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## Life safety lesson

**Hinsdale firefighter/paramedics** Mike Lorusso and James Lauber extinguish the flames in the fire demonstration rooms during the annual Fire and Police open house Saturday. This year, much like many Hinsdaleans, the fire department built an addition. It expanded their demonstration rooms to show the difference it makes in a house fire if the bedroom door is closed. “Close before you dose” was the theme of the program, and the proof was in the fire as it spread quickly when the door was open and not at all when the door was closed. The demonstration also showed how quickly sprinklers will extinguish a fire. Please turn to Page 32 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# NEWS

## SSA proposed for Sixth Street replacement

By Pamela Lannom  
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The Hinsdale Village Board plans to create a special service area to generate an additional \$2 million in property tax revenue to reconstruct Sixth Street with bricks.

A public hearing on the proposed SSA, which is comprised of 38 properties that have an address on or that directly abut Sixth Street between Garfield Avenue and County Line Road, will be held Dec. 17.

The village must wait 60 days after the hearing to establish the SSA. If 51 percent of registered vot-

ers and 51 percent of owners in the proposed SSA object by Feb. 18, the village cannot create it.

Village officials at this point have yet to put the project out to bid. They plan to do so in January, with bid results expected in mid-February.

"If the bids come in slightly higher than that, the village will pick up the difference," Village President Tom Cauley said.

The possibility also exists that bids could come in lower or supplemental funding could be secured.

"One of the benefits to residents is if you bring that number down from \$2 million, there's the pos-

sibility for the village to internally finance it rather than go to a bonding agency," Cauley said, which would eliminate the 7 percent interest rate on the debt. "My hope is by the time we get to the public hearing on Dec. 17 ... we will be at a much lower number."

A group of residents has been working to save the four-block stretch of brick street since the village first announced plans to reconstruct it mostly in asphalt, with brick intersections, after water and sewer mains are replaced. That group selected the properties for the proposed SSA.

"The resident group came up

with the 38 properties based not on 'Do you have a Sixth Street address' or 'Do you have a driveway on Sixth Street?' but rather 'Do you own private property that abuts Sixth Street?' " said Bill Haarlow, a Sixth Street resident and former trustee who has been leading the campaign to preserve the bricks.

Haarlow said he expects there will be people who will oppose the SSA, either because they don't have a driveway on Sixth Street or believe the village should pick up the entire cost.

"If 51 percent of the people don't want it, it won't go forward," Cauley said. "We all understand that."



## Forward march

Senior drum major Patrick Piller led the Hinsdale Central marching band onto Dickinson Field Friday night with a chair step. The band then played the National Anthem as the Hinsdale Central Football Program honored veterans with its Salute to Service program. Members of the freshman and sophomore team unfurled a large American flag on the field. To see photographs of the veterans honored, please visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean](http://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean). (Jim Slonoff photos)



# ONCE UPON A TIME



From the archives — This photo of the Hinsdale Township High School boys track team from 1929 captures a moment in history outside the old high school, now the site of Hinsdale Middle School. Pictured are (top row from left) are Joe Lynch, John Bayliss, Les Borsom, Bill Foote, Heine Lehman, Dick McMakin, Donnie Armstrong, (bottom row from left) Chuck Pettit, Ed Amacker, A. Dreusicke, Jack Hartman, Bruce Brown and Ed Duorak. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)



**Happy Birthday!**  
Emilia McGivern  
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# Getting accepted at the ‘right’ college

*New series will follow the process for one Hinsdale Central junior and his classmates*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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Just what is the “right” college?

Is it a highly selective school? One that specializes in a particular major? Large or small? Near or far?

Hinsdale’s Jonathan Hurley is beginning to think about those questions. In addition to taking several honors and AP classes, the Hinsdale Central junior has swim team practice, club meetings and activities, homework, trumpet practice and ACT prep tutoring.

“Right now, it’s just about building the resume. That’s probably the most important part right now,” he said.

As a swimmer, Jonathan also is thinking about how his sport will fit into his future. He’s reached out to some coaches. And he’s gone to a couple of meetings at Central with college admissions officers.

■ **COLLEGE QUEST**

*This is the first in an ongoing series following the two-year college application process.*

“A lot of the schools track demonstrated interest,” he said.

A strong student with a high grade point average, Hurley has about 20 or so schools in mind at this point. He knows competition will be tough at the selective schools on his list.

“It’s obviously grades because that’s the starting point,” he said. “If you’re looking to get into a selective school, they want everyone to be at a certain threshold. After that, then it becomes largely what you do outside of school, extra-curricular activities, sports obviously is a part of that, clubs. I think they really care about leader-

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Hinsdale Central junior Jonathan Hurley and his mom, Cara, have agreed to chronicle their thoughts during the college application process as part of a new series that launches today. (Jim Slonoff photo)

**In their own words**

*As part of this series, Jonathan and Cara Hurley will share pieces they have written themselves. Today’s comments are in the form of letters they’ve written to each other.*

**Dear Jonathan,**

When I think about the fact that two years from now, you will be in college, a bunch of emotions come up for me. And memories from the years that have flown by get triggered when I see younger children around the neighborhood.

I can’t believe we are already here talking about what types of schools you would like to go to.

The thing that grabs my attention as I pre-grieve your going away to college is the juxtaposition of feelings. I am at once hopeful and excited for you while at the same time I am anxious and a bit sad.

I am reminded of the little boy at Peirce Park who loved to climb to the top of the wire jungle gym as fast as he could and then would call down with a “Mommy, look at me”, from the very top. I remember feeling a bit anxious the first time I saw you do it — so quickly and confidently and joyfully. But I kept the “Be careful, don’t fall” comments to myself since I knew that was all my anxiety and not yours. I remember looking at you in awe as you easily made it to the top and had no fear.

I think of this college search process as similar to your climb on that jungle gym. You wouldn’t be embarking on it if you weren’t ready and able to. Though you’ll need a bit of assistance from me and Dad, we can’t do it for you nor should we.

You’ll lead the way with what you like and don’t like, where you see yourself, what you’re interested in, and whether you’re going to continue swimming in college or not. And though I’ve told you that I would selfishly love it if you went to school close to home so that I could easily drive to see you, I know you have your sights set on possibly going much farther than a short drive from home. And that will be OK.

I know it will, but that feels hard at the same time. Much like my younger self knew not to interfere with the little boy who was climbing to the top of the jungle gym tower, I hope to have the same approach with this college climb — to watch while keeping my myriad emotions in check, knowing that I’ll be excited for you once you’re there.

**Love, Mom**

**Dear Mom,**

When I think about going to college, I feel overwhelmed. But when I really think about it, I think about how it’s supposed to be a fun process where you’re picking a school that you actually want to go to and spend multiple years at. The pressure to perform is definitely there, but I know the hard work will be helpful when I’m applying to schools. At this point, I don’t know where I want to go, but that’s probably a good thing, because things could change in my life where what I thought I was looking for in a school might shift. Right now what I’m looking for in a school is a place that has a beautiful campus and offers me a good chance to be successful after four years of college. I don’t know what I want to study, but I know that I want it to be something that I enjoy doing and that I’m actually good at. I know you went to college undecided and figured out your major by the end of your sophomore year, which shows me that I don’t really have to know what I want to do or where I want to work. There’s no rush.

You’ve encouraged me to find the right fit and keep an open mind. Having visited a few colleges, I’m starting to get an idea of what I like and don’t like. Your East Coast roots and our West Coast family have exposed me to some beautiful parts of the country, which may mean I’m not going to go to school in the Midwest. I think this probably makes you feel good because there are family and friends in various cities on both coasts, but it also may make you feel sad to have me be so far away.

I am excited for this process, even though the thought of it is a little stressful at times. If I go far away, I won’t get to see you and the rest of our family as much, but we’ll still be in touch. I plan to make frequent visits to Illinois (assuming that I go somewhere out of state). The college I end up going to doesn’t have to be a perfect fit, because nothing will. I just have to find something that is a good enough fit, which you’ve taught me is a good way to think about things.

**Love, Jonathan**



# NEXT WEEK

## Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21  
Hinsdale Middle School  
100 S. Garfield Ave.  
www.d181.org

**On the draft agenda:** preliminary tax levy memo, facilities master plan recommendations, superintendent search firm selection, district office building bid award, math/ELA/ACE placement criteria, SEL update, inclement weather, maintenance grant approval

## Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24  
Hinsdale South High School  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

## Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

**On the draft agenda:** space plan update, village patio update, retaining wall proposal, policy approvals, 2024 closing dates, 2025 meeting dates

# CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia (D-4, Chicago) will hold a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St.

He will share updates with residents on federal, state and local matters.

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## More early voting sites to open this Monday

Early voting for the Tuesday, Nov. 5, general election will be available at several additional locations beginning Monday, Oct. 21.

The closest locations are:

- Hinsdale Village Hall (DuPage County residents)  
19 E. Chicago Ave.  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends Oct. 21 to Nov. 4.

- Brookfield Village Hall (Cook County residents)  
8820 Brookfield Ave.  
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 27; then 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 28-Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 3 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 4.

- Lyons Village Hall (Cook County residents)  
4200 S. Lawndale Ave.



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Early voting is open now at selection locations, including the Downers Grove Recreation Center, Room 103, 4500 Belmont Road.

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# D86 board mulls OMA, FOIA policies

By Ken Knutson

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The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board has revised its policies on the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act to shift responsibility from the superintendent to the board president.

At their Oct. 9 meeting, board members held a first read of board policies 2:200 and 2:250, which give the board president power to designate employees for OMA training and choose a FOIA officer, respectively, duties previously assigned solely to the superintendent.

Board member Peggy James, the board's policy committee chair, suggested the policies were modified to clarify where that authority should rest.

"The committee discussed revisions to these policies to align them regarding the ability of the board president, as head of the public body, to designate employees to complete Open Meeting Act training and to appoint a FOIA officer," James said.

Board member Terri Walker, however, questioned why the changes were necessary, particularly regarding policy 2:250

"Why are we changing it now from the superintendent to the board president naming the FOIA officer?" she asked.

Board President Cat Greenspon commented that the change better protects the person filling FOIA requests from undue influence applied by administrators or board members.

"The only employee involved with the filling of FOIAs — specifically gathering the FOIA materials — is our chief FOIA officer and they work directly with (our law firm)," Greenspon said. "The board should not be involved. The administration should not be involved, except for articulating, collecting the materials and turning them into the FOIA office or legal."

Superintendent Mike Lach said having that separation is important.

"I don't want people to get the wrong impression that myself or anyone on my team has their thumb on the scale about what gets released or doesn't get released," he said. "That's up to the FOIA officer and the attorneys."

"Fundamentally, in the best interests of the district, the superintendent should not be the chief FOIA officer," Greenspon added.

During the public comment period at the start of the meeting, resident Yvonne Mayer said the changes seemed simply designed to give the board president greater authority.

"These are just, in the opinion of myself and others in the community who asked me to speak tonight, power plays just to try to make a point that the board president has more powers than the superintendent," Mayer said.

Board member Asma Akhras asked for confirmation that the new language in the OMA policy, which allows the superintendent to also select employees for OMA training, promotes power sharing.

"So we're seeing here checks and balances between our board president and the superintendent, am I accurate in understanding the language here?" Akhras asked.

"That is correct," James replied. "I'm just making sure that we're dotting our i's, crossing our t's and making sure all the steps are taken for the appropriate (OMA) training."

Greenspon pointed out that the district has been delinquent in its duty to notify the state's Public Access Counselor of employees designated under OMA and FOIA.

"We haven't done it for quite some time," Greenspon remarked.

The board is expected to vote on amending the policies at their Oct. 24 meeting.

## Leaf pickup to begin soon

The village's fall leaf collection program will begin the week of Oct. 28 and run for six weeks.

Residents will receive free, unlimited weekly curbside collection of leaves in kraft paper yard waste bags. Bags may not exceed 34 gallons or 60 pounds. Plastic bags will not be picked up.

Bagged leaves should be placed in the parkway in front of the home, along the curb, by 6 a.m. on the scheduled pick-up day. Bags should not be placed in the street.

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# POLICE BEAT

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## DUI arrests

• Jacobo A. Cruz, 37, 2915 W. 63rd Place, Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license, improper lane use, illegal flashing light and turn signal not visible for 300 feet at 12:31 a.m. Oct. 12 in the 5500 block of South Grant Street. He refused testing to determine his blood-alcohol content before being charged and released to appear in court.

• Kaiti A. Partridge, 34, 718 Arch St., Ottawa, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, speeding 35-plus miles per hour over the speed limit, disobeying a traffic control signal, improper lane use, driving without a registration light and failure to signal when changing lanes at 1:26 a.m. Oct. 13 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83. She submitted to testing that indicated she was over the legal limit before being charged and released to appear in court.

## Identity thefts reported

• Someone used the identity of a resident of the 300 block of North Lincoln Street to open a cellular phone account between Aug. 1 and Oct. 4. The incident was reported Oct. 11.

• The identity of a resident of the 800 block of South Adams Street was used to open a utilities account between May 27 and Oct. 11.

## Political banner stolen

Two suspects were seen on video surveillance taking a political banner from the front porch of a home in the 100 block of North Lincoln Street at 8:48 p.m. Oct. 11.

*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](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com) to provide us with documentation. Information will be updated online and in the next issue of the paper.*

## Did you know?

Electric bikes powered by batteries rated 750 watts and higher are not permitted in the village.

Low-speed electric bikes, which are allowed, must be ridden in the street and are prohibited on all sidewalks.

The opposite is true for electric-powered personal mobility devices such as one-wheelers, electric skateboards and stand up scooters that travel up to 15 mph. They are limited to sidewalk use only. They are prohibited in the central business district and in areas of town where there is no sidewalk.

Traditional bikes may be ridden on the sidewalk or in the street, except in the downtown, where they must be ridden in the street. Riders are prohibited from using smart phones and are required to have both hands on the handlebars.

All bicycles, electric bicycles and personal mobility devices must be equipped with a lamp on the front and a red reflector on the back when operated at night. No more than one person may be on a device unless it is specifically designed for multiple riders.

Licenses are required for new bikes. They are free and available at Hinsdale Village Hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave. They should be obtained within 30 days of ownership.

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■ “It’s about sharing the mission of Wellness and all of the amazing services that they provide to cancer patients and their families in the Chicagoland area.” — **Katie Isadore**

## Ladies lead with hope for Wellness House benefit

Hinsdale’s Katie Isadore and Pamela Pontikis are wrapping up last-minute tasks in advance of Saturday’s Wellness House Ball.

“We’re expecting around 500 people in attendance,” said Isadore, co-chair with Pontikis of the cancer support organization’s annual fundraiser. “I feel like we’re in a really good place.”

Perhaps their wisest move was forming a committee early to amplify their work by reaching out to the members’ own respective networks.

“It’s about sharing the mission of Wellness and all of the amazing services that they provide to cancer patients and their families in the Chicagoland area,” Isadore said.

Pontikis cited the passing of her father from lung cancer five years ago and subsequent response by her mother to find fellowship among other surviving loved ones at Wellness House as the catalyst for her own connection to the agency.

“It was life-changing for her,” Pontikis said. “It’s become a very important piece of our family dynamic.”

It also inspired her friend Isadore to go from a regular ball attendee to assuming the

job of helping coordinate this year’s event, with the theme “Hope Grows.”

“It was incredibly touching to know that there are services not only for people going through cancer but also bereavement groups,” Isadore said. “It has provided so much emotional support to help (families) ease the burden of their cancer journey.”

Isadore, who works in technology sales, and Pontikis, with a career in telecom engineering, have full schedules between their professions’ demands and keeping up with their young children’s various pursuits.

“We are in the thick of sports season, so I like to take my children to their practices and their games,” said Pontikis, a five-year resident of Hinsdale, adding that they’re also active at their church.

Isadore, who’s lived in the village for seven years, said family time is precious.

“Whether that’s making pizzas in the backyard or picnics in the front yard,” she said. “Anything that’s not in front of screens and good old-fashioned family fun.”

Both of their husbands have been invaluable partners in the ball planning effort, they



### PAMELA PONTIKIS & KATIE ISADORE

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emphasized, and Pontikis takes heart that her kids witness the philanthropic work.

“It’s been really special to share the mission with our children and our families. As they see us working hard on it, they want to know more about it. And I think it’s great to get them involved at such a young age,” she said.

Isadore said she’s been amazed to learn of the more

than 50,000 lives impacted by Wellness House thanks to the generosity of donors.

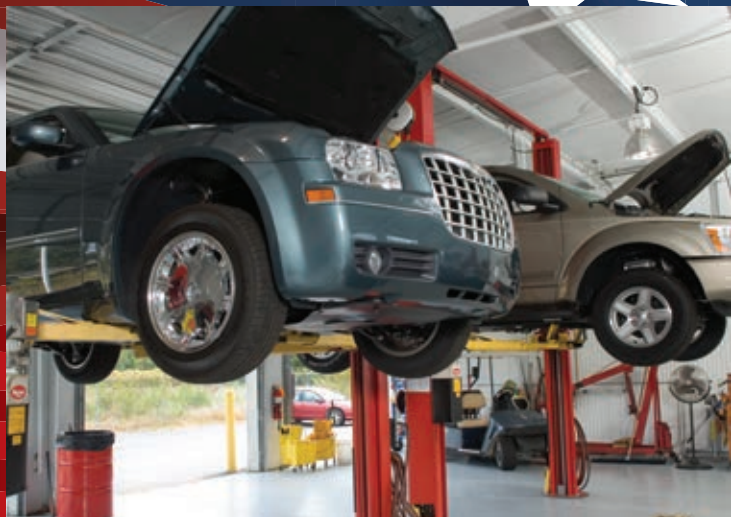
“I didn’t realize that every service that Wellness provides is free, to help ease the side effects and burdens of going through chemo or radiation,” Isadore commented, noting the agency offers support in Hinsdale and underserved communities.

Pontikis and Isadore con-

sider Wellness House a cause they’ll always make time for.

“No matter what I have on my plate, I can always do more and give more because I know it’s helping people going through such a difficult time in their lives,” Isadore said. “I hope that we raise the most money to get the most services for the most people.”

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# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## Fight against breast cancer yields reasons for hope

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a yearly acknowledgment of the sobering reality: one in eight women in the United States will develop the disease in her lifetime.

According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, an estimated 310,720 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer this year. You probably know at least one person who has been personally affected by breast cancer. It's the second leading cause of cancer death for women in this country and an estimated 42,250 U.S. women will die from breast cancer this year alone.

But there is good news. Approximately 66 percent of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at a localized stage before cancer has spread outside of the breast, and the 5-year relative survival rate for cancer diagnosed at the localized stage is 99 percent.

A recent American Cancer Society study found that breast cancer death rates declined 42 percent from 1989 to 2021 among women. Other studies have shown that as many as 50 to 70 percent of breast cancers can be prevented, depending on when people adopt risk-reducing

behaviors and lifestyle changes. Here are a few to consider:

- limit or abstain from alcohol. Even one drink a day for women is linked with a higher risk of breast cancer, particularly HR-positive breast cancer. Women who drink two to three drinks a day have a 20 percent higher risk of breast cancer than women who don't drink.

- eat less meat and more fruits, vegetables and whole grains

- lose excess weight and stay physically active

- quit smoking

- avoid menopausal hormone therapy with estrogen and progesterone in combination. A woman taking such hormone therapy for five to 14 years has double the breast cancer risk of one who didn't take hormone therapy.

Residents are fortunate to have two wonderful resources right here in Hinsdale. The UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Cancer Center, 1 Salt Creek Lane, offers patients access to academic-powered expertise, clinical trials and the latest technology.

The state-of-the-art facility offers comprehensive, personalized cancer treatment support with

outpatient diagnostic imaging and lab services. The center offers digital mammography with 3D capabilities for dense breasts and stereotactic image-guided breast biopsy among other services.

Wellness House at 131 N. County Line Road (read about the women leading the agency's fundraiser on Page 9), offers classes in nutrition, exercise and stress management for those battling cancer as well as opportunities to connect with others on the cancer journey.

Check out the breast cancer exercise class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturdays (a medical release, health history and an exercise consultation with a staff member is required prior to registration). The third and final installment of a breast cancer yoga class will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22.

A breast cancer support group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and a metastatic breast cancer group meets the first Monday of the month from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for these or other programs, visit [www.wellnesshouse.org](http://www.wellnesshouse.org).

COMMENTARY

## More Hinsdaleans in Montana than anticipated

Shortly after I got back from visiting Hinsdale, Mont., in 2017, I received an email from Steve Johnston, one of our freelance photographers. He had seen my article on the trip in the paper while he was at his dentist's office.

"Wish I knew you were going," he wrote. "Six more hours west to Bigfork and you could have found former Hinsdale residents, my parents."

The last thing I would have had in mind after driving almost 18 hours was spending more time in the car. But when former Hinsdale (Ill.) resident Rob Svendsen (whom I wrote about last week) told me about all the former Hinsdaleans living in Montana, Steve's email came to mind. (Turns out Rob and Steve were at Central together, one year apart.)

When I reached out to get his mom's cell number, I learned his sister, Sandy (Hinsdale Central Class of 1973), lives there, too.

Sandy, who first moved to Bigfork with her husband, is actually the reason Elvira and Greg Johnston relocated there.

"We started coming out little by little to visit, and long story short,

we ended up buying a house. We thought it was going to be a vacation home, but it ended up being a permanent home," Elvira said.

Their new residence came with a new business opportunity as well. Elvira and Greg partnered with Sandy's husband to open a brewery in Woods Bay. They've since built a new location with a pubhouse closer to home.

"We bought what was an old bowling alley in Bigfork overlooking the lake," Elvira said. "Sandy remodeled the whole building and it became Flathead Lake Brewing Co."

Greg continued to own Central Steele Fabricators in Chicago until a few months ago, when he sold the company. He, Elvira and Sandy each own a separate part of the brewery to comply with Montana law.

Sandy first fell in love with Montana on a trip with her first husband, a Boseman native.

"We were driving from Boseman to Glacier National Park," she



Pamela Lannom

recalled. "We saw Flathead Lake and we were sold. We were like, 'We need to be here.' It was a fluke of a trip that turned into the next 24 years of my life."

She and her mom cited two reasons they love Big Sky Country: its stunning landscapes and unassuming residents.

"It's so unpretentious," Sandy said. "You could be sitting next to a billionaire, literally, and you wouldn't even know it. People out here, it's about the lifestyle and the person you are more so than anything else."

Sandy said it was a great place to raise her two kids, who spent their time skiing and snowboarding in the winter, hunting in the fall and out on the lake in the summer.

"You're just living this outdoor adventure," she said.

Elvira finds the open space particularly appealing.

"Obviously it's beautiful," she said. "Not that Hinsdale isn't. I'll be honest, when we go back — and we were back just recently — it's almost claustrophobic when you

pull into O'Hare."

"Traffic" in Bigfork means 20 cars on the road, she added.

In addition to wonderful new friends they've made in Montana, Elvira and Greg still keep in touch with their Hinsdale friends back here.

"When we come back, we try to get together with friends and catch up," Elvira said.

One good friend and longtime Hinsdale resident recently made the move to Montana — Pete Hambrick, who was the best man at Elvira and Greg's wedding.

"All of a sudden, we're getting Hinsdale people out here," Elvira said.

Sandy appreciates having the most important former Hinsdaleans living close by.

"It's wonderful, it really is, to have my dad next door and see him every day and build something together that is going to outlast us," she said. "I just think that's something special, to be able to come in every day and work with your family. It's been quite nice."

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



# OPINION

## GUEST COMMENTARY

### I love you this much

At breakfast.  
Charlie, 7:  
“Daddy, do you love me?”  
Me: “Of course I do!”

“How much?”  
“Why, I would do anything for you! I would hop in my spaceship and fly to the moon and back just to give you a hug. I’d swim to the bottom of the deepest ocean just to —”  
“Can we buy a horse?”  
“I — a what?”  
“A horse. I could ride it places, like to get ice cream.”  
“Ah. Well, no, we can’t buy a horse.”  
“Why not?”  
“Well, horses are very expensive, and they need a lot of room to run. And the mess ... Mommy would really not like the mess.”  
“Can we get a shark? Sharks don’t need room to run.”  
“That’s true, but we don’t really have room for an aquarium, and — Sophie, what are you doing in the cabinet?”

Sophie, nearly 3: “I need a medicine. I has a owie.”  
“That’s not medicine; those are Skittles. You can’t have those now.”  
“Why not?”  
“Because it’s 8:15 in the morning. And you shouldn’t be standing on the counter. How did you get up there?”  
“I’m a lion! Raaaaaar!”  
Henry, near the front door: “Daddy, where are your car keys?”  
“They’re in that drawer. Why do you need them?”  
“To move your car.”  
“Please don’t move my



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car.”  
“Why not??”  
“Because you’re 9 years old.”  
“How am I going to get to the tarp, then?”  
“Why do you need the tarp?”  
“Parachute.”  
“Parachute?? From where?”  
“..... nowhere.”  
“You know you’re not allowed on the roof, right?”  
“I can jump on by myself from the swingset!”  
“I know, Henry, and that’s very impressive, but it’s — Sophie, put down that milk! Milk spills. Lots of milk. Sophie: “I do it myself!”  
“Sophie, why do you need milk? What’s in that bowl?”  
“Popcorns.”  
“Those look like Skittles.”  
Mommy, upstairs: “We’re leaving in three minutes! Henry and Charlie, did you brush your teeth?”  
Both, unbrushed: “Yes!”  
Me: “No, you have not brushed, and no, you may not drive the car, we are not buying a horse and nobody is eating any more Skittles!!”  
Silence. Sophie crunches; probably Skittles.  
“Anyway, where were we?”  
Ah, yes — Charlie, I love you so much that ... well ... so much that I’m headed to work this morning to pay the mortgage on this house so we have a place to read bedtime stories tonight.”  
Charlie, bounding upstairs with his siblings: “Wow, Daddy. That’s a lot of love!”  
Me, wiping up milk: “Yes, my sweet boy. Yes it is.”  
— Peter Celauro is a contributing columnist.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Beware of Medicare Advantage sales pitch, now local

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from Oct. 15-Dec. 7. At this time especially, seniors are targeted with a ceaseless barrage of TV advertising for Medicare Advantage plans. These commercials mislead the viewer, but at least they obviously originate from the insurance companies that stand to profit if you purchase an MA plan, which is private insurance with a limited network of providers.

MA has always been more costly to the taxpayer than traditional Medicare. The problems experienced by patients under MA are detailed in my letter to The Hinsdalean of Nov. 9, 2023, titled “What the ads for Medicare Advantage don’t tell you.” Also not disclosed in the ads is the fact that brokers receive a commission twice as high for selling an MA plan.

This year, the sales pitch for Medicare

Advantage has not been limited to obvious advertising for profit. A letter has just gone out to area residents displaying the letterhead “UChicagoMedicine AdventHealth Bolingbrook GlenOaks Hinsdale La Grange,” and signed “Your UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Care Team.” That’s right, this “health care” entity includes what we call Hinsdale Hospital. Under the names of our trusted local hospitals, the letter proceeds to advertise an insurance “advisor” called Chapter and the Essence MA program, all in language no more forthcoming with the whole truth about MA and the financial incentive for brokers than the commercials seen on TV.

UChicagoMedicine should divest from MA and publicly apologize for promoting it. Nothing less would conform with their oath to “do no harm.” — Linda Burke, Hinsdale

### Former OB trustee encourages yes vote for forest district

I have spent a great deal of time in our DuPage forest preserves, in my early years while earning the rank of Eagle Scout and in my career as a science teacher in Oak Brook with my students. And, as a two-term Oak Brook village trustee, I worked to restore the ecology of the oak forests in our village in order to preserve them for future generations.

Now, fellow DuPage Voters, you have the opportunity to do the same and more by voting “YES” on Nov. 5 for the DuPage forest preserve district referendum. By voting yes, you will be voting to preserve nearly 250 acres of land and protect it from future development. You will be protecting the watersheds and improving the water quality

of the rivers, lakes and streams, a valuable source of recreation and drinking water. You will be restoring the oak forests and ridding them of invasive plants, restoring the ecology of the forests, creating improved habitat for wildlife, and improving air quality.

Impressive work has been done, but more needs to be done if we are to pass on this living legacy to our children and students for use as a living laboratory and for the next generation to enjoy. The cost for the referendum, \$3-\$4 per month for most homeowners, is a small price to pay for such outstanding improvements to the quality of life in DuPage County. Please join me in voting YES on Nov. 5., — John Baar, Oak Brook

### Leacock has right experience, beliefs for county board

I write to introduce you to my friend and neighbor, Baron Leacock. Baron is running for DuPage County Board, District 3.

Baron is a breath of fresh air. A first-generation American, Baron was the first in his family to be born here. His family settled in Darien, where Baron enjoyed a childhood filled with warmth, love and opportunity.

Now Baron is committed to providing that same environment for his family and all of our families. Baron is committed to ensuring we have safe communities and schools, holding the line on taxes and protecting the

vulnerable.

With degrees from Hinsdale South, Harvard and Columbia Law School, Baron is well-qualified to serve on our county board. He has my full support and I encourage you to vote for him too.

Early voting has already started. You can cast your vote now at Downers Grove Recreation Center, located at 4500 Belmont Road in Downers Grove, or Hinsdale Village Hall starting Monday, Oct. 21. — Cathy Hofmann, Hinsdale

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# CENTRAL TIME

## SOUTH ASIAN STUDENT UNION

As the daughter of Pakistani immigrants, Samrah Syed said she thought she knew quite a bit about her family's culture. As president of the South Asian Student Union at Hinsdale Central High School, she is learning just how much more there is to know.

Like many members of SASU, Syed recently participated in the club's First Days Project, which aims to collect stories of immigrants' first few days in the United States. Syed interviewed her father, who traveled to the United States in 1992 with Syed's pregnant mother and little else.

"I had never heard those stories before," Syed said.

"I've always been very connected to my culture," said Syed, who speaks her parents' first language, Urdu, at home. SASU, she said, is making that connection even stronger while also teaching her about the other cultures that shape south Asia.

Club sponsor Sanskruti Patel said the club's goal to share the culture of south Asia extends beyond club members to include the student body and even the general public. With more than 60 members, SASU includes students from many south Asian cultures, as well as some with no connection to that part of the world. Members meet each Monday to work on projects,

share information, and plan events like the second annual garba celebration, to be held in the Hinsdale Central fieldhouse from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18.

"Garba is a form of dance," said club vice president and Hinsdale Central senior Shreemann Patel. Performed in a circle, the dance originated as a celebration of the female goddesses of Hinduism.

Along with dancing, the Oct. 18 celebration will include traditional Indian foods, dress, decorations and henna artists. As someone familiar with garba and the surrounding celebration, Patel said he's been closely involved with planning the event. He said guests are welcome to watch — or join in on the dancing.

"You catch on as you do it," he said.

Last year's inaugural celebration drew about 200 guests, said Patel, who hopes to see an even larger crowd this time.

"They can expect a ton of fun," he said.

While the current club formed while Syed and Patel were freshman, club sponsor Sanskruti Patel said several iterations of the group have existed during her 20 years at Hinsdale Central. The current club, she said, is strong both in numbers and in the



Members of Hinsdale Central High School's South Asian Student Union represent a diverse collection of cultures, religions and backgrounds, all originating from the same area of the world. Leaders of the student-driven group include (front row) Sabil Musabji, Samrah Syed, Shreemann Patel, (second row) Sameea Patel, Zaara Singh, (third row) Eeshan Lal and Myra Dhilzou. (Jim Slonoff photo)

commitment of its members.

"I think this is the strongest direction and vision for what the club wants to do," she said.

What the club wants to do is provide a place for students who share connections to or an interest in that part of the world to come together, celebrate their own cultures and learn about one another's.

"We're trying to incorporate as many cultures as we can," Syed said.

While a shared background is what drew Syed to the group, she has found an unexpectedly wide diversity within its membership, which includes students from many religious and cultural

backgrounds.

Later this school year, she and other members of the club hope to organize an event in coordination with the school's Muslim Student Alliance.

For both Patel and Syed, the chance to share their culture with others is what they enjoy most about being part of SASU.

"We're very much about inviting others into it," Syed said.

Admission to the club's garba celebration is free for students with a valid ID and for children in the community. Adult admission is \$5, available at the door or at <https://omella.com/50swe>.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch

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“There are a lot of interesting classes at Hinsdale Central and many other schools, like criminal law and accounting. My AP classes and honors classes are dominating everything because they are AP and honors.” — **Jonathan Hurley**

## Getting accepted at the ‘right’ college

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ship positions.”

Creating the right resume and being true to his own interests is a balancing act for Jonathan. He said he tries to avoid a “copy and paste” approach and chooses activities in which he is truly interested.

“I think some people do it because it looks shiny and it looks good in front of a college,” he said of extra-curricular involvement, noting college applications also can be a motivator for some students to enroll in numerous AP classes.

“Some people who wouldn’t even think about

going into science are taking AP chemistry and AP physics just to do it,” he said.

Worrying about how a transcript might look to a college admissions counselor can hinder students from taking classes they might enjoy, in his opinion.

“There are a lot of interesting classes at Hinsdale Central and many other schools, like criminal law and accounting,” he said. “My AP classes and honors classes are dominating everything because they are AP and honors.”

His mom, Cara Hurley, earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Loyola University Chicago and has

a background in research. Watching her son begin this process has been a somewhat surprising experience. She thought conversations she’s had with friends and work she’s done with patients around this topic would mean an easier adjustment for her, she said.

“It’s really mixed because it’s this combination of excitement and genuine support for Jonathan to find what’s right for him — and I probably communicate that more than he’d like to hear it, because I do think this is his choice of what’s going to be the right fit for him,” Cara Hurley said. “And then it’s also I am seriously pre-griev-

ing his eventual leaving, wherever that is. He’s going to leave and I want that for him. We want to launch, and yet I’m like not wanting it at the same time.”

As a researcher, she’s read a lot about the college admissions process. As a psychologist, she finds herself observing other families’ experiences on social media. She noted the level of anxiety some parents have while seeking advice on how to help their eighth-grader get into an Ivy League school.

“It’s sad and stunning and yet says a lot about the climate,” she said. “In this town every year I’ve heard stories for some years of kids with

fantastic stats not getting into such and such a school and how can that be?”

“There’s just a lot of anxious chatter,” she added. “It’s all very interesting.”

Despite the mixed emotions, Cara Hurley said she’s looking forward to watching Jonathan choose a college.

“I’m kind of geeky, but I’m excited for the process,” she said.

Jonathan said he tries to keep it all in perspective.

“For some people I know, it’s like their whole life,” he said. “I just don’t try to make it that. It doesn’t interest me that much.”



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# OBITUARIES

## Shannon Beard

Shannon Beard, 55, of Belvidere, passed away unexpectedly Oct. 4, 2024.

She was born in 1969 to Kenneth and Susan (Wells) Beard in Louisville, Ky. Shannon graduated from Hinsdale Central High School with the class of 1987 and completed her education, earning a bachelor's degree from DePaul University. She worked for many years selling real estate.

Shannon loved painting and spending time in nature photographing her adventures, especially by the water. Shannon had an incredible love of sand, whether on the beach reading or standing in a horse arena. Her big heart was fond of all kinds of animals especially, her grand donkey Eeyore, who shared her love of Combos.

She is survived by four daughters, Ashley

Varchetto, Chloe Varchetto, Taylor Varchetto and Megan Varchetto; her mother, Susan Beard; her two sisters, Kim Beard and Paige Beard; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Beard; and her uncle, Buzz Beard.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Bonita Lake in Belvidere. Friends will be received from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Burial is private at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared directly with the family at [shannonsmemories@icloud.com](mailto:shannonsmemories@icloud.com).

Brian Mark Funeral Home & Cremation Care in Beloit, Wis., handled the arrangements.

## Un Ja "Grace" Chae

Un Ja "Grace" Chae, 89, of Corpus Christi, Texas, formerly of Hinsdale, died Sept. 8, 2024.

Grace came to the U.S. from Seoul, Korea, in 1970 with her husband, John. Together they owned and operated several photography and dry cleaning businesses. Grace was faithful to her church. She published several books and loved writing poetry, oil painting and gardening.

Grace was a resident of Westmont before she and her husband moved to Lindale, Texas.

She is survived by her sister, Mee Soon Yoo; her brother, Boo Ell "James" Bae (Hanna Young); her



Chae

children, Soo Un (Gil Young), David (Karen), Soo Yul (Nancy), Zani (Jeff Cerny) of Hinsdale and Susan (Joe Corcoran) of Hinsdale; her grandchildren, Samuel (Beth Chung), Daniel (Jodi), Sarah (Zechariah Chiang), Abraham (Mandy), Johnny (Traci), Abigail, Ruth, Alison (David Shekman), Austin, Adam, Jacob, Halie and Ryan; and her great-grandchildren, Weston, Claire, Hallie, McKenna, Everly, Haddon, Ahava, Ellie and Micah.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 2021.

A private service will be held Oct. 19 at Elm Lawn Memorial Park in Elmhurst.

## Dr. Brian J. Moran

Dr. Brian J. Moran, 64, died peacefully at his Hinsdale home on Oct. 13, 2024.

He was born in 1960 to Dr. George and Nancy Moran, and was the seventh of nine children. Brian was born and raised and lived his entire life in Hinsdale.

Brian said recently that "dying isn't so bad as long as you have the time to do it". That comment captures Brian's fearless spirit and attitude on life. He wasn't afraid of anything and got the most out of everything he did, including the process of passing from this world.

Brian loved his family, his friends, his patients, his community and his country, making sure his American flag was flown every day in the front of his house.

He had the loving support of two hard-working parents who provided for their kids, educated them, taught them the importance of faith, and tried to keep them out of trouble, which was no easy task, especially with Brian.

Brian attended Hinsdale Central High School and Illinois Benedictine College, but his education was interrupted junior year in high school so he could battle his first bout with cancer, a two-year experience that inspired him to become a doctor.

He completed college and obtained an MD degree from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine. He completed his residency in radiation oncology at Loyola-Hines University Medical Center in Maywood. Brian became a revered specialist in the treatment of prostate cancer. He founded the Chicago Prostate Center in Westmont and combined cutting-edge research with his clinical practice. He was given many accolades for his work in the area of brachytherapy for prostate cancer. He became an international expert in this field.

He built the Chicago Prostate Center into a world-class treatment center. Brian was extremely devoted and grateful to his wonderful staff and colleagues. Over a span of 30 years, Brian treated thousands of cancer patients.

During medical school, Brian fell in love with Betsy and the two were married in 1986. They were fortun-



Moran

nate to have four amazing children. Brian was a loving husband, father and beloved "Potts" to his grandchildren.

He was an avid race car fan, highlighted by attending the Indianapolis 500 for 56 of the last 57 years. The only year he missed was 2023 when he had to have emergency surgery, which marked the start of his second major battle with cancer.

Brian, supported by Betsy's unbelievable devotion and medical care, battled this second round of cancer like a champ. Between treatments he made trips to his farm, Florida, Maine and Wyoming. This past July, despite being quite fragile, Brian took his entire family to Disney World. He insisted on going every ride with his grandchildren, including Space Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Moran, nee Keenan; his children, Katherine, Jack, Christopher (fiancé Maura Stelpflug) and Nora Moran; his grandchildren, Hannifin, Elizabeth and Royal Arquilla; his siblings, Dr. Michael (Kathleen), Dr. George (Linda), Dr. Mary Moran (Bruce Haffner), Catherine Moran, Claire (Bert) Schafer, R.N., Paul (Brenda) and Ann (the late John) Lowry; his mother-in-law, Nancy Keenan; his siblings-in-law, Dr. William Brooks III (Dr. Denise) Keenan, Trish (Patrick) Kinsella, Dan (Tracey) Keenan, Tom (Danielle) Keenan and Nora (Robert) Tonn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. George G. "Duke" and Ann Marie "Nancy" Moran, nee Hannifin; his brother, Thomas Moran; and his father-in-law, William Brooks Keenan.

Family and friends will meet for a 10 a.m. funeral Mass today, Oct. 17, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Chicago Prostate Foundation at <https://chicagoprostatefoundation.org/how-to-help/donate-online>.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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## Hinsdale native appears on 'The Voice'

*Renner takes judges by storm during blind audition, joins Reba McEntire's team*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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Hinsdale native Tate Renner barely sang the first half a dozen words of "Hurricane" during blind auditions for "The Voice" when Michael Bublé hit his button and turned his chair.

"I couldn't turn fast enough," Bublé told him after his performance. "I don't usually say it, but I was the first because I knew that America would love you as much as I did."

Fellow judges Snoop Dogg and Reba McEntire also wanted in on the chance to coach Renner, turning their chairs as well.

"Your sound, the way you handle the stage, the way you play that damn guitar, like your look, it just fits," Snoop said.

McEntire complimented Renner on his sexy sound.

"I'm just tickled to pieces that you got on 'The Voice' and we got to listen to you sing today, and I would love to have you on my team," she said.

Renner said he has only a vague idea of what happened during his audition.

"To be honest, there is very little I remember from the performance," he said. "I had to piece things together from watching it on the TV."

A graduate of Belmont University in Nashville who got interested in music his junior year at Hinsdale Central said he signed up on the show's website and sent in a video of himself singing "Shake the Frost" by Tyler Childers to secure his audition. He worked with the show's producers to choose the Band of Heathens song he performed for the blind audition.

"We sit down with them and figure out the best song for us vocally and what would be the best show-stopping or biggest

attention-grabbing song for each artist's voice," Renner said.

Then it's time to hit the stage.

"It was definitely one of the most wild feelings, especially being such a fresh performer," he said. "I've performed in speech and a high school band when I was in Hinsdale. It was a crazy feeling knowing that I'm getting to sing in front of four incredible icons in the industry — and America."

Excited and terrified before taking the stage, Renner said his nerves calmed when he began singing. His confidence improved when Bublé turned his chair so early.

"In my mind, it didn't matter who — I just wanted to see one of their faces before the song ended," he said. "It was real quick, which made the rest of the performance a lot easier. Even just singing to Michael Bublé for a couple of seconds was amazing."

The 24-year-old ultimately chose McEntire as his coach.

"I definitely have been a Reba fan the majority of my life," said Renner, who spent his early years in Texas before moving to Hinsdale at age 6. "My mother is as well."

His grandfather — who is pictured with Renner at Page's in a photo in the video montage on the show's website — also was a big influence when it came to country music, he added.

Renner said he's always known he wanted to be a performer.

"I wasn't the best student for sure, never had been, never will be," he said. "Growing up, that was just something you were judged off of. Your accolades were based off of a grade. That was never really where I shined or my strong suit. I always found that in per-



**Tate Renner talks with the judges following his blind audition on "The Voice," which aired on Oct. 7. The red-headed singer chose Reba McEntire as his coach, citing "ginger power." (Tyler Golden photo courtesy of NBC)**

forming for sure."

After attending Monroe School and Clarendon Hills Middle School, Renner went on to Hinsdale Central, where he was part of the speech team and won state with partner Tim Moser in humorous duet acting his senior year.

Renner's favorite memories of growing up in Hinsdale are the time he would meet up with his friends in Burlington Park and then hang out downtown.

"My dad would give me as \$20 bill, which was crazy at the time," he recalled. "You'd meet at the fountain. My favorite part was really how close everybody was, just being down the street or a bike ride away."

He recently completed his degree at Belmont University in Nashville and now spends his days writing and singing as much as he can, posting his songs on social media and playing on stage in events called Writers' Rounds to get more experience and exposure.

"That's really popular here in Nashville," he said.

Renner can't reveal what happens on the show. After

the taped auditions are aired, the live rounds begin, usually in late November.

Even his mom and dad, Jill and Matt Renner, who now live in Chicago, don't know all that will happen with his journey on the show. They weren't even sure when his blind audition — which they witnessed in person in L.A. — would air.

"Watching him on TV was blast, because we don't get much information ahead of time from the show, and so literally at a moment's notice our closest buddies from Hinsdale just hopped in their car and fought the traffic and came down here," she said. "It was a blast to share that with them."

"I had already lived it, so I knew what the outcome was like. It was next level to share it with our friends," she added.

She said Tate and other members of his high school band, The Spins, took lessons at Hinsdale Music Studio and would have breakfast next door at Page's. She said so many people in town have had a positive influence on her son, from his coaches to

members of her book club. She also spoke highly of the forensics program at Central.

"So many people have commented to me of how composed he seemed. He definitely credits that to being on forensics at Central," she said. "I can't even tell you how much those coaches poured into him and all the other forensics team members. I couldn't recommend it more."

Coach Paul Woods described Renner as an important part of the team, capturing first in his event and helping the team earn a state championship.

"He was definitely a charismatic goofball in the best way," Woods said, noting Renner's ability to work with his partner and put the effort into rehearsals. "He had a good work ethic when it came to stuff he was motivated to put on display."

Woods said he enjoyed watching the blind audition and noted that Renner has a lot of fans at Central.

"We're pulling for him," Woods said. "The speech team is watching and rooting him on."





There's still time to sign up for the Cantigny 5K Run/Walk Saturday in Wheaton. For more information, turn to Page 26. (photo provided)

## ARTFULLY DONE

### ■ Painted Wood Ornament or Magnet

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[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)  
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### ■ Watercolor & Mixed Media

Thursdays, Oct. 24-Dec. 19  
Westmont Community Center  
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## CENTRAL TIME

### ■ Girls Basketball Clinic Fundraiser

Oct. 27  
Hinsdale Central gym & field-house  
5500 S. Grant St.  
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Hinsdale Central girls basketball will host a skills clinic for girls in first through sixth grades led by Central head coach Brett Moore, his staff and players. All of the proceeds will go directly to the girls basketball program. Time: 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$25. RR

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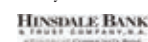
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# Overbooked kids miss out on the benefits of boredom

Today's kids rarely get a chance for downtime. Parents feel immense pressure to sign their children up for every activity, but what if they resist that urge?

Youth sports rake in nearly \$40 billion annually. This isn't just a booming industry — it's a business. Signing your child up for every league won't guarantee a professional career, but it might rob them of becoming a well-rounded person. When every minute of a kid's day is packed with activities, it's not just their weekends that get swallowed up — it's their ability to experience and learn from unstructured time.

Over-scheduling doesn't just lead to burnout for kids, but for families, too. Parents often scramble to manage drop-offs, pickups and overlapping schedules, leaving little room for quality time or rest. If we, as adults, find ourselves overwhelmed by too many commitments — despite having better coping skills and resources — imagine how our kids feel with home-

work and extracurriculars piled on top. The constant rush can strain relationships, increase stress and diminish the joy that should come from these activities.

Many kids today believe that both their sense of self and their worth is tied to achievements. This pressure to win the game, make the big play or ace the test leads to a cycle of anxiety and low self-esteem when they fall short. Kids who only see their value in accomplishments are vulnerable to depression and performance anxiety.

The letdown of not making the playoffs or getting the top score can feel like a personal failure because they don't know how to measure their worth beyond success. Clinical levels of anxiety continue to be on the rise for children and adolescents, so something has to give.

Remember boredom? It's a beauti-



**Colleen Napleton**  
*Healthbeat*

ful opportunity in disguise. From infancy, parents deny kids the chance to be bored, opting to hand them a phone or tablet instead. Is it any wonder that by age 13 they're glued to screens as a coping mechanism for downtime? Instead of jumping to entertain them at every turn, let toddlers play with your pot and pans while you cook. Allow elementary-aged kids to come

up with games in the yard or basement. Encourage middle schoolers to develop a business idea they think other kids will enjoy. Let your high schooler find a part-time job and gain skills they'll need for the future while the stakes are low.

Let's go back to raising children who use their unstructured time to discover who they are, what they are capable of and where they want their future to take them. Boredom isn't just about killing time, it's

about fostering frustration tolerance, expanding creativity, discovering new interests and increasing adaptability. When kids learn to embrace boredom, they're building resilience and resourcefulness. It can even lead to children joining you in your tasks — like cooking, chores and other work — offering additional connection and growth.

In a society where boredom often leaves people feeling anxious, let's change the game and see it as a chance to nurture great thinkers and doers. Kids who learn to handle downtime on their own get to know themselves better and approach life's ups and downs with more balance. It's time we start valuing this kind of growth, instead of just filling every minute with activities.

— *Dr. Colleen Napleton, a clinical psychologist, is a the founder of the Center of Balanced Parenthood in Hinsdale and Inner Life Psychological Services in Hinsdale and Chicago.*

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## FAMILY FUN

### ■ Donuts with Dad

Oct. 19  
 Hinsdale Public Library  
 20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
 (630) 986-1976  
 A time for dads to enjoy donuts, coffee and spending time with their kids at the library with different activities each month. Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### ■ Pupflix & Chill

Oct. 25  
 The Community House  
 415 W. Eighth St.  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
 Spend the evening "camping in" with a meet & greet with Hinsdale Humane Society adoptable dogs and a movie. Also enjoy treats, games, raffles, drinks and snacks for everyone to enjoy. Meet with dogs beginning at 5:30 p.m., and the family-friendly movie starts about 6. Parents and kids are both welcome, and attendees should bring a blanket, blow-up mattress or camping chair. All proceeds will benefit charity. Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$12. RR. MD

## FOR A CAUSE

### ■ Blood drive

Oct. 19  
 Rejuvenate Health  
 534 Chestnut St., Hinsdale  
 (630) 425-4040  
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### ■ Sip, Shop and Think Pink

Oct. 26  
 J. McLaughlin  
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 All are invited for sips and fall shopping, with 15 percent of sales benefiting Wellness House and its free programs for individuals facing a cancer diagnosis and their loved ones. Time: noon to 4 p.m.  
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## GREEN THUMB

### ■ Invite Nature to Your Yard

Oct. 21  
 Indian Head Park Admin. Bldg.  
 201 Acacia Drive  
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■ **Comedy Improv**  
Thursdays, Oct. 24-Dec. 12  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 7-16 are invited to join this Stage Door Fine Arts class introducing the basics of acting as taught at some of the best programs like Second City

and iO Chicago. Students are taught to express their emotions and to communicate by using their bodies, gestures and facial expressions through games and improv scenes. No class Oct. 31. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$230. RR, MD

■ **Creative Writing**  
Friday, Oct. 25-Dec. 20  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org

(630) 323-7500 Young writers ages 5-14 will ignite their imaginations, foster their love for language and cultivate their creative expression through exploration of classic literature and different genres, inspiring writing exercises and creative language games and collaboration. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$197. RR, MD

## LISTEN & LEARN

■ **Get the Most Out of Your Savings**  
Oct. 28  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.

www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Learn how to create a life income plan with Nora Hernandez from Equitable Advisors to get the most out of retirement savings. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

■ **Bats and Other Misunderstood Creatures**  
Oct. 29  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Learn about bats, spiders, snakes and more "misunderstood" animals in this interactive animal event presented by Incredible Bats. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

■ **The 5 Principles of Parenting**  
Oct. 29 & 30  
The Community House  
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**NOTEWORTHY**

■ **Scott Keo**  
Oct. 18  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

Michael Bublé tribute artist Scott Keo will bring Bublé's music to life with his velvet voice, showmanship and charisma. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$46-\$57.

■ **Camerata Chicago Orchestra**  
Oct. 20  
Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S. Garfield St.  
https://www.cameratachicago.org/t/thmc

The Camerata Chicago Orchestra will feature guest artist Brazilian violinist Guido Sant'Anna in his North American debut to perform the Brahms Violin Concerto. Guido at age 17 became the first South American violinist to win the prestigious International Fritz Kreisler Competition in Vienna in 2022. The program also will include Verdi's "La Forza del Destino," Grieg's "Peer Gynt" and Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Use coupon code HINSDALE for a 25 percent online ticket discount. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$37.50, \$30 for seniors, \$7.50 for students, \$1.50 for children.

■ **Illusions**  
Oct. 26  
Wentz Concert Hall  
171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville  
www.westsubsymphony.org  
(630) 887-7464

Attendees of this West Suburban Symphony program can help solve a murderous mystery in "The Composer is Dead," a wickedly funny contemporary look at scheming

orchestra members with music by Nathaniel Stookey and narrative by Lemony Snicket. Then Berlioz's magnificent "Symphonie Fantastique" offers a musical journey through the composer's dreams, from the thrill of new love to a tranquil countryside, an elegant ballroom, an executioner's scaffold and a haunting witches' sabbath. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors, \$5 for teenagers, free for ages 12 and younger.

■ **John Williams 2.0**  
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Celebrate the music of iconic composer John Williams as New Philharmonic brings to life some of his most legendary film scores, including "Jaws," "Jurassic Park," "Star Wars" and "ET." Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$57-\$67, \$55 for seniors

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## ON STAGE

### ■ 'The Mousetrap'

Through Oct. 20  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. When a police sergeant arrives, the guests discover — to their horror — that a killer is in their midst. Which one is the murderer, and who will be their next victim? Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students.

### ■ 'The Audience'

Through Oct. 20  
Drury Lane Theatre  
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace  
www.drurylanetheatre.com  
(630) 530-0111

This play goes behind the closed doors of Buckingham

Palace and of Queen Elizabeth II as she holds her private audiences with her prime ministers. Witness the delicate balance of power and unspoken rules of engagement that underscore these confidential meetings. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: start at \$52.95.

## RUNS & WALKS

### ■ Cantigny 5K Run/Walk

Oct. 19  
Cantigny Park  
1S151 Winfield Road,  
Wheaton  
www.cantigny.org

This USATF-certified chip-timed 5K tours the grounds of the park and golf course, with all proceeds benefiting the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Other events include a 1-mile run for ages 6-10 (\$5), a 1/4-mile run for kids up to age 5 (\$5) and an American Legion Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (\$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12). Times:

9 a.m. 5K Run/Walk start, 10 a.m. 5K awards ceremony followed by 1-mile and 1/4-mile runs. Cost: \$35 through Oct. 16, then \$40. RR

## SENIOR SCENE

### ■ Hinsdale Memory Cafe

Oct. 23  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Join this social gathering of individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Activities may include education, music, games and arts. The program is sponsored by The Birches and Independence-4-Seniors Home Care. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

### ■ Getting Started on Medicare

Nov. 1  
Westmont Community Center  
75 E. Richmond St.  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr  
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edge and peace of mind in choosing the right health plan. The program is intended for those who will soon be eligible for Medicare, are already on Medicare but losing their group retiree benefits, who serve as a caregiver to a Medicare beneficiary or who would like to learn more about all parts of Medicare. Time: 1 to 2 p.m.

### SIGN UP NOW

■ **Books & Bites**  
 Oct. 21  
 Hinsdale Public Library  
 20 E. Maple St.  
 www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
 (630) 986-1976

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Sidewalk Sale**  
 Oct. 19  
 Downtown Hinsdale

Check out special deals from Hinsdale merchants out on the sidewalks, rain or shine. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### STEPPING BACK

■ **Victorian Mourning Practices**  
 Oct. 22  
 Immanuel Hall  
 302 S. Grant St.  
 www.hinsdalehistory.org/  
 upcoming-events

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

■ **Salvation Army in the Great War**  
 Nov. 1-27  
 Mayslake Peabody Estate  
 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
 www.dupageforest.org

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## Pet pic of the week

**Meet Martino!** He used to live outside, but now all he wants to do is be with people. Martino lives in the offices at Hinsdale Humane Society, but what he really wants is a home so he can get love even after working hours are over. He is a fun, goofy guy who loves to play just as much as he loves to nap. He would make a wonderful companion for someone who works from home. Martino is 2 years old, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. He loves other cats but tries to fight dogs, so he should be in a dog-free home. He is approved for children 10 and older and his adoption fee is \$75. For more information, stop by the Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center, visit [www.hinsdalehumane-society.org](http://www.hinsdalehumane-society.org) or call (630) 323-5630. (photo provided)



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(630) 206-9566

This exhibit chronicles the Salvation Army's efforts during the lifetime of F.S. Peabody, who was a great supporter of the group. The second floor location is accessible only by stairs. Hours: noon to 3 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

### TEENS & TWEENS

#### ■ Teen Photo Contest

Through Oct. 31  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

Capture an image of autumn and submit it for a chance to win a gift card. Entries will be displayed in the Teen Lounge for the month of November.

### WEE ONES

#### ■ Tot Rock & Kid Rock

Tuesdays, Oct. 22-Dec. 10  
Clarendon Hills Community Center

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

Ages 1-2½ (Tot Rock) and 2-3 (Kid Rock) will enjoy active, music-based, creative play including songs and rhymes, rhythm and coordination, imagination and more. No class Nov. 26. Times: 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. for Tot Rock, 10:15 to 10:55 for Kid Rock. Cost: \$70.

#### ■ Toddler & Me-West Suburban Ballet

Thursdays, Oct. 24-Dec. 12  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 1½-2 with a parent will develop strength, coordination and spatial awareness with a focus on familial bonding in this movement-based class. Time: 9 to 9:45 a.m. Cost: \$210. RR, MD

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# FALLPALOOZA

## ■ Spooky Cat Café

Oct. 17  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org  
(630) 323-5630

Join in this spooktacular event, featuring treats, cider and cats to cuddle with. All ages are welcome; those younger than 15 must be with an adult. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$25.

## ■ 'Young Frankenstein'

Oct. 17-27  
Theatre of Western Springs  
4834 Hampton Ave.  
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com  
(708) 246-4043

Comedy genius Mel Brooks' adaptation of his legendary funny film makes for a brilliant musical stage production. Seats in the center section will be "FrankenSeats," offering a shocking experience not for

the faint of heart. Everyone in costume Oct. 19 will win a prize. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$30, \$17 for children and students.

## ■ Pumpkin Night Hike

Oct. 18  
Fullersburg Woods  
3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook  
(630) 933-7248

www.dupageforest.org

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

## ■ All Hallow's Eve

Oct. 18-19  
Naper Settlement  
523 S. Webster St., Naperville  
www.napersettlement.org  
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Enjoy the Dress for the Dead costume contest, escape from the Unknown Haunted Experience (additional \$5 cost), visit the Gargoyle Graveyard and more. Time: 6:30 to 10 p.m. Cost: \$20

### ■ Harvest Hoedown

Oct. 19  
KLM Park South Pavilion  
5901 S. County Line Road  
The Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club invites families to enjoy photo ops, munchies and entertainment by Miss Jamie's Farm. Western boots and hats are encouraged. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$40 a family.

### ■ Paws & Pumpkin Fest

Oct. 19  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org  
(630) 323-5630  
This event, hosted by the HHS Junior Board, is perfect for all ages. Bring a pumpkin to paint at the craft station,

play exciting games, explore the haunted hallway and enjoy treats from the bake sale. Costumes are encouraged. Those under 15 must be with an adult. Time: 5 to 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$15, \$10 for kids.

### ■ Boos & Brews

Oct. 19  
Brookfield Zoo  
3300 Golf Road  
(708) 688-8000  
www.brookfieldzoo.org/events  
Dress up in your favorite costume and have a ghoulishly fun time at the zoo's new 21-and-over after-hours event. Enjoy the Halloween-themed dance party, eerie entertainment, frightening animal experiences, and chilling specialty food and drinks. Time: 6 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets: \$40.

### ■ Spirits & Séances

Oct. 22  
Clarendon Hills Public Library  
7 N. Prospect Ave.  
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

(630) 323-8188

In the spirit of Halloween, Rebecca Tulloch will offer a look into the history of American Spiritualism. Fueled by over 600,000 dead Civil War soldiers leaving their loved ones behind who were searching for comfort from the beyond, the spiritualism movement took hold. Rebecca will share photos taken by spirit photographers, describe how mediums talked to the spirits and lead attendees in a friendly séance. The program is enjoyable for all ages over 10. Time: 7 p.m. RR

### ■ Mini Pumpkin Decorating Contest

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



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## Hinsdale Fire, Police hold open house

Hundreds of people attended the annual Hinsdale Fire & Police Open House Saturday afternoon. From a live fire demonstration to a non-lethal use of force demonstration the afternoon was filled with plenty of fun and important safety messages. Hinsdale police officer Kevin Berland, who is assigned to the SWAT component of MERIT (Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigative Team), a countywide task force, demonstrates the use of a shotgun loaded with a non-lethal round to the crowd. Joey Giammanco tried on some of the gear brought by several agents of the Chicago FBI field office. James McMillan learned how to use a fire extinguisher and Hinsdale firefighters show how it's really done during the live fire demonstration. (Jim Slonoff photos)





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**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
NOTICE OF HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct a public hearing at a meeting on November 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois for the purpose of considering various properties for inclusion on the Historically Significant Structures Property List within the Historic Overlay District of the Village of Hinsdale, in accordance with the regulations listed in Section 14-7-3 of Title 14 of the Village Code.

Copies of documents relating to the properties proposed for inclusion, including legal descriptions, are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours at the Village offices in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Please email Village Planner Bethany

## Legal Notices

Salmon at [bsalmon@villa.geofhinsdale.org](mailto:bsalmon@villa.geofhinsdale.org) for additional information. This request is known as HPC-19-2024 (Round 9).

The following properties, as described below by their common addresses and property index numbers, in Hinsdale, Illinois, 60521, are currently located within the established boundaries of the Village of Hinsdale's Historic Overlay District in Cook County, Illinois and DuPage County, Illinois, and are proposed to be considered for inclusion on the Village's Historically Significant Structures Property List:

### Properties in DuPage County, IL

- 213 S. Clay Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-107-004)
- 711 S. Elm Street in the R-1 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-406-001)
- 211 N. Lincoln Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-01-319-006)
- 8 E. Third Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-131-001)
- 122 E. Third Street in the R-1 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-211-003)

Inclusion on the Village's Historically Significant Structures Property List, among other things, makes a property eligible for certain incentives as detailed in Chapter 14-7 of the Village Code.

At said public hearing, the Historic Preservation Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to the said applications, shall determine whether each property proposed for inclusion on the Historically Significant Structures Properties List possesses one or more of the criteria set forth in Subsection 14-7-3.B. of the Village Code, and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees as to whether each property should be included on the Historically Significant Structures Property List. The public hearing may be continued as to one or more properties as deemed necessary by the Commission. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated: October 14, 2024

Emily Tompkins, Village Clerk

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# MIND GAMES

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  - 12 LEADING LADY?
  - 13 EDMONTON PLAYER
  - 14 2016 OLYMPICS CITY
  - 15 MOISTURIZER
  - 17 FINALE
  - 18 NAME
  - 19 BUZZING INSECT
  - 21 NEGLECT
  - 24 STEERER'S PLACE
  - 25 "SO THAT'S IT!"
  - 26 QB'S GOALS
  - 28 NASAL PARTITIONS
  - 31 LOPSIDED WIN
  - 33 FEELING DOWN
  - 35 TANK FILLER
  - 36 CHEF'S GARB
  - 38 UP TO
  - 40 "ALICE" WAITRESS
  - 41 SUFFIX WITH "TECHNO"
  - 43 BREAK FLUID?
  - 45 SENTENCE FRAGMENT
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  - 48 WISH OTHERWISE
  - 49 FAMED BOSTON DESSERTS
  - 54 CARTE LEAD-IN
  - 55 MOUNTAIN CREST
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  - 58 DID YARD WORK
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  - 3 CHEST MUSCLE
  - 4 SHORT-HORNED GRASSHOPPER
  - 5 INFLATABLE SLEEPERS
  - 6 LAND IN LA MER
  - 7 EXTRACT VIA PERCOLATION
  - 8 FIGHTING FORCES
  - 9 INEFFECTUAL TYPE
  - 10 PREDICAMENT
  - 11 POP
  - 16 SCH. URL ENDER
  - 20 STAFF SYMBOL
  - 21 TV EXPLORER
  - 22 DENNY'S RIVAL
  - 23 BAKED POTATO TOPPING
  - 27 USED A CHAIR
  - 29 CONFERENCE LEADER?
  - 30 BODY LOTION INGREDIENT
  - 32 -- BORA (AFGHAN REGION)
  - 34 GIVE ORDERS
  - 37 DAYTONA 500 ACRONYM
  - 39 WAS FOREBODING
  - 42 -- FIRMA
  - 44 DANDY GUY
  - 45 USE A ROSARY
  - 46 LUAU DANCE
  - 50 "A MOUSE!"
  - 51 WWW ACCESS ENABLER
  - 52 RIGHT ANGLE
  - 53 TOFU SOURCE

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

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Innate; 2. Love;
- 3. Glamor; 4. Model

Today's Word  
**GOLDEN**

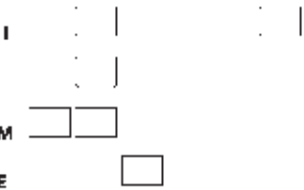
## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each triangle to form a word. Then rearrange the letters to form the empty word, which will complete the puzzle.



"I can't wait to see what Walter gives me for our anniversary!"

- Native: ANTE NI
- Animal: VOLE
- Movie: LOGRAM
- Local: OLDME



TODAY'S WORD

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# HOROSCOPES

October 2024 Horoscopes • Week 4



**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, set aside time this week to work on personal goals and address any unresolved issues. Quiet activities and solitude can provide valuable insights and inform your next steps.



**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
You'll feel a strong urge to take initiative, especially in areas related to your career or personal projects, Aries. However, be careful to avoid overextending yourself.



**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
You may find yourself reevaluating your work-life balance, Cancer. It's a good time to establish healthy habits and set realistic goals for self-improvement.



**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, engage in activities that stimulate your mind and encourage personal growth. Pick up a new skill or engage in thought-provoking conversations with loved ones.



**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
You may find yourself drawn to group activities or collaborative projects, Aquarius. It can be challenging to cede control, but you can learn from others as you go along.



**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, you might find yourself evaluating your spending habits or considering new ways to increase your income. It's a good time for financial planning and budgeting.



**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
Romantic relationships may experience a boost this week, so it's a great time for connection and fun, Leo. Just be mindful of avoiding overindulgence and don't stray from your principles.



**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, explore your deeper values and how they align with your financial goals. Embrace this opportunity to make strategic decisions that will benefit you in the long run.



**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, you might feel a stronger sense of responsibility in your work if you switch up your tasks. If you feel the work is getting stale, figure out what you can change.



**GEMINI** – May 22/Jun 21  
Gemini, be open to new information and perspectives, as they could lead to valuable insights. Social interactions may be particularly rewarding, so make time for friends.



**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, it's a good week for practical projects that enhance your daily life. Think about what you can change around the house to be more efficient with your actions and time.



**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Personal goals and self-improvement are on your mind this week, Sagittarius. You may feel a surge of motivation to pursue your ambitions or start new projects.



## 9U SILVER WINS NAIL-BITER

The 9U Silver Hinsdale Falcons soared to victory with a nail-biting 19-14 win against Lyons.

On their offensive first play, Henry Gasteviski took the ball and dashed down the field, scoring a stunning touchdown.

Birthday boy Aydin Memon decided to celebrate in style with a touchdown run. Offensive linemen Duke Maggio, Rocco Maggio, Lino Hernandez, Vincent Levato and Theo Siepker cleared the way. And just when Lyons thought they had a chance, the Falcons struck again with a dazzling punt return.

On the defensive side, the Falcons were hard-hitting and relentless. The formidable D-line of Chris Pontikis, Colin Fisher, Dylan Boche, Liam Warden and Raj Chandarana fought to hold on to the lead. Linebackers SJ Groetsema, Charlie Hillegass, Broderick Slavik, Memon, Gasteviski and corners Robbie Knight, Max Petersen, Oliver Gandy and Grant Woertz flew around the field making tackles and stopping the strong aerial attack of Lyons. The game was decided with a crucial stop on 4th-and-12 with one minute left.

The Falcons wrap up their regular season this weekend with their playoff hopes in the balance against Tri City.

## 9U FALCONS TAKE DOWN PLAINFIELD

The Falcons 9U Gold won 28-6 over Plainfield.

Cade Phelan got things going when he took a pass from Connor Pauley 30 yards to the endzone on the Falcons' first offensive series. On the ensuing series, defensive end RT Kouba jumped a swing route for a 35-yard pick 6! Rounding out the scoring effort, Cole Sherwood returned a punt for a touchdown and fullback Dan Campbell had a 35-yard touchdown run.

On defense, the Falcons were seen swarming the field all afternoon. Amazingly, the Falcons intercepted six Plainfield passes. In addition to Kouba, Parker Brey intercepted two passes while Cole Sherwood, Campbell and

Luke Schroeder all recorded interceptions of their own. Schroeder also had a strong afternoon at quarterback, where he completed passes to Brooks Jaqua and Connor Pauley. Other notable performers on defense included Michael Dombroski, Keats Carus and Noah Jones, who each had several hard-nosed tackles. Finally, Wyland Holmes, Teddy O'Toole, Michael Cannizzaro, and Bennett Wilson continued to be forces on both sides of the line.

Next game: Sunday vs. Palatine (6-2) at 10 a.m. @ Hinsdale Central High School

## 10U GOLD EARNS ANOTHER SHUT OUT

On an idyllic Sunday, the Falcons were eager to take on Downers Grove. Injured captains Tate Pitts, Billy Jaqua and Owen Moon had a good feeling going into this game. These tough Falcons did not disappoint.

The offense took its first possession and went on an 11-play 54-yard scoring drive. Elijah Trombley and Luke Wanless pounded away behind blocks by Enzo Allegra, Jonathan Meyer, AJ Siepker and JP Rago. A 4th-and-goal touchdown pass from Nate Morris to Will Jones capped off the drive. Wanless fought his way in for the point after.

The defense got the ball back quickly. This time the offense only took two plays to score, as John Hooper sprinted in from 40 yards out for a TD. Trombley powered in the PAT to make it 14-0. The defense posted its second straight shutout with Quinn Houser, Danny O'Malley and John Dunn stifling the run game. Henry Appel, Cooper Milburn and Morris were be on point all day in defending the passing game.

The Falcons closed out the scoring on a nine-play 44-yard drive with Morris scampering in for the TD and 20-0 victory.

## 11U SILVER GROUNDS EAGLES

The Elmhurst Eagles came to Dickinson Field with hopes of soaring into the playoffs, but after a 30-7 Falcon win, the Eagles are on the outside looking in.

The Falcons sank their talons into Elmhurst early and often by scoring on four drives in the first half. Touchdowns were scored by Jacob Zager, who had two, and Killian Byrne and Frankie Levato, each with one.

All four drives were long, ate up a lot of yards and consumed a lot of play clock.

The swarming defense prevented the Eagles from soaring as they rarely were able to get started. More times than not, the Falcons had several defenders in on the tackle. Luke Hanson might have had the tackle of the day as he fought through a stiff arm of the Elmhurst running back to drop him for a 5-yard loss. That was the kind of day the Eagles had running against the tough Falcon defense.

The offense, content with the score, played ball control in the second half to secure the win.

Next up: Home Sunday vs. Tri City Chargers.

## 11U GOLD TEAM CRUISES TO WIN

The 11U Gold showcased its dominance with a 29-0 victory over Lombard.

From the opening drive, the Falcon's offensive line, led by Mikey Adamo, Matthew Kalish, Grant Omiecinski and Joshua Castro, controlled the game, opening holes for the running backs all afternoon.

Teddy Ouimette dazzled with two long touchdown runs, while Kellen Brown added a 40-yard touchdown run of his own. Ben Murphy connected with Soren Carlson for a nice 2-point conversion, as he "mossed" his defender in the corner of the end zone, while Luke Schremser bulldozed his way into the end zone for an extra point of his own.

Murphy also connected on a couple long passes to Bo Cuculich and Keerthan Tucke. The final blow came when Marcelllo Salamone rumbled for a 35-yard touchdown run, followed by a beautifully thrown 2-point pass from Rohn Ramani to Christian Gernot, sealing the victory.

The Falcon's defense was just as dominant, led by Ivan Burt, Nate Thangamani, Christian Kirchev and Owen Parry. The unit only allowed one first down all game, cap-

ping off an impressive shutout performance.

Next up: Oswego before heading into the playoffs.

## JV SILVER TEAM BATTLES PALATINE

This Sunday JV Silver "kicked off" with a bang when Chase Mitchell returned the opening kickoff for a 60-yard touchdown with a key block by Gavin Schuler. Running backs Faiz Moosani and Miles Williams carried for 35 and 15 yards respectively. Williams inched the Falcons closer to the endzone, and quarterback Moosani throws a 4-yard touchdown to Brayden Merchant. Moosani scored the extra point.

The defense warded off Palatine's extra points, and JJ Natarelli continued his streak of fumble recoveries with two clutch takeaways. After running for half the field, Mitchell caught a 15-yarder from quarterback Bruno Hoban. Hoban rushed 15 yards, bringing the Falcons in the redzone before the end of the half.

Key plays in the second half by Falcons' defenders Schuler, Mitchell, Burke Brotschul and Samir Chandarana, along with a QB sack by Mitchell, pushed Palatine backward. Nick Rachford caught an 18-yard stunner and Schuler snatched a 4-yard pass from Hoban. James West gained yardage after kickoff, Merchant swept left, and Moosani and Bruno pushed their way forward. Following a valiant effort, the game ended on the goal line with a near win. Falcons 13, Palatine 18.

Come support the JV team as they look to wrap up the season with a win at Oak Park next week.

## JV GOLD D1 IS STILL UNDEFEATED

Under the beautiful Fall sky and foliage, the JV Gold Falcons pulled off an incredible last-second win, 8-6, over Downers Grove to improve to 6-0 and secure the top playoff seed.

The Falcons came into the game knowing there was a target on their backs, but they answered the challenge. The injury-depleted Hinsdale

offense struggled to find their footing early, but the defense continued its physical dominance with steady play from Charlie Lynch, Angel Roman and Jaxon Uthe. The teams went into halftime without a point scored.

The Downers offense was in the midst of a game-changing third quarter drive when Sal Caliendriello got his big paw on a pass, tipping it to a diving Brock Bradley for the interception. Finally, with less than a minute to go and the game scoreless, Dillon Phelan found Bradley for a tremendous catch in the endzone. Logan Sullivan hauled in the conversion and Hinsdale led 8-0. Downers was able to score quickly, but Michael Kipnis and the Falcon defense stuffed the conversion try. Hinsdale finishes the regular season next week against Naperville.

## VARSITY SILVER WINS BIG

Varsity Silver capped off its regular season with a 38-6 victory at Downers Grove.

The Falcons got off to a quick start after a Cole Prasse 15-yard rushing touchdown on the first offensive series. The defense then took its turn, with a Michael Garber pick six and Prasse took a handoff from the Downers Grove quarterback as he was stood up by Alex Schaeffer for another touchdown. Ali Memon then had a bruising TD sweep to the left to add to the Falcons lead. Later in the first half, Giuseppe Salamone rushed for the first touchdown of his Falcons career.

Hunter Gatewood and Preston Brey ran hard for the Falcons in the second half. Felix Michelini was perfect on his extra points, albeit to the dismay of the owners of the cars parked in the lot behind the goal post. The entire Falcons offensive line contributed during the game: Michelini, Ben McLaughlin, Noah Natarelli, Lino Hernandez, Leo Rivera, Chase Hellenga, Brit Read, Alex Schaeffer and guest Clayton Tims. Defensively, Hernandez recorded his first sack of the year and Nick Ludden made a fine debut at safety.

The Falcons have a bye week before the playoffs.



# SPORTS — END ZONE

## BY THE QUARTER

**1**  
Hinsdale 23  
Proviso 0

**2**  
Hinsdale 28  
Proviso 0

**3**  
Hinsdale 7  
Proviso 0

**4**  
Hinsdale 6  
Proviso 0

## HINSDALE CENTRAL 64— PROVISO WEST 0



**Dominic Tresslar** broke free of several tackles to score the first of his two touchdowns in the first quarter of Hinsdale Central's game Friday night at Dickinson Field.

### STATS

	Central	Proviso
Passing yards	71	13
Rushing yards	179	11
Total yards	250	24
Touchdowns	9	0
PATs	8	0
Safeties	1	0
First downs	11	2

### OFFENSE



**Dominic Tresslar**  
2 carries, 49 yards  
2 touchdowns



**Ryan Corcoran**  
5 carries, 51 yards  
1 touchdown

### DEFENSE



**Owen Joyce**  
3 tackles, 3 assists  
1 TFL



**Pat Connors**  
2 tackles, 1 assist  
1 TFL

**Daniel Schuurman** was part of the Red Devil defense that held Proviso West to 24 yards passing and rushing in the conference match-up. (Jim Slonoff photos)



### UP NEXT

OP-RF  
at 7:30 p.m. Friday  
in Oak Park

Last year  
Central won 46-13

### STANDINGS

**West Suburban Silver**  
LT..... 5-0...7-0  
Downers North..... 4-1...6-1  
York..... 3-1...6-1  
**Hinsdale Central.. 1-3 ..3-4**  
Glenbard West..... 1-3...2-5  
OP-RF..... 1-3...1-6  
Proviso West..... 0-4...2-5

*conference/overall*



# SPORTS — ROUNDUP

## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Denis Altman**  
Hinsdale

### How has your senior soccer season been different?

Consistency is big for me, and being on varsity last year has helped build that consistency with a lot of my teammates. I've been putting the work in the summer to come into the season ready to compete.

### What do you enjoy about the sport?

It's a versatile sport, so the ability to adapt is really important. You can't predict anything and you have to adjust to whatever is in front of you.

### How have you evolved as a competitor since freshman year?

The biggest thing is making that change from playing club soccer to high school soccer. Being new to the school and playing with a lot of people you've never played with before is an adjustment. I've developed a role in the program, and now playing for your school and your teammates is a source of pride and motivation, especially when you friends are there cheering you on. I've also kind of built a more outgoing personality and the confidence to say something that I think will benefit the people around me.

### How do you prepare yourself for a match?

I like to stay really composed in a pre-game warm-ups, stay quiet and get myself mentally ready for the game.

### How would your teammates describe you?

As a leader in the backline, I'm always the one talking and getting everyone organized. We do have some underclassmen on varsity and there can be a lot of nervousness, so having someone in the back to communicate what you can be doing better will hopefully build confidence and make the team more successful.

### What do you do to decompress?

Soccer is my thing. I never find it stressful.

### Why does head coach Mike Wiggins like having Altman on the squad?

Denis is incredibly confident as one of our returning varsity players who leads us in a central position in the back defensively. He shows up each day with an eagerness to be better and a desire to be great. He is a steady, consistent presence that continues to make our team better. Denis exemplifies the Red Devil spirit that the younger student athletes in our program can learn from.

— profile by Ken Knutson,  
photo by Jim Slonoff

## RESULTS

### Cross country, boys

Oct. 9 vs. Hinsdale South & Sandburg  
V places 1st with 20 points  
Gamboa, 2nd, 15:15.41  
Miller, 3rd, 15:22  
Revord, 4th, 15:43.83  
Rogers, 6th, 15:51.31

### Cross country, girls

Oct. 11 @ Loyola Invite  
V places 7th with 174 points  
Hodneland, 19th, 18:51.3  
Satre, 22nd, 18:53  
Skay, 44th, 19:52.2  
Kohn, 45th, 19:53.4  
Krogstie, 54th, 20:05.3

### Flag football

Oct. 9 @ IHSA regional  
vs. St. Laurence (semifinal)  
V loses 0-28

### Golf, boys

Oct. 10 @ Conway Farms Invite  
V places 1st with 222 strokes  
Devata, 1st, 72  
Wesolowski, 2nd, 73  
Jorski, 5th, 77  
Verros, 8th (tie), 79

### Golf, girls

Oct. 10 @ Conway Farms Invite  
V places 2nd with 241 strokes  
Abdullah, 5th, 77  
Bhatt, 6th (tie), 80  
Han, 9th, 84  
Zhang, 10th (tie), 87

### Soccer, boys

Oct. 15 vs. Downers North  
V wins 1-0  
Barbu, goal  
Oct. 12 vs. Argo  
V wins 2-1  
Oct. 11 @ Glenbard West  
V wins 3-1

### Swimming, girls

Oct. 12 @ St.

Charles North Invite  
V places 4th with 241.5 points  
200-yard medley relay  
Lahmann, Lin, Rocca, Brubaker, 6th, 1:51.6  
200-yard freestyle  
Miller, 6th, 1:56.61  
Matricaria, 14th, 2:02.28  
200-yard IM  
Zinis, 6th, 2:11.1  
Pelinkovic, 12th, 2:14.12  
50-yard freestyle  
L. Barber, 2nd, 23.69  
Lahmann, 11th, 25.34  
100-yard butterfly  
Seraphin, 13th, 1:00.38  
Rocca, 16th, 1:01.54  
100-yard freestyle  
L. Barber, 1st (tie), 51.97  
Zinis, 4th, 53.1  
500-yard freestyle  
Pelinkovic, 6th, 5:12.47  
V. Barber, 13th, 5:22.64

200-yard freestyle relay  
L. Barber, Zinis, Miller, Brubaker, 5th, 1:37.52  
100-yard backstroke  
Miller, 4th, 58.18  
Lahmann, 14th, 1:02.59  
100-yard breaststroke  
Lin, 6th, 1:08.28  
Allegra, 15th, 1:13.36  
400-yard freestyle  
V. Barber, Miller, Zinis, L. Barber, 5th, 3:36.13  
Oct. 11 vs. Glenbard West  
V wins 142-31

**Tennis, girls**  
Oct. 11-12 @ WSC Championship  
V places 1st  
1st singles  
Tomas, 2nd  
2nd singles  
Asha Sarai, 1st, 6-1, 6-0  
3rd singles  
Quevedo, 1st, 6-0, 6-0

1st doubles  
Panveno/S. Virmani, 2nd  
2nd doubles  
Shuster/A. Virmani, 1st, 6-0, 7-5  
3rd doubles  
Kapur/Anika Sarai, 1st, 6-1, 6-0  
4th doubles  
Radonjic/Baker, 1st, 6-1, 6-0

### Volleyball, girls

Oct. 15 vs. Downers North  
V loses 17-25, 21-25  
Oct. 11-12 @ St. Charles East Scholastic Cup vs. Edwardsville  
V wins 25-22, 25-21 vs. Lincoln-Way East  
V loses 19-25, 22-25 vs. Normal West  
V loses 22-25, 13-25 vs. St. Charles North  
V loses 24-26, 25-20, 13-15

## Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central's Alexia Velicu** competes in the junior varsity 200-yard IM event Oct. 11 during a meet against visiting Glenbard West. Velicu placed first with a time of 2:34.59, helping the Red Devils girls swim and dive program earn team victories over the Hilltoppers at both the JV and varsity levels. (Jim Slonoff photo)



# SPORTS

## Adams ascends minor league ranks

*Former Red Devil star puts team first while impressing for Brewers' farm system*

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale native Luke Adams wasn't sure what to expect in the July 2022 Major League Baseball amateur draft. He'd developed a connection with Milwaukee Brewers during his senior year at Hinsdale Central, but Adams also had committed to play at Michigan State University.

Adams watched day one of the draft, then day two without hearing his name and felt resigned to put his pro dreams on the bench.

But day three delivered a curveball.

"I was just drinking a smoothie and watching 'Shark Tank,'" Adams, then 18, said when he received a call from the Brewers about taking him in the 12th round. "That was a pretty cool feeling."

Adams now had his own trajectory-altering choice to make while waiting more than a week for a contract offer.

"For that 10-day period, I had no idea if I was going to school or sign (a contract)," Adams recounted.

Following a flurry of conversation with both Michigan State and Brewers officials, the faith-driven slugging third baseman took the big league leap.

"The way I looked at it, I got an opportunity and I was very blessed to get drafted," Adams said. "It felt like what I was most comfortable doing. Right when I got to pro ball that week, I never looked back."

He headed straightaway to rookie ball in Arizona where, after a slow start while adjusting to the caliber of play, a weak broken-bat single in his seventh at bat got him on base.

"My next at-bat I hit a 105(-mph) double off the wall," related Adams, going on to hit .375 with an eye-popping .563 on-base percentage in 32 plate appearances.

The next spring he was promoted to the Low-A affiliate Carolina Mudcats, where he again demonstrated an unusual combination of power, base-stealing ability and plate discipline. He led the team in RBIs (54), runs (74) and walks (76).

"I pride myself in having a good



**Hinsdale's Luke Adams** was showing off his baseball prowess as a Little Leaguer at Peirce Park before making a name for himself within the Milwaukee Brewers' organization. One of the team's top prospects, Adams was been dubbed the "toughest guy on the team" by his Wisconsin Timber Rattlers teammates for his willingness to absorb hits by wayward pitches and reach base. (photo courtesy of Wisconsin Timber Rattlers/Jim Slonoff photo)

eye (at the plate). I really don't try to chase, and I like to work counts," Adams said.

He also placed second in home runs (14) and stolen bases (30), a collection of glittering stats that earned him a Carolina League All-Star nod and promotion to the High-A Wisconsin Timber Rattlers in Appleton for the 2024 season.

Adams, now 20, was stoked to return to his Midwest roots.

"My parents (Dan & DeAnn) were able to make it to most weekend series games," he said.

The chilly early-season conditions are not the most conducive to swings with a heavy wooden bat, he acknowledged, but soon enough Adams was heating up. He paced the team in home runs (11) and walks (78) and was named Midwest League Player of the Month for July as recognition for a particularly prolific stretch — including an Independence Day grand slam.

"It was pretty cool seeing fireworks on the Fourth of July," he said. "That was one of my favorite moments of the year."

Adams' play was a big reason

the Rattlers reached the playoffs, earning a first-round series against Quad Cities. A victory in the first game meant they would advance with a win at home, and a two-run blast by the 6-foot-4-inch Adams early in the game gave fans reason to hope. But by the bottom of the 9th inning the Rattlers were down 4-6. They rallied with two runs, setting the stage for Adams' two-out heroics. With a man on second he flared a single to right to bring home the series-clinching score. The stadium erupted and Adams rounded first and ran full speed toward the outfield fence to unleash a YouTube-popularized "Boom or Doom!" celebration.

"You've got to have visualization and positive thinking," he commented. "I just said, 'Hey, I'm going to get up here and I'm going to win this game.'"

Battling through hitting slumps and injuries goes with the territory, Adams said. And he may be especially prone to the latter due to his penchant for getting hit by pitches, 43 times during the season to be exact, a new league record and nearly 10 percent of his

at bats.

"I've always been taught to stay in there, it's a free on-base," he said of his approach. "I was super-fortunate that it never set me out for too long."

Adams said he has a lot of room for growth, looking to focus on his fielding footwork in the offseason and stay in shape under the guidance of his trainers. He also plans to take in some Chicago Bears games.

Living in team-furnished housing during the season helps keep his focus on the field should he be promoted again come spring.

"On the road we stay in hotels and get pre-game meals, post-game meals, meal money for the week," he explained.

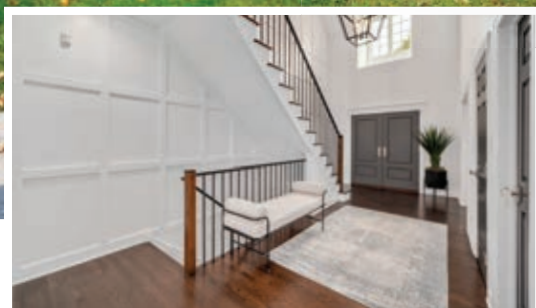
Adams, now one of the Brewers top young prospects, credits God for providing him the tools to make the most of his journey. Staying humble helps, too, like remembering that broken-bat single back in Arizona that ignited an offensive explosion.

"I look back every once I while and think, 'Where would I be if that at-bat never happened?'"





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