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DJ Maximus was the headliner at The Community House's Back to School party held recently on the patio overlooking Robbins Park. From the Hokey Pokey to several Taylor Swift songs, Maximus kept the kids singing and dancing during the party. With plenty of food, crafts and other games the event was the perfect way to wrap up summer. Ziva Haq, Ari Ross and James and Madeleine Mirro work on their moves with Maximus calling the shots. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

Two might throw hats in president race

By Pamela Lannom
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Two Hinsdale men who have experience as elected officials might run for village president next spring.

Former DuPage County Board member Greg Hart and Hinsdale Trustee Luke Stifflear told The Hinsdalean this week that they are contemplating a run.

“As you know from my time at the county board, I truly believe in public service,” Hart said. “I was mulling over this run for a time. I have been encouraged by friends and neighbors.”

While Hart said he has yet to make a final decision, he is leaning toward a run.

“I have a demonstrated record of success in public service and I think I would bring a fresh approach,” he said.

Hart has never served on the Hinsdale Village Board, as previous village presidents have, but he did spend 5 1/2 years on the DuPage County Board representing Hinsdale and 10 other communities. He was appointed in 2017 and then elected to a four-year term in 2018.

Hart and representatives of his would-be campaign commissioned a poll via text of about 300 Hinsdale residents that shows him in the lead whether he ran against current Village President Tom Cauley or Stifflear.

“I’m heartened by the results,” he said.

Stifflear, who was first elected as a



Hart



Stifflear

trustee in 2015, said he has been asked by several residents and board members to run for president.

“While I have been on the board, it has made tremendous progress on infrastructure, historic preservation, commercial activity that has been beneficial to the village — such as the Land Rover and McLaren dealerships — along with superior service from our police and fire departments,” he wrote in an email. “Everyone I speak to is happy with the current ‘status of the village,’ and the best way to preserve this status is with experienced and consistent leadership.”

Stifflear served on the Hinsdale Plan Commission from 2010 to 2015



before becoming a trustee.

Cauley told The Hinsdalean earlier this month that he might seek an unprecedented fifth term as village president, depending on who else will appear on the ballot. He said he has talked to two individuals who might be interested in replacing him.

“If they decide to run, I probably won’t,” he said. “If one in particular decides he’s not going to run, I may.”

Candidates must file their petitions no later than Monday, Nov. 18, to be on the April 1 ballot.



Falcons flock the field

Members of the Hinsdale Falcons football and cheer squads were featured Friday night on Dickinson Field before the start of the Hinsdale Central- Lyons Township football game. The Falcons formed a tunnel to welcome the Red Devils onto the field. Complete game information appears on Page 36. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ONCE UPON A TIME



From the archives — Walter, Elmer and Fred Schmidt were captured on the Schmidt family's property at 606 N. Lincoln St. in Hinsdale circa 1907. Notice the wooden sidewalk behind the boys — early Hinsdale sidewalks were made of wooden beams, which caused inconvenience if items like coins, keys, rings, pocket watches, or other small items rolled underneath. Residents would have to remove and then reattach the beams to retrieve their belongings. (Courtesy of the Hinsdale Historical Society)



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Central homecoming hits the big screen

Dress-up days, giveaways and fun games help to get Red Devils in the school spirit

By Ken Knutson

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Lights. Camera. Action!

Hinsdale Central has gone Hollywood for Homecoming 2024, looking to Tinseltown to theme this year's weeklong series of festivities leading up to Friday night's football game and Saturday night's dance.

On Monday, student organizers from the school's Varsity Club board talked about the fun ways they planned to stir the spirit of their fellow Red Devils, starting with an Adam Sandler Day to kick things off. Sophomore Carolyn Kentra said the idea was to dress up as a favorite character from the actor's films.

"I think it was one of the easier themes to go with, just wearing baggy clothes," Kentra said with a smile.

Senior Mel Lim, who joined Varsity Club as a sophomore, said the idea is get their peers involved.

"We try to make it so there's a range of participation — you can pick stuff from your closet or go crazy and wear" head-to-toe theme clothing, she related.

The winning classroom of a Monday movie trivia contest earned a box of doughnuts, and students searched for their name on stars scattered around the school.

On Tuesday students could choose beachwear or biker gear. The unseasonably warm weather seemed

to give beachwear an edge. But temporary arm band tattoos available during lunch could transform anyone into an easy rider.

Wednesday was Wear Pink day in the tradition of "Mean Girls," a with club members passing out pink candy and the Pickleball Club staging a tournament in the field house.

Special education teacher Maria Cotter, who co-sponsors the club with colleague Janelle Hoeksema, said they try not to get to complicated with the motif.

"I feel like a lot the themes that the kids came up with were to be as accessible to everyone as possible without having to buy clothes," Cotter said.

"It's always better when people actually participate," Kentra added.

In the spring, those applying to be club officers for the upcoming year must submit their proposals for a homecoming theme, complete with spirit days and other activities.

"They get to decide from all the presentations where they think the best turnout would be and vote among themselves," Cotter said. "The kids actually are part of the decision making."

Today is Country Western day (think Woody & Jessie from "Toy Story") and students all get a red bandana to accessorize their outfits. The student council put together a bingo game to be played during first period classes.

At the Homecoming pep rally on Friday, the court will be announced. The girls flag football team will make its homecoming debut with a game on Dickinson Field at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity football game at 7:30 p.m.

The dance will be held Saturday night, when the pair from the Homecoming Court that garnered the most student votes will be announced. Cotter said a mini-golf course will be set up in another room for those seeking alternative amusement.

"We have trying our best to have more and more activities that are not just dance-based for students so they can hang out with friends and know they're in a safe space," she said.

Kentra, doing double duty as a Central cheerleader, said she loves the tradition as a second generation Devil following in her dad's footsteps.

"For me it means continuing the Red Devils spirit," said Kentra. "I think it keeps old traditions alive."

Lim said she's wants to soak in her final homecoming season.

"I'm trying to go hard on spirit days, and meet some younger students and more of my classmates," she said. "This is the time to do it."

Homecoming activities

Sept. 19

- girls varsity tennis vs. LT, 4:30 p.m. tennis courts
- boys varsity soccer vs. Batavia, 5 p.m., Centennial Field
- Hinsdale Central Foundation Hall of Fame induction dinner, 6 p.m. Ruth Lake Country Club

Sept. 20

- pep rally, 2:21 p.m., Central gym
- girls varsity flag football game, 6 p.m., Dickinson Field
- varsity football game vs. Morton, 7 p.m. Dickinson Field

Sept. 21

- HC Foundation pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m., cafeteria, \$10
- homecoming parade, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
- guided tours of Central, 10:30 a.m., meet at Grant Street entrance
- homecoming dance, 7 p.m., Central fieldhouse

Parade route

The procession starts at the senior parking lot and proceeds north on Grant, east on Seventh, north on Garfield, west on First then south on Grant back to Central.

Homecoming theme

Lights, Camera, Action

Homecoming court

- Ruby Miller & Michael DiTomasso
- Penelope Pollitt & Brody Robinson
- Leah Theoharous & Cooper Revord
- Peyton Moncrief & Jack Crabb
- Presley Mulligan & Pavle Ivkovic
- Morgan Wyent & Charlie Gjeldum
- Addy Lin & Ronan Byrne
- Therese Moraleda & Shreemann Patel
- Izzy Plumpe & David Turek
- Molly Waldron & Hudson Brzozowski



Trinity Flores applies eye black to Hinsdale Central classmate Emma Murphy on Monday before the annual powderpuff flag football game as part of the school's homecoming week festivities. The game always serves as an opportunity for both athleticism and fun, with Morgan Wyent celebrating a touchdown with her teammates. Homecoming activities continue through the next several days with the varsity girls flag football and boys football games on Friday and the dance on Saturday. (Jim Slonoff photos)



NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26
Hinsdale Central High School
55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business Sept. 12, board members:

- heard Superintendent Mike Lach report that work at the Hinsdale Central pool is on track to be finished in time for the girls swimming and diving senior night meet on Oct. 11.

“There’s still a ways to go,” he said. “I don’t want to over-promise, but things right now are on track.”

- listened to a security update from Geoff Cooker, the district’s director of security. Earlier that day he had attended the annual emergency operations plan meeting.

“Our emergency operations plan is in good shape and I feel very confident in it,” Cooker said. “The plan we have here in District 86 is one of the best I’ve ever seen. I’m very proud of it and I tell a lot of my former colleagues just how great that is.”

- heard a presentation from Josh Stephenson, chief financial officer, on the fiscal year 2025 budget, which shows projected expenses of \$142.9 million and projected revenues of \$141.3 million. The board will hold a public hearing on the budget and plans to adopt it at the Sept. 26 meeting at Hinsdale Central, which begins at 6 p.m.

- agreed with a plan to pilot AP precalculus AB and BC courses during the 2025-26 school year. The board is expected to vote to adopt the courses Sept. 26.

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business at their meeting Tuesday, trustees:

- agreed to install a four-way stop at the intersection of Grant and Fourth streets. Three crashes have occurred at the intersection in the past six months and the intersection is close to St. Isaac Jogues School and Madison School and not far from Hinsdale Middle School and Hinsdale Central High School, Trustee Luke Stifflear said in introducing the matter. Residents who live nearby said they regularly witness near-miss accidents. Trustees plan to take an official vote on the stop signs at their Oct. 1 meeting.

- voted 5-0 to spend \$1.67 million for a Rosenbauer aerial snorkel truck from Sentinel Emergency Solutions of St. Louis. The vehicle will be ready in 2026, and the village will not have to pay for it until delivery.

- supported granting an A3 liquor license (packaged sale at boutiques) to Gone Crazy, a charcuterie shop that plans to open next month at 19 W. First St. The license will be official following an Oct. 1 vote.

- supported hiring HR Green of New Lenox to complete a drainage study in an area near Phillippa Street and Fuller Road in an amount not to exceed \$26,425. Because the area discharges onto tollway property, the Tollway Authority agreed to pay for half of the drainage study. The item will be up for a board vote Oct. 1.

- reviewed a proposal to award a two-year contract extension to Christopher B. Burke Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$138,000. The village uses Burke to support the engineering division by reviewing residential and commercial development and performing other services. A vote will take place Oct. 1.



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D86 looks at legal representation, fees

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The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board is considering whether it makes sense to hire an in-house attorney in an effort to reduce legal bills.

The board held a special meeting Wednesday night, after The Hinsdalean went to press, to hear the report of a working group assembled to investigate various legal strategies, one of which is hiring an attorney to be on staff. The group was put together at last week's board meeting.

Board member Asma Akhras asked about hiring a district attorney last week. Board member Jeff Waters asked if the practice is typical.

"I don't think it's unheard of," President Cat Greenspon responded. "There are other districts that have in-house counsel. In-house counsel determines if the district needs

additional support in specific cases or specific practice areas."

Waters noted that attorneys' relationships by law are with the board of education and not the administration.

"I would express some reluctance to have that relationship on campus, if you will," he said.

Such a move might help reduce the district's legal fees, board member Terri Walker noted.

"Our legal costs are exorbitant," she said. "This might be a way to mitigate some of that, perhaps. I'm not suggesting it's the right thing to do."

The district spent almost \$697,400 in legal fees during the last fiscal year, the highest amount in the past 10 years. The fiscal year 2025 budget, which the board is slated to approve Sept. 26, estimates legal fees at \$660,000. In the last decade, legal fees have totaled \$4.35 million.

D181 updated on construction work

By Ken Knutson
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Work to ready schools in Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 for full-day kindergarten next school year is continuing on schedule and on budget.

At Monday's school board meeting, Mike Duggan, facilities director, told board members that construction projects at the six elementary schools began after classes let out May 31.

At Oak School, remodeling of the main office, related services office and two classrooms was completed in time for the beginning of school. Crews will continue building a four-room addition, which should be done in early February.

At Madison School, a three-story, two-classroom addition and new staircase is now under a roof, and additional work will continue on

nonattendance days with a projected completion day of July 25.

The two classrooms being added at The Lane should be done by the end of June. At Monroe School, Duggan said a later than expected relocation of power service by ComEd to accommodate construction pushed back the schedule.

"We need to play catch-up there," he said, noting the target completion is Aug. 1.

Mindy Bradford, assistant superintendent of business and operations, said expenses are on par with the expected \$19.2 million outlay.

"Overall we're very happy with the progress that we've made," she said. "We've been managing the budgets very aggressively."

Superintendent Hector Garcia echoed her remarks.

"We're really excited about these projects being both on track in terms of the budget

as well as the time," he said. "We want to make sure that we're ready to go for welcoming students next year in the fall."

New admin center

Duggan also gave an update on development of the new \$3.4 million administrative center at 133 Ogden Ave. in Hinsdale

"The plans were drawn up and distributed to prospective bidders last Friday. The bid opening is going to be Oct. 3," he said. "(We'll) start construction as soon as we can thereafter, with a substantial completion date of the beginning of May."

He said expects to receive favorable bids.

"I think we will because this is a good time of year to go out to bid," he said. "We're way ahead of the summer projects bidding, so I think we will get a lot of interest."



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POLICE BEAT

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DUI/felony possession arrest

Juan S. Rua Tarazona, 25, 12600 Vincennes Road, Blue Island, was arrested for felony methamphetamine possession, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, driving without a valid license, improper lane use, transportation of open alcohol by a driver, failure to signal and driving with a suspended registration at 12:31 a.m. Sept. 15 at Route 83 and Ogden Avenue. Police were dispatched to a report of a reckless driver after the suspect hit concrete barriers and disobeyed traffic control signals. The suspect was in possession of a plastic baggie containing a powdery substance that tested positive for methamphetamine and an open beer bottle. He submitted to testing that indicated he was over the legal limit before being charged and released to appear in court.

Domestic battery arrest

A 31-year-old Park Forest man was arrested for domestic battery — making physical contact, domestic battery which causes bodily harm and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence Sept. 15. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

Fraudulent transaction

Someone made a fraudulent transaction using a credit card belonging to a resident of the 900 block of South Monroe Street Sept. 8. The incident was reported Sept. 10.

Forgery reported

The bank account information of a resident of the 200 block of Fuller Road was used to forge a check Sept. 6. The forgery was reported Sept. 10.

Identity theft reported

A victim reported that someone made a fraudulent ATM transaction Sept. 6 from her savings account at Chase Bank, 400 E. Ogden Ave. The incident was reported Sept. 16.

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

Police announce results of holiday safety campaign

The Hinsdale Police Department successfully conducted an impaired driving enforcement campaign over Labor Day weekend, resulting in two arrests for driving under the influence. Additionally, two seat belt citations were issued, with two occurring during nighttime hours. Other citations and arrests included 49 citations for speeding, one citation for distracted driving, two traffic arrests and 10 other Illinois Vehicle Code violations.

“Through the Labor Day safety campaign, we helped to make our roads safer and

spread the word about the risks of impaired driving — ‘It’s Not a Game,’ ” said Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie.

Hinsdale police collaborated with other law enforcement agencies and highway safety partners across the state for the Illinois Labor Day “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Drive High. Get a DUI” campaign.

This effort was part of the statewide “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,” “Drive High. Get a DUI.” and “Click It or Ticket” initiatives, funded by federal highway safety funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation.



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Discussion group leader stokes lively talks

Ever imagined working for the U.S. State Department trying to craft foreign policy in a complex, dynamic world?

Then the monthly Great Decisions group at Hinsdale Public Library may be for you, as participants grapple with global issues like Mideast realignment and NATO’s future to better understand the important layers and proverbial land mines that confront government officials.

“The materials are very good, and it takes you places that you probably wouldn’t have bothered to go,” said Rick Blackwell, the group’s facilitator, of the nationwide program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association.

That certainly would apply to the somewhat inscrutable High Seas Treaty, the topic of the next Great Decisions meeting Wednesday, Sept. 25 (see Page 20 for details).

“It’s fun to think about how the group is going to approach the topic,” he remarked.

Participants read an FPA article on the issue to prepare, and the meeting begins with a video overview. The prescribed materials serve as a jumping off point.

“I usually start with the article but then find other

resources that are a little bit more current so the conversation is more topical,” he said. “I will pose a question and then see where it goes. It’s not always predictable.

“The group drives it,” added Blackwell, estimating average attendance between 15 and 18.

Blackwell cited a recent discussion about the nation of Indonesia that stretched his perspective.

“In order to lead the group I had to do some reading, and then we all had to do some reading. And I think we all learned a lot,” he said.

Some topics come up regularly, he said, especially ones concerning China because of its growing influence economically and militarily. Attendees are good about not straying into partisan bickering.

“I don’t want to antagonize people,” he said. “I don’t want it to become that kind of discussion. There’s nobody in the group who wants to start an argument.”

The group, sponsored by the La Grange Area League of Women Voters, has a hybrid model with about half participating in person and the other half online. Blackwell said policy matters have long fascinated him. He acknowl-



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edged participants are almost all fellow retirees who grew up in the post-World War II era of America’s ascendancy to superpower status. Blackwell said he would value a younger worldview.

“Do we actually have some thing valuable to contribute that other countries may not?” he posed.

First launched in La Grange, the group took up residence

at Hinsdale’s library about six years ago at the suggestion of a Hinsdale member.

“It’s worked out really well. They give us nice meeting spaces,” he said. “It’s been a really nice relationship.”

The Great Decisions books are available at the library for people to use. He said the name is a bit misleading.

“It’s called ‘Great Decisions’ but we don’t ever make one,”

Blackwell quipped.

Perhaps Great Citizens would be more fitting.

“We should be thinking about who we’re voting for and what we should be doing as Americans,” he said. “You start thinking about people and political systems. Those are useful thoughts to have as a voter.”

— story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Early detection key in fighting prostate cancer

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, a chance to focus the nation's attention on the most common non-skin cancer diagnosed in men in the U.S., according to the National Cancer Institute. The NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results Program estimates that more than 299,010 American men will receive a diagnosis of prostate cancer in 2024, and that almost 13 percent of men will be diagnosed at some point in their lifetime.

Prostate cancer also is the country's second leading cause of cancer deaths in men after lung cancer, with 35,250 men projected to die of the disease this year. Thankfully screening options, which include a digital rectal exam and a blood test for prostate-specific antigen or PSA, have proven extremely effective in catching the disease before it spreads leading to a five-year survival rate of 97.5 percent. (Read more in the Healthbeat column on Page 17.)

The prostate is a gland in the male reproductive system located just below the bladder and in front of the rectum. It's about the size of a

walnut and surrounds part of the urethra, which is the tube that empties urine from the bladder. The prostate gland produces fluid that makes up part of semen.

In almost all cases of prostate cancer, malignant cells form in the tissues of the prostate. Prostate cancer often has no early symptoms. Advanced prostate cancer can cause men to urinate more often or have a weaker flow of urine.

The incidence of prostate cancer increases in men over 50 years of age, and those with a family history of the disease are at greater risk. It occurs more often in African-American men than in White men. Trials have found that increasing one's intake of Vitamin E and folic acid can elevate the risk of prostate cancer, but that a diet containing adequate levels of folate — a kind of vitamin B found in green vegetables, beans and orange juice — can lower the risk.

President Joe Biden, in his proclamation of National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, underscored the importance of early detection and screening.

"Experts recommend that men — especially

those at high risk for cancer — discuss screening for prostate cancer with their doctors. This month and every month, let us come together and recommit to finally ending cancer as we know it — for all the lives we have tragically lost and the lives we can still save," he stated.

Those diagnosed with prostate cancer can learn the latest information from top Chicago-area physicians at Hot Topics in Prostate Cancer Saturday, Sept. 28, at Wellness House (see Page 18 for details).

In April of this year, Francis Collins, former director of the National Institutes of Health, revealed his prostate cancer diagnosis in an essay published by The Washington Post. Collins wanted his experience to help reduce the stigma around the disease.

"Why am I going public about this cancer that many men are uncomfortable talking about?" Collins wrote. "Because I want to lift the veil and share lifesaving information, and I want all men to benefit from the medical research to which I've devoted my career and that is now guiding my care."

COMMENTARY

Halloween countdown on hold until October

I have a daughter who is obsessed with Halloween.

I might be partly to blame for this, as I am an enthusiastic observer of all things holiday.

From the time Ainsley was little, she had several items of Halloween apparel — T-shirts, barrettes, socks, earrings, pajamas and more. She had a whole stack of Halloween board books we would read before bed. We've always decorated the house and hosted an annual "spooky dinner" for family and/or friends, with menu items like mummy hot dogs and "feet" loaf, complete with a leek masquerading as an ankle bone and cashew toenails. One year, one of my neighbor's kids — who usually loves meatloaf — was so horrified by the dish he refused to even try it.

OK. I'm entirely to blame.

But any observance of Halloween must wait, in my opinion, until Oct. 1. So I was a little surprised when we turned the calendar from August to September and Ainsley declared

it time to decorate for Halloween.

"Absolutely not," I replied.

"But all the stores have Halloween stuff out," she countered.

And she was right. As soon as the stars and stripes merchandise came off the shelves in early July, it seems many retailers jumped right to Halloween. A "Halloween" search on Amazon this week generated 20 pages of products — everything from giant spider webs to pumpkin-shaped bandages to spooky "advent" calendars.

Starbucks doesn't help, releasing its pumpkin spice latte in August. This year it returned on Aug. 22, just two days before the temperature hit a steamy 86 degrees. (Perhaps that's why they've included an iced version this year.)

I think I've convinced Ainsley to wait until Oct. 1 to start decorating



Pamela Lannom

for Halloween, although she might just be distracted by homecoming this week and come at me hard on Sunday.

I know for sure that our "31 days of Halloween" viewing parties will begin Oct. 1. I'm looking forward to watching "Hocus Pocus," "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and "Room on

the Broom." At 15, I think Ainsley is more interested in "Halloween," "Scream" and similar horror films. Maybe we can compromise on "Carrie" — or she can watch her slasher movies with her father while I'm at village or school board meetings (and wake him up if she has nightmares!).

I have been stocking up on pumpkin and pumpkin-spice flavored items — cereal, coffee, muffins, cookie mixes — and hiding them in our basement "pantry" until its time for their debut in a

couple of weeks.

I suppose some could argue that I should lift my September boycott of pumpkins and Halloween. After all, the 31 days of October goes by fast, what with visits to the pumpkin farm and Morton Arboretum and Hinsdale Fall Festival. This year we're also going to check out the Mayslake by Moonlight House Tour, which takes place by flashlight. Plus I need time to replace my dying summer flowers with colorful pansies and mums. And then there are all the pumpkin dishes I want to make from scratch, from pecan pumpkin pancakes and scones to pumpkin chili and curry pumpkin soup.

But I don't want to rush my favorite month of the year. I want to savor each and every day for as long as I can — before all the stores put their Christmas decorations out.

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

The sounds that surround us

One of my favorite things to do is to sit on our front porch on a warm evening ... and listen. If it's a Thursday night, I'll catch the sound of a band and laughter coming from the east as the festivities for Uniquely Thursday



Carissa Kapcar

were large enough that the first and only way I learned to mow a lawn was on a riding mower. And while those memories hold a warm spot in my heart, as an adult looking for a place to call home, I craved something differ-

ent. Prioritizing walkability and density, I wanted more commotion and less silence. I enjoy the sidewalks and square blocks of Hinsdale. I have such affection for our alley and its neighbors and mostly, I love the sounds all around us.

Here we hear each other's phone ring or a car honk as we use the remote lock before bed at night. We bear witness to parties and laughter, and also the occasional bickering (admittedly that comes from my own household of teenagers too often).

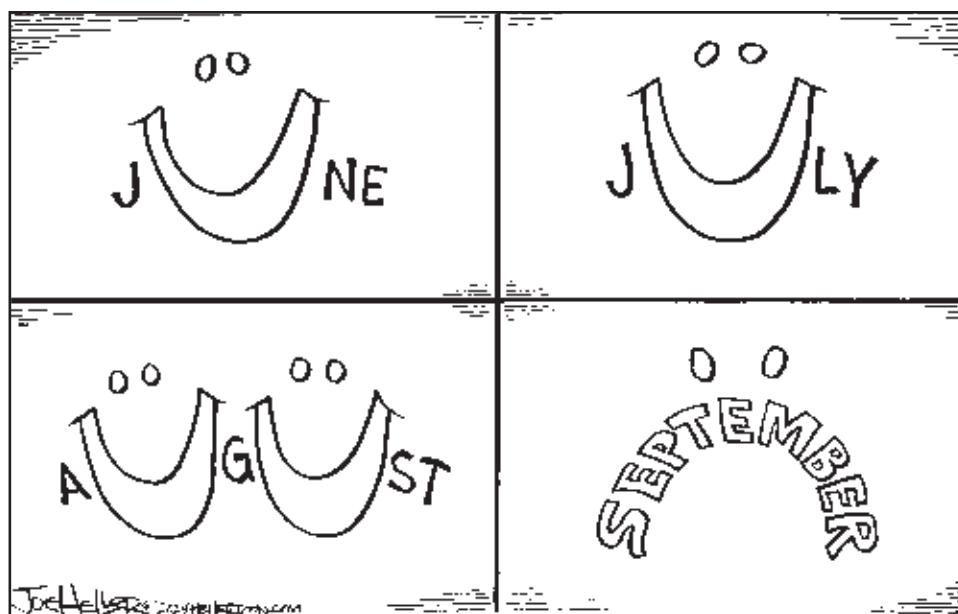
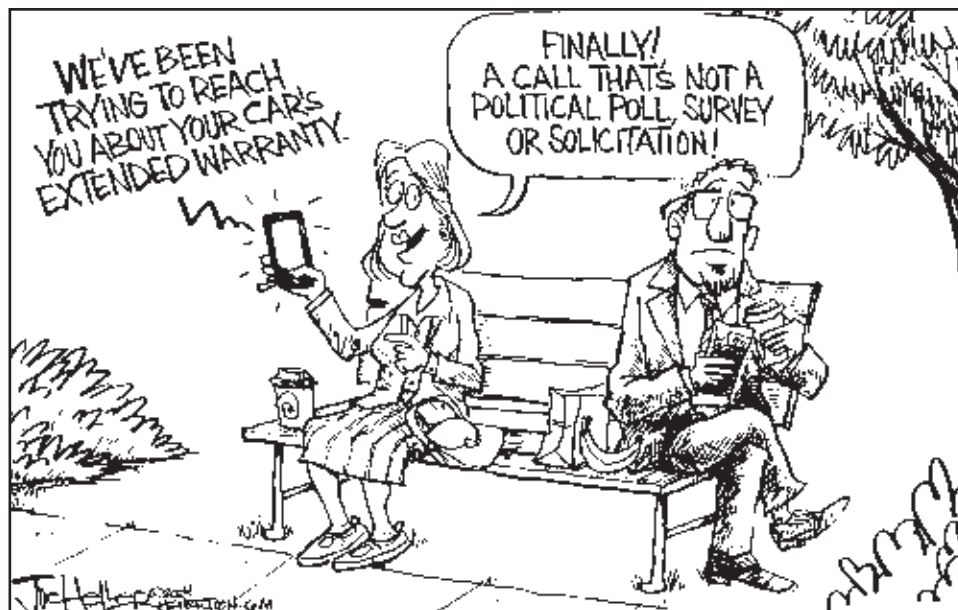
Sure there are sounds of cicadas or a pesky squirrel romping in a bush that sets off a dog barking, both in the distance and from my own living room window. The occasional train rolls by and kids laugh as they pass by in a group. On the luckiest of evenings, I'll hear our neighbor and musician playing his saxophone along with the accompaniment of jazz music. On those special nights, I feel so fortunate to be an anonymous audience basking in the glow of his talent and commitment to his craft.

Recently I saw a friend who moved away a few years ago. Our kids, now young adults, shared a childhood together as neighborhood playmates. I told her that what I miss most is the "bam-bam-bam" of their sons throwing lacrosse balls against their practice net.

To me these sounds capture so much more than ambient noise. This is the joy and the sorrow, the art and the daily motion of life, all captured in a composition of notes that reflect the beauty of community.

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

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Bonertz

Barbara Bonertz, 81, a longtime Hinsdale resident, passed away Sept. 8, 2024, at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove.

She was born in 1943 in Chicago to Brad Sturgeon and Janet Boulton.

Barbara was active in the Golfview Hills women's club and PEO and was a volunteer for hospice and Hinsdale Hospital.



Bonertz

She is survived by her daughters, Susan Lambke and Karen Barnard; and her grandchildren, Emily and Claire Barnard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. George Bonertz.

Services will be private.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Thomas Edward McGivern

Thomas Edward McGivern, 75, died Sept. 15, 2024.

Tom was an old-fashioned guy who put family above all else. His advice was valued by many clients over an impressive 51-year career as a financial advisor, but also by friends and family on all matters from lawn maintenance to a good golf game. Tom enjoyed the Northwoods, treating people to a nice dinner and being the consummate problem solver.

Tom was a warrior, who valiantly fought every obstacle to spend as much time with his family as he could, and they will be forever grateful.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Heiser McGivern; his children, Julie (Robert) Maddox, Matthew T. McGivern of Hinsdale and Jennifer (Scott) Winters; his grandchildren, Elena Maddox, Malin, Matthew and Emilia McGivern, and Ashley, Kaili, Scott, Zack, Samantha and Drake Winters; his mother,



McGivern

Mary Taylor McGivern; his stepmother, Mary Clifford McGivern; his siblings, Mollie (John) Carroll, Arthur (Anne) McGivern, Jane (Lester) Levine and Kathryn (John) Dorn; his siblings-in-law, Susan (Wesley) Sharp and Steven (Dana) Heiser; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur McGivern; and his sister-in-law, Jeanne (James) Schultz.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 today, Thursday, Sept. 19, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

Family and friends will meet for a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills.

Inurnment is private at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Montini Catholic High School at www.montini.org or Assistance League of Chicagoland West at www.alcw.org.

Illinois asks residents to submit design ideas for a new state flag

The Illinois Flag Commission, a bipartisan body of appointed officials, will accept designs for a new state flag online or by mail through Oct. 18. More information can be found on the Illinois Flag Commission website.

"I'm excited to see the creativity of Illinois residents and how they display their passion for our great state," Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, whose office oversees the commission, said in a statement.

The commission will select 10 submissions and host an online public survey for Illinoisans to vote for their favorite. That voting will begin Jan. 1, 2025, and last six weeks.

Then the commission will submit its recommendations to state lawmakers, who may take formal action to replace the flag.

Individuals may submit up to three designs, with no limits on what can be included, the number of colors or flag shape.

Illinois is the latest state to

consider changing its flag as more states move away from the derisively nicknamed "seal on a bedsheet" design. Utah and Minnesota both adopted new flags earlier this year. Mississippi adopted a new flag to remove confederate imagery in 2021, something its neighbor Georgia did in early 2001.

Other states, like Maine and Michigan, have had proposals to change their flags that petered out without widespread support.

— by Capitol News Illinois



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CENTRAL STUDENTS ARE SEMIFINALISTS

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, including 22 from Hinsdale Central.

They are Toral Bhatt, Claire Chung, Raveen Doshi, Claire Entsminger, Shreyas Girotra, Sonia Gupta, Yash Gupta, George Healy, Kaitlyn Hu, Nathaniel Maydanchik, Dilan Mehta, Ayla Mushtaq, Leah Packer, Shreemann Patel, Noor Pirzada, Udayvir Sharma, Padmasri Thirunarayanan, Tiffany Tu, Kaan Turkyilmaz, Graham Wierzbicki, Benjamin Yan and Harrison Zhang.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,870 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award,

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

GARCIA APPOINTED TO NEW COMMITTEE

U.S. Rep. Jesús “Chuy” Garcia (D-4, Chicago), who represents Hinsdale, has been appointed to the House Judiciary Committee by the Democratic Caucus.

“I am thankful to Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries for nominating me and honored to have been confirmed by my colleagues to serve on the House Judiciary Committee,” Garcia stated in a press release. “In this position, I will expand and deepen the work I do to protect my constituents’ civil and civic liberties against undemocratic attacks. It will also be my priority to advance a public

safety agenda responsive to historical outcomes and rooted in community needs.

“This committee assignment will allow me to fight more directly for a humane and just immigration system, including a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and long-term immigrant communities, and push against the extreme policies Republicans are trying to impose. This is an issue of central importance to my constituents, many of whom are immigrants like me,” Garcia said. “My priorities will also include advocating for greater oversight of federal surveillance tools, in particular against minority communities, supporting House Democrats’ historic work on antitrust and promoting judicial ethics.”

García will be the only House Member from Illinois to serve in the Judiciary Committee. He will continue to serve in the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which he has been a part of since 2019.

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JENNIFER KELDAHL, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

What does it mean to be a Candidate School?

The early childhood professionals at Union Church's preschool have had their eye on the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme since today's 30-somethings were students at the school. On Aug. 30, the school announced it had been named one of four stand-alone preschools in the country to earn the title of Candidate School — the final step before full designation as an International Baccalaureate school.

"We've been on a journey to find something that will hold us accountable to our high standards," said Jennifer Keldahl, Union Church Early Childhood Programs director. Introduced in 1997, the PYP will do just that while pushing the preschool to be even better and offering new opportunities to students its educators, Keldahl said.

UCECP has prepared generations of children for elementary school by teaching them to be enthusiastic learners through a play-based curriculum.

"We weren't looking for a change," Keldahl said of the school's pursuit of PYP status. Rather, they sought recognition that will open up global opportunities, including a teacher exchange program that allows educators to experience teaching in other parts of the world.

Keldahl, who earned a master's degree in early childhood education supervision and is working toward a doctorate from Harvard University, said early childhood education programs aren't taken as seriously as they should be. Children experience huge neurological growth in their first years, making it a critical time for learning, development and education. Yet too often, preschool is regarded as babysitting, Keldahl said. Programs like PYP give validation to the work that preschool teachers do every day to create learners of the future.

Rather than introducing a standard set of lessons to children each year, the curriculum at UCECP changes based on the interests of its students, Keldahl said.

"Last year, we had a group who were obsessed with dogs," she said.

To feed the children's interest, the school created a vet clinic where students could learn about animals

through play, and brought dogs into the classroom.

Keldahl said she and other staff members at UCECP began the targeted pursuit of PYP candidacy in early 2024. The process involved interviews, reviews of the school's programs, classes for staff and meetings with stakeholders. Word that their efforts had been successful came the day before school began last month.

Key to the school's acceptance as a Candidate School were its proven continuum of education, its open-minded and welcoming curriculum, and its commitment to preparing students for lifelong learning and critical, free thinking.

A consultant from the PYP will work with UCECP throughout the year to prepare the program for full recognition as an International Baccalaureate program.

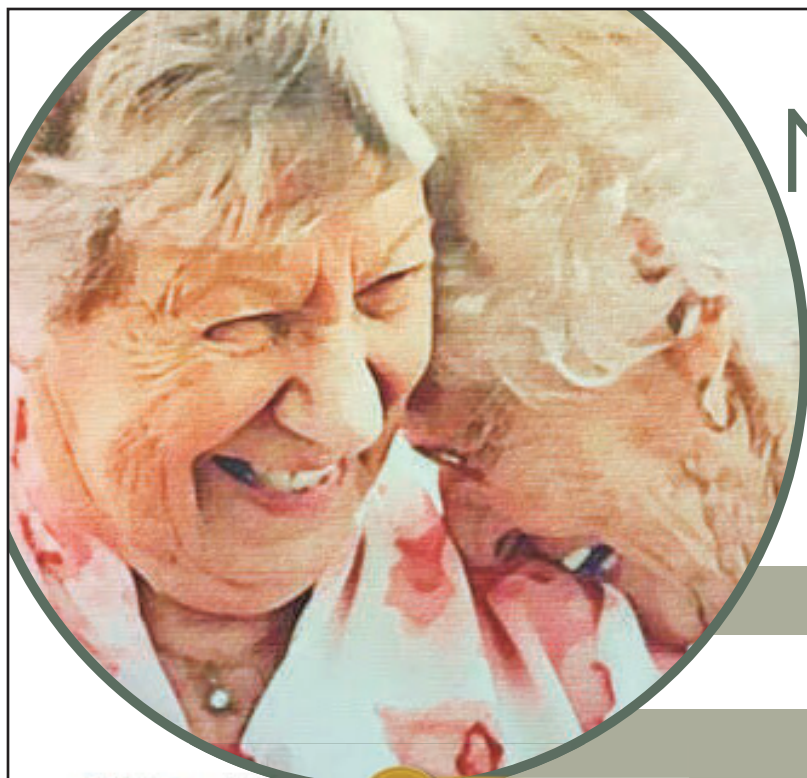
Keldahl said candidate schools typically earn PYP status about one year after their candidacy is announced. That will coincide closely with the preschool program's 70th year in Hinsdale.

"It's exciting stuff," she said. "We're very proud."

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



During more than two decades with the Union Church Early Childhood program, director Jennifer Keldahl has helped to prepare thousands of preschool-age children for a lifetime of learning. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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Six inducted in Central Hall of Fame

Five graduates, one teacher all influenced their respective fields in significant ways

by Ken Knutson

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The Hinsdale Central Hall of Fame will induct six new members tonight, Sept. 19, at its dinner at Ruth Lake Country Club. The event has taken place every year since the inaugural class was inducted in 1997.

Following are brief bios of members of the Class of 2024.

Sandy Murray Gbur Class of 1973



As a high schooler, Gbur volunteered at The Farm Club (today's Hanson Center) in Burr Ridge and taught a young boy with a developmental disability how to bowl.

This experience led Gbur into a 43-year career in special recreation. Working with park districts and villages in Chicago's suburbs, she helped educate officials of the need for quality recreation programs for individuals with disabilities. As an executive director of special recreation associations, Gbur secured funding for various programs, including a therapeutic day program for high school graduates and an adaptive athletics program for those with physical disabilities. When the Illinois Assembly passed the property tax cap in 1992, Gbur championed legislation that removed special recreation levies from the tax cap's restrictions. She's been named outstanding professional of the year by the Illinois Park and Recreation Association and philanthropic leader of the year by West Suburban Philanthropic Network.

Mark Litzsinger Class of 1974

Mark Litzsinger became a two-time state tennis champion at Hinsdale Central and went on to compete at Texas Christian University. Litzsinger then entered the family business at the ground



level as an assistant store manager for the Follet Corp. and rose through the ranks to become chairman of the board at age 47. The company grew

from \$1 billion at the start of his term as chairman to \$2.7 billion when he retired at age 55 in 2011. A journey through depression inspired Litzsinger to write the book "Climbing Toward the Light" aimed at helping those suffering from depression, and he gives talks about his experience to remove the stigma and raise awareness. He enjoys raising and showing champion Samoyeds and invented a leash for walking multiple dogs at a time. Litzsinger serves on Central's 50th Reunion Committee and founded a philanthropic trust to benefit deserving organizations.

Rodolfo "Rudy" Roca



To escape the political turmoil in Cuba in 1957, Roca and his younger brother were sent to Illinois to live with a vacationing couple they had

met on the island. The talented swimmer attended North Central College on a scholarship and competed for Cuba at the Pan Am games in Chicago in 1959. Roca began teaching Spanish at Hinsdale Central in 1964 and was an assistant swim coach under head coaches Don Watson, Pete Anderson, Ken Correa and Tom Schweer, emphasizing dedication and hard work. As a teacher Roca was instrumental in developing Central's Spanish program. He also established Central's Academy for European Studies and led summer learning trips for students to Spain, London and France. Outside of school he managed Clarendon Hills Lions Pool for almost 20 years. After retiring in 1993, Roca taught Spanish at the College of DuPage for almost 20 years. He and wife

Mary Lou are parents to three, grandparents to six.

John David Sandeen Class of 1964



Sandeen was a three-sport athlete at Central and received the Jim Carmignani award for sports achievement and leadership. Following medical school at the

University of Illinois and residency, Sandeen opened his private family medicine practice in Laramie, Wyo., in 1975, delivering more than 1,500 babies in 15 years. Sandeen also served on the medical staff at Ivinson Memorial Hospital, chaired the hospital's credentials committee for five years and was chief of staff for two years. In 1990 Sandeen moved his practice to Prescott, Ariz., where much of his work was in dermatology and skin cancer surgery because of region's high sun exposure. He was medical director of health services at Emory Riddle Aeronautical University from 1992 to 2006, then became the medical director of the wound care center at Yavapai Regional Medical Center from 2006-11. Sandeen retired in 2014, and he and his wife have a son and daughter.

John W. Sutherland Class of 1976



Sutherland is a professor and Fehsenfeld Family Head of Environmental and Ecological Engineering at Purdue University.

Following the completion of his doctorate in mechanical engineering, Sutherland launched a manufacturing consulting firm providing software solutions for manufacturing and conducted industry training on quality improvement. In 1991, he joined the faculty at Michigan

Technological University, pioneering the field of sustainable manufacturing to maximize effective use of resources, minimize environmental impacts and improve economic competitiveness. In 2009, Sutherland became head of Purdue's department of environmental and ecological engineering. He is regarded as one of the leading authorities on the application of sustainability principles to design, manufacturing and other industrial issues, and authored a widely used textbook on statistical quality design and control. Along with receiving dozens of awards for teaching and research, Sutherland was elected to the prestigious U.S. National Academy of Engineering. He and his wife Brenda have two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Tom Truedson Class of 1974



Although Truedson didn't make Central's freshman gymnastics team, by the time he graduated he had placed third in state on pommel horse

and helped the Red Devils capture the runner-up trophy. Truedson matriculated to the University of Oregon to study marketing and computer science and continue his gymnastics career, earning two-time NCAA All American honors. After working in marketing for several years, he and two co-workers launched their own firm, The Core Organization. They ultimately sold the company, allowing Truedson to retire in 2020. He served on the Oak Brook Park District Commission for 24 years, including a stint as president, and led efforts to acquire open space and expand park facilities. In 2015 the park district was named National Park District of the Year. He currently sits on Oak Brook Athlete of the Year committee to recognize outstanding athletic accomplishments of local student athletes. He and his wife Patti have four children.

PULSE



The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band will perform at the Party in the Preserves Sept. 28 at Camp Bullfrog Lake in Willow Springs. See Page 18 for details. (photo by David Sutton Studios provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ The Art of Chinese Papercutting

Sept. 21
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Join Yvonne Wolf from Chinese Intercultural Consulting Services to learn about the art and significance of Chinese paper cutting and how it relates to other cultures and try beginner-level projects that can be finished within a few minutes. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

CENTRAL TIME

■ 'What the Constitution Means to Me'

Sept. 26-28
Hinsdale Central auditorium
5500 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdaledrama.com/tickets.html

Hinsdale Central Drama will perform its fall play, a hilarious, hopeful and achingly human production tracing

the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives. Times: 7 p.m. Sept. 26 & 27, 5 p.m. Sept. 28. Tickets: \$10.

FAMILY FUN

■ Yoga Storytime

Sept. 28
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Join this yoga-themed storytime for the whole family and learn simple yoga poses and mindfulness activities. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ The Monarch Walk

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Prostate screening a crucial step in men's health

Prostate cancer, the second leading cause of cancer death among men in the U.S., can affect men of all ages, although it predominantly occurs in older adults. The encouraging news is that early detection through regular screenings significantly enhances treatment outcomes and saves lives. As primary care physicians, we emphasize the importance of being informed about prostate cancer and taking proactive steps toward screening.

Prostate cancer is often slow-growing and may not present noticeable symptoms in its early stages. This lack of symptoms underscores the importance of screening, as early detection significantly improves the chances of successful treatment. Symptoms such as back pain, blood in the urine, changes in urine flow, pain while urinating or pelvic pain should prompt immediate medical

consultation. Early-stage prostate cancer is highly treatable, with most men surviving when the cancer is detected before it spreads. Therefore, starting the conversation about prostate cancer screening with your primary care physician is crucial for maintaining your health.

The timing of prostate cancer screening is not universally standardized, making it essential for men to have an informed discussion with their primary care physician to tailor a screening plan based on individual risk factors. The general guidelines suggest that men at high risk, such as African American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer, should consider beginning screenings as early as age 40. The



Amir El-Khalili
Healthbeat

risk increases significantly if more than one close relative has been diagnosed. For men at average risk, screening is typically recommended starting at age 50. For older adults in good health, men over 70 may still benefit from continued screening, though this decision should be made on an individual basis with a physician.

Prostate cancer screening involves testing for cancer before symptoms appear, with the aim of identifying cancers that could become life-threatening if left untreated. By detecting prostate cancer early, we can intervene when the disease is most treatable. There are several screening options available, and your primary care physician can guide you through choosing the best

approach based on your individual risk factors and health profile.

While the specific tests might vary, what's important is understanding that regular screenings can provide critical early detection, allowing for more effective treatment if needed.

Prostate cancer awareness and early detection are vital in reducing the impact of this disease. By staying informed and proactive, men can significantly improve their health outcomes.

If you're between the ages of 50 and 55 or fall into a higher-risk category, now is the time to talk with your primary care physician about prostate cancer screening. Taking this step today could make all the difference tomorrow.

— Amir El-Khalili, DO, is a family medicine physician with UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Medical Group who sees patients in Hinsdale.

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Rotary Run Charity Classic

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

Join this 30th annual event with races for every member and ability level in the family while raising money for local and international charitable work. The activities begin with the 10K Run at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K run at 8:45 a.m., the 3K run at 8:50 a.m., and the 5K and 3K walks and the Mutt Strut at 8:55 a.m. Pets and strollers are allowed only in the Mutt Strut. Cost: \$30, \$100 for a family by Sept. 29; then \$35/\$120. RR

GAME ON

Youth Developmental Co-Ed Basketball League

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, Oct. 1-Dec. 5
Various locations
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7092

Kids ages 7-10 will compete in an eight-game schedule against teams from the village of Willowbrook and Burr Ridge Park District. Practice will be once or twice a week for an hour each time. Jerseys and participation awards will be given out, and scores will be kept. Volunteer coaches are needed and will receive half off one child's registration. Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$125.

GREAT OUTDOORS

Camping For All

Sept. 21-22
Camp Bullfrog Lake
9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com

Enjoy cycling, climbing, kayaking and camping while exploring this beautiful site in a program specially designed for individuals with a primary physical disability or visual impairment, in partnership with Adaptive Adventures. Email experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov to register. Time: 3 p.m. Sept 21 to noon Sept. 22. RR

Party for the Preserves

Sept. 28
Camp Bullfrog Lake
9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com

Celebrate National Public Lands Day with us through paddling on the lake from 4 to 6 p.m., live music from 5:30 to 7 p.m., food vendors and a night hike. Hours: 4 to 9 p.m.

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Hot Topics in Prostate Cancer

Sept. 28
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road
www.wellnesshouse.org
(630) 323-5150

Those diagnosed with prostate cancer and loved ones are invited to this annual event to learn from top oncologists, surgeons and health care professionals in the Chicago area. Physician panels will discuss updates in surgical oncology, radiation oncology and medical oncology and the latest in prostate cancer treatment. Time: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. RR

Flourish Wellness Retreat

Sept. 28
KLM Park Lodge
5901 County Line Road
www.peaceloveflourish.com

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ing day of community, self care and well-being. Activities include cacao ceremony, walking meditation, storytelling, sound healing symphony, West African Dance and Celtic music. Time: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cost: \$250, \$125 for half-day pass. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ **Little Vet School (Dog)**
Tuesdays, Sept 24-Oct. 29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-9 will "adopt" their very own plush puppy, then role play the key responsibilities of a veterinarian, including how to properly perform a nose-to-tail exam, sew stitches, remove ticks, make healthy treats and give vaccinations. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$150. RR, MD

■ **STEM Sleuths**
Tuesdays, Sept. 24-Oct. 29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-9 will learn about the forensic science used to solve a crime through experiments on fingerprinting, collecting shoe prints, chromatography, composite drawing, facial reconstruction, toxicology and handwriting analysis. The class culminates in a team effort to solve a crime. Time: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$130.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ **Color and Your Personal Style**
Sept. 23
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join local House of Colour stylist Sarah Freel as she explores color analysis, the impact of knowing one's optimal color palette and personal style. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ **Unforgettable Wine Vacations**
Sept. 24
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

From rolling hills to coastal

beauty, learn about world destinations featuring not only winemaking, but great cuisine and picturesque settings. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

■ **High Seas Treaty**
Sept. 25
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join this month's Great Discussions program on world affairs by reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the documentary film series and meeting in this local group for discussion of the most critical global issues facing America today. For more information email Rick Blackwell at rblackwell@punshui.com. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

■ **Preserving Your Family Heirlooms**
Sept. 26
Immanuel Hall
302 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalehistory.org

Join the Hinsdale Historical Society's Katharine Korte Andrew to learn about preservation and maintenance of family heirlooms. From photographs and tapes to furniture and jewelry, discover tips of the trade to help the treasures last for generations. The program is free. Donations are welcome. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ **Tribune reporter & author John Gorman**
Sept. 26
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Hinsdale author and Chicago Tribune reporter and editor John Gorman discusses his book, "Death Before Life," rooted in the 2002 death row clemency hearings orchestrated by then-Gov. George Ryan. He'll also talk about his experience in the Peace Corps and his soon-to-be published sequel, "Snatch and Catch." Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ **SBC Voice Invitational**
Sept. 29
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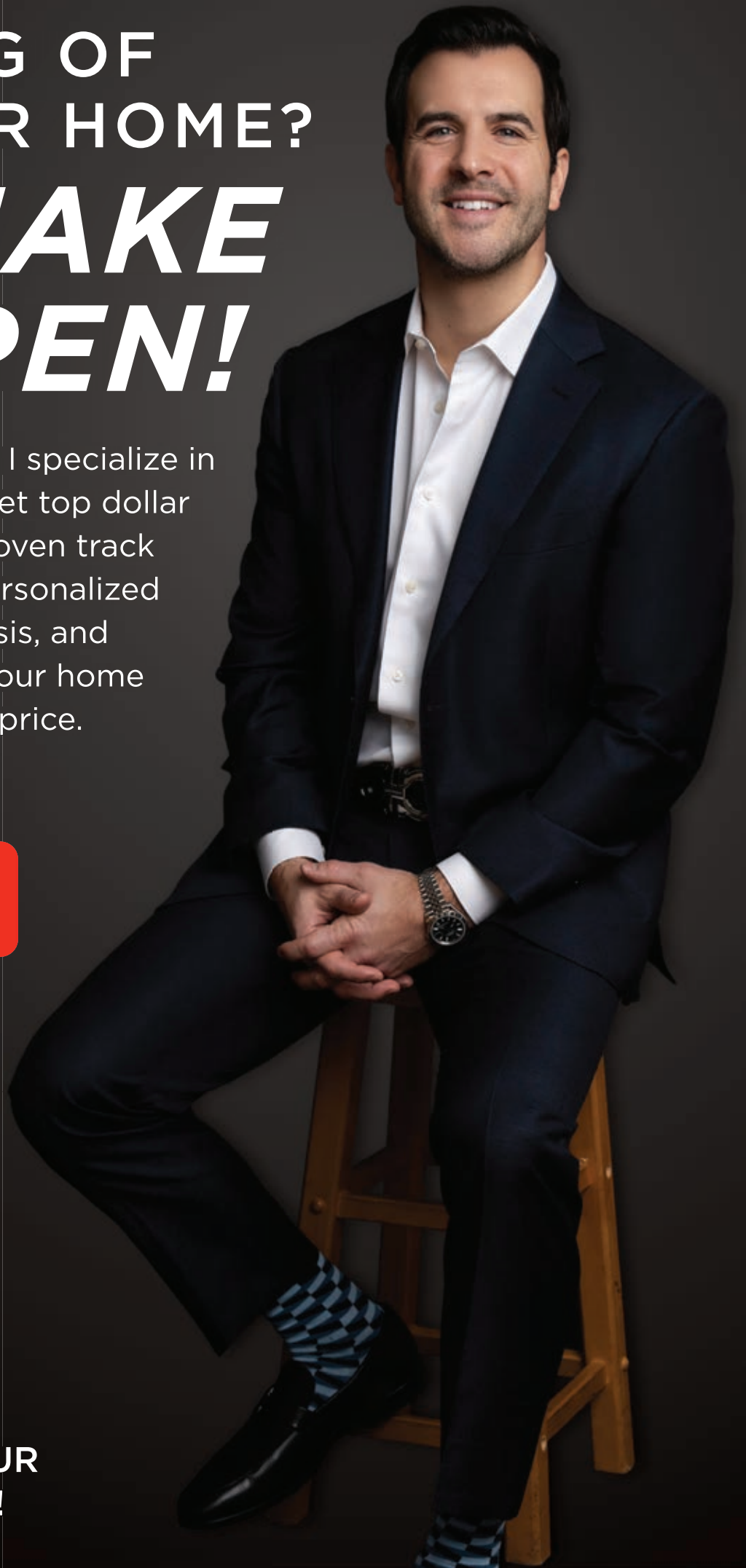
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ON STAGE

■ **Malevo**
Sept. 28
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with this thrilling all-male percussive dance group from Argentina, bringing a modern approach to traditional folk dance with other dance styles and urban percussion. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$59-\$69.

■ **Capitol Fools**
Sept. 29
McAninch Arts Center

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

The head writer, music director and all-star cast members from the former Capitol Steps join forces to unite the country one laugh at a time with their hilarious musical political satire. The play may contain adult themes and language. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$42-\$53.

■ **'The Outsider'**
Thursdays to Sundays through Oct. 6
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Ned Newley is the worst candidate to ever run for office. He has no political instincts and a fear of public speaking. While Ned seems destined to fail, his political consultant sees things differently. This timely and hilarious comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy.

Time: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$44, \$42 for seniors.

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. Hours: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SENIOR SCENE

■ **Senior's Home Sweet Home**
Sept. 25
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn about various senior living options, costs and services and when to start thinking about making the move during this in-depth

discussion. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Rep. Ladisch Douglass Office Hours**
Sept. 23
Clarendon Hills Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.

State Rep. Jenn Ladisch Douglass (D-45, Elmhurst) will be available at the library to offer help and provide information about state agencies and services. Hours: noon to 2 p.m.

STEPPING BACK

■ **Celebrity Servicemen**
Sept. 23
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Learn about six well-known Americans individuals who served during D-Day, and hear their remarkable stories of sacrifice and valor in Normandy during June and July of 1944. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. Free with \$5

parking. RR

■ **Vintage Baseball**
Sept. 28
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Watch the DuPage Plowboys take on McHenry County and see how baseball was played following 1850s rules and regulations — no overhand pitching, no called balls and strikes and no stealing bases. Visitors should bring a portable chair. Time: noon to 3 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ **Teen Craft: Dragon Eyes**
Sept. 24
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
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using instructions provided.
Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Fox Coffee Cozy

Sept. 27
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976
Middle- and high-schoolers are invited to stop by the Hinsdale Public Library to pick up a take-home kit to make one's own coffee cozy. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Babysitters Certification

Sept. 28
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

In this one-day American Red Cross course, youth ages 11-15 will gain the knowledge and skills needed to safely and responsibly provide care for children and infants with leadership skills and tools for developing a babysitting business. Attendance is required for the entire day; participants should pack a sack lunch.

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$110. RR, MD

WEE ONES

■ Spanish Storytime

Sept. 24
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Infants up to 6-year-olds with a caregiver will be introduced to songs and stories in Spanish. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m. RR

■ Nature's Art Box

Sept. 24
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
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Kids ages 3-6 with an adult will enjoy a nature-based art activity. Time: 10:30 a.m. RR

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■ Oktoberfest

Sept. 28
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www.brookfieldzoo.org/
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Toss on some lederhosen and enjoy live polka music at the zoo's beer garden. Leinenkugel's Oktoberfest beer and a seasonal menu featuring brats, sausages, pretzels with beer cheese and more will be available for purchase. Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., zoo open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$29.95, \$24.95 for seniors and \$20.95 for kids 3-11, plus \$17-\$20 parking.

■ Walking Play: 'The Grimmiest of Tales'

Weekends, Sept. 28-Oct. 27

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

As the shadows grow longer and Halloween approaches, the arboretum will delve into the darker side of the spooky, twisted and gory tales written by the Brothers Grimm. The performance is recommended for kids 10 and older due to scary content and mentions of death and gore. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$25, \$15 for kids 2-7. RR, MD

■ Mayslake by Moonlight Tour

Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st St., Oak Brook
(630) 206-9566
www.dupageforest.org

See Mayslake Hall in a new light. After the sun sets, enjoy a guided tour of this historic mansion by flashlight. Take in the architecture and history, and thrill to urban legends, tales of hauntings and stories of mischief. The program is for ages 12 and older; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$15. RR

■ Oktoberfest

Oct. 4-5
Naper Settlement
523 S. Webster St.,
Naperville
www.napersettlement.org
(630) 420-6010

Traditional German cuisine and beer will be overflowing in a giant heated tent with live music at this annual

event. Professional pumpkin carving demonstrations and lawn games in the beer garden, children's activities and a stein holding contest. See the website listed above for full schedule. Time: 5 to 10 p.m. Oct. 4, 3 to 10 p.m. Oct. 5. Tickets: \$20, \$15 for ages 4-12. MD

■ Cider and Ale Festival

Oct. 5
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 968-0074
www.mortonarb.org

Sample hard cider and seasonal beers from more than 30 local providers, with tasting booths stationed along Meadow Lake Trail, the Conifer Walk and the Forest Hill walking path. Festival attendees must select one of three time slots when buying tickets. VIP ticket holders may enter at 11 a.m. Time: noon to 3 p.m. Tickets: \$75, \$85 for VIP, \$35 for designated driver, \$12 for kids 4-17. RR, MD

■ Boo! at the Zoo

Weekends Oct. 5-20
Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Road
(708) 688-8400
www.brookfieldzoo.org/
events

Gather ghoulfriends and ghosts and goblins and head to the zoo for this annual Halloween celebration. Don a favorite costume and take memorable snapshots at the many Halloween-themed photo frames and vignettes, enjoy special zoo chats and take a spin on the Creepy Carousel or the anniversary Ferris wheel to view the park in its beautiful fall foliage. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. activities, zoo open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$29.95, \$24.95 for seniors and \$20.95 for kids 3-11 plus \$17-\$20 parking.

■ 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. 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.

■ 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.

■ 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

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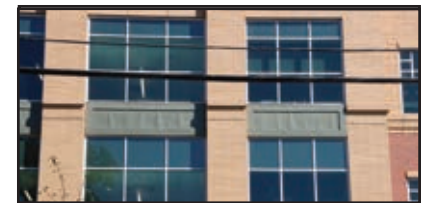
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The proposed Text Amendment includes expanded exterior lighting regulations covering topics such as applicability, exceptions to the standards, review process, lighting plan submittal requirements, general and specific requirements for exterior lighting, illumination standards based on land use, prohibited lighting, definitions, and standards for fixtures, glare, height, hours of operation, after-hour security lighting, and outdoor recreational uses.

All lighting regulations, previously located in various Sections of the Zoning Code are to be consolidated into the proposed Section 9-109. This includes Section 9-101.D.9 (Accessory Structures and Uses), Section 9-104.H.2.h (Off-Street Parking), Section 12-206 (Definitions), and Village Owned Recreational Facilities specified in the OS Open Space District in Section 7-210.E and the IB Institutional Buildings District in Section 7-310.E. An amendment is also proposed to Section 11-604.I (Site Plan Review) to specify the review process included in Section 9-109. References elsewhere in the Code, such as in Section 11-604 (Site Plan Review) will be corrected.

Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Please email Village Clerk Emily Tompkins at etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org for additional information. This request is known as Case A-31-2024.

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hearing and will be given the opportunity to be heard. At said public hearing, the Plan Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to the said application.

In addition, objections and other comments, if any, relating to the proposed Text Amendment may be made in writing and filed with the Village Clerk prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the public hearing. Emailed comments may be sent to Village Clerk Emily Tompkins at etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org. Please use the subject line "Public Comment - Landscape Screening Zoning Code Text Amendment" when sending your email. Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of the Village Clerk at 19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521. The proposed Text Amendment may be added to, revised, altered, or eliminated as a result of the public hearing and prior to final action by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Hinsdale. The public hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice, except as otherwise required under the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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Emily Tompkins,
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by Linda Thistle

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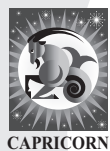
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September 2024 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Put others first this week, Capricorn. Set aside your own list of tasks and figure out how you can lend a helping hand to a family member or friend.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, a difficult problem may require you to take a step back and think about a different approach. Start fresh in a few days.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, take a few days to mull over a financial situation that worries you. Is there another way you can approach it? Can you find an influx of capital to make things more manageable?



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, share enjoyable experiences with others. Your travels may prove a source of inspiration for others who simply need a nudge to get out of their comfort zones.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Sometimes you need reassurance that you are doing a good job, Aquarius. Rest assured that you are giving it all you have and that has not gone unnoticed.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
A happy accident reconnects you with someone you haven't seen in quite a while, Taurus. The rekindled relationship may lead to something even more concrete over the coming weeks.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
It is time to make a decision after working through various scenarios, Leo. Plans need to be made and it will take time to sort through all of the details. Everything will work out.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Carefully word your next email or text and read it over several times, Scorpio. There is a fine line between being firm and coming across as domineering. You don't want to offend.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, it is time to make a decision about an issue with two seemingly good solutions. You've given things ample consideration, so trust your instincts.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, there is so much going on right now you may feel like your head is spinning. Start dividing your tasks into a more manageable list and see if others can pitch in.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
It's time to be honest with yourself, Virgo. Are you just telling people what they want to hear or are you truly ready to make a change? You may need to prove it to others for them to trust you.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a relationship may have ended in one respect, but the connections you share may keep you tied together for some time. Find a way to be friendly and civil at all times.

Golfers look to fourth state competition

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always super nervous. Now I definitely feel more relaxed before tournaments because I'm more used to it.

Q: What do you admire most about your friend?

EA: There's a lot. She's just a very mature person. She's always been mature and a warm, welcoming person, especially to the younger girls on the team. She's almost the mother of the team, we joke. She's always there and she always knows what to do in every situation.

TB: I really like her work ethic. She's always practicing, always committed and she's really confident, because she doesn't take a practice swing when she plays. She just goes out and hits. She's committed to her shot. I really admire that about her, her confidence.

Q: Has your friendship helped your game?

EA: We're playing usually one and two in matches during the week. We're always paired up with one another. It's having the comfort of always having one another to talk to no matter who we're playing.

TB: With the whole team and Elyssa, playing as a team is definitely a different experience. Having your team behind you, having your friends behind you, is really motivating to play your best golf because you're showing up for yourself and you're showing up for your team, too.

Q: What are some of your best memories from high school golf?

EA: I would say one of my best memories are at state. We're all in the hotel room, crowded in one hotel room, eating and talking. Obviously we're together a lot as a team, but it's very intimate when we're in the hotel, and it's so fun because we're all very motivated to win as a team and very supporting and encouraging of one another. Some very funny stories have been told that we all haven't known. That's probably what I look forward to every year.

TB: Every time we go to state, we leave really early in the morning. It's like 5 in the morning. We're not really awake. The JV team decorates our bus. That two- to three-hour drive to Decatur is a really great experience



Elyssa Abdullah tees off on the second hole at Ruth Lake Country Club during a recent competition. She and fellow senior Toral Bhatt were sophomores on the Hinsdale Central team that won the 2022 state title.

because the team is together, and we're all getting ready to play our best.

Q: Do you have a favorite course you've played?

EA: The Santa Maria in

Panama. I played a tournament in Panama over spring break, and I really loved that golf course.

TB: For high school we played at Conway Farms. We didn't get the opportunity to play there this year. It was too hot. They had to cancel the tournament. It's a really nice private course.

Q: Do you have a dream course you want to play?

EA: For sure Augusta. I want to be able to qualify for the Augusta National Women's Amateur later on, maybe in college.

TB: I don't think so. There are a lot of good golf courses out there.

Q: What else are you involved in at Central?

EA: I'm in Investment Club. I've been doing year-book for the past two years. I'm in the National Honor Society.

TB: I'm a part of Solstice, which is an art and literary magazine. I'm the head director. I'm also part of FCCLA, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. My freshman and sophomore year I played soccer for the high school, too.

Q: What are your plans for college?

EA: I'm committed to University of Wisconsin-Madison for golf. I'm undecided what I want to major in, but I have a couple of fields of interest.

TB: I would like to play golf in college so I could have more of that team experience. I really like being part of a team. We'll see.

Q: What is your goal for your senior season?

EA: Honestly just to keep improving, just to do the best I've done out of my four years here. I don't really have a set number for myself. As long as I'm improving and just working hard, I would be pretty content with how I've been playing. And overall, having fun, because I've put a lot of pressure on myself with golf and school. This year I just want to enjoy it and take it one step at a time.

TB: I want to show up and play the best golf that I can. I also want to focus on spending time with my team. It's my last year with my team. I want to have fun with them throughout the season.



Toral Bhatt, also teeing off at the second hole, said she has enjoyed her four years on Central's team. "It definitely was a new learning experience how the team dynamic was and how tournaments work and things like that." (Jim Slonoff photos)

FALCONS 9U GOLD IMPROVES TO 3-0

The Falcons 9U Gold players were impressive on both sides of the ball Sunday in Bloomingdale, winning decisively by a score of 27-8.

The Falcons delivered their initial blow on their third offensive play from scrimmage when Connor Pauley (6 for 11, 165 yards, 3 touchdowns) connected with Bryce Lee, who took Pauley's pass 93 yards to the house. Lee finished the day with three touchdowns (two through the air and one on the ground) and 211 all-purpose yards. Cole Sherwood also contributed to the scoring effort with a 25-yard touchdown reception of his own. Dominant offensive line play by Teddy O'Toole, Keats Caruso, Bennett Wilson and Michael Cannizzaro provided the Falcons backfield with all the time they needed to pick apart the Bloomingdale defense.

On the other side of the ball, impressive linebacker play by Noah Jones, Luke Schroeder, Dan Campbell and Parker Brey underpinned a near flawless effort by Coach Lee's hard hitting defensive unit while Brooks Jaqua continued his season-to-date shutdown effort at corner. Other notable contributors on the defense included RT Kouba, Michael Dombroski, Cade Phelan and Wyland Holmes.

Next game: 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Hinsdale Central.

10U SILVER TURNS GAME AROUND

It was a steamy 90 degrees out and the normally dynamic Falcon offense had trouble getting started. They would go three and out several times and even gave up a punt return for a touchdown to the opportunistic squad from Naperville.

Things turned around in the second half when the Falcons got tough running from quarterback Caden Mitchell and running back Brody Sobieraj behind the blocks of Dean Windfelder, Arya Vafa, Max Breton, Bennett Brumley and Mike Sandberg. They capped off a long drive with a strike from Mitchell to wide receiver Jack Slavik to tie the score 6-6.

The game went into over-

time, when both teams managed to score from 10 yards out. Mitchell once again broke tackles and dove into the end zone for the Falcons score. Neither team managed to convert the PAT, and the game ended in a 12-12 tie.

The defensive line of Miles Wos, Mark Sandberg and Miles Post stuffed nearly every rushing attempt while linebackers Paul Voight and Clay Parker tackled anything that got by them. Defensive backs Kanas Kitzevicius, Grant Garber and Mas Buttita were busy all day defending the Naperville passing attack.

Next up: DG Panthers.

11U SILVER SHUTS OUT TRI CITY

The 11U Silver Hinsdale Falcons got a hard-fought victory over a tough Tri City squad with a 15-0 win at Hinsdale South on Saturday.

Danny McFarland opened the scoring with an impressive long interception for a touchdown. McFarland playing at safety stepped in front of a deep pass intended for a Tri City Charger who was well covered on the play. McFarland returned the interception almost 70 yards, avoiding several would-be tacklers along the way.

The Falcon defense kept the Chargers off the scoreboard and pitched another shutout for Hinsdale.

The Falcon offense played a game of ball control and not allowing the Tri City Charger offense too many chances. When Tri City did have the ball, the Falcon defense was relentless, offering little room to operate.

The Hinsdale offense punched in a second-half score to put away the game. McFarland found pay dirt as he took a handoff and raced for touchdown.

The Falcons are playing well in all three facets of the game and have outscored opponents 76-2 through the first four games. Efficient offense and a tough defense has been the keys to mid-season success.

The Falcons travel to take on Lemont at 10 a.m. Sunday.

11U GOLD FALCONS DOMINATE TRI CITY

11U Gold showcased its dominance with a commanding 28-8 victory over Tri City.

From the opening whistle, the Falcons' offense, powered by Matthew Kalish, Ivan Burt, Mikey Adamo and Grant Omiecinski, carved out holes for their running backs. Kellen Brown led the charge, bulldozing his way into the end zone for two touchdowns, setting the tone early. Teddy Ouimette put his speed on display, dancing his way to a 45-yard touchdown, while Luke Schremser joined the scoring spree, notching his first touchdown of the season. Keerthan Tucke finished off those scores by grabbing two 2-point conversions.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Falcons were equally dominant, forcing three turnovers. Soren Carlson scooped up a fumble, while Ben Murphy picked off a pass and returned it to the 1-yard line. The defensive line wreaked havoc throughout the game, with Christian Gernot, Christian Kirchev, Joshua Castro, Owen Parry and Bo Cuculich making tackles in the back field all afternoon. The secondary was impenetrable — led by Rohn Ramani, Luca Striltschuk and Nate Thangamani — not allowing a single completed pass.

The commanding performance improved the Falcons to 3-1, and they look to carry this momentum when they face the Lyons.

JV GOLD D1 WINS BIG

The JV Gold Falcons are 3-0 after big plays and bigger hits led to a dominating 36-14 win over Park Ridge.

The Falcon offense got to work early with an opening drive culminating in an 8-yard Michael Kipnis touchdown run. The Hinsdale defense quickly asserted itself with control up front by Torsten Wood, Leo Crooks, Ben Kurinsky and Angel Roman. The great line play led to a fumble recovery by Grant Kirchheimer on Park Ridge's first series. The Falcon offense quickly found the endzone on a Dillon Phelan run. The successful conversion to Logan Sullivan made it 14-0. A Charlie Lynch fumble recovery got Hinsdale the ball back once again. From a

beautiful pocket created by Sal Calandriello, Oliver Johnson, Connor Gaylord, Sullivan Camp and Grant Wanless, Phelan hit Kellan Goodwin for an incredible 60-yard pass and run to the end zone; 22-0 Falcons. Another Phelan touchdown run and conversion to Brock Bradley made it 29-0 Hinsdale at half.

The second half afforded the coaches the opportunity to workshop different personnel combinations and resulted in a beautiful Jaxon Uthe catch and run from 55 yards out to cap the scoring. The Hinsdale secondary, led by Dominic Cresap, withstood the Park Ridge second-half passing attack to secure the victory.

Next week the Falcons take on rival Lyons Football Club, hoping to stay undefeated.

JV GOLD D2 TEAM LOSES CLOSE ONE

The JV Gold D2 team lost another hard fought, close game Saturday, falling to Wheaton on 8-0 at Hinsdale Central.

With a number of injuries, several players stepped up to keep the game close and give the team a chance at the end, but the effort fell just short. Finn Caruso had a critical interception to get the ball back and give the team a chance. Will Doyle played both sides of the line despite running on fumes in the heat. Matthew Wiskowski forced a fumble and helped keep Wheaton out of the end zone on two drives to keep the Falcons in the game. Nicholas Carbonara and Matthew Wiskowski had multiple long runs to help move the offense down the field. Jackson Rediger and Ryan Pietzkowski at linebacker were busy filling holes and stopping long runs. JV Gold D2 has a bye week coming up and will use the time to get ready to get back into the win column.

VARSITY SILVER STOMPS OAK PARK

Varsity Silver defeated Oak Park 39-0 Sunday at home.

The scoring started with a 15-yard strike from Nick Ludden to Benji Allanson. Felix Michelini booted the extra point through the uprights, his first of five suc-

cessful tries on the day. Ali Memon punched in another touchdown from the 1-yard line to close out the first half.

Jake Knapp scored on a 25-yard pass from Ludden in the third quarter, and the Falcons special teams and defense would take it from there. Michelini had huge boots on the following two kickoffs, pinning Oak Park inside their own 5-yard line. Preston Brey recovered a fumble in the Huskies' end zone and Brit Read scored on a pick six on the following series. Hudson Hannah made a fantastic interception to close it out for the home team.

The Falcons will face an undefeated Carol Stream unit Sunday at home.

VARSITY GOLD SHUTS OUT

Varsity played their second home game vs the Park Ridge Falcons at Dickinson field Sunday.

The Hinsdale offensive took the field to start the contest. A key block from receiver Grant Goodwin sprung quarterback Keaton Cassell for the 62-yard touchdown rush on the first play from scrimmage.

The Hinsdale defense was well-prepared, swarming the Park Ridge run game. On the first defensive series, a booming hit from defensive tackle Will Smith forced a Park Ridge fumble. Liam Cranmer lost his lunch, but recovered the loose ball, setting up Hinsdale in great field position. Utility man Charlie Koridek laid another strong block for the TD rush from Jack Gray, giving Hinsdale the early 16-0 lead.

Linebackers Hank Scheri, Gray and Blake Schnur led the defense, combining for 22 total tackles, multiple big hits, and earning themselves the honorable undisputed Gruden Grit Awards. The Park Ridge passing attack was also quickly shut down, as Knox Apple and Cassell both secured interceptions.

Offensive tackle Wolf Pohlenz provided excellent protection, and slot receivers Chase Morris and Matthew Stone produced with multiple catch and runs. Goodwin caught the Falcons' third TD on the Schnur-special slug-go route. Collin Perry's PAT kicks were 3-for-3, finalizing a strong 24-0 Hinsdale victory.

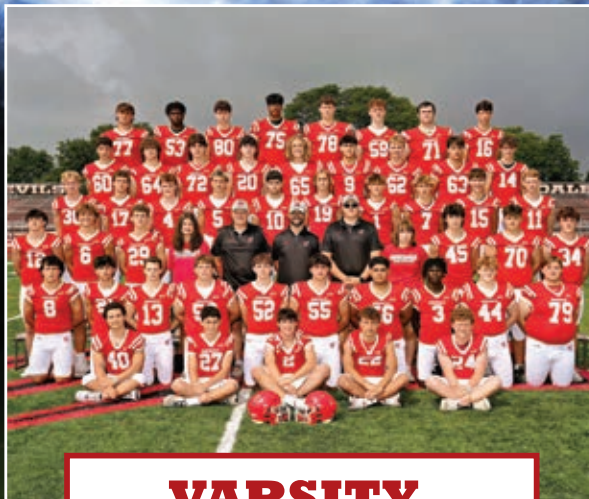


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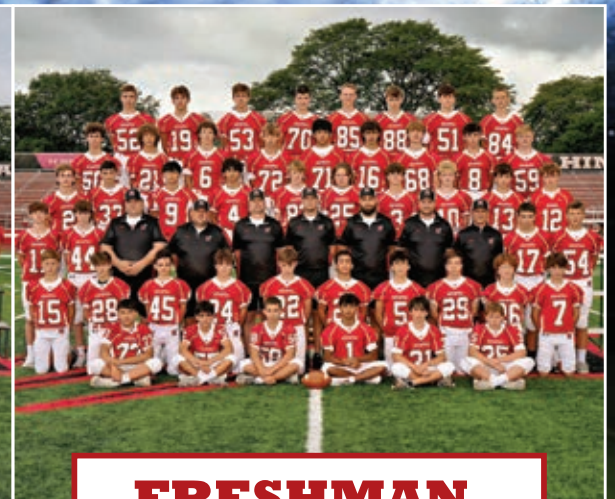
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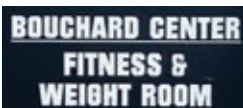
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SPORTS — END ZONE

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HINSDALE CENTRAL 16 — LYONS 21



Hinsdale Central quarterback Riley Contreras got the jump on the Lyons defense to score late in the fourth quarter, bringing the score to 16-21. Central failed to score on the 2-point conversion on the next play. (Jim Slonoff photos)

STATS

	Central	LT
Passing yards	184	90
Rushing yards	123	65
Total yards	307	255
Touchdowns	2	3
PATs	2	3
Field goals	1	0
Turnover	1	0

OFFENSE



Riley Contreras
16 passes, 184 yards
17 carries, 67 yards
1 rushing TD,
1 passing TD



Pat Connors
4 carries, 21 yards
1 catch, 17 yards

DEFENSE



Zach Kruse
4 tackles
1 assist



Ben Munoz
3 tackles
1 assist

A bobbled snap opened the door for Hinsdale Central's Charles Novatney to bring down Lyons Township's punter late in the second quarter.



UP NEXT

Homecoming game
vs. Morton
7 p.m. Friday
Dickinson Field
Last year
Central won 48-13

STANDINGS

West Suburban Silver

Downers North..... 1-0 ... 3-0
LT..... 1-0 ... 3-0
OP-RF..... 1-0 ... 1-2
York..... 0-0 ... 3-0
Proviso West..... 0-1 ... 2-1
Hinsdale Central... 0-1... 1-2
Glenbard West..... 0-1 ... 0-3
conference/overall

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Matt Rogers
Willowbrook

What was your mindset coming into senior year?

I really want to make sure I give this year my all and leave a lasting impact so that my last year is very memorable. I want to use all the lessons I've learned in the past seasons and prove what I know.

How have you evolved as a competitor?

Freshman year I hadn't bought into the sport of running as I have now. Middle school running wasn't as serious, but now I care about the sport and that makes me want to improve. I really want running to be part of who I am and to be the best version of who I am in this sport.

What do you enjoy about the sport?

You can really see results and be rewarded if you're willing to put in the effort to get there. You can train on your own or you can do it with a group. It's very easy to mold it around your schedule. During a race, you can keep an eye on your teammates so they can help you keep a good pace.

Do you have any pre-race rituals?

I like to visualize the race before it happens and spend time getting to know the course map so I know, for example, that this hill is a

mile into the race so I need to prepare for that. I know where to open up my stride and gain a little bit of ground on my opponents.

Who have been your role models?

Teammate Cooper Revord and former Central runners Dan Watcke and Aden Bandukwala. Their commitment has inspired me.

What else are you involved in?

I'm part of Habitat for Humanity at Central, and I'm involved in Boy Scouts and working toward getting Eagle Scout rank.

Siblings?

I have younger sister, Maeve, a junior at Central.

What are the best movies you've seen lately?

"Deadpool" and "Wolverine."

What's your goal for the rest of the season?

I definitely would like to compete in the state meet, and I'd like our team can get a nice placement at state.

Why does coach Jim Westphal like having Rogers on the squad?

Matt is a tireless worker. He leads by example and he's a very good teammate. His improvements over the last year are the result of dedication and perseverance.

— profile by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Cross country, boys
Sept. 11 vs. Downers South, OP-RF & Naperville Central
V places 1st with 23 points
Miller, 2nd, 15:46.1
Tarasi, 3rd, 15:55.92
Revord, 4th, 16:02.41
Rogers, 5th, 16:07.98
Goebel, 9th, 17:08.34

Cross country, girls
Sept. 14 @ First to the Finish Invite
V places 10th with 291 points
Satre, 27th, 18:57.5
Hodneland, 30th, 19:02.7
Backus, 53rd, 19:30.7
Skay, 91st, 20:13.3
McCormick, 103rd, 5th, 20:19.1

Flag football
Sept. 12 vs. LT
V loses 0-20

Golf, boys
Sept. 17 @ Downers North
V wins 150-156
Sept. 16 @ LT
V loses 149-146
Sept. 12 vs. Glenbard West

V wins 141-157
Sept. 11 vs. York
V wins 146-150

Golf, girls
Sept. 17 vs. Downers North
V wins 161-201
Sept. 14 @ Waukegan Invite
V places 2nd with 307 strokes
Bhatt, 3rd, 74
Abdullah, 5th, 75
Han, 12th, 78
Danda, 18th, 80
Sept. 12 vs. Sandburg
V wins 151-201
Sept. 11 @ Glenbard West
V wins 146-191

Soccer, boys
Sept. 16 @ Joliet West
V wins 2-1
Szurgot, 2 goals
Gantar, assist
Zamalaitis, assist
Sept. 14 vs. New Trier
V loses 0-3
Sept. 11 @ Metea Valley
V loses 0-2

Swimming, girls
Sept. 14 @ Spartan Sprint Classic

V places first with 156 points
1-meter diving
Driscoll, 7th, 288.35
Inabbit, 12th, 209.90
200-yard medley relay
A. Warren, Allegra, Rocca, Brubaker, 3rd, 1:53.46
500-yard freestyle
Frandsen, 3rd, 5:49.09
100-yard IM
Pelinkovic, 1st, 1:01.96
Seraphin, 7th, 1:06.83
100-yard freestyle
V. Barber, 1st, 55.43
Brubaker, 2nd, 55.61
100-yard breaststroke
Lin, 2nd, 1:09.85
Allegra, 4th, 1:11.09
100-yard backstroke
Miller, 2nd, 58.67
Lahmann, 5th, 1:02.44
100-yard butterfly
Seraphin, 1st, 1:01.17
Rocca, 7th, 1:03.89
200-yard freestyle relay
Pelinkovic, V. Barber, Cassell, S. Warren, 1st, 1:41.51
50-yard freestyle
L. Barber, 1st, 24.34
Miller, 2nd, 25.58
50-yard breaststroke
Lin, 2nd, 31.86

Pelinkovic, 8th, 33.84
50-yard backstroke
Lahmann, 2nd, 28.83
A. Warren, 6th, 29.54
50-yard butterfly
Rocca, 2nd, 27.94
I. Warren, 4th, 28.16
100-yard medley relay
Miller, Lin, Seraphin, L. Barber, 1st, 51.16
25-yard freestyle
Ukoha, 3rd, 12.27
I. Warren, 4th, 12.68
25-yard breaststroke
Allegra, 2nd, 14.81
Ukoha, 3rd, 15.09
25-yard backstroke
A. Warren, 4th, 14.73
Matricaria, 5th, 14.81
25-yard butterfly
L. Barber, 1st, 11.88
Brubaker, 2nd, 12.53
8x37-yard freestyle relay
L. Barber, Miller, S. Warren, Lin, 1st, 2:18.72
Sept. 12 @ LT
V loses 64-122

Tennis, girls
Sept. 17 @ Downers North
V wins 9-0
Virmani, 6-2, 6-1
Radonjic, 6-2, 6-0
Wang, 6-0, 6-1

Stover, 6-0, 6-1
Tomas/Panveno, 6-4, 6-1
Batenic/Kapur, 6-0, 6-0
Marringa/Nehme, 6-2, 6-0
Shah/Gupta, 6-0, 6-0
Tu/McCain, 6-0, 6-2
Sept. 14 @ Red Devil Invite
V places 1st
Sept. 12 vs. OP-RF
V wins 7-2

Volleyball, girls
Sept. 12 @ Lockport
V loses 20-25, 24-26
Kozlowski, 5 kills, block, 4 digs
Neiman, 5 kills, 2 blocks
Ledy, 3 kills, dig, 6 assists
Peterson, 3 kills, 3 digs
Brooks, 2 kills, block, dig
Jorgenreud, kill
Pabst, kill
Garchar, ace, 2 digs, 9 assists
Young, 8 digs, assist
Bergin, 3 digs, 2 assists
Quast, dig
Barakat, assist

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Grace Gruber competes during the Red Devil Invite girls cross country meet Sept. 7 at Katherine Legge Memorial Park. Gruber was one of four Red Devils to finish the 2.9-mile race. (Jim Slonoff photo)

SPORTS



Elyssa Abdullah (left) and **Toral Bhatt** have been varsity golf teammates — and friends — since their freshman year. “Without golf, I don’t know if I would have ever met Elyssa, so I’m really grateful we were able to meet each other.” Bhatt said. “We probably wouldn’t have crossed paths otherwise.” Varsity coach Nick Latorre said the two are a pleasure to have in the program. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Golfers look to fourth state competition

Seniors have been on varsity, traveling to state every year since they were freshmen

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If Hinsdale Central seniors Elyssa Abdullah and Toral Bhatt make it to the IHSA girls golf meet next month in Decatur, it will be their fourth appearance at the tournament.

The two competed in their first state meet as freshmen varsity team members, with Hinsdale’s Abdullah placing fourth that year and Oak Brook’s Bhatt tying for 60th.

Abdullah’s best finish was second place her sophomore year, while Bhatt improved to 15th last year.

Varsity girls golf head coach Nick Latorre said he feels lucky to have had the two girls in the program.

“They’re both obviously lead high school golfers,” he said. “They are both tremendous teammates. They both work really hard at their game, and they really both developed into really great leaders.”

“It’s rare to have two players come in freshman year and play to the level they’ve played at so consistently,” he added. “They’ve really just kind of kept the tradition of Caroline Owens and Selina Zeng and Jessica Lee and some of the other players that we’ve had come through over the years.”

Latorre noted that it’s rare to be able to coach athletes all four years of their high school careers, as most are on varsity for

only two years.

“You don’t develop that relationship in two years that you do in four,” he said.

The Hinsdalean talked to Abdullah and Bhatt Monday about their experiences as varsity golfers and state competitors. Below are excerpts of that conversation.

Question: How did you get into golf?

Elyssa Abdullah: I first got started through my older sister, Isabella. She’s eight years older than me. I’ve always really looked up to her and sort of had a competitive spirit, wanting to beat her.

Toral Bhatt: I started playing probably around 4

or 5 with my grandparents. I remember we used to hit balls in my backyard. They would take me here (Oak Brook Golf Course) to practice and I would putt around.

Q: What has it been like being on varsity all four years?

EA: It’s been really fun. Even when I was younger, I’ve always had a lot of fun and a lot of learning experiences playing with older girls, and now I’m the older girl, so it’s an interesting experience. It showed me how to be a leader and to set a good example for the younger girls.

TB: When I started, a lot of the older girls were very nice to me. They showed

me around. I was the baby of the team then, Elyssa and I were. Those girls took good care of us. As the years went on, I had to step into that role at tournaments, at practice.

Q: Are you more confident as a senior?

EA: I was very confident starting out as a freshman. It has improved over the years and grown. That’s kind of what my strength was when I was younger. I never really got intimidated by other girls.

TB: I definitely feel a lot more confident. Starting out my freshman year and sophomore year, before tournaments I was

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