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Sunset over the Hinsdale prairie — As the sun set over the Jackson Street prairie in Hinsdale on Monday night, the effects of the forest fires in the western United States created an unusual look. As the fires burn out of control, the smoke in the upper atmosphere will impact both sunrise and sunset for next several days in the area. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Central parents, students give remote learning a failing grade.

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Project deemed too dense for village

Panned by Fullersburg residents, Heather Highlands rejected by plan commission

By Ken Knutson
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The proposed Heather Highlands residential project has received low marks from both Hinsdale plan commissioners and residents of the Fullersburg community near the 37-acre site north of Ogden Avenue, who contend the density envisioned is not suitable for an area distinguished for its natural attributes.

At a virtual public hearing Sept. 9, McNaughton Development presented its request for a planned development of 46 single-family homes on the largely undeveloped parcel within a flood plain between Madison and Adams streets. Half of the homes would be built on 45'x70' lots and the other half on smaller cluster lots, with estimated price range from \$900,000 to \$1.2 million.

To build that number of homes, McNaughton requested a change of the property's zoning classification from R-2 to R-4. McNaughton team member Kon Savoy of Savoy Consulting Group said Heather Highlands would help preserve and promote the natural features of the site by keeping nearly 20 acres as open space, clustering a portion of units and providing publicly accessible pathways around the property.

"The request for more units than are allowed in the R-2 will, we believe, not only will have a limited or insignificant impact on the neighborhood and villages, but also allows us to offer the village a unique and special opportunity to create one of the most attractive and arguably desirable open spaces and recreational areas in the

village while providing an much needed park for the residents north of Ogden," Savoy said.

Representatives of the developer testified that the undeveloped portion of the site would be placed in a conservation trust for management and that the impact of the project on school enrollment, traffic congestion and stormwater issues would be minimal. Acknowledging strong resistance to the plan from area homeowners in the months since details emerged, project manager Paul McNaughton Jr. said he hoped the public hearing would clear up any misinformation.

"That's why we wanted to put our case before the plan commission tonight, so that the record is clear as to what exactly we're proposing so that people can formulate questions based on this presentation," McNaughton said.

What was clear was that residents' objections hadn't changed. During public comment, Fullersburg resident Dan Hemmer said opposition is so strong that a non-profit was formed to fight the project, which he said was being misrepresented by the developer.

"The nature of our community is not tract housing," Hemmer said. "It's a ridiculously dense plan that doesn't fit within our community."

Longtime resident Fred Current said Heather Highlands would damage the "rural" character of the area.

"We are very opposed to cluster-type housing



Hinsdale Plan Commissioners did not approve of McNaughton's plan to build 46 single-family homes on 37 acres between Madison and Adams streets.

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Ryan revises its senior living proposal

By Pamela Lannom
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As the Hinsdale Plan Commission unanimously rejected one development proposed for a portion of the IBLP property on Ogden Avenue, the Hinsdale Village Board is poised to send them another.

Hinsdale trustees Tuesday discussed a revised proposal from Ryan Companies for a 240-unit senior living facility on 32.5 acres at Ogden and Adams Street. The existence of two separate proposals for two separate areas of the Institute of Basic Life Principles property has confused some residents, Village President Tom Cauley said.

The McNaughton development, which was not received favorably at last week's plan commission meeting (see story above), has not been discussed by the village board.

“McNaughton never came to the board. He went directly to the plan

commission, which is his right," Cauley said.

Ryan, in contrast, came to the village board to request a referral to the plan commission. The board agreed and the plan commission held a public hearing on the proposal June 10, which was continued. The developer, after holding an open house with residents, withdrew his plan Aug. 27 and submitted a new one earlier this month.

Dave Erickson, Ryan's vice president of real estate development, told the board his company has worked to incorporate feedback from village officials and residents in the revised proposal.

"It's been nine months of listening and adjusting," he said.

One big change in the new plan is the move of 27 one-story villas to the east side of Adams Street on 21 acres adjacent to Ogden that Ryan has had

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Ryan Companies has modified its plan to build a senior living facility at Ogden Avenue and Adams Street. The portion of the proposed development east of Adams sits just south of the area McNaughton had hoped to develop.

ONCE UPON A TIME



It's a house on wheels! — It took two days in 2005 for R. Harold Zook's home to be moved from its lot at 327 S. Oak St. to Katherine Legge Memorial Park. The noted architect's home and studio, which are owned by the Hinsdale Historical Society, are in need of repair. Learn more by turning to the Pulse feature on Page 17. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)



Happy Birthday!
Maggie Rhoads
turns 16 Sept. 20

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Central, South set to re-open next month

D86 plans to phase in hybrid model by bringing back 25 percent of students week of Oct. 5

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Some students will be back in the buildings at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South high schools this month, with in-person classes set to resume until Oct. 5.

Even then, only 25 percent of each school's enrollment will return, with plans to bring more teens back to campus in the weeks that follow, Superintendent Tammy Prentiss told Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members at their Sept. 10 meeting.

The roughly 100 parents and students who gathered at a "We Stand for the Students" rally outside Central before the meeting believe that is not soon enough.

"Schools in all states across our country are open and we are closed," said organizer Susan Draddy, parent of a Central senior. "Neighboring state schools in Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio are open and we are closed. Forty percent of public school students in Illinois are back in the classroom and we are closed. All of the Catholic and Christian schools and all the religious educational institutions in Illinois as well as other private schools are open and we are closed."

"We are getting left behind."

She cited District 86 feeder schools, including Districts 181 and 62, where students are back in class on a hybrid model.

"Everybody is fine," Draddy said. "It is simply not OK that we are closed."

The five Central seniors who spoke also advocated for schools to reopen.

Senior Michael Brescia said he wants to return safely to school, sports and activities as students in other states have done.

"Why are we one of the only states not playing football this fall? Is coronavirus different in Iowa or Indiana than it is in Illinois? It's not fair," he said.

Senior Cayden Torsberg said social interaction is important for everyone, especially teens, maintaining that more kids are suffering from depression than from COVID-19.

"Sitting at home every day behind a screen does not promote well-being," she said. "E-learning is not the answer. We must return to the classroom. We must all benefit from the superior education that our parents' tax dollars pay for."

Allegra Waverley, also a senior, said her kindergarten neighbor is trusted to go back to school wearing a mask and she wonders why the same doesn't hold true for 15- to 18-year-olds.



About 100 people gathered outside Hinsdale Central High School before the District 86 school board meeting last week to voice their support for starting in-person classes now. Several students spoke, including Central senior Matt Hester. (Jim Slonoff photos)

"I would jump at the opportunity to be back in school, even if it was just part-time," she said.

At the meeting, Prentiss spent time discussing the differences between bringing students back to a high school versus an elementary or middle school. In addition to having a significantly larger enrollment, high school students can't be isolated in a classroom the way elementary students can be.

"A cohort is different at a high school campus than a K-5 campus," Prentiss said. "The reason cohorts are important is it really comes back to contact tracing."

She offered several examples of what constitutes a cohort, such as students in a specific course, those on an athletic team or those who ride the bus together. Two cases of COVID-19 infections occurring within 14 calendar days of each other in any cohort would meet the definition

of an outbreak.

"Many different cohorts could be impacted by a positive case," she added. "That's what makes us different from a K-5 setting."

At 50 percent capacity, a middle school might have 250 students in the building, she said. At Central, that number would be close to 1,500.

"We are all sad and disappointed to not be in school," Prentiss said. "But we want to return in a safe measure and we want to keep that continuity of instruction going."

She admonished parents who are hosting homecoming parties, which students have mentioned to their teachers on Zoom lessons.

"We are sad that we are not playing football. We are sad that there is not that traditional homecoming," Prentiss said. "However, having large gatherings and having groups of students get together, you are basically going to cause any plan that we put

together to end quickly because there is going to be an outbreak."

And when a cohort is sent home, their teachers will need to be as well, she noted.

"Parents need to work with us and they need to work with their young adults and just say, 'No, I'm sorry.' We have to work hard on the social distancing when they are outside our school walls," she stressed.

Seniors will be back in the building Sept. 23 and 24 to take the SAT, and administrators hope to bring back some special education students for instruction, interventions and support starting Monday.

The Recovery-Revitalization-Restore Committee continues to meet and work, Prentiss reported, and will make its final recommendation to the board at its Sept. 24 meeting. That recommendation will detail which 25 percent of students will return first.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org>

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business Sept. 10, board members:

- voted 7-0 to issue almost \$46.1 million in bonds, the third bond sale related to the \$139.8 million building referendum voters approved in an April 2019 referendum. The sale is expected to generate \$50.6 million in proceeds, due to a “premium” (bonds trade above their “par” or face value). The district received a premium on its first two bond sales as well, receiving \$70 million from its first sale of \$62.26 million and \$34.9 million from its sale of \$31.48 million.

This is expected to be the final bond sale, said Josh Stephenson, chief financial officer.

- heard a report on the tentative annual budget for fiscal year 2020-21, which shows anticipated revenues of \$118.3 million and anticipated expenses of \$116.8 million, leaving a \$1.4 million surplus. Revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2019-20 were \$110 million and \$108.7 million, respectively. The board is expected to approve on the budget at its Sept. 24 meeting.

- listened to the first report from Hinsdale Central’s new board liaison, senior Heather Roslyn. She reported that the results of a survey she sent to classmates shows students are concerned that e-learning will not be effective if it continues for many more weeks.

- heard board President Kevin Camden say he is moving audience communication to the final agenda item starting at the next meeting.

“I’m tired of people — and I’ve said this publicly for a number of years — I’m tired of folks coming in and complaining and not listening as we go through the meeting to answer the questions that they had,” he said. “That’s the way it’s going to be moving forward until there is a new chair.”

People do need to be signed in by the beginning of the meeting to speak during audience comments, he confirmed.

COVID-19 case count up 25 since last week

The number of Hinsdale residents who have been diagnosed with a confirmed case of COVID-19 hit 368 on Sept. 15, compared to 343 a week ago.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 332 confirmed cases in Hinsdale and the Cook County Health Department reported 36 confirmed cases in the village.

A total of 168 confirmed cases and 34 deaths are associated with ManorCare in Hinsdale, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. Those numbers include residents and staff who might not be DuPage County residents.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had five confirmed COVID-19 patients and eight patients awaiting test results on Wednesday, a spokeswoman

said.

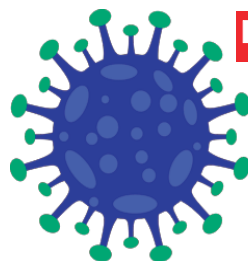
DuPage County has reached 16,284 confirmed cases, including 546 deaths, up from 15,453 cases and 539 deaths a week ago.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 5.7 percent Wednesday.

The number of confirmed cases in towns neighboring Hinsdale are as follows:

- Burr Ridge, 250
- Clarendon Hills, 155
- Oak Brook, 188
- Western Springs, 209
- Westmont, 542

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D181 fiscal plan projects large surplus

As fund balances grow significantly, board members will have to decide how to respond

By Ken Knutson

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The Community Consolidated District 181 Board has approved a balanced budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year that envisions a \$6.7 million surplus in its operating budget.

Board members voted 6-0 Monday in favor of the financial plan calling for \$64.5 million in operating expenses, less than the nearly \$65 million in the 2019-20 budget, with projected revenue of \$71.3 million. About \$2.6 of the surplus will be used for transfers or debt certificates.

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Rick Engstrom told board members the budget comes on the heels of a 2019-20 year in which unaudited operating expenses came in \$4 million under predictions. The district realized significant savings in several areas, including just over \$2 million in salaries and benefits due a lower pay increase in the last teachers contract than had been anticipated and \$590,000 in unspent health insurance contingency funds. Other savings were related to the COVID-19 shutdown of school buildings in the spring, including \$1 million in purchased services, \$450,000 in classroom supplies and \$225,000 in utilities.

The pandemic also compelled the district to defer the installation of new flooring at Clarendon Hills Middle School, Engstrom reported.

"Our (facility maintenance

program), we kind of pushed some things off, and also some things came in under budget when we went out for bids, so that was another \$1 million (saved)," he said.

Board member Nate Lucht said the surplus is a positive byproduct of the year's events but requires a thoughtful response from the board.

"We're in better financial shape than we thought we would be," he said, citing the district's fund balance that has grown from \$31.6 million at the end of the 2018-19 fiscal year to a projected \$42.8 million by the end of next June. "That number is dramatic. We have a very big increase in our fund balance."

Lucht said that scenario obligates the board to make decisions about the money's fate and how to craft the upcoming levy.

"Do we want to maybe lower the levy? Do we want to maybe increase the abatement? Or do we maybe want to use some of these funds to support something more strategic?" Lucht posed, listing the establishment of a permanent district administration center, full-day kindergarten or a world languages program among the possibilities. "There are real implications in what we're going to be doing over the few months."

Responding to Lucht's question about why the \$1 million earmarked for CHMS flooring wasn't spent, board President Margie Kleber said it was a timing issue.

At a glance

Here's the breakdown of the District 181's 2020-21 operating budget revenue and expenditures:

Revenue

Property taxes.....	\$67.5 million
State revenue.....	\$2.8 million
Federal revenue.....	\$964,400
Total.....	\$71.3 million

Expenditures

Salaries and benefits.....	\$52.9 million
Purchased services.....	\$5.5 million
Supplies & materials.....	\$3.3 million*
Capital outlay.....	\$1.1 million
Other objects.....	\$719,172
Non-capital equipment.....	\$815,703
Termination benefits.....	\$198,000
Total.....	\$64.5 million

* \$123,502.60 has been expended for supplies and services related to COVID-19 since July

"When we were in the bid process, COVID hit," she explained. "By the time we wanted to order it, we were afraid we wouldn't meet the opening of school."

The plan is to rebid the project this fall, Kleber said, and complete it on top of the \$2 million in capital projects the district undertakes each year.

"So we'll have essentially \$3 million in projects, but \$1 million of that will come from money that is already in the

restricted reserve fund," she said.

Lucht expressed concern that not all that money will be used this year. Board member Meeta Patel said the capital project schedule is designed to adapt to circumstances.

"Depending on what happens with bids, depending on where we land with final price, depending on timing, some of these projects may be moved up a year or six months," she said, noting the complication

of the calendar year straddling two fiscal years.

Superintendent Hector Garcia underscored the importance of conversations among district officials about the deployment of surplus funds.

"Certainly over the next couple of months it's going to be critical to talk about those long-term commitments that we need to make, or we want to make, and how does that play into the levy," Garcia said.



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Michael Sekyra, 36, 674 Lily Cache Lane, Bolingbrook, was arrested for driving with a revoked license at 4:40 a.m. Sept. 12 at 55th and Quincy streets. He was released on bond to appear in court.

Vehicle burglarized

The console of an unlocked vehicle was ransacked between 6 p.m. Sept. 10 and 1 p.m. Sept. 11 while it was parked on the street in the 400 block of Old Surrey Road. No items of value were reported stolen.

Brook Park bathroom vandalized

Bathroom stalls and other sanitary equipment were damaged between Sept. 10 and 11 in the bathroom at Brook Park, Third Street and Columbia Avenue.

Political sign swiped

A political sign was stolen Sept. 8 from the parkway in the 200 block of East Hickory Street.

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 Hinsdlean at news@thehinsdlean.com to provide us with documentation. Information will be updated online and in the next issue of the paper.

CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

• Sept. 21 — Ten local chapters of the League of Women Voters are hosting a candidate forum for the Illinois 6th Congressional District via Zoom from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Democratic incumbent Sean Casten, who is seeking a second term, will participate along with challengers Republican Jeanne Ives and Libertarian Bill Redpath.

Each candidate will make a two-minute opening statement; answer questions vetted by the League and presented by a trained, nonpartisan moderator; and then make a two-minute closing statement. Capacity is limited. The event will be recorded and available for later viewing.

To register, visit <https://my.lwv.org/illinois/wheaton/event/il-6th-congressional-district-virtual-candidate-forum>.

Avoid tickets by parking in lot

Hinsdale police want to remind those who live and work in Hinsdale that free parking is available in the lower level of the new parking deck near the Hinsdale Middle School.

The lot may be entered off Garfield Avenue just south of First Street.

Drivers who park in metered spaces on the street and let the meters expire will be ticketed, police said.

One early voting site to open

Early voting in DuPage County begins Thursday, Sept. 24, for the Nov. 3 election at the DuPage Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton.

Beginning, Oct. 19, early voting will be offered at 14 other sites, including the Downers Grove Village Hall, 801

Burlington Ave.

In Cook County, early voting begins Oct. 19. The closest site is the Brookfield Village Hall, 8820 Brookfield Ave.

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Man honored for work in Chicago neighborhood

A Friday morning get-together with a group of fellow Christian men changed Charles Lewis' life for years to come and the lives of thousands of Chicago residents forever.

It was at one of these weekly gatherings that Lewis heard Glen Kehrein tell the story of Circle Urban Ministries and the good work it was doing to make the Austin community of Chicago a better place to live. It wasn't long before Lewis was part of the Circle Urban mission.

"Circle really had a calling on my heart," Lewis said.

A member of the Circle Urban Ministries board for more than a decade and a longtime member and former president at Hinsdale Golf Club, Lewis suggested that a golf outing would be a great way to raise money for the Austin community. He was right.

That first golf outing, held in 2011, attracted almost 100 participants and raised more than \$100,000. Now known as the Kehrein Memorial Golf Outing since Kehrein's death in November 2011, the outing continues to be a

major fundraiser for Circle Urban Ministries.

At this year's outing, set for Sept. 21 (see Page 22 for details), Lewis will be presented with the Kehrein Award of Excellence, given each year to honor someone who has worked toward Circle Urban's mission of racial reconciliation. Wife Joanie also will be recognized for her work with the organization, and Duane Morris LLP will be recognized for the firm's financial support of the Circle mission.

Lewis said he is honored to be recognized for his work with Circle Urban and proud that his family and his employer also back the cause.

"It's an honor to be recognized. It means a lot to me," Lewis said. "I believe in the mission of Circle Urban and what it's doing on the west side of Chicago."

Founded in 1974 as the Circle Community Center, the nonprofit has grown to include programs to address family needs, poverty, housing, hunger, education, drug and alcohol dependency, medical and legal issues, and more. In partnership with other entities, Circle

Urban gives residents of Austin access to a charter school that educates more than 500 children in kindergarten through eighth grades, the Rock of Our Salvation Church, a health clinic and a shelter for women and children in need of a safe place to live.

The Circle after-school program helps children with homework, leads them in Bible study and offers access to creative arts such as music and dance.

Prior to COVID-19, the Circle Urban Ministries food pantry was serving about 400 people a month, Lewis said. Now, it's providing food for as many as 400 every week. In total, the many services reach more than 9,600 Austin residents each year.

"We feel that we do provide a lot to that community," Lewis said.

Lewis and his wife Joanie raised four children in Hinsdale, all of whom are active supporters of Circle Urban Ministries.

"It's a real blessing to do what we can," he said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch,
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

This month the time to get or use a library card

Perhaps you've seen the photo of Ridgway Burns on his bike, pulling a small book trailer, on the cover of the Hinsdale Public Library's fall 2020 newsletter, "Beyond Books."

Burns is wearing his helmet and — thanks to COVID-19 — his face covering.

The picture says it all. Library board members and staff have worked hard to continue serving residents during this unprecedented pandemic. And residents aren't willing to give up what they've come to expect from this amazing community asset.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and like so many other annual events that have occurred since March, the 2020 version will be like no other.

The library, which was forced to close for 115 days, did re-open in early July. Patrons can't use the library as a place to read, work or study, but they can stop in to find a book or DVD they've been looking for.

A host of events that brought people to the library pre-pandemic continue to take place virtually. The Voyager's Travel Discussion Club,

Great Decisions, Novel Tea, Hinsdale Bite Club, Next Chapter Book Club and Next Chapter Social Club all have online meetings scheduled in the next few weeks. (Many require a library card to sign up.)

These ongoing programs are supplemented by timely sessions like "How to Apply to College During COVID-19" and "Vote Smart!"

The younger set can enjoy virtual storytimes multiple times a week, and readers of all ages can still register to pick up an HPL Book Box once a month. Even HPL After Dark is going digital, with a Trivia Night set for October.

Residents can't use a library card to reserve a room or a computer right now, but they do need one to obtain remote access to resources like Consumer Reports, Ancestry.com and Lynda.com, all of which the library offers for free. Obtaining a library card doesn't just benefit the individual who holds it. The number of resident cardholders helps staff measure the library's reach relative to its area counterparts. A high percentage affirms that people know about and value library services.

As far as opening the library for more in-person programming, staff is taking a cautious approach. They've been watching positivity rates in the community following Labor Day and the return of many District 181 students to class. They'll also be watching as some District 86 students head back to class in early October. Executive Director Karen Keefe told us the main concern is allowing people to congregate and potentially spread the disease. But Keefe and her colleagues want to offer as much as they safely can to the community and encouraged residents to let them know what they need most from the library.

We trust many of you already have a library card. If you don't, you can sign up for one online at <https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info/get-a-card>.

If you do have a card, join us in celebrating the great work the library is doing to fulfill its mission of celebrating lifelong learning and fostering community connections through innovative educational and cultural experiences.

And be sure to give Ridgway an air high five the next time you see him bicycling down the street.

COMMENTARY

Get to know our new contributing columnists

When we announced this summer that we were looking for new contributing columnists, we didn't expect to have the largest applicant pool we've seen in years. (Perhaps being stuck at home with nothing to do made people more likely to apply!)

While I was happy to receive emails from so many people, it made the job of selecting new writers very difficult.

We announced our three new columnists — Bret Conway, Gabriela Garcia and Alegra Waverley — and our retiring writer, Kelly Abate Kallas, in a full-page ad in last week's paper. I'd also like to spend some time here letting you know a little more about each of them.

Kelly was one of our first contributing columnists when we started the paper in 2006. She wrote for six years and then returned for a two-year stint from 2014-16.

A dermatologist by day, she and her husband have three children, ages 17 to 21.

Writing always came easy for her in school, but it wasn't until she was an adult and became a con-

tributing columnist at another local newspaper that she realized how fulfilling it can be.

"I realized that I think it's really good for my psyche since I'm not exercising and I need some sort of relief," she said with a laugh. You can expect more insight — and more humor — from her columns.

Bret Conway is a 19-year resident who hopes to re-ignite his passion for writing, which has been dormant since he penned a screenplay in the late 1990s about a prodigal son returning home.

"It was more of a personal challenge," he said of writing the piece.

He and his wife are parents to three children, ranging in age from 12 to 17.

Conway works in talent acquisition for the health care industry and used to live two doors down from former contributing columnist Bill Lewis.

"We moved to Hinsdale in '01 and I always enjoyed reading the



Pamela Lannom

guest commentary," he said. "I thought it would be an interesting challenge to come up with a 500-word commentary on a subject."

Gabriela Garcia, whose inaugural column appears on the facing page, is a professional freelance writer and a five-year resident of Hinsdale. She and her husband are parents to

6- and 8-year-old girls.

Being a writer has been her dream since she was a little girl growing up in Willowbrook, she said. Her friend Ellen Blumb's mom was a columnist for The Doings.

"I just thought that was the most amazing job," she said. "I thought her mom was coolest. Seeing an opening in The Hinsdalean reminded me of my childhood friend and I wanted to make that childhood dream come true."

Alegra Waverley, a senior at Hinsdale Central High School, is our student columnist this year.

She's involved in a number

of activities at Central and has appeared in numerous musicals there and with Stage Door Fine Arts. She also serves as communications chair of the Hinsdale Hospital Junior Executive Board and as a hospital volunteer.

She said English has always been her favorite class and she's always loved to write.

"It always honestly has been a stress reliever for me," he said. "When I read that The Hinsdalean was looking for a new columnist, I thought, 'Oh, this would be awesome.'"

She's considering a major in communications and journalism but also is intrigued by a new human organization development major.

"I'm just really excited to be doing this," she said of her new gig. "I'm really excited."

We're excited to have this group on board and hope you enjoy their work.

— *Pamela Lannom is editor of The Hinsdalean.*

Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Nothing bigger than the little things

If there's one thing that the pandemic has taught me, it's that the over-scheduled and over-consumerized lifestyles that we were once living is not sustainable. The societal pressure to excel at everything and "keep up with the Joneses" is slowly eating away at our collective mental and physical health.



Gabriela Garcia

wrong things."

I know that childhood is fleeting, and one day this carousel ride will end, leaving me with an empty nest and nostalgic memories. Perhaps it is only from the vantage point of time that you can look back and fully recog-

nize the totality of life — the accomplishments, the regrets, the big milestones and the small coffee dates with loved ones.

In order to savor these fleeting moments, we must slow down. You don't get a trophy for being busy. An over-packed schedule is not a badge of accomplishment. For all of the discord and tragedy that COVID-19 has brought forth, it's bringing to light that having a deeply rooted peace of mind is essential. This collective chaos begs for us to center our priorities and clarify our core values. Over-sized homes, luxury cars, a closet full of designer clothes — will these things sustain your sense of self?

We are being called to assess our individual situations and make changes that can positively enhance our well-being. We need to stop committing to more than we should, acknowledge our limits — emotionally, physically and financially — and prioritize the present moment.

As author Robert Brault once wrote, "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

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

For many of us, going back to basics has been a necessity. More home-cooked meals, fewer extracurricular activities and ample time in the home have prompted many to redefine what really matters.

When a vaccine for COVID-19 is found and successfully implemented, living a simpler life should be the norm and not the exception. After all, significant moments in life can start from something rather small.

During these past few months, I've realized that when it comes to my day-to-day life, I've been going through the motions. I'm never fully in the present moment. My mind is full of remembering the mistakes of my past and anticipating problems in the future. I'm on a never-ending carousel of parenting tasks and duties (to two elementary-aged children) and trying so desperately to be a productive adult that I'm not fully enjoying the ride.

I'm often reminded of this quote from "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom: "So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't trust lawmakers with more taxing authority

Here's the reason you should vote no on the proposed "fair tax" amendment to the Illinois Constitution.

The amendment gives the legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to find essential needs such as health care, education or public safety.

The proposed amendment would give the legislature unlimited new authority to increase income tax rates on any group of taxpayers at will,

including low-income and middle-income families and small business owners. There would be no limit on the number of tax brackets that could be created and no limit on how high tax rates could be increased on individual taxpayers. In addition, this proposed change will pave the way for a tax on retirement income.

Taxes and spending are out of control. The legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control. — **Charles Hartley, Hinsdale**

Host homecoming parties or have schools reopen?

Over the past few weeks of high school online, teachers have been told about multiple homecoming parties being planned. This is happening while some of the same families are begging for the schools to be reopened.

I am amazed that some parents support the idea of partying while the national guidelines say directly to not gather in large groups. I understand some parents may be aware that those guidelines are in place and are

attempting to have a coronavirus safe celebration, and I 100 percent support that idea. But, understanding that high schools will not open because they are scared of this behavior further gives them the right to not reopen.

So, parents, if you are supporting schools to reopen while planning a big homecoming bash, let me ask you: Would you rather have a safe child at home or a child risking their lives at a party? — **Alma Insignares, Hinsdale**



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OBITUARIES

Daniel E. Obiala

Daniel E. Obiala, 75, passed away Sept. 13, 2020, after a months-long battle with pneumonia.

Dan was born in 1945 in Chicago and grew up in the Beverly neighborhood. Dan attended St. Cajetan, Brother Rice and St. Procopius College and served in the Illinois National Guard. Like his father and brothers, Dan was a lifelong restaurateur. Early in his career, he owned and operated Danny's Dog Patch in the Hillside Mall. Later, Dan and his brothers brought the first Popeye's Chicken franchises to the Chicago market, with Dan focusing his daily efforts at the 26th and California location.

Dan married the love of his life, Debbie, née Schmidt, on Sept. 16, 1967, and the two settled their family in Hinsdale in 1973. Debbie and Dan's 53-year marriage was one of love and faith, happiness and pride. Dan and Debbie most recently resided in the Chanticleer community and previously wintered in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Dan diligently served in leadership roles in Chanticleer's homeowners' association, earning the affectionate moniker, the Prez.

Dan was the best kind of man, a man of integrity, grace and faith. Dan befriended all whom he met with his genuine, earnest and affable personality. He was a helper and a fixer — quietly observing others' hardships and dilemmas — while quietly executing a thoughtful, altruistic gesture or solution.

Dan lived life through simple pleasures: reading, spending time outdoors and attending his grandchildren's sporting events and performances. Legend

tells that Dan once attended Bears, Blackhawks and Bulls games all on the same day. Dan possessed a deep and abiding faith in God, which he passed on to his family.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to the many healthcare professionals who endeavored to heal and comfort Dan. Special and eternal thanks to Ron Obena, a neighbor of Dan and Debbie, who volunteered countless hours to helping the family in a host of ways during the past several months.

Dan is survived by his wife of 53 years, Debbie; his children, Dan (Lynne) Obiala, Mike (Kerry) Obiala and Amy (Dave) Brown; his six grandchildren, Emma, Sophie, Jack, Catcher, Peter and Matthew; his brothers, Phil (Pat) Obiala and Ed (Joanie) Obiala; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmund and Carroll Obiala; and his sister, Kathleen (Tom) Potpora.

Due to current regulations on gathering, a private family funeral Mass will be said at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, P.O. Box 37920, Boone, IA 50037 or online at www.jdrf.org/donate.

Please support the Obiala Family by signing the online guestbook and sharing a memory at <https://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com>.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

John F. Weinberger

John F. Weinberger, 88, of Naperville and Austin, Texas, peacefully passed away Sept. 12, 2020, at his home in Austin.

John was born to John and Elisabeth Weinberger in 1932 in the backseat of a '32 Chevrolet, which early on set the stage for his lifelong passion for cars. John was the consummate car, racing and driving fanatic with a special aura felt by all who knew him.

John's passion also charted the course of his career path, as he progressed from humble beginnings as an apprentice garage mechanic to become founder and CEO of Continental Motors Group, one of the largest privately held companies in the Chicago area and one of the Top 150 dealership groups in the nation.

John and his younger brother, Herm, were partners for more than 50 years. Together, they also worked for the A.M. Zelke Nash dealership in Berwyn before establishing Continental Motors in 1962 to specialize in the sales and service of imported cars. In the early days, John specialized in sales and service operations while Herm focused on parts and body shop work at their shop in Lyons. The brothers' stellar reputation among Chicagoland foreign car enthusiasts came to the attention of Triumph Motor Cars. As a result, they were offered the opportunity to become an authorized Triumph dealer. They soon also were representing Jaguar, MG and Toyota. The rapid business growth dictated a move, and John identified Countryside as a great place to establish a new dealership. Other franchises added during the 1970s and '80s were Honda, Datsun (now Nissan) and Ferrari.

John was also very dedicated to the retail automobile industry, having served several terms as a respected board member of the Chicago and Illinois Automobile Trade associations and the American Import Auto Dealers Association.

John's sons, Jay and Joel, continue to successfully operate the dealership group along with their cousin, Cheryl Nelson (Herm's daughter).

As a young man, John enjoyed racing cars and earned numerous podium finishes during the 1960s while competing in Sports Car Club of America events. He continued his winning ways later in life by racing vintage cars until the age of 84 with his wife, Lisa, and his son, Joel. His racing success over

the years led to his induction into the Road Racers Drivers Club, where he joins an exclusive group of famous race car drivers. He was also a past board member of the SCCA and active member of various vintage racing clubs.

He met his wife Lisa at a tollbooth as both were driving down the Illinois Tollway. As a research/marketing specialist for a local firm, Lisa recognized him from a trade association directory. John didn't have exact change that day, and she offered him the coins and her phone number. A few years later, they had their wedding ceremony at that same tollbooth in Oak Brook.

John and Lisa dedicated much of their lives to social responsibility, which will continue through their private foundation. They initiated the Continental Motors Group "Driven to Care" car giveaway program. To date, Continental dealerships have donated 72 refurbished cars to deserving individuals who triumphed over their various challenges such as homelessness, substance abuse and physical abuse. John also mentored and provided scholarships to graduating high school students interested in a career involving the preservation and restoration of vintage cars. He also inspired his family dealership group to collectively donate to the construction of a new cancer institute at a local hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa: his previous wives, Ramona (Lowy) and Joan Weinberger; his sons, Jay (Julie), Joel (Shannon) and Bob (Linda) Forrest; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Joseph L. (Weinberger) Kreft (Charles Smith), Herman G. (Shirley) Weinberger and Ed Weinberger.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Footprints Foundation, c/o Continental AutoSports, 420 E. Ogden Ave., Hinsdale, IL 60521.

A private burial will take place in Hinsdale and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Services will be uploaded to <https://www.johnweinbergerlegacy.com>, where videos featuring John can be viewed and condolences may be posted.

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Project deemed too dense for village

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and heavier concentration of traffic and all the congestion that that would bring," Current said. "We see nothing positive that could come from this."

Commissioner Michelle Fisher questioned the developer's effort to market the homes to both young families and empty nesters.

"I just don't see grandma and grandpa moving to an area like that," Fisher said, suggesting, with others, that young families moving in could overburden Hinsdale

schools.

Commission Chairman Steve Cashman noted the developer's request to change the zoning classification would more than double the 21 units that would be permitted there under existing regulations.

"This is not a little change in density — 46 versus 21 is not even close. I do have concerns about increased traffic, impact on the school district," he said.

Cashman said the developer's "public benefit" of open space was mostly space that could never be developed

anyway because of the flood plain. And the prospect of permanently altering Fullersburg was the most unsettling factor.

"I think the biggest negative would be a complete change in character of the neighborhood," Cashman said of the community that straddles Hinsdale and Oak Brook. "The neighbors do not want this."

The plan commission is expected to issue its findings and final recommendation at its Oct. 14 meeting. The village board has the final say on whether the project is approved.

Ryan revises its senior living proposal

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under contract in March.

"We worked very hard with the seller to get this," Erickson said.

The developer also will widen the intersection at Adams and Ogden to create designated left and right turn lanes for cars

exiting on Ogden.

"This is a commitment from Ryan Cos. to do this," Erickson said. "We felt like it was the right thing to do."

The new proposal has increased public benefits, he noted.

"We have 12 acres east of

Adams which are intended to be for open space, for passive park space. We're really excited to give that to the village residents to enjoy," he said, noting the area is wetlands. "It's beautiful. It's a spectacular view."

Erickson said while COVID-19 has had an impact on skilled nursing facilities, Ryan's senior living facilities across the country have seen positive move-in rates despite the pandemic.

"We are not skilled nursing. We are independent living, assisted living and memory care," he said. "Assisted living and memory care is more of a need thing. If people need the care, they're still willing to move in," he said.

The \$110 million investment will bring 400 construction jobs and 93 full-time jobs once the facility opens. The property will generate about \$18 million over 20 years for the school districts, he said, but not add students.

Trustees decided to wait until their Oct. 6 meeting to vote on referring the development to the plan commission.

Erickson said Ryan plans to hold another open house, and residents can learn more about the project by visiting <https://www.ryancompanies.com>.

"We're doing our best to provide different options for people to share their feedback," he said.

The earliest the plan commission could hold a public hearing on the project is October. After the public hearing, commissioners would approve their recommendation at a subsequent meeting and then the village board would vote on the project.



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SHERRI COOK, ROSH HASHANAH CELEBRANT

What should we know about Rosh Hashanah?

Repentance.

That is the central theme of Rosh Hashanah, the annual two-day celebration that marks the start of the Jewish New Year.

Rosh Hashanah, a occasion blending self-reflection with future hope that means “head of the year” in Hebrew, begins this Saturday. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement and the holiest day in Judaism, follows 10 days later.

As a child going to the synagogue with her family for Rosh Hashanah services, Hinsdale’s Sherri Cook remembers experiencing the distinctive cry of the shofar, or ram’s horn.

“The shofar is blown during the service at least 30 times,” Cook said. “It reflects both earthly and divine sounds, and it represents a call to attention and fulfills the commandment from the Torah.”

Shofar players are trained and typically own one of the valuable and sacred horns, she said.

“They blow it every year until

he or she is not able to any longer. There was always the same guy who got up there on the Bimah every Rosh Hashanah to blow the shofar,” Cook said.

Tradition holds that the Jewish New Year was set to coincide with the fall harvest. Cook said families gather after the service to enjoy nature’s yield.

“You have extended family that comes together for a big meal. Special foods like apples and honey or honey cake symbolize our wishes for a sweet year ahead,” she said.

Challah bread is made in a round shape to call to mind the circle of life. Loved ones exchange “Shanah Tovah” greetings for a good year as they consider missteps in the last one.

“In this period of reflection and turning and looking back, it’s almost like a reconciliation,” Cook commented. “Basically we ask God for forgiveness for all of our sins or any transgressions. We make amends for those and ask to be inscribed in the Book of Life for another year.”

Children delight in tossing pebbles into nearby waterways as a gesture of casting away sins.

“Sometimes you write down something on the rock and you cast

it away and hope that God will forgive that transgression,” she said.

Kids walking around blowing toy shofars is also a favorite activity, and joyful singing helps lighten the solemn aspects of the day.

“We look and we think about what was good and not so good and promise to do better,” Cook remarked.

Because synagogue attendance customarily swells on Rosh Hashanah, services are being streamed in observance of COVID-19 safety measures.

Cook will gather with her family in the area and looks forward to sharing the meal, which begins with a ritual prayer.

She said the events of 2020 has presented an abundance of prayer material, both for herself and on behalf of the larger society.

With fond memories of cooking for Rosh Hashanah alongside her mom, aunt and grandmother in her youth, Cook now enjoys enlisting her offspring in the preparations.

“I’m going to make honey cake with my kids,” she said. “The holiday is very meaningful. It’s a chance to really take stock of your year and where you’ve been.”

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale’s Sherri Cook looks forward to being with family members this weekend for the Rosh Hashanah celebration. “We say to each other, ‘May you be inscribed in the Book of Life,’ ” Cook said of one tradition of the Jewish New Year holiday. (Jim Slonoff)

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GOOD NEWS

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Gabrielle Tsamis.

The College Board grants this award to students who earn a score of three or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research exams, as well as on four additional AP exams of the student's choosing.

HINSDALE AGENTS EARN RECOGNITION

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Chicago con-

gratulates the 2020 Five Star Professional Real Estate Agent award recipients from its Hinsdale office: Amy Avakian, Anna Fiascone, Jeannie LaPlaca and Nancy Shelven.

Five Star Professional provides independent client satisfaction research on the performance of service professionals. Research was conducted with consumers, industry peers and leaders to identify service professionals

who scored highest in overall satisfaction. Recipients will be announced in a special section in the October issue of Chicago magazine. Companywide, 39 Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Chicago agents received the award.

"It is my pleasure to congratulate Amy, Anna, Jeannie and Nancy on receiving this honor," said Terri Doney, managing broker of the

Hinsdale office. "It speaks to their hard work, dedication and commitment to their clients and our profession."

COLLEGE STUDENT EARNS DEGREE

Emily Park of Hinsdale received her bachelor's degree in human biology from Kettering College in a drive-through ceremony July 10.

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An undulating cedar shingle roof is one of the hallmarks of the English Cotswold cottage style, which architect R. Harold Zook employed in the home he designed for himself in 1924. His home and garage, now a studio, are owned by the Hinsdale Historical Society and in need of about \$1 million worth of repairs and renovations. A Sept. 22 fund-raising event at KLM, the current site of the home and studio, is also designed to spark interest in Zook. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Event designed to spark interest in Zook

New video, tours will acquaint guests with architect, funds needed to save properties

By Pamela Lannom
plannom@thehinsdalean.com

When's the last time you've been out to see the Zook Home and Studio at KLM?

Members of the Hinsdale Historical Society would like to invite you for a visit.

The society is hosting a special event, "Take a Look at Zook," on Tuesday, Sept. 22, to raise awareness of this Hinsdale architect and the funds needed to continue renovations on his home and studio (see Page 34 for details).

Noted architect R. Harold Zook, who designed more than 30 homes and commercial buildings in town, is a focus this year for new Hinsdale Historical Society Board President Kristen Laakso.

"I wanted to kick off my year as kind of 'The Year of Zook,'" she said.

The event features the premiere of a new video, "A Web of History — A Recollection of R. Harold Zook's Designs and Influence on Hinsdale." The piece helps explain Zook's significance here in town and beyond.

Fellow historical society board member Alexis Braden, who wrote the script, said she enjoyed learning more about the architect, including his failed bid to design the Tribune Tower and his stint as a professor at the Art Institute of Chicago.

"I really wanted to do something a little bit more educational on Zook himself and kind of the trials and tribulations that he went through before he started home building," she said. "I wanted to explore his life and the significance it had on Hinsdale."

The video also explains the resources required to preserve his home and studio, which Zook built for himself and his wife in 1924, at 327 S. Oak St. The home, which was owned by Lavinia Tackbury at the time, was in danger of being demolished before the historical society stepped in and raised \$800,000 to save the home and move it to KLM in 2005. Initial work involved stabilizing the home structurally, removing additions, repairing exterior masonry, removing and cleaning windows and installing a new roof. Various projects have been under-

taken since that time as funds have become available, Laakso said.

Much more needs to be done.

Phase 1 work, which includes drywall installation and sewer and electrical hookups, is estimated to cost about \$500,000, Laakso said. Finishing the renovation could cost another \$500,000.

Board members are continuing to discuss how the building will be used in the future. Ideas range from creating leasable office space for architects to renting it out for weddings or other events.

The society typically relies on its spring Hinsdale Cooks! Kitchen Walk to raise money to support its three properties — the Zook Home and Studio, Immanuel Hall and the Hinsdale History Museum. This year's event was canceled due to COVID-19, and it's unlikely the spring 2021 walk will happen, Laakso said. Those two events would have generated about \$250,000 in revenue.

Laakso, who presided over her first board meeting Monday, said she has been thinking about her role as president and the board's role

as stewards of the time, effort and money people have donated to support the society's three properties.

"I really look forward to bridging the efforts of the past with what could potentially happen in the future," she said.

The Sept. 22 event will feature exterior tours of the home and studio. Braden said she hopes participants also will get a peek at the interior of the home.

"We're hoping to open the doors so they can get a good look into the grand living room of Lavinia's former home," Braden said.

Laakso said she's excited for people to see Zook's "creative designs and charming vignettes," which she finds uplifting.

"I'm looking forward to seeing people become enthusiastic and fans of Zook and what that kind of architectural gem can do for our community and sense of belonging," she said. "I think people in this town will find a cause they can stand behind and do whatever they can to help that lovely little refuge up there, find a way to use it that the community can benefit from."



St. Isaac Jogues Church is holding its seventh annual Seeds of Service project Sept. 26 to feed the needy of Hinsdale's surrounding communities and beyond. See Page 22 for details. (file photo)

COVID 19 DRIVES

■ HCS Junior Board Online Food Drive

Ongoing
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<https://www.hcsfamilyservices.org>

The HCS Family Services Jr. Board is sponsoring this food drive to help stock the shelves at the agency's food pantry. Needed items are peanut butter, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, pancake mix, tuna fish, canned chicken, canned fruit, canned vegetables, household cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers and bath soaps. Shop online with delivery to the address listed above or drop items off in the red bin outside the door (bin emptied daily).

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Wellness House Ball ... At Your House goes virtual

While the pandemic has affected everyone, young and old, those living with cancer have been particularly impacted. Wellness House has provided a constant source of support for the thousands of patients who rely on the cancer resource center.

"Coping with the effects of cancer has not taken a back seat to COVID-19 for the patients and families Wellness House serves," said Deb Kwiatt, marketing communications manager at Wellness House. "They need Wellness House even more now and we need the community to help us be there for them."

In March, at the onset of the pandemic, Wellness House quickly transitioned all in-person programming to an online format to ensure the nonprofit's patients and families would receive uninterrupted support. According to Kwiatt, since March 16, participants have made 22,500 visits to Wellness House's online programs.

"We knew that (quarantining at home) would make coping with can-

cer even more challenging, including an increased feeling of isolation," Kwiatt added. "Being able to access support, without leaving home, has had a profound impact for participants during the pandemic."

And this "at home" mindset has also proven to help bolster the organization's fundraising efforts. This past June, the Wellness House hosted a virtual walk, in lieu of its annual walk/run fundraising event. The event raised 90 percent of its pre-COVID fundraising goal of \$625,000. With that event under its belt, staff and volunteers knew it was feasible to hold the annual gala, which contributes nearly 20 percent of the organization's revenue, virtually.

"We were thrilled with the outcome of the Virtual Walk for Wellness House in June," said Kwiatt. "The community came together and ... we learned a lot from that experience and are excited



Alexis Braden
Society spotlight

to now hold the ball virtually."

Co-chaired by Allison and Rob Knuepfer and Kerstin and Geoff Regnery, this year's "Wellness House Ball ... At Your House" will take place Saturday, Oct. 17, and marks the 30th anniversary of the opening of the storied facility.

In keeping with past years, guests will enjoy gourmet food, only this year from the comfort of their own home, or at a friend's home. James Beard and Michelin star awarded BOKA Restaurant Group has created an exclusive four-course restaurant experience for guests. The wine auction committee hopes to sell out prior to the event so that wine purchased can be picked up from Wellness House to enjoy or share with hosts on the day of the event.

According to Kwiatt, the livestream video production will include touch-

ing stories and tributes speaking to the impact Wellness House makes on the lives of people affected by cancer, as well as silent auction highlights and opportunities for guests to further support the mission.

"When we made the decision to go virtual for the ball this year, we did so with the caveat that the 'brand' for the Wellness House Ball would remain the same, only the setting would change," said Kwiatt. "The event will still be elegant, sophisticated, inspiring and celebratory, especially considering that this year marks the 30th anniversary of Wellness House."

Guests can purchase tickets at different levels, ranging from access to the livestream program to cocktails and canapes to a full dinner, priced at \$50 to \$175. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://e.givesmart.com/events/hyU/>.

— Alexis Braden of Hinsdale is the paper's society columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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■ Kehrein Memorial Golf Outing

Sept. 21
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<https://event.gives/circle2020>

This event will commemorate the life of Glenn Kehrein and benefit Circle Urban Ministries, the organization Kehrein founded to make Chicago's Austin community a better place to live, learn, grow and succeed through racial reconciliation. Hinsdale native and 1968 Hinsdale Central High School graduate and football star Charles Lewis will be recognized at the golf outing for his efforts in racial recognition. To register or for more information, visit the website listed above or contact Jessica Lewis at (630) 988-8167. Time: 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$600 for golf ticket. RR

■ Queen of Hearts drawing

Tuesdays starting Sept. 22
<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/events/queen-of-hearts>

The Tuthill Family Pet Rescue and Resource Center will hold its first Queen of Hearts raffle next week. Participants are able to purchase tickets for the raffle and then watch Hinsdale Humane Society's Instagram and Facebook pages for the weekly live drawing of the winner. The drawing is sponsored by SavWay Fine Wines & Spirits and WillowGrove Pet Clinic, and the initial pot of \$1,000 is sponsored by Floofins & Co and Liebchen Kraus, an HHS alum. More information, rules and regulations can be found on the website listed above. Time: 4:05 p.m. Cost: \$5 per ticket (good for one week).

■ Seeds of Service

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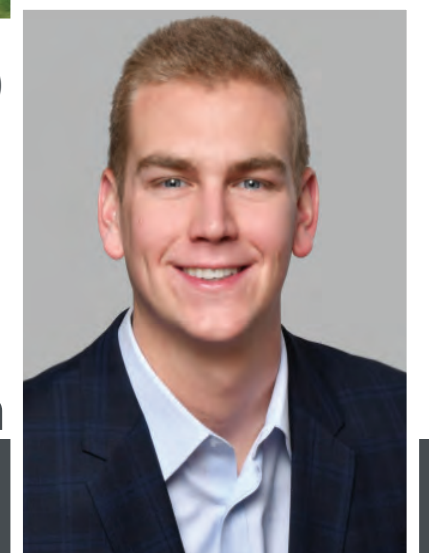
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GRAND GALAS

■ Sports Ball Gala

Sept. 18
[https://www.agingcarecon-](https://www.agingcareconnections.org)

nections.org

This 19th annual fundraising event to benefit the work of Aging Care Connections is virtual this year, and free and open to everyone to participate. The mistress of ceremonies will be ABC 7 sports anchor and reporter Dionne Miller, and the event will feature a raffle, silent auction and entertainment by comedian Pat McGann. It will be streamed on YouTube

and Facebook. Proceeds will support programs and services that help older adults in the community to age well. Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$100 for raffle ticket, \$150 for two. RR

■ Evergreen Gala

Sept. 26
<https://www.mortonarb.org>
The Morton Arboretum's annual fundraising event Evergreen: The Gala is going virtual this year to support the

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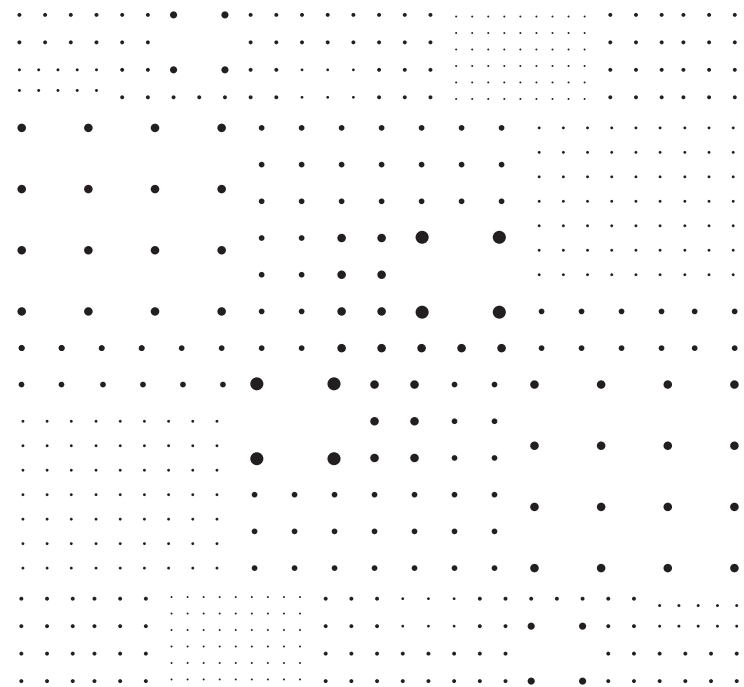


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<https://www.dupageforest.org/bioblitz>

The last 30 years has seen a steady decline of pollinators (such as bees, bats and butterflies). The DuPage Forest Preserve District and members of the DuPage Monarch Project invite nature fans to join this effort as part of a national campaign to both raise public awareness of these important animals and give ecologists from the DuPage Monarch Project a better idea of what's going on in wild DuPage. To participate, take photos by Sept. 20 of any pollinators observed in a DuPage County forest preserve or park and upload them to the free iNaturalist app.

■ **Sparrows of DuPage County**
Sept. 23, 27 & Oct. 4
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 719-2468
<https://www.mortonarb.com>

Learn how to identify the sparrows found along woodland edges, wetlands and grasslands, including some of the more difficult to find species such as Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrow, LeConte's sparrow and Harris' sparrow, along with habitat preferences and timing of migration. The Sept. 23 class will take place at the arboretum, laying the groundwork for two nearby field sessions in DuPage County. Driving directions will be provided during the first class. Times: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 23, 8 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 27 & Oct. 4. Cost: \$100. RR, MD

■ **Party for the Preserves**
Sept. 26
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
<https://www.fpdcc.com>

Celebrate Nation Public Lands Day with the Cook County Forest Preserve District with drop-in bird banding to observe Sagawau banders use this method of studying birds, and a self-guided Pollinator BioBlitz in the wildlife pollinator garden and Budburst garden to take pictures of butterflies, bees and other flower visitors for iNaturalist's Parks for Pollinators Bioblitz project. Visitors can also help clean up the preserves by picking up Litter Obliterator supplies at

a forest district nature center or Bemis Woods South on Wolf Road south of 31st Street. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ **Centering Meditation Walk**
Sept. 25
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
(630) 206-9566
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

This walk will head in each of the cardinal directions, making stops for guided meditations and opportunities for reflection, journaling and relaxation. After the walk, spread out and use the experience to create a mandala with supplied materials. Masks are required; participants should bring water and a writing utensil. The program is for ages 18 and up. Times: 8 to 9:30 a.m. Sept. 25, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 26. Cost: \$10. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ **Virtual Hype Energizer Bunnies**
Mondays, Sept. 21-Nov. 16
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

In this online class, kids ages 5-7 will be led through a variety of fitness routines designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility while having fun. Participants should be in front of a webcam in an open safe space with room to move around and exercise. Times: 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 5-9 or 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 5-7. Cost: \$90. RR

■ **Virtual LEGO Club**
Sept. 23
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Build along with other kids online and try to complete this month's challenge. Include an email address when registering to receive the online meeting invite. Time: 4 to 4:30 p.m. RR

■ **Virtual Self Defense and Yoga**
Sept. 23-Nov. 18
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Kids ages 5-11 can exercise with a positive purpose in this online class. An encouraging, live instructor will guide kids through self-defense movements and yoga poses, teaching how to gain body control and strength. The

program will help improve concentration, self-confidence, discipline and stress management in a healthy way. Participants should have an open safe space in front of a webcam to move around and exercise. Times: 3 to 4 p.m. Fridays for ages 5-7, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays for ages 7-9 & 9-11. Cost: \$90.

■ **Red Cross Classes**
Oct. 3
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Children ages 6-10 will learn the importance of behaving responsibly and how to handle themselves when confronted with a challenge, such as answering the telephone or the door when parents are away or occupied elsewhere in the home, and what to do in case of an emergency, through the Safe at Home and First Aid for Kids courses. A workbook is included. Times: 10 to 11:30 a.m. for Safe at Home, noon to 1:30 p.m. for First Aid for Kids. Cost: \$30 per session, \$56 for both. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ **Safer Travel in Challenging Times**
Sept. 23
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Join this virtual Voyager's Travel Discussion Club program to learn strategies for reducing one's risk of contracting the novel coronavirus while traveling. Registrants should include an email address when registering to receive the online meeting invitation. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ **Petra Van Vuis and Andy Brown**
Sept. 28
(630) 323-8188
<https://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org>

Enjoy an evening with Chicago's First Couple of Jazz from the comfort of home with this concert presented by the Clarendon Hills Public Library. This duo has been appearing at all the famous Chicago jazz venues since 2003. Registrants

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will receive the private YouTube link to the concert. Time: 7 p.m. RR

RUNS & WALKS

■ Healthy Driven Take a Hike! Challenge

Through Nov. 9 <https://www.eehealth.org/healthy-driven/take-a-hike/> Edward-Elmhurst Health invites people to get outside and stay healthy with weekly hiking challenges and tips. The Take a Hike! Challenge web page includes an interactive map highlighting popular trails in the western suburbs and beyond to help find the perfect trail for one's ability level and location. Participants who post photos from their hikes on Facebook or Instagram (instructions provided on the landing page) will be entered into a weekly raffle for outdoor games.

■ Rotary Run Charity Classic

Sept. 20-Oct 4 <https://www.runsignup.com/Race/IL/Hinsdale/RotaryRunCharityClassic>

The annual Rotary Run Charity Classic is going virtual this year to support community and local charities. Participants are invited to do runs of 10, five or three kilometers or walks of five or three kilometers, along with a "Mutt Strut," and are encouraged to raise donations. Participants should complete their run/walk between Sept. 20 and Oct. 4. Online registration closes Sept. 27, but in-person registration will be available at The Community House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 3 and 4. Registrants will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Proceeds will benefit local charities including The Community House, District 181 Foundation, Hinsdale Hospital Foundation, Rotary Club of Hinsdale Foundation and Ray Graham Association-Hanson Center. The Grand Marshal for the event is District 181 Superintendent Hector Garcia. Registration: \$25 for individuals, \$90 for family.

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■ SDFA Fall Theatre Workshops

Sept. 24
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>

"Nail Your Audition!" is the first of four workshops Stage Door Fine Arts will offer over the next few months. Subsequent workshops are "Let's Dance!" on Oct. 22, "Acting Out" on Nov. 19 and "Whose Line is it Anyway" on Dec. 17. Times: 4 to 5:30 p.m. for third- through seventh-graders, 6 to 7:30 p.m. for high schoolers. Cost: \$50 per workshop or \$170 for all four. RR, MD

■ ALCW prospective member meeting

Sept. 30
membership@alcw.org
Assistance League
Chicagoland West is hosting an informational meeting for prospective members via Zoom. Participants will learn more about the league's programs

and volunteering opportunities serving children and families in need throughout the community. To RSVP or learn more, email Karin Rohn at the address listed above.

■ After Dark: Trivia Night

Oct. 2
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Gather a team for this online version of The Friends of the Hinsdale Public Library's annual trivia event. Indicate the team captain when registering, and put the names of the 6-10 team members in the "Notes" field. The event is limited to 10-12 teams. Prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place teams. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Mobile Driver Services Facility

Sept. 18
Downers Grove Township
4340 Prince St., Downers Grove
(630) 796-2623
<http://www.senatorcurran.com/events>

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State Sen. John Curran (R-41, Downers Grove) is hosting the Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Facility for people to pick up license plate stickers and Illinois ID cards (no "Real ID" cards") and renew drivers licenses (those under age 75). Checks and credit/debit cards will be accepted; masks and social distancing are required. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Shredding Event

Sept. 19
Hinsdale Village Hall
19 E. Chicago Ave.

American Legion Post 250 is holding this shredding event for residents of Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills and Western Springs. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Take a Look at Zook

Sept. 22
Zook Home & Studio
Katherine Legge Memorial Park
5901 S. County Line Road,

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Hinsdale
<https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>

The Hinsdale Historical Society will unveil its new short original video highlighting the life and work of famed architect R. Harold Zook at this outdoor reception. The video, titled "A Web of History — A Recollection of R. Harold Zook's Designs and Influence on Hinsdale" details Zook's life as well as the society's award-winning campaign to save and relocate the home and studio Zook built for himself and his wife in 1924. The event is limited to 50 guests; register at the website listed above. Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ Mayslake Hall Gardens and Grounds Tour

Sept. 18
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
(630) 206-9566
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

Explore the rich and diverse history of the natural landscape that surrounds Mayslake Hall and discover how nature and humans have shaped the land during this guided, outdoor walking tour. Masks that cover the nose and mouth are required. The program is for ages 12 and up; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. RR

■ Vintage Base Ball Game

Sept 19
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
(630) 668-5161
<https://www.cantigny.org>

Enjoy an afternoon of America's pastime as it was played more than 100 years ago as the DuPage Plowboys take on a visiting opponent. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Admission: Free with \$5 parking.

■ An Evening Aboard the USS Missouri

Sept. 24
<https://www.fdmuseum.org>
Join Neil Yamamoto, education outreach coordinator at the Battleship Missouri, for this Virtual Date With History presentation about the USS Missouri and her role in the end of World War II. The USS Missouri's place in history was

immortalized on Sept. 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay, Japan, as the site of Japan's formal surrender to the allied powers. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

■ Harriet Tubman and the Combahee River Raid

Oct. 8
<https://www.fdmuseum.org>
Author and African American historian Edda Fields-Black will discuss Harriet Tubman's Civil War

service with the U.S. Army Department of the South and, as a commander, her role in helping free 756 slaves from low-country rice plantations in the June 1863 Combahee River Raid. This virtual Date With History lecture will shed new light on a mostly untold chapter in Tubman's life. Fields-Black is an associate history professor at Carnegie Mellon University. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Practice SAT

Sept. 19
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to take an online practice SAT at home proctored by C2 Education. C2 will provide test results and analysis after completion of the exam, and information about their test


prep program. Please include an email address when registering and an online meeting invitation will be sent before the session. RR

■ KidzToPros Virtual Web Design 1

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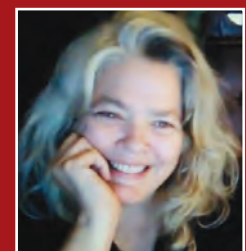
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create dynamic, visually appealing websites through this online course by learning the foundations of front-end web development and considering layout, responsive pages, dynamic content and more. Students will learn HTML, CSS and JavaScript with programming languages and how they all work together to create beautiful, purpose drive web pages. Windows, ChromeOS or a MacOS laptop/desktop computer is required for the class. Time: 3 to 5 p.m. for ages 11-14, 6 to 8 p.m. for ages 14-18. Cost: \$450.

WEE ONES

■ **Broadway Kids**
Mondays, Sept. 28-Dec. 14
The Community House
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<https://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>

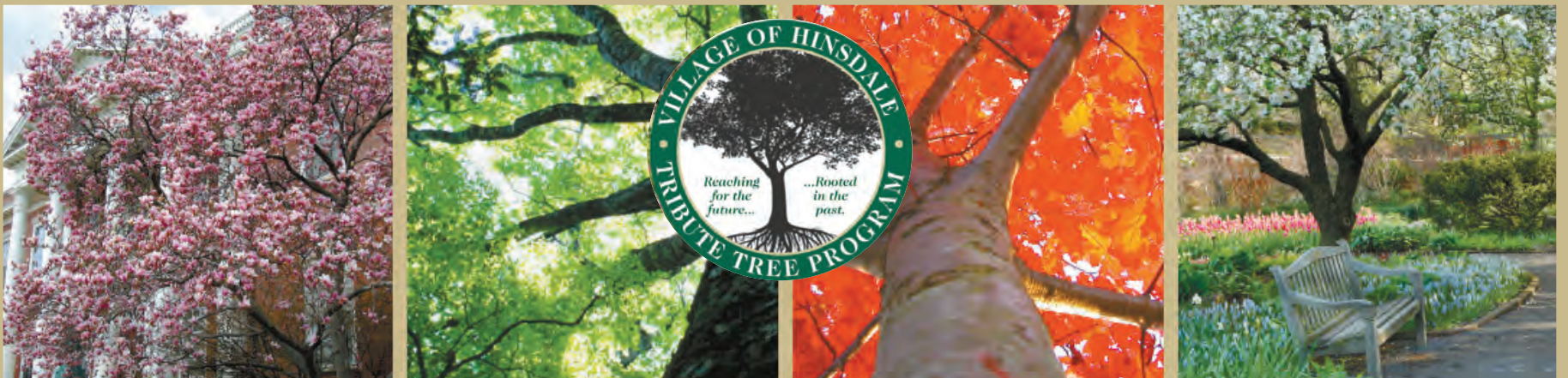
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■ **Young Rembrandts Art Class**
Saturdays, Oct. 3-24
Westmont Community Center
75 E. Richmond St.
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Kids ages 3-4 will use a step-by-step method of shapes and lines to create impressive and frame-worthy drawings of their favorite pets. Students will use colored pencils, Sharpies and markers to bring the animals to life. 11 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$48. RR

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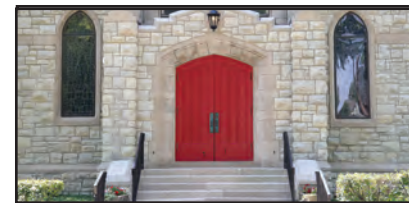
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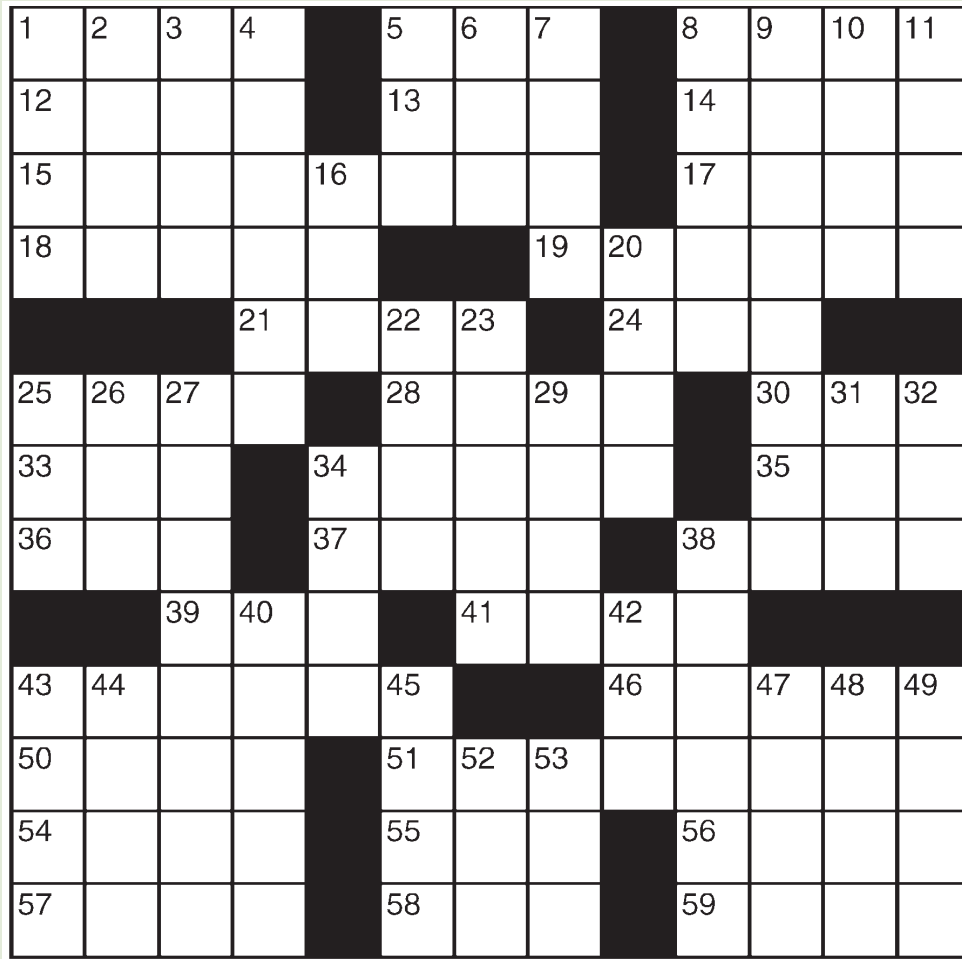
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Weekly SUDOKU

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: ♦♦

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A PROBLEM FOR THE AGES! In this puzzle, all of the words we are searching for contain the word "AGE." The following hints should help you to "AGE" with dignity:

1. AGE (given).
2. One who is wise.
3. Measuring instruments.
4. Public respect.
5. Lists of things to do.
6. Corridors
7. An enclosure.

Answers: 1. Age. 2. Sage. 3. Gages. 4. Homage. 5. Agendas. 6. Passages. 7. Menagerie



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HOROSCOPES

September 2020 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, this is a big week for you that is marked by major planetary energy. This could translate into a boost in your love life or another positive change.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Professional prospects are excellent this week, Aries. You have all the bargaining power you need to ask for a raise or to land a job if you are ready to change companies.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
The support of a friend or loved one can help you overcome a setback, Cancer. This heartfelt bond will only strengthen as this person helps you along.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you may need to retreat from the spotlight for a little bit and nurture yourself. This can only be done in the privacy and comfort of your home base.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, with all of the time you have been spending at home lately, you may want to consider a remodeling project. Embrace your inner interior designer.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, a dilemma confronts you and your romantic partner this week. Approach it straightforward as a team and the problem will soon be solved.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you focus on positive energy, a stronger and healthier version of yourself is possible. It won't happen overnight, but expect some changes soon enough.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, being positive can help you attract money, love, luck and quality company. Make mindful and positive choices and others will soon gravitate toward you.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Start speaking with people who share your values, Pisces. You can expand your group of friends and make some lifelong relationships.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, money may be more plentiful for you this week for a variety of reasons. Rather than spending it freely, invest these funds wisely and enjoy a rainy day in the future.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Your artistic side is just waiting to pop out, Virgo. The universe has gifted you with nimble and capable hands and you're apt to create things that inspire others.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your financial future could be greatly improved with a lucrative job that seems to be coming your way. This opportunity can enable you to indulge in some luxury.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Yasmina Eshac
Year: senior
Hometown: Hinsdale

When did you start playing tennis?
I had just moved from Egypt and I didn't know what sport to start playing, so I started playing tennis when I was 7.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?
If I put hard work into the sport, the hard work pays off. It's different from a team sport. It's my go-to when I'm having a bad day because I can just let it out while I'm playing.

Do you enjoy playing doubles as well as singles?
Starting last year when I moved back to the U.S., I started to play doubles a lot more and I enjoy it. You build a bond between your partner and you. You get better at many other skills in doubles.

How much did you play over the summer?
With COVID and everything going on, I tried to maintain going to the park with a friend and playing at least two hours a day. Right when tournaments started opening up, I used that as an opportunity to show college coaches I'm still in the game and I'm trying to get back on track.

What do you enjoy about being a

team captain?
I feel like being a team captain is a really nice opportunity where I get to experience being a leader and to always make sure everybody is doing well. I feel like I'm already learning so much from it.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
Since I was little, I've always loved to play soccer. When I was little, I liked soccer more than I did tennis.

Where would you like to play next year?
I'm not sure yet, because I have gotten a couple of offers and I don't know if I will pursue that direction. However, my goal is to play tennis in college, and I want all my hard work since I was 7 to pay off in college. I want to keep going. I don't want to stop playing this sport at all.

Why does coach Shawna Zsinko like having Eshac on the team?
I got lucky when she moved in her sophomore year. She works hard and wants to continue her tennis career in college. Yasmina is a great team player and is flexible with playing singles or doubles.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Cross country, boys Sept. 12 @ Downers North V loses 31-24 Watcke, 1st, 15:46.8 Revord, 4th, 16:13.6 Ley, 7th, 16:25.1 Hill, 9th, 16.3 Gruber, 10th, 16:31	Sept. 15 vs. York V wins 154-157 McMillin, 36 Riegger, 39 Spitzer, 39 Inabnit, 40 Sept. 14 vs. Proviso West V wins 133-257 Steigbigel, 31 Rasmussen, 33 Spitzer, 33 Naccarato, 36 Sept. 12 @ Glenbard West Quad V places 2nd with 314 strokes Sept. 9 @ LT V ties 150-150	Ascher, 42 Owens, 43 Hemmer, 46	Van Houtte, 4th, 1:06.51 100-yard freestyle Schneider, 1st, 53.5 Pickering, 2nd, 53.62 Biegel, 3rd, 57.37 500-yard freestyle Quinones, 1st, 5:26.21 Kramer, 2nd, 5:32.3 Barber, 4th, 5:37.33 100-yard backstroke Schneider, 1st, 59.28 Dynis, 2nd, 1:03.12 Hou, 5th, 1:07.93 100-yard breaststroke Pickering, 1st, 1:06.34 Paarlberg, 2nd, 1:12.34 Theoharous, 4th, 1:15.59 1-meter diving	Teuscher, 1st, 230.3 Tischke, 2nd, 224.5 Shrader, 6th, 144.2
Cross country, girls Sept. 11 vs. Downers North V loses 37-23 McCabe, 2nd, 16:48 Fischer, 3rd, 17:34 McDonnell, 9th, 18:24 Griffin, 16th, 19:14 Terry, 17th, 19:16	Golf, boys Sept. 15 vs. Downers South V wins 170-203 Larson, 39	Swimming, girls Sept. 11 vs. OP-RF V wins 109-35 200-yard freestyle Bokos, 1st, 1:59.34 Kramer, 2nd, 1:59.87 Paarlberg, 3rd, 2:01.35 200-yard IM Quinones, 1st, 2:17 Priest, 2nd, 2:19.12 Tian, 3rd, 2:22.55 50-yard freestyle Biegel, 1st, 25.9 Suliga, 2nd, 25.93 Theoharous, 3rd, 26.3 100-yard butterfly Dynis, 1st, 59.88 Paarlberg, 2nd, 1:03.51		Tennis, girls Sept. 14 vs. York V wins 9-0 Dollens, 6-1, 6-4 Eshac, 6-1, 6-1 Attlan, 6-2, 6-2 Limparis/Novatney, 6-1, 6-0 Shah/Kim, 6-0, 6-0 Marringa/Boruff, 6-2, 6-0 Raslan/Tallard, 6-3, 6-3 Cashman/Kinsey, 6-1, 6-1 McCain/Kumar, 6-0, 6-0 Sept. 11 vs. Glenbard West V wins 4-3

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central golfer Michael Spitzer hits his approach shot Monday afternoon during a match against Proviso West at Carriage Greens. Ben Rasmussen tries to pitch his ball close to the pin as the Red Devils defeated their conference foe 133-257. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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Teens paddle through the pandemic

Chicago Rowing Foundation helps high schoolers make most of rich river resource

By Ken Knutson

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A river is tailor-made for social distancing.

There's little traffic on the DesPlaines River on a lovely Monday afternoon as cormorants guard their nests in the bare tree-tops overhead. Fish flap out of the water while sunning turtles tumble in. Hustle and bustle feel a world away. This isn't suburbia. But yet it is, just a short drive from Hinsdale down Madison Street through Willowbrook and Burr Ridge.

Soon high schoolers from Hinsdale Central break the calm, arriving at the nondescript trucking lot along the river where the Chicago Rowing Foundation is able to stage its West program. The youth make the trip almost daily to take to the waterway in 56-foot-long, eight-person shells.

CRF shut down its activities along with everyone else back in March but recently started up again, aiming to educate teens in this unique sport while exposing them to a completely different side of the area's habitat. Several dozen from Central and other area schools get their assignments from coach Emily Caflisch and assistant Finn Conlon.

Allie Hildreth, a Central senior, said the natural resource is regional treasure.

"It's actually some of the best rowing water ever. Super-wide, you can put like four boats across," Hildreth said, shortly before working with her peers to carry the unwieldy boat down the steps to the dock.

Rowers must all wear masks on land and have to certify they have no COVID-19 symptoms. Once in the boat, they switch to face shields for better respiration. Even though water CRF activities just resumed, Hildreth said that didn't discourage most of her teammates.

"We're all really close, and even if we didn't have in-person practice, I knew we would stay in touch," she said. "We ended up having practice every day on Zoom or FaceTime."

Many of those sessions involved fitness circuits, with stamina being an important aspect of rowing. Hildreth said a friend got her involved as a freshman and now she's become the advocate.



These eight rowers and one coxswain, all Hinsdale Central students, prepare to set out for their Chicago Rowing Foundation practice runs Monday afternoon on the DesPlaines River in Burr Ridge while Central's Christian Thompson and Alex Fuchs work on their two-man boating skills. Coach Emily Caflisch said the youth have committed themselves to the program, which draws from several high schools. "You get out of it what you put into it," she said. (Jim Slonoff photos)

"I've recruited a lot of people here who are now on varsity," Hildreth said.

Caflisch came aboard last month to take over the program as it emerges from the pandemic. Now in her 10th year of coaching, Caflisch said there's a lot to be excited about in terms of program growth.

"I think that we are in a really great space to introduce a lot of youth to the sport," Caflisch said. "I think we're just scratching the surface right now of what this location could bring in."

While the majority of participants have been rowing for the past year, the shortage of available sporting opportunities now has helped steer some to the river, she noted.

"We absolutely have a contingent of athletes who are here because we are full go and we're an option," Caflisch said. "We are exceptionally lucky that we are about as close to full-go as we possibly could be."

Central senior William Cho started with CRF as sophomore after moving from Dallas. Soon after classes ended in June he was also able to

row with the mostly adult Hinsdale Community Rowing (HCR) club, which shares the launch, boat house and other resources with CRF, and restarted its rowing program earlier under state guidelines.

"When we joined HCR, we'd go out like every morning. So getting back in the water every day, seeing our teammates in person was a lot better," Cho said of the camaraderie at the heart of team rowing.

Hinsdale's Steve Louis, who helped found HCR, said kids and families were disheartened when the season was canceled in the spring. Caflisch's appointment as the new coach, however, transformed the mood.

"When Emily was announced as the new coach, it was as if a billion-pound weight lifted off of their shoulders and their heads," Louis said, noting parents were just as ebullient as their children.

Trying to keep gregarious teens to properly distance when they're mingling on shore can be difficult, Caflisch admitted.

But once in the water with a

sweep oar in their hands, their focus sharpens.

"I love that they can come here and sort of check out from the reality that we live in right now," she said.

Safety is important, Louis underscored, for the youth to continue nourishing their bodies, souls and social lives.

"As long as they can follow (the protocols), they've got this opportunity which is unbelievable for them," he said.

Caflisch said she feels as much a beneficiary as anyone.

"It's really rewarding to provide an opportunity for these kids to get out of the house and have some sense of normalcy," she said. "It's such a unique, fantastic sport. It never gets old to watch someone do something they never thought they could."

"Whether they realize it or not, this is refueling their batteries," Caflisch added. "They come out here and this gives them life and this is very powerful for them."

Hildreth certainly feels the power. "It's awesome," she said. "I'm just really happy to be back."

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