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**Wicked witch of the Southeast** — Actually, you can find one of these flying witches in all quadrants of town, as there are at least a dozen hovering in Hinsdaleans' yards, waiting to scare passers-by with their flashing eyes and frightening messages. Find out where to find them — and other great Halloween decorations — in our driving tour on Page 17. This witch is at the final stop on the tour. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# NEWS

## Outside firm hired due to short staff

By Ken Knutson

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A public works department staffing shortage compelled Hinsdale trustees last week to contract with a private firm to perform snow removal services this winter.

The unanimous vote at the village board's Oct. 18 to pay Beverly Companies nearly \$45,000 to shovel and salt the main downtown train station and the Highland train station for the 2022-23 winter season underscored the challenges facing both public and private sector employers in recruiting enough workers.

"Normally the public works group plows and salts these areas themselves," Trustee Neale Byrnes said at the meeting in presenting the agenda item. "However, we are currently short two drivers, plus two other recent hires lack their (commercial driver's licenses) so they are unable to operate the five-ton plowing trucks."

The bidding process was waived to hire Beverly, who already handles snow removal at the downtown parking deck for the village. Public works director George Peluso said the firm has proven to be a reliable contractor.

"We've been satisfied with their services at the deck. They've been dependable," Peluso said.

He also noted that the work at the stations must adhere to Burlington Northern railroad regulations.

"Some of the vendors that we were speaking to were not able to meet those requirements," he told trustees.

To calculate a reasonable price, Peluso said officials referenced the cost paid by Clarendon Hills, which he said is also taking an outsourcing approach to snow removal for its train station.

"We were able to benchmark (Beverly's) cost with Clarendon Hills," Peluso explained. "That's how we, essentially, negotiated our prices with them."

Tracy McLaughlin, Hinsdale's human resources director, said filling positions in general has become a more acute challenge for the village in a tight and selective labor market.

"Everyone who wants a job has a job and competition is fierce," McLaughlin told The Hinsdalean.

In addition to the public works openings, the village is also seeking to fill the full-time positions of village clerk, assistant finance director and accountant at village hall, as well as the part-time roles of fire department administrative secretary and KLM Lodge event host. Hinsdale police also are looking to hire an officer.

The growing desire to work from home doesn't mesh well with fields where onsite presence is mandatory, like public works.

"We are not necessarily offering people the ability to work from home every Tuesday and Thursday," she said, adding that acquiring experienced workers

who don't need training is also highly preferred. "We're definitely feeling the pinch. That quest for talent and not having a full complement of CDL drivers impacts our concern for cleaning the streets and salting."

By contracting out the train station work, department staff are able to make sure village streets are cleared.

Byrnes said the expectation is for this to be a temporary measure and for the work to be brought back in-house by the 2023-24 winter season.

"Hopefully by next year public works staff will be at full strength," he said.

The money earmarked for positions currently vacant will instead be applied to the contract, he noted.

"There is \$70,000 in savings from the two employee vacancies. That will more than cover the unbudgeted amount of this contract," Byrnes said.

## Fire and police open house provides education and entertainment



From a bounce house to learning to escape the house in the event of a fire, the Hinsdale Fire and Police departments annual open house was filled with an afternoon of food, fun and important life safety skills. Chef aka Chief Brian King helped out at the grill as well during the event. (Jim Slonoff photos)



# ONCE UPON A TIME



**Hospital expansion** — This photo in Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," is of what is now AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital. "A 17-room addition was added to the existing home, and the Hinsdale Sanitarium opened in 1905. A healthy mind, physical therapy, diet and spiritual well-being were considered vital to the healing process. The sanitarium's tranquil setting provided an ideal atmosphere for this approach. Families were encouraged to participate in treatment and often camped on the grounds."

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John Vlahos  
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# PTOs, D181 partner on new playgrounds

*Zip lines at Monroe, Elm, among items purchased to augment district-supplied equipment*

By Pamela Lannom  
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When classes resumed in August, students at Monroe and Elm schools all had the same idea during recess.

"The first couple of weeks there were lines of 30 kids deep waiting to get on the zipline," said Lara Massouras, president of the Monroe School PTO. "In a perfect world, we probably would have got two of them."

The new zipline at Elm, also purchased by the school's PTO, was just as popular.

"It is one of the hottest items out there. There is always a line to use the zipline," Principal Sara Olson said.

The PTOs at both schools donated about \$24,000 each to add on to new playground equipment provided by the district.

"We provided the central structure and all the things that go with it and we gave them a list of menu items that if they wanted to, they could donate, that were the same standards and the same manufacturer," said Mike Duggan, the district's facilities director.

The district spent a little more than \$278,000 to replace each playground,



**Siblings Claire** and Clive Li take a turn on the PTO-funded zipline at Elm School. Previously the PTO funded a new kickball field for students like Ryan Salhani, Ismail Urfy, Thomas Gambala and Joe Gehlmann to enjoy as well.

including \$177,000 for equipment, \$84,800 for a new "poured-in-place" surface and about \$17,000 for demolition.

"These playgrounds are really expensive, especially when you're including the pour-in surface," said Rick Engstrom, assistant superintendent of business and operations.

That's why the district is working to partner more intentionally with the parent groups on items with a higher price tag.

"We started teaming up with the PTOs as far as the projects that are coming down the road — the bigger projects, playgrounds, MRCs," Engstrom said. "They've been great to work with on these activities. We're very, very fortunate."

At Elm School, kids were very involved in planning for the new playground, voting on the color of the new equipment.

"They were excited when it opened at the start of the school year. There was a good energy around the playground," Olson said.

Despite the cost of the zipline, the PTO didn't hesitate to purchase it.

"I felt guilty asking for it, because I thought, 'Oh my gosh, this dollar amount seems crazy.' They didn't even bat an eye," Olson said.

Elm PTO President Duane Hong said even though the group already had finished its fundraising for the year when members learned of this opportunity, resources were found.

"We were fortunate enough to have additional funds in our budget to support it," Hong said. "That definitely made it easier, and actually, the amount the district had budgeted was more than the actual cost. We're glad the cost was less than we initially anticipated."

The PTO holds a fundraiser each spring that typically generates more than half of its annual revenue. The PTO also recently has funded a pavilion in the school's prairie garden and a kickball field.

At Monroe, the PTO knew about the playground opportunity prior to the spring fundraiser it holds every other year.

"We really used this last spring fundraiser to raise some extra funds so we that we could install a supplemental piece or pieces of equipment at the same time the district was re-doing the playground," Massouras said.

The PTO also purchased three adjustable basketball hoops for the playground at a cost of about \$12,000.

"We knew the ball hoops were outdated and we wanted to be able to adjust the heights of them so the younger kids, when they are out on



**Ainslie Haunty**, Chloe Downing, Grace Hanna and Emily Parwani enjoy the new zipline at Monroe School, paid for by the PTO as an addition to a new playground District 181 installed over the summer. (Jim Slonoff photos)

recess, have the ability to play with them as well," she said. "That's been really great."

One big benefit of the new equipment is that it's accessible to all children, Monroe Principal Kristin Reingruber said.

"Now we have equipment that has ramps so students don't always have to climb up a ladder or climb up stairs to get on the equipment," she said.

Both playgrounds have received National Demonstration Site Certification for incorporating "play on" and "inclusive" designs.

The PTOs at both schools will have the opportunity to add more pieces in the future. Monroe parents are looking at traditional options like a climber and less traditional options like a concrete bags game or giant Connect 4

that would be permanent installations.

"Our PTO has been an amazing partner in this process," Reingruber said.

Massouras said the group is happy to have helped create a space the kids and teachers are so happy with.

"It's really a playground for the neighborhood, too," she added.

PTOs will have an opportunity to contribute when school libraries, now called media resource centers, are remodeled, Engstrom said. They will be able to buy items like LEGO tables and boards, 3-D printers and print and digital book collections to augment the space. Engstrom said the support is greatly appreciated.

"It's so nice to know we have such strong PTOs," he said. "You don't see that in a lot of school districts."

# NEXT WEEK

## Hinsdale Village Board Committee of the Whole

5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3  
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.  
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org>

**On the draft agenda:** revenue projections for 2023 budget, five-year capital improvement plan and master infrastructure plan, draft CY2023 budget

## Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3  
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.  
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org>

**On the draft agenda:** IGA with DuPage County for drainage improvement, 2023 design engineering/construction observation contract, resolution for estimated property tax level, Airoom facade changes

## Free fall leaf pick-up program starts Monday

The village's annual fall leaf pick-up program begins Monday, Oct. 31.

The program is designed to keep village streets cleaner and safer and to help keep leaves out of sewers and storm drains. The village provides free, unlimited weekly curbside collected of leaves in kraft paper yard waste bags. Plastic bags will not be picked up.

Pick-up will run for six weeks in conjunction with regularly-scheduled weekly yard waste pick-up by Republic Services. Leaf pick-up is complimentary; other yard waste will require a yard waste sticker.

Bagged leaves should be placed in the parkway along the curb by 6 a.m. on scheduled

pick-up dates. Bags may not exceed 34 gallons or 60 pounds.

Do not put bags in the street, and do not blow or rake leaves into the street as it causes issues with storm water drainage.

In some cases, due to volume, collection may run behind (i.e., Monday collection being completed on Tuesday); however, every household will receive one collection in each of the six weeks.

Residents also may choose to keep the leaves on their property to be composted for use as mulch. The village forester highly recommends the use of compost for keeping plants and trees healthy.

The program continues through the week of Dec. 5.

## New COVID cases hold steady in Hinsdale

The DuPage County Health Department reported 16 new cases of COVID-19 in Hinsdale over the past week, bringing the total number of cases in the DuPage County portion of Hinsdale to 4,244, up from 4,228, last week. The Cook County Health Department no longer reports on cases specific to Hinsdale.

The number of cases per 100,000 population in DuPage

was 14.3 on Oct. 25, compared to 13.8 on Oct. 19. The community level remains at low.

District 181 reported 12 positive cases from Oct. 18-25, including nine students, two teachers and one staff member, for a total of 96 districtwide since school opened.

District 86 reported one new positive case at Hinsdale Central as of Oct. 21, for a total of 39 since school opened.

## Guidelines for safe Halloween

Although the village of Hinsdale does not regulate Halloween trick-or-treating hours, it is offering these reminders and guidelines to ensure the health and safety of community members.

• Trick-or-treating should be done during daylight hours as a

safety precaution.

• Never go trick-or-treating alone; always go with a trusted adult or a group of friends.

• Always walk on the sidewalks, not in the street.

For a much more detailed list, visit the village website at [www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org).

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# Two vie for county board seat in Cook

## Cook County Board District 17

### Who is Daniel Calandriello?



Calandriello is an attorney who owns his own practice and served as an Orland Park village trustee from 2013-21. The Democrat has a bachelor's in business administration from Marquette University and a JD from the John

Marshall Law School in Chicago. He is a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, the Lions Club, the Southwest Bar Association and other professional organizations.

### Why is he running?

He believes it's time for an experienced leader to bring a fresh approach to county government, advocating for residents and getting things done. He supports investments in public safety and mental health service while maintaining a balanced budget and holding the line on taxes. He wants to make the county competitive for businesses.

### Most important issue

Public safety. Law enforcement must be

supported with increased investments in technology and training, supporting proactive policing.

### Steps to address it

Increase funding for technology and support for the Cook County sheriff to keep better track of electronic home monitor participants, expand the mental health teams for all police departments and provide local municipalities more resources to make sure they have the technologies and training needed to protect residents. Focus county resources on preventing and apprehending carjacks and violent criminals with illegal guns. Ensure local law enforcements work together, sharing information and resources since criminals do not care about town jurisdictions.

### Other top priorities

- increase access to mental health services through the county health system and partnerships with local nonprofits, especially targeting those with needs in the criminal justice system
- invest in infrastructure to improve roads, bridges and stormwater management. Get serious about addressing flooding issues in the district.

### Who is Sean Morrison?



Elected to the county board in 2015, Morrison also has served as a Palos Township Republican committeeperson since 2010 and the county's Republican Party chairman since 2016. He attended Moraine Valley

Community College and owns Morrison Security Corp. He is the founder of Operation Restoring Innocence, a nonprofit dedicated to rescuing and recovering exploited and missing children from gangs and human traffickers and reuniting them with their loved ones.

### Why is he running?

He is seeking another term to ensure an equal voice for the residents of suburban Cook County, where county tax dollars and resources are not evenly distributed to residents. He supports a fiscally responsible approach to budgeting and sound and effective public safety measures. He opposes the growing size of county government and increases in sales and property taxes and user fees.

### Most important issue

Crime

### Steps to address

Continue to stand up to "soft on crime" policies instituted by board President Toni Preckwinkle, State's Attorney Kim Foxx, and Chief Judge Timothy Evans that result in not properly charging and sentencing criminals. Increase the prosecution of violent crimes, increase sentences for violent criminals and use the electronic monitoring program only for non-violent offenders.

### Other top priorities

Rising inflation and high taxes. Will double efforts to ease tax burden and financial strain on residents brought on by irresponsible tax-and-spend policies. Sponsored repeal of soda tax in 2017 and co-sponsored repeal of wheel tax in 2022. Will continue with fiscal efforts such as implementing massive reform measures at Cook County Health and Hospital System that saved taxpayers almost \$200 million and voting no to pay raises for county elected officials.

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# POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Oct. 26.

## DUI, fleeing accident scene arrests

• Jasmine Arroyo, 22, 2041 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol level higher than .08, driving the wrong way, having an expired registration and use of an unsafe tire after police responded to an accident with injuries involving a wrong-way driver at 8:43 p.m. Oct. 21 at Route 83 and 55th Street. She was observed driving away from the scene missing a front passenger side tire. She was charged and released to appear in court.

• Michael E. DiCianni, 29, 5806 Clarendon Hills Road, Clarendon Hills, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident and use of an unsafe tire at 12:30 a.m. Oct. 22 after hitting a disabled vehicle that was parked on the roadway with hazard lights on at 55th and Monroe streets and fleeing the scene. He was charged and released to appear in court.

## Suspended license, warrant arrest

Lance W. Dudley, 21, 121 Old Post Road, Oswego, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and speeding more than 35 miles per hour over the limit at 2:29 p.m. Oct. 18 in the 400 block of West Ogden Avenue. He also was wanted on an active arrest warrant out of Kendall County. He posted bond on the arrest warrant and was charged and released to appear in court.

## Wallet swiped from vehicle

A wallet was stolen from a vehicle parked in a driveway in the 400 block of East Ninth Street between 5:50 p.m. Oct. 18 and 7:30 a.m. Oct. 19. The interior had been rummaged through.

## Attempted burglary reported

Suspects were observed on surveillance video attempting to gain access to vehicles parked in a driveway in the 200 block of West Ninth Street at 3:24 a.m. Oct. 19. They were not successful.

## Note left after collision

A vehicle was hit between 2:15 and 4:30 p.m. Oct. 6 while parked on the street in the 900 block of South Vine Street. An unknown suspect left a note on the vehicle with a telephone number but has not responded to texts or phone calls. The incident was reported Oct. 20.

## Decorations vandalized

Halloween decorations were damaged and an egg thrown at a home in the 400 block of South Stough Street at 10:30 p.m. Oct. 22. Three individuals were seen running away from the house at the time of the incident.

## Vehicle targeted

Eggs were thrown at a vehicle parked on the street in the 10 block of South Monroe Street between 4 p.m. Oct 22 and 1 a.m. Oct. 23.

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

# THE KIDSDALEAN

A little bit of fun for our younger readers

## HEY KIDS!

Page through The Hinsdalean to find answers to this week's questions. Fill out the form attached and return. You may copy the form for siblings. Winners will be picked from correct entries received weekly. No cash value.

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# 60 SECONDS

■ And while he remembers a time when neighbors didn't bother to lock their doors at night, Kloster said the village is still a safe, comfortable place full of kind, friendly people.

## Life's curves lead man right where he wants to be

Tom Kloster's life hasn't always followed his intended path. But despite some unexpected curves in the road, Kloster isn't complaining about where the detours have taken him.

Kloster left Hinsdale Central High School with ambitions to become a veterinarian, but Kloster said one particular class was the final nail in the coffin of his veterinary career.

"I was a victim of organic chemistry," Kloster said.

With two years of college under his belt, Kloster spent the next two years working a variety of jobs, including positions as a tour guide and a caddie.

But it was his job as a bouncer at an Oak Brook nightclub that changed his life forever. That's where, through the intervention of mutual friends, Kloster met his wife, Meg.

While it certainly had its benefits, bouncer wasn't quite the career Kloster had in mind.

"I learned what I didn't want to do," Kloster said of his two-year hiatus from school. He went on to earn a degree in economics from the University of Illinois

Chicago, which led to a 33-year career in finance at Northern Trust Co. — a career that lasted just a bit longer than Kloster had originally intended.

"I had hopes of working in Europe," Kloster said, and opening his own business there. But when the recession of 2008 happened, Kloster's plans changed once again.

"Change is constant," Kloster said.

So when post-retirement travel plans with his wife were put on hold while she completed a doctorate degree and put it to work, Kloster encouraged her endeavor and instead put his time into things he loves, like golf, cars, and fixing up the family's Hinsdale home. Over the years he has added a front porch to the 1926 house, redone the kitchen and finished the basement. His latest undertaking is the bathroom once shared by his three girls.

Kloster's parents moved to Hinsdale just in time for him to start high school. He's called the village home ever since. "It's a nice place to live," Kloster said. And while he remembers a time when neighbors didn't bother to



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lock their doors at night, Kloster said the village is still a safe, comfortable place full of kind, friendly people.

Kloster said he met more than a few of those people while riding the train to and from work each day, leading some neighbors to refer to him as "Train Tom."

"There's a whole culture on the train," Kloster said.

During his career in

finance, Kloster helped people and families plan for their futures. As a member of the Olympia Fields Country Club Board for the last three years, he did the same for employees whose jobs fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kloster set up an emergency fund to help laid-off employees of the country club.

"That was a big part of my life," said Kloster, who also

helped to bring the BMW Championship to the club in 2020.

Kloster's time on the board ends this month — just in time for him to take on a new role as grandpa to his first grandchild. As Kloster said, change is constant, and it can lead to some pretty wonderful places.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff

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# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## Scary scenarios offered in honor of Halloween

Halloween is a time for all things spooky, from haunted yards (see Page 17 for a driving tour) to skeleton charcuterie boards (Eew!) to the scary-bad “Halloween Ends.”

The final issue in October also is a time when we like to stretch our imaginations to think of all the things we most fear happening in this charming village.

And so, once again, we offer this list of frightening possibilities for our fair hamlet. Beware the sarcasm.

- An unsuspecting hostess lights a bewitched candle, and the flying witches, werewolves and skeletons all over town come to life at midnight Oct. 30 for 24 hours. Once they realize Hinsdaleans pass out full-size candy bars and glasses of red wine on Halloween, they take over the sidewalks and spend the rest of the day ringing doorbells, much to the chagrin of small children also trying to trick or treat.

- Hinsdale Central Red Devil athletic teams don't win any state championships this school year. Oh, wait — they've already won two!

- Village staff decide to maximize the investment in holiday lighting by turning on all the lights in the central business district on Nov. 1.

- The affiliation of AdventHealth and the University of Chicago Medicine is followed by another affiliation with Edward-Elmhurst Health. The hospital in town wins a nationwide contest for the longest name — The Advent Edward University Elmhurst Chicago Hinsdale Hospital.

- The SAFE-T Act goes into effect Jan. 1 as is.
- Voters get really wild in the spring elections and elect a third woman to the Hinsdale Village Board.

- The concrete mix used in the Garfield Avenue reconstruction project is recalled, forcing the village to rebuild the road a second time in 2023, inconveniencing drivers from May to October.

- Only 92 percent of Hinsdale Central graduates go on to college (instead of the regular 93 percent), undermining the district's “Tradition of Excellence” motto and resulting

in the revocation of the school's Blue Ribbon status.

- Enthralled with the new sales tax revenue from the McLaren Dealership once it opens, village trustees pass an ordinance requiring all residents to drive a car that is no more than 2 years old and costs at least \$150,000.

- Commuters return to work five days a week, the demand for permits in the commuter lot skyrockets and Hinsdale's revised parking plan has to be revised yet again.

- Hinsdale High School District 86 holds a two-hour meeting at which there is no public comment, no one is accused of insulting a district staff member, board members don't bicker and no new agenda items are suggested.

- A new strain of COVID is discovered that mysteriously afflicts only those who earn more than \$500,000 a year. Hinsdale Hospital is overwhelmed with cases.

- Jim Slonoff can't find a cute kid to put on the cover of *The Hinsdalean*.

COMMENTARY

## Beauty isn't really in the eye of the beholder

I never saw Christina Aguilera's original “Beautiful” video when it came out 20 years ago. I'm not sure I would have appreciated it if I had.

But as the mother of a soon-to-be 14-year-old who sees herself as anything but beautiful, I found the remake of the video — released in honor of World Mental Health Day and the 20th anniversary of her album “Stripped” — to be profound.

The new video dramatically illustrates the pressures kids are under today, with images from traditional media, compounded now by social media, encouraging them to compare themselves to ridiculous, unattainable standards.

The video opens with teens looking into their smartphones, as a barrage of “self-help” messages play in the background, offering tips on everything from how to be more attractive to how to have a more effective workout.

“Every day is so wonderful,” Aguilera sings.

“Then suddenly it's hard to breathe.

Now and then I get insecure  
From all the pain, I'm so

ashamed.”

Images appear of perfect dancers in their identical outfits and makeup, not an ounce of fat on them, all appearing to film themselves on their phones.

And of a grown man — who must be a professional body builder — lifting weights surrounded by a group of skinny teens who have no hope of looking like him at this stage in their life.

And a young woman trying to create the same kind of cleavage she sees in magazine photos of a woman who is probably twice her age (and has been to see a plastic surgeon).

Scenes of a teenage boy considering suicide are interspersed in the video as well.

I found the most disturbing images to be those of teens — all beautiful in their own right — with their faces marked for plastic surgery.

But this is a song of empowerment.

“You are beautiful, no matter



Pamela Lannom

what they say. Words can't bring you down,” Aguilera sings.

And as the mood in the video shifts, girls wipe off the surgeon's marks, remove their makeup, tear up the photos depicting perfection. They put down their phones and head outside, climbing trees, jumping rope, running in a field, enjoying the sunshine and the wind in their hair.

“We are beautiful in every single way. Words can't bring us down. So don't you bring me down today.”

At the end of the video, a message appears: “In the last 20 years, since ‘Stripped’ was first released, social media has transformed our relationship with our bodies and, in turn, our mental health. Research suggests that time spent on social networking sites is associated with body image issues, self-harm, and disordered eating in children and teens. This needs to change.”

The video then directs viewers to Aguilera's website for more

information, where she has links to the International Mental Health Association, HelpGuide and Trans Lifeline.

We've worked to provide readers with information about mental health resources in the community as well. Community Memorial Foundation's website at [cmfdn.org](http://cmfdn.org) has a mental health resource guide under the “Resources” tab that lists community and hospital-based mental and behavioral health services in the area. People in crisis can text “now” to the free and confidential Crisis Text Line at 741741 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

And while none of us should be ashamed of seeking treatment for mental health issues, I would hope Aguilera's video helps us start conversations with our kids before they reach a crisis point.

I hope we as adults hear her message as well and stop looking at our bodies as things that need to be fixed.

We are beautiful in every single way. Say it until you mean it.  
— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at [plannom@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:plannom@thehinsdalean.com).

## GUEST COMMENTARY

# Halloween not so scary in Hinsdale

As a kid, Halloween was one of my favorite holidays. I loved the start of fall, the weather getting cooler and the leaves changing colors, as well as the spookiness of the season. But even more than that, I loved how Halloween made October feel so special. In the midst of a busy reality — with tests, homework and extra-curriculars — the world just seemed more like a fantasy whenever the holiday came around.

And Hinsdale always did the best job of making Halloween feel special.

For years, one of my favorite traditions was the downtown trick-or-treating hosted by the Hinsdale businesses a couple of weeks before Halloween. I loved getting dressed up in whatever costume I had picked that year and going into town with my family and friends, orange plastic jack-o'-lantern in hand.

On actual Halloween, all of the families did their part to make the day special for the kids. All of the houses were decked out in cobwebs and colored lights, with ghosts hanging from trees and “witches” guarding the candy buckets at the door. Practically every house I went to handed out candy and took part in the Halloween festivities.

My family was one of those houses. Every year, my dad would cook chili and turn on the soundtrack to John Carpenter’s “Halloween,” which helped label our house the “scary music house.” After a long night of trick-or-treating, my friends and I would



**Katie Hughes**

come back to my house, eat my dad’s chili, and watch “Halloween” while stuffing our faces with candy. It was always one of my favorite nights of the year.

In college, Halloween looks a little different.

While I still might get dressed up and go out with friends, I don’t get to enjoy my dad’s chili, I don’t spend my night in the “scary music house” and, although I’ve gotten almost all my college friends invested, my dad isn’t there to enjoy the annual watching of “Halloween.” I don’t feel childish excitement on Oct. 31 anymore, just a little nostalgia.

But what I do think about is all the kids in Hinsdale who are experiencing those magical Halloweens that I experienced. Who are dressed up as Princess Belle or Luke Skywalker, and, for one night, get to pretend to be their role models. I think of the parents whose faces light up at the sight of these kids at their doors. It’s the families that have always made Halloween in Hinsdale so special, and it’s the families who will continue to make it special each year, long after I’m all grown up.

So this Oct. 3, I’ll again turn on “Halloween,” happy to know that back in Hinsdale, my dad, mom and brother are probably watching it, too. And I’ll be even happier to know that the next generation of Hinsdale families is carrying on a magical tradition.

— *Katie Hughes of Hinsdale, a junior at the University of Georgia, is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What TV ads don’t reveal about Medicare Advantage

The Medicare open enrollment period runs through Dec. 7.

Medicare recipients have two choices for covering their medical expenses not paid by Medicare Parts A and B: a “supplemental” plan, also called Medigap, or a Medicare Advantage plan.

You’ve probably seen the commercials for the Medicare Advantage option.

Buyers, beware! Medicare Advantage is allowed to advertise without disclosing the downsides compared to the traditional Medicare plus supplemental, including these:

- Medicare Advantage is privatized and run by insurance companies for profit, costing the government more than traditional Medicare. Tactics may include denial of coverage for necessary treatment, adding more lucrative diagnosis codes, and limiting the pool of doctors and health care facilities where you can be treated without a

substantial copay.

- By contrast, almost all doctors and hospitals in the U.S. accept traditional Medicare.

- Unlike traditional Medicare, Advantage plans may be limited to a small geographic area. Out of area, you will be hit with out-of-network copays.

- Those no-premium Advantage plans advertised on TV are really HMOs. You will need approval from a gatekeeper before you can see a specialist or schedule a procedure. Advantage plans are not free — there are copays for most interventions.

- If you want to be reinstated into traditional Medicare from Medicare Advantage, you may be denied a Medigap plan outright or charged a much higher premium.

The burden is on the consumer to locate objective information on Advantage versus traditional Medicare. — **Linda Burke, Hinsdale**

### PTO initiative to support counseling appreciated

First, thank you HCHS community for including my name in conjunction with the PTO Insight Collaboration program. I was touched by being remembered, as its origins were back in 2010.

More importantly, I want to thank the PTO and its members who continue to support the significant work our high school social workers do

along with the professionals of the Counseling Center at The Community House. You may never know how influential your interventions and support have been over the past 12 years, but rest assured you have changed lives for the better. I am very proud of all you have done and your willingness to carry on such important work. —

**Joni W. Holinger, Wayne**



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# OBITUARIES

## Ronald C. Katz

Ronald C. Katz, 86, retired executive chairman and CEO of Elkay Manufacturing Co. and a longtime resident of Hinsdale and Naples, Fla., passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Oct. 19, 2022.

In the late 1950s Ron inherited a small but prosperous sink manufacturing company that, through his leadership, grew into a billion-dollar global manufacturing powerhouse with thousands of employees. Elkay's products have influenced tens of millions of people worldwide. The iconic water bottle filling station that many walk by every day is a product developed, manufactured and serviced by Elkay.

A man with a strong work ethic, Ron created an organization driven by simple, yet caring values. Everyone involved in the business became family. Ron deeply believed that the ingenuity, creativity and passions of the team, fueled the success of the organization. "Without our people, there would be no company," was one of his favorite statements. He had enormous respect for his family, his friends and everyone involved in the business. Ron always challenged them to do their best, give it their all and not be afraid to stick their noses into other people's business in order to make the company stronger. Respected and admired by colleagues, competitors and industry observers, Ron was beloved by his employees. No man or woman who worked at Elkay was ever allowed to call him Mr. Katz or Sir. It was only and always just "Ron." His impact on a countless number of people associ-



Katz

ated with Elkay will be his legacy.

Ron's greatest passion may have been Elkay and his family, but he also loved his cars, planes and boats — essentially anything with an engine that could be tweaked to elicit a bit more performance would bring a twinkle to his eye. Those who ever had the opportunity to ride with him will always remember the joy Ron got from a perfectly tuned engine and seeing his passengers "hang on" as he showed them maximum capacity.

Ron loved his dogs, TigerLily and Slipper Katz.

Ron is survived by best friend and life partner, Cheryl Rhodes Coleman; his daughters, Patricia (Brian) Bauer, Aimee Katz and April Katz; his grandchildren, Andrew and David Bauer, Savannah (Chris) Fedi and Gillian Cottrell; his great-grandchildren, Peridot and Groovy Bloom Kocielko; and many great-nieces and -nephews.

A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook.

A celebration of life service will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield St., Hinsdale. Masks are suggested and will be available at the funeral home and the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, Chicago Hope Academy, Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and The Service Club of Chicago.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Shirley Ann Waterloo

Shirley Ann Waterloo, 91, of Burr Ridge, a former long-time resident of Hinsdale, died peacefully at home on Oct. 7, 2022.

She was married to Peter "Quinn" Waterloo for 65 years and often said the best thing she ever did was to have eight children.

Shirley was a perpetual optimist, affirmed and esteemed by Quinn. She maintained a positive attitude, seeking the good in people and appreciating even the simple things in life. Shirley's culinary skill was legendary. She said herself she never saw a recipe she didn't read. A featured cooking columnist in The Doings, she also gave cooking lessons from her home. As a young mother, her daughter Nora asked Shirley for help navigating the dinner hour. This inspired the 1988 edition of "Shirley's Kitchen Aid, A Month of Family Favorites and Company Fare." Shirley was responsible for the "cook" part, Nora for the "book" part.

Shirley shared with Quinn a love of hosting meals as a way to bring all sorts of different people together. Their tour de force: Shirley's Christmas Eves, serving 50 guests sumptuous holiday fare created at home in her kitchen.

Born in 1930 in Chicago to Marie and Joe Jacobs, she attended St. Aloysius Catholic School and the Josephinum Academy. She studied two years at Mundelein College, paying her own way working summers in a secretarial post. Once her youngest child reached junior high, Shirley returned to the work force. She employed her love of beauty as a retail clerk for Lord & Taylor,



Waterloo

then founded a venture, Art Consultants Inc., matching local artists with corporate art collections. She retired from Morgan Stanley Wealth Management where in a late-life career she partnered with her husband as a financial advisor.

An active volunteer, Shirley tutored English to recent immigrants, admitted patients to Cook County Hospital and served as a docent at the Art Institute of Chicago. Shirley cultivated friendships

with the abundant energy that defined her every activity. She was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

She is survived by seven children, Claudia Waterloo (Jeff) Tornquist, Tim (Sara), Dan (Kathleen), Tom (Cathy DDS), Meg (Frank DDS) Shaw, Peter (Jon Taylor) and Paul (Kimberly); 20 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Quinn; her daughter, Nora (Walt) Persons; her brother, Leonard (Barbara) Jacobs; and her sister, Dolores (Chuck) Lengyel.

Visitation is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 South Madison St., Willowbrook.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Gannon Center for Women and Leadership Loyola University Chicago — Gift Processing, P.O. Box 4336, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4336 or online at <https://www.luc.edu/gannon/giveto-gannon>.

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# CLUB CENTRAL

## RED DEVIL SERVICE CLUB

Dozens of Devils will dedicate a part of this Saturday to the community's greater good.

The Hinsdale Central students will take part in school's annual Day of Service, a volunteerism drive organized by the Red Devil Service Club. The group promotes initiative, leadership and good citizenship practices through large- and small-scale outreach projects during the year.

Senior Leah Bradley, service club president, said the event encourages teens to step beyond the relative affluence of their neighborhoods.

"It's important to take ourselves outside of our little bubble so that we can go where people's needs are," Bradley said. "It reminds us that we are really lucky to be where we are and also allows us to learn more about our surrounding communities."

Participants this year will pack food at Feed My Starving Children, clean up local parks and forest preserves, and support services for needy residents at People's Resource Center, among other assignments.

Senior Abhi Doshi joined RDSC freshman year because he wanted a philanthropic dimension to his

high school experience. At their weekly meetings he learned that service could come in simple form, such as writing letters to U.S. soldiers overseas or nursing home residents.

"I found that to be really interesting, and it also taught me how fun service can be," said Doshi, who serves as RDSC secretary. "It showed me that service is a great way to spend time with friends in a way that does good."

Leading others to fulfilling ways to give back is rewarding, Doshi added.

"It can be hard to go out and do any kind of service. RDSC finds creative ways to spend time volunteering," he said.

Bradley, a club member since her sophomore year, said COVID-19 restricted outreach activities. So they sought out at-home ideas, like making Valentines for hospitalized children and gathering supplies for frontline health care workers.

"We had to be really creative with ways we could do service during COVID," she said. "I think it was an important connection for me and a lot of people."

To recruit for Day of Service, RDSC put up posters around

campus and had schoolwide announcements read. But, of course, an personal invitation is the most effective method.

"It's an easy way to get service hours and spend your Saturday morning in a productive way," said Doshi in describing his pitch to peers. "You create memories with your friends and have a great time doing it."

Bradley praised the club's faculty sponsors, Lisa Sopiartz and Sara Pendergrass, for introducing new service opportunities. And robust underclassmen involvement bodes well for the club's enduring influence.

"They're able to help carry the torch and continue to expand our reach and build on the foundation that we've established," she said.

Bradley reported that, as of Monday, 150 students were signed up for Day of Service. She hopes many get a lasting vision for volunteering.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others," she said, quoting Mahatma Gandhi. "It can add meaning of value throughout every stage in your life."

— by Ken Knutson



Red Devil Service Club President Leah Bradley and secretary Abhi Doshi are preparing for the club's annual Day of Service on Saturday. "People are able to connect to areas of the community that they wouldn't otherwise," Bradley said of the many service projects available. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# GOOD NEWS

## COMMUNITY HOUSE RECEIVES GRANT

The Community House in Hinsdale received a \$250,000 grant as part of \$3.8 million in transformational grants the DuPage Foundation and DuPage County Board awarded to 17 social service nonprofit agencies.

This marks the second set of grants distributed by the DuPage Community Transformation Partnership, established by the board and foundation in January. The organizations selected for grants serve DuPage County residents in the areas of food insecurity, housing instability, mental health and substance use disorder.

In January, the DuPage County Board executed an agreement to allocate federal funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act to DuPage Foundation for the grant program. Through 2026, the DCTP Fund will award \$10 million in grants to address immediate and long-term needs in the community in response to the COVID-19 health emergency.

In June, the fund awarded more than \$1 million in immediate intervention grants to 16 social service nonprofit organizations providing immediate relief to DuPage residents in need.

Another grant opportunity will be offered in 2024.

## FOUNDATION GALA A SUCCESS

The Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation raised a record \$441,000 at its 18th annual Autumn Affair Sept. 10 at the Four Seasons Hotel

in Chicago.

More than 300 people attended the gala, the foundation's largest fundraiser of the year, to support hospital programs and services that directly impact patients. Proceeds from this year's event will help fund training and development, new equipment, and technology and innovative programs to allow Elmhurst Hospital caregivers to provide the highest level of care to patients and their families.

*A photo appears online at <https://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean>.*

## NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNIZES TEENS

Hinsdale Central has announced that 71 students have been named Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

They are Mariya Bajwa, Aadit Bhavsar, Madeleine Boruff, Leah Bradley, Lindsey Bruns, Ediz Canigur, Elyssa Chandler, Shi Chen, Chase Coghill, Athena Deng, Adam DiPasquale, Abhi Doshi, Shay Doshi, Aidan Eldifrawi, Hannah Fawley, Sarah Fischer, Piper Frankiewicz

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Cody Tovaso, Anand Tekkey, Gregory Theotikos, Walter Waverly, Edwin Weyer, Millan Whittier, Isabella Xu, Alex Yang, Jerry Yao, Jenna Zhao

These academically talented seniors scored in the top 50,000 students in the nation in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

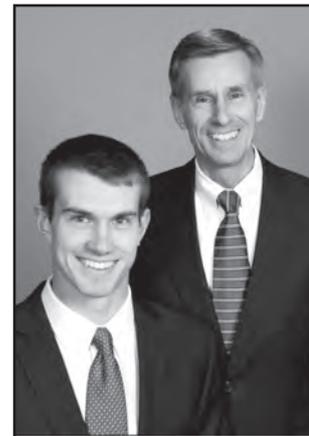
## AGENT COMPLETES LAUNCH TRAINING

Tori Gullett of the Hinsdale office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Chicago has graduated from the firm's exclusive Launch Agent training program.

The BHHS Chicago Launch Program was created specifically for new agents as a structured program and practical guide to build their skills, knowledge and, ultimately, their careers. The program lasts about two months.

## STUDENTS SUPPORT HURRICANE VICTIMS

Madison School students used a \$150 KIDS Grant from the D181 Foundation to purchase items for their bracelet sale to support victims of Hurricane Ian. They raised \$1,285 to donate to the Red Cross.



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## A spooktacular Sunday drive

*Load the family up in the SUV for an afternoon — or evening — drive through town*

**By Pamela Lannom**

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Americans are expected to spend more than \$3 billion on Halloween decorations this year, the highest amount in the past four years.

A quick drive through town demonstrates something we already know. Hinsdaleans like to keep up.

New this year is the 12-foot animated hovering witch from Home Depot, spotted in a dozen locations in town (601 & 708 S. Lincoln, 604 & 733 S. Monroe, 123 & 235 N. Washington, 716 S. Vine, 552 Phillippa, 600 Mills and two listed below). She has glowing eyes, leathery skin, a long warty nose, and flowing white hair.

And she talks!

“Are you scared of heights, my pretty?”

Yes. Yes we are.

Skeletons also have invaded the village this year, with several included on the driving tour. Others in town are chilling in Adirondack chairs, dressed to hit the runway and cavorting with giant spiders.

We could have listed dozens of houses on this driving tour, but for practical reasons, we’ve limited it to eight. Grab some hot apple cider, find a spooky playlist and hop in the SUV for a drive around town to see these terrifying tableaux.

### 1. 9 S. Quincy St.

Skeletons are up to all sorts of things all over town, but these are the only ones spotted doing the wave. Perhaps they are celebrating their escape from 743 S. County Line Road (No. 7). Drive north to North Street, take a right and go about four blocks to ...

### 2. 421 W. North St.

The 23 pumpkins hanging out in this portico patch have been a fixture in this part of town for too many Halloweens to count. Continue east on North to Washington, turn right and head south to Walnut. Take a left and go two blocks to ...

### 3. 218 E. Walnut St.

This house made headlines in 2020 when The Hinsdalean did a

story on the Martin family’s host of inflatables in the yard and the 12-foot skeleton, possibly the first in town. They and their neighbors across the street enjoy collaborating on decorations. It’s worth parking the car for this stop. Then walk across the street to ...

### 4. 215 E. Walnut St.

After choosing your favorite inflatable (we like the purple one with the googly eyes), head back to Washington, take a left and head south to ...

### 5. 607 S. Washington St.

If you didn’t like the haunted forest in “The Wizard of Oz,” you might want to skip this stop, with its angry inflatable tree looking to snatch you up in one of its limbs. Gravestones and abundant cobwebs help set the scene. Continue south on Washington just a few houses until you get to ...

### 6. 640 S. Washington St.

The owners of this home should move to the 200 block of East Walnut Street! They too subscribe to the theory that if one inflatable is good, more than a dozen is better. Take a left on Seventh, go to County Line Road and turn right until you reach ...

### 7. 743 S. County Line Road

The ubiquitous flying witch might just be trying to escape from the host of skeletons — more than two dozen — that have taken over the front yard. Four giant skeletons guard the property — one from the second-floor balcony — while their smaller friends wreak havoc. Sally from “The Nightmare before Christmas” is tucked away near the door, possibly waiting for a nowhere-to-be-seen Jack Skellington to come to her rescue. Continue south one block to ...

### 8. 836 S. County Line Road

The flying witch and the towering ghoul with the glowing eyes are the most noticeable creatures in the front yard, but they certainly aren’t the only ones. Check out the faces hiding in the trees, the open coffin and the Frankenstein and friends inflatables.



1. 9 S. Quincy St.



2. 421 W. North St.



3. 218 E. Walnut St.



4. 215 E. Walnut St.



5. 607 S. Washington St.



6. 640 S. Washington St.



7. 743 S. County Line Road



8. 836 S. County Line Road

# PULSE



This is the final weekend of the Fall Color Festival at Morton Arboretum. Enjoy special seasonal treats and a stroll along Scarecrow Trail. See the Fallapalooza listing on Page 26 for details. (photo provided)

## ARTFULLY DONE

■ **Watercolor Painting Level 1**  
Mondays, Nov. 7-Dec. 12  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>  
(630) 323-4422

Explore the exciting media of transparent watercolor. Learn basic techniques and apply them to a variety of subject matter. Students will provide their own materials. A list will be available the first day of class. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$175. RR, MD

## FAMILY FUN

■ **Pajama Storytime**  
Nov. 2  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>  
(630) 986-1976

Put on cozy pajamas, grab a favorite stuffed animal and join this night of stories and family fun. Time: 7 to 7:30 p.m. RR

## FOR A CAUSE

■ **Think Pink Sip & Shop**  
Oct. 29  
J. McLaughlin  
53 S. Washington St.,  
Hinsdale  
(630) 468-2597

Stop by for sips and fall shopping, with 15 percent of sales going to benefit Wellness House. Curbside pickup, complimentary gift wrap and shipping will be available. Hours: noon to 4 p.m.

■ **Red White & Blues**

Nov. 5  
Pinstripes  
7 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook  
<https://www.redwhiteandblues.org>

Be part of this patriotic evening of fun, food and music from the Chicago Blues All-Stars to support the military community, with former Chicago Bear Gary Fencik as master of ceremonies. Proceeds benefit Operation Support Our Troops — America. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$150.

## Books & Brunch

Nov. 15  
The Abbington  
3S002 Route 53, Glen Ellyn  
<https://www.alcw.org>  
Assistance League  
Chicagoland West will hold its annual fundraiser luncheon, featuring authors Betsy Bird, Bill Taylor and Jill Wine-Banks talking with moderator Andrea Thome about their writing experiences. Bid on distinctive silent auction packages, win raffle prizes and shop for the perfect gift in the boutique. Time: 10 a.m. doors open. Tickets: \$100.

## GREAT OUTDOORS

■ **Flashlight Discoveries**  
Oct. 29  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
<https://www.fpdcc.com>  
(708) 839-6897

Flashlights will be used to investigate the woodland's nooks and crannies in search

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# NOV 15

## Assistance League Chicagoland West

**The Abbington | Glen Ellyn**  
SW Corner  
Rte 53 + Butterfield Rd.

**10 am** Doors open

### Author Conversations

Jill Wine-Banks  
Betsy Bird  
William V. Taylor, Jr.

### Moderator

Andrea Thome



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# Fall feasts with the library (and your local eateries!)

Fall and feasting have long gone hand-in-hand to me. The connection probably started when I read the "Redwall" series by Brian Jacques in middle school. I can't recall if I read the books in the fall, or whether an iconic feast scene in the books takes place then, but there are two things I do know: you won't find any better food writing than in those books (honey and blackberry pie, anyone?) and that they indelibly stamped in my head that fall is a time for gathering with friends, family, a few mice and badgers, and sharing a sumptuous meal. It stands to reason that Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. What could be cozier?

The link between reading about food and experiencing food is visceral. Reading engages each of our senses and the sights, smells and sounds of a book linger in our memory and affect our present. Not many things are better than getting to try something in real life that you've salivated over in a book.

In celebration of this idea, the library is offering a brand new fall reading program: Hinsdale's Moveable Feast.

The idea is simple: stop by the library, pick up a Moveable Feast Menu and find which books we've thoughtfully paired with participating restaurants' menus. Let us know which books you read and restaurants you visit to be entered in a drawing for a \$100 village of Hinsdale gift card! Read, dine, repeat.

We encourage you to soak up the sensations as you read about incredible glasses of wine in "Vintage" by David Baker and then try similar ones at Vistro Prime, or watch "Jiro Dreams of Sushi" and then enjoy sushi yourself at Nabuki, or read about food, friendship, and hot chocolate in "Love and Saffron" by Kim Fay while sipping a Mayan hot chocolate from Café La Fortuna. We will be hosting a potluck



**Lizzy Boden**  
Check this out

event on Tuesday, Nov. 1, where all participants can come share a dish and stories of what you experienced through Hinsdale's Moveable Feast. For more information, the Moveable Feast Menu, and to register for our potluck, visit [www.hinsdalelibrary.info/feast/](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info/feast/)

Many thanks to Altamura, Café La Fortuna, Giuliano's, Nabuki, Sweet Ali's, Toni Patisserie & Cafe and Vistro Prime for their participation!

Though Hinsdale's Moveable Feast has been a big focus, that's not all we're cooking up for you at the library this fall. Members of our Spice Club are invited to another potluck Wednesday, Nov. 30, to discuss the spices, recipes, and successes and failures in the kitchen. Feel free to bring your favorite Spice Club inspired treats to share! And if you missed out this time around, registration for our winter Spice Club will

open in late November. Each month, you'll get a new spice accompanied by handpicked recipes so you can try new flavors and recipes at home.

If we can count December as fall (and in my heart, winter will stay away), we have a few more:

Interested in baking? Shauna Sever, author of "Midwest Made: Big, Bold Baking from the Heartland," TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest will join us virtually Tuesday, Dec. 13 to share her love of food, baking and some tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious.

Finally, mark your calendars now: HPL will be hosting local legends The Jolly Boys for a holiday concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. This is an all-ages, family friendly event, and of course we will have hot chocolate!

Happiest of fall feasting to you, Hinsdaleans. See you soon at the library!

— Lizzy Boden is the adult services manager at the Hinsdale Public Library.

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# PULSE

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of creepy crawlies in this family-friendly program. Time: 7 p.m. RR

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Healthy Cooking for Breast Cancer

Oct. 29  
Wellness House  
131 N. County Line Road,  
Hinsdale  
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>  
(630) 323-5150

There is often confusion around foods that are safe to eat for breast cancer. This cooking class for diagnosed individuals and caregivers will include a variety of foods and nutrients that are highly recommended. Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m. RR

### Hot Topics in Blood Cancers

Nov. 19  
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org/hot-topics-in-blood-cancers>  
(630) 323-5150

Join this online seminar and hear from top oncologists, surgeons and health care professionals in the Chicagoland area on the latest research, treatments and side effect management for blood cancers. Time: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RR

## JUST FOR KIDS

### Comedy Improv

Thursdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 15  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>  
(630) 323-7500

Learn the basics of acting and how to express emotions and communicate by using one's body, gestures and facial expressions in the Stage Door Fine Arts class for kids 7 to 16 years old. Through games and improv scenes the students will gain confidence and skills to create characters and situations of all shapes and sizes. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$230. RR, MD

### Optical Illusion Art

Nov. 8  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>  
(630) 986-1976

Kids in third through fifth grade can create a work of art that will trick the eye. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

### House Band: Beatles vs. Rolling Stones

Nov. 10  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>  
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 10 and up are invited to be the band, focusing on four songs from these two famed groups. Participants will receive the chord charts in advance and then practice the songs one at a time at the gathering before playing them together as a set. Afterwards, perform a song fitting the theme of the evening at an open mic session. No musical experience is necessary, just bring a guitar, ukulele or any other instrument. The program is led by Roberta Wentling of Tiny Toes Music. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

## NOTEWORTHY

### 'Breathtaking'

Nov. 6  
Christ Church of Oak Brook  
501 31st St.  
<https://www.westsubsymphony.org>  
(630) 887-7464

The West Suburban Symphony Orchestra will perform works of Ludwig van Beethoven, including his Symphony 6 ("Pastoral"), the "Egmont" and "Consecration of the House" overtures, and the "Ah! Perfido" aria featuring soprano Ann McMann. Time: 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$23 for seniors, \$5 for teens, free for ages 12 and under.

## ON STAGE

### 'Harvey'

Nov. 3-5  
Nazareth Academy  
1209 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park  
<https://www.nazarethacademy.com>

Enjoy this Pulitzer Prize-winning play about an imaginary six-foot rabbit which delivers laughs while offering a lesson about how important friendship really is and how loyalty must withstand every single challenge. The cast includes Hinsdaleans Harrison Gianares and Sarah Prisky. Time: 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15.

### 'The Government Inspector'

Through Nov. 6  
Theatre of Western Springs

4384 Hampton Ave.  
<https://www.theatrewest-emssprings.com>  
(708) 246-3380

This farcical drama by Nikolay Gogol is a comedy of errors, satirizing human greed, stupidity and extensive political corruption as the mayor of an awful Russian town gathers his officials and tells them that a government inspector is traveling incognito from town to town. Mistaking a worthless clerk for the actual inspector, they fall all over themselves trying to impress him. Tickets: \$25, \$12 for children and students.

## SIGN UP NOW

### Tales From the Tombstone

Nov. 2  
Bronswood Cemetery  
3805 Madison St., Oak Brook  
[https://www.flipcause.com/hosted\\_widget/event\\_step2/MTYxNTQ2/181241](https://www.flipcause.com/hosted_widget/event_step2/MTYxNTQ2/181241)

Come explore the lives of the residents of Bronswood Cemetery, hearing stories that shine a light on the people who made the area what it is today. The evening includes light bites, beverages and readings by Meredyth. Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m., with tours at 7 and 8 p.m. Cost: \$40. RR

### Next Chapter Book Club Author Event

Nov. 3  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>  
(630) 986-1976

Author Elizabeth Neal will visit the book club to discuss her book "The Game." When Marcus chokes in a basketball game and is given a chance for a do-over, is it worth it? She'll also talk about her inspiration and writing process. Next Chapter Book Club is for those age 16 and up with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## STEPPING BACK

### Date with History: Combat in North Africa

Nov. 3  
Cantigny Park  
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton  
<https://www.cantigny.org>

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including the 1st Infantry Division. David Ulbrich from Norwich University will summarize the context leading up to this important chapter in the history of the war, then discuss landing operations, key leaders and battles, and the combat role of the Big Red One. The presentation will be offered in person and online; online participants must register. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. Cost: Free with \$5 parking.

### ■ WWII Radio Show

Nov. 14  
Leave from The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>  
(630) 323-7500

Take a motor coach to the Starved Rock Lodge for this blast from the past program featuring favorites like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "In the Mood" and "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" as a costumed trio reenact a 1940s radio hour. The cost includes transportation and a buffet lunch.

Time: 9:30 a.m. departure, 4:30 p.m. return. Cost: \$127. RR, MD

### TEENS & TWEENS

■ **DIY Watercolor Silhouette Kit**  
Nov. 4  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>  
(630) 986-1976

Pick up a take-home kit to paint a beautiful nature silhouette scene. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. RR

### WEE ONES

#### ■ Feelings & Friendship Storytime

Nov. 6  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>  
(630) 986-1976

This storytime for kids up to age 5 focuses on supporting social-emotional development through stories and songs. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

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# FALLAPALOOZA

## ■ A Hollywood Halloween

Oct. 27  
Clarendon Hills Public Library  
7 N. Prospect Ave.  
(630) 323-8188  
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org  
Film historian Annette Bochenek will lead the way into the spooky side of classic Hollywood with a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips and captivating stories. She will explore the variety of classic horror films and characters as well as how the genre was developed. Time: 7 p.m. RR

## ■ Fright Fest

Oct. 28  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
(630) 323-5630  
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org  
Dress up and trick or treat through the haunted cat lodge and dog kennels, enjoy fall flavored treats, participate in Halloween-themed games and more at the event sponsored by the HHS Junior Board. Children under 13 must be with an adult. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$10 for kids. RR

## ■ Lantern-Lit Halloween Hike

Oct. 28-29  
St. James Farm  
2S541 Winfield Road,  
Warrenville  
(630) 933-7248  
www.dupageforest.org  
Experience a 2-mile self-guided lantern-lit walk along the trails, ending with haunted conversation around the fire and decorated buildings. The program is for ages 12 and up; those under 18 must be with an adult. Hikes leave every 15 minutes. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost:

## ■ Corn Harvest

Oct. 29-30  
Kline Creek Farm  
1N600 County Farm Road,  
West Chicago  
(630) 876-5900  
www.dupageforest.org  
Experience life as a field hand while helping to harvest this year's corn crop, which will feed the farm's livestock throughout the year and provide seed for next year's plantings. The program is for all ages; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$10. RR

## ■ Fall Family Festival

Oct. 30  
Hinsdale United Methodist Church  
945 S. Garfield Ave.  
(630) 325-1280  
www.hinsdaleumc.com  
The festival includes costumes and trunk or treating, bobbing for doughnuts, an apple cider press demonstration and tasting, leaf rubbings, and other games and crafts. Time: 3 p.m.

## ■ OAKtober Walk

Oct. 30  
St. James Farm  
2S541 Winfield Road,  
Warrenville  
(630) 933-7248  
www.dupageforest.org  
Enjoy the fall colors and learn about oaks on a guided walk. Participants may bring crayons and paper to make their own rubbings. The program is for those 5 and older; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

## ■ Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt

Oct. 30  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897  
Find all the hidden pumpkins during this fun hunt. Costumes are encouraged. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. RR

## ■ Day of the Dead Celebration

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  - 13 STEAL FROM
  - 14 TEXAS CITY
  - 15 LOST TRACTION
  - 16 "MADAM SECRETARY"  
MEMOIRIST MADELEINE
  - 18 DUTCH EXPORTS
  - 20 SPANNING
  - 21 DEMOLISH, IN DOVER
  - 23 JUNGFRAU, FOR ONE
  - 24 TIRANA RESIDENT
  - 28 BLATHERS
  - 31 MEADOW
  - 32 SEAFOOD SELECTION
  - 34 GANGSTER'S GUN
  - 35 LINCOLN IN-LAW
  - 37 TUNA TYPE
  - 39 SNEAKY CHUCKLE
  - 41 SON OF ADAM AND EVE
  - 42 YOU CAN COUNT ON IT
  - 45 SEDUCE
  - 49 PRINCE OF MONACO WHO  
IS GRACE KELLY'S SON
  - 51 SHARK VARIETY
  - 52 CHECK
  - 53 RM. COOLERS
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  - 55 GOLF STROKE
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  - 7 "WATERLOO" GROUP
  - 8 MAKING SPIRAL  
PATTERNS
  - 9 SAMOAN PORT
  - 10 PHIL OF FOLK MUSIC  
YOUNGSTERS
  - 11 -- VICTOR
  - 17 SKILLETS
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  - 44 MALE DEER
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  - 50 POST-OP AREA

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.

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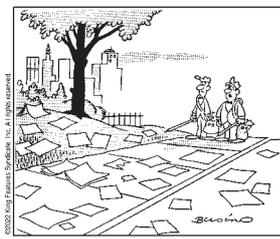
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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Plunge 2. Endow
3. Pliant; 4. Patrol

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### SCRAMBLERS

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

- Swoop: **GULPEN**
- Bestow: **OWNED**
- Soft: **PLATIN**
- Scout: **LAPTOR**

TODAY'S WORD

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# HOROSCOPES

November 2022 Horoscopes • Week 1

**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
There's not much more you can add to a situation, Capricorn. When communication fails, it's difficult to overcome obstacles. A relationship may come to an end.

**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, you're normally content acting on a whim, but this week you may want to plan your schedule with a bit more detail. Think about what to accomplish.

**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Few things escape your notice, Cancer. However, this week something may just sneak by you. Don't fret too much, as it's not really vital. But try to focus better.

**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Don't let others bring you down, Libra. Focus and maintain a positive attitude and you can do just about anything you set your mind to this week. Start making plans.

**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, when you put your hope in someone you can trust, the positive outcome shouldn't be too surprising. Close friends and family will help out.

**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
When considering a situation, remember there is more than meets the Taurus. Dig a little deeper and you may uncover the truth. Remember to ask the right questions.

**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
There's a million things going on in your life this week, Leo. You need to zero in on one or two tasks and get down to business; otherwise, you can easily get overwhelmed.

**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
A big change is coming your way, Scorpio, and you've never been more ready. Adopt a receptive mindset and await all of the excitement that is coming your way.

**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
There's so much that you are eager to learn, so why not enroll in a class or take up a new hobby, Pisces? You can continue your education.

**GEMINI** – May 22/June 21  
Gemini, you have an entire team rallying in your corner this week. You can use a little extra support. All you need to do is speak up and others will come to your aid.

**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, listen to your heart this week. It will not guide you astray. You have some soul-searching to do right now to uncover some answers you have been seeking.

**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Keep your eyes on the prize, Sagittarius. You are so close to the end result right now, so just a little more patience is needed. You'll discover some surprising things.

# SPORTS

## Undisputed queens of the court

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team points was also All-State-worthy.

"I'm just so glad that we could end our Hinsdale Central tennis career with a pretty nerve-racking, yet rewarding, state tournament," Stover added.

Senior singles player Prachi Shah said she was worn out after winning her second-round consolation match — her third match of the opening day — in a tiebreak. Her reward? A fourth match in 20 minutes.

"After losing the first set 1-6, I was ready to give up given how fatigued I was," Shah related.

Her boisterous cheering section, unusually large because of school half-days Thursday and Friday, wouldn't let that happen.

"I knew I had to keep on fighting to help my team. I started winning in the second set and every time I looked over at my team and my coach, I felt a boost of energy and determination," she said.

Zsinko commended Shah for grinding out two points after dropping a hard-fought opening match to a higher



Central's five All-State honorees from the IHSA girls state tennis tournament (from left) celebrate with their medals: doubles partners Abigail Gambla and Shannon Stover,

singles player Sophia Kim, and doubles duo Nicole Hu and Bridget Novatney. (photo for The Hinsdalean by Joel Lerner)



Members of Central's state champion girls tennis team pose for a selfie with the program's newest piece of hardware after the victorious conclusion of the tournament Oct. 22. (photo for The Hinsdalean by Joel Lerner)

seeded opponent.

"She had like a two-and-half hour match, and then she had to play three more (consolation draw) matches that day," Zsinko said. "There were just so many moments where (the girls) just fought. I was really proud of everyone because all you needed was one momentum shift and the outcome could have been different."

One of those moments came on Friday when a New Trier loss meant the Devils would go into Saturday with a morale-lifting two-point lead.

"That helped the girls just settle down a little bit and not feel as much pressure," Zsinko said of the favorable development.

Unlike some state titles that were won rather comfortably, Kim said Central showed its mettle this year.

"I'm just really proud of myself and my teammates to be able to pull together. That was the best way to win the title, it was so much fun," she said.

Having five seniors on the state team representing Central for the last year imbued the

experience with greater meaning.

"I'm personally really pleased with how it ended and that I was able to contribute to bringing home the state title our senior year," Kim said. "Central has such a rich history and there's nothing more we wanted than to bring that trophy home."

Several players expressed gratitude for the non-state roster teammates, family and friends who turned out. Zsinko said their support was instrumental.

"We really had a good representation of fans and parents. It was just really awesome," said Zsinko, who's only regret was not filming their storming of the court after the Novatney/Hu win.

It was Zsinko's third title as head coach, and one she will remember for a long time.

"I was really emotional because it was so much sweeter than if we had sealed it early on," she said. "Holding that trophy when you didn't think you were going to was just amazing."

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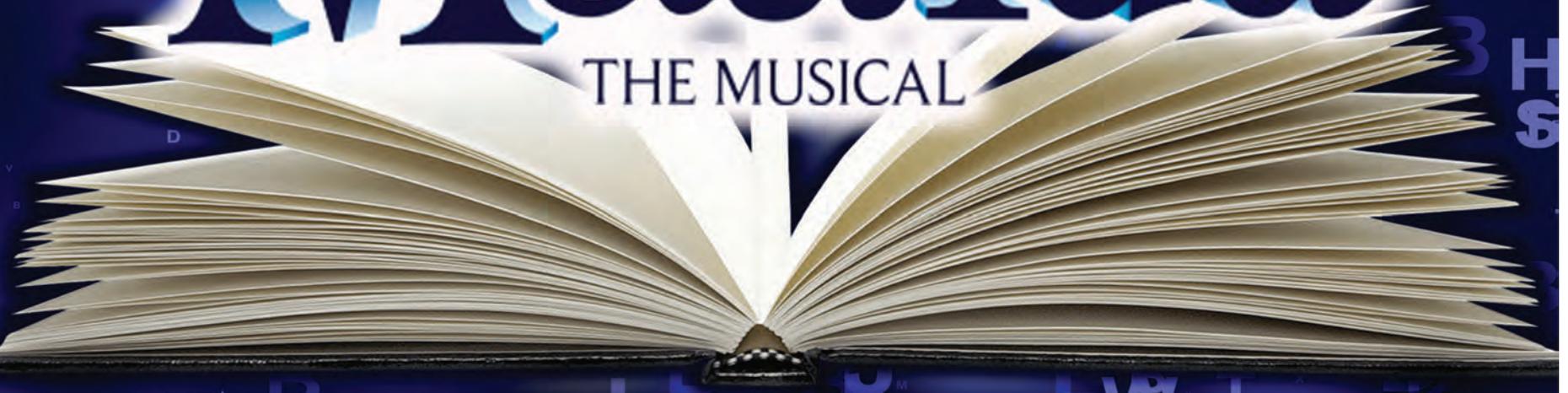


  
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## 9U SILVER WINS FIRST PLAYOFF GAME

On a sun splashed Sunday morning the young Falcons were amped up for their first ever playoff game against the Wheaton Rams.

Adhering to the mantra “First play, every play, all day,” it took just give plays for Will Jones to punch it in for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead. As Nate Morris orchestrated the offense, Luke Hanson got the lineman aligned as they continued to fire out and stay on blocks. Teddy Ouimette was able to add to his touchdown barrage by following Hanson, Jasper Maggio, AJ Siepker, Harrison Kuzniar, Keegan McCoskey, Alex Demetis, Grant Garber and Dario Rendina for 2 touchdowns and a 18-0 halftime lead.

The defense was not to be outdone. John Dunn, JP Rago, Rocco Majeta and Jake Stanton spent the morning in the Wheaton backfield harassing the Rams. They combined for nine tackles for loss. Cooper Milburn, Carter Pearson, Mas Buttitta, Max Breton and Morris tackled and covered all day. Zero passes were completed against them. Billy Jaqua put the exclamation point on the victory with an interception.

Expectations for these young men have already been exceeded. However, they crave more and yearn to get back to work. They will look for another victory in a semifinal match this Sunday.

## 9U GOLD WINS IN DOUBLE OT

9U Gold traveled to Elmhurst for its first round playoff game, a defensive battle as both teams struggled to find the end zone.

Elmhurst opened the game with a 15-play drive that was thwarted when Ben Murphy intercepted a pass in the end zone. The D held strong the rest of the game, with Luke Gray and Marco Oliverio applying outside pressure, while Joey Hillegas, Nico Will and Sebastian Christensen stuffed everything up the middle. Christian Kirchev occupied the backfield making tackles for losses, while Nate Thangamani and Carson Malinas shut down the passing attack.

The offense was able to move the ball behind Lukasz Gewont, Jacob Zager, Ivan Burt, Carter Cox and Miles Perucki, but just

couldn't find the end zone.

The first score wasn't until the second overtime, when Elmhurst struck first with a TD, but failed on the extra point. The Falcons needed to score to keep their season alive. They did just that, led by key blocks from Soren Carlson and Marcello Salamone, Kellen Brown was able to punch one in. It all came down to the extra point. With a toss left, Tophier Allanson was able to rush to the corner and dive in for the score.

The team faces the undefeated Lions in the next round.

## 10U SILVER SEASON COMES TO AN END

The 10U Silver Team (7-1) had quite a ride this season, plowing through the regular season led by their dominating defense.

Coach Scott Yankowitz brought a punch to the defense with a dynamic attacking scheme. The defensive line was anchored by Benet Zeikus, Rayan Sheihk, August Seraphin, Max Hull and Luke Lieberenz. Faiz Mossani, Jaxon Uthe, Shane Behar, Lucas Herrick, Burke Brotchul and Ryan Pieczkowski brought constant pressure that kept offenses in check. The defense finished the season with six shutouts out of nine games

The Falcon offense continued the fireworks all season. Brady Madden led like a crafty veteran finding his playmakers — Uthe, Gavin Shuler, Jonathon Trombley and Leo Yankowitz. These guys brought the crowd to their feet as they ran through, around and over the defenders. Brady also was dropping dimes to his receivers Lucas Spatera, JJ Natarelli, Giancarlo Turano III and Nicky Carbonara.

The offensive line set the tone for the season! As line coaches Greg Lieberenz and Scott Madden stated, “These boys are tougher than a \$2 steak!” They showed that all year led by Ryan Swieten, Jackson Rediger and Alex Vivanco.

Unfortunately, the Falcons didn't fulfill their Super Bowl dreams this year, falling to Arlington Heights 24-0.

## 10U GOLD WINS HARD-FOUGHT GAME

Football is the ultimate team game, but sometimes outstanding individual efforts make the difference, especially in the playoffs. The Falcons 10U Gold team earned their first playoff

win over Lyons FC 12-6, with a physical brand of football while getting some timely playmaking from Michael Kipnis and Grant Wanless.

Toward the end of a scoreless first half, the Tigers were threatening to score when Wanless sniffed out a screen play, stepped in front of the receiver and intercepted a likely touchdown. The Falcons took the momentum into half and never looked back. Utilizing the Wildcat formation and stellar blocking, Kipnis got the Falcons on the board with a 42-yard touchdown run early in the third. The Hinsdale defense stonewalled LFC on multiple drives to set up the offense with a short field leading to another Kipnis touchdown, making the score 12-0 in the fourth. The Tigers found the endzone later in the fourth, but the Falcons defense stiffened once again and sealed the win.

Kipnis complimented his offensive output with an interception, 3 tackles and a 62-yard punt to help win the field position battle. The punishing Falcon defense was led by Torsten Wood (9 tackles), Charlie Lynch (4 tackles) and Sal Calandriello (2 tackle, 1 sack).

The Falcons continue their championship run next week against Tri-City.

## 11U SILVER TEAM DEFEATS TRI YELLOW

In a home rematch against the Tri Yellow Chargers, the top-seeded Falcons started hot. Just two defensive snaps in, Michael Garber made an outstanding play, jumping the screen pass for an early interception. Offensively, Luke Altemose, Noah Natarelli and Leo Rivera led the rushing attack headed by Garber and Jake Knapp. Coming out of Hinsdale territory, Clayton Tims and Will Smith produced some amazing downfield blocks, allowing Knapp to break one 55 yards for the touchdown. Benjamin Allanson's pass to Tims was good for 2, giving Hinsdale an 8-0 lead.

All game, the defense held strong. Linemen Alex Schaeffer, Bryce Kinder, and Felix Michelini were destructive up front, allowing linebackers Gavin Carlevato, Knox Apple, Jake Wolowick and Patty “Lucky Charms” Loftus to clean up any runs slipping through.

With four minutes left in the fourth quarter, a 4th-and-7

conversion looked easy with Allanson's creativity. Using his legs to make the coverage defender bite, the quarterback then pulled up and passed to Knapp who went 16 yards for his second score of the game.

The Falcons finished 14-0, advancing to the second round.

## 12V RED FALLS TO WHEATON

The mighty have fallen but battled hard. Elliot Pain has shown remarkable talent and ended the season with a 60-yard run, almost resulting in a touchdown, Cam “The Man” Konieczka executed an incredible interception, and Jack Omiecinski threw a successful pass to change up the offense and kept Wheaton on their feet. Prescott “Powerhouse” Nicholson continued to jump off the line to pound the opponent for a considerable loss of yards, and Jack Hamman hammered away at any potential strays with the pigskin. Ryan “Ankles” Rogero also showed grit and blasted the line to take out the quarterback for a loss.

Defensively, Nate Weichman and Marco Guisto signed Wheaton up for a subscription to loss of gains, while Drew Pabst held off the white jerseys for quarterback Asad Memon, who continued to work hard to push the team toward the end zone. On defense, William Stamer and Hunter “Hands” Velco executed several downfield blocks brilliantly, and the game tape showed a powerful blocking game against receivers by Nick Hadden, Alex Golon, William Cowie and Gavin Hoang. Ultimately the Falcons fell to a Wheaton run game that put too many points on the board to fight back against. The parents and players left the field with full hearts and gratitude for the incredible leadership of coaches Ryan Stamer, Paul Hadden, Tom McInerney and Mark Konieczka.

## JV GOLD PLAYOFF RUN FALLS SHORT

The Hinsdale Falcon JV Gold team faced off against Oak Park-River Forest in the first round of the playoffs at Dickinson Field.

The Falcons had first possession which was cut short by a fumble. The stout Falcon Defense held OP-RF following series to a four and out.

The Falcons had some momentum on their subsequent drive, which included a

25-yard pass from quarterback Caleb Brady to Johnny Phillips, but the Falcons had a turnover on downs after that big gain.

Falcons defense continued to show their fortitude, forcing OP-RF to punt. The very windy conditions caused OP-RF punt to go backward for a total of negative 1 yard, giving the Falcons tremendous field position. After a Mikey Menza run and Caleb Brady scramble, the Falcons had the ball on OP-RF 1-yard line. The Falcons scored on the following play with Brady connecting with Johnny Phillips for the touchdown. Falcons failed to convert the 2 point conversion.

During the second half, OP-RF took advantage of costly penalties and a short field to eventually reach the end zone on a 10-yard pass. The two-point conversion was good, giving OPRF an 8-6 lead.

Unfortunately, the Falcons offense could not reach the end zone in the second half.

On the defensive side, Owen Issa was credited with a forced fumble (recovered by Brady Hannigan), while Benny Maxwell, Matthew Lynch and Mickey Menza recorded sacks.

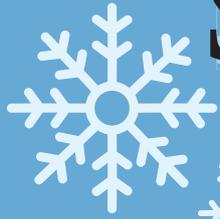
## VARSITY RED MOVES ON

The Falcons Varsity Red won the first game of the post-season with a 12-0 victory over the Lemont Hornets Sunday afternoon at Hinsdale Central.

Hinsdale earned an early lead when quarterback Owen Sunderson ran off the right side on the third play of the game for an electrifying 65-yard touchdown run. He had great blocking from wide receivers Brian Willoughby, Luke McLaughlin and John Breton. The Falcons scored again when Sunderson bulldozed his way through the Lemont defensive line for a 54-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter to put the game away.

The Falcons defense held the Lemont offense at bay the whole game. Tommy Riordan was a force once again piling up several tackles for loss as well as a blocked punt. Sunderson made a big interception in the second half and Henry Milburn sealed the win with an interception of his own on the last play of the game.

The Falcons host the Naperville Saints at Hinsdale Central Sunday at 10:30 a.m.. The winner goes to the BGYFL Super Bowl.



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# SPORTS — END ZONE

## BY THE QUARTER

**1**  
Hinsdale 0  
Glenbard 7

**2**  
Hinsdale 7  
Glenbard 10

**3**  
Hinsdale 0  
Glenbard 14

**4**  
Hinsdale 8  
Glenbard 14

## HINSDALE CENTRAL 15 — GLENBARD WEST 45



**Reece Kolke** had five catches for 46 yards and a touchdown during the game, which marked the end of the season for the Red Devils. (photos for The Hinsdalean by Mike Prepelica)

### OFFENSE - SEASON



**Billy Cernugel**  
54 passes, 603 yards  
80 carries, 353 yards  
6 TDs, 3 TD passes



**Reece Kolke**  
33 catches, 518 yards  
3 carries, 18 yards  
4 TDs

### DEFENSE - SEASON

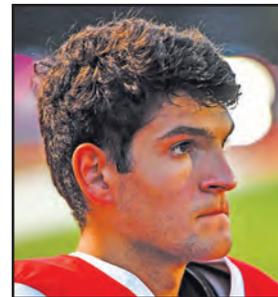


**Michael Gallagher**  
31 tackles, 34 assists  
sack, forced fumble,  
fumble recovery

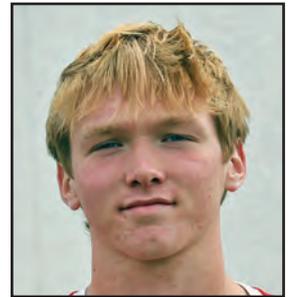


**Gavin Vande Lune**  
26 tackles  
25 assists  
interception

### SPECIAL TEAMS - SEASON



**Ardit Abdullai**  
2/2 field goals  
12/14 PATs



**Benjamin Monahan**  
6 punts, 187 yards

**Sean Lynch** works to take down the ball carrier Saturday afternoon as Hinsdale Central took on Glenbard West at Dickinson Field. Lynch had three tackles and six assists.



### SEASON RECAP

(2-4 conference,  
4-5 overall)

- Aug. 26**  
Central 9 — Naperville Cent. 24
- Sept. 2**  
Central 51 — Proviso East 0
- Sept. 9**  
Central 7 — LT 10
- Sept. 16**  
Central 16 — Hinsdale South 7
- Sept. 23**  
Central 22 — OP-RF 19
- Sept. 30**  
Central 3 — Downers North 23
- Oct. 7**  
Central 7 — York 31
- Oct. 14**  
Central 43 — Proviso West 6

# SPORTS — ROUNDUP

## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Greg Theotikos**  
Senior  
Hinsdale

**When did you first start playing soccer?**

My first time ever playing soccer I was like 3 or 4 during AYSO. I started club soccer probably when I was 10.

**What do you enjoy most about the sport?**

The great people. I've been playing with the same group of people for a while. It's always nice to get out of the house and play soccer with a great group of people. It's just fun. It's a sport I've been watching and playing forever. I've come to enjoy playing just for the sake of playing.

**What is the most challenging part of playing left back?**

It's a lot of running. I'd say it's probably, in terms of endurance, one of the most demanding positions because you have to work the flank, the outside. Also just knowing where to be and when to be there. It's physically demanding and mentally demanding as well.

**How have you improved since your freshman year?**

Technically I've improved a lot in terms of technique, my first touch with the ball and my control of the ball in general. Mentally I've become a smarter player

since my freshman year.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals or routines?**

I like to take naps before away games. It helps to clear my head. It helps with the mental aspect because it's tiring to travel.

**What is your goal for the post-season?**

Win it all.

**What would people be surprised to know about you?**

I play piano. I've been playing piano for 14 years. I play a lot of romantics because I have to do that for competitions. Ragtime is pretty fun, too.

**What are your plans for next year?**

I will be attending college (hopefully Georgetown). I probably will be playing soccer at some club or intramural level.

**Why does coach Mike Wiggins like having Theotikos on the team?**

Greg sets the example everyday in the way he shows up, takes in the information, applies it while working hard at being the best he can be at his position. It's fun for us as his coaches to see that he just enjoys playing the game.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

## RESULTS

**Cross country, boys**  
Oct. 22 @ IHSA regional  
V places 1st with 42 points  
Watcke, 2nd, 15:23.9  
Skora, 3rd, 15:30.94  
Bandukwala, 4th, 15:31.02  
Gamboa, 8th, 15:44.58  
Kamenev, 25th, 16:12.18  
Lowe, 34th, 16:23.02  
Kurimay, 39th, 16:30.79

**Cross country, girls**  
Oct. 22 @ IHSA regional  
V places 3rd with 94 points  
Fischer, 2nd, 17:55.60  
McCabe, 5th,

18:03.82  
Dygon, 17th, 19:16.03  
Griffin, 30th, 19:57.51  
Krogstie, 40th, 20:31.21  
Kusak, 45th, 20:40.98  
Boyd, 53rd, 21:07.27

**Hockey**  
Oct. 19 @ Waubonsie  
V wins 6-4  
Devine, 2 goals  
Dufort, goal  
Hadesman, goal  
Martirano, goal  
Read, goal

**Soccer, boys**  
Oct. 25 @ IHSA sectional  
vs. LT (semifinal)  
V wins 2-0  
Davies, goal  
Szurgot, goal  
Henry, assist

Oct. 19 & 21 @ IHSA regional  
vs. Whitney Young (final)  
V wins 2-1 (2OT)  
vs. Hubbard (semifinal)  
V wins 3-1

**Swimming, girls**  
Oct. 21 @ WSC Silver Invite  
V places 1st with 320 points  
1-meter diving  
Martell, 1st, 392.2  
Huber, 4th, 341.35  
200-yard medley relay  
Priest, Kramer, Rocca, Suliga, 1st, 1:48.11  
200-yard freestyle  
Schneider, 1st, 1:51.94  
B. Bokos, 4th, 1:57.73  
200-yard IM  
Kramer, 1st, 2:09.09

Priest, 4th, 2:13.83  
50-yard freestyle  
Suliga, 2nd, 24.69  
V. Barber, 4th, 25.12  
100-yard butterfly  
Schneider, 1st, 56.7  
Rocca, 4th, 1:00.05  
100-yard freestyle  
Lahmann, 3rd, 54.6  
V. Barber, 4th, 54.64  
500-yard freestyle  
B. Bokos, 2nd, 5:09.29  
R. Bokos, 3rd, 5:10.08  
200-yard freestyle relay  
Schneider, V. Barber, Lin, Paarlberg, 2nd, 1:37.43  
100-yard backstroke  
R. Bokos, 1st, 59.19  
Priest, 2nd, 100.01  
100-yard breaststroke  
Kramer, 1st, 1:03.83

Lin, 4th, 1:09.63  
400-yard freestyle relay  
Suliga, Paarlberg, Schneider, V. Barber, 2nd, 3:35.42

**Volleyball, girls**  
Oct. 25 @ IHSA regional  
vs. West Chicago (semifinal)  
V wins 25-12, 25-12  
Sessa, 8 kills  
Kalman, 7 kills, 3 aces, 3 digs  
Thick, 3 kills, block  
Jones Shah, kill  
Pelton, kill, ace, 2 digs, 11 assists  
Scott, kill, block  
Steines, kill  
Ellithorpe, ace, dig  
A. Young, 8 digs, 2 assists  
Quast, 3 digs  
Knapp, 7 assists  
S. Young, 2 assists

## Instant replay



**Senior quarterback** Billy Cernugel returned from injury on Saturday, scoring the final touchdown of the game for Hinsdale Central and later running in the two-point conversion. Despite the effort, the Red Devils fell to Glenbard West 15-45 in the season-ending game. For more details, turn to End Zone on Page 36. (photos by Mike Prepelica for The Hinsdalean)

# SPORTS



The Hinsdale Central girls tennis program captured its 20th state title last weekend with a hard-earned triumph at the IHSA final in Buffalo Grove. Sofia Kim finished third in singles, while teammates Nicole Hu and Bridget Novatney did the same in doubles. (photo provided)

## Undisputed queens of the court

*Hinsdale Central girls tennis captures state title to burnish illustrious legacy*

By Ken Knutson

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The Devils just wouldn't be denied.

In an IHSA girls tennis state tournament last week that could have resulted in championship honors bestowed elsewhere, Hinsdale Central made the most of key opportunities for its second consecutive title and the 20th in the program's unparalleled record of achievement.

The Red Devils amassed 32 points over the three-day final Oct. 19-21 to edge out runner-up New Trier (29) and Stevenson (28). But it came down to Saturday's play.

"There were a lot of points for New Trier and us and even Stevenson still on the table," head coach Shawna Zsinko said. "So many things had to happen for it to come together. My girls came out and had a really strong showing."

In warm and breezy conditions at host Buffalo Grove High School and surrounding sites, Central stayed moored to its singular goal of going home with the first-place plaque.

Senior singles player Sophia Kim faced a high-pressure third-place duel against her New Trier opponent and fell behind 1-4 early.

"The match was super tough because we were not ahead by much over New Trier, and I knew that if I lost it would put us in a really stressful situation," Kim said.

She kept battling and soon broke through.

"My opponent was having a tougher time, and I was able to win the next seven games in a row," recounted Kim, who ultimately won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, earning 11 overall points for the team and All-State status for herself.

"It was just the biggest wave of relief ever," she said of the victory.

Zsinko felt it, too.

"She got teary, I got teary. It was like being on edge the whole match and then you were able to let that emotion out," Zsinko said.

Meanwhile the doubles team of seniors Nicole Hu and Bridget Novatney had their own third-place showdown, which they closed out in a tense 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 triumph over

a top-seeded Deerfield pair to help seal the title with the last of their 11 team points and their own All-State honors.

Novatney said reuniting with their teammates afterwards was sweet.

"We played 'Candy Shop' by 50 Cent on a speaker. We all danced, and it made me realize how much of a family this team is to me," Novatney said. "We never forget to have a little fun. I'll always cherish every single small memory like this one."

For Hu, being rushed on the court underscored the significance of their performance.

"At that point, I knew that we had won state as a team and was so proud of everyone's hard work and contributions to the tournament," Hu said.

Central now has won 40 percent of the state titles awarded in the 50 years of IHSA girls tennis finals. No other program even comes close. The last 16 seasons have been especially fruitful, yielding 12 championships, 3 runner-up trophies and one third-place finish.

Zsinko said the girls felt the burden of living up to that legacy.

"Every year you're trying to do as well as you did the year before," she said. "I think the girls were feeling it. They were nervous. We had to take one match at a time and focus on what we could control."

The other doubles team of senior Shannon Stover and sophomore Abigail Gambla, after losing their third-round match, proceeded to win their next four consolation matches for crucial contributions to the team total.

Stover said the duo had to dig especially deep in grueling match against New Trier after finding themselves down 9-10 in a decisive tiebreak.

"Each point lasted for at least 15 shots," she related. "It was the best feeling to win the next three points in the tiebreak and secure the win. I can't help but believe that the match we won by only two points played a big part in the team's overall win."

Their sixth-place finish and eight

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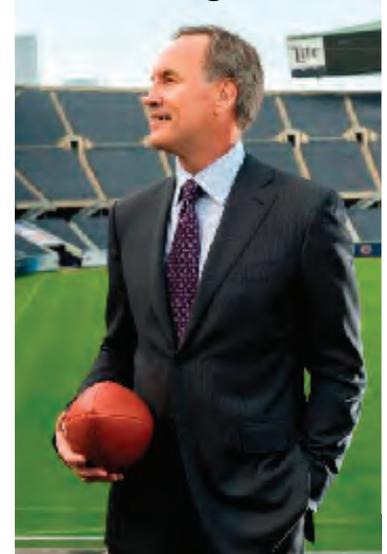
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