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## And they're off!

**District 181 Superintendent** Hector Garcia starts the mascot race at The Rotary Club of Hinsdale's Charity Classic Sunday morning. The mascots competing are Miles the Mustang (Monroe School), Echo the Eagle (Clarendon Hills Middle School), Sparty the Spartan (Hinsdale Middle School), Spike the Bulldog (The Lane School), Hootie the Owl (Oak School), Paws the Panther (Madison School), Walker the Wildcat (Walker School) and Dash the Panther (Prospect School). Hinsdale Middle School won the "Mr. K" participation trophy and The Lane won the "Mrs. B" trophy. Hootie from Oak School won the mascot race. Please turn to Page 26 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



### Dancing queen

Dance instructor is a retired scientist from Argonne.

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October the perfect time to give shelter dog a forever home.

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Firefighters getting ready for annual open house Saturday.

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# NEWS

## New D86 superintendent is Lach-ed in

*After three months on the job, top admin shares early impressions and casts vision*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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Mike Lach doesn't mind resolving disputes between staff members, debating policy decisions, responding to a host of emails or spending lots of time in meetings.

"I want to do this work because I like the work and I believe in the work," said Lach, who is three months into his first year as Hinsdale High School District 86's superintendent. "I think public schools are a wonderful institution — this idea that you get together with the people on your street and the next block and the block over, and you put in your taxes to create an organization that then will educate everybody's kids.

"It's a pretty profound idea and I believe in it," he added. "It's messy, it's complicated, but it's also so incredible."

He said he's meeting fascinating meeting people and enjoys coming

to work every day — especially the rare moments he has been able to spend with students. But Lach has set a goal that will not be easy to achieve.

"I think I have said a couple of times I would like District 86 to be the best high school district in the state, and that's ambitious," he said. "I also know some people say it and are like, 'Wait a minute, Lach. We're not the best in the state already?'"

"I think there's always a next level of work, and I think the foundation of this place is strong," he added. "There's great people, there's a lot of passion, there's a lot of resources, so let's get to it and roll up our sleeves and figure out how we can do even more even better for kids and families."

Lach believes determining the degree to which students should be pushed is both an art and a science and that parents need to help their teens discern the right

approach. He pointed to the fact that first semester of last year at Hinsdale Central, 45 percent of juniors chose to take the standard level of precalculus instead of honors, even though they were successful enough in math to take algebra in eighth grade and met or exceeded standards on SAT suite tests. He wonders if these kids — who have a lot of mathematical power — are reaching their potential.

"I think generally, as adults, we don't have high enough expectations for kids," the former high school teacher said. "Kids can do incredible things, and we often don't believe they can. It doesn't mean get super stressed out. It doesn't mean more as in more pages to read, pages to write, problems to solve. Kids ought to see the whole big wide world out there that is so wonderful and be able to dig in and explore and feel all of that, whatever they want."

Lach said he's worked to listen

and learn as much as possible, and believes the four questions he posed when he first arrived in July still are relevant.

"How do we tap into the passion that so many teachers and parents and community members have here? How do we build trust within the organization, within the community, across all the different divisions and departments and neighborhoods and towns? What are our goals — what should we be aspiring to? And how should we organize ourselves — are we a school system are we a system of schools?" he said. "I think about those every day and try to figure out how to do that."

At a high level, a critical step is for everyone in the district to work as a team. Lach said he also is spending significant time trying to understand the district's current strategic plan and determine what the district's North Star is.

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### Firefighters save home

Hinsdale firefighters were called to a garage fire in the 100 block of North Adams Street Oct 2 at about 10:30 p.m. Upon arrival they found a detached garage engulfed in flames and the rear of the home beginning to catch fire. They quickly extinguished the fire on the house and also the garage, which was a complete loss. Hinsdale was assisted by the Clarendon Hills, Western Springs and Oak Brook fire departments. (Jim Slonoff photos)



# ONCE UPON A TIME

## From the archives

- In the 1930s, the Hinsdale Public Works Department didn't have the modern lifts and machinery it does today for maintaining tall structures and trees. Pictured here in 1938, a public works employee is seen performing maintenance on the newly installed flagpole at Burns Field. This image is from the 1938-39 Public Works Department Annual Report, which humorously captioned it, "This is the way we are most of the time — 'up in the air.'" (photo courtesy of the Hinsdale Historical Society)





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# Zook designed abodes with his heart

*Local architect left his fingerprints throughout his homes to augment his enchanting style*

By Ken Knutson

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Every detail mattered to R. Harold Zook.

The Hinsdale-based architect, whose early 20th-century interpretations of the traditional English cottage became iconic features of the local landscape, was as involved with the interior finishings as with the outward elevations.

Mimi Collins is appreciative of that Zook quality as she rehabs his century-old gem at 4 E. Fifth St.

"I love all his hand-forged hardware. The light fixtures and curtain rods, all the hand-hammered work," she said, "I think he took great pride in the making his homes special and unique."

This is the second restoration/renewal project of a Zook home in town for Collins, a resident herself. The storybook features like wavy shingle roofs, wooden shutters with cutout designs and window boxes give Zook homes a distinctive curb appeal. Oh, and his signature spider web woven into the structure in a window or elsewhere.

Collins particularly cherishes Zook's unique incorpora-

tion of stone.

"My favorite things are his masonry and brickwork, just the use of flagstone and brick and the intricate patterns," Collins said, noting the chevron arrangement Zook often employed.

Roscoe Harold Zook seemed destined to leave his creative mark on the world. Born in 1889, Zook spent his youth in Fort Wayne, Ind., the sixth child of a master carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the nephew of an architect. After earning a degree in architecture from the Armour Institute of Technology (now IIT), Zook opened an office in Chicago's Loop and was a protégé of Howard Van Doren Shaw, a leader in the American Craftsman movement.

Zook designed homes throughout the suburbs as well as notable public buildings, including Maine East High School in 1927, Park Ridge's Pickwick Theater in 1928 and St. Charles' Municipal Building in 1939. But his home base was Hinsdale, constructing a home and studio in 1924 at 327 S. Oak St., where he would spend the rest of his life.

## ■ FIFTH STREET FAIRYTALE

*This series explores the process of turning a vintage home into a livable dwelling for today.*

He was twice married and had a son, who became an architect in California. In archived documents at the Hinsdale Historical Society, Zook's acquaintances describe him as an "affable but no-nonsense" man, fond of wearing a plaid tam o'shanter, hosting parties and exercising his sense of humor.

Finding remarks from Zook is a challenge, but an article he wrote on the virtues of his home entitled "Low and Snug" reveal his proclivity for coziness.

"One of the attractions of the house is the wide window openings in the dining room, which extend from the floor to the ceiling and face to the south, affording a splendid view over the paved terrace to the small garden," Zook related.

He also describes the "well-lighted" living room with exposed roof rafters.

"This increases the apparent size of the room and carries out the English feeling so pleasingly embodied in the exterior design," Zook explained.

Clarendon Hills architect Michael Abraham, who is working with Collins on her project, said he is fascinated by how well the elements fit together.

"All the cabinets, all the millwork, the lintels and everything — you could tell it was all done by the carpenter on the job," he said, contrasting the way custom items have to be ordered today.

Abraham said he heard Zook also was something of a scavenger.

"He reclaimed materials from old buildings that were being torn down, just put stuff in his car and then put it into his homes," he said, citing old stone copings visible in Zook's former home.

That home and studio, incidentally, now sit at Katherine Legge Park, relocated from Oak Street in 2005



**R. Harold Zook** was the architect behind dozens of homes in Hinsdale in the 1920s through 1940s that bear his trademark Cotswolds cottage style, including his own home and studio that was preserved and relocated to Katherine Legge Park nearly 20 years ago. (photo provided by the Hinsdale Historical Society)

by the historical society to avoid demolition.

Collins said Zook's romantic touches are enchanting, like elevating the Fifth Street fireplace with herringbone brick on the inside.

"He was almost like an interior designer as well," she said. "He was very involved. The light fixtures and the door handles and the peepholes are all hand forged. His homes exude a warmth."

Abraham said Zook never gained much notoriety beyond suburban Chicago. He designed some 34 homes and commercial buildings within Hinsdale and as a charter member of village's plan commission helped cultivate the Georgian design so prominent here, from the Memorial Building to the downtown business district.

"He's definitely a local architect," Collins said.

She said she is not a preservation purist and will alter room layouts or remove elements like aging paneling for better functionality.

"I feel bad because it's pretty, but it's too warped to try to keep," she said.

Other features like those wavy roofs are hard to repair but have priceless charm. Of course, the Cotswolds-esque cottage is not universally embraced.

"At the end of the day it's not everyone's style or taste," she said. "They are a lot of work to do them."

Apart from their whimsical touches, Zook's homes boast a durability that also contribute to their enduring appeal, Abraham said.

"I think they were pretty well built. It's not easy to make a determination that one needs to come down," he said.

Zook passed away April 17, 1949, a month short of his 60th birthday. But 75 years later his legacy lives on, for which Zook himself seemed to have a prescient understanding when appraising his own residence.

"This is type of home which will mellow with the years."



**Hinsdale resident** Mimi Collins has found numerous examples of Zook's design details while rehabbing 4 E. Fifth St., like the herringbone brickwork inside the living room fireplace. "He brought a charming style of architecture. People remember them," she said. (photo provided by Mimi Collins)

# NEXT WEEK

## Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission special meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** public meetings on 304 S. Lincoln St. and 121 S. County Line Road (certificate of appropriates for designated landmark and preservation incentive) and 425 E. Eighth St. (preservation incentive)

## Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org)

## New D86 superintendent is Lach-ed in

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"Where do we need to be headed? What does it mean to be the best district in the state for all kids, for all families? How do we define that?" he posed.

He said his opinion of the district hasn't changed since he applied for the job.

"I did my best to be eyes wide open when I applied," he said. "It's no secret — I was looking at applying to Hinsdale and then we have board members resigning and a new law firm and staff changes and the teachers union publicly upset. I see that.

"But I also saw people who have a lot of passion and people who care and smart people, talented people," he continued. "I knew it was a place that had tremendous assets, not just material and financial but in the people, in the relationships, in the systems. On that level, it's gone exactly as I thought it would."

Lach and his wife, an attorney,

and their son, a high school sophomore, live in Hyde Park. He enjoys taking pictures of "decrepit ruins of urban architecture" and said he likes almost all kinds of music, from jazz and blues to Chapel Roan.

"I only can play the stereo," he quipped.

Lach said even though it sounds corny to say it, it really does take everyone to be a successful district.

"This is a really wonderful community with tons of potential," he said. "As a community, we're not going to always agree, but I do think if we want schools that educate our kids well and keep our property values high and can make us all proud and all the other things, we're going to all need to be doing our part to build things better and stronger, and it's going to take everyone.

"I'm happy to take the hits. I'm happy to be accountable, but this isn't a job I can do by myself," he added. "It's going to take all of us."

## Corrections

• Patti Bellock lives in Hinsdale. Her town of residence was listed incorrectly in an Oct. 3 letter to the editor.

• Sweet William founder Marlene Burton built the store from scratch 35 years ago. An incorrect number was included in the Oct. 3 Pulse feature.

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# Forest district to ask for rate increase

*Voters to decide Nov. 5 on 35-cent tax hike for DuPage County Forest Preserve District*

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The DuPage County Forest Preserve District Board will ask voters for a 35-cent property tax increase on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The board voted unanimously July 16 to put the question on the ballot. If it is approved, the owner of a \$1 million home would pay an additional \$117 a year in taxes to the forest district. The rate increase would generate an additional \$17 million a year in revenue.

The last time voters were asked to pay more was in a 2006 referendum, noted Karie Friling, the forest district's executive director.

"A lot has changed with the district since that time," Friling said.

The biggest change is the number of annual visitors to the district's 60 forest preserves (26,000 acres) and seven educational centers. That number was 3 million in 2006.

"Then Covid — the pandemic — hit," Friling said. "We did stay open during Covid. We made sure we had a place for our residents to go and visit during

the pandemic. What we saw was those numbers go up to 6.2 million."

Since the pandemic, the number of visitors has leveled off to about 5.5 million a year.

The district has added 639 acres of land and 30 miles of trails along with restoring more than 8,500 acres since the last referendum. In 2006, the district spent about \$4,000 to restore one acre of land. Today it costs more than \$12,000, she said.

Friling said the district board has been very conscientious about spending taxpayer money, as reflected in the drop in the district's levy — or annual request for property tax revenue — from about \$54.3 million in 2014 to almost \$51.3 million in 2023. The tax rate has dropped from \$2.30 for each \$100 of equalized assessed valuation in 2006 to \$1.50 in 2023.

If the referendum passes, the district will invest in clean air and water and stormwater management, healthy habitats and wildlife preservation, continued restoration efforts and outdoor opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

District officials also have identified about 250 acres of land they would like to acquire over the next 10 years with a portion of referendum proceeds.

"DuPage County is 95 percent built out," Friling said. "We know that over the course of the next decade, that land that is still undeveloped or vacant, there's a very high probability it won't be if we fast forward 10 years."

Bob Schillerstrom, a former three-term member of the forest district board who is co-chairing the referendum citizens group, said previous ballot questions focused on land acquisition.

"Now there's not as much left, but we have a duty to take care of it," he said.

Schillerstrom praised the forest district for its responsible financial stewardship and AAA bond rating and said sometimes taxes need to go up.

"I've historically been a Republican, and we always didn't want taxes to go up, but taxes are really important and people forget that elected officials have a responsibility to invest taxes into their communities," he said. "If they don't do that, they're not doing their job."

The district is limited in the amount

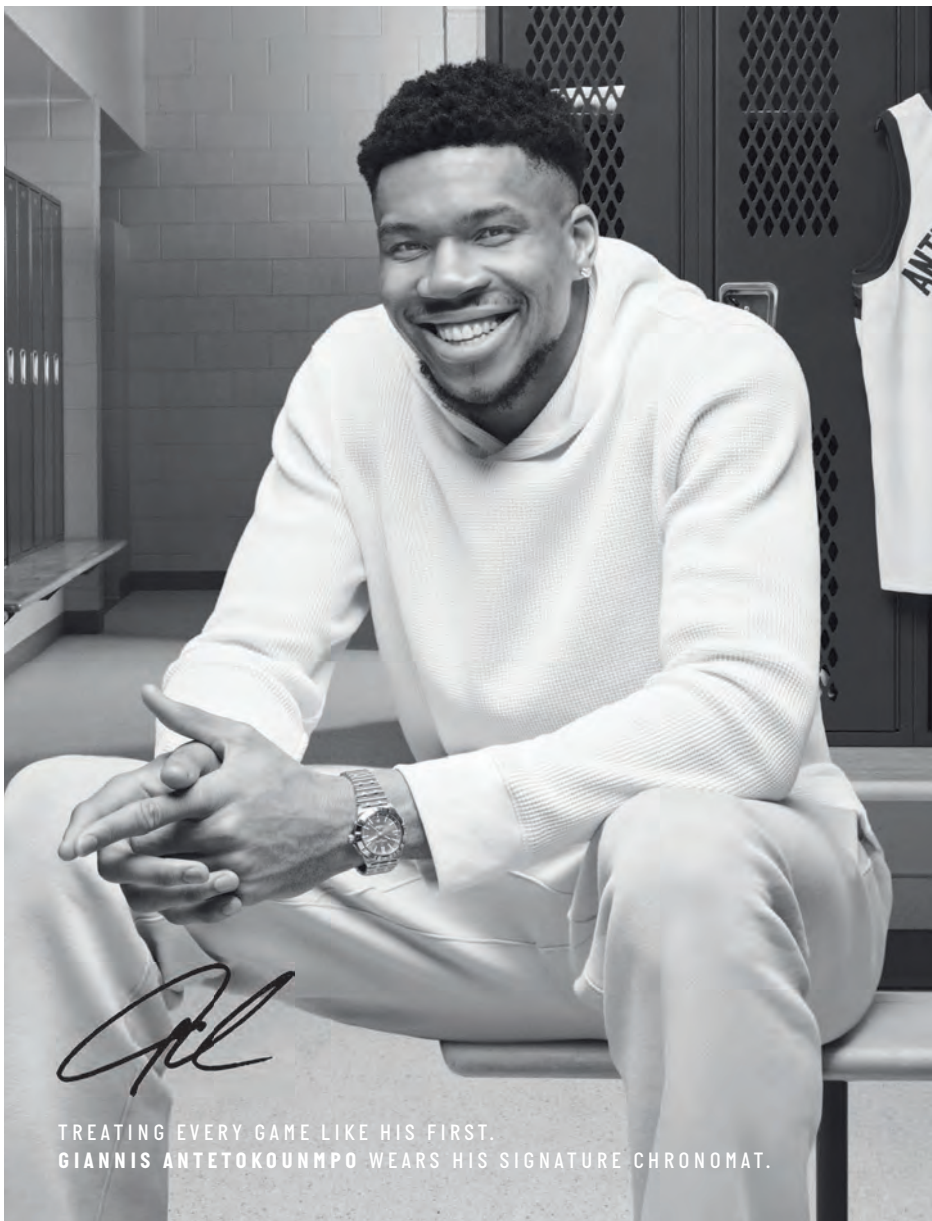


taxes it can collect without going to referendum by the tax cap, which restricts the annual levy increase to the previous year's consumer price index or 5 percent, whichever is lower, plus an amount for new growth. The CPI that controls this year's levy is 3.4 percent.

Schillerstrom said he supports the decision to levy conservatively even though it means the district needs to pass a referendum now.

"It shows a responsibility because when they don't need the money, they reduce the levy," he said. "When they do, they come to the people and ask for it with a justifiable reason. I don't think you can ask more out of your government officials."

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## DUI arrests

- John Wright, 66, 538 Iroquois Road, Hillside, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane use at 1:02 a.m. Oct. 5 at Stough Street and the BNSF crossing after police responded to report of a vehicle driven onto the train tracks. He refused tests to determine his blood-alcohol content. He was charged and released to appear in court.

- Grzegorz Filonczuk, 37, 8139 Roberts Road, 2N, Bridgeview, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, failure to signal when changing lanes and improper lane use at 11:44 p.m. Oct. 5 in the 400 block of East Ogden Avenue. He submitted to testing that indicated he was over the legal limit before being charged and released to appear in court.

## Bicycle stolen from school

A bicycle left at Hinsdale Middle School, 100 S. Garfield Ave., was stolen between Sept. 20 and 24. The theft was reported Sept. 28.

## Identity theft reported

Someone attempted to transfer funds using the credit card account of a resident of the 300 block of North Washington Street sometime before Sept. 26.

## Unlawful use of credit card

- The credit card account belonging to a resident of the 500 block of North County Line Road was used to make a fraudulent charge July 13. The incident was reported Sept. 27.

- Someone made a fraudulent charge using the credit card account of a resident of the 100 block of East Walnut Street on Aug. 14. The incident was reported Sept. 27.

## Vandals spray graffiti

- Someone spray painted graffiti on the pedestrian bridge and wall of the men's bathroom at Veeck Park, 701 E. Chicago Ave., between Sept. 28 and 29.

- Graffiti was found spray painted on the wall inside of the men's restroom at Robbins Park, 303 W. Seventh St., on Oct. 2.

- Graffiti was found spray painted at Veeck Park, 701 E. Chicago Ave., on Oct. 7.

## Fraud incident

A resident of the 700 block of South Jackson Street was instructed to purchase gift cards to pay for services over the telephone by a someone claiming to be computer technical support on Oct. 1.

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■ When she was unable to find a similar class in her new hometown of Hinsdale, Stepinski took it upon herself to create her own.

## Former Argonne scientist finds joy on dance floor

While balancing motherhood with a strenuous job as a scientist, Dominique Stepinski was looking for an activity that would provide her with an escape from the pressures and responsibilities of work and family. When a friend suggested a Zumba class, Stepinski never dreamed it would have such a profound impact on her life.

Stepinski, who had no background in dance or music before taking that first class, said it wasn't long before she knew she had found what she was looking for.

"For an hour I was completely immersed in the music and the movement," she said.

The class remained part of her life for the years she spent in Bensenville. When she was unable to find a similar class in her new hometown of Hinsdale, Stepinski took it upon herself to create her own.

Now a certified Zumba instructor, Stepinski has led the Burning Beats dance fitness class at The Community House for more than a year. The hour-long class is held four times a week and attracts men and women of all fitness levels, Stepinski said. In addition to the four weekly classes

in Hinsdale, Stepinski teaches a class each week in Addison.

"It's a lot more than coming to class," she said.

While including the Latin American beats that are typically associated with Zumba, Stepinski said she carefully selects an eclectic collection of music for her students.

"They're wonderful songs from all over the world," she said. "I often have people asking me for the playlist."

Stepinski also creates much of her own choreography. As with the music she selects, she borrows from the Latin American moves often found in Zumba, but expands her choreography to include things she learns from watching videos or from her instructor. Even as an instructor herself, Stepinski takes lessons to further her teaching and dancing skills — skills that she recently showcased as part of the cast of the Hinsdale Revue.

Stepinski said Susan O'Byrne, one of the revue's producers, takes her Burning Beats class and encouraged Stepinski to join the cast.

"I was very excited to be part of that," said Stepinski, who already is looking forward to being part of the show when it returns in 2026.



### DOMINIQUE STEPINSKI

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A graduate of DePaul University who earned a PhD in chemistry from Loyola University, Stepinski said she always stayed close to home in order to be near her mother, with whom she immigrated from Poland at age 16.

As a graduate student, Stepinski worked with Argonne National Laboratory researchers in the search for solutions to nuclear waste

remediation. As a 20-year employee of the Argonne National Laboratory Division of Nuclear Engineering, Stepinski searched for ways to create medical isotopes without dependence on uranium.

Now retired, she enjoys traveling, hiking and cross-country skiing. But much of her time is spent dancing.

"My main passion is dancing," she said.

Stepinski said she works hard to be a better dancer and a better teacher. But she doesn't want her students to worry about how they look as they move or whether they're executing the right steps.

"Just enjoy the joy that comes from it," she said. "It's a place to leave everything else behind."

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff

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# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## Fire Prevention Week focuses on saving lives

Residents don't have to wait for the Hinsdale Fire Department's annual open house Saturday to observe Fire Prevention Week, whose theme is "Smoke Alarms — Make Them Work for You." Just follow the National Fire Prevention Association's calls to action — install, test and replace.

Smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 percent). About three out of five fire deaths happen in residences with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms, according to the association.

Residents should install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like the hallway) and on each level of the home, including the basement. The alarms should meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. Smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month by pushing the test button and replaced when they don't respond when tested or are 10 years old.

Less than 25 percent of all households had smoke alarms in 1977, according to the NFPA. The number of reported fires fell sharply in the

1980s as home smoke alarms became more common. Telephone surveys since 2000 have estimated that 92 to 97 percent of surveyed households have at least one smoke alarm.

But the alarms work only if they are maintained properly. In structure fires between 2014 and 2018 where smoke alarms failed to operate, more than two-thirds of the time that failure was due to a missing, disconnected, dead or discharged battery.

And smoke alarms become even more important as items using lithium-ion batteries proliferate. These batteries are found in smart phones, laptops, tablets, e-scooters, e-bikes, hoverboards, e-cigarettes, toys and even cars. And because they store a large amount of energy in a small space, they're prone to overheating, catching fire and exploding if handled improperly, according to the NFPA. To help prevent fires, the association recommends the following manufacturer instructions; avoid charging a device under a pillow, on a bed or on a couch; stop charging the device or battery after it's fully charged; keep batteries at room temperature when possible; and store batteries away from

anything that can catch fire.

A battery that develops an odor, changes color, gives off too much heat, changes shape, leaks or makes odd noises might be damaged and should not be used. Lithium-ion batteries should not be put in the trash, but taken to a battery recycling location.

The Wheel Thing at 417 N. La Grange Road in LaGrange Park accepts e-bike batteries from a variety of brands. Rechargeable and single-use batteries and cell phones can be recycled at the Willowbrook Staples, 7199 S. Kingery Highway and Horton's Ace Hardware, 60 S. La Grange Road, La Grange. Visit [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org) for more information on recycling batteries.

Speaking of batteries, the ones in smoke detectors/alarms should be changed at least once a year or sooner if the alarm is chirping. The NFPA and Hinsdale Fire Department recommend residents change the batteries when they change the clocks in the fall and the spring.

To learn more about fire prevention, stop by the fire department's open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. See the story on Page 17 for more details.

COMMENTARY

## Montana home to more than another Hinsdale

I knew Montana had its own Hinsdale, as I visited the small town for a series we authored on other Hinsdales across the country in honor of our 10th anniversary.

What I did not realize is that Montana is home to many Illinois Hinsdaleans. One is Rob Svendsen, who emailed me a while back to let me know that he, his former business partner and his accountant all hailed from the village.

After spending 25 years as a commodity and financial futures trader, he moved to Missoula, the hometown of his second ex-wife, four years ago.

"I always told her that if she left me, I was still moving to Missoula," Svendsen told me. "That was our plan when we were empty-nesters."

Svendsen grew up in town, attending Oak School and Hinsdale Junior High before graduating from Hinsdale Central in 1991. He knew he wanted to move to Montana after spending family vacations there.

"Right now, I think I've been led here for the opportunity. If you want to start a business, this is the

place to be. There's 25 years of work out here," said Svendsen, who started a lawn, landscape and irrigation business two years ago.

His former partner, Kevin Hagar, also grew up in Hinsdale, 20 years after Svendsen did. Hagar had moved to Montana for college.

"We met up at Snow Bowl, which is the local ski hill, as instructors," Svendsen said. Of course, Rob Morris, who owns Snow Bowl, is from Hinsdale, too, Svendsen said. (So is Chris Henry, owner of the vinyl records store in town.)

Svendsen's company, which uses electric equipment for lawn, snow and home care, has been well-received in Missoula, which he described as a blue town in a red state.

"I'm really sort of living the dream," he said. "I wasn't planning on being a bachelor at 50, but now that I am, I'm being the best damn bachelor I can be."

Svendsen's accountant, Steve



**Pamela Lannom**

Mauer of MauerPower Consulting, also points to family as the reason he moved to Montana. His ties go back almost 100 years.

"My grandparents met in the 1930s working in Glacier National Park, and they purchased some recreational property here," said Mauer, who lived in Hinsdale

from 1973-79 and attended Monroe School, Hinsdale Junior High and Hinsdale Central. After graduation, he first moved to Washington, D.C.

"I like to say Montana was in my DNA, and when it came time to go to college, I tried school at George Washington (University)," he said.

But his heart was in the mountains, and so he transferred to the University of Montana in Missoula. After graduation, he returned to the East Coast to work in New York and earned a graduate degree at the University of Connecticut. But the allure of Montana remained strong.

"My then-wife and I decided

that we would rather raise our children in Montana than in the New York metro area," he said. "Her family was here, so we packed up a 4-year-old and a newborn into a Ryder truck and boogied across the country. I don't recommend that, by the way."

He said he and Svendsen met at a business networking event, where they learned they both grew up on Bruner Street.

Mauer, an avid outdoorsman, has loved living in Montana since he moved there in 1993.

"It's a wonderful place," he said. "I enjoy all four seasons of outside activities. There might be a better place, to hunt, fish, ski, hike, camp, but I've been to every other state but Alaska (and) I haven't found it in any other state."

Next week I'll share what I've learned about Elvira and Greg Johnston and their daughter, Sandy Schwartz, former Hinsdaleans who now own Flathead Lake Brewing Co. in Bigfork.

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

# OPINION

## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Loop, swoop and tug (at my heartstrings)

I've always been somewhat of a sneaker-head. No, I don't own multiple display-only Jordans or change my gait to avoid toe creasing. I just have a healthy appreciation for a fresh pair of kicks.



**Lex Silberberg**

fact, my path was identical to theirs, right down to the flying footwear. We talked about how this experience was similar to reading, bike riding and multiplication: All were chores for them initially

but with practice, they became second nature. I told them mastery takes time (even at 41, I have a list I'm still workshoping, but one thing at a time here) but we'd figure it out ... together. The look of relief on their faces — and the look of renewed determination that followed — is something I won't soon forget.

AND THAT'S ALL IT TOOK.

New achievement unlocked.

Just kidding! Shoe tying is still a work in progress. For every loop, swoop and tug, there's a tangle, twist and snarl, but we're getting closer every day. My heartstrings flutter at their triumphs and I no longer have to protect my head from airborne Nikes. I'll consider that a sneaky win.

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

When my sons started sharing that interest (though their love of Crocs still confuses me), I was pumped we had something else in common, but that excitement was short-lived: The coolest sneakers are usually sans Velcro — and don't even get me started on cleats. Sports moms, I know you feel my pain here.

Our shoe-tying journey commenced with the three of us huddled together on the floor of the mudroom. I modeled the process slowly, discussing each step in detail as the boys nodded their heads in understanding. When it was their turn to try, however, things took a turn. There was anger. There were tears. At one point, my younger son chucked his left shoe at the door while his older brother put his head in his hands and sighed.

"Why can't I get this? You make it look so easy, Mom."

I pulled them both in close and explained what looked like a simple task for me took a while to perfect. I didn't "get it" on the first try, either; in

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Campaign mailers offering an unfair picture of Akhras

I am outraged about the racist and Islamophobic comments about Suzanne Akhras, the Democratic candidate for state representative in District 82. I have known her for more than a decade and am impressed by her accomplishments. She is a service-centered person who works toward solutions that make life better for the community. When she sees people in need, Suzanne finds ways to help lift them out of difficult situations.

Besides being a problem solver, Suzanne is our neighbor. She has lived in Burr Ridge for 20 years, raising her family here. I have been a welcomed guest in her home where I have been privileged to meet many caring

and accomplished people.

While it is acceptable to disagree politically on issues, it is shameful to take information out of context and claim she is tied to terrorist groups. All of the Abrahamic religions profess love and respect for our neighbors. Exodus 20:16 states "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

I hope you will join me in voting for Suzanne Akhras who will work hard for us in Springfield as an advocate for women's reproductive rights, access to mental health resources, and community safety initiatives that reduce gun violence. — **Kim Savage, Darien**



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# ASK AN EXPERT

CARLA WUDI, DOG ADOPTION EXPERT

## What should people know about dog adoption?

There are few moments more rewarding for Carla Wudi than when a rescue dog finds its forever family.

Like Noah, the emaciated pooch found tied to the bench outside the shelter last winter.

"We didn't think he was going to survive," she Wudi, foster care manager for the Hinsdale Humane Society.

Not only did he regain his health, he's thriving in his new adoptive home.

"Today he's just this big lug," Wudi said. "That show that there's hope and love."

October is National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, and the humane society hopes to record more stories like Noah's. She said prospective adopters can feel confident that the animals in the shelter's care have been fully checked and treated.

"(The animals) come into us, we evaluate them right away for medical care — vaccines, check

for fleas and ticks, make sure that they're fine healthwise," she said. "We make sure they're vaccinated from the second they walk into our doors. We have a medical team on staff to get through the process."

The dogs then go into the agency's intake department to "decompress" and adjust to their new surroundings.

"We make sure that they know they have food. Some of them haven't had a good meal in a while," Wudi said.

Since the majority of recent arrivals are strays or abandoned and don't come with information on their disposition, behavioral assessments are conducted to provide the animal care team the information they need to properly nurture them, like if a dog is shy or more high-energy.

"They come from another place and they don't have information on them," she said. "It's our job to find out how they're really going to be with us."

The society's team of volunteers give the dogs lots of attention as they acclimatize.

"The walk the dogs a few times a day," Wudi said. "We do whatever

it takes to help these animals get to where they need to be."

Those for whom the shelter environment seems to cause stress may be temporarily placed in a foster care home.

"Even if we can get a dog out for an overnight or a few hours just to hang out in (a family's) backyard, we're working on those programs as we speak," she said.

The foster-to-adopt approach is also a great way to try before you buy.

"What an animal shows in here sometimes is not who they're going to be at home," she said. "We don't want the animal nor the human to not be happy in that situation."

Wudi said the society's selection of adoptable dogs can be viewed at [www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org](http://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org). Or, of course, people can stop by the shelter and see them firsthand. The process involves filling out an application and meeting with an adoption counselor, with the goal of making a lasting match.

"We work really hard with our potential adopters to make sure that we're doing the best fit for the animal and the human," she said.

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale Humane Society staffer Carla Wudi said her agency works hard to make sure its rescue dogs are both medically and behaviorally suitable to become a family's pet. "We want to make sure people aren't so nervous about adopting an animal," Wudi said. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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# OBITUARIES

## Dick Burridge

Dick Burridge, 95, died peacefully at his home in Burr Ridge on Oct. 4, 2024.

He was born in 1929 in Hinsdale. As he said often, every day in between was a good day.

His early years were mostly in Hinsdale, with a brief stay as part of high school in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a member of a loving household run by his mother, Janet, and father Howard, and including siblings John, Bob and Ann. Integrity, hard work, discipline, sports and fun were emphasized. Dick was a solid student, a decent athlete — playing on Hinsdale High School's football and basketball teams — and had a close-knit group of friends.

For college he determined to go west, boarding a train for the University of Colorado in Boulder with only a few dollars in his pocket. After a couple weeks he sent a letter home detailing his spending and need for a bit more money, also indicating some modest winnings in a gin rummy game. Winning at cards — gin, hearts, bridge, poker, blackjack — would be a consistent theme throughout his life. He loved his time at CU and would stay involved with the university for his entire life.

He wanted to stay in Colorado after college, attempting to land a job in banking, but headed back to Illinois for better prospects. As was almost often the case, things worked out well. Soon after finding an apartment in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, he met a young graduate of the University of Michigan's business school living in the same building — the woman he was to marry, Leslie Millar.

He frequently advised his kids and grandkids that life was not complicated. The "secret" was to have a positive attitude, find work you enjoy, marry someone to share your life with and don't waste any time on the concept of worry. He checked those boxes his entire life.

Dick steadily built an exceptional career. Notable positions included director of research and senior vice president of Northern Trust Bank, treasurer of the University of Chicago, vice chairman of Alliance Capital Management, founder and CEO of The Burridge Group and



**Burridge**

resident savant at RMB Capital. He was trusted, respected, and sought-after for advice by industry leaders for his investment acumen.

His philanthropic endeavors were vast. Among his notable accomplishments: he created the endowment for Blue Cross Blue Shield IL, he founded one of the first and still leading charter school models in the country with St

Mel's in Chicago, he was an early and longtime contributor to Wellness House, his vision for bringing practitioners and academics together was supported by one of the largest gifts ever to the Leeds School of Business at CU to create the innovative Burridge Center For Finance, he was a longtime trustee of Hinsdale and he was the chairman of La Rabida Children's Hospital.

His personal interests and activities were also varied, the constant being motion. He and his wife of 52 years, Nan, traveled the world together. He loved playing tennis at the Salt Creek Club, taking annual golf trips all over the world with his sons, attending Bears games with his sons and running (jogging really). He liked food — and really lucked out marrying a gourmet chef — and a good cigar. He loved Christmas, shopping for presents for the family (and for himself) throughout the year.

He is survived by his three sons, Dick Jr. (Andrea), Pete (Maria) and Scott (Ashton) Burridge; his nine grandchildren, Haley (Jason) Chrestionson, Richard III "Mac" (Nicole), Avery, Abby (Jason Pillard), Isabelle, Marlee, Lindsey, Riley and Tyler Burridge; and his two great-grandchildren, Miles Chrestionson and Georgia Burridge.

Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale

A celebration of life will take place from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Hinsdale Golf Club, 140 Chicago Ave., Clarendon Hills.

Memorials may be made to Greenhouse Scholars, 1820 Folsom Street, Boulder CO, 80302; or the Burridge Center For Finance Endowment, University of Colorado Foundation, PO Box 17126, Denver CO 800217.

## Kathleen Sue Scheffler

Kathleen Sue Scheffler, 68, a lifelong Hinsdale resident, died Oct. 7, 2024.

She bled Cubbie blue, hailed Sweetness King and if you were wise and knew better, ketchup you would never bring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Stephanie Scheffler; and her sibling, Dale Miller.

She is survived by her children, Ray



**Scheffler**

(Nicole), Cole (Sydney) and Shannon Waliczek; her grandchildren, Maddy, Ray, Ryan, Payton, Alaina and Harley; her siblings, Roy (Carol) Scheffler, Jan (Bob) Foster and Thomas Scheffler; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale. A memorial service will follow at noon at the funeral home.

## Joan Veith

Joan Veith, 91, a lifelong Hinsdale resident, passed away Sept. 11, 2024, in California.

She was born in Hinsdale in 1933 to Edward Bohlander Veith and Margaret Bell Bray.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews.



**Veith**

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Thomas Edward Veith.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Bronswood Cemetery, 3805 Madison St., Oak Brook.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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# GOOD NEWS

## NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNIZES TEENS

The following Hinsdale Central students were recognized as commended students in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program based on their outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

They are:

Inaad Abbasi, Joseph Akerman, Abdullah Ahmed, Sakina Akbar, Aurora Allen, Adhvay Arvind, Sanna Asif, Grace Assicurato, Reyna Batra, Henry Bolenbaugh, Briana Cady, Patrick Cahill, Emily Cheung, Elena Chulos, Jackson Clark, Rebecca Cortez, Sarah Delapena, Eshan Doshi, Gemma Flaming, David Gao, Maya Gin, Henry Guo, Mia Herman, Julian Hernandez, Aayan Ilyas, Alia Islam, Sarah Izhar, Nikita Kamenev, Gia Kapur, Dana Karim, David Leung, Zedeki Lillioja, Lauren Lin, Nathaniel Lin, Cade MacDonell, Teagan Manning, Morgan Mehrhoft, Yash Mishra, Insiyah

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The names of Central's National Merit Semifinalists were published in the Sept. 19 issue.

## HINSDALE COUPLE SUPPORTS ALS WALK

Katy McNeil and husband Brian Davis of Hinsdale were among more than 2,000 people who helped raise more than \$575,000 in the 23rd annual Les Turner ALS Walk for Life Sept. 14 at Chicago's Soldier Field.

Davis was diagnosed with

ALS on his 36th birthday.

"While Brian is no longer able to walk the two miles at the Soldier Field event, he is looking forward to taking our 5-month-old daughter for a wheelchair ride alongside our 3-year-old, family and friends at the ALS Walk this year," McNeil said before the event.

Donations to the event continue throughout the year. Visit [www.lesturnerals.org](http://www.lesturnerals.org).

A photo appears online at [www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean](http://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean).

## FOUNDATION EVENT IS A SUCCESS

The Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation raised a record \$530,000 at its 20th Annual Autumn Affair on Sept. 7 at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago. More than 300 tickets were sold for the gala, which is the foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from this year's event will support cancer care and other programs and services that directly impact patients.

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## First responders open their workplaces

*Annual fire and police open house connects officers with the residents they serve*

**By Ken Knutson**

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With just a few days to go before the annual Hinsdale Fire and Police open house, firefighters are getting the station spruced up to welcome hundreds of visitors.

From shining up the fleet to touch-up painting, there's plenty to do deliver both information and enjoyment.

"It's to provide the public with fire prevention tips," said firefighter Kevin Baker, citing the demonstration of fire sprinkler safety. "We show them the difference between protected and unprotected."

All are invited to drop by the station at 121 Symonds Drive from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 12, for activities like the junior firefighter obstacle course, a live fire safety demonstration, a look inside department vehicles and more.

The police department will feature a SWAT team demonstration and tours of the station. Firefighter Lt. Steve Tullis said the open house, a highlight of the community's fall calendar, typically draws at least 500

visitors.

"And the way that we know that is we give out about 500 hot dogs," Tullis quipped.

Visitors are advised to bring bigger appetites this year to ensure room for Baker's celebrated Red Shift Chili (see sidebar for the full recipe), which he'll be dishing out as long as the batch lasts.

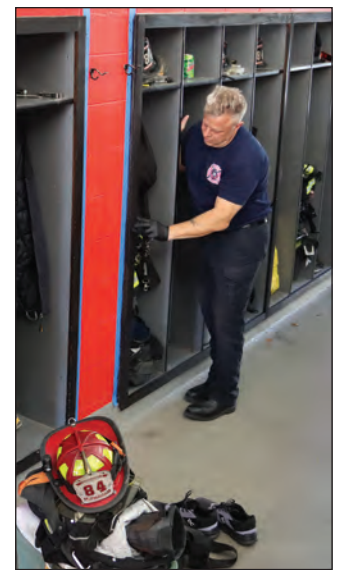
"We're going to keep it in the kitchen," said Baker, who also will offer a cooking demonstration and give people a behind-the-scenes look at the culinary side of the operation.

Tullis explained how all the personnel pitch in each day to buy ingredients for some surprisingly good meals.

"One guy's designated as the cook, and we have some really good cooks in this department," he said.

The event caps off the National Fire Protection Association's yearly Fire Prevention Week. Tullis said for 2024 the NFPA selected the theme "Make Smoke Detectors Work for You."

"It just reinforces the critical importance of having working smoke detectors



**Hinsdale firefighters** hang a sign above the fire safety demonstration rooms showing the effectiveness of sprinklers while colleague Kevin Baker applies stain to the locker trim in the fire station in preparation of Saturday's fire & police open house. (Jim Slonoff photos)

installed in your home," he said, advising that homeowners test their detectors monthly and change out the batteries every six months.

Representatives from UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital, Nicor, ComEd and a fire extinguisher manufacturer will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

"If you're installing a new

stove or have questions about your furnace or about EV and battery safety, there will be a lot of experts to be able to ask a lot those questions," Tullis said.

Capt. Mike Neville was getting ready to mud and tape the live fire rooms, one of a number of tasks remaining before Saturday.

"It's a lot of work, a lot of preparation, but it does turn out to be a great event," he said.

Tullis said he's excited visitors will have unique access to the station at the event.

"We'll open up the front doors as well as the back doors so people can get a really good idea of the fire department," he said, pointing out some of the memorabilia that speaks to the force's proud legacy and tight-knit spirit.

"This really is a family-oriented place."

### What's cookin'?

Firefighter Kevin Baker shared his recipe for Red Shift Chili, which he'll be dishing out at the Hinsdale Fire & Police open house on Saturday.

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons bacon grease or canola oil
- 2 red bell peppers, diced (about 2 cups)
- 2 jalapenos
- 2 Anaheim peppers
- 2 poblano peppers
- olive oil
- 2 yellow onions, diced (about 2 cups)
- 1 head garlic, minced (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 pound boneless chuck, trimmed and cut into 1/4 inch cubes
- 2 pounds ground beef, coarse grind
- 1 pound smoked pork shoulder, diced
- 1 pound pancetta, diced
- 3 teaspoons chili powder

- 3 tablespoons paprika
- 2 tablespoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- salt
- pepper
- 1 cup tomato paste
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 12-24 oz lager beer (use low sodium beef stock if on duty)
- Bourbon for deglazing (about 1/2c) (use balsamic vinegar if on duty)
- 15 oz canned pinto beans
- 15 oz canned kidney beans
- 15 oz canned black beans
- garnish with green onion, sour cream, fresh cilantro leaves, oyster crackers, cheddar cheese

#### Directions:

In large stock pot over high heat, add butter and bacon fat. Sauté red bell pepper and onion until caramelized, about five minutes. Add garlic and cook for 1-2 min longer without burning garlic. Add all meats until browned, then deglaze pan with bourbon, making sure all bits are free from bottom of pan. In roasting pan, take remaining peppers and coat with oil. Season with salt and pepper and roast in oven at 400 degrees for 25-30 min. When darkened and soft, remove stems from peppers, and blend until smooth in blender. Add pepper mixture to meat and veggies, then add spices and cook for another minute. Add tomato sauce paste and beer and stir chili until all is incorporated. Finally add beans and let simmer for two hours partially covered. Salt and pepper to taste before serving. Serves at least 50.



Visitors to the Morton Arboretum this weekend can enjoy glassblowing demonstrations, admire more than 7,000 glass pumpkins and purchase items to take home. See the Fallapalooza listing on Page 36 for more information. (photo provided)

**ARTFULLY DONE**

■ **Intuitive Watercolor Painting workshop**

Oct. 17  
Celestial Art Curation  
Gallery  
9 E. First St., Unit 2  
[www.christinaangelosstudios.com](http://www.christinaangelosstudios.com)

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

■ **Painted Wood Ornament or Magnet**

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

Paint a wooden ornament or magnet using an image of an animal or flower to create

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

**CASTING CALL**

■ **'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'**

Oct. 12  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
[www.stagedoorfinearts.com/winter-auditions](http://www.stagedoorfinearts.com/winter-auditions)

Youth in second grade and up — especially high schoolers — are invited to make an appointment to try out for Stage Door Fine Arts' winter production. See the website for directions on what to prepare. Callbacks will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Oct. 13, if necessary. Performances will be held Jan. 24-Feb. 2. Tuition is \$500 plus costume fees. Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. RR

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# Fall calls for a good book, an (Uncorked) glass of wine

It's fall, y'all! With the gourds lining the farmers market stalls, the multicolored mums dotting perfectly manicured lawns and towering (sometimes terrifying) Halloween decorations peering at you from every corner, you can't miss it. While I'm a summer-iced-tea over pumpkin-spice kinda girl, there are definitely some autumn events that have me feeling a bit like Anne of Green Gables: "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

## Books & Brunch

Speaking of Anne, if you're a fellow bibliophile, you don't want to miss Assistance League's annual Books & Brunch event Nov. 12. Starting at 10 a.m. with boutique shopping, a silent auction and specialty raffles and going until 2 in the afternoon after lunch (more so than brunch), my personal favorite part of this event is hearing from the three guest authors. As in the past, this year, one of our own local writers, Andrea Thome, is returning to moderate the conversation with three authors: Jonathan Eig, Luis Alberto Urrea and Libby Fischer Hellmann. Eig's new book, "King: A Life," has just

won the 2024 Pulitzer Prize. Urrea's novel, "Good Night, Irene," was a finalist. And Hellmann's latest, "Max's War," is receiving accolades across the board.

And while books are definitely one of my biggest temptors in the category of "things I will always make room for in my house," knowing that a portion of the proceeds from the purchase of these books (and the other non-book-related, gift-worthy items from various vendors) benefits the Assistance League makes the purchase even sweeter. In the last fiscal year, Assistance League Chicagoland West served more 5,700 individuals in the community, and boasted over 12,000 volunteer hours by its members. Since 1996, ALCW has given back more than \$2.5 million to communities through programs like Operation School Bell®, which improves attendance, self-esteem, and literacy for students in need.

This year's Books & Brunch co-chairs, JoAnn Barranco of Oak Brook and Susann Oakum of Hinsdale, agree that getting involved in the hands-on work was rewarding and invigorating in unex-



Allison Peters  
Society spotlight

pected ways. Oakum joined ACLW after Books & Brunch last year with her mother, who was missing philanthropic work after moving back to Hinsdale during the pandemic. When Oakum and her mother arrived at their first meeting, they were delighted at the mentors who met them. "These women are vibrant and have such a passion for their work," Oakum said. The programs that

Assistance League funds are amazing. It's the perfect combination of hands-on volunteering and fundraising for a nonprofit. There truly is something for everyone."

Barranco agrees, adding that the program for high-school-age students, Assisteens, is a great way for younger people to get involved.

"Our Assisteens are go-getters," she said. "They're organizing book fairs for kids and handing out winter coats with us. It's so wonderful to see members of multiple generations jumping in to help a great cause."

To learn more and for tickets, visit [www.alcw.org](http://www.alcw.org). I'll see you there (likely with a stack of freshly-signed books)!

## Scoreboard Charities: Uncorked

Just a few days after Books & Brunch, Scoreboard Charities is hosting its annual event, Uncorked. Guests will gather from 6 to 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Ruth Lake Country Club in Hinsdale for an evening of sipping, shopping, entertainment by the Keithen Banks Band and a fashion show by Sweet William of Hinsdale. A limited number of "Keys to the Closet" will be sold in a raffle for a \$10,000 wardrobe refresh by Kristi Smith of Sweet William.

In the past seven years, Scoreboard Charities has raised \$1.7 million in the fight against cancer. A portion of these proceeds has supported innovative research by funding clinical trials at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, as well as Camp One Step, an organization that provides children battling cancer a chance to attend summer camp with peers who are facing similar challenges.

Find out more at [www.scoreboard-charities.com](http://www.scoreboard-charities.com).

— Allison Peters of Hinsdale is the paper's society columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

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## ■ Yoga Storytime

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20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

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

## ■ Donuts with Dad

Oct. 19  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

A time for dads to enjoy donuts, coffee and spending time with their kids at the library with different activities each month. Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## FOR A CAUSE

### ■ Costume donations

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

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

### ■ Charity Bike Drive

Oct. 12  
Hinsdale Central senior parking lot  
5500 S. Grant St.

This Hinsdale Central High School football program is collecting gently used bikes to donate to Building Brighter Futures in this inaugural event. BBF is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life for underprivileged youth and their families in the North Lawndale community. Questions? Email Tommy Willett at tjwillett3@icloud.com. Time: noon to 3 p.m.

### ■ Blood drive

Oct. 19  
Rejuvenate Health  
534 Chestnut St., Hinsdale  
(630) 425-4040

Drop by to give blood and

help save three lives with every donation. Hours: 8:30 to 2 p.m.

## GAME ON

### ■ Board Game Night

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

Ages 14 and up can learn to play the award-winning game Catan with game masters or

play another game from the library's collection. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## GRAND GALAS

### ■ Wellness House Ball

Oct. 19  
The Old Post Office  
433 W. Van Buren St.,  
Chicago

www.wellnesshouse.org/ball  
Join the Wellness House's annual black tie benefit with

the theme Hope Grows, featuring an evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions and a paddle raise to fund Wellness House's mission to support people with a cancer diagnosis and their loved ones. Time: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. Tickets: \$500.

## GREAT OUTDOORS

### ■ Bird Walk

Oct. 17  
Bemis Woods-South  
Ogden Avenue west of Wolf  
Road near Western Springs  
www.chicagobirdalliance.org/upcoming-events  
(773) 539-6793

Join the Chicago Bird Alliance for this birding excursion. Time: 8 a.m. RR

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■ **Latin Heat Dance Fitness**  
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The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Get the perfect intro to "Latin Heat," the hottest dance fitness class around. Using innovating exercises to

build muscle memory, muscle growth and burn calories, the goal is to leave class with a sense of accomplishment while providing social, mental, physical, and emotional benefits. All fitness and dance levels are welcome. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$12 in advance, \$15 on the day.

### JUST FOR KIDS

■ **2-D Studio: Painting/Drawing**

Monday, Oct. 21-Dec. 9  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 9-16 will develop their artistic vision by learning the fundamentals of drawing and painting elements, principles and techniques in producing art. The class is for students at any level of experience or curiosity. Some

supplies will be provided; a list of additional materials will be provided by the instructor. Time: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$192. RR, MD

■ **Comedy Improv**  
Thursdays, Oct. 24-Dec. 12  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 7-16 are invited to

join this Stage Door Fine Arts class introducing the basics of acting as taught at some of the best programs like Second City and iO Chicago. Students are taught to express their emotions and to communicate by using their bodies, gestures and facial expressions through games and improv scenes. No class Oct. 31. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$230. RR, MD

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## LISTEN & LEARN

### ■ Introduction to Genealogy

Oct. 15  
Immanuel Hall  
302 S Grant St.  
[www.hinsdalehistory.org](http://www.hinsdalehistory.org)  
Join Katharine Korte Andrew, manager of the Hinsdale Historical Society, for this beginner-friendly presentation on the essentials of fam-

ily history research, including how to build a family tree, find vital records and utilize online resources. The program is free but donations are welcome. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

### ■ Raising Empowered Athletes

Oct. 15  
[www.nazarethacademy.com](http://www.nazarethacademy.com)  
In this Zoom program, speaker, author, coach, elite athlete and mom Kirsten Jones will share advice from her

book, "Raising Empowered Athletes: A Youth Sports Parenting Guide for Raising Happy, Brave and Resilient Kids," helping families navigate the difficult decisions and pressures of today's youth sports world and raise young athletes who are confident, resilient and successful on and off the field. Time: 7 p.m. RR

## NOTEWORTHY

### ■ Camerata Chicago Orchestra

Oct. 20  
Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S. Garfield St.  
<https://www.cameratachicago.org/t/thmc>

The Camerata Chicago Orchestra will feature guest artist Brazilian violinist Guido Sant'Anna in his North American debut to perform the Brahms Violin Concerto. Guido at age 17 became the first South American vio-

linist to win the prestigious International Fritz Kreisler Competition in Vienna in 2022. The program also will include Verdi's "La Forza del Destino," Grieg's "Peer Gynt" and Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Use coupon code HINSDALE for a 25 percent ticket discount online only. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$37.50, \$30 for seniors, \$7.50 for students, \$1.50 for

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# HINSDALE FIRE & POLICE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 12th  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
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The Rotary Club of Hinsdale held its annual Rotary Run Charity Classic Sunday morning. This year, which marks the 30th year of the run, the event raised more than \$100,000. To date, more than \$3 million has been given back to various local charities. More than 800 runners participated in the classic's six events — from a 10K to a Mutt Strutt. Hinsdale's Dr. Bridget Nord gets into the spirit of the 5K Walk just before the start with her daughters Tallulah and Josephine Dauer. Dr. Lanny Wilson was the 2024 Grand Marshal. Phil Rooney has been a sponsor of the The Rooney Family 5K since the event began. This year he brought along his grandkids, Tyler and Sean Rooney Jr., to help out. Beneficiaries this year were The Community House of Hinsdale, the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation (the neonatal refurbishment project), the Ray Graham Association (the therapeutic riding program in Burr Ridge); the D181 Foundation (supporting the Young Writers Program) and the Rotary Club of Hinsdale Foundation. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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children.

## ON STAGE

■ **'The Mousetrap'**  
Thursdays to Sundays through Oct. 20  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. When a police sergeant arrives, the guests discover — to their horror — that a killer is in their midst. Which one is the murderer, and who will be their next victim? A post-show discussion will be held with the director and cast on Oct. 11. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays

to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays.  
Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students.

■ **Ballet Folklórico Quetzalcoatl**  
Oct. 12  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

This dazzling Mexican folk dance troupe delights audiences with their eye-popping costumes, thrilling dance

numbers and beautiful music celebrating the rich and vibrant Mexican culture. The program runs two hours, 20 minutes with an intermission. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35, \$10 for youth.

■ **'The Audience'**  
Through Oct. 20  
Drury Lane Theatre  
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace  
www.drurylanetheatre.com

(630) 530-0111  
This play goes 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. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m.

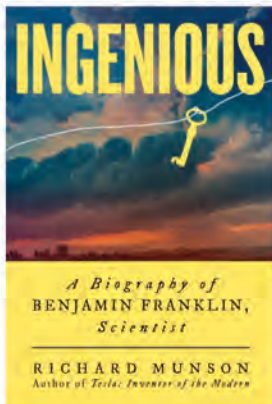
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## Fall Highlights at HPL



**Boo Bash**  
Monday, Oct. 28, 4–6 p.m.

Join us as we play and create Halloween-themed games and crafts! Dress up in your favorite costume.



**Richard Munson & Ingenious**  
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7–8 p.m.

Hinsdale author Dick Munson will discuss his book, which looks beyond Ben Franklin's diplomatic career at his scientific genius.



**Mr. Lincoln on the Gettysburg Address**  
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7–8 p.m.

On the anniversary of this famous speech, Lincoln portrayer Kevin Wood talks about the address and the response it received.



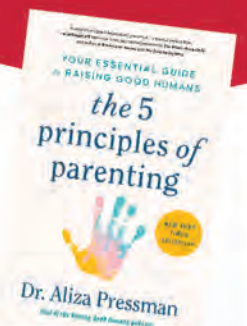
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**Save the dates:**

**Empathy & the Unselfie Revolution**  
Dr. Michele Borba  
Feb. 5, 7 p.m.; Feb. 6, 9 a.m.

**Win or Learn: The Naked Truth about Turning Every Rejection into Your Ultimate Success**  
Harlan Cohen  
April 29, 7 p.m.; April 30, 9 a.m.

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## RUNS & WALKS

■ **Cantigny 5K Run/Walk**  
Oct. 19  
Cantigny Park  
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Wheaton  
www.cantigny.org

This USATF-certified chip-timed 5K tours the grounds of the park and golf course, with all proceeds benefiting the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Other events include a 1-mile run for ages 6-10 (\$5), a 1/4-mile run for kids up to age 5 (\$5) and an American Legion Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (\$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12). Times: 9 a.m. 5K Run/Walk start, 10 a.m. 5K awards ceremony followed by 1-mile and 1/4-mile runs. Cost: \$35 through Oct. 16, then \$40. RR

## SEASONAL SERIES

■ **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.

## SENIOR SCENE

■ **Successful Aging: Senior Lunch & Learn**  
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# PULSE

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Darien for residents age 55 and older. A catered lunch will be served by the Birches. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

## SIGN UP NOW

### ■ Books & Bites

Oct. 21  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Join librarians for a fun afternoon of socializing, snacking, sharing recent reads and visit with other book lovers to get suggestions. Time: 3 to 4:30 p.m. RR

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ■ Shredding Event

Oct. 12  
Oakbrook Terrace City Hall parking lot  
17W261 Butterfield Road  
(630) 785-3177

State Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton and Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Paul Esposito are hosting this free shredding event

to safely discard documents with personally identifiable information. A limit of two boxes of documents per car is encouraged. Hours: 9 a.m. to noon.

## STEPPING BACK

### ■ Lincoln and Politics Today

Oct. 17  
Clarendon Hills Public Library  
7 N. Prospect Ave.  
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org  
(630) 323-8188

Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Kevin Wood, will share how Jan. 6, 2021, was not the first time there was an attempt to disrupt the certification of a presidential election and dish on the current state of the nation's campaigns and elections. Time: 7 p.m. RR

### ■ Victorian Mourning Practices

Oct. 22  
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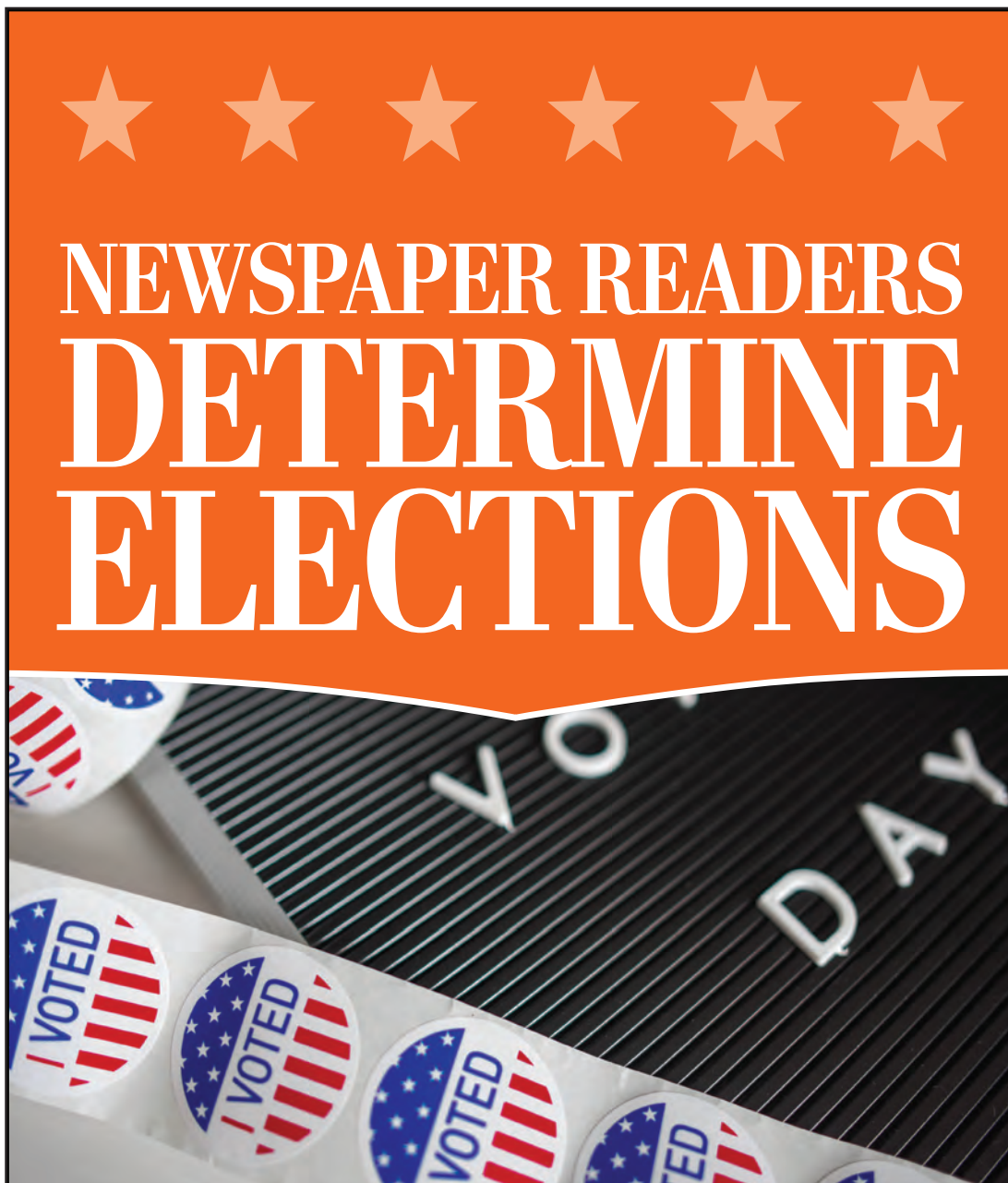
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**Celebrate National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month** by choosing a long-term shelter dog. Hazel has been at Hinsdale Humane Society since January and is still patiently waiting for a forever home. She is so sweet and playful and really loves to go for runs. Hazel is celebrating her third birthday this week, and she would love the gift of a forever home. She is spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. Hazel is approved for children 8 and older and her adoption fee is \$300. 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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[www.hinsdalehistory.org/upcoming-events](http://www.hinsdalehistory.org/upcoming-events)

Explore grief and mourning practices in Victorian-era America with Katharine Korte Andrew, manager of the Hinsdale Historical Society. The presentation will examine how Victorians expressed loss through intricate mourning rituals, symbolic jewelry and distinctive clothing, reflecting the era's deep social and cultural values. The program is free but donations are welcome. Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

**TEENS & TWEENS**

■ **Teen Self Defense Workshop**  
Oct. 13  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 11-17 will participate in a series of discussions and be introduced to basic physical self-defense skills and techniques. Topics will be pre-

sented at an age-appropriate level to equip the attendees with life skills that allow them to confidently transition into new situations. A signed electronic waiver filed in advance is required to participate. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$47. RR, MD

**WEE ONES**

■ **Mini Movers**  
Tuesdays, Oct. 15-Dec. 10  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Children ages 2-3, with a parent, will be guided through obstacle courses, balloons and paddles, ball skills, parachute time, creative exercises and more to develop body awareness, build social skills and expand their imaginations. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Cost: \$108. RR

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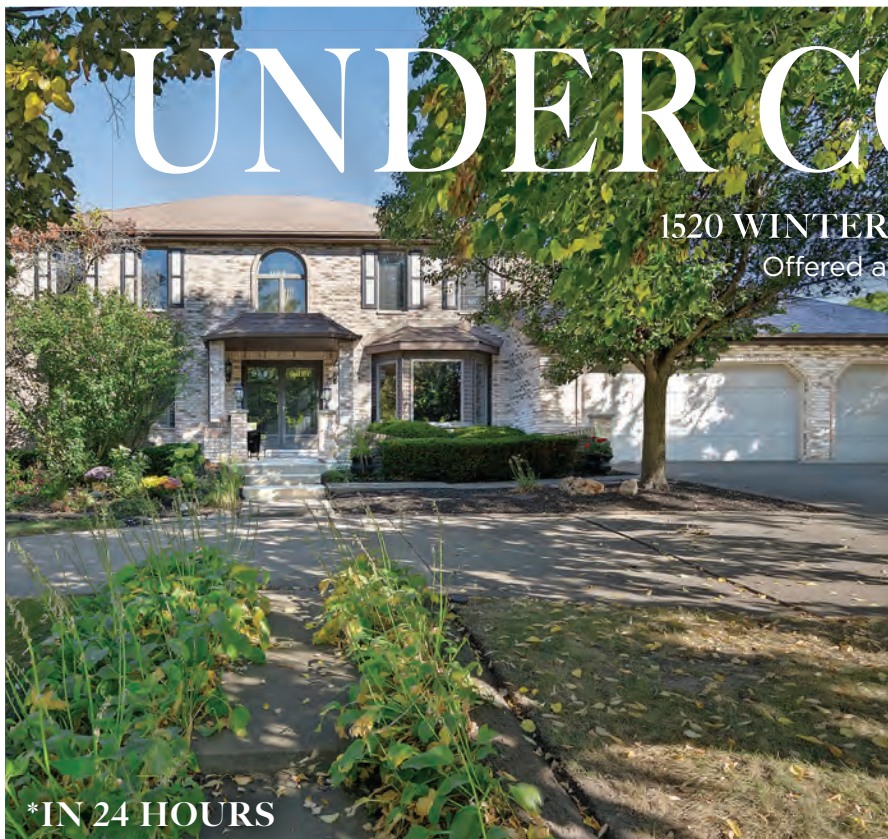
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## ■ Glass Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 11-13  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
(630) 968-0074  
www.mortonarb.org

Explore a dazzling display of more than 7,000 one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins in traditional and unique colors, shapes and sizes at this annual celebration of autumn and artistry. Rain or shine, talented artists who work with glass will display their work under tents near the West Lawn, next to the Arboretum's Visitor Center. Glassblowing exhibitions will take place every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Glass pumpkins are available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission: \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for kids ages 2-17 and free for those 2 and younger. MD

## ■ Hinsdale Fall Family Fest

Oct. 12  
Burlington Park  
30 E. Chicago Ave.  
(630) 789-7090

www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

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

## ■ Autumn After All

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

Visit Immanuel Hall after the Hinsdale Fall Family Fest for pumpkin carving, entertainment and refreshments. This Hinsdale Historical Society event features art by Molly Haworth. Register by

visiting the website listed above. Time: 2 to 5:30 p.m.

## ■ Fall Festival

Oct. 12-13  
Danada Equestrian Center  
3S507 Naperville Road,  
Wheaton  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 668-6012

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District's largest event returns for two days, with equestrian performances and demonstrations in the outdoor arena, wagon rides, pony rides and other children's activities, barn tours and more. Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: Free, with small fees for some activities.

## ■ Cantigny Fall Festival

Oct. 11-13  
Cantigny Park  
1S151 Winfield Road,  
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(630) 668-5161  
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around a fire pit or play lawn games. The fun on Saturday begins at 10 a.m. with 100 craft vendors, hayrides and a petting zoo, with live music from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Walking tours will leave from the back of the visitors center at 11 a.m. and 12:30, 2 and 3:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Hours on Sunday are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free with

\$20 parking.

■ **Teens: Spooky Fall Paint and Snack**

Oct. 14  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
(630) 789-1986  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
Middle- and high-schoolers can embrace the spooky season by decorating canvases while listening to Halloween music and enjoying terrifying

treats. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

■ **Spooky Cat Café**

Oct. 17  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org  
(630) 323-5630  
Join in this spooktacular celebration, featuring plenty of treats, cider and cats to cuddle and play with. All ages are welcome; those younger

than 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$25.

■ **Pumpkin Night Hike**

Oct. 18  
Fullersburg Woods  
3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook  
(630) 933-7248  
www.dupageforest.org  
Use pumpkins and lanterns to light the way on a self-guided night hike. There will be a

Halloween-themed scavenger hunt for kids to complete and a treat at the end. Hikes leave every 15 minutes, with the last group departing at 7:30 p.m. and trails closing at 9 p.m. All ages are welcome; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 5:30 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$10, free for ages 2 and younger.

■ **Harvest Hoedown**

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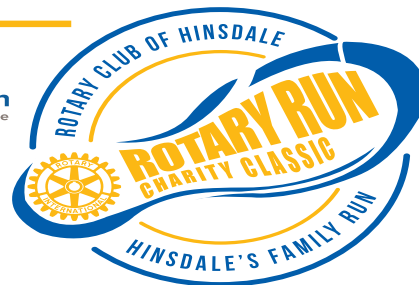
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KLM Park South Pavilion  
5901 S. County Line Road  
The Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club invites families to enjoy photo ops, munchies and entertainment by Miss Jamie's Farm. Western boots and hats are encouraged. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$40 a family.

■ **Paws & Pumpkin Fest**  
Oct. 19  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org  
(630) 323-5630  
This fun-filled celebration hosted by the HHS Junior Board is perfect for all ages. Bring a pumpkin to paint at the craft station, play exciting games, explore the haunted hallway and enjoy treats from

the bake sale. Costumes are encouraged. Those under 15 must be with an adult. Time: 5 to 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$15, \$10 for kids.

■ **Learning Center**  
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont  
(708) 257-2045  
www.fpdcc.com  
Families are invited to enjoy a leisurely nature walk to see the fall colors. Time: 1 p.m. RR

■ **Mini Pumpkin Decorating Contest**  
Oct. 23  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
(630) 789-1986  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
Families are welcome to decorate a mini pumpkin together. Voting will take place in the Youth Services Department, with the winner receiving a gift card. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. RR

■ **Hinsdale Covenant Preschool Fall Fest**  
Oct. 27  
Hinsdale Covenant Church  
412 S. Garfield Ave.  
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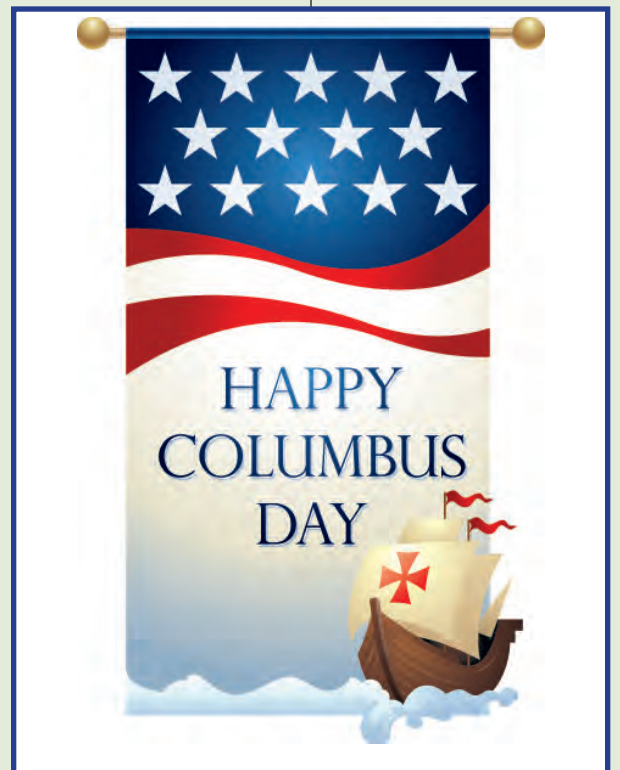
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I know the lands are lit, with all the autumn blaze of Goldenrod.  
 Helen Hunt Jackson

# MIND GAMES

- ACROSS**
- 1 "KAPOW!"
  - 4 MAKES A CHOICE
  - 8 RELEASE MONEY
  - 12 ACTRESS MERKEL
  - 13 BOYFRIEND
  - 14 CELESTIAL BEAR
  - 15 MSNBC RIVAL
  - 16 LAWMAN WYATT
  - 17 SOME HDTVS
  - 18 JAMES CAAN'S ROLE IN "THE GOD-FATHER"
  - 21 SHOE WIDTH
  - 22 AACHEN ARTICLE
  - 23 TIRE PATTERN
  - 26 LBJ'S SUCCESSOR
  - 27 FAUX --
  - 30 SHOWER BAR?
  - 31 CHART FORMAT
  - 32 SHED
  - 33 CAULDRON
  - 34 HIT SHOW LETTERS
  - 35 SYMBOL OF FRESHNESS
  - 36 HBO RIVAL
  - 37 SERENA, TO VENUS
  - 38 GRAMMY-WINNING SHAWN COLVIN SONG
  - 45 EXOTIC BERRY
  - 46 EVENTFUL PERIODS
  - 47 ACTOR HARRISON
  - 48 BRISK PACE
  - 49 VOGUE RIVAL
  - 50 MICROWAVE
  - 51 CURLY CABBAGE
  - 52 KEN OR BARBIE
  - 53 OKLAHOMA TRIBE

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- DOWN**
- 1 TAMPA BAY TEAM, FOR SHORT
  - 2 -- DOMINI
  - 3 "DEATH IN VENICE" AUTHOR
  - 4 HEADED
  - 5 QUIET PARTNER?
  - 6 TROPICAL TUBER
  - 7 PARAMOUNT
  - 8 PRESIDENT MARTIN VAN --
  - 9 NOT PIZZICATO
  - 10 "THIS -- OUTRAGE!"
  - 11 ZAP WITH A BEAM
  - 19 TIDE VARIETY
  - 20 AUTHOR YUTANG
  - 23 RECIPE ABBR.
  - 24 KANGA'S KID
  - 25 HAVE DINNER
  - 26 CARNIVAL CITY
  - 27 LUAU DISH
  - 28 GORE AND PACINO
  - 29 FARM PEN
  - 31 "CONTINUE!"
  - 32 PREPARE POTATOES
  - 34 BASHFUL
  - 35 TRUCK FUEL
  - 36 MARSH BIRD
  - 37 LOWERCASE
  - 38 BAG
  - 39 PAC-12 TEAM
  - 40 HAMMER TARGET
  - 41 WOODY'S SON
  - 42 RICE-SHAPED PASTA
  - 43 VEGAN'S NO-NO
  - 44 BIG FAIR, FOR SHORT

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

## Weekly SUDOKU

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  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Sharp; 2. Grate;
3. Stymie; 4. Rumble

Today's Word  
**EMPTY**



"They're \_\_\_\_\_ — I can't wait to see the expression on my husband's face!"

### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Acute  
**HARPS** \_\_\_\_\_
- Mince  
**GATER** \_\_\_\_\_
- Hinder  
**MISTEY** \_\_\_\_\_
- Growl  
**LUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S WORD

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K	8	4	9	2	6	1	7	5	E
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	5	8	7	8	4	9	1	2	
	8	2	4	6	1	7	9	8	

# HOROSCOPES

October 2024 Horoscopes • Week 3



**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, an exercise in reflection and introspection might be a good idea this week. It is time for some personal growth, including figuring out ways to be more receptive to feedback.



**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, you might find it challenging to assess a situation this week. Always stick to what your instincts are telling you as they are rarely wrong. Try not to get sidetracked by small details.



**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, consider new habits that promote well-being and balance. It is important to focus on your health and tailor routines to that end. Find time to reflect on your goals and ambitions.



**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Social interactions this week are bound to be lively and stimulating, Libra. It can be easy to get carried away, so balance your social life with some quiet time to recharge.



**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, your innovative ideas may receive some positive attention, so don't be afraid to share with others. Social interactions rev up, but be sure to balance social life with downtime.



**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
You may find a need to be more assertive at work, Taurus. Your ideas are sound, so don't hesitate to share them with colleagues. Others will appreciate your insight.



**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
It's a great time to express yourself through art, hobbies, or social activities, Leo. Romance also could be in the cards, so make space for some fun and connection in your personal life.



**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Financial matters might be in focus this week, Scorpio. Make a plan to review your budget and figure out how to save more. You may want to consider new investments.



**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
This is a good week to reassess your professional aspirations and take practical steps toward achieving them, Pisces. Put out some feelers to your employment network.



**GEMINI** – May 22/June 21  
Communication may be the key for you this week, Gemini. It is an excellent time to network and share your ideas. Be concise in your interactions to avoid misunderstandings.



**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
This week could be focused on family matters and your home life, Virgo. It's an excellent time to organize your space and strengthen family bonds. You also can work on personal goals.



**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
You might experience a boost in energy and optimism this week, Sagittarius. It's always a good idea to focus on personal goals and any ambitions that you might have.

## 10U SILVER TEAM SUFFERS FIRST LOSS

The 10u Silver Falcons took their first loss of the season courtesy of the Lemont Hornets this past weekend. They played tough, but the hard-hitting Hornets proved to be too much when it was all said and done.

The Falcons got offensive production from quarterback Caden Mitchell through the air who found 'make you miss' Mas Butitta for two big completions. The first was a 49-yard TD reception where Butitta shook free from a would-be tackler and sprinted for the team's only score of the day. On the ground, Brody Sobieraj and Paul Voight got the bulk of the carries but struggled to get much going behind the blocks of Jack Slavik, Mike Sandberg, Miles Post, Max Breton, Arya Vafa, Dean Windfelder and Mark Sandberg. The Lemont linebackers just seemed to keep making plays.

The Falcons' defense didn't have its best day, giving up 28 points. Grant Garber made several nice tackles while his fellow cornerback Kanas Zitkivicius broke up a pass on a 2-point try.

The Falcons are back at it this weekend and will host the Wheaton Rams at Hinsdale Central Sunday at 10 a.m.

## 10U GOLD FALCONS SHUT OUT LOMBARD

As they have every week, the gritty Falcons took the field ready to "Get Better" against Lombard. And as they have seemingly every week, they faced early adversity.

Luke Wanless was lost in the first quarter joining teammates Billy Jaqua, Owen Moon and Tate Pitts on the sideline cheering on their teammates. And as they do every week, these players kept their heads up and battled.

All remaining 13 Falcons played multiple positions on both sides of the ball and stuffed the stat sheet. After an Elijah Trombley fumble recovery, Nate Morris hit Cooper Milburn for a

32-yard touchdown pass. Will Jones stripped the runner and recovered the ball on the next defensive play. The Falcons went on a scoring drive behind John Hooper runs and blocking by Johnathan Meyer, AJ Siepker and JP Rago. Trombley hit paydirt on a 3-yard plunge. A Morris to Jones PAT connection resulted in a 14-0 halftime lead.

The defense, led by Enzo Allegra and Quinn Houser, spent all day in the backfield. Henry Appel and John Dunn tackled whoever happened to make it out. The Falcons sealed the game with an efficient 11 play, 51-yard TD drive, scoring on a 4th down 6-yard reception to Danny O'Malley.

The 20-0 victory was a culmination of many weeks of hard work.

## SPECIAL TEAMS STAR FOR 11U SILVER

The 11U Silver Falcons won again on the road by beating a big Palatine team by the tune of 31-0.

Its not often that special teams get much praise, but the ability to directionally kick offers a strategy most teams would like to have. Danny McFarland and Nico Will both placed kick offs in perfect positions on Saturday to limit any return threat Palatine had.

The kicks are the first piece, but they are no good without the coverage teams. The coverage teams led by Grant Garver and Leo Solorio limited Palatine to one return for positive yards. One kick off was recovered by the Falcons as Palatine could not corral a kick and they nearly lost another one later in the game.

The defense was set up to defend long fields as the Palatine offense was routinely on their side of the 50-yard line. Jack O'Malley and Marco Oliverio highlighted the defensive gem. O'Malley got home on a quarterback blitz and strip sacked the quarterback, scooping up the ball and returning it for a defensive touchdown.

Marco Oliverio sealed the game for the Falcons with a nifty interception that he returned deep into Palatine territory, setting up the

Falcons offense for a short field to work with.

Next up: Elmhurst Saturday at home.

## 11U GOLD WINS A THRILLER

In a nail-biting game, 11U Gold edged out OP-RF 20-19 with a thrilling finish.

The Falcons struck first, marching down the field on an 11-play opening drive, with strong runs by Marcello Salamone and Kellen Brown. Teddy Ouimette capped off the drive with a 15-yard touchdown run. The offensive line, led by Matthew Kalish, Mikey Adamo and Grant Omiecinski, opened key holes for the running backs.

OP-RF responded, eventually taking a 13-6 lead into halftime. However, the momentum shifted when Luca Striltschuk perfectly executed an onside kick to open the second half, giving the Falcons the ball back. The offensive line went back to work, with Christian Gernot, Ivan Burt and Joshua Castro paving the way for another Ouimette touchdown to give the Falcons the lead.

Trailing 19-14 with just five minutes left, the Falcons rallied. Nate Thangamani sparked the drive with a 20-yard run, followed by Ben Murphy finding Keerthan Tucke for a crucial 15-yard completion. Brown sealed the drive with a 20-yard touchdown run, thanks to huge blocks from Soren Carlson and Bo Cuculich.

The defense held strong on the final drive led by key tackles from Rohn Ramani and Owen Parry. The victory was sealed when Christian Kirchev applied pressure, forcing OP-RF into an incomplection on fourth down to secure the hard-fought win.

## JV SILVER PUTS UP FIGHT ON THE ROAD

Following a three-game home winning streak at Dickinson Field, the JV Silver Falcons FELL to the Park Ridge Black JV Team this past Sunday, despite a big fight, including two fumble recoveries and

amazing tackles.

James West contained the run from Park Ridge running back who broke free, chasing him 40 yards to save the opposing touchdown.

After the first fumble recovered by defensive end JJ Natarelli, Brayden Merchant caught a 30-yard pass from quarterback Faiz Moosani, bringing the Falcons to the red zone. At the end of the first half, the Falcons defense created another turnover with a second forced fumble by JJ Natarelli with assistance from Chase Mitchell. Quarterback Bruno Hoban passed to Chase Mitchell for a first down, taking the Hinsdale team to inside the 10-yard line. Keeping the pass game on point, Bruno connected with Faiz for a 7-yard touchdown, putting the score at 6-7.

Stout defense was led by linebackers Burke Brotschul, Grady Wood, Nick Rachford and Lucas Spatara. In addition, cornerbacks Ryan Joutras, Max Hull and Louie Turek assisted with pass break ups on the Park Ridge receivers.

After a challenging second half against the tough Park Ridge Team, the loss brings the JV Silver team record to 3-3-1.

## VARSITY SILVER STAYS STRONG

Michael Garber returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown and Varsity Silver never looked back in a 30-0 home win over Park Ridge.

After a three and out defensive stand, the Falcons had a long drive highlighted by several nifty Jake Knapp quarterback keepers. Garber scored on a 1-yard run to add to the lead. Ali Memon and Cole Prasse each scored in the second quarter, putting the Falcons ahead 30-0 at halftime. Felix Michelini booted 3 extra points, with assists from emergency holder Benji Allanson.

The Falcons defense was stout all day, led by Prasse, Michelini, Memon, Bryce Kinder, Jake Carney, Axl Holmes, Leo Rivera and Clayton Tims. Giuseppe Salamone preserved the shutout with a diving, touch-

down-saving tackle in the fourth quarter. The Falcons offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage all day, led by Ben McLaughlin, Noah Natarelli, Rivera, Chase Hellenga, Alex Schaeffer and Brit Read. Hunter Gatewood and Hudson Hannah also made key blocks from their wide receiver positions.

The Falcons play their final regular season game at Downers Grove Saturday, with a Coach Sam-led team feast planned for afterward.

## VARSITY GOLD BATTLES PALATINE

The Varsity Gold Falcons took on the Palatine Panthers in the final home game of the season.

The Falcons' defense took the field first. The stout linemen Wolf Pohlenz, Liam Cranmer, Krystian Przychocki, Luke Altemose and Brock Willits hosted a defensive party in the trenches. The selfless line play caused chaos up front, opening tackle opportunities for linebackers Knox Apple, Max Milburn, Blake Schnur, Charlie Koridek and Will Smith. Linebacker Hank Scheri had multiple tackles of his own and recovered the Panther fumble on their first possession.

Quarterback Blake Schnur led the Falcon offense. Running backs Jack Gray and Matthew Stone found rushing success in the Falcon Hammer package, following blocks from the Falcon line, tight ends, and yes, even quarterback Schnur. The Smith-Scheri double team was also successful, opening up big holes and resulting in a few Panther pancakes.

The two teams battled for field position, and excellent special teams plays from Bear Kumskis and Stone significantly benefited the home team. Gray secured his second interception of the season, and Scheri scooped up another Panther fumble.

Receptions from Kumskis and Grant Goodwin produced positive yards, but the Panthers were able to wedge their way into the endzone in the third and fourth quarters.

Despite the incredible Falcon effort, Palatine would win the contest 12-0.



# Hinsdale Central Boys Cross Country Congratulations to our Seniors!



Patrick Buckley



Quinn Doorhy



Matthew Ferren



John Goebel



Edgar Hernandez



Anand Lyall



Smith Maxwell



Kasra Mikaili



Sabil Musabji



Everett Pain



Cooper Revord



Matthew Rodgers



Haris Smajkic



Alex White

# SPORTS — END ZONE

## BY THE QUARTER

**1**  
Hinsdale 0  
Glenbard 0

**2**  
Hinsdale 7  
Glenbard 21

**3**  
Hinsdale 0  
Glenbard 7

**4**  
Hinsdale 7  
Glenbard 7

## HINSDALE CENTRAL 14 — GLENBARD WEST 35



**James Skokna** fields a Glenbard West punt on the 5-yard line to return it for 95 yards and a touchdown in the fourth quarter. (Jim Slonoff photos)

### STATS

	Central	Glenbard
Passing yards	180	97
Rushing yards	78	266
Total yards	258	363
Touchdowns	2	5
PATs	2	5
Turnovers	2	1
Interceptions	1	1

### OFFENSE



**Riley Contreras**  
16 passes, 180 yards  
6 carries, 33 yards  
1 passing TD



**James Skokna**  
3 carries, 62 yards  
3 returns, avg. 47 yds  
2 touchdowns

### DEFENSE



**Benjamin Munoz**  
6 tackles, 2 assists  
1 interception



**Owen Sunderson**  
7 tackles, 3 assists  
2 TFLs

**Noah McCurry** and **Braden Howe** stop Glenbard's running back, **Dylan Vlach**, on Saturday afternoon in Glen Ellyn.



### UP NEXT

Proviso West  
7:30 p.m. at Dickinson Field  
Salute to Service night

Last year  
Central won 62-0

### STANDINGS

#### West Suburban Silver

LT..... 4-0 ... 6-0  
Downers North..... 4-0 ... 6-0  
York..... 2-1 ... 5-1  
Glenbard West..... 1-2 ... 2-4  
OP-RF..... 1-3 ... 1-5  
**Hinsdale Central.. 0-3 .. 2-4**  
Proviso West..... 0-3 ... 2-4

*conference/overall*

# SPORTS — ROUNDUP

## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Abigail Gambla**  
Hinsdale

### How did you get started playing tennis?

I started playing when I was around 6 years old, just kind of hitting with my dad, going to the local club. I would say probably when I was around 9 years old, that's when I started playing more tournaments.

### What do you love about playing for Central?

I just love being on the team. I've met so many great people and we've established so many traditions. The tennis team has made such a great impact on my life.

### What is the best part about playing doubles?

Having a partner out there really cheering me on, bringing up the energy and bouncing ideas off of. I love doubles. It's just a very different game than singles, and I get to have a partner, which is pretty much the best part of it. My partner most of last year and this year is Sydney Shuster.

### How have you improved since your freshman year?

I've gotten a lot better specifically in doubles. High school really focuses on doubles compared to club. All the USTA tournaments focus on singles. I've improved a lot in my doubles strategy, especially being at the net.

### What advice do you give younger teammates?

Even if you're down, there is always a way to come back. There's always a way to fight back. Just keep your energy up, keep a smile on your face and face the challenge.

### What is your goal for the season?

I hope that we do well at state. I hope we progress further than we did last year (fifth).

### What pro tennis players do you admire?

I admire a lot for different reasons. I really love Coco Gauff. I think she's just such a strong person on the court. She always fights. She's a total icon. I love her.

### What are your plans for next year?

I had the opportunity to play in college and I worked for it my junior year. Ultimately I decided to go the academic route and definitely will play club.

### Why does coach Shawna Zsinko like having Gambla on the team?

Abigail has been a cornerstone on this team since she was a freshman. Her doubles skills have been invaluable. Not only is she great on the court, but she is a great teammate as well.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

## RESULTS

### Cross country, boys

Oct. 5 @ St. Charles North Invite  
V places 3rd with 105 points  
Miller, 11th, 15:45.42  
Gamboa, 12th, 15:47.72  
Revord, 21st, 16:06.29  
Tarasi, 32nd, 16:23.14  
Rogers, 34th, 16:25.18

### Flag football

Oct. 7 @ IHSA regional  
vs. Julian (quarter-final)  
V wins 34-12

### Golf, boys

Oct. 7 @ IHSA sectional  
V places 1st with 295 strokes  
Verros, 2nd (tie), 72  
Devata, 2nd (tie), 72  
Wesolowski, 5th (tie), 74

Ghaben, 17th (tie), 77  
Jorski, 17th (tie), 77  
Schloegel, 22nd, 78  
Oct. 2 @ IHSA regional  
V places 1st with 284 strokes

### Golf, girls

Oct. 7 @ IHSA sectional  
V places 1st with 301 strokes  
Bhatt, 1st. 69  
Abdullah, 3rd, 72  
Han, 8th, 78  
Gambla, 10th, 82  
Zhang, 25th, 85  
Danda, 43rd, 92

### Soccer, boys

Oct. 8 @ York  
V loses 1-3  
Oct. 3 vs Hinsdale South  
V wins 3-0

### Swimming, girls

Oct. 5 @ St. Charles Invite  
V places 4th with 281.5

200-yard medley relay  
Lahmann, Lin, Rocca, Brubaker, 5th, 1:52  
200-yard freestyle  
L. Barber, 5th, 1:56.35  
Miller, 6th, 1:57.28  
200-yard IM  
Pelinkovic, 3rd, 2:13.59  
Lin, 10th, 2:17.56  
50-yard freestyle  
Zinis, 3rd, 24.37  
Brubaker, 10th, 25.41  
100-yard butterfly  
Seraphin, 6th (tie), 1:00.81  
Rocca, 12th, 1:02.76  
100-yard freestyle  
L. Barber, 2nd, 52.55  
Brubaker, 11th, 56.25  
500-yard freestyle  
Pelinkovic, 4th, 5:13.72  
Matricaria, 10th, 5:27.15  
200-yard freestyle relay

L. Barber, Zinis, Brubaker, Miller, 3rd, 1:37.81  
100-yard backstroke  
Miller, 4th, 58.24  
Lahmann, 13th, 1:02.45  
100-yard breaststroke  
Zinis, 5th, 1:07.11  
Lin, 6th, 1:09.17  
400-yard freestyle relay  
Pelinkovic, Miller, L. Barber, Zinis, 4th, 3:38.01  
Oct. 3 @ Downers North  
V wins 110-76

### Tennis, girls

Oct. 5 @ Lake Forest Quad vs. Lake Forest  
V wins 5-1  
S. Virmani, 6-2, 6-0  
Quevedo, 6-0, 6-0  
Kupar/Anika Sarai, 6-0, 6-1  
Radonjic/Baker, 6-0, 6-0  
A. Virmani/Marringa, 6-1, 6-3

vs. New Trier  
V loses 2-4  
vs. Deerfield  
V wins 5-1  
Oct. 2 vs. Stevenson  
V loses 2-7

### Volleyball, girls

Oct. 8 @ Glenbard West  
V loses 26-24, 20-25, 14-25  
Oct. 2 @ Fenwick  
V wins 25-19, 25-12  
Brooks, 5 kills, ace  
Kozlowski, 5 kills, 2 blocks, 2 digs  
Peterson, 5 kills, 4 digs  
Young, 7 aces, 9 digs, 5 assists  
Barakat, 3 kills, ace  
Neiman, 2 kills, block, dig  
Garchar, kill, 2 aces, 5 digs, 7 assists  
Jorgenreud, kill, block  
Leddy, kill, ace, dig, 11 assists  
Quast, kill, dig  
Ferren, 2 digs

## Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Austen Szurgot battles with an LT defender as the Red Devils hosted the Lions on Dickinson Field Oct. 1. The Devils claimed a hard-fought 3-2 overtime victory over their conference rival. (Jim Slonoff photo)



# SPORTS

## Central pool is finished just in time

*Favorable inspection paves the way for team to host meet and senior night Friday*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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After months of waiting, members of the Hinsdale Central girls swim team were able to return to their own pool for practice Monday.

Monday morning, representatives of the Illinois Department of Public Health inspected Don Watson Aquatic Center pool, which had been undergoing repairs since May, and gave the OK for it to open.

"We had everyone in the water in the pool Monday after school. It was nice," varsity head coach Bob Barber said Tuesday.

### Pool timeline

**Aug. 20, 2021** — dedication of the new \$20 million Don Watson Aquatic Center

**July 2023** — outside investigation indicates multiple issues with original design and installation of the floor

**September 2023** — new pool task force holds its first meeting  
**Feb. 9** — proposed design for new floor system approved

**May 1** — facility is closed to begin work, which involved removing the deck down to the concrete structural slab, modifying the trench drain, replacing the subfloor and installing new tiles

**Oct. 7** — after Illinois Department of Public Health/Regional Office of Education inspection, facility opens for practice

**Oct. 11** — girls swimming and diving first home meet and senior night

Crews have been working for five months to replace tented and cracked tiles on the deck of the 3-year-old pool (see sidebar).

The girls were so excited to be back they were almost in shock, their coach said.

"It was like, 'Is this real?'" he said. "They couldn't wait to get their lockers, the little things."

The pool re-opened in time for the team to have its final — and only — home meet Friday night. It's also senior night for the swimmers and divers.

"It means a lot, as a coach, as a parent of a senior, to get them in their building prior to celebrating a four-year career," said Barber, who has two daughters on the team, Vija, a senior, and Lilia, a sophomore. "It was the right thing to push for. I'm excited that we have that as an opportunity for them."

Barber praised team members for adjusting to new practice times, from early morning to later in the evening, and locations.

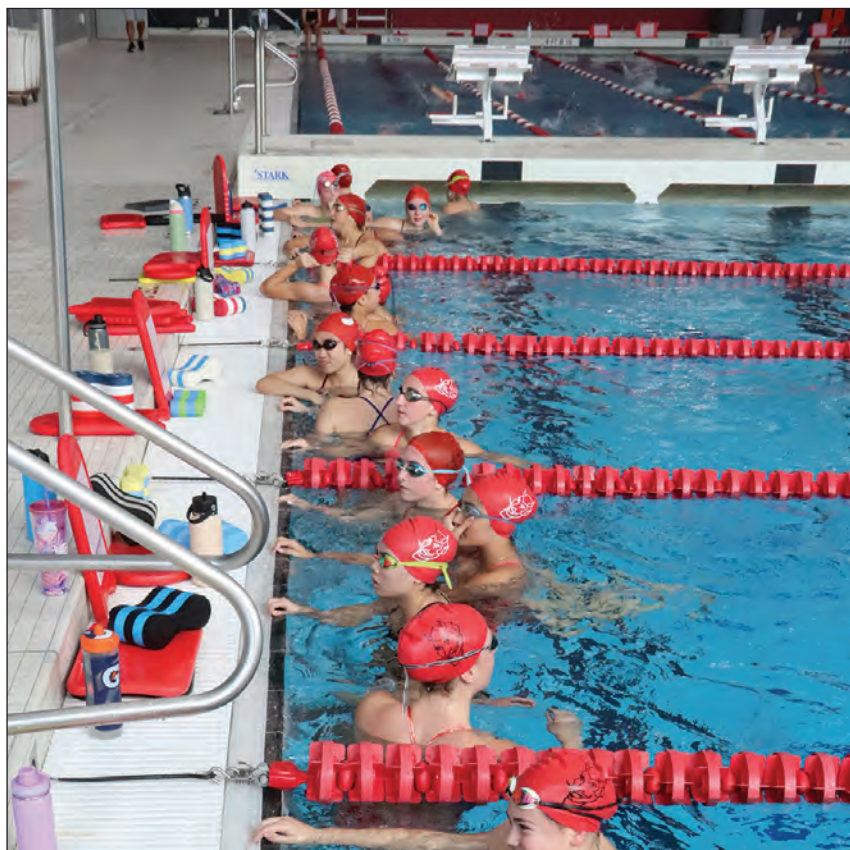
"My children said it felt a lot like club," Barber said. "The good news is they're used to it, and they're very flexible about it."

Barber also expressed his appreciation to Hinsdale South High School and the FMC Natatorium in Westmont, where the girls have been practicing all season long.

"Without those facilities, I'm not sure where we would be," he said.

Hinsdale Central Principal William Walsh offered a shout-out to team members and their coach.

"While many of us may have lost our minds over the Don Watson Aquatic Center shut down, the Hinsdale Central girls swimming and diving



**With work at the Don Watson Aquatic Center substantially complete and the required inspections passed, the girls swim and dive team was able to return to the pool for practice on Monday. (Jim Slonoff photos)**

team as well as Coach Barber were calm, cool, collected, determined and ultra-organized," Walsh said.

Barber's attention to the

practice and competition schedule is one for this history books, he added, and the mark of a legendary coach. He encouraged the athletes to enjoy the rest of

their season.

"Girls, go out and bring your fire to senior night on Friday," he said. "Own the pool and make a splash at the IHSA state series."

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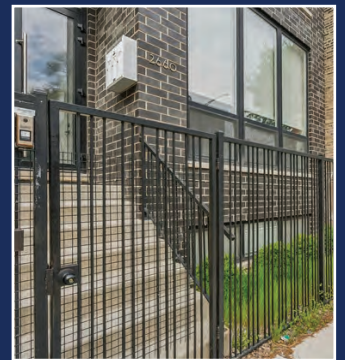
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