region Softball Tournament on Saturday morning, team members from the Clarendon Hills 12U team representing Illinois in the competition had plenty of time for pictures and decorating their parents cars. The girls got to travel in style on board a 47-passenger luxury bus, compliments of their parents. Meghan Wierzbicki donned the perfect head gear for the team, while Kate Sunderson and Olivia McEwen put some finishing touches on their creation. The team beat Kentucky 5-0 on Sunday but fell to Missouri 12-1 Tuesday night. A 4-1 win over Iowa on Wednesday earned them another game on Wednesday again either Nebraska or Ohio (after press time). A win would put them into the semifinal at 12:45 p.m. today, July 25, televised on ESPN, with hopes of making it to the championship at 12:45 p.m. Friday, July 26, also on ESPN. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Christmas in July? How about football!

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Griffin, who has been the head coach since 2019, said he tries to step in wherever he's needed during camps and practices.

"There are a lot of coaches out of the building who work real jobs," he said. "They work hard to be out there every day, but it's hard."

In addition to three weeks of summer camp, including three days of "away camp" this week at North Central College, players are responsible for studying plays and watching film between practices.

"Position to position, what you need to know is bigger or smaller," Griffin said. "The farther away you move from the ball, probably the more you need to be able to know."

Griffin said his goal is to create plays that will help the team succeed without being so complex that the execution is impossible.

"As the game evolves, there is more and more that teams are trying to do, and it's finding that sweet spot of trying to be multiple and keep other teams confused but simple enough so the team can do it effectively and consistently. As a coach, I feel like that's one of the hardest balances to strike."

Football is not an easy sport, Contreras notes at camp.

"We come out here knowing what we have to do," he said. "I think we'll come together as a group better and win some football games."

Griffin knows how it feels to win. He was a senior on the 2002 Central team that went undefeated en route to a West Suburban Silver Conference championship and state play-off berth. He happens to be wearing a T-shirt indicating as much at the July 18 practice.

And his former coach, Ken Schreiner, happens to stop by. "I just wanted to see Griff, and I wanted to remember some old times that I had that were great with the kids," said Schreiner, who retired from Central following that special season having coached football for 11 years and served as athletic director for 10.

"I don't think I can be part of the inside run," the former coach joked with his former player.

Another former Red Devil who made an appearance at camp this summer was Kiran Amegadjie, a 2020 Central grad recently drafted by the Chicago Bears.

"It's a cool moment," Griffin said of his visit. "It's a cool part of the program right now to be part of and see him. He's in ton of articles right now."

The Allen brothers —



Hinsdale Central varsity head football coach Brian Griffin works with members of the special teams unit on techniques for blocking field goals at the team's summer training camp session July 18 at Dickinson Field. (Jim Slonoff photos)

including former LA Rams and current Cleveland Browns center Brian Allen — also have stopped by.

"They've come by and talked to the kids and other alumni have come and worked

with the kids. That's been a consistent thing with the linemen, and they've had a lot of success. It's been cool to have them come back and be part of it," Griffin related.

He praised his players for

the hard work they put in and the passion they put into the game.

"It's been a fun summer camp so far," he said. "We're excited to see how that translates into games this fall."



Players work on blocking skills under the watchful eye of assistant coach Brendan Lynch, a Hinsdale Central alum, during individual drills at the

team's summer training camp. Assistant coach Cole Dow gives pointers on handling field goal-holding duties to junior Jack Lesniewicz.

SPORTS



Warm-up drills were part of summer football camp July 18 at Hinsdale Central High School. One drill challenging players to leap as far as they can is called "bounding." (Jim Slonoff photos)



Christmas in July? How about football!

Summer camp helps Red Devils hone skills before official practice begins in August

By Pamela Lannom
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The sun is shining and a cool breeze is blowing the morning of July 18 as Hinsdale Central juniors and seniors arrive for their seventh day of football camp at Dickinson Field. Before camp started July 8, it had been more than eight months since players and coaches were on the grid-iron.

"It always feels like a long time coming, but once it's here, it's such a familiar, comfortable feeling, so it's great," varsity head coach Brian Griffin said.

Quarterback Riley Contreras, a junior, agrees.

"It feels great," he said. "This is what we all love to do. Coming out with your friends in the morning, getting better, playing some football."

Getting better involves learning new skills and practicing familiar ones. Specific situations — like kicking a field goal — are reviewed in what coaches call "installs." Players new to varsity learn how the team approaches various situations — and returning varsity players get a refresher.

"If you don't take time to walk through it on the front

end, they get confused pretty quickly," Griffin said.

In addition to warm ups, this three-hour camp includes two installs, two individual position drills and two competition sets.

During one of the installs on field goal kicks, Griffin identifies where each player on the line should stand and whom they are responsible for blocking. Junior Micah Drescher kicks several balls through the uprights, and then it's time for the players to rotate.

"I want a new set of defensive linemen ready to go," Griffin calls.

Midfield, Contreras is

throwing a series of beautiful spirals down the field to his receivers, and another set of plays are being rehearsed at the opposite end zone. Before long, the installs are over.

"Now we've got to switch gears and get better at our individuals," Griffin shouts to the players.

Defensive lineman move to the south end zone to work with linebacker coach Brendan Lynch, a former Red Devil who graduated in 1987. He runs the guys through a down block drill.

"LT does this all the time," he tells his players. "Get your hands a little higher.

Keep on fighting. That's it! Keep on fighting!"

Next players run through the competition drills, with Griffin calling out various scenarios as players get in formation on the line of scrimmage. Assistant coaches offer tips to individual players on the heels of each play.

A five-minute "halftime" follows.

"We just try to keep it variable," Griffin told *The Hinsdalean* Friday. "You try to mimic games in practice, so you try to create those starts and stops that make games hard."

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117 W HICKORY STREET, HINSDALE

Wonderful in-town Hinsdale location close to town, train, library, Monroe School, Burns Field and all shops. 4 bedrooms, 3.1 bath solid home with character. Beautiful 65 x 198 lot. Updated kitchen with generous cabinetry and center island, office nook off kitchen, spacious dining room, large living room with fireplace, 24 x 15 family room with door to large deck and entrance to a great front porch. Primary bedroom has a sitting room, four closets, and private bath with double vanity, bathtub and separate shower. Gorgeous towering trees and pretty perennial beds by Coventry Gardens. Treasure the incredible charm and a most sought-after location. Offered at \$1,150,000

4904 HIGHLAND AVENUE, DOWNERS GROVE

Quintessential two story with sweeping front porch and wonderful updates. Over 5000 square feet on a gorgeous lot near downtown and train. Beautiful kitchen renovation with custom white cabinetry, quartzite counters, top appliances, great open design leading to a breakfast room with coffee bar and wine refrigerator. Large family room with stunning stone fireplace and Lutron window treatments. Impressive primary suite with sitting area. Primary bath features dual vanities, whirlpool and walk-in shower. Second floor offers three additional bedrooms, two more baths, additional laundry area so desirable on second floor. Lower level adds fifth bedroom, full bath, large rec room and radiant heated floors. Enjoy the beautiful yard from the paver patio with brick fireplace and pergola. Three car garage provides great storage with second story room.

Offered at \$1,399,000



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