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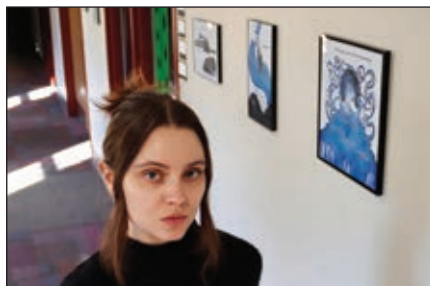
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## Safety in numbers

**In spite of a few flurries** and a chill in the air, Halloween 2023 in Hinsdale once again could have been the perfect backdrop for a Hallmark movie or a painting by Norman Rockwell. Children and their parents filled the sidewalks after school was out Tuesday afternoon. One group, portraying crossing guards, included Lily Byers, Stella Barnes, Eleni Brinkmeyer, Elise Caleel, Grace Knuepfer, Mackenzie Meakins and Reese Hutter. Please turn to Page 16 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



### Dream sketcher

Hinsdale artist brings inner musings to the surface.

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### Centennial celebration

Troop 10 commemorates 10 decades of Scouting in Hinsdale.

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### New recruit

Central's new AD enjoying his first few months on the job.

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# NEWS

## Dist. 181, teachers reach new deal

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The Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board and Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills Teachers' Association have locked in a new four-year contract.

At their meeting Monday, board members voted to approve the agreement that provides teachers with a 4 percent increase in year one, a 3.75 percent increase in year two, and a one-time bonus payment of \$2,000 for full-time teachers and a prorated amount for part-time teachers. Salary increases in the final two years will be aligned with the public consumer price index tax levy expectations, with a floor of 2 percent and ceiling of 4 percent.

The raise translates into a low-end salary of \$52,905.52 for a first-year teacher with a bachelor's

degree to a maximum \$129,606.14 for a 30-year teacher with a doctorate.

Additionally, retiring teachers employed as HCHTA members for at least 15 years prior to retirement is eligible for a 6 percent salary increase during the last four years of employment. The board will pay 90 percent of the single person Teachers Retirement System HMO premium for up to five years upon retirement or until the retiree reaches the age of Medicare eligibility. The five-year post-retirement health insurance limit is reduction from past practice.

In joint statement issued by the district and HCHTA, board President Michael Martin extolled the collaboration involved in reaching the agreement.

"This contract is a testament to our district's commitment to pro-

viding students with a premier education. It includes competitive teacher salaries, benefits and other key components, while still keeping our financial goals in mind," Martin said. "I want to thank our teachers for their recognition and willingness to share some of the recent increases in insurance premiums and operations of the district. This new four-year agreement supports our commitment to remaining fiscally stable in the long term and recognizes the work of our talented staff."

HCHTA President Sarah Hoffman said the deal was good for both sides.

"In the ever-changing educational landscape, it's essential that HCHTA continues to work collaboratively with the board of education and D181 administration. This contract reflects a competitive pack-

age that rewards teachers for their service to D181, while allowing the district to

attract and retain high-caliber educators. In turn, all D181 staff continue to provide the best possible educational opportunities and experience for our students," Hoffman commented.

Superintendent Hector Garcia praised the agreement.

"I appreciate the collaboration between the board and the HCHTA to reach a fair settlement that prioritizes our students and aligns with our financial priorities. We look forward to continuing this partnership to ensure that District 181 remains a premier learning environment for students," he said.

The contract replaces the previous pact, which expired in June, and runs through the 2026-27 school year.

## Shiny and bright



More than 50 students from The Community House Junior Board helped wash cars to raise money for the The Community House Counseling Center recently. The members washed more than 40 cars and raised almost \$900. (Jim Slonoff photos)

## Family dismisses discrimination lawsuit

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The family of Nicole Hladik, a 25-year-old Hinsdale firefighter/paramedic candidate who took her own life in July 2020, has voluntarily dismissed a discrimination lawsuit it filed against the village and Lt. Tom McCarthy of the Hinsdale Fire Department, the village announced Monday.

The suit was filed in June 2021 by Hladik's widower, Daniel Zaborowski, who was represented by Jim Pullos of Clifford Law Offices. It accused McCarthy, as commander of Hladik's division, of publicly ridiculing her to get her to quit and alleged that other village staff were aware of the

harassment.

"After discovery in the lawsuit, the village advised the Hladik family the village planned to seek sanctions against them for filing a frivolous lawsuit," the village's press release states. "In return for the village's agreement not to seek sanctions, the Hladik family agreed to dismiss their claims against the village and Lt. McCarthy with prejudice."

Pamela Menaker, communications partner at Clifford Law Offices, said the firm has no comment on the matter.

Hladik became the fire department's only female firefighter when she was hired Aug. 2, 2019. She was just weeks short of the end of her 12-month probation when she died by suicide.

Following her death, the village spent \$103,000 for a federal prosecutor to conduct an investigation, which resulted in a 36-page report. It included internal interviews and a release of relevant records, according to a statement the village released at the time. Hladik's family, who refused to participate in the investigation, questioned the report's validity at a January 2022 village board meeting.

The lawsuit, filed in June 2021 in Illinois Northern District Court, had called for compensatory and economic damages, attorney's fees and other relief.

"The village of Hinsdale continues to extend its most sincere condolences to Ms. Hladik's family, friends and coworkers," the release states.

ONCE UPON A TIME



**A rip-rapping good time** — Hinsdale’s Sean Chaudhry came across a box of old photos tucked in a corner of his store’s basement. In 1937 this picture was taken of the ‘rip-rapping of banks at public works department garage and incinerator.’ We believe it was taken from what is now Symonds Drive looking west. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to [jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com).



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# D86 board nixes social studies courses

*Proposal for common freshman class fails 4-2, three others fail due to lack of a second*

By Ken Knutson

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The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board has rejected a set of proposed course changes to the district's social studies offerings for 2024-23 school year, with three of the four recommendations not even garnering votes.

Board members first voted 4-2 at the Oct. 26 board meeting against replacing World Cultures with Human Geography in the 2024-25 school year. Subsequent proposals to replace World Studies Honors and World History Honors with Human Geography Honors and approve the addition of AP Modern World History and Western Civilization to the program of studies failed due to lack of a second to the motions.

Board member Peggy James, whose resistance to the changes prompted the matter to be continued from the Oct. 12 board meeting, said she needed more data on the benefits of the proposed courses to earn her support.

"I don't have that at this stage of the game," she told administrators and Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South social studies department chairs who had advanced the recommendations.

James was joined by board President Cat Greenspon, Kally Gallo and Jeff Waters in the majority vote.

Mark Meyer, Central department chair, said board concerns in the spring prompted his leadership team to revise the plan, including maintaining AP European History as an elective for sophomores to seniors rather than eliminating it.

"We listened carefully to each group and made important alterations to the programs before they were presented for board approval," Meyer said during his presentation.

District officials said their aim is to align with the latest state standards, unify social

studies curriculum between the two campuses and give students greater and more broadly-focused course options that appeal to a wider swathe of the students. Having both AP Euro and AP Modern World History for sophomores, for example, would possibly address the drop off in AP participation during that year.

"The dip at Central is greater than the dip at South and we believe that's, at least in part, because there are two choices at South for an AP course, and there are not at Central," Interim Superintendent Linda Yonke said. "AP Modern World will provide another choice for a student who is interested in AP at the sophomore level."

Jason Markey, assistant superintendent for academics, echoed that vision, and tried to reassure those on the board with qualms that the proposed course would lack the rigor of the ones they'd replace.

"The specific skills and the sort of history and the approach to history is the exact same. Whichever course a student takes, they'll be just as prepared to go to that next level," Markey stressed.

The proposals had drawn criticism from community members, as well, with many citing the historical success of the current offerings.

Board members Asma Akhras and Terri Walker, both participating remotely, cast the two votes to adopt the courses. Akhras implored her colleagues to do "what is best for the 3,800 students that we do serve in our district."

Walker left the meeting before board had finished dispensing with the matter but during the pre-vote discussion took issue with the degree to which her board colleagues are weighing in on curriculum issues.

"Our role is not to micromanage the administration and not be a stumbling block to moving forward for our students and our district," she said.

## Gallo follows Levinthal out D86 door

Following last week's Hinsdale High School District 86 Board meeting, Kay Gallo announced she had resigned from the post. Gallo had voiced concern during the meeting about the way meeting agendas were being prepared, which is within the purview of board President Cat Greenspon and the superintendent.

Voters returned Gallo to the board last April after she previously served from 2009-17. Her departure comes less than six weeks after the sudden board resignation of Debbie Levinthal, who was two

and half years into her first term. Gallo provided The Hinsdalean with a copy of her letter of resignation, in which she cites "tyranny of the leadership" as a factor behind her decision, sharing the "sense of futility and frustration" that Levinthal indicated compelled her to leave.

"I have no faith in this board's leadership," Gallo wrote.

"Should the board leadership continue its current trajectory, I fear more damage than good will result.

"During my short time at the table this term, I have witnessed multiple abuses of power, routine violations of policy, protocol and statute, disrespectful treatment of various administrators and an unwillingness to accept with humility any advice to move the board forward.

"In my opinion, this board's leadership is the single greatest obstacle to recruiting and retaining a superintendent of the caliber this district so desperately needs and deserves.

"I am disappointed to end my board service at this time," she concluded. "At this time, I am stepping down since it is clear, this board leadership has a mission and an agenda in direct conflict with best meeting the needs of all students, staff and the district at large."

In a statement, the district expressed appreciation for Gallo's board service and said the vacancy must be filled within 60 days.

"We will keep the community updated on the board's plan for filling this vacancy," the statement read.



Gallo

## Board appoints Rahman to replace Levinthal

Dr. Abed Rahman was appointed Oct. 26 to fill the vacancy created when Debbie Levinthal resigned Sept. 18. Rahman will serve the remainder of Levinthal's term, which expires in April 2025.

"The board would like to thank Debbie for serving as a diligent board member for more than two years," board President Catherine Greenspon said. "We also want to congratulate Abed on his appointment to the board of education. We are delighted to welcome someone with his qualifications, expertise and dedication. We are also confident that he will be an asset to this board and community and look forward to working together to shape

a bright future for District 86 students."

Rahman is a physician and clinician who holds multiple leadership roles throughout the Cook County Health System. He has served as the director of pain services at City of Hope Chicago (formerly Cancer Treatment Centers of America)

since 2017. He is also an adjunct professor of anatomy and anesthesiology at Rush University Medical College in Chicago and Midwestern University School of Medicine in Downers Grove.

Rahman is the chair for the Physician Professional Behavior Committee at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of



Rahman

Cook County and the Pain Committee/Opioid Task Force at the City of Hope Chicago.

Rahman, who resides in Willowbrook and has two students at Hinsdale South, said he is honored to serve as a board member.

"I want to thank the District 86 Board of Education for selecting me from a talented pool of candidates and for trusting me to serve as a dedicated member of this board," he stated in the release. "I am deeply committed to ensuring that our schools provide the best education possible so that every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. I

look forward to working collaboratively with my fellow board members to make a positive impact on the continued success of our students and district."

Seventeen people applied for the opening on the board, and five participated in in-person interviews during a special closed session meeting Oct. 16.

Greenspon expressed her gratitude to everyone who applied for the vacancy.

"The strong response and willingness to dedicate their time and energy to serve on the board is a true testament to the community's passionate commitment to education," Greenspon said.



## NEXT WEEK

### Hinsdale High School District 86 Board special meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2

Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets

[www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings](http://www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings)

**On the agenda:** process to fill the board of education vacancy

### Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission

6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6

Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** public hearing on properties for inclusion on Historically Significant Structures Property List, sign permit reviews, preservation incentive applications

### Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8

Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** findings and recommendations on Vine Street Station and Fuller's Car Wash; sign permit review for 33 E. First (Frederick Lynn), 114 S. Washington (Que Miso) and 32 E. First (Rush)

### Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7

Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

[www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org)

**On the draft agenda:** annual comprehensive financial report, Burns Field playground equipment purchase, MABAS inter-governmental agreement, bulk winter deicing salt purchase, submersible pump replacements for Veeck Park CSO facility

## Ogden ramp to close tonight, detour in place

The ramp connecting Ogden Avenue to the northbound Interstate 294 ramp will be closed tonight, Nov. 2., through December.

One lane in each direction on Ogden Avenue and one northbound lane on I-294 between 47th Street and Ogden Avenue are scheduled to close at 7 p.m. A second lane on northbound I-294 is scheduled to close at 10 p.m.

In addition, at 7 p.m., the ramp connecting Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 is scheduled to close so the interchange can be reconfigured from a cloverleaf to a partial cloverleaf design.

Eastbound Ogden Avenue will access northbound I-294 via the old loop ramp, which will be temporarily reopened during this work for both detours. For westbound Ogden Avenue traffic, a detour will be posted routing traffic through the interchange to access northbound I-294. The ramp connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue, which has been closed since September, has reopened.

Information about the project, including maps and construction updates, is available on the Tollway's website at

[www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) in the "Projects" section.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation; the villages of Hinsdale, Oak Brook and Western Springs; the Cook County Department of Transportation; the DuPage County Division of Transportation; the Cook County Forest Preserve District; the Oak Brook Park District; and local fire and police departments.

The Illinois Tollway is investing \$8.9 million to reconfigure the Ogden Avenue Interchange to improve mobility and traffic flow for local drivers and Tollway customers. Currently up to 40,000 vehicles use the interchange daily with up to 33,600 vehicles traveling on Ogden Avenue in the area.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program.



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# Coffins once sold at the hardware store

*Funeral business has changed dramatically since the early days of life in the village*

**By Pamela Lannom**

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Hinsdaleans today would be surprised, to say the least, to see coffins in stock at Fuller's Home and Hardware.

But in the 1870s in Hinsdale, they were sold at John Bohlander and Charles Pfeifer's hardware store, according to Timothy Bakken's history of the village, titled "Hinsdale."

"In those days, embalming was not practiced, nor was there any business about the funeral; the family, or whomever, merely came in, selected a coffin, carried it off, and buried the body themselves," he wrote.

Pfeifer left Bohlander in 1889 and continued selling coffins. His son, George Pfeifer, joined him in business in 1903 to learn the art

of embalming, after new embalming laws were passed.

"By this time, services had grown somewhat," Bakken wrote. "Pfeifers would pick up the body and take it the grave, in addition to selling the coffin and doing the embalming. Wakes were held in the home, and black armbands and door badges or wreaths were still in fashion.

"Because of the village's deplorable muddy streets, an untimely death in bad weather could result in a body being 'held over' for as much as a week, until the hearse could make it to the cemetery," he wrote.

The price for a funeral at this time? About \$20.

George Pfeifer and a partner later took over his father's business, which eventually became Pfeifer-Elliston and then Elliston Funeral Home.

The village's only burial ground in the early days was Fullersburg Cemetery at the north end of Garfield Avenue. As the village grew and plots were filled, land on the west side of North Madison Street a few blocks south of Spring road was purchased by Gabriel Wright and named Oak Forest Cemetery. Wright advertised the site as "The Most Beautiful Cemetery in Illinois," according to Bakken. The first recorded interment was in 1886.

Oak Forest became Bronswood in 1914 after a patent attorney and bank director named Charles Brown bought most of the stock of Wright's Hinsdale Cemetery Co. and reorganized it. When Brown died in 1938, the cemetery was bought by Philip R. Clarke. The land on which the cem-



**Charles Pfeifer** is shown in this photo with his hearse and black horses. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)

etry sits became part of the village of Oak Brook, which was incorporated in 1958.

"A great many of Hinsdale's oldest families and best-

know people have plots at Bronswood, and many of the pioneers mentioned in these pages are buried there," Bakken wrote.



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# POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police released the following reports Oct. 31.

## Identity theft arrest

Russell A. White, 45, 333 E. Rose St., Glenwood, was arrested on a felony count of identity theft and obstructing identification, a misdemeanor, at 1:34 p.m. Oct. 26 at Evergreen Bank, 1 Grant Square. He is accused of presenting fraudulent identification that had his photo with the victim's information and using the victim's information to withdraw money from the victim's bank account. He was charged and released to appear in court.

## DUI arrest

Jeffrey A. Hubbard, 55, 17353 W. Oak Ave., Lockport, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol level higher than .08 and use of unsafe tires at 3:37 a.m. Oct. 29 at Ogden Avenue and York Road. Police stopped him for driving with two blown out tires. He was charged and released to appear in court.

## Forged checks cashed

Someone forged checks and cashed them against the bank account belonging to a resident of the 200 block of South Bruner Street between Oct. 2 and 6. The incident was reported Oct. 24.

## Property damage reported

- Someone smashed a window at the Institute of Basic Life Principles, 950 N. Madison St., between Oct. 25 and 26.
- A vehicle was scratched while it was parked in the lot at 40 S. Clay St. on Oct. 12. The incident was reported Oct. 30.

## Hit and run

Someone driving a semi-truck hit a light pole and knocked it over in the parking lot of Shell Gas Station, 210 E. Ogden Ave., at 7:50 p.m. Oct. 25.

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

# Man pleads guilty to felony solicitation

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A Hinsdale man arrested in April in Minnesota pled guilty last month to the felony charge of solicitation of a child or believed to be a child through electronic communication to engage in sexual conduct, according to Justin Lysen, special assistant to the Stearns County Attorney.

Derrick D. Willman, 56, of 502 N. Garfield Ave. at the time of his arrest, was charged with three other felonies: attempted criminal sexual conduct, third degree with a victim age 14-15; attempted criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree with a victim age 14-15; and engaging

in electronic communication relating to or describing sexual conduct with a child, The Hinsdalean reported in April.

Willman had been communicating in an online chatroom with investigator Celeste Walz with the Central Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force, who was posing as a 14-year-old girl, according to the compliant. Investigators know the chatroom as a place where teens are frequently solicited to engage in sexual conduct. He was arrested after arriving at a Minneapolis address where Walz had agreed to meet him.

Willman and his wife sold their home in Hinsdale in September.

He will be sentenced Dec. 11.



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■ “Really they’re about the bridge between dreams and reality and how, in our dream-world mind, you create things that relate to your waking mind.” — **Stephanie Lenchard-Warren**

## Artist returns to hometown to showcase work

Don’t try to pigeonhole Hinsdale native Stephanie Lenchard-Warren into one creative category. She believes an interdisciplinary portfolio that incorporates visuals, words and sound elevates her art.

“I think there’s value in all mediums because they cause your brain to work in different ways,” she said. “For me it’s interesting to kind of jump between these genres and sometimes let them mingle.”

Lenchard-Warren’s exhibit, “Your Dreams Remember You,” is currently on display on The Community House’s second floor. The compilation of digitally rendered drawings takes the viewer into a kind of fantastical landscape (see Page 18 for details).

“This work is a collection of illustrations that I’ve made over the past few years,” she said. “Really they’re about the bridge between dreams and reality and how, in our dream-world mind, you create things that relate to your waking mind.”

One captivating piece depicts a hooded female figure extending her hand to an approaching bat, accompanied by the text, “I made friends with my demons when

I realized they were just trying to teach me something.”

Lenchard-Warren said she likes to explore the relationship between light and darkness, life and death.

“I’ve come to find that dichotomies aren’t really opposite, they’re just part of a spectrum on a circle that can overlap,” she said.

International folklore and anatomy are two elements that feature prominently in her work. Lenchard-Warren said studying at the University of Illinois rather than an art-focused school afforded her exposure to different disciplines.

“I worked with botanists for my thesis, and I got to study some anatomy and study different folklore and cultural things,” she related.

How societies use narratives to deal with life’s adversity fascinates her.

“Falling on hard times, I find that people tend to fall into stories,” Lenchard-Warren said. “I think that stories have this amazing duality where they can offer us an escape and a way to face our problems simultaneously. That’s something I definitely carry with me in my work.”

Lenchard-Warren praised



### STEPHANIE LENCHARD-WARREN

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the fertile landscape that Hinsdale offers the creative-minded, from classes at The Lane and Hinsdale Central to arts programs at The Community House, where she is serving as an instructor.

“I’m very grateful to have had these opportunities growing up here,” she said.

She regards the interplay of various expressions as core to her art and has been leaning

into graphic storytelling as well as songwriting to expand her vision.

“I think of it as the atmosphere of my mind and curating my own little universe to foster meaning in. And that’s something I want to share.”

Lenchard-Warren was heartened by the turnout for last month’s gallery opening event and enjoys hearing people’s reactions to the exhibit,

whatever they may be.

She likes the saying, “Art is meant to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable.”

“I love being able to put on shows and interact with people,” she said. “We’re all sharing this human experience, and really that’s what art is about.”

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### D86 board is in crisis. Who can right the ship?

Help wanted: Hinsdale High School District 86 superintendent

#### Qualifications:

- Ability to help foster a healthy, constructive dynamic on the board of education that emphasizes respect and transparency along with a deft conflict resolution touch that dissuades elected members from resigning mid-term out of futility and frustration.

The fresh case studies in quitting of Debbie Levinthal (Sept. 18) and Kay Gallo (Oct. 26), both capable and motivated but compelled to depart because of “toxic” practices on the part of board colleagues, should provide material to shape the kind of behavior modification that’s necessary.

- Communication skills to help convey to board members that their job is to project the kind of leadership and discernment commensurate with the caliber of district they are overseeing. For example, actions like being the lone “No” vote when appointing a new board member because the selection “did not align with my personal criteria” — what? — is a bad look. Way to roll out the welcome mat, Jeff Waters.

Or the counterproductive decision to fan the flames of divisiveness when a phrase on a school fundraising poster is deemed offensive by some, rather than tempering the response and trusting administrators to take appropriate measures. Again, do better Jeff Waters.

— Relational wisdom to heal the rift between the board and its teachers, who feel undermined after a series of battles over teacher-recommended curriculum changes to meet state standards and align programs at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South. On Monday, after the most recent rejection of proposed social studies changes to move from the current Euro-centric disposition one with a wider, more global lens, the staff is fed up. “Your decision tonight tells us you do not value us, you do not value our expertise, and you do not value our experience,” remarked Rick Cazzato, president of the Hinsdale High School Teachers Association, during public comments at the end of the meeting.

- Negotiating acumen to hammer out the next contract with an alienated teachers union.

- Vision casting to help the board and residents see a pathway for both Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South students to have a high school experience that is as aligned as possible academically while still maintaining the qualities that make each campus special. The new leader needs to dispel the message that having Central adopt a South program does not mean that Central is becoming South, or vice-versa, and that the district’s talented students and teachers can exceed even the district’s impressive status quo standards when given a chance to push traditional boundaries.

- A student-first mentality that hopefully serves to keep all stakeholders focused on the best practices, the most effective strategies and bold yet worthwhile goals to ensure the district remains a leader in all dimensions.

This may not sound like the most inviting job. But the opportunity to help guide this special group of young people, split between two fantastic schools, united under a common, highly regarded district, could be the chance of a lifetime.

## COMMENTARY

### Group devoted to learning teaches me something

During my 35 years of working in Hinsdale, I’ve gotten to know a lot of people — and a lot of groups.

Some are quite familiar, like the Hinsdale Infant Welfare Society or the Hinsdale Assembly. Others, like the National Charity League, are more recent arrivals in town.

I was surprised to learn a few months ago about a group that has been meeting in town for 120 years — and I had never heard of it.

“We say it’s the oldest organization in Hinsdale,” said Lise Spacapan, president of the Hinsdale Social Studies Circle. “I don’t know how you prove that, but that’s what our brochure says every year.”

“’Tis good to be merry and wise” is the group’s slogan, and Spacapan believes it’s a good one.

“It’s a congenial group of people — that’s the merry part,” she said.

Meetings, which are held in members’ homes, begin with dessert and coffee for about 30 minutes.

“We don’t serve alcohol, and certainly not because it’s made up of a bunch of teetotalers. It’s light social — and a really

great program.”

That’s the wise part. The group meets six times a year and holds two social events, a summer picnic and a holiday party.

Spacapan, who worked as a lawyer in private practice before going to work as Gov. Bruce Rauner’s general counsel, decided when she became program chair that the meetings should have a theme each year. One year the theme was “Understanding Illinois.” Even with politicians coming in, meetings remained cordial.

“We don’t have debates. It’s a very collegial group, and we like to hear all points of view,” she said.

That’s isn’t often the case, I noted, and asked what makes this group different.

“The easy answer to that is we’re all friends,” Spacapan said. “We’re all mature people. Most of us have had interesting professions ourselves and we like each other, so we’re always collegial.



Pamela Lannom

“I think members are very respectful people, very open-minded people and very much interested in learning about something they didn’t know about,” she added.

Having spoken to the circle, I would concur.

I was invited to talk about my work in community journalism as part of this year’s theme, “Interesting Vocations

and Avocations.”

I was pleased when I arrived to see many familiar faces, including Dirk Landis, Jane Foster, Laurie McMahon and, of course, Anne Kozak, who had invited me to speak. (I know Anne from her days as executive director of the Thomas Ford Library in Western Springs. I was the reporter covering Western Springs when the library was undergoing a major renovation, and the two of us spent many hours at library board meetings where topics like which way the chevrons in the carpet should face were discussed at length.)

In addition to friendly faces,

there was a fabulous dessert table and a delicious apple crisp. The evening was off to a great start.

My topics was “Headlines and Bylines.” Looking back, we probably should have narrowed that down, as my presentation lasted about twice as long as it was supposed to. (This will come as no surprise to those who know me.)

But the group listened attentively and then, to my surprise, had a handful of questions for me.

Spacapan said that’s often the case.

“One of the most fun things is hearing the myriad of questions people have,” Spacapan said.

Bylaws limit the group to 42 and there aren’t many openings, with membership by invitation. My advice? Make friends with group members and, if invited to a meeting, say yes.

“It’s not a really young group because I think people don’t want to leave it,” Spacapan said.

Having attended just one meeting, I can see why.

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



## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Gratitude in its Swiftest form

"So, make the friendship bracelets. Take the moment and taste it," my newly minted 13-year-old sings along as we string tiny colorful beads and letters on elastic.

"Yeah, Mom, that's my favorite line," she claims.

(Yes, this is a column full of love for Taylor Swift. So, if you're a hater, who's "gonna hate-hate-hate," apologies. You probably "need to just stop" — reading, that is.)

The way my daughter starts the statement off with "yeah" makes me smile. It's as if she thinks she's answered a question I didn't pose. I didn't ask, but I'm certainly glad she offered. And so, the gift has been presented, our dialogue begins and my gratitude for Taylor Swift swells, all over again.

When my kids were young, we started November off by making construction paper gratitude trees. Daily, we'd write something that we were thankful for. The answers were simple: school, family, McDonald's French fries. As I age, gratitude worms its way into deeper, more meaningful crevices. Taylor Swift, although seemingly simple, occupies one such space.

Beyond Swiftie memes, Eras-themed outfit ideas and Travis Kelce theories, the artist presents an opportunity to connect with my two teenage daughters in real and thought-provoking ways. In a time when kids live too much of their lives scrolling on a screen, and at a stage where common ground can be shaky, I treasure this shared



**Carissa Kapcar**

interest and avenue to discuss the art of storytelling.

The connection crosses ages. Nieces and cousins from age 18 to age 4 spent the summer singing with us — so much so that my father-in-law began playing her music to stay relevant with his grand-

daughters. Even my husband subscribed to her creative genius after seeing her SNL performance of "All too Well," a 10-minute break-up song.

"It's supposed to be fun turning 21," one line goes.

Later, he quietly disclosed to me, "As a parent those lyrics are brutal, right?"

Last November, we both logged on, dutifully trying for Ticketmaster concert magic. Like the rest of the world, we came up short. We settled on a Taylor-gating parking spot, then got lucky 48-hours before the show when new tickets were released. We were practically behind the stage and probably paid more than we should have (but much less than you're imagining).

Sharing that joyful moment with my kids was the experience of a lifetime. I would do it all over again. When the movie came out a few weeks ago, we did.

"Devils roll the dice, angels roll their eyes," my 15-year-old daughter, tells me, is an interesting line.

"It sure is!" I reply.

And so, the gift has been presented, our dialogue begins and I say a silent prayer of gratitude, all over again.

— *Carissa Kapcar of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Editor's column on free speech misses key point

The premise of your Oct. 26 commentary ("Want free speech? You'll hear things you don't like") is at best flawed and misleading and at worst is a piece of propaganda. In this column, you do not distinguish between free speech, the right to speak our thoughts and opinions without government interference or retaliation, and unprotected speech, which includes threats and messages that transmit hatred and may provoke violence.

Since you did not distinguish between free speech and unprotected speech, you misled your readers into believing that businesses, donors and scholarship givers should not have the right to choose who benefits from their hiring or their generosity.

When the editor of The Hinsdalean

hides the difference between free speech and unprotected speech to make her point, which is to protect anti-Semitic hate speech, when she thinks that chants of "gas the Jews" reverberating on the lips of anti-Semitic protesters is an exercise in one's freedom of speech, when she does not see the disconnect in a sovereign nation's right to protect its citizens from being brutally slaughtered and blames the nation of Israel (which was created by an act of the United Nations in 1948) for the terrorism that occurred on October 7, then the murder of 6 million Jews during World War II has taught her nothing about hatred. — **Donald and Barbara Schardt and Dorothy (Schardt) Hoffman, Hinsdale**

### Disney's efforts to modernize princesses lauded

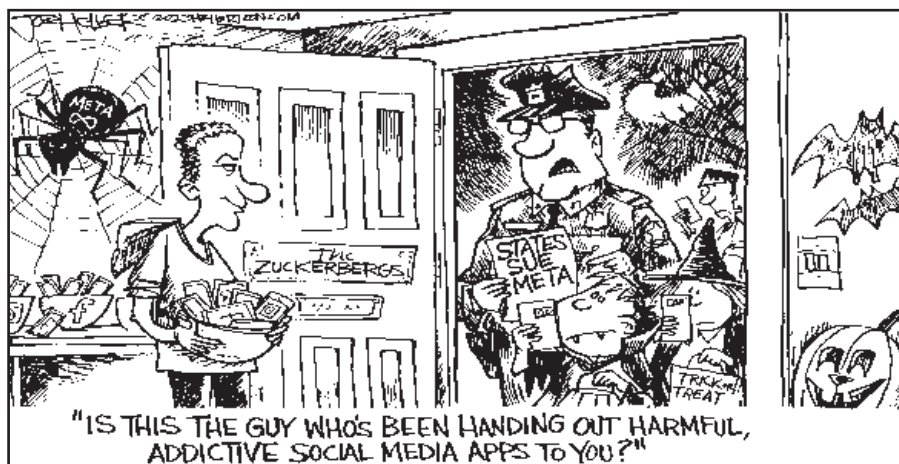
A recent guest columnist characterized Disney's remake of "Snow White" as an insult to the tradition of its iconic princesses. To be sure, the tradition goes way back — my three sisters and I had been obsessed with Disney princesses in the '50s and '60s.

Fast forward to the '90s: we raised our two daughters from China, turning to Disney flicks and traveling to Orlando for the additional treat of having tea with these princesses. Then we got lucky. "Pocahontas" came out and then "Mulan" followed. This was during the peak years of American adoptions in China. They were remarkable models, showing confidence, resilience and loyalty. Finally my girls could watch a Disney

movie starring someone who looked like they did. And both characters were leaders, too.

Fortunately, Disney has updated its productions to reflect assertive roles for women and now includes a multitude of non-Caucasian characters. Of course, I look forward to seeing 21st century "Snow White" without the seven dwarfs.

I'm disturbed to hear Disney and others bashed as "woke." Sadly that pejorative term is used to denigrate efforts of inclusion and nondiscriminatory practices and yes, the advancement of women and non-whites. To me, being woke should mean being kind, equitable and, most of all, forward-looking. — **Carolyn Stanek, Hinsdale**



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# OBITUARIES

## Helen Benes

Helen Benes, 79, of Homer Glen, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away Oct. 13, 2023, in Willowbrook.

She was born in 1944 in Thomasville, N.C., to Earl and Mary Bell.

Helen was a 20-year member of Union Church of Hinsdale.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene Benes; her brother, James Bell; and many



**Benes**

nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday Nov. 4, at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 Garfield Ave.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to WTTW Channel 11 at [secure.wttw.com](http://secure.wttw.com).

Adolf & Powell Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

## James Edward Devine

James Edward Devine, 88, a retired captain in the United States Marine Corps, died Oct. 27, 2023.

Jim was a 55-year resident of Clarendon Hills and a longtime parishioner of Notre Dame Parish.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Devine, nee Finn; his children, Michael (Stacy) Devine, Kathleen (Brian) McKay and Sharon (Wade) Arnold; his grandchildren, Connor and Zachary Devine, Danny and Megan McKay, and Jack and Abby Arnold.



**Devine**

Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills.

Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Misericordia Heart of Mercy at [www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com) or American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## Joann Eleanor Johnson

Joann Eleanor Johnson, 92, of Burr Ridge, a former longtime Hinsdale resident, passed away peacefully Oct. 17, 2023, days short of her 93rd birthday.

She was born in 1930 in Berwyn to Emil and Eleanor (Hane) Johnson.

Joann attended Morton High School in Berwyn and Augustana College in Rock Island, where she met John.

During her life, Joann was an avid home-maker, hostess and gardener and a loving wife, mother and grandma. She will be remembered by her family and friends for her gentle kindness, delightful sense of humor and devoted interest in her family, especially her grandchildren, whose lives she continued to follow closely until her passing.



**Johnson**

Joann was preceded in death in February 2022 by her husband of 68 years, John Eric Johnson; in December 2017 by her daughter, Beth Jo Johnson; and in October 2021 by her sister, Elaine Pok. She is survived by her two sons, Blair (Lisa) and Eric; her grandchildren, Kara (Dylan) Psotka, Evan, Hillary, Nathaniel and Grace Johnson; her niece, Jan (Mark) Knouff; and her two nephews, Scott (Pam) Pok and Jack (Karen) Pok.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at Christ Church of Oak Brook, 501 Oak Brook Road.

Memorials may be made to King-Bruwaert House, 6101 S. County Line Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 or online at [www.kingbruwaert.org](http://www.kingbruwaert.org).

## Carole Fabacher Offord

Carole Fabacher Offord, 92, of Hinsdale died Oct. 26, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, George T. Offord; and her siblings, Elane (Robert) Blaaser, Janice Kerner, Gretchen Rouzan and Frederick (Marlene) Fabacher.

She is survived by her children, George (Denise Clements) Offord, James (Teresita) Offord, Joseph (Deirdre) Offord, Mary (Nick) Gibb, Susan (George)

Weber and Lucille Offord; her seven grandchildren; her two great-grandchildren; her sister, Marion Eigenbrod; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Adolf & Powell Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

## Raymond P. Renehan

Raymond P. Renehan, 84, a longtime Hinsdale resident, died Oct. 30, 2023.

A graduate of St. Barnabas School, St. Ignatius High School, and Xavier University, Ray was married to his loving wife, Mary Ruth for more than 53 years. They started their family in Chicago's Beverly area before settling in Hinsdale. He was the CEO of Stone Wheel Inc. in Willowbrook, working alongside his sons.

Ray will be missed by his family and numerous friends, especially the friendships he enjoyed at Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook and Avondale Country Club in Palm Desert, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ruth Renehan, nee MacKinnon; and his siblings, James (Sandra), Thomas (Kathleen Waters) and Jack Renehan.

He is survived by his children, Brigit (Michael) Briody, Michael Renehan, Daniel (Julie) Renehan, Timothy (Holly) Renehan and Megan Renehan; his



**Renehan**

daughter in-law, Meghan Chott Renehan; his grandchildren, Molly (Angelo) Cavaliere, Michael, Cailin, Patrick and Meggie Briody, Kristin (Daniel Roberts) Sheff, Brehan (Kris) Linney, Haley (Riley) Gallagher, Kelly and Colleen Renehan, Sarah (John) Walsh, Will (Margot) Renehan, Caroline, Rachel, Lauren, Tommy and Matthew Renehan and Emma and Finnian Linane; his great-grandchildren, Pierce and Victor Roberts; his sister, Joan (Frank) Thompson; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

A Funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Saint Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale. Interment will be private at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Misericordia at [www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com) or the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).



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# Schools perform well on '23 Report Cards

*District officials announce results, with more data analysis to come at board meetings*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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All public schools attended by Hinsdale students earned a designation of "Exemplary" or "Commendable" on the 2023 Illinois Report Cards released Monday by the Illinois State Board of Education.

An exemplary rating was earned by Elm, Madison and The Lane elementary schools along with Hinsdale Central High School. Monroe and Oak elementary schools and Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills middle schools are listed as commendable.

Further discussions of data will take place at school board meetings. Links to the full report cards are available at [www.illinoisreportcard.com](http://www.illinoisreportcard.com).

## District 181

District 181 report cards show increased academic proficiency, Jeffrey Alstadt, D181 communications director, wrote in a letter to the community. "According to the state's targets, we

are one of the highest-performing elementary districts, exceeding all of the state's academic targets for student proficiency on state-mandated assessments," he wrote.

During the 2022-2023 school year

- 78 percent of students were proficient in English language arts, compared to a state average of 35 percent.

- 74 percent were proficient in math, with a state average of 27 percent.

- 82 percent were proficient in science, with a state average of 52 percent.

"We want to thank all of our stakeholders," Alstadt wrote. "Your partnership in the education of our students is essential to the success of D181. Your support is invaluable. We know that our students and schools are much more than test scores, so we'll continue to focus on ensuring a premier educational environment for our students and the community."

## District 86

Central's exemplary designation means the school performed in the top

10 percent of all schools in the state. In order to receive the designation, high schools must have a graduation rate higher than 67 percent and no underperforming students groups at or below the "all students" group of the lowest-performing 5 percent of schools.

In a letter to the community, Interim Superintendents Linda Yonke and Ray Lechner highlighted several data points.

- The percentage of students from across the district who met or exceeded standards on the SAT in ELA (English language arts) increased from 60.4 percent in 2022 to 66.3 percent in 2023. The district's percentage was also higher than the state average, which was 31.6 percent.

- The percentage of district students who met or exceeded standards on the SAT in math held constant from last year to this year (61.4 percent in 2022; 61.6 percent in 2023). The state average was 26.7 percent.

- The district experienced significant gains on the Illinois Science Assessment for the second straight year. The percentage of students who were profi-

cient and exemplary was 45.3 percent in 2021, 71 percent in 2022 and 80.6 percent in 2023. The state average was 52.2 percent

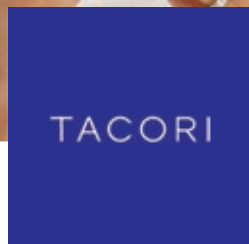
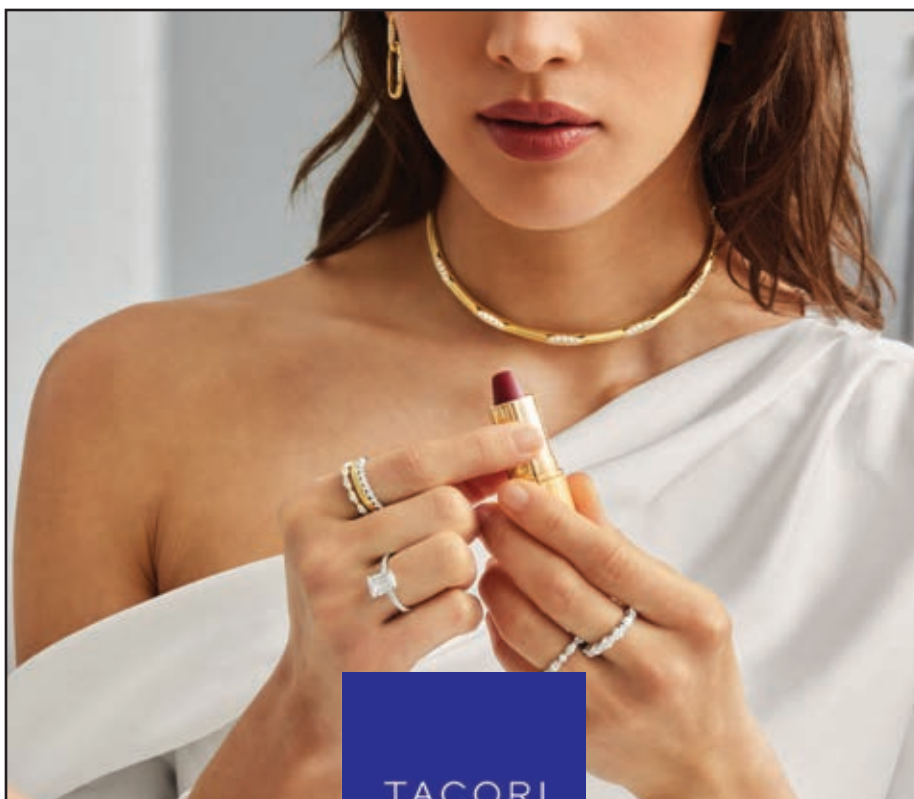
- The district's overall proficiency indicator, which is a comprehensive view of ELA, math and science, increased from 59.9 percent in 2022 to 65.4 percent in 2023.

- The percentage of ninth-grade students in District 86 who are on track to graduate was higher than the average for the state. More than 96 percent of ninth-graders were on track to graduate compared to 87.4 percent for the state.

- The district experienced increases in all of the categories associated with AP exams.

Yonke and Lechner said they reflect on the designation with "tremendous gratitude and appreciation" for faculty and staff.

"Their hard work, dedication and expertise not only enabled us to make significant strides this past year, they are the catalysts that will guide and support our continued growth in the years to come," they wrote.



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# BUSINESS PROFILE

## CHRISTINA SCALISE-MORRISSEY, THERAPIST AND CEO

Small, strong, unique and determined are just a few words Hinsdale's Christina Scalise-Morrissey uses to describe a hummingbird. She said those same words accurately describe the children who turn to Hummingbird Pediatric Therapies for help to overcome all sorts of obstacles and meet all kinds of goals.

Founder and CEO Scalise-Morrissey and her teams provide a host of services to children from newborns through pre-teen, including speech, occupational, physical and feeding therapy and a host of tools to help children overcome all sorts of physical, emotional, mental and developmental challenges.

"In this area, we offer the most comprehensive services for children," said Scalise-Morrissey, who began her private practice nearly 30 years ago and opened her first brick-and-mortar space above the Steinway Piano Gallery in downtown Hinsdale. She's since outgrown that space, expanding to two locations in Woodridge and Westmont. Together, the two locations have about 60 employees, many of whom hold master's degrees or doctorates in their field

of expertise, she said.

Scalise-Morrissey said she was on her way to a career in finance when, as a junior at Northern Illinois University, she fell in love with speech therapy.

"There was no looking back," said Scalise-Morrissey, who still remembers the phone call she made to her parents, telling them she would be switching majors and pursuing a master's degree. Scalise-Morrissey earned that degree at St. Xavier in Chicago.

Today, Scalise-Morrissey specializes in speech therapy and infant feeding. Other team members have other specialties, some of which are quite specific and unique, allowing children to receive multiple services all in one place.

"It relieves stress for parents," she said, and saves them from having to drive from place to place for their child's services. It also can be a comfort for a child to come to a familiar place for their various therapy needs.

While some children need minor help with a single issue, others require more intensive, multi-faceted help, Scalise-Morrissey said.

"The younger we can get the children and engage them in consis-

tent therapy, we know that therapy works," she said.

Hummingbird offers a free, online interactive tool at [www.hummingbirdpediatrictherapies.com](http://www.hummingbirdpediatrictherapies.com), to help parents determine whether a child might benefit from services.

The Hummingbird Academy is an extension of Hummingbird Therapies. Scalise-Morrissey describes it as a one-of-a-kind therapeutic enrichment program that uses play to provide therapy and education to children in small groups.

Hummingbird Academy offers programs year-round. Parents and children can learn more at an open house set for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Westmont location, 750 Pasquinelli Drive, No. 204. Families should register for the event at the website listed above.

"The academy has really grown," said Scalise-Morrissey, who said Hummingbird Therapies also has room to grow. It soon will offer even more children and families the help they're looking for in even more locations.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Christina Scalise-Morrissey said children know the moment they enter Hummingbird Pediatric Therapies that it is a place built just for them. The staff of nearly 60 includes specialists to address a variety of needs, all in one place. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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### Trick or treat!

**Village streets** were filled trick-or-treaters Tuesday afternoon. In spite of a wicked weather threat, there was only a dusting of snow and chilly temperatures, which didn't stop the festivities. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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## Troop 10 reaches milestone

*Hinsdale's oldest Scouting group looks back on 100 years of adventure*

By Ken Knutson

kknutson@thehinsdalean.com

Hinsdale's Scout Troop 10 has come a long way in its 100 years, its appellation being no exception.

"We were established as Troop 3," said Shreeman Patel, Troop historian and a junior at Hinsdale Central.

How it became Troop 10 remains a mystery, but Patel said its no secret that it traces its beginning to 1923 — at least not once it came to everyone's attention.

"We only noticed that this was the centennial year in the middle of last year," he revealed. "So we were like, 'Let's do something!'"

The Troop held a mini-recognition at its annual pancake breakfast in March, saving the big celebration for Oct. 14, when nearly 100 turned out in the basement of the Union Church of Hinsdale to mark the occasion.

"We collected artifacts and I looked through a lot of archived articles to learn about troop history," said Patel, who scoured more than 200 sources. "I put the material on poster boards for people to see."

The event also featured several speakers. Tom Allen reflected on being scoutmaster in the 1950s through the 1970s. Allen then went on to help lead Scouting at the national level.

Hinsdale's Bill Seith, who grew up in town, joined Troop 10 as an 11-year-old in 1970. He followed in the Scouting footsteps of his father, who was an Eagle Scout in Aurora. "Scouting was part of his background, I always wanted to be like Dad," Seith said.

He joined the Eagle Scout ranks in high school and would return home



**Members from different eras** of Scouting's Troop 10 of Hinsdale gathered Oct. 14 at Union Church of Hinsdale for the troop's centennial celebration. Troop historian and junior assistant scoutmaster Shreeman Patel made sure to point out that "the genuine centennial was on June 10." (photo provided)

from college during the summers to help lead troop campouts. Membership gradually declined in the years following, however, and the troop ultimately entered a decade of dormancy starting in the late 1980s.

Seith's older son, Sebastian, became a third-generation Eagle Scout with Hinsdale's Troop 8 for lack of other options. In 1998, Seith and a few other dads felt led to revive Troop 10.

"Since that was my home in Scouting, it was certainly appropriate and satisfying that I was involved in helping resurrect it," he said. "Slowly but surely, we took it over and grew the troop to over 120 scouts. We organized lots of really entertaining campouts, and we had a couple of leaders who were great at coming

up with challenges and good ideas for outings."

He was able to witness his younger son, Calvin, become an Eagle Scout in 2004 through the troop and saw many others impacted, just as he had been.

"It's just really good team leadership and team building. The youth really run the program and come up with the outings," Seith said.

The troop meets weekly at Union Church, which serves as its sponsor. It has both a male unit and female unit, with scoutmasters Steve Bystriansky for the boys and Akhila Palli for the girls.

Originally, Patel explained, there were six different troops meeting out of Union Church. That was because each had a 40-member limit.

"So they just created new troops," he said.

Patel said the Troop has increased the number of campouts every year from four in the early days to eight today.

"Troops are a lot more active now than they used to be," he related.

More than 250 have become Eagle Scouts through the troop, including Patel, who joined in 2019.

"It's been great. It's kind of developed my moral compass, my outdoor skills, my leadership skills," he said.

Seith has been gratified to see his sons flourish in adulthood personally and professionally, which he attributes in part to their Scouting experience. He said it even gave his younger son a leg up on his job application.

"He told me that the CEO said during the interview process, 'I see on your

resume that you are an Eagle Scout. So that tells me everything I need to know,'" Seith relayed.

Scouting has undergone significant changes in philosophy and become more inclusive, especially in recent years, developments that Seith applauds. At the same time he said Troop 10 has remained focused on preparing young people to overcome life's challenges.

"They're provided with the tools they need and taught to utilize those tools to become successful in whatever you put your mind to," he said.

The girls Troop launched in 2022, Patel reported, and took pride in a pattern of growth that bodes well for the next 100 years.

"Now we have one the biggest girls troops and boys troops in our area," he said.





**Hinsdale authors** Susan Blumberg-Kason and Cristina Henriquez will discuss their new and forthcoming books at the Hinsdale Public Library Nov. 9. See Page 28 for details. (photos provided)

## ARTFULLY DONE

### ■ Natural History Illustration Workshop: Mammals

Nov. 4  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)  
(630) 206-9566

Working from specimens and photos, students will learn a variety of techniques used to achieve the fine details, textures and surface structures of creatures and fur. Basic drawing and painting experience is recommended. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$65. RR

### ■ Robert Fleischman exhibit

Through Nov. 10  
Acquisitions of Fine Art  
10 E. First St., Hinsdale  
[www.acquisitionsoffineart.com](http://www.acquisitionsoffineart.com)

Visit this display of collages and paintings from Robert Fleischman, the former frontman for the bands Journey and The Vinnie Vincent Invasion.

### ■ 'Children Bring the Light'

Through Nov. 16  
Hinsdale Home Design Center  
108 & 110 S. Washington St.

This exhibition of children's artwork created over the summer is on display at Better Homes & Gardens/County Line and the Hinsdale Home Design Center.

### ■ 'Your Dreams Remember You'

Ongoing  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

This stunning gallery exhibition from local artist Stephanie Lenchard-Warren takes visitors on a journey through centuries of vampire mythology and symbolism. Explore the hidden layers of vampire lore and legend, and experience the artistry of immortality in all its glory.

### ■ Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship lunch

Nov. 8  
Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S. Garfield Ave.  
(630) 794-0664

The Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship, formerly Men's Club/Adult Fellowship, invites all to the November luncheon, featuring The Stockyard Strutters Dixieland Band. The AIFF's goal is inclusivity and fellowship, while also supporting charities that address hunger, domestic violence and other worthy causes. The group will host catered lunches with entertainers or paid speakers every second Wednesday of the month through June. Reservations should be made by Nov. 3 by calling Elizabeth Jung at the number listed above. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 (cash only)

## FAMILY FUN

### ■ Woodland Family Hike

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# A few of my favorite holiday things

The first glimmers of the holiday season are here. So let the festivities and planning begin. I love the thought of twinkly lights, celebrations and time with family and friends. However, this abundantly splendid season can sometimes leave me with little time to cook.

So, a few years ago, when my holiday calendar was over flowing, I had an epiphany. What if I had a cheese and charcuterie night instead of the traditional meal I had planned?

I could make it ahead and it would still feel like a celebration. After all, who hasn't dreamed of having a reason to serve cheese for dinner?

Thus, with visions of brie and berries dancing in my head, I assembled a

large board with all of my family's favorites. I decided to serve it with sliced baguettes. The cheese board was a glorious hit. It was wonderful to be able to come home, take off my coat, turn on some good music and magically pull dinner out of the refrigerator.

Cheese boards are also great for welcoming guests at Thanksgiving or as a party starter with wine and cocktails. So here are a few of my favorite things and best tips for assembling a gorgeous holiday cheese board.

First, start with a large wooden



**Amy McCauley**  
*Tales from the table*

cutting board or tray. Then begin with the cheeses so they anchor the board design. I generally have three to five different cheeses depending on the number of people I am serving. Some of my best-loved picks are a good Brie, St. Andre a French triple cream cheese, Sartori Bella Vitano flavored cheeses, a sharp cheddar and a Maytag blue cheese. I like to make it easy for everyone, so I pre-slice my hard cheeses and cut the top rind off of the top of my soft cheeses.

Another festive addition is a Boursin cheese ball.

Second, I add two to three char-

cuteries like salami, sopressata, prosciutto or Jamón Ibérico in groups. I like to cut longer slices of prosciutto in half and roll them.

Finally, add the accompaniments. I like berries, dried apricots, pears and jam, as they add a lightness which pairs well with the cheese. One of my favorite jams is Divina orange fig spread. Other special additions include candied oranges which you can find at Trader Joe's and sugared cranberries. Fill open spots on the board with fresh herbs like, sage, rosemary, thyme and mint.

— Amy McCauley of Hinsdale is the paper's food columnist.

Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

## Holiday Cheese Board

### Boursin Pumpkin Cheese Ball

- 2 (5oz) boxes of Boursin cheese
- 1 cinnamon stick
- sage leaves
- butcher's twine

Place the two cheeses together and roll them into a ball. Then cover the ball tightly with plastic wrap placing the ends on the bottom. Wrap the twine around the ball tightly like wrapping a package. Repeat three more times spacing the twine out to create even pumpkin ribs. Let the cheese ball chill in the fridge. Then cut the twine and unwrap. Place half a cinnamon stick in the center for a stem and add sage leaves.

### Sugared Cranberries

- 1 cup fresh cranberries, rinsed
- ½ cup pure maple syrup
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar

In a small mixing bowl add the cranberries and pour in the maple syrup. Stir well to coat the berries. Cover the cranberries and place them in the fridge for a least an hour. Drain the syrup from the cranberries and place the sugar on a small plate. Roll the berries a few at a time in the sugar. Let them dry and then store in the fridge. These cranberries also make beautiful cocktail garnishes.





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■ **The Harvest Moon**  
Nov. 11  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976  
Join Spark the Firefly and her friends as they welcome a new season in this Firefly Family Theater performance. Watch the changing leaves, gather acorns with a silly squirrel and experience all the sights and sounds of fall in Firefly Grove. Time: 10 to 11

a.m. RR  
■ **Fall Family Pajama Storytime**  
Nov. 16  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976  
Enjoy a cozy evening of stories to close out the Fall Family Reading season. Come in PJs, have hot cocoa and, for those who participated in the Fall Family Reading contest, bring in the bingo card for a prize. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

■ **Fall Family Reading Bingo**  
Through Nov. 16  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976  
Families with kids of all ages can have fun reading together while earning prizes. Grab a Fall Family Reading BINGO card at the library, complete the activities and pick out a prize for each space earned. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ **Blood Drive**  
Nov. 13  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org  
(630) 323-5630  
The Hinsdale Humane Society is partnering with the American Red Cross to host this blood drive. Appointments are recommended. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **Books & Brunch**  
Nov. 14  
Abbington Distinctive Banquets  
Route 53 & Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn  
www.alcw.org  
Join Assistance League of Chicagoland West's signature fundraising event for lively conversations with authors Keir Graff, Frank Sennett and Liesl Shurtliff, moderated by Andrea Thome. Bid on unique silent auction packages, take a chance on raffle prizes and shop for gifts in the boutique while also enjoying a fabulous

luncheon with friends. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets \$125.

GAME ON

■ **Soccer Shots Premier**  
Sundays, Nov. 5-Dec. 17  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500  
Kids ages 5-8 will focus on individual skill, fitness and sportsmanship and be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner. Time: 5:25 to 6:10 p.m. Cost: \$184. RR


■ **Pickleball Social**  
Nov. 7  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500  
Celebrate all things pickleball at this fun-filled evening. Enjoy a pre-play social with snacks, drinks and supporting vendors, followed by learning, games and a night of pickle-

ball play with glow-in the dark balls. Newbies to pickleball are welcome. The event is open house style; registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome. Times: 6 to 7:30 p.m. social time, snacks, games and vendors, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. glow-in the dark pickleball open play. Cost: \$8. RR, MD


GRAND GALAS

■ **A Nutcracker Gala**  
Nov. 10  
Hinsdale Golf Club  
140 Chicago Ave., Clarendon Hills  
www.e.givesmart.com/events/yx9  
Salt Creek Ballet will hold its fall gala, Partner With Us!, with live entertainment, cocktails from a cash bar, a seated dinner, and celebration of Salt Creek Ballet's history of dance and outreach within the community. Attendees receive one drink ticket. Time: 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets: \$250.


■ **Pull a Cork for Cancer**  
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## GREAT OUTDOORS

### ■ Birds in Autumn

Nov. 4  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Visit the bird feeding stations and hike along a nature trail to observe birds during the fall season. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. RR

### ■ Story Trail

Nov. 8  
Bemis Woods-South Ogden Avenue west of Wolf Road near Western Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(312) 533-5751

Experience a story unfold along a short, looped trail. A craft is available to take home after completing the trail. Grove 7. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### ■ Queen Quest

Nov. 11  
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center  
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont  
www.fpdcc.com  
(630) 257-2045

Where do bumble bee queens overwinter? Join this search for dormant queens. Time: 1 p.m. RR

### ■ Folktale Under the New Moon

Nov. 13  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Listen to a "scary" folktale recited by a LaGrange Park

Library librarian during a walk under the darkest day of the month, followed by a bonfire. The program is for ages 9 and up. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. RR

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### ■ Healing the Spirit Within One Note at a Time

Nov. 4  
Wellness House  
131 N. County Line Road  
www.wellnesshouse.org  
(630) 323-5150

This mixed media program explores the themes of love, lost and found, hope, joy and gratitude as Katherine Eldridge, who lost her first husband to cancer, plays the flute, recites poetry and displays her art journal to help inspire others to find new ways to heal their spirit. Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RR

### ■ Health Fair

Nov. 8  
Lyons Township offices  
6404 S. Joliet Road, Countryside  
www.agingcareconnections.org  
(708) 603-2277

This free drop-in fair for older adults, caregivers and families is designed to help connect older adults with community resources and services. Services include vaccinations for COVID, flu, RSV and shingles, and screenings for tetanus, blood pressure, and balance and memory. Vendors will have resource materials available in English and Spanish and bilingual staff will be on hand. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### ■ Forest Therapy Walk

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

Experience the healing and wellness-promoting effects of shinrin-yoku, the practice of bathing the senses in the atmosphere of the forest, while taking a mindful two-hour walk along a tree-lined trail with a certified forest therapy guide. A tea ceremony will conclude the walk, with tea made from edible plants foraged from the forest. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$39. RR

### ■ Live Your Nutrition

Nov. 14  
The Community House

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

Join functional nutrition practitioners Jen Alsman and Lauren Solberg of Younique Balance Health Coaching to learn about balancing blood sugar, stabilizing hormones and eating to feel and look one's best. Times: 11 a.m. to noon or 7 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$46. RR, MD

## JUST FOR KIDS

### ■ Double the Fun Drawing

Saturdays, Nov. 4-18  
Clarendon Hills Community Center  
315 Chicago Ave.  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr  
(630) 789-7090

This Young Rembrandts Art class for ages 5-10 will explore all the basics of visual arts in a fun setting. Students will complete several different projects and learn to draw whimsical characters, animals, everyday objects and action scenes. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$75.

### ■ Let's Code It: Digital Design

Mondays, Nov. 6-Dec. 11  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Children ages 7-14 will design video games and animations using a kid-friendly programming system developed by the MIT Media Lab. The curriculum hones important skills related to problem solving, attention to detail, creativity, storytelling and critical thinking. Topics include conditional statements, cloning, variables, loops, control structure, object-oriented design concepts and data structures. Students must bring a tablet or laptop. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$149. RR, MD

## LISTEN & LEARN

### ■ Restoring Native Landscapes

Nov. 7  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
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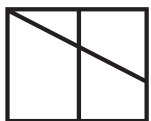


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# PULSE

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Blackwell and other preserves through clues in the paintings of the West Branch Diary: A Painterly Perspective exhibit. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person. RR

## ■ 2023 Holiday Tech Gift Guide

Nov. 14  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Get the hottest tech gift ideas for every budget for hard-to-please friends or family. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

## NOTEWORTHY

### ■ Cavatina Duo

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

Married musicians flutist Eugenia Moliner and guitarist Denis Azabagic, the first guitar and flute duo to be featured on the covers of both Classical Guitar Magazine and Flute Talk, breaks convention with their combination of instruments. The concert is part of the arboretum's monthly Chamber Concert series. Time: 2:15 p.m. Tickets: \$37. RR, MD

### ■ Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra

Nov. 5  
First United Methodist Church of La Grange  
100 W. Cossitt Ave.  
www.saltcreekchamber-orchestra.com  
(708) 252-3855

The chamber orchestra will perform its fall concert, featuring Rossini's "La Scala di Seta Overture," Respighi's "Trittico Botticelliano" and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$20, \$15 for seniors and students.

### ■ 'The Ukrainian Symphony'

Nov. 12  
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church  
149 W. Brush Hill Road  
www.ElmhurstSymphony.org  
(630) 941-0202

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will be joined by Esteban Batallán, principal trumpeter of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, for this program featuring Tchaikovsky's "Ukrainian"

Symphony No. 2, Carl Maria von Weber's "Der Freischütz Overture," Alexander Arutiunian's Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra and Camille Saint-Saëns Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso. The concert also will include violinist Cecilia O'Malley, winner of the 2023 Stanger Young Artist Competition. A pre-concert discussion led by assistant conductor Eli Chen will be held before at 2:45 p.m. in the church's upper gathering area. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$45, discounts for seniors and students.

## ON STAGE

### ■ 'The Nutcracker'

Nov. 4  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Watch Clara come alive with a special performance of this holiday season favorite by the Hinsdale Dance Academy. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

### ■ 'Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella'

Nov. 8-Jan. 7  
Drury Lane Theatre  
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace  
www.drurylanetheatre.com

Experience the classic Rodgers + Hammerstein adaptation of the beloved fairytale this holiday season. Featuring the songs "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible" and "Ten Minutes Ago," this magical musical is sure to entrance families of all ages. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 & 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$100.75-\$111.25.

### ■ Ballet Folklorico Quetzalcoatl

Nov. 11  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

This magnificent Mexican folk dance troupe will delight audiences with its eye-popping costumes, thrilling dance numbers and beautiful music celebrating the rich and vibrant Mexican culture, with special guest Goyo Cruz. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35, \$10 for

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## RUNS & WALKS

### ■ Making Spirits Bright

Nov. 11  
Hinsdale Covenant Church  
412 S. Garfield St.  
www.eventbrite.com  
Check out this enchanting, Hallmark-inspired winter shopping market of handcrafted delights hosted by local home fragrance and body care brand Lifetherapy with special guest Jessy Schram, Hallmark actress, model and singer. Proceeds from purchases will benefit the Together At Peace Foundation. For tickets, visit the website above and type "making spirits bright" in the search bar. Hours: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets: \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door.

## SIGN UP NOW

■ Taste of Love: Maya-Camille Broussard  
Nov. 8

www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Netflix's "Bake Squad" star and owner of the Chicago-based bakery Justice of the Pies, Maya-Camille Broussard, will give an online demo from her kitchen just in time for Thanksgiving. She will share her love of pie, the stories of those that inspired her, and some tips and tricks to make the perfect pie. The program is courtesy of Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

### ■ Susan Blumberg-Kason & Cristina Henríquez talk

Nov. 9  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

In celebration of Susan Blumberg-Kason's new work "Bernardine's Shanghai Salon," these two beloved Hinsdale authors will discuss their new and forthcoming books, the research process for

writing historical stories and more. Copies of "Bernardine's Shanghai Salon" will be available for checkout starting Nov. 7; Cristina Henríquez' new book is scheduled for release next spring. Five copies of "Bernardine's Shanghai Salon" will be raffled off during the event. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

### ■ House Beautiful Whole Home

Through Nov. 12  
505 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale  
www.humbledesign.  
ejoinme.org/wholehome  
House Beautiful is headed to Hinsdale, inviting design and history enthusiasts to tour this newly restored 13,000-square-foot landmark property on select dates between Oct. 28 and Nov. 12. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Humble Design Chicago, as will proceeds from an auction of items from within the home and donated by brand partners. Times: visit website for available dates and times. Tickets: \$45. RR

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ■ Recycling event

Nov. 4  
Marquette Manor Baptist Church  
333 75th St., Downers Grove  
www.senatorcurran.com

Clean out unwanted items like old copiers, DVD players and bikes at this free event hosted by Illinois Sen. John Curran (R-Downers Grove). Event team members will take items while those dropping off stay in their cars. A limited number of electronic items will be accepted; items including TVs, hard drives, alkaline batteries, paint, hazardous waste, bulbs of any kind and dehumidifiers will not be accepted. Visit the website above for a complete list. A paper shredding truck also will be on site to dispose for residential shredding only, with a limit of two grocery bags per car. Time: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## TEENS & TWEENS

### ■ Teen Take Home Craft: String Art

Nov. 10  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976  
Pick up a kit at the Hinsdale Public Library and create a colorful piece of wall art using string and pins. RR

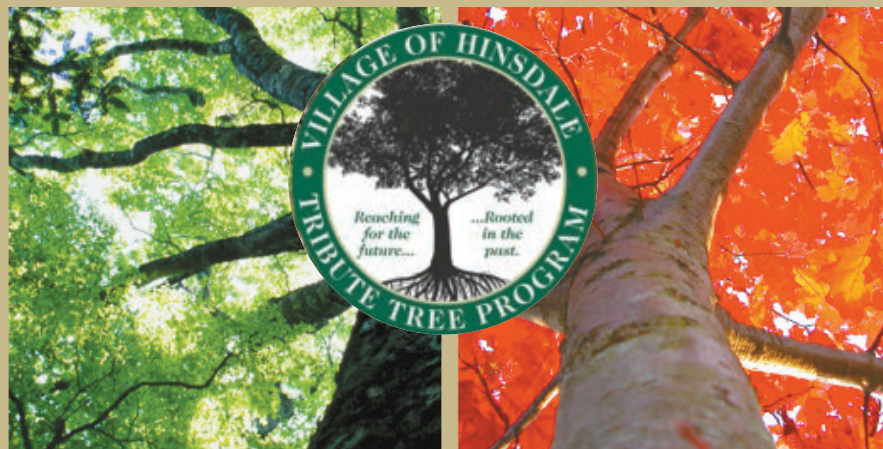
### ■ Babysitters Certification

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

Kids ages 11-15 can get the knowledge, skill and confidence to care for infants and school-age children in this American Red Cross program, with training in leadership and professionalism, safety and safe play, and first aid through video, hands-on activities and discussion. Participants should bring a sack lunch. Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$110. RR, MD

## VETERANS DAY

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## Pet pic of the week

**Boris is a** friendly little guy who is looking for a very special home. Boris has tested positive for feline leukemia virus, an autoimmune condition that is highly contagious to other cats. Because of this, he must be the only cat in the house (unless the other cat is also positive for FeLV). But Boris doesn't let that get him down! He is a very happy, curious cat who loves humans of all ages and even seems to like dogs. If you are interested in meeting Boris, please stop by the Hinsdale Humane Society. He is fully vaccinated, neutered and microchipped. Because of his condition, his adoption fee has been waived in hopes of finding him a home. The Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Visit [www.hinsdalehumane.org](http://www.hinsdalehumane.org) or call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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### ■ Veterans Day Family Activities

Nov. 11  
Cantigny Park  
1S151 Winfield Road,  
Wheaton  
[www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org)

Celebrate Veterans Day with drop-in activities honoring the bravery and sacrifice of veterans. Learn more about the experiences of veterans and create a letter or card for veterans participating in Honor Flight Chicago. Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### WEE ONES

### ■ Hinsdale Central Gymnastics I & II

Nov. 15-Dec. 18  
Hinsdale Central gymnastics gym  
5500 S. Grant St.  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

Children ages 3-7 will experience a wide range of gross motor activities while being

introduced gymnastics. Girls and boys will learn entry-level skills in tumbling, vault and bars. Times: 5 to 5:55 p.m. Wednesdays, 6 to 6:55 p.m. Thursdays, 9 to 9:55 a.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$127. RR, MD

### WINE & DINE

### ■ Wines in the Wild

Nov. 4  
Brookfield Zoo  
8400 31st St.  
[www.czs.org/WinesInTheWild2023](http://www.czs.org/WinesInTheWild2023)

Spend the evening in the zoo's Discovery Center enjoying wine/liquor tastings from wineries and distilleries throughout the U.S., delicious food, visits from animal ambassadors and a silent auction with unique travel, wine and zoo-centric items. Time: 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$300.

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# REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County from Sept. 25 to Oct. 20.

**1. 12 E. Hinsdale Ave.,** Jacob Chaudhry Properties LLC to 12 E. Hinsdale LLC, Sept. 25, \$520,000

**2. 330 The Lane,** Jeffrey Carlstead and Carlstead Revocable Living Trust to Nathan Leong and Eileen Wang, Sept. 26, \$1,750,000

**3. 844 S. Washington St.,** Geraldine Alshabkhoun to 844 S. Washington LLC, Sept. 27, \$2,000,000

**4. 636 S. County Line Road,** Kevin Callahan and Peggy R. Callahan Trust to Shanna and Timothy Derry, Sept. 29, \$2,500,000

**5. 5650 S. Washington St.,** Sharif Halim and Tiffany Ung to Gabriel and Jacquelyn Becerra and Becerra Revocable Trust, Sept. 29, \$1,575,000

**6. 618 Jefferson St.,** Danielle Cassidy to Jack Brennan and Victoria Gaspar, Oct. 2, \$1,467,500

**7. 5546 S. Bruner St.,** Philipe and Irina Diao to Donna and Jeffrey Halla, Oct. 3, \$777,000

**8. 12 S. Quincy St.,** Alexander and Melinda Fore and Linda Lima to Allison

Howard and Cameron Killen, Oct. 3, \$1,050,000

**9. 133 E. Ogden Ave.,** DW Burke & Associates to Community Consolidated School District 181, Oct. 4, \$3,100,000

**10. 7 E. Kennedy Lane,** Donald and Linda Bast to Yunya Yang, Oct. 6, \$810,000

**11. 5611 S. Thurlow St.,** Rico and Lauren Prestia to Robert Heyne and Angela Leenhouts, Oct. 12, \$1,250,000

**12. 640 S. Adams St.,** Peter and Pauline Frezados to 640 S. Adams St. LLC, Oct. 12, \$592,000

**13. 26 E. Seventh St.,** DS Homes Hinsdale LLC to 26E7 LLC, Oct. 13, \$4,500,000

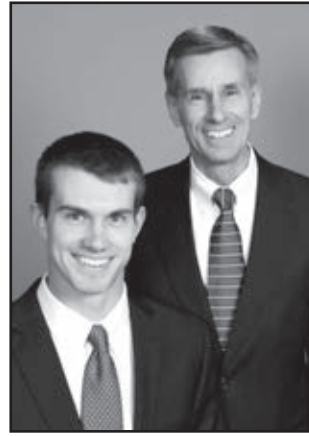
**14. 5591 S. Oak St.,** Raphael Fuchs and Nathalie DeBefve to Nihar and Priyanka Bhupalam and Bhupalam Family Trust, Oct. 16, \$2,152,000

**15. 17 E. North St.,** William C. and Gail Q. McCarthy trust to Edgar and Vonda Castro, Oct. 17, \$1,650,000

**16. 542 W. 56th St.,** Litmus LLC to Howard Bergdoll and Susan Bergdoll Revocable Trust, Oct. 18, \$495,000

**17. 603 Jefferson St.,** Abiola and Amy Akapo to Simon and Marissa Walley, Oct. 20, \$1,710,000

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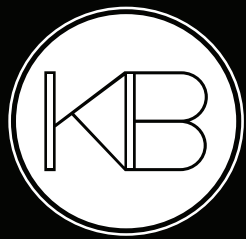
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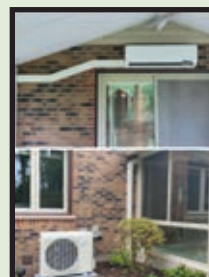
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Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns. George Eliot

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79234 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on October 10, 2023 wherein the business firm of **STUDIO M.E.** Located at 1107 Belter Drive, Wheaton, IL. 60189 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Martha Economos, 1107 Belter Drive, Wheaton, IL. 60189. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 30th day of October, A.D. 2023. Jean Kaczmarek DuPage County Clerk

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I trust in nature for the stable laws of beauty and utility. Spring shall plant and autumn garner to the end of time. Robert Browning

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COUNTY OF DUPAGE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
  
Case No: 2023MR000576

FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)  
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 14, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2007 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from: Elbiana Xhabiri to the new name of: Elbiana Biana Emroska, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: September 27, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Elbiana Xhabiri, Petitioner.

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October 26, 2023  
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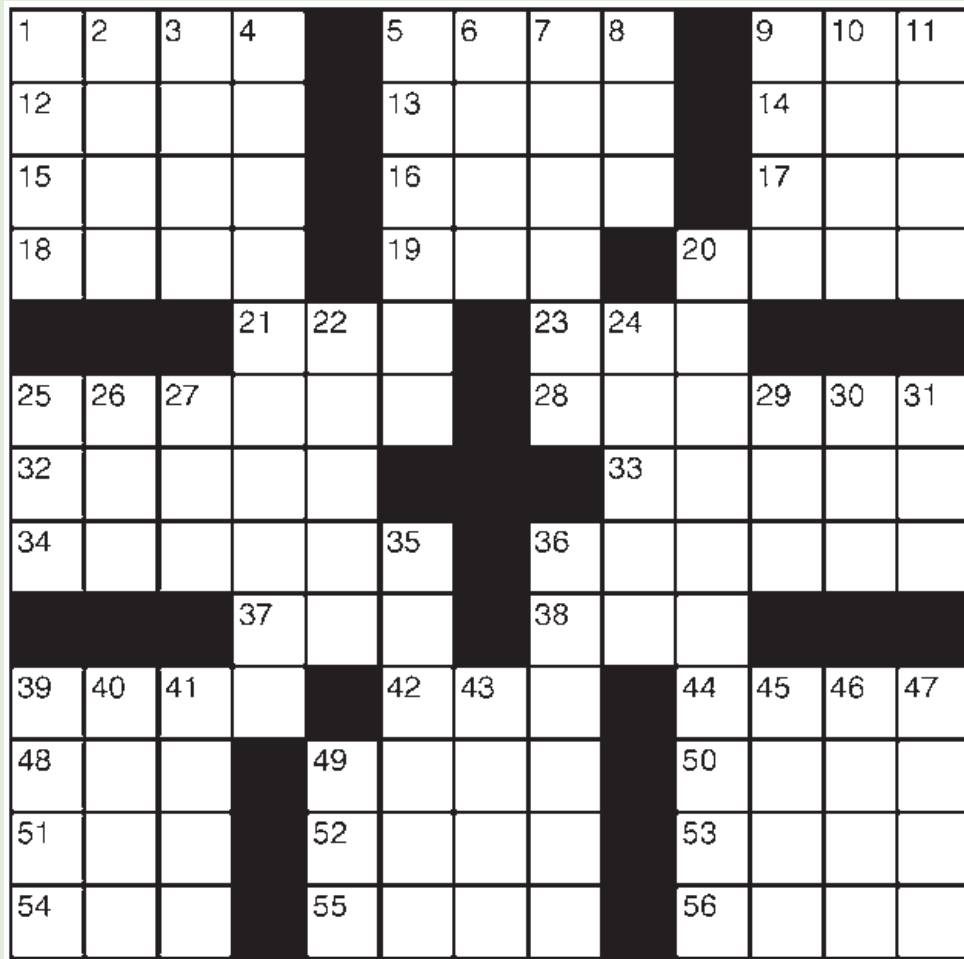
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- ACROSS
- 1 NETTING  
5 COMPOSER PORTER  
9 "I'M NOT IMPRESSED"  
12 DOG FOOD BRAND  
13 SEND FORTH  
14 CHOPPER  
15 "ARRIVEDERCI!"  
16 MARATHON FRACTION  
17 BLEMISH  
18 DIFFICULT  
19 JFK INFO  
20 GENTLE SOUL  
21 VICTORY  
23 GREEK X  
25 QUICK RUN  
28 CRY OF DISTRESS  
32 EXACT MOMENT  
33 BROADCAST AGAIN  
34 ROUSE  
36 CAVIAR PROVIDER  
37 "XANADU" BAND  
38 "- BLUE?"  
39 FAMILY FIGHT  
42 ZODIAC ANIMAL  
44 FROST  
48 HOSTEL  
49 FUTURE TULIP  
50 TEX. NEIGHBOR  
51 SCRIBBLE (DOWN)  
52 REGARDING  
53 PARIS AIRPORT  
54 EQUI-  
55 "SCRAM!"  
56 CALENDAR SQUARES



- DOWN
- 1 JET SPEED MEASURE  
2 DIRECTOR KAZAN  
3 PRACTICE PUGILISM  
4 BAMBOOZLED  
5 SOLIDIFY  
6 SKIP  
7 FRAGRANT FLOWERS  
8 SUMMER ON THE SEINE  
9 CRIB CRY  
10 PHYSICAL  
11 BASIL OR THYME  
20 BREAD AND BUTTER, SO TO SPEAK  
22 CHIP GIANT  
24 SERAGLIO  
25 RESORT  
26 "WHAM!"  
27 ESTUARY  
29 -- DE COLOGNE  
30 "TOP GUN" TARGET  
31 HISTORIC TIME  
35 "TAKE YOUR TIME"  
36 PANDA'S DIET  
39 SOUTH PACIFIC NATION  
40 EVE'S GRAND-SON  
41 "DO -- OTHERS ..."  
43 SAX RANGE  
45 GUMBO VEGGIE  
46 FRIEND  
47 BEAMS  
49 SOME COLL. DEGREES

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

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Gripe 2. Maker;  
3. Glean; 4. Course

Today's Word  
**SPOKEN**

## SCRAMBLERS

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



"My wife's mother is a gem -- we haven't since the wedding."

Fuss  
REPIG  
Creator  
ARKEM  
Cull  
ANGLE  
Crass  
SOURCE

TODAY'S WORD

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## HOROSCOPES

November 2023 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, you have been making pleasure and play time your priority of late. It's now time to get down to business. Own up to your responsibilities.



ARIES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Play to your strengths to reach your goals, Arries. You do not have to change much about yourself to get ahead. In fact, people will appreciate you being honest about who you are.



CANCER

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
For some reason you are really interested in a friend or family member's behavior and comings and goings, Cancer. Are you having trust issues? Give them the benefit of the doubt.



LIBRA

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Unchecked anxiety can lead you down a slippery slope, Libra. It's not easy facing new situations, but worrying about things before it is necessary will not do right now.



AQUARIUS

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Unraveling old patterns or actions will be good for you right now, Aquarius. If you can't do it on your own, work with a friend or therapist to get to the root of any issues.



TAURUS

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, do not worry about being passionate about what you do. If you weren't this passionate, you may not be able to persuade others to listen up and follow your suggestions.



LEO

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, this week's cosmic energy could see you pushing some boundaries. It's fine to take risks as long as you have someone to pull you back if you go a bit too far.



SCORPIO

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, you are no stranger to psychic feelings. This week you know what a loved one is thinking and want to help this person out in any way you can.



PISCES

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, think about collaborating with others to bring out the best in yourself. In fact, you might find any group activity transformative. Don't shy away from these ventures.



GEMINI

**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, you may not have had the entire story, but you certainly will get it this week. It's up to you to make up your mind how you want to act on the information you gather.



VIRGO

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
A romantic adventure may prove the catalyst for change in your life, Virgo. Many exciting prospects are ahead if you allow yourself to get swept along in the momentum of your feelings.



SAGITTARIUS

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you cannot control the world or others' behaviors. All you can do is control how you react to situations. Don't be sidetracked by noisy distractions in the days ahead.



9U WINS FIRST  
PLAYOFF GAME

It was chilly but dry Sunday morning as the 9U Falcons took Dickinson Field for their opening playoff game. The Bartlett Raiders came to town looking to spoil the Falcons' undefeated season; however, the young Falcons prevailed with a hard-fought 21-0 victory.

The offense stalled on its first drive of the game, but the Falcon D picked got the ball back to them four plays later. This time they methodically drove the ball toward the goal line. Luke Wanless finished the drive behind a Quinn Houser and AJ Siepker double-team block for the 3-yard touchdown run. Nate Morris rolled out to his left and found Jack Slavik in the end zone for the 2-point conversion for an 8-0 lead.

The Falcons' defense got the ball back to the offense quickly following a Billy Jaqua interception. Three plays later, the Falcons stuck again from 40 yards out. Max Breton and Dean Winfelder held the Raiders at bay allowing the TD run. Tate Pitts provided the final block, springing Wanless for his second score. Owen Moon scooted around end for the

extra point and a 15-0 Falcons halftime lead.

The Falcons closed out the scoring with a 35-yard TD run by Wanless. A big block by Brody Sobieraj lead the way for the Wanless "hat trick. A great team effort was responsible for the win. A special shout out goes to the defense, which secured the ninth shut-out of the season — JP Rago, Enzo Allegra, Henry Appel (forced fumble and recovery), Cooper Milburn, Grant Garber, John Dunn, Elijah Trombly, Massismo Buttitta and Kanas Zitkevicius.

It has already been a great season! These hungry Falcons hope to continue it next week at HCHS against a tough opponent with a trip to the Super Bowl on the line.

10U SILVER WINS  
DEFENSIVE BATTLE

Playoff football for the Hinsdale Falcon Silver 10U team came to Dickinson Field, and what a contest it was. Hinsdale took on the Park Ridge Falcons in tightly contested defensive battle, as both defenses kept the game scoreless until the fourth quarter. The Hinsdale Falcons outlasted Park Ridge 12-6, with all scoring occurring in the last 6 minutes.

The Falcon defense again was the key to victory, as it keep Park Ridge players from scoring until late in the game when they were in desperation mode. Early in the third quarter Hinsdale kept Park Ridge out of the end zone when they were deep in the Hinsdale territory. Marco Oliverio, Brennan Smith, Rohan Sheth, Miles Perucki, Grant Garver, Jack O'Malley, Luke Hanson, Blake Bazan, Theo Messeih and Rahil Thakkar were all played a role in the defensive presence.

Great secondary play from Leo Solorio, Frankie Levato, Rohn Ramani and Danny McFarland kept the Park Ridge passing attack at bay, especially late in the game when they needed a tying score.

The offense, led by Sawyer Mhyra, was efficient and moved the ball with blocking from Will Rooney, Nico Will, Joey Hillegass, Hayden Sobieraj and Carter Cox. They generated key blocks at key times throughout the contest to ultimately win the game.

Hinsdale, desperate for a spark, gambled and went for a 4th-and-1 on their own 12-yard line. A hard-nosed run from Jacob Zager secured the first down, and they were rewarded with an 85-yard TD run from Luca Striltschuk.

Jacob Zager won the game on a 73-yard TD run late in the fourth.

Viren Singh continued his mastery of solid kick offs.

Off to the semifinals next week to face the Tri City White Chargers. Game time and date TBD.

11U GOLD D1 GETS  
WIN WITH SHUTOUT

"Survive and Advance."

That's exactly what the Hinsdale Falcons did in a cold, wet playoff game against the Downers Grove Panthers. The Hinsdale defense led the way, pitching a 12-0 shutout for the win.

The Falcons got the opening kick off and, after an impressive return by Grant Kirchheimer, went to work marching down the field with a steady diet of runs from Michael Kipnis and Kellan Goodwin behind Sullivan Camp's lead blocking. The drive culminated in a 1-yard plunge by Kipnis for the score, making it 6-0 Hinsdale.

The Hinsdale defense came out with a fury, getting the pads popping early. On the Panthers' third play, Brock Bradley laid a big blindside quarterback hit, jarring the ball loose, leading to a Oliver Johnson recovery.

After a stalled Falcon drive, the defensive dogs got loose again. The series belonged to the defensive line with a Sal Calendriello tackle for loss, a Torsten Wood backfield takedown and an incredible blocked punt and recovery by Wood. Unable to find the endzone again, Hinsdale led 6-0 at half.

The second half started with a bang as Jaxon Uthe recovered the opening onside kick to get Hinsdale an extra possession. The Falcon offense battled the tough conditions and put together some extended drives behind strong play from quarterback Dillon Phelan and the line led by Ben Kurinsky, Connor Gaylord and Grant Wanless, but were still unable to score. The defense, chasing the shutout, was up to the task with continued physical play from Wood, Calendriello, Bradley, Leo Crooks and Angel Roman. Charlie Lynch, Shane Behar and Dominic Cresap put in their typical steady performances on defense as well. Hinsdale struck the final blow on the last play of the game with a lofted pass from Phelan to Bradley from 50 yards, capping Bradley's phenomenal day. The Falcons will take on Lyons in the semifinals this week.

HEADED TO STATE		RESULTS			
Members of the Hinsdale Central boys and girls cross teams will compete at the IHSA state final meet Saturday, Nov. 4, at Detweiler Park in Peoria.					
Representing Red Devil Nation for the boys will be seniors Aden Bandukwala, Evan Kurimay and Maxwell Lowe, juniors Nikita Kamenev and Cooper Revord, sophomore Michael Gamboa and freshman Henry Miller.					
Representing Red Devil Nation for the girls will be seniors Kennedy Boyd, Pola Dygon and Camden Griffin, sophomore Lily Hodneland and freshmen Ella Satre and Evelyn Skay.					
Good luck Devils!					
		<b>Cross country, boys</b> Oct. 28 @ IHSA sectional V places 7th with 173 points Bandukwala, 1st, 15:10.61 Lowe, 17th, 15:50.02 Kurimay, 41st, 16:23.72 Gamboa, 51st, 16:30.49 Miller, 73rd, 16:51.22 Kamenev, 76th, 16:55.2 Revord, 92nd, 17:19.41	V places 5th with 127 points Dygon, 15th, 19:10.2 Hodneland, 22nd, 19:24.3 Griffin, 26th, 19:28.08 Boyd, 28th, 19:31.77 Satre, 40th, 19:44.45 Skay, 47th, 19:51.78	Weller, goal Yu, goal Oct. 28 @ Maine V loses 2-5	Steines, 6 kills, 2 blocks, 2 digs Sessa, 5 kills, dig Quast, 4 kills, 5 digs Leddy, kill, 5 assists Bergin, ace, dig Scott, 2 blocks Chen, 7 digs, 8 assists Young, 6 digs, assist Garchar, 2 assists
		<b>Cross country, girls</b> Oct. 28 @ IHSA sectional	<b>Hockey</b> Oct. 29 vs. DuPage V wins 5-4 Crabb, 2 goals Anderson, goal	<b>Soccer, boys</b> Oct. 25 @ IHSA sectional vs. Morton (semifinal) V loses 1-2	Oct. 26 @ IHSA regional vs. York (championship) V wins 25-20, 25-22
				<b>Volleyball, girls</b> Oct. 30 vs. IHSA sectional vs. OP-RF (semifinal) V loses 19-25, 7-25	

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## SPORTS

### Competitors today, teammates tomorrow



**The Clarendon Hills Middle School** and Hinsdale Middle School girls basketball teams took to the court for their annual eighth-grade basketball game Wednesday at Hinsdale Central. HMS' Mila Chemmachel drives past Annie Earley for a shot. CHMS' Kylie Wheeler looks for an opening. HMS' Sophie Darwish has her sites set on the basket. CHMS' Gabby Gjeldum drives around an opponent, while teammate Danya Ahmed sets up a pass. Next year these CHMS Eagles and HMS Spartans will play together as Devils for Hinsdale Central. HMS came out on top 33-11. (Jim Slonoff photos)



# SPORTS

## Jezioro 'bringing the fire' to new job

*Red Devils' new AD says there's simply nothing better than high school athletics*

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Hinsdale Central athletic director Mike Jezioro never planned to become a teacher, much less a coach.

He was nearing the start of his senior year at Glenbard East High School when the teachers went on strike, causing the varsity football team on which he played to forfeit its first game.

"As a 17-year-old boy, that was the most traumatic, horrible thing," Jezioro said. "I couldn't believe that adults had that much effect over us."

So he abandoned his plans to study computer engineering at Purdue University, deciding to go into teaching instead.

"I changed my career path right then and there because of that one incident," he said.

He enrolled at Elmhurst College, where he majored in math, played football and met his future wife, Ann, a soccer player.

His entry into coaching was equally unexpected.

"I kind of got thrown into coaching," he said.

He thought he had agreed to help his former high school wrestling coach with a kids wrestling club during a phone conversation. Then the two met for dinner.

"He hands me this 3-inch binder, this huge binder, and was like, 'Here you go. Here's everything you need. You're in charge,'" Jezioro recalled.

The experience taught him a lot about running a program, from obtaining the proper insurance to entering teams into competitions.

"It was a great experience. Now that I look back, I'm thankful he was like, 'Figure it out, here's what you've got to do,'" he said.

Since then, he's added



With his Italian last name pronounced "Jez-ee-are-oh," Central's new athletic director Mike Jezioro said most people just call him "Jez." (Jim Slonoff photo)

several coaching positions to his resume. He spent three years as a wrestling coach at his former high school while in college. He also coached softball at Glenbard East and football and wrestling at Oswego East High School. The most important skill a coach can bring to the position isn't technical knowledge of a particular sport, in his opinion.

"I think no matter what the sport is, it's all about the relationships and the connections the coach can make with the kids," he said, sounding a lot like a popular Apple TV coach.

"I am a Ted Lasso fan," he admitted when asked. "I love it."

One of his most challenging jobs was being on staff when Oswego East first opened, and he and other coaches were responsible for starting every sports program from scratch.

"We were trying to find ways to get kids involved, trying to find traditions, just trying to figure it

all out," he said.

He spent 10 years at Oswego before becoming dean of students at Glenbard East. The last five years before coming to Central, he had the shared duties of activities and athletic director at South Elgin High School.

"My passion has always been athletics," said Jezioro, who played soccer, baseball and football and also wrestled while growing up. "So to be the athletic and activities director of a school with 3,000 students was a lot of work. I wanted to focus in on athletics."

He knew Dan Jones and that the AD job at Central would be open when he retired.

"I submitted my application, was fortunate enough to go through the process and here I am," he said.

He started July 1 and said he's focusing his first year primarily on observing.

"You don't want to come in a place that has had so much success as Hinsdale Central, you're not going

to come and be like, 'Hey, we're changing all this stuff.' There's no need," he said.

That isn't to say he won't be making a few tweaks.

"Dan is amazing, but everybody knows everybody does stuff a little different," he said, noting Jones' penchant for paper and his preference for digital documents.

"You have to do what works for you," he added. "You can't take someone else's system and try to fit yourself into it."

Assistant athletic director Kelly Watson said Jezioro's organization and technology skills will be an asset to the athletic department and the West Suburban Conference.

"While he hasn't made too many changes in his short time here, some ideas he has in mind are great, and I look forward to seeing him implement them in the coming years," Watson said.

Jezioro said one of his challenges will be helping athletes who fall short of

meeting their goals in an environment where first-place finishes are frequent. Taking second isn't the worst thing that can happen, he said.

"Part of the job here is to help the kids understand that a little bit," Jezioro said. "We're very fortunate and we've had a lot of success, and we'll continue to have a lot of success. It's also teaching them how to handle the adversity when the expectations aren't met."

"You don't always finish in first place. You don't always get the job. It's how you deal with that," he added.

Despite the department's reputation for having support from the community, he's still been impressed by the level of support.

The father of four daughters said his favorite part of the job is working with kids.

"When you come in new, it takes a while to start building those relationships," he said, noting that at this point he has met most student-athletes for one of two reasons.

"They're either really good or they do something bad and you have to have the conversation with them," he said.

Watson praised Jezioro for his ability to form connections.

"He is very student-centered and has already formed nice relationships with students by encouraging them to perform at their best, both in the classroom and on the field, court, etc.," she said.

Jezioro recently attended a soccer game in Batavia, where he lives, and the next day heard from players how excited they were to see him there.

"Sometimes you get stuck behind the computer and answering emails," he said. "Sometimes you have to be reminded why you're here."



# *top 10 homeowner tips for FALL*

- ☑ Inspect your roof before the snow comes
- ☑ Protect your faucets from freezing temperatures, remove your hose from the exterior spigots and don't forget to winterize the sprinkler system
- ☑ Freshen your furnace filter and have it serviced
- ☑ Repair walkways and driveways for an easier time shoveling
- ☑ Touch up exterior paint
- ☑ Fertilize your lawn and prep for winter. Prune your plants!
- ☑ Clean your gutters
- ☑ Seal air leaks that can be a waste of energy
- ☑ Give your fireplace a once-over and perhaps do a chimney sweep.
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