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'Floating' to victory

During Hinsdale Central's Homecoming pep rally Friday, the seniors pulled off the victory in the float race. Riding the swan is Lucy Arnold and just about to drop to the ground is Austin Haggerty. The object is for team members to lay on the ground and pass the swan from person to person, with students getting up from one side and lying down again on the other to continue movement. The first team to get across the length of the gymnasium is the winner. The pep rally also featured a staff/student dodge ball game. With a week full of Homecoming activities, students were busy every day — and they even managed to fit in a class or two. Please turn to Page 26 for more pictures from the pep rally. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

Public hearing on budget set for tonight

By Pamela Lannom
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The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board will hold a public hearing tonight on the fiscal year 2025 budget (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025), which shows projected expenses of \$142.9 million and projected revenues of \$141.3 million.

The \$1.6 million deficit is due to expenses in the capital projects fund, which has paid for Future Ready Facilities projects approved in the 2019 referendum. The district is working to close out remaining projects and shut down the fund, Josh Stephenson, the district's chief financial officer, wrote in a presentation to the board.

If the capital projects fund is not taken into account, the budget shows projected expenses of \$141.1 million and revenues of \$141.2 million, for a small surplus of about \$86,000.

The majority of the district's expenses are for salaries and benefits — totaling more than \$95.3

million or 66 percent of the budget, according to budget documents.

The district has the equivalent of 619.1 full-time employees on the payroll, including 319.3 teachers, 104.8 aides/student supervisors, 82 support staff, 30 buildings and grounds employees, 29 administrators, 18 counselors, 15 social workers, 13 IT employees, five psychologists and three librarians.

Total FTES in the district has ranged from 601 in fiscal year 2020 to a high of 624.2 in fiscal year 2023. For 2024-25, the district added a head athletic trainer at each school (previously contracted out) and shifted two staff members from the aides employee group to support staff.

Other larger expense categories are \$15.6 million for purchased services (11 percent of budget) and \$8.5 million for capital expenses (6 percent).

Transportation and utility costs continue to outpace revenue growth, according to Stephenson, and mandated categorical reimbursements from the state, specif-

ically for special education transportation, are not keeping pace with cost increases.

Local revenues — including property taxes — make up 93 percent of district revenues at almost \$130.9 million. The district also anticipates receiving \$6.5 million from the state (5 percent) and \$1.6 million from the federal government (1 percent).

The Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax is expected to drop 30 percent compared to last year, according to estimates from the Illinois Department of Revenue. The district is expecting to receive almost \$1.7 million, down from \$2.5 million last year, Stephenson said at the Sept. 12 board meeting.

"That's a big drop, but it is something we had been anticipating," he said. "Historically the replacement tax has been in the \$1.1 to \$1.2 million range. It spiked extra high during the pandemic period, and it's started to come back down."

The interest rate cut recently announced by the Federal Reserve

will reduce interest earnings on all liquid funds.

At the end of FY2025, the board expects to have \$29.2 million in its fund balance, or almost 21 percent of annual revenues. Board policy calls for the district to maintain fund balances of 20 to 25 percent.

Preparation of the budget started in January, when work began on department-level budgets. After the board approved staffing and students made course selections, a tentative budget was prepared and came before the board in June. The finance committee reviewed updates at its meeting Aug. 14, and the document was made available for public review.

After the budget is adopted tonight, it will be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education, the Regional Office of Education and Cook and DuPage counties.

Information about the budget can be found online at www.hinsdale86.diligent.community/Portal/ under the link for tonight's meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. in the library at Hinsdale Central.



Sweet treat

Members of Hinsdale's Redeemer Lutheran Church recently gathered school supplies to fill back packs to be sent worldwide to help with the Lutheran World Relief efforts. To sweeten the deal, the church ordered up The Original Rainbow Cone ice cream truck for a treat for community members who donated to the efforts. Inez, Ava and Ceci Nixon brought supplies and enjoyed the treat on Sept. 8. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



From the archives — Residents of Hinsdale have always enjoyed watching and playing in a good sports contest. Pictured here in 1905 are a group of Hinsdaleans, including members of the Schmidt and Clark families, before a cricket match. They played cricket at the Clarks' property, which was located on Spring Road near Madison Street. (photo courtesy of the Hinsdale Historical Society)



Happy Birthday!
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Businesses find new homes in Hinsdale

Restaurant, art gallery and beauty salon are among those choosing a village address

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale has celebrated the arrivals of several new members to its downtown business community in recent months. Here's the first of a two-part Good Reasons series introducing them.

Hinsdale Prime

The village's newest dining establishment had its ribbon-cutting this week but has actually been serving eager customers for a few weeks.

Hinsdale Prime at 42 E. Hinsdale Ave. is meant to be a neighborhood eatery where diners become familiar faces, according to co-owner Antonio Monroy Lopez.

"It's been really good," he said of the early enthusiasm for the restaurant's opening.

A rich wood interior with natural stone accents exudes a sophisticated, intimate vibe but one where lively meals are welcome. Lopez said the restaurant is both traditional and contemporary in its approach.

"It's a classic steakhouse and we have seafood, too," he said. "The seafood has a touch of French, Italian, Asian dishes."

A party room in the back can be closed off for private celebrations or business meetings for 20-25 people. Patrons opting to sit at the cozy but inviting bar can still get all the food options.

"We have a full bar, whatever cocktail you can imagine we can make it," he said. "We also allow people to bring their own bottles of wine."

Lopez said he wants Hinsdale Prime to be a kind of home away from home.

"We want to make people feel like this is a family restaurant," he said.

Caroline & Co

Caroline Perea's mission through her new salon Caroline & Co is to help women shorten their morning routines.

"We are specializing in permanent makeup," Perea said.

Permanent eyebrows,



Brothers Ignacio and Antonio Monroy Lopez, co-owners of new village eatery Hinsdale Prime, have been delighted with diners' response to the opening of their steakhouse. The remodeled space, previously Corner Bakery, incorporates deep wood and stone for a classic, cozy feel that, together with tasty food, are designed as ingredients for a loyal clientele. (Jim Slonoff photo)

for example, are made by a digital pen inserting tiny hairstrokes of tattoo pigment beneath the skin.

"The women around the area are going to love that because they're no longer going to have to draw their eyebrows in, which is a morning struggle," Perea said.

Services also include permanent lip tints and eyelashes, again curtailing the daily mirror time needed for lipstick and mascara.

Perea opened her business at 18 W. First St. at the end of June, relocating from her previous site in downtown La Grange.

"We're happy that we're able to expand our services here," she said,

Over her 10 years of experience, Perea has learned exactly what her clients want.

"We have a bunch of different specialists," she said. "They're getting a specialist

who is very well-versed in that one area."

The permanent makeup applications typically last at least a year and align nicely with the natural "clean girl aesthetic" popular right now.

"It allows them to not have to load on a bunch of makeup," Perea said.

Celestial Art Curation

The 9 E. First St. door leading upstairs to Celestial Art Curation is easy to miss. But the compelling paintings flanking the ascent pull the visitor into an atmosphere all its own.

Artist and owner Christine Gebauer opened the gallery in July primarily as a place for her and her peers in the area to exhibit their work.

"There are fabulous local artists, and there are people who really do want art for their homes. But it's finding

the individual artists that can be challenging," she said.

Gebauer said she'd become a kind of matchmaker between prospective patrons looking for a particular style and artists in her network that fit the description. Having a physical space seemed the logical next step "to create opportunities for ourselves as artists and to get our work in front of people and to band together."

Gebauer, a Hinsdale resident, said she likes to include emerging artists in her collection.

"You can kind of catch them early in their career," she said, "and it's really nice time to swoop in and collect amazing art."

And at prices that don't reach the stratosphere, she noted. Gebauer acknowledged that art selection can be daunting and advised purchasers to follow their heart.

■ GOOD REASONS

This is the latest in an ongoing series of articles about Hinsdale's business community and good reasons to shop here

"When someone finds the piece they've been waiting for, it's literally magic," she said. "I love watching the process."

Images Med Spa

Images Med Spa, which provides cosmetic services, moved into its new home at 22 W. First St. at the end of last year.

Ali Tamashiro, marketing director, said the short relocation from its old home at 18 W. First was a considerable upsizing.

"We went from four rooms to 10," she said. "It's definitely grown."

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

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

On the agenda: FY 2025 budget hearing and adoption, RFQ for board attorney, 2024 tax levy overview, proposed 55th Street TIF, approval of precalculus courses

Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

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Early voting for the Nov. 5 general election begins today, Sept. 26, at five temporary locations.

They are:

- DuPage County Fairgrounds Building 5
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- Addison Township Office Event Center
401 N. Addison Road
- Bartlett Community Center
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700 S. Bartlett Road
- Downers Grove Recreation Center
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4500 Belmont Road
- Naperville Municipal Center
Meeting rooms A & B
400 S. Eagle St.

These locations will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Oct. 19.

Additional locations will open for early voting on 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.
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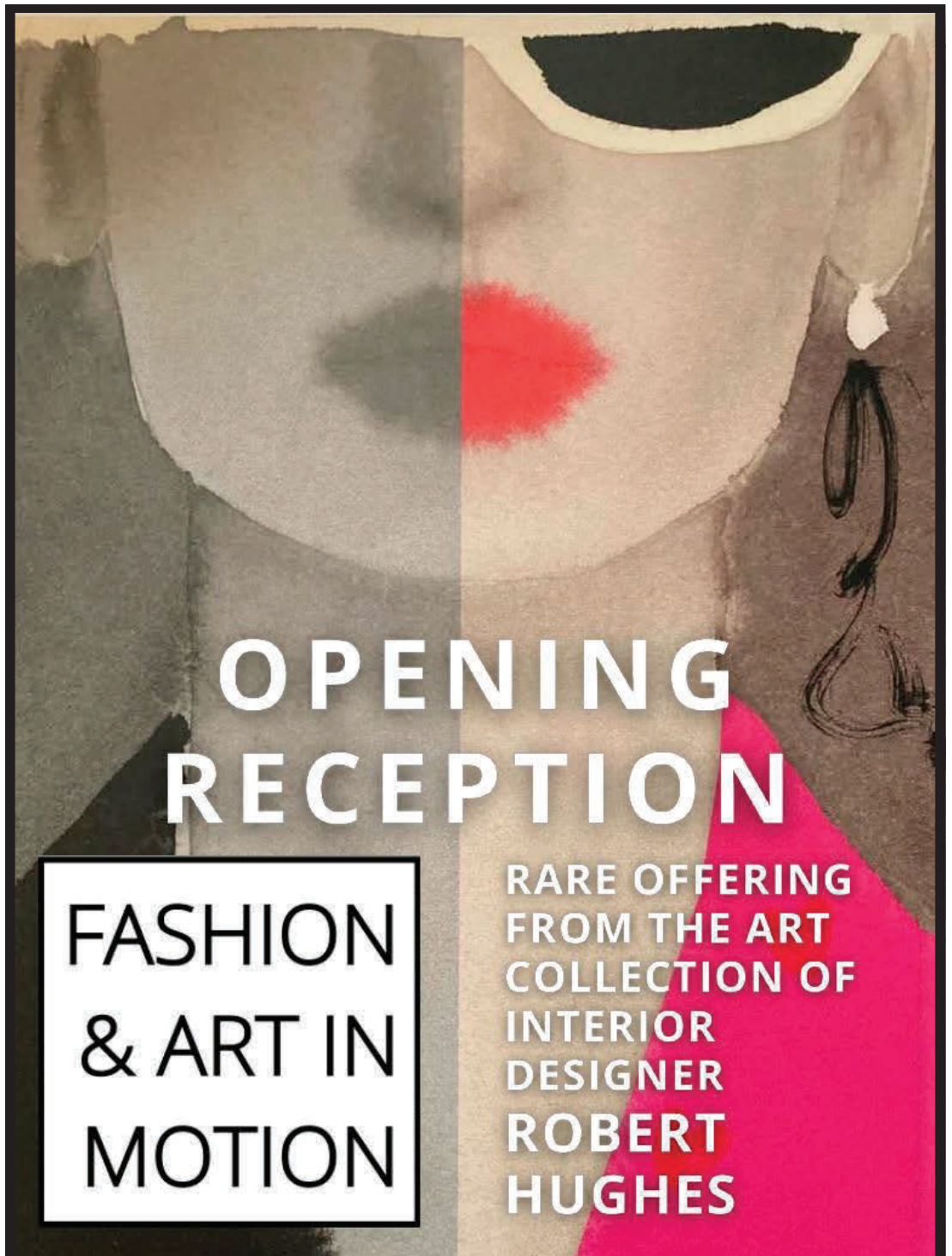
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Richards family points to similar crash

By Pamela Lannom
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A Western Springs woman has confirmed that a Jeep she owned that was involved in a crash at Fuller's Car Wash in 2007 was not included in a review of incidents at the site at the May 21 Hinsdale Village Board meeting. Village President Tom Cauley discussed the accidents at that meeting after hearing from residents following the fatal crash that killed 14-year-old Sean Richards in July 2023.

Sean's dad, Brian Richards, then attended the June 11 village board meeting to offer additional information following Cauley's review. The first incident he discussed was the 2007 crash involving a Jeep owned by Diana Newlin.

"As it was exiting, a Fuller's employee — who did not have his drivers license and was on his first day on the job — entered the vehicle and

floored the accelerator, causing the car to fly out of the car wash bay, cross the sidewalk, jump the curb, cross Lincoln Street and crash into an oversized pickup truck parked in front of Fontano's Subs, totaling both the Jeep Grand Cherokee and the pickup truck," Brian Richards said at the meeting.

Newlin confirmed that account when she spoke to The Hinsdalean. Newlin, who had three children and was pregnant with twins at the time, said she had asked her nanny to take the Jeep to the car wash because she was about to trade it in for a larger Suburban. Newlin arrived on the scene shortly after the crash. She said the Fullers gave her a check for an amount within the realm of what she was going to get for it as a trade in. She said she responded to a Facebook post after Sean was killed to let the Richards family know her vehicle was involved in a similar incident.

The Hinsdalean filed a Freedom of Information Act request for any accident or call reports related to that incident. No records were found, according to the village's response.

Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King said if the parties settled, there would be no accident report.

"The records we provided to President Cauley were accident reports that we were able to find," he said. "Newlin's incident wouldn't have been part of that, because it was never documented on an accident report."

Doug Fuller told the Hinsdalean his dad was the main owner in 2007, and he does not remember the incident. He said the first similar incident he remembers was in 2009, when Jeeps were experiencing unanticipated acceleration issues. At that time, employees began pushing Jeeps out of the wash bay as a precaution.

At the board meeting, Richards

also questioned whether the January 2009 incident was fully investigated and had Lauri Aldrich, whose car was involved in a May 2022 collision, clarify the details of the crash her car was involved in.

"The issue is and the reason why those incidents are important are there is a pattern there," Brian Richards told The Hinsdalean last week. "It's clear to anybody who cares that there is a danger there. There is a threat to public safety that was not taken seriously by Fuller's or the village."

Sean's mom Kristine Richards said she was not aware of cars exiting the car wash at high rates of speed and crossing the street.

"Had I known that, I wouldn't have let Sean walk on that sidewalk," she said. "When I learned of the previous incidents, the thought in my head was why were those allowed to happen?"

Fullers installed crash-rated bollards at the car wash in early August.

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POLICE BEAT

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Felony cannabis arrest

Yoquwan G. Johnson, 24, 5238 S. Drexel Ave., Chicago, was arrested for possessing 100 to 500 grams of cannabis (felony), speeding and improper display of registration at 10:46 p.m. Sept. 18 at Ogden Avenue and Grant Street. Johnson was charged and released to appear in court.

Domestic battery arrest

A 39-year-old Hinsdale woman was arrested for making contact of an insulting or provoking nature with a victim Sept. 22. She was charged and taken to Cook County Jail.

Warrant arrests

- Omar R. Serrano-Velasco, 37, 3009 Prairie St., Franklin Park, was arrested on a warrant out of DuPage County at 8:51 a.m. Sept. 18 after a vehicle registration inquiry at Ogden Avenue and Salt Creek Lane. He was taken to DuPage County Jail for warrant service.

- Olivia M. Wojcik, 35, 124 N. Villa Ave., Villa Park, was arrested for disobeying a stop sign and for an arrest warrant out of DuPage County at 4:08 a.m. Sept. 20 at Garfield Avenue and First Street. She was issued a new court date for the warrant and released to appear in court.

- Arianna A. Houston, 23, 2001 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, was arrested for speeding and for an arrest warrant out of Effingham County at 10:02 p.m. Sept. 23 at Ogden Avenue and Adams Street. She was cited for speeding and taken to DuPage County Jail for warrant service.

Vehicle stolen

A vehicle was stolen between 11:21 and 11:35 p.m. Sept. 17 while it was parked in front of a home in the 400 block of South Bruner Street.

Vandalism reported

- Spray-painted graffiti was discovered Sept. 17 on the pedestrian bridge over Interstate 294 near Veeck Park, 701 E. Chicago Ave.

- A vehicle was scratched between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Sept. 20 while parked in the lower level of the village deck at 100 S. Garfield Ave.

Equipment stolen

A utility worker reported that someone stole a construction tool at 12:34 p.m. Sept. 20 from the parkway in the 800 block of South Washington Street.

Hit and run

An unknown driver struck another vehicle between noon and 4 p.m. Sept. 14 while the vehicle was parked in the Hinsdale Central High School parking lot, 5500 S. Grant St. The incident was reported Sept. 20.

Identity theft incident

The identity of a resident of the 200 block of West Seventh Street was used to make a fraudulent charge as reported Sept. 18.

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

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Stitching, reading keep retired engineer happy

Twenty-eight years after moving to Hinsdale and well over a decade after sewing her first stitches, Jeanie Gale finally became a member of the Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild.

"It never crossed my mind to join," said Gale, who learned needlepoint 15 years ago. It was during a trip to a needle arts store that Gale heard a group of women talking about the Hinsdale group that she considered joining herself.

The Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild is a 60-year-old organization that celebrates all forms of needlework. Despite her many years of experience, Gale admits she was a bit apprehensive about joining other stitchers who might have even more experience. She soon found that members have varying levels of talent and experience, as well as areas of expertise. The group includes quilters, embroiderers, cross stitchers, needlepointers and one woman who practices a Japanese art called Sashiko.

"It's a group of women who all have varying interests in needlework," Gale said.

As for Gale, her interests include knitting and needlepoint, but she is a fan of anything that has to do with fiber

art.

"I kind of grew up around it," said Gale, whose grandmother, mother and aunt enjoyed various crafts involving needle and thread. In college, Gale fed her love of fiber arts by taking elective courses in subjects such as spinning, wool dyeing and silk.

While some stitchers enjoy the creation process, others focus on the finished product, Gale said. Gale said she falls into the former category.

"It's a very Zen activity," she said. "It gets my mind centered."

Stitching, Gale said, involves math as well as creativity. While relaxing, it's not a mindless activity. For that, Gale said she turns to one of her favorite books. "The Two Towers" by J.R.R. Tolkien is a favorite and "my go-to when I need to relax and not think," Gale said. A more recent favorite on Gale's reading list is "Hester," a novel by Laurie Rico Albanese that combines Gale's love of reading and stitching. The story is of a young seamstress and her family's long history of dark secrets.

"It's all about stitching and visualization of color," Gale said.

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Gale said she has more time to commit to her favorite pastimes, including reading and needlework. She also has more time to attend the Guild's outings, and she looks forward to an upcoming trip to a Chicago destination where members will see how thread is made.

The recent retiree also is a member of the Village Gardeners of Hinsdale and the

Collectors Club, even though she doesn't consider herself a particularly good gardener or a collector. Both clubs, Gale said, provide a way to expand her knowledge and her social circle.

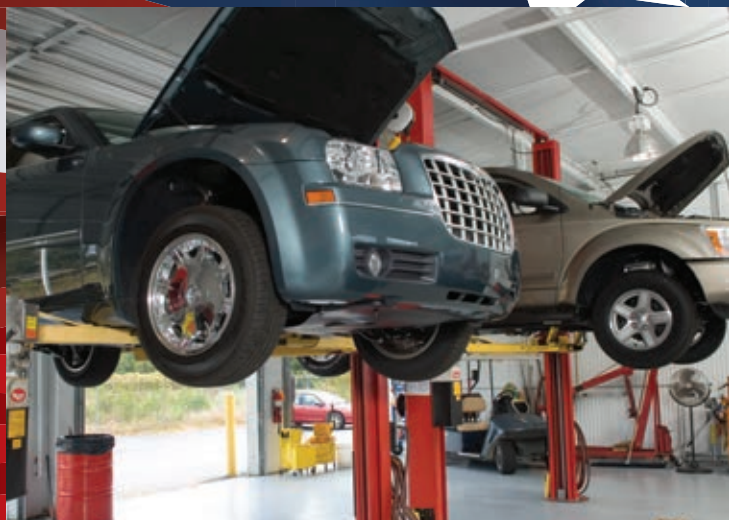
"It's a great way to connect with people in town," she said.

While Gale said she still misses California, she loves the home she and her husband have made in Hinsdale.

"It's been a great experience for all of us," said Gale, who has two grown children.

She also loves the Midwest's four seasons, although winter is not her favorite. To shake off the cold, Gale said she enjoys warm-weather escapes. And she can always cozy up with her stitching, no matter the weather outside.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Freedom to read is central to democracy's story

"I believe that censorship is the enemy of freedom." — **Ava DuVernay**

Since 2020, the number of documented attempts to censor books has risen significantly, according to the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom. Attempts to censor books in 2023 reached the highest level ever tracked by the organization, with 4,240 unique book titles targeted for censorship. Titles representing the voices and lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC individuals made up 47 percent of those targeted.

Against this backdrop we observe Banned Books Week 2024, which runs through Sept. 28. Since it was founded in 1982, Banned Books Week has drawn attention to attempts to remove books and other materials from libraries, schools and bookstores. The theme for this year's edition is "Freed Between the Lines" in recognition of the freedom found in the pages of books and the need to defend that freedom from censorship, as detailed at bannedbooksweek.org.

In a statement on the website, award-win-

ning filmmaker and Banned Book Weeks honorary chair Ava DuVernay said restricting access to books promotes ignorance. "By banning books, we deny ourselves the opportunity to learn from the past and to envision a braver future. Books have the power to open minds and build bridges. This is why certain forces do not want the masses to engage with books. They fear progress and growth in new, bold directions," DuVernay commented. "For this reason, Banned Books Week is vitally important. It is a celebration of our right to access varied voices and to engage with ideas that challenge and champion us. I am honored to be selected as honorary chair of Banned Book Week for this election year, and I stand with my fellow readers, fellow writers and fellow advocates around the world who refuse to let voices be silenced."

A new state law took effect at the start of the year that disqualifies Illinois public libraries from state funding if they restrict or ban materials because of "partisan or doctrinal" disapproval.

"We are not saying that every book should be in every single library," said Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, who also serves as state librarian and was the driving force behind the legislation. "What this law does is it says, 'Let's trust our experience and education of our librarians to decide what books should be in circulation.'"

In our pursuit of the highest journalistic standards of truth and accuracy, we stand with librarians and all those on the side of open access to information and against censorship.

"We know library professionals throughout the country are committed to preserving our freedom to choose what we read and what our children read, even though many librarians face criticism and threats to their livelihood and safety," said American Library Association President Cindy Hohl in statement. "We urge everyone to join librarians in defending the freedom to read. We know people don't like being told what they are allowed to read, and we've seen communities come together to fight back and protect their libraries and schools from the censors."

COMMENTARY

Another year older, another year better

Eighteen years ago this week, residents received the very first issue of *The Hinsdalean* on their doorsteps. (Or maybe in their bushes, and for that we apologize!)

To say we were excited is an understatement. Jim Slonoff and I had dreamed of owning our own newspaper, and a number of things lined up in 2006 to make that possible. We were bought out of our old jobs at *The Doings* and a beautiful office at 7 W. First St. became available for us to sublet. My husband called it the perfect storm.

It's been a tradition since our first anniversary to run a full-page ad in the paper to mark the occasion. The very first year the ad featured a stack of the first 52 issues of the paper with a single lit birthday candle on top. And no, we didn't use Photoshop!

We learned a little something after we ran our second anniversary ad, which listed all the things

that had run in the paper and that had happened over our first two years — from 104 editorials to 24 full moons. An astute reader called to point out an error, as a second full moon — or blue moon — had occurred in June 2007.

We've also recreated the cover of "Abbey Road" (substituting Ninth Street for the famous British thoroughfare) and spelled out "16" in baked goods for our Sweet 16.

This year we took our inspiration from Coach Q and Brent Sopel, who lived in town while the Blackhawks were winning the Stanley Cup. The two of them took the cup all over town — Jim and I spent hours to trying to track it down but were always just a bit late.

That day didn't result in any



Pamela Lannom

photos, but it did inspire us to create our anniversary ad on Page 23 of this week's paper. We've had a big trophy in our office since we first were named the best newspaper of our size in the state in 2020. We got an even bigger one — the Will Loomis Memorial Trophy — in 2022 when the circulation sizes for the various trophies

changed. This year we decided we might as well do something with it besides having it sit on a shelf.

And so we took the Loomis Cup — I mean trophy — out to the places Coach Q used to take the Stanley Cup, like Page's and The Fruit Store. We asked the Hinsdale Central cheerleaders to hoist it in a pyramid. Ben Bradley, our reader advisory board member and TV news anchor, agreed to pose with it on the WGN set.

"Now that is a major award," the audio engineer said when we walked into the studio. (I always like running into other fans of "A Christmas Story.")

And it is a major award. While we write a story each year about the results of the Illinois Press Association's annual contest, we don't celebrate our accomplishment as much as we could — or should.

We had so much fun taking the trophy out and we've come up with a list of other spots we'd like to photograph it. So we've decided we'll continue taking it to different spots in town and share those photos in ads we'll run throughout the year. So if you see us out and about and feel like humming a few bars of "Chelsea Dagger," please do!

— *Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*.*

Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Pretty great, but not amazing

I'm treading water right now.

Freshman year is in full swing at Hinsdale Central and I'm trying to figure out who I am. I'm realizing that what I thought was the real me is not really who I am now. This is a confusing time in my life as I navigate through the scary parts of what high school is all about. I recognize that the amount of time needed for excellence in a sport, volunteering, my classes, and overall well-being exceeds the actual amount of time in a day.

You cannot always be amazing at everything. Sometimes, you need to prioritize and sacrifice in the pursuit of figuring out what you are amazing at. Balancing my life has never really occurred to me until I came to high school. The definition of success has a completely different meaning now versus when I was in elementary school. I understand that hard work pays off, but to many this idea is too simple. As a student athlete, I pride myself on working hard as a student first and then an athlete. Trying to maintain success and greatness in both of these fields is proving to be quite difficult. In this town, I feel the constant need to be an overachiever with the emphasis on excelling at everything all of the time. How many camps and clubs and travel sports can one join? No one is



Milan Bansal

good at everything and sometimes being good enough is great.

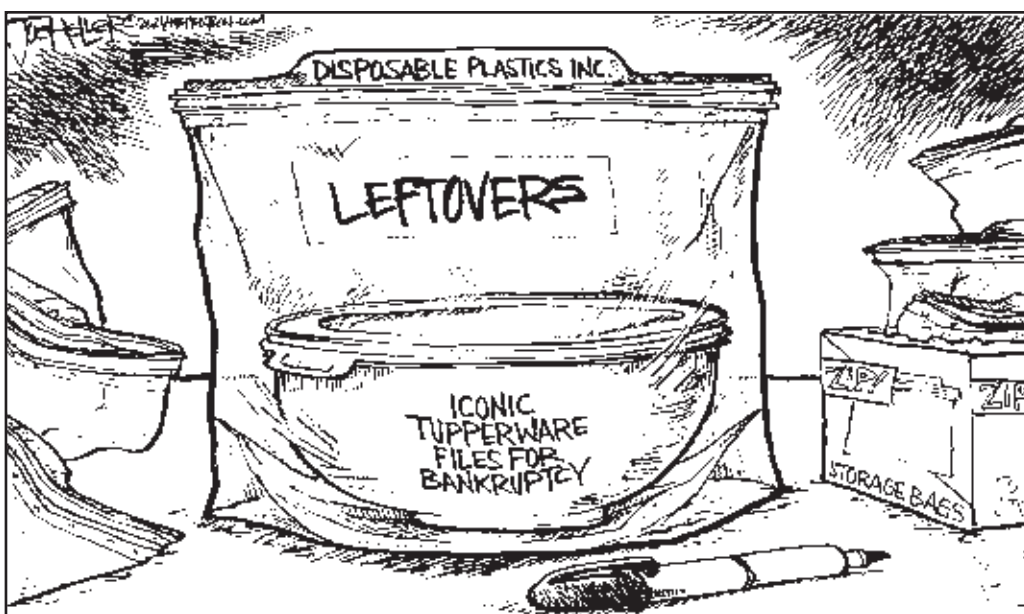
In Hinsdale, the perception of greatness and all who seem to achieve it is a much higher standard than the reality of

what being successful really means. You don't have to be the star player every time or have attended the most prestigious colleges to be classified as successful. It is OK to admit feeling overwhelmed.

My dad tells me that in four years when I am at college, ordering pizza at midnight with friends, I won't remember what I failed to do in high school. What I will remember is that I prioritized myself and owned who I am and who I will be. I am a hardworking student with great goals and a pretty decent ball player, despite a strike out last weekend. Sometimes, it is OK to fail and let someone else know when things are hard or you bombed a test. It is OK to be proud of who you are and share your worries and insecurities. You can get better. You do not have to be great at everything and maybe when you are open about what is a struggle, you end up with greater outcomes than you were expecting.

— Milan Bansal is a freshman at Hinsdale Central High School. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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ASK AN EXPERT

SHARON YIESLA, TREE EXPERT

What can we expect for this fall's color?

Predicting how colorful the autumn's tree color display will be is not an exact science, according to the Morton Arboretum plant knowledge specialist Sharon Yiesla.

"The thing with fall color is it's usually multiple things that contribute to fall colors," she said. "I think there will be good fall color, We just can't say how brilliant or how dazzling it will be."

Specifically those factors are leaf pigments, length of the nights and weather. As many of us may remember from grade school science class, during the growing season for trees, chlorophyll is continually being produced and broken down, making leaves appear green. As night length increases this time of year, chlorophyll production slows down and is ultimately destroyed, allowing the carotenoids and anthocyanin pigments in the leaf to have their moment.

That process happens earlier in species like the shrub-like sumac and the honey locust tree, Yiesla said.

"The sumac starts to turn red,

and the honey locust gives us bright gold. We're just at the very beginning of this right now," Yiesla said

But there are also varieties that have little to show.

"Some of the European trees may get a little yellow-green at best. They're not genetically able to get good fall color," she explained.

Dry conditions and cooler weather tends to accelerate the leaf-changing season. Yiesla acknowledged the recent dry spell could have a slight impact but pointed out the year overall has been relatively solid in terms of precipitation.

"Luckily we haven't been dry all year. It's better than if we had a year that was totally dry," she said.

Yiesla said a stretch of bright, sunny days and cool, crisp — but not freezing — nights seem to yield the most spectacular displays. She said setting expectations based on northern regions already seeing the colors change is not reliable because of different weather patterns.

"What's happening in Wisconsin may be very different from what's happening here," she said.

Yiesla does not expect to see

much in the way of changing colors in these parts until next month for most tree varieties.

"I think we're not going to see the peak until October," she predicted.

Trees that are showing signs of browning due to the recent dryness should be given thorough soakings.

"A good watering should help a flagging tree bounce back," she said.

Yiesla noted the fact of very premature foliage change among some trees.

"We did see some trees that got color early this year," Yiesla revealed. "Some of the maples actually colored up a little bit in, like, early summer. They got a blush of color early in the summer and they've kind of stayed that way."

Rain will help forestall the leaves' eventual descent ground-ward, she said, advising a visit to the arboretum for comprehensive tour de foliage by way of a leisurely walk or drive through the grounds.

"I love fall. The colors are tremendous. It's a kaleidoscope of color," she said. "I enjoy autumn as much as everybody else does"

— by Ken Knutson



The Morton Arboretum's Sharon Yiesla said while the later part of next month will see the peak of fall foliage vibrancy, the wide variety of specimens at the arboretum offers a longer viewing season from early changers to latecomers. (photo provided)



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OBITUARIES

Eduardo Castañeda

Eduardo "Lalo" Castañeda, a longtime resident of Oak Brook, passed away Sept. 18, 2024. He was the owner of Lalo's Mexican Restaurant in Berwyn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amalia; and his siblings, Angel, Trinidad and Lucia.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Sanchez; his children, Eduardo Jr, Daniel, Edgar (Julie Anderson) and Juan Carlos (Consuelo Venegas) Castañeda; his grandchildren, Elena, Gabi, Eddie, Danny Jr., Cristian



Castañeda

Castañeda, Isaac Castañeda Anderson and Olivia Valentina Castañeda; his siblings, Adolfo (Imelda), Jesus (Maria Elena), Salvador (Amelia), Jorge, Luis (Dolores), Tiburcio (Guadalupe), Ana Maria, Victoria Castañeda and Teresa (Emilio) Alvarado; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Sept. 24.

Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Adolf & Powell Funeral Home of Berwyn handled the arrangements.

Irving Vant Clarke

Irving Vant Clarke, 100, a 94-year resident of Hinsdale, passed away Sept. 22, 2024.

Mr. Clarke was born in 1924, in St. Joseph, Mo., the son of Kenton Harper Clarke Jr. and Dorothy Vant Clarke, and the younger brother of Kenton Harper Clarke III, who was an Army Air Corps pilot in World War II killed when his bomber was shot down over the Pacific.

His family moved to Hinsdale in 1930 where he attended Monroe School and Hinsdale Township High School when it was located on the present site of the Hinsdale Middle School. He held a bachelor's degree from Williams College and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

His college education was interrupted by World War II, during which he served in the U.S. Navy. He was the tactical radar officer on a destroyer, earning two battle stars for his ship's participation in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. While on radar picket duty near Okinawa, his ship was hit by a suicide plane carrying a bomb, resulting in the death of 47 crewmen.

Mr. Clarke began his business career with Swift & Co. (later named Esmark Inc.), managing its pension fund investments and other funds. He presided over this operation when it was spun off as a separate company. He was a director of Globe Life Insurance Co., and other



Clarke

Swift-related insurance companies. For six years he served on the investment advisory board of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. in Washington, D.C., which took over the pension programs of companies that went out of business. Early retirement occurred in 1979.

Other activities included 32 years on the board of the Robert Crown Center for Health Education (now Candor) and a similar period on the board of Washington Square, a retirement home.

As a member of Union Church of Hinsdale, he served, among many other ways, on its board of trustees three different times, chairing it twice, and was one of the founders of its Endowment Fund.

As a member of Dairymen's Inc, a resort complex near Boulder Junction, Wis., he was an avid musky fisherman.

Mr. Clarke's closest relatives are cousins and their families. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chicago.

Memorials may be made to the Endowment Fund of the Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale, IL 60521. Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Nadia Templeton

Nadia Templeton, 27, of Oak Brook, passed away Sept. 21, 2024, after a long illness.

She was born in Tver, Russia. Nadia arrived as a beautiful, bright-eyed and feisty child in harmony with the nature and its creatures. She had a big heart and cared about assisting others — especially all animals, which gave her the greatest happiness and always a glowing smile. In her youth she was an avid horse-woman as she refined her passion for rescuing and adopting animals of all forms and persuasions. She developed a unique skill for relating to and training dogs.

Nadia was a graduate of Hinsdale



Templeton

Central High School. In recent years Nadia and her partner in business and life, Patrick Baier, co-founded a dog daycare and boarding business in Broadview, Bark BLVD.

She is survived by her children, Declan and Maeve; her sister, Elizabeth Templeton; her mom, Susan Templeton; and her dad, John Templeton.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at Hitzeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 9445 W. 31st St., Brookfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Cradle, 2049 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

Jean C. Frandsen

Jean C. Frandsen, nee Accorsi, 97, of Hinsdale died Sept. 17, 2024.

She was born in 1927 to Narciso and Isola Accorsi.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward B. Frandsen; and many brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her children, Kirsten (the late Richard Hansen, Donald (Sandra Boller) Frandsen and Mark (Dawn) Frandsen; her 15 grandchildren; and many



Frandsen

great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale. Entombment is at Mount Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Angels Grace Hospice at www.angels-gracehospice.com/donate/ or The Danish Home of Chicago at www.danishhomeofchicago.org.

Alan Machacek

Alan Machacek of Burr Ridge, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully Sept. 18, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Al was born in Chicago in 1943 to Clarence and Marianna Machacek. He started his career as a research and development machinist and was elected at age 25 to be the local union president. He believed if any man or women could do the job, they should be given the chance.

At age 28 Al opened Al's Service Station in Hinsdale and later opened Al's Auto Body Inc. in Westmont. He loved working both businesses and thanked his customers over the years for making his dreams come true. Al was a very hard worker and would wake



Machacek

up at 3 a.m. to remove snow from driveways and parking lots. He was an assistant head usher at St. John of The Cross Catholic Parish for 10 years.

He married Rose Rivoli in 1961, and they beat all odds and were married for 63 years. Al's only regret in life was not finishing their journey together. They worked together for more than 50 years, and also with their wonderful and caring daughter Lori and son-in-law Mark.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; and his daughter, Lori Machacek (Mark) Sulima.

A private visitation and service was held Sept. 23.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Jerome V. Rasnak

Jerome "Jerry" V. Rasnak, 72, of Hinsdale died Sept. 19, 2024.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Rasnak, nee Taliani; his daughter, Samantha Rasnak; his sister, Mary Ann Rasnak; his sisters-in-law, Cindy Stone and Linda Taliani (Brett) Neubert; and his niece, Madeline.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Mary Rasnak.

Visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave. Clarendon

Hills.

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

Entombment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or Advocate Charitable Foundation (Good Samaritan Hospital) at www.advocateaurora-health.org/foundations/.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Michael Yurchak

Michael Yurchak, 98, passed away Sept. 20, 2024.

A man of deep faith, Mike lived a life rooted in love for his family, devotion to his country and commitment to God. He proudly served in General Patton's 3rd Army during World War II, a duty that shaped his enduring patriotism. After the war, he dedicated 42 years of service to Broderick Teaming Co. in Chicago, earning the respect of all who knew him.

His life was defined by his unwavering faith, his dedication to his family and his love for his country. He will be remembered for the strength, kindness, and generosity he brought to those around him.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Marion, who passed away in



Yurchak

2016.

He is survived by his four sons, Robert (Pam), Mick (Linda), Jimmy and John (Carol); and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. today, Sept. 26, at St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 S. Cass Ave., Darien.

A funeral service will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Interment is at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park in Willow Springs.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 S. Cass Ave., Darien, IL 60561; or online to the USO at www.uso.org.

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Participating chefs were John Manion, Jose Sosa, Giuseppe Tentori and Chris

Pandel.

A photo appears online at www.thehinsdalean.com.

GRILL DONATED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hinsdale Fire Department received a Blackstone grill earlier this month from Ace Hardware Corporation's Oak Brook Headquarters.

Ace leaders rolled up their sleeves to fully assemble and donate 40 Blackstone grills to fire departments in the western suburbs. This effort was part of the annual Ace Cares Week, which took place Sept. 9-15.

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Training program celebrates 10 years

Foundation and its partners say Mental Health First Aid is making a difference

By Pamela Lannom
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On Dec. 14, 2012, 26 people were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. The shooting, which took the lives of 20 children ages 6 and 7 and six adults, prompted Community Memorial Foundation staff members to take action.

"The day after the shooting happened, we decided this is the time for the foundation to be bold and proactive and collaborative," CMF President and CEO Greg DiDomenico said Tuesday. "That's when we pulled together a group of community leaders from various sectors who had a shared vision for promoting good mental health."

The group came across the Mental Health First Aid program offered by the National Council of Behavioral Health, now the National Council for Mental Wellbeing."

Two years later, the foundation and its partners began offering Mental Health First Aid training in the area. Last week, the program's marked its 10th anniversary.

"This celebration is for you. This celebration is because of you," DiDomenico told those gathered for a luncheon in Western Springs.

In the past decade, close to 5,000 people have participated in the training, which covers anxiety, bipolar disorders, depression, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, psychosis, schizophrenia and substance use disorders. Participants have included first responders and school employees along with leaders of faith-based institutions, businesses and community organizations.

"The reasons for taking MHFA are many and var-



Greg DiDomenico of Community Memorial Foundation and Kimberly Knake of NAMI Metro-Suburban were among those who gathered last week to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Mental Health First Aid training in the area. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ied, but all of the participants want to learn how to help someone experiencing a mental health challenge," said Geri Kerger, executive director of NAMI DuPage, one of the agencies that offers training. "Completion of a MHFA course has often become either a requirement or a strong suggestion for first responders, teachers, community leaders and those whose work environment may be likely to lead to encounters with people living with mental illness."

More members of businesses and faith communities have participated in the training since the pandemic, said Kimberly Knake, chief executive officer of NAMI Metro Suburban in La Grange, another partner in the initiative. A youth training program has existed for several years as well.

"MHFA Youth is great for parents that coach sports to (staff at) park districts," Knake said. "We have an increased focus on youth. We were certified by the National Council recently to bring MHFA to teens

and school clubs."

Mental Health First Aid training is similar to first aid training for physical injuries.

"The goal of this training is to make mental health first aid as familiar as CPR," Kerger said. "By learning skills taught in MHFA, all of us can feel more comfortable in rendering aid — physical or mental — until more assistance is available."

"A Mental Health First Aid-trained person might de-escalate a crisis, connect someone to resources or even save a life," she added.

The eight-hour training includes a pre- and post-evaluation so providers can measure the increase in mental health literacy. It also has created "help-seeking behaviors" in people, Knake said.

"Many times, after taking the training, we hear anecdotally that this has helped them personally reduce their self-stigma and reach out for preventive help with their mental wellness," she said.

CMF anticipate the training would create the need for more mental health resources, DiDomenico said.

"We also knew as a foundation that the more we educated people, the greater the need would be for mental health services," he said. "So we simultaneously, beyond the training, increased our grantmaking to local organizations that provide counseling and support."

In addition to creating more knowledge and support, DiDomenico said the training also created more conversations and more hope.

"What I think happened here, as the trainers went out and they educated, they shared resources. They were spreading hope at each training," he said. "We brought the conversation to our kitchen tables."

DiDomenico noted the program also provided an opportunity for local organizations to become partners in the initiative by providing funding. The list includes the

DuPage Foundation, the Rotary Club of La Grange, the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and the Lyons Township and Proviso Township Mental Health commissions.

As they look ahead to the next 10 years, all agree that work will continue to educate and support individuals, families and communities on mental health.

"Our goals are to reach more BIPOC community members, in which the stigma in the community has been greater," Knake said.

She also mentioned working with the Cook County Public Health Department and training teens in Teen Mental Health First Aid in schools.

"While this is a celebration of 10 years, there is still more that needs to be done," DiDomenico said.

"Let's keep hope alive," he encouraged those at the luncheon. "Let's also lift each other up in building ways to strengthen our community."



Malevo, an all-male percussive dance group from Argentina that earned a Golden Buzzer on “America’s Got Talent” in 2016, will perform Saturday night at the McAninch Arts Center in Glen Ellyn. See Page 24 for details. (photo provided)

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www.dupageforest.org
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Adults will learn from a skilled instructor tips and tricks to draw and paint subjects from nature using specimens and photographs. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$200. RR

CASTING CALL

■ **‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’**

Oct. 12
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.stagedoorfinearts.com/winter-auditions

Youth in second grade and up — especially high schoolers — are invited to make an appointment to try out for Stage Door Fine Arts’ winter production. Those in second through fifth grades should prepare the song from the

show available on the website above. Those in sixth grade and up should sing a one-minute cutting of a musical theater song with a contemporary pop feel; an accompaniment track with no vocals must be provided on a phone, iPad or other device. Callbacks will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Oct. 13, if necessary. Performances will be held Jan. 24-Feb. 2. Tuition is \$500 plus costume fees. Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. RR

CENTRAL TIME

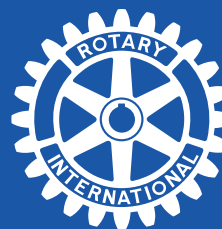
■ **‘What the Constitution Means to Me’**

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

Hinsdale Central Drama will perform its fall play, a hilarious, hopeful and achingly human production tracing the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives.

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Spooky new reads are perfect for October

Though it hasn't quite felt like fall for most of the month, Tuesday's foggy morning — straight out of a Dracula story — set the tone perfectly for the spooky season that's upon us. As I walked up the hill to the library, even the beautiful homes of Hinsdale seemed ominous, eerie — dare I say, haunted.

And that's a good thing! For me, at least. As my house hunt enters year three, I am starting to consider broadening my search to include even the most uninhabitably frightening abodes. Apparitions in the mirror? Gentle rapping at the chamber door? That's fine, anything that brings the price down!

Perhaps you'd let me live in your vacant home to chronicle paranormal activity after its previous caretakers went insane (the setup for "The Spite House" by Johnny Compton). Perhaps the Bolsheviks who have taken over your home are getting to be a bit much (that's the premise of "The Haunting of Moscow House" by Olesya Salnikova Gilmore). Or perhaps you just haven't yet read "How to Sell a

Haunted House" by Grady Hendrix, which describes what can happen when a house "doesn't want to be sold." However you want to arrange it, I'm ready to close the deal.

Those are just a few of the recent books on the timeless haunted house theme. (Other hot new titles include "This Cursed House" by Del Sandeen and the Stoker Award-winning YA book "She Is a Haunting" by Trang Thanh Tran.) I want these books to really take off, because I want every current homeowner to become terrified of their house and therefore desperate to sell it.

I'm agnostic on haunted houses — not because I'm brave, but because I refuse to read or watch anything remotely scary. My colleagues furnished the titles above, and they assure me they have many more spooky books for readers of all ages. So please, before you flee your home, stop by the library and get



John Kokoris
Check this out

some more good recommendations on books and movies you can read once you've moved out.

Here are a few house-free horror recommendations for adult and young adult readers:

"The Bog Wife" by Kay Chronister – A "gothic eco-horror" folktale set in Appalachia.

"Graveyard Shift" by M.L. Rio – A novella featuring an ensemble of nightshift workers who find an open grave.

"The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic" by Leigh Bardugo – This collection of dark, YA fairy tales takes place in the same universe as the "Shadow and Bone" books (and Netflix series); no previous familiarity with those books is necessary.

Here are a few (less frightening) books for children:

- "Monster Boogie" by Laurie Berkner (pre-K)
- "Stumpkin" by Lucy Ruth Cummins (pre-K to grade 3)

- "There's a Ghost in This House" by Oliver Jeffers (pre-K to grade 3)

- "The Night Gardener" by Jonathan Auxier (grades 4 to 6)

Finally, if you're looking to enjoy the season with your neighbors, we have dozens of events this fall. Here are just a few highlights:

Kids can decorate mini pumpkins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, or wear their costumes to the library Monday, Oct. 28.

Professional paranormal investigators will discuss their trade with middle- and high-schoolers on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Adults can grab the last few team slots at our Tenth Annual Trivia Night on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Hinsdale Bank and Trust.

Whatever you do, don't let fall pass you by without reading a few good books — scary or not — curated for you by your local librarians. Now, there's truly a terrifying thought!

— *John Kokoris is the marketing and outreach manager at the Hinsdale Public Library.*



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Times: 7 p.m. Sept. 26 & 27, 5 p.m. Sept. 28. Tickets: \$10.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ **Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship lunch**

Oct. 9
Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S. Garfield Ave.
(630) 794-0664

All are invited to this monthly group's October luncheon to hear Martina Mathisen present "Sacagawea Adventures with Lewis and Clark." The AIFF's goal is inclusivity and fellowship, while also supporting charities that address hunger, domestic violence and other worthy causes. Email Elizabeth Jung at Ejung@uchinsdale.org to make a reservation. Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 (cash only).

■ **GriefShare**

Tuesdays through Dec. 10
Hinsdale United Methodist Church
945 S. Garfield St.
This support group provides

care for those grieving the loss of a loved one through the use of videos featuring leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion, and journaling and personal study exercises. Workbooks will be provided. To enroll or for more information, contact Pastor Lisa Capozzoli at lisa.capozzoli@hinsdaleumc.com. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

■ **Yoga Storytime**

Sept. 28
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

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

FOR A CAUSE

■ **Halloween Costume Exchange**

Oct. 5
Clarendon Hills Library
7 W. Prospect Ave.
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org
(630) 323-8188

Donate clean, gently-used Halloween costumes labeled with size and character name at the library through Sept. 30 and/or browse for a costume at the exchange. Costume browsers do not need to donate a costume to take one at the exchange. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or while costumes last.

■ **Rotary Run Charity Classic**

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

Join this 30th annual event with races for every member and ability level in the family while raising money for local and international charitable work. The activities begin with the 10K Run at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K run at 8:45

a.m., the 3K run at 8:50 a.m., and the 5K and 3K walks and the Mutt Strut at 8:55 a.m. Pets and strollers are allowed only in the Mutt Strut. Cost: \$30, \$100 for a family by Sept. 29; then \$35/\$120. RR

GAME ON

■ **Youth Developmental Co-Ed Basketball League**

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

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

■ **Chicago Elite Volleyball**

Tuesdays, Oct. 8-29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 323-7500

Children ages 6-14 will be introduced to the game of volleyball or continue to improve their individual skill development in passing, setting, stacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided according to skill level and age. Times: 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 6-10, 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 11-14. Time: \$120.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ **Party for the Preserves**

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

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

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Sometimes we must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.

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From all the animals who have found love and a home of their own, *thank you* for helping Hinsdale Humane Society provide compassionate care for the past seventy-one years.

I am grateful for your support and look forward to working with you to educate and advocate for the most vulnerable pets in our community.

With gratitude,

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night hike. Hours: 4 to 9 p.m.

■ Oak Ecology

Oct. 5
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Walk under ancient oaks to learn about their natural history and why they are a keystone species. Time: 1 p.m. RR

GREEN THUMB

■ La Granja Regenerativa/The Regenerative Garden

Oct. 5
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org

Join urban agriculture expert David Toledo for this bilingual program focusing on winter bed preparation and soil nourishment for long-term garden success. Participants will gain hands-on experience and strategies for a thriving garden year after year. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$32.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Burning Beats

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

Get a workout through these easy-to-follow routines set to invigorating music. Times: 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays; 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Cost: \$15 per class for adults, \$5 for students, \$111 for a 10-class punch card, \$398 for unlimited access.

■ Hot Topics in Prostate Cancer

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

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

■ Flourish Wellness Retreat

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

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

■ Qigong Under the Dark Sky

Oct. 3
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Learn Qigong, a series of slow flowing movements and deep measured breaths, then walk in an Urban Night Sky Place. Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Magic Class

Oct. 8
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Children ages 5-12 will learn a collection of fascinating and mesmerizing tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading and more. All materials are provided and each child receives a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped for age-appropriate tricks. Time: 6:45 to 7:40 p.m. Cost: \$22. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Estate Planning Explained

Oct. 1
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn essential information about the estate planning process from James Flanagan, financial advisor at Bentron Financial Group. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Learn to Sell on Facebook Marketplace

Oct. 7
Hinsdale Public Library
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Learn the basics about listing an item for sale on Facebook Marketplace and tips to get the most out of your listing. Participants with a Facebook account should bring their phone or computer already logged into the account and one small item to list. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ SBC Voice Invitational

Sept. 29
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
5739 Dunham Road,
Downers Grove
www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org
Enjoy Sinfonietta Bel Canto's annual operatic vocal repertoire plus performances of Holst's "St Paul's Suite" and "Egdon Heath." Time: 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$25, \$22 for seniors, \$8 for students.

■ 'The Planets' & 'Star Wars Suite'

Oct. 5
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 W. Brush Hill Road
www.elmhurstsymphony.org
(630) 600-5100
The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will perform Gustav

Holst's "The Planets," one of the most iconic pieces of classical music ever written. The work inspired countless other composers — including Star Wars composer John Williams. A pre-concert talk will be held at 5:45 p.m. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$40, \$32-\$37 for seniors, \$12 for students.

■ Garnet Rogers

Oct. 5
Unitarian Church of

Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
www.acousticren.com
(630) 941-7797

The Acoustic Renaissance Concerts series continues with this baritone singer performing songs about people who are not obvious heroes and of the small victories of the everyday, inserting humor and lightning-quick wit that

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moves audiences from tears to laughter and back again. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

ON STAGE

■ 'Birthday Candles'

Thursdays to Sundays, Sept. 26-Oct. 6
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com
(708) 246-4043

This poignant Broadway hit, about the extraordinary moments that make up one woman's ordinary life, explores the highlights and heartbreaks of 100 years in just 90 minutes. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays. Tickets: \$28, \$15 for children & students.

■ Malevo

Sept. 28
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org

(630) 942-4000

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

■ 'The Outsider'

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

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9:00 - 9:30
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Mahmoud Khalil, MBBCh, Urologic Oncologist
UChicago Medicine

9:30 - 10:00
Updates in Radiation Oncology
Patrick Sweeney, MD, Radiation Oncologist,
Radiation Oncology Consultants
Medical Director, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Chicago

10:00 - 10:30
Updates in Medical Oncology
Fahad Faruqi, MD, Medical Oncologist Northwestern Medicine,
and Song Jiang, MD, PhD, Urology, Northwestern Medicine

10:30 - 11:00 Q&A with Physician Panel

11:15 am - 12:15 pm
Healthy Living After Prostate Cancer:
Side Effects and Reducing Risk of Recurrence
Michelle Smekens, ND, FABNO, LDN
Naturopathic Cancer Support & Family Medicine

Breakout Sessions (choose one)

1:00 - 2:30 pm
Rebuilding After Cancer:
The Benefits of Pelvic Floor Therapy
Amber Kline, PT, DPT
ARC Physical Therapy

Ask the RD:
Nutrition Recommendations
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Angela Dennison, RD, LDN
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www.hinsdalechamber.com
The 48th annual Hinsdale
Farmer's Market, sponsored
by the Hinsdale Chamber of
Commerce, will feature farm-
ers from near and far, with
booths of fresh produce and
unique finds from their farms
and stores. Hours: 7 a.m. to 1
p.m.

SENIOR SCENE

■ **Weather Safety**
Oct. 7
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500
Join this monthly Golden
Brunch Club meeting to learn
about lightning, tornadoes,
flash floods and oppressive
heat, the risks they pose and
safety measures from mete-
orologist and amateur storm
chaser Alan Jirik. Seniors and
those supporting, assisting or
looking out for them are wel-
come. Brunch-worthy snacks
and refreshments will be pro-
vided. Attendees must register
one week in advance. Time: 10
to 11:30 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Fall Recycling Day**
Sept. 28
Brookfield Zoo
8400 31st St.
www.BrookfieldZoo.org/Events
Bring unwanted electronics,
textiles and books to the zoo,
where representatives will be
available to collect and recycle
a variety of items. Find a com-
plete list of acceptable recy-
clables at the website above.
Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **Veteran's Resource Fair**
Oct. 2
La Grange American Legion
Hall
900 S. La Grange Road
(312) 980-4512
The Illinois Department
of Veterans' Affairs will host
this event featuring repre-
sentatives from the Veterans
Administration, Home
Helpers Hinsdale, screen-

ings and services from Hines
Veterans Hospital, Employer
Support for Guard & Reserves
and more. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2
p.m.

■ **Craft at the Museum:**
Scherenschnitte
Oct. 5
Hinsdale History Museum
15 S Clay St.
[www.hinsdalehistory.org/
upcoming-events](http://www.hinsdalehistory.org/upcoming-events)
Learn about and practice
this traditional German art
of paper cutting for German-
American Heritage Day. Crafts
will be available for adults and
children. Time: 11 a.m. to 2
p.m. Cost: Free, recommend-
ed donation of \$5. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ **Vintage Baseball**
Sept. 28
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org
Watch the DuPage Plowboys
take on McHenry County and
see how baseball was played
following 1850s rules and
regulations, i.e. no overhand
pitching, no called balls and
strikes, no stealing bases, no
sliding and no baseball gloves.
Visitors should bring a portab-
le chair. Time: noon to 3 p.m.

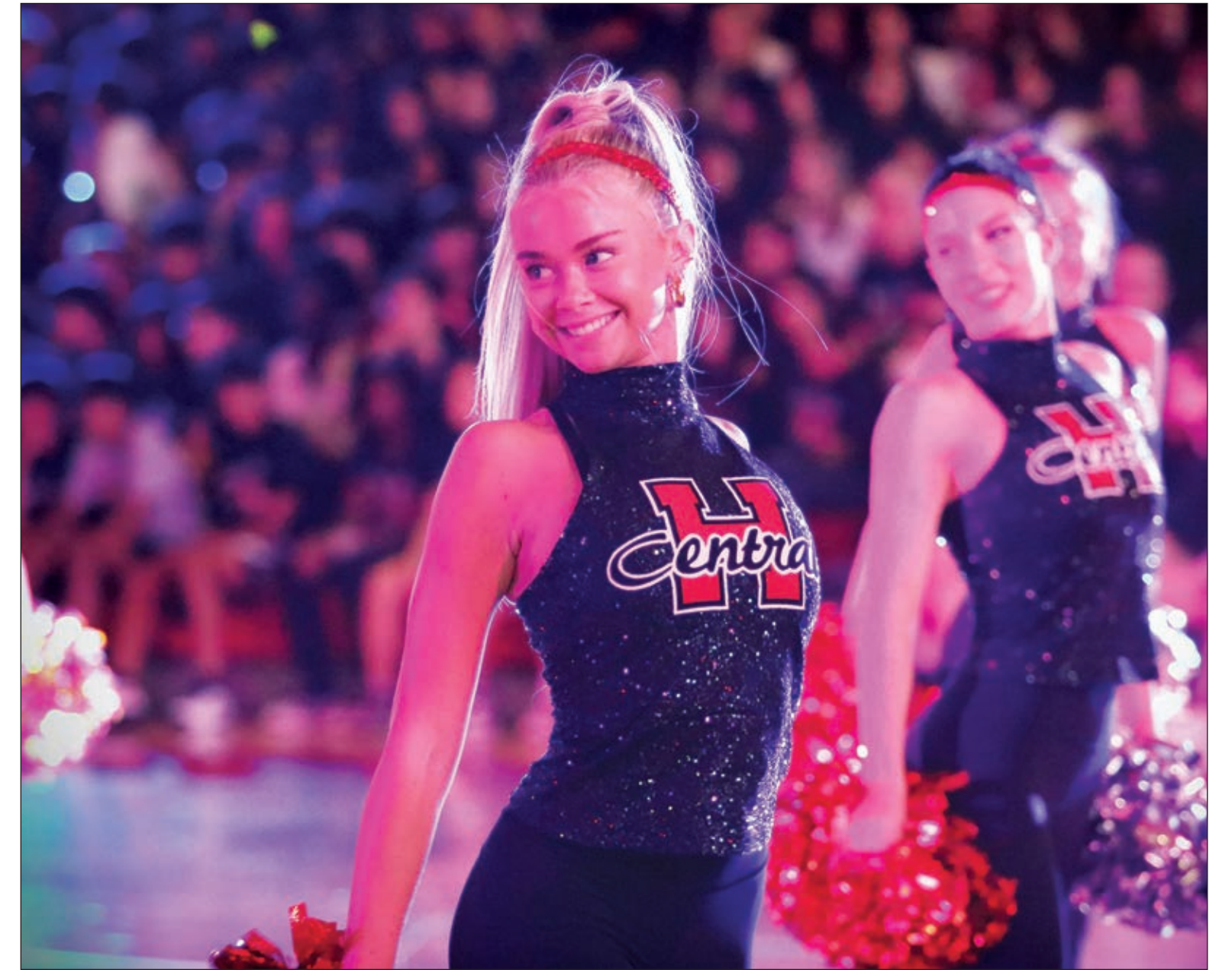
■ **An Afternoon with Reute
Butler**
Oct. 6
Oak Brook Public Library
600 Oak Brook Road
[www.oak-brook.libcal.com/
event/12011875](http://www.oak-brook.libcal.com/event/12011875)
The granddaughter of Oak
Brook's visionary founder,
Paul Butler, will share her
family's remarkable legacy
in the community. Drawing
on the memoir, "Jorie: The
Extraordinary Life of Jorie
Butler Kent," which she
co-produced with her mother,
Reute Butler will provide an
intimate look at the Butler
family's contribution to the
community, conservation and
philanthropy, followed by a
Q&A session and a book sign-
ing, with proceeds benefiting
Friends of Conservation. Time:
2 to 4 p.m. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ **Babysitters Certification**
Sept. 28
The Community House

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IN FOCUS



Putting the pep in the rally

Members of Hinsdale Central's cheerleaders, pommers and color guard had triple duty last weekend. From the pep rally to the game to the parade, it was all hands on deck as they entertained thousands throughout Homecoming. During Friday's pep rally even some of the football team got involved in the act. Peter Babagbemi, Allie Tonjes, Kelan McInerney, Artemis Preusser, Alex River and Kendall Florence performed a routine. Aubrey Washburn and Gemma Flaming get ready for the pommers to start. Olivia Nardulli performs with the color guard. Getting into the spirit of the pep rally, members of the junior class show their spirit. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Pet pic of the week

Theo, an orange cuddlebug, is a very special young man who needs a home. Theo has feline leukemia virus (FeLV) which means his immune system isn't very robust. But Theo doesn't let that get him down. He loves to play and sit right next to you while you do your work. FeLV is only contagious to other cats, so Theo can only live with a cat who also has the virus. If you are interested in giving this perfect boy a home, visit Hinsdale Humane Society! Theo is 5 years old, neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. His adoption fee has been waived. For more information, stop by the Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center, visit www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org or call (630) 323-5630. (photo provided)



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www.thecommunityhouse.org
 (630) 323-7500

In this one-day American Red Cross course, youth ages 11-15 will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly provide care for children and infants in the absence of parents, along with leadership skills and tools for developing a babysitting business. Participants receive a workbook, training materials and a training certificate at the end. Attendance is required for the entire day; participants should pack a sack lunch.
 Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$110. RR, MD

■ Quantum Paranormal Investigators

Oct. 2
 Hinsdale Public Library
 20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
 (630) 986-1976

With a combined 30 years of experience, Quantum Paranormal Investigators will

explain the basics, including equipment and the dos and don'ts of appropriate paranormal investigation. Evidence will also be shared from well-known haunted locations in the Chicago area and Illinois.
 Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Teen Self Defense Workshop

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

Youth ages 11-17 will participate in a series of discussions and be introduced to basic physical self-defense skills and techniques. Topics will be presented at an age-appropriate level to equip the attendees with life skills that allow them to confidently transition into new situations. A signed electronic waiver filed in advance is required to participate.
 Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$47. RR, MD

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■ Oktoberfest

Sept. 28
Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Road
(708) 688-8000
www.brookfieldzoo.org/
Oktoberfest

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

■ Walking Play: 'The Grimmiest of Tales'

Weekends, Sept. 28-Oct. 27
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 968-0074
www.mortonarb.org

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

■ Mayslake by Moonlight Tour

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

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■ Oktoberfest

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

Traditional German cuisine and beer will be overflowing in a giant heated tent with live music at this annual event, which includes professional pumpkin carving demonstrations and lawn games in the beer garden, children's activities and a stein holding contest. See the website listed

above for full schedule. Time: 5 to 10 p.m. Oct. 4, 3 to 10 p.m. Oct. 5. Tickets: \$20, \$15 for ages 4-12. MD

■ Cider and Ale Festival

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

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

■ Boo! at the Zoo

Weekends Oct. 5-20
Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Road
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www.brookfieldzoo.org/events

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

■ Glass Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 11-13
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from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Glass pumpkins are available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission: \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for kids ages 2-17 and free for those 2 and younger. MD

■ **Hinsdale Fall Family Fest**

Oct. 12
Burlington Park

30 E. Chicago Ave.
(630) 789-7090
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Dress in a favorite Halloween costume and enjoy inflatables, food trucks, entertainment and crafts at this annual event. Free pumpkins will be available to the first 500 participants. The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a costume contest at its booth from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with winners

announced at 1:30 p.m. The Hinsdalean will take photographs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids also can trick-or-treat at selected businesses in the downtown business district. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **Cantigny Fall Festival**

Oct. 11-13
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
(630) 668-5161
www.cantigny.org

The festival begins Friday night from 6 to 11 p.m. with live music and lawn games. The fun Saturday begins at 10 a.m. with 100 craft vendors, hayrides and a petting zoo, with live music from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Walking tours will leave from the back of the visitors center at 11 a.m. and 12:30, 2 and 3:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Hours on Sunday are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free with \$20 parking.

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

Oct. 14
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 789-1986
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
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Now Autumn's fire burns slowly
along the woods and day by
day the dead leaves fall and
melt. William Allingham

Delicious autumn! My very
soul is wedded to it, and if I
were a bird I would fly about
the earth seeking the succes-
sive autumns. George Eliot

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My sorrow, when she's here
with me, thinks these dark
days of autumn rain are beau-
tiful as days can be; she loves
the bare, the withered tree;
she walks the sodden pasture
lane. Robert Frost

The autumn wind is a pirate.
Blustering in from sea with
a rollicking song he sweeps
along swaggering boisterous-
ly. His face is weather beaten,
he wears a hooded sash with a
silver hat about his head... The
autumn wind is a Raider, pil-
laging just for fun. Steve Sabol



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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 3-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. Prosper;
2. Eschew;
3. Sturdy;
4. Amok

Today's Word

HOUSEWORK

SCRAMBLERS

Use the words in the list below to complete the crossword puzzle. The words are listed in the order they appear in the puzzle.



"Thank you, but I've already discovered the secret of taking the drudgery out of..."

- Blom: PROSPERS
- Word: CHEWES
- Many: DUSTRY
- Network: MOKA

TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

October 2024 Horoscopes • Week 1



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Take inventory of your romantic relationship, Capricorn. You might need to put in a little extra effort if things haven't been as smooth as you would like. Don't give up on this.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Even though you told yourself you'll just suck it up and get through the week, you're having a change of heart, Aries. Some modifications are necessary to navigate the waters.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, your friends always have your back, but this week there is a disruption in your crew. Someone isn't playing nice, but a few words from you will smooth things over quickly.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Normally you're satisfied to let someone else take the lead and make all of the decisions, Libra. This week you might need to be the one taking a leadership role.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you are working at keeping everyone on the same page. Continue to emphasize the importance of teamwork. Others notice and appreciate your efforts.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, all bets are off this week, especially if you've been smoothing over your emotions to get along with someone close by. All true feelings are bound to come to the surface.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
You are anxious to get started on an exciting project, Leo. Others on your team may need a dose of inspiration. It could be up to you to motivate the troops.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
A surprising bit of information may be brought to your attention, Scorpio. You might be up for a promotion or an exciting change could be coming in your personal life.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
It is not possible to make it all the way through your to-do list this week, so plan on some carry-over to the next, Pisces. Space out your work so you don't get too overwhelmed.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
This week you may not be feeling like yourself, Gemini. Low energy have you feeling out of sorts. Spend some time with a close friend to get things back on track.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you made a commitment to keep things toned down. Enjoy the slower pace and take note of how the lack of hustle and bustle suits you.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Don't stop now when you are so close to the finish line, Sagittarius. It may be a busy week ahead, but you will reap the rewards of your labors. Remain patient.

9U SILVER WINS ON THE ROAD

The 9U Silver Hinsdale Falcons battled a tough Bartlett team in the rain on Sunday.

The Falcon defense, led by linemen Theo Siepker, Liam Waden and SJ Groetsema shutout Bartlett in the first half while forcing two fumbles that were recovered by the defense. The Falcon offense was humming on all cylinders in the running game, scoring twice on two long runs by Henry Gasteviski in the first half, making the score 12-0 at halftime.

The rain intensified during the second half as the Falcons were down a few key players due to injuries. Charlie Hillegass stepped in as backup quarterback and led the Falcons on another touchdown drive to start the half. The defense continued its dominance, with linebackers Broderick Slavik and Robbie Knight forcing and recovering another fumble deep in their own territory.

Despite the downpour, the Falcons came out victorious 18-6 in a tough battle on the road.

9U GOLD SHINES VS. TRI CITY

The Falcons (4-0) defense pitched their second shutout of the year Sunday at Hinsdale Central, limiting the Tri City offense to only one first down on the afternoon and less than 10 yards of total offense.

Noah Jones led the unit with FOUR tackles along with Wyland Holmes and Dan "The Hammer" Campbell, who each recorded two tackles for a loss. Other Hinsdale defenders who were seen swarming around Hinsdale's field included Keats Caruso, Brooks "Honeybadger" Jaqua, Luke Schroeder, Michael Dombroski, Cade Phelan, Parker Brey and RT Kouba.

Meanwhile, Bryce Lee and Cole Sherwood put on a show on both sides of the ball. Lee finished the game with 66 rushing yards, 71 receiving yards, 3 touchdowns and 4 tackles. Sherwood had 51 rushing yards, 37 receiving yards, and recorded an interception and three tackles on

the defensive side of the ball.

The offensive line, led by Teddy "The Terminator" O'Toole, Bennett Wilson and Michael Cannizaro, was equally dominant, opening gaping holes for the backfield and providing quarterback Connor Pauley (5 for 9, 108-yards, 1 TD), with a plenty of time to deliver the ball to the Hinsdale receivers.

Next game: 1 p.m. Saturday at Hinsdale Central

10U SILVER WINS IN OVERTIME

The 10U Silver Falcons took on the Downers Grove Panthers this past Sunday in steady downpour. The Falcons walked away soaked, but as 12-6 victors.

Clay Parker and Brody Sobieraj each had multiple carries on the opening drive as the Falcons marched down the field. Sobieraj punched in the game's first score, scampering off the left side behind blocks from Paul Voight, Mike Sandberg and Miles Vos. The offense stalled as the rain picked up. Penalties and sloppy exchanges thwarted the Falcon offense for the remainder of regulation play.

The defense kept them in the game. The defensive line, led by Jack Slavik, Mark Sandberg and Miles Post, would limit the DG offense to 6 points on the day. Massimo Buttita would grab an interception late in the fourth quarter and help send the game to overtime.

It took only two plays in OT for Hinsdale to seal the victory. Quarterback Caden Mitchell carried the ball up the middle for four yards and Brody Sobieraj added another tough run for the final six yards running over a would-be tackler on the goal line for the win behind the blocks of Max Breton, Arya Vafa and Dean Windfelder.

10 GOLD FALCONS PUT UP A FIGHT

The resilient yet undermanned 10U Falcons headed to Bloomington to take on the undefeated Bears. Missing three key players — Owen Moon, Tate Pitts and John Hooper — the team was determined to continue playing with a toughness and

discipline that has impressed their coaches.

After a scoreless first half, quarterback Nate Morris orchestrated a scoring drive highlighted by a fourth down completion to Billy Jaqua. AJ Siepker, Johnathan Meyer, JP Rago and John Dunn created running room for Elijah Trombley before Jaqua punched home a touchdown.

Running back Luke Wanless was already sidelined with a wrist injury when Jaqua was lost for the remainder of the game.

The defense stymied the dangerous Bears all day. Quinn Houser, Enzo Allegra, Danny O'Malley and Will Jones controlled the line of scrimmage. Cooper Milburn and Henry Appel (interception) shut down the passing game.

As the temps grew hotter, the 12 desperate Falcons tried to hang on, but alas the Bears were able to reach pay dirt as time expired. The point after let the Bears escape with a 7-6 victory.

As tough as the loss was, better days are ahead for this gutsy bunch.

11U SILVER TEAM NOW 5-0

The 11U Silver Falcons moved to 5-0 as they beat the Lemont Hornets 35-8 on a rainy first day of fall.

For the first time this season, the Falcons were behind after the Hornets scored on their opening drive, which took the entire first quarter.

The lead was quickly erased as the Falcons punched in two scores before halftime.

The Falcons responded to that opening score form Lemont with a workman like drive that resulted in a touchdown by Jacob Zager. Just like the Hornets, the Falcons scored on their first drive of the day. After some tough Falcon defense, the Falcons got the ball back with under 2 minutes left in the half. Again, the Falcon offense went to work. Sawyer Myhra and Joey Hillegass connected on a long pass to get into good field position, which led to an electrifying touchdown run by Danny McFarland to take the lead.

The offense was paced by Jacob Zager who ended up scoring three touchdowns on the day.

The Falcons leaned on the defense the rest of the way.

Next up: Park Ridge at Maine South on Sunday

11U GOLD TEAM DOMINATES LYONS

The 11U Gold Falcons delivered a commanding 26-0 victory over Lyons in a rain-soaked game on Sunday.

The Falcons struck early, with Kellen Brown dashing into the end zone behind key blocks from Soren Carlson, Mikey Adamo, Ivan Burt, Joshua Castro and Grant Omiecinski.

As the rain continued to pour, so did the Falcons offense. Luca Striltschuk scored his first touchdown of the season tiptoeing his way down the sideline, aided by excellent blocking from Keerthan Tucke and Matthew Kalish. Ben Murphy and Bo Cuclich completed the scoring with a 2-point conversion. Teddy Ouimette cemented the scoring with two long touchdown runs of his own. The ground game, combined with relentless blocking proved too much for the Lyons to handle.

Defensively, the Falcons were just as dominant, keeping Lyons off the scoreboard. Christian Kirchev recovered two fumbles, as the defense took advantage of the wet conditions. Hard hits from Christian Gernot, Luke Schremser, Marcello Salamone and Owen Parry set the tone for the defense that never let up throughout the game. Rohn Ramani and Nate Thangamani helped seal the shutout by not allowing Lyons to complete a pass.

JV GOLD STILL UNDEFEATED

The JV Gold Falcons took down arch rival Lyons 14-8 in a physical game that saw the Falcons execute in all phases.

The hitting started early and often, with the Falcon defense giving up no ground to the explosive Lyons offense. Charlie Lynch, Grant Kirchheimer, Leo Crooks, Sal Calandriello and Ben Kurinsky stuffed the run and contained the air attack, holding Lyons scoreless in the first.

In the second quarter, Angel Roman gave the Falcon

offensive great field position with a blocked punt. Dillon Phelan scored on the next play and then hit Kellan Goodwin for the conversion.

With the score 8-8 in the third, the Falcons started making game-changing plays. Dominic Cresap stopped a Lyons drive with a great interception and Torsten Wood was a terror, racking up two sacks. Hinsdale's offense started to impose their will as the game went on behind physical blocking from Sullivan Camp, Brock Bradley, Oliver Johnson, Grant Wanless, Connor Gaylord and Logan Sullivan. Finally, with minutes remaining, the big boys popped open a beautiful hole that Michael Kipnis sprinted through for a 54-yard touchdown making it 14-8 Falcons. Kipnis then sealed the win with an interception on Lyons' next drive.

VARSITY GOLD RUNS DOWN RAIDERS

The Varsity Gold Falcons faced Bartlett in the peak of Sunday's rainstorm.

On the opening kickoff, Charlie Koridek forced a fumble that was quickly covered up by William Smith. Good blocks from Wolf Pohlenz, Blake Schnur and Koridek led quarterback Keaton Cassell in for the quick score.

Amidst the downpour, the remainder of the first half was a defensive battle, but the Falcons were having a blast. Big hits from linebackers Hank Scheri, Jack Gray and Smith stuffed the Raider offense from start to finish.

The weather cleared in the second half, benefiting the Hinsdale passing attack. Tight end Knox Apple took Cassell's pass 60 yards to the house. The Falcon defense and special teams finished strong. Bear Kumskis secured an interception, setting up kicker Colin Parry for the 3-point field goal. On the ensuing kickoff, Schnur's hit knocked the ball loose for his buddy Apple, who scooped and scored as time expired.

"I think Coach Cassell manning the slip and slide at Friday's walkthrough really helped us prepare for today's conditions," Schnur said as the team celebrated the 25-0 victory.

SPORTS — END ZONE

BY THE QUARTER

1
Hinsdale 14
Morton 0

2
Hinsdale 21
Morton 0

3
Hinsdale 14
Morton 0

4
Hinsdale 7
Morton 0

HINSDALE CENTRAL 56 — MORTON 0



Morton's quarterback is no match for Timas Marchertas and Daniel Schuurman. The Red Devil defense shut out Morton in the 56-0 victory Friday night at Hinsdale Central's Homecoming game. (Jim Slonoff photos)

STATS

	Central	Morton
Passing yards	208	9
Rushing yards	209	118
Total yards	417	127
Touchdowns	8	0
PATs	8	0
Field goals	0	0
Turnovers	0	1

OFFENSE



Riley Contreras
17 passes, 187 yards
2 carries, 57 yards
5 passing TDs,
1 rushing TD



Alec Trainer
7 carries, 47 yards
1 touchdown

DEFENSE



Owen Sunderson
3 tackles, 1 assist



Thomas Riordan
1 carry, 21 yards
3 tackles, 1 assist
1 touchdown

It was race to the goal line for Hinsdale Central's quarterback Riley Contreras as he ran 57 yards to score the Devil's third touchdown in the first half of the game.



UP NEXT

York
7:30 p.m. Friday
in Elmhurst

Last year
Central lost 10-38

STANDINGS

West Suburban Silver

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

conference/overall

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Emma Marquardt
Willowbrook

What do you love most about running?

What I love about running is the feeling after. It feels really good, especially on Saturdays, to be able to say it's only 9 in the morning and I already ran 5 miles. It's a good start to the day. After school, it's a good break between school and homework. It gets my energy up. It's nice to talk to my friends at practice, too.

Where do you most like to run?

My favorite place to run is Graue Mill. We go there a lot for Saturday practices. Lately I've been going there by myself or with a friend when we're not in season.

What is most challenging for you?

It's definitely just the mental part. You have to be able to push yourself when everything hurts.

How have you improved since your freshman year?

I've improved a lot with pushing myself. I've also improved in trying my best every day at practice.

What is the best advice you've gotten from a coach?

"Growth and comfort never co-exist" was a quote from Coach McCabe that sticks with me.

What is your goal for your senior season?

To get to sub-8 minutes for each mile of the three miles and to inspire the underclassmen to want to keep going with cross country and just be a good role model for them.

What are your plans for next year?

I want to go into business. I don't think I'm going to do cross country competitively. I know a lot of colleges have a club you can join, so I'll definitely consider that and running on my own.

Why does coach Mark McCabe like having Marquardt on the team?

Emma has been an athlete on the cross country team since her freshman year. On the field of play, she's shown great improvement due to hard work each summer and fall and that continues into her senior year. Off the field of play, though, is where Emma has made her greatest contributions. She is a quiet leader who sets a great example for all of her teammates. Emma is an excellent role model as a young woman of truly good character, always kind, helpful and "doing the right thing". I am proud to have Emma as a member of our program.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Cross country, boys
Sept. 21 @ Peoria ND Invite
V places 17th with 550 points
Sept. 18 @ Glenbard West Quad
V places 3rd with 75 points

Flag football
Sept. 20 vs. Morton
V loses 6-33

Golf, boys
Sept. 21 @ Jim Horan Invite
V wins with 304 strokes
Wesolowski, 4th, 74
Jorski, 6th, 75
Devata, 11th, 76
Schloegel, 23rd (tie), 79
Verros, 23rd (tie), 79

Golf, girls
Sept. 21 @ Celtic Swing Invite
V wins with 287 strokes
Abdullah, 67
Bhatt, 71
Zhang, 74

Han, 75

Soccer, boys
Sept. 24 vs. OP-RF
V wins 3-2
Gantar, goal, assist
Barbu, goal
Szurgot, goal
Azzo, assist
Panveno, assist
Sept 19 vs. Batavia
V wins 3-0

Swimming, girls
Sept. 21 vs. OP-RF
V wins 132-54
Sept. 20 @ Naperville North
V wins 100-86
200-yard medley relay
Zinis, Lin, Rocca, Miller, 2nd, 1:52.86
A. Warren, Allegra, Pelinkovic, Cassell, 4th, 1:57.13
200-yard freestyle
L. Barber, 1st, 2:02.12
Seraphin, 3rd, 2:03.34
Tobolski, 5th, 2:06.83
200-yard IM
Pelinkovic, 1st, 2:13.39
V. Barber, 3rd, 2:16.05
Allegra, 5th, 2:23.76
50-yard freestyle

Miller, 1st, 25.36
Lin, 2nd, 26.27
S. Warren, 4th, 26.77
1-meter diving
Driscoll, 1st, 189.55
Lateef, 2nd, 147.1
Prior, 5th, 140.35
100-yard butterfly
L. Barber, 1st, 1:03.06
Rocca, 2nd, 1:03.5
Warren, 5th, 1:09.09
100-yard freestyle
V. Barber, 2nd, 55.62
S. Warren, 3rd, 59.67
A. Warren, 4th, 1:00.33
500-yard freestyle
Zinis, 2nd, 5:31.7
Matricaria, 4th, 5:35.42
Frandsen, 6th, 5:48.22
200-yard freestyle relay
Miller, Brubaker, V. Barber, Pelinkovic, 2nd, 5:31.7
I. Warren, Cassell, Ukoha, S. Warren, 4th, 5:35.42
100-yard backstroke
Lin, 2nd, 1:06.54
Matricaria, 4th, 1:08.26
Seraphin, 5th, 1:08.4
100-yard backstroke
Allegra, 3rd, 1:13.18

Pelinkovic, 4th, 1:14.04
Marcet, 6th, 1:18.97
400-yard freestyle relay
Lin, Zinis, Brubaker, L. Barber, 1st, 3:44.66
Ukoha, Rocca, Tobolski, Cassell, 3rd, 3:56.46

Tennis, girls
Sept. 21 @ LT Quad vs. Neuqua Valley
V wins 5-0
Sept. 19 vs. LT
V wins 9-0
Asha Sarai, 6-4, 6-1
Anika Sarai, 6-2, 6-1
Gandhi, 7-6, 6-1
Gambala/Shuster, 6-3, 6-0
Baker/Quevedo, 6-3, 6-0
Marringa/Bajwa, 6-3, 6-2
Gupta/Shah, 6-2, 6-2
Asbahi/Stover, 3-6, 6-3, 10-8
Tu/Berbas, 3-6, 6-3, 10-3

Volleyball, girls
Sept. 24 vs. LT
V wins 23-25, 25-16,

25-21
Sept. 18 & 21 @ Wheaton Warrenville Invite
V places 6th vs. LT
V wins 25-14, 16-25, 25-23
Leddy, 11 kills, 3 aces, 6 digs, 13 assists
Peterson, 10 kills, 2 aces, 9 digs
Barakat, 5 kills, 2 aces, 4 digs
Young, ace, 19 digs, 4 assists
Garchar, ace, 5 digs, 10 assists
Neiman, 3 kills
Brooks, kill, dig
Kozlowski, kill, dig
Yankowitz, kill
Bergin, dig vs. Fenwick
V wins 25-23, 25-23 vs. Loyola Academy
V loses 13-25, 26-24, 16-25 vs. IC Catholic Prep
V wins 25-18, 22-25, 25-18 vs. Downers North
V loses 17-25, 20-25

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central golfers Dru Devata and Charlie Norby watch the paths of their respective drives Sept. 12 during a match against Glenbard West at Hinsdale Golf Club. The Red Devils defeated their West Suburban Silver conference rival Hilltoppers 141-157. (Jim Slonoff photos)

SPORTS

Gutman embraces his homecoming

Hinsdale native back in the Chicago Fire fold that nurtured his soccer prowess

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The Chicago Fire's game hosting D.C. United at SeatGeek Stadium on Sept. 7 was Andrew Gutman's 100th start as a Major League Soccer player, a special milestone in a career that had come full circle back to the club of his origin story.

The left back from Hinsdale knew he'd get passionate support from the fieldside box his uncle had secured for loved ones to witness the occasion. No one could have expected, however, that Gutman would take the celebration next-level with one of the most spectacular goals of the season.

In the 54th minute with the Fire trailing 0-2, Gutman, positioned well outside the opposing 18-yard-box, used his chest to control a deflected corner kick, letting the ball drop nearly to the ground before unleashing a left-booted laser strike into the goal's right corner, past a stunned D.C. keeper.

"It felt great," Gutman said by phone last week. "You can even see in the background of the video, that (my family's) all jumping up and down, going crazy and super excited. It was probably the best goal that I've scored in my career. Those types of goals don't get scored often." Unfortunately the tally was the lone highlight in a losing effort. And while the season has been marked too few Fire victories and too many stints on the injured list for Gutman, the news last January that he was being traded to the Fire, whose youth academy he was part of for years, felt like the triumph of a lifetime.

"This is where I grew up playing, and it was a dream



Andrew Gutman blasts a goal-scoring shot Sept. 7 at SeatGeek Stadium in front of Chicago Fire F.C. fans, including his Hinsdale family members, in his 100th start as a Major League Soccer player. (photo provided)

come true to come back," the Hinsdale Central alum said. "It's probably been the best season in terms of being able to spend a lot of time with family.

"I went to my grandfather's 90th birthday party. I get to see my brother and my sister (Phillip and Jaclyn) and my parents (Phil and Laura) a lot more, and I've definitely taken advantage of that, for sure," he continued.

A top talent at Indiana University, Gutman turned down an offer from the Fire after his 2018 graduation, pursuing instead the opportunity to play in Europe. Disappointingly, an arrangement with Scotland's venerated Celtic club never got off the mark, and Gutman then embarked on an MLS journey that would take him to Cincinnati, New York City, Atlanta and Colorado before being welcomed back to the Windy City.

"A lot of my years as a professional I've just been in a city because of my job," he said. "You kind of spend the first few months

getting your bearings."

Learning that he was heading back to the familiar comforts of Chicago — and to the team once home to his childhood hero, Cuauhtémoc Blanco — was rejuvenating.

"It was very exciting. To be part of the club that I grew up playing for and the city that I love, how many players would love to be in that situation? It was an unbelievable feeling," Gutman related, admitting that he got goosebumps when he first tried on his No. 15 jersey. "When you're younger you don't understand how difficult it is to get to this position. It feels like it was a one in a million chance, and I was able to do it."

Needless to point out, other Gutmans also were delighted.

"My mom probably was freaking out for a few days, she was just so excited," he said. "Just to be able to feel like the entire family is all in one city again is really cool."

And there was no wasting time learning the din-

ing scene.

"My all-time favorite is probably Nabuki," revealed Gutman of the Hinsdale eatery. "I know the city and I feel like I have more of a social life. It makes a big difference."

As a veteran who's navigated different coaches and different systems, Gutman appreciates the relationships and the adaptability he has forged even at the young age of 27.

"Everyone has a different type of style they want to play. It's given me a lot of confidence that I can be a really good player in the league and be asked to do a lot of different things, and do them at high level," he said.

He hopes this latest assignment is for keeps.

"I'm done moving. I would like to stay in Chicago the rest of my career," said Gutman, touting the team's soon-to-open Endeavor Health Performance Center training facility as a gamechanger for the sport's local rising generation.

"I want to be able to give

back to kids in youth soccer and show them that I was one of those kids that grew up playing the sport that's now playing in the MLS because I loved it and kept working at it," he said. Apparently the word's already out.

"When I go make a public appearance, I always get someone that comes up to me and knows I was from Hinsdale," he said. "I hope people use me as a motivator to show them it is doable."

Suddenly Central is well-represented across Chicago sports rosters, with Red Devil standouts Doug Kramer and Kiran Amegadjie among the Bears offensive linemen and Matas Buzelis ready to hit the court for the Bulls.

"There are a lot of good athletes in and around the Chicago area that are starting to make it," he said.

Even as Gutman works toward his 200th MLS start, he's keeping his priorities straight.

"At the end of the day, I've still got to listen to my mom," he quipped.



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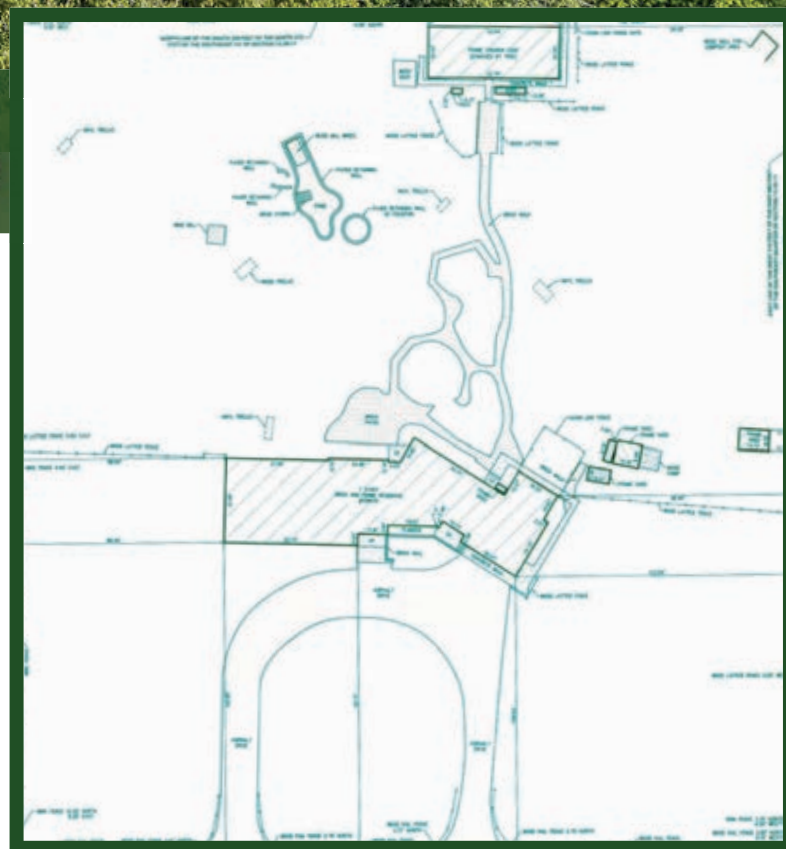
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