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Fish tales

We're fairly certain that when Timothy Laczynski took a book break with his daughter, Adeline, they didn't realize a pair of discus fish would be reading over their shoulders as well. The Hinsdale Public Library held its first fandom convention, HPL Con, Saturday. The event offered activities for fans of all ages, from a special storytime to anime shows to craft stations to face painting. (Jim Slonoff photo)



This old house

Hinsdale Legacies series
continues with 132 N. Vine St.
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Central senior anticipates bidding
classmates farewell at graduation.
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NEWS

D86 leader currently on leave of absence

By Pamela Lannom
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Hinsdale High School District 86 Superintendent Tammy Prentiss has been on a leave of absence since Tuesday, according to a statement emailed by the district at 3 p.m. that afternoon.

"Out of respect for Superintendent Prentiss's privacy and confidentiality rights, the board of education will make no further comment at this time," the release stated.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Covino will serve as acting superintendent during her leave. His

last day in the district is June 30, after which he will assume the post of superintendent of La Grange Elementary District 102.

"The board has full faith in the ability of Chris Covino to act in Superintendent Prentiss's absence," the release states.

The board met in closed session twice Monday night, with one action item — hiring a special counsel — sandwiched between the two on the agenda.

The board voted 5-1-1 to hire the law firm of Robbins Schwartz to provide "legal advice and other services related to the employment,

compensation, performance and potential discipline or dismissal of a current employee and to direct the superintendent and district administration to take any and all actions to effectuate the retention of and full cooperation with the special counsel."

Board President Cat Greenspon, Kay Gallo, Peggy James, Debbie Levinthal and Jeff Waters voted to hire the firm, with Terri Walker voting no and Asma Akhras abstaining.

Reached for comment Wednesday morning, Greenspon told The Hinsdalean she had no

comment on whether the leave was paid or unpaid, or on if the board voted to place Prentiss on leave, she volunteered to go on leave or someone else directed her to go on leave.

Prior to Monday, the board had met in closed session twice this month. Once was before the May 11 committee of the whole meeting, which is routine practice. They also had a special closed session meeting May 9, less than a week after three new board members — Greenspon, Gallo and Akhras — were seated.

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Fatal crash closes York

A 75-year-old woman from Orland Park died after she was hit by a vehicle at about 2 p.m. May 11 on York Road south of Ogden Avenue. The preliminary investigation indicates the truck and pedestrian were exiting the Shell Food Mart parking lot just prior to the accident. Hinsdale police summoned Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigative Team's Major Crash Reconstruction Team to assist in the accident investigation. Hinsdale has an officer assigned to the Major Crash Team, which was formed in 2019 to provide major accident reconstruction for fatal accidents in DuPage County. The investigation and the coroner's reports are not yet complete. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Full-day kindergarten plan gets boost

By Ken Knutson
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State lawmakers appear to have beaten Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 officials to the proverbial punch regarding full-day kindergarten.

At Monday's District 181 board meeting, Superintendent Hector Garcia informed board members that state legislation mandating full-day kindergarten by the 2027-28 school year enjoys bipartisan support, has already passed the Illinois House and is anticipated to

pass the Illinois Senate by the end of this week.

"(Gov. J.B. Pritzker) is expected to sign it as part of his overall package and focus on early childhood," Garcia said.

Implementing full-day kindergarten has long been a topic of debate in the district. The issue reached a tipping point in March, when the board signaled support for forming an ad-hoc committee to study the matter and eyed the 2025-26 school year as the potential launch of the program.

Shortly thereafter, the district

became aware the proposed state measure, House Bill 2396, and has been closely monitoring its progress. In light of the anticipated passage of the bill, creation of an ad-hoc committee has now been deemed moot. Instead the board will leverage its academic success, facilities and finance committees to help address the staffing, construction and fiscal needs of full-day kindergarten in the district.

Board member Asim Aleem asked if the district remained committed to an envisioned 2025-26 start in light of the state's 2027-28

target.

"We've never contemplated a change," Garcia said. "We feel like we should implement it as soon as possible."

Preparation of design plans for the necessary additional classrooms at each school are scheduled for the first half of 2024. Bids would go out in the second half of 2024, with the ensuing construction taking place from December to July of 2025.

To inform that work, the district

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ONCE UPON A TIME



Hinsdale legacies — This photo from the archives of the Hinsdale Historical Society shows what the house at 132 N. Vine St. looked like when it was constructed in 1882 and when Hinsdale Cash Store co-owner Edgar Davis moved in with his wife Alice in 1887. German immigrants were settling in the village’s west side in the late 19th century, and Davis and partner Heman Fox opened their grocery in downtown Hinsdale in 1892 with an eye on that clientele, selling goods like herring and limburger cheese. (photo courtesy of the Hinsdale Historical Society)



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Vine Street home winds back the clock

Once owned by a local grocer, the unassuming 19th-century treasure stocks up on charm

By Ken Knutson

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In Hinsdale's early days, residents regularly bought their groceries during trips to Chicago because of limited options in the fledgling village. "But that was just before the Fox & Davis store opened its doors (in 1892) and began selling flour at \$3.40 a barrel, butter for 24 cents a pound, and three boxes of Frazer's axle grease for 21 cents," chronicles Hugh Dugan in his book "Village on the County Line."

The store was located on the southwest corner of Washington and Hinsdale

streets and, after locking up for the night and bidding farewell to partner Heman Fox, Edgar Davis had only about a 10-minute walk to his home at 132 N. Vine St.

The cozy farmhouse still stands where it was built in 1882 by O.J. Stough, a real estate speculator responsible for developing much of the village's northwest section. Edgar's wife Alice purchased it in 1887. More than 130 years later, Kate Schwendener and John Pienta have made it their domicile, enchanted by the vintage character and proximity to downtown.

The couple was living in Chicago and had just signed

a lease on a La Grange apartment in late 2021 when Schwendener saw the for sale sign driving home from, fittingly, a grocery run at Kramer Foods.

"I pulled over and was just like, 'That's a beautiful house — we need it!'"

Pienta sensed from Schwendener that this was worth pursuing.

"Well, we're breaking that (lease)," he quipped of his reaction. "Just to be so close to town, that was a deal sealer for us."

They learned that the sellers had received an offer to tear it down.

"We didn't want that to

happen," Schwendener said. "We had a saver."

Next door is another vestige from the past setting up a tantalizing scenario for redevelopment.

"Our big concern was that the two houses would get knocked down and they'd make another super-home," Pienta remarked.

Walking up to the house, one notices the decorative roof line, a hallmark of that era. A half-porch greets visitors, along with a stunning stained glass window framing the house number in the front door, designed with old world craftsmanship. Inside, the front living room exudes warmth with well-preserved hardwood floors, classic molding around the doorways and a fireplace as the focal piece.

"This is an old-school mudroom," Pienta said, walking across the hall. A powder room is tucked on the other side. Upstairs are three bedrooms and a full bath, which was likely the home's only bathroom before a reconfiguring in the 1960s.

The archives at the Hinsdale Historical Society reveal that the home originally had no front porch and that the front door was located south of its present location. But otherwise it retains much of its heritage.

"I just like that it's small and quaint," Schwendener said of the home. "It's the perfect size for the two of us."

Davis was part of the Fuller family tree, which reached back to the area's earliest settlement, and a grandson of Sam Davis, the mason responsible for the Graue Mill brickwork. A grocer by trade, he actually was from Minnesota, as historian Mary Sterling notes in her book "Hinsdale's Historic Homes."

His venture with Fox was officially named the Hinsdale Cash Store, but patrons called it "Fox & Davis" after the proprietors.

The store specialized in goods catering to the town's growing German immigrant community, according to Timothy Bakken in his book "Hinsdale," stocking "such nostril-tickling delicacies

■ HINSDALE LEGACIES

This is one of an ongoing series of stories on historically significant homes in Hinsdale.

On the house

Year built: 1882

Style: Farmhouse

Original owner:
Edgar & Alice Davis

Recognitions: on
Hinsdale's Historically
Significant Structures
Property List

Square footage:
1,248

as herring, limberger (sic) cheese and cabbage, foods that necessarily wouldn't have been found in an other Hinsdale store."

He also was apparently known for his thriftiness.

"Edgar knew how to handle a dollar, too, and in his years of association with Heman had earned a nickname which punned on their partnership — 'Foxy Davis.'" Bakken records.

After the duo sold the store in 1911, Davis got a job in the clerical department of the CB&Q Railroad. His year of death isn't clear, but Alice Davis continued to own the home until her death in 1940. It passed to their step-grandson, Edgar Berlin and his wife, and subsequently to Edgar and Alice Davis' daughter Mabel, who died in 1970.

The low positioning of doorknobs show how average heights have risen over the centuries, and the cellar's low ceilings suggest it was never meant to be finished.

Schwendener and Pienta enjoy gardening and pouring fresh energy into this gem of yesteryear. They're gratified when neighbors express appreciation that the home lives on.

"It has a lot of personality," Pienta said. "We're honored to be the caretakers."



The home at 132 N. Vine Street was built by O.J. Stough, one of the village's primary developers after its 1873 incorporation. It was reconfigured in the 1960s, creating an inviting living room where the entryway once was, complete with a fireplace and built-in book case. The porch was also added to welcome visitors up to relocated front door. Owners Kate Schwendener and John Pienta said preserving the home keeps a piece of Hinsdale history alive for all to enjoy. (Jim Slonoff photos)



NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, May 25
Hinsdale Central High School
55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Plan Commission special meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, May 22
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: public meeting on 19 E. Chicago Ave. (Memorial Building patio) and findings and recommendations on the project

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

On the draft agenda: recognize outgoing trustees, swear in new trustees, elect board officers, accept window project proposal, 2023 building master plan, 2023 village patio project

D86 leader currently on leave of absence

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Prentiss has drawn criticism over the past two years, most pointedly for her handling of Valda Valbrun's decision to withdraw her name from consideration as a potential diversity, equity and inclusion consultant for the district.

In August, the board was split on whether to grant Prentiss a 1.4 percent salary increase. Board members Peggy James, Debbie Levinthal and Jeff Waters voted against the raise. In another split vote in January, the board approved a 31-day contract extension

to take Prentiss to her scheduled retirement date of July 31, 2024. The extension included a clause that Prentiss could not be terminated for her actions related to the Valbrun incident. James, Levinthal and Waters were the three no votes.

Three of the four board members who voted in favor of the salary increase and contract extension — Cynthia Hanson, Erik Held and Kathleen Hirsman — are no longer on the board.

The board's next regularly scheduled meeting is set to begin in open session at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 25.

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stream or posted videos.

The village had been livestreaming these meetings on Comcast Channel 6 and AT&T Channel 99, but the equipment used to do so has stopped working and is in the process of being replaced. Once the new equipment is installed, meetings will be available again on those channels.

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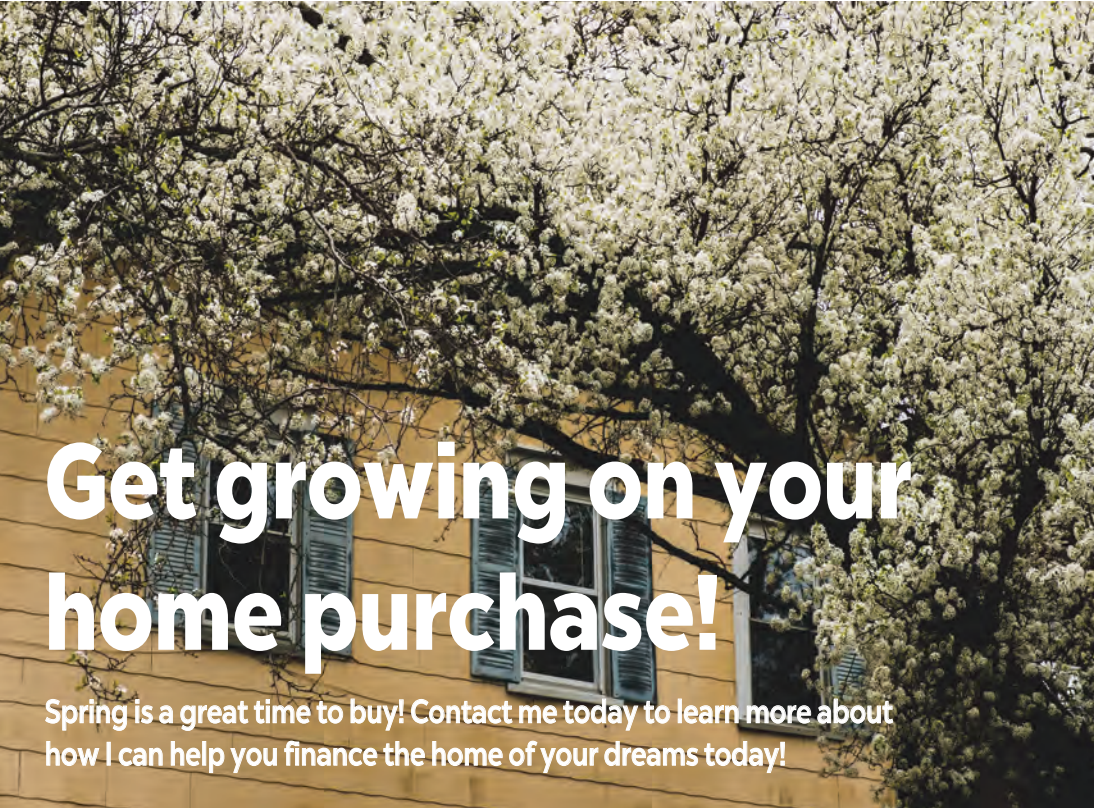
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When Ben Fuller platted Fullersburg in 1851 he set aside land for a cemetery, which he donated to the community. Fullersburg Cemetery is located on the north end of Garfield Street, between Maumell Street and Fuller Road in Hinsdale.

The cemetery is the final resting spot for many of the founders of Fullersburg and Hinsdale. The oldest stone marks the grave of Ben Fuller's mother, Candice Fuller, 1847.

The cemetery is also noted as a resting place for many of the area's Civil War soldiers. In 2016, three unmarked Civil War veterans' graves were given headstones including John Andre, a Confederate soldier, who also was honored for his service.



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Then and now

This building located at 53 S. Washington St. was home to the Hinsdale Post Office from 1899-1926, when the building was destroyed by fire. Architecturally significant features of the new building include full-height

stone pilasters topped by ball finials and a balustrade brick cornice. The site was home to a Walgreens at some point and today is home to J. McLaughlin. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo/Jim Slonoff photo)



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports May 16.

DUI arrest

Carlos A. Aguilar-Galvin, 50, 6541 S. Kedvale Ave., second floor, Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to signal when required and improper lane use at 2:20 a.m. May 14 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Fraudulent transaction

Land Rover, 336 E. Ogden Ave., reported a fraudulent transaction made by an unknown suspect for parts totaling \$895.12 on April 24. The incident was reported May 9.

Identity theft

Someone opened a fraudulent small business loan using the identity of a resident of the 10 block of South Clay Street in August 2020. The incident was reported May 15.

Stop sign damaged

Someone hit and bent the stop sign at Oak and Hickory streets between May 12 and 15. A witness reported hearing the sound of a car crash at about 10 p.m. May 12.

Fraud reported

Someone posing as tech support called a resident of the 10 block of South Clay Street and gained remote access to her computer between 1:54 and 5:32 p.m. May 15.

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.

Full-day kindergarten plan gets boost

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has enlisted a demographer to provide enrollment projections.

"That demographer is going to be instrumental in making sure that we only build what we need and not more," Garcia said.

During his 2023-24 tentative budget presentation, Rick Engstrom, assistant superintendent of business and operations, said the district has accounted for a construction outlay, although the true amount won't be known until bids are received.

"We are putting a placeholder for full-day kindergarten at \$26 million through debt certificates," he said.

Garcia said state officials have discussed funding for school districts that may need additional resources to offer full-day kindergarten.

"We're not expecting money on that front," he remarked.

Board member Grace Shin inquired about setting aside money for full-day kindergarten staffing.

"We have to double the amount of kindergarten teachers we're going to have. Do we have any concern about making space for that in our future budgets?" she asked.

Engstrom replied that the number of the teachers would not double, and that the district has ample reserves to cover the increase in salaries.

Garcia encouraged residents to lend their talents to the district to help shepherd this project.

"How do community members get involved with conversations having to do with full-day kindergarten? They could get involved in our board committees," Garcia said. "This is going to be a big endeavor."



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■ “Through all adversity, there’s a silver lining. It made me stronger, more resilient, and it forced me to dig deep and really test my discipline.”

— Ben Monahan

Teen emerges stronger after time at Central

Hinsdale Central’s Ben Monahan was fired up about his junior year in the fall of 2021. As the Red Devils’ starting quarterback, he was attracting considerable interest from college football programs, fueling his dream of one day playing in the National Football League.

But the season took a nightmarish turn when he broke his leg in the opening game.

“That obviously crushed me,” related Monahan, now a senior.

His will to overcome, however, remained intact.

“Through all adversity, there’s a silver lining. It made me stronger, more resilient, and it forced me to dig deep and really test my discipline,” the Hinsdale resident said.

The late assistant Central football coach Craig Kruse, who lost his battle with brain cancer last fall, became a powerful role model during the journey.

“I had physical therapy four to five times a week. It took about six months to get back on my feet,” he said. “(Kruse) was with me every step of the way throughout the injury process. He taught me the true meaning of overcoming adversity.”

Monahan’s Central career also has been marked by leadership, including serving as student body president this year. That role comes with the honor of addressing his fellow class of 2023 members at the graduation ceremony June 1.

“I’ve been nervous to give the speech,” he admitted, crediting activities director Sally Phillip and dean of students Kristen Bronke for providing helpful counsel.

He intends to touch on the theme of perseverance, a quality the class learned when thrown into the COVID “chaos” in the second of half of freshman year.

“It was a tough time to adapt,” Monahan said. “To be thrown into remote learning as guinea pigs as freshmen. You’re trying to figure out high school while having to adjust to at-home learning.”

When Monahan suffered another broken leg during his senior football campaign, he drew on the resilience he had stocked in reserve. The experience even generated a new interest in science, Monahan shared, thanks to Hinsdale Central team physician Dr. Ronak Patel’s support and encouragement.

“He made me realize that



BEN MONAHAN

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adversity doesn’t define me, it refines me,” Monahan said. “He was pretty much the big reason I’m leaning toward pre-med, because I want to have that same impact.

“I’ve always had this inclination to leave a positive impact for others,” he added.

Monahan said his focus during his four years has evolved from obsessing with grades to the pursuit of

knowledge. He credits physics teacher Dr. Jim Vetrone for that shift.

“He always was one to seek answers with his students and helped me be a better learner in life,” he said.

His final days at the school spur memories of Homecomings and Wing Toss Thursdays while driving home that this stage of life is closing.

“It was first moment where

I was like, ‘Wow, I really am graduating, I really won’t see many of these people again and I better appreciate every moment I have left at Hinsdale Central,’ ” Monahan said, underscoring his anticipation of graduation.

“I think it’s going to be a really special night.”

— story by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

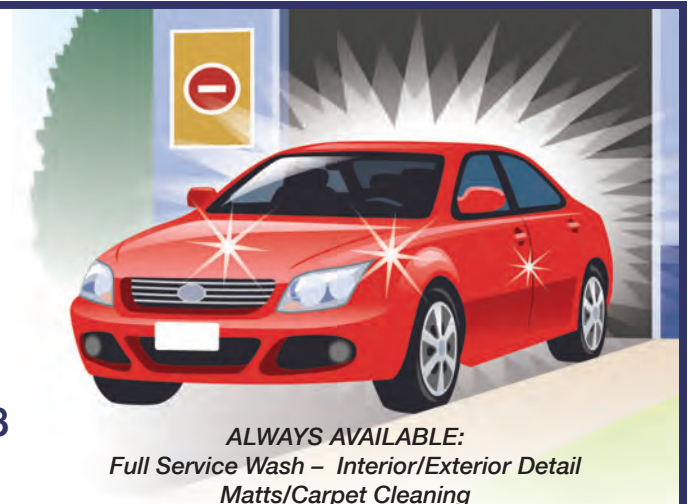
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Keep the conversation about mental health going

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

We've certainly made progress as a society when it comes to awareness of mental health and our willingness to discuss the topic.

Hinsdale Central is doing its part to promote the conversation by recognizing Mental Health Awareness Week in several fun ways. Students could pick up healthy snacks to help boost their mood; share messages of encouragement, motivation, inspiration and kindness with one another; and visit with Angel the Comfort Dog. The activities remind us all that there are little things we can do to keep our mind in a good place.

Teens can learn more and get additional help on their mental health journey at The Loft at Eight Corners in Brookfield. They can talk one-on-one with a recovery support specialist or take a class on topics such as yoga, self-care or dealing with stress. The new center, which held an open house last night for eighth-graders, is designed to engage teens in their mental health journey and to empower them to advocate for their own services and support. All services are free and available seven days a week, 365 days a year to high school-aged teens and families on

a walk-in or scheduled basis. The Loft, located at 9049 Monroe Ave., is a partnership between NAMI Metro Suburban and Pillars Community Health. For more information, visit www.loft-8corners.org.

The Living Room, the La Grange location that inspired The Loft, is open to anyone 18 or older who is feeling scared, anxious, angry, sad or just needs someone to talk to. People can drop in or make an appointment to talk with a trained peer recovery support specialist free of charge. The Living Room at 4731 Willow Springs Road is open from noon to 8 p.m. seven days a week, 365 days a year. For more information, visit www.namimetsub.org/recovery-programs/the-living-room.

Parents who are looking for a professional to help their child can consult the Parent List at www.hcpto.org/parent-list. Housed on Hinsdale Central's PTO website, the resource list features local mental health, educational and health providers with whom parents in the community have had a positive experience.

Community Memorial Foundation in Hinsdale maintains a mental health guide under

the "Resources" tab featuring community and hospital-based mental and behavioral health services on its website at www.cmfdn.org/mentalhealth.

The Community House in Hinsdale offers counseling for young people on a sliding scale. Visit www.thecommunityhouse.org for more information.

For immediate assistance, people experiencing a mental health crisis can call 988, the mental health version of 911, to talk to a counselor 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

They also can text "now" the free and confidential Crisis Text line at 741741 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Illinois Warm Line at (866) 359-7953 is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday to anyone 12 and older to receive support before a situation becomes crisis. Wellness support specialists are professionals who have experienced recovery in their own lives.

Being able to talk about mental health struggles and knowing where to turn when they arise are two of the most important things we can do — this month or any month.

COMMENTARY

Yearbooks great fun in the moment, decades later

Today, May 18, in the commons at Hinsdale Central, the yearbook is coming. The 80th edition, to be precise, of El Diablo.

I learned this from a very dramatic video, presumably made for Tik Tok and then re-posted on Facebook with the hope that Central parents and teachers (i.e. people too old for Tik Tok) would see it.

Although we did not have Tik Tok when I was in high school (phones were still mounted on the wall and you could only walk as far as the cord attached to the receiver allowed), we did have yearbooks. And while I did not write for my high school newspaper, I was on the staff of The Panther's Tale at James Hart Junior High School in 1980 and the student life editor of my high school yearbook, REmember 1984. (I realize I am further dating myself here.)

I have to admit I wasn't entirely sure I worked on the junior high yearbook until I looked at the staff photo on Page 30 and there I was! Along with this inscription from

someone named Alona below:

"Pam, You didn't do that bad on this year's yearbook."

Wow. I guess I learned early that you need to have a thick skin to work in publishing.

I found Alona's picture and actually have a faint recollection of her. Other classmates I recognized instantly. Bridget Chmielewski. Wendi Heinz. Beth Kilton. Tori Munson. Keri Peterson. Donna Woods. Kids I really liked but haven't thought about in more than 40 years.

I have more memories of working on REmember 1984, although I had forgotten our yearbook was called The Lagoon and our slightly creepy subhead: The Lagoon was Watching You.

Our theme was a mishmash of ideas, the capital "RE" of "REmember" standing for Rich East, with 1984 and the subhead referring to our graduation year



Pamela Lannom

and George Orwell's dystopian novel, through which we learned to fear Big Brother. Why we wanted to commemorate this, I can't recall. Of course, the finished product has nothing to do with totalitarian regimes.

My clearest memories involve typing out captions on an actual typewriter in columns that had to be 33 characters wide — even if that meant hitting return in the middle of a word. I think we might even have used carbon paper! We cropped our photos using a contraption that looks just like the icon on Photoshop and a grease pencil. We also took photos with a real camera and not an iPhone 14.

Although our procedure seems rather crude today, we created a book that looks similar to modern-day yearbooks, with pages of photos of teenagers doing typical teenage stuff — attending home-

coming and prom, competing on sports teams, starring in the school musical, hanging out in the hallway.

Because many of my good friends were on the yearbook staff, there's lots of great candid photos of us in the book. And I love the caption under one of the photos on our club page: "Deadline ... what deadline." So many valuable lessons I learned early.

I'm surprised at how much fun I had looking through my yearbooks. So many memories came flooding back — from the perm I got senior year (mistake!) to the "holiday bush" we kept in the yearbook office all year long to Dr. Babbit, my overqualified Spanish teacher.

At the time we worked on The Lagoon, our intent was to document all the fun and important things we did our senior year. Little did I know that one day it would prompt such an enjoyable trip down memory lane.

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Dickensian moment with a movie ticket

The oversized, fire engine red, old-style movie ticket hanging on the wall had my full attention. Whatever conversation was occurring around me melted away. I was fixated on the ticket.

"One life. Limit (1) per person. Make it count."

It was as if the ticket was saying, "Hey you, wake up! You're running out of time." I could feel my heart beat a bit faster like the after effect of that extra cup of coffee I really didn't need.

The ticket was right. 100 percent right. It knew all my secrets. Downtrodden by myriad stresses and disappointments. The unyielding expectations and pressures of work. The long running, and seemingly growing, resentments I can't shake. My concerns about the fragile health of my parents and the future welfare of my children. The war in Ukraine. Will I be able to retire young enough to enjoy what time is left? And when I do retire, what's my plan? And then there's the rabbits' relentless pursuit of the flowers in my garden. The rabbits always win. On and on.

The ticket had seen this before. It chuckled subtly and shook its head. It knows in the end, the very end, no one wishes they worried more, missed more of life's milestones or was less honest and kind. Or spent more time stressed about that work presentation.

"Constantly swimming hard against the tide of life, no matter what body of water



Kevin Cook

you are in, won't get you past intermission," it tells me. "Be very careful, Kevin."

I thanked the ticket. It should know I'm trying to spend more time on those things, and people, that make me better, improve my life

and instill a bit more joy. I endeavor to better contextualize those seemingly monumental things that create fear, anxiety, anger and sadness and not let them live rent-free in my head.

To recognize how truly blessed I am to have a fabulous wife, children, and family that loves me. I have my health, even though I may always carry the extra pounds I deeply long and struggle to shed. My gratitude list is long and not inconsequential. I seek more quiet time to think or just be, staying in the present to experience what brings me joy. I try to make better choices about what fits in my life and what doesn't, asking myself more often, "Am I loving, and in turn, being loved?"

Most important, I recognize the continual pursuit of life's wants far out of my control — particularly for those I love the most — are often fruitless and empty. Instead, I try to meet life on its terms with more patience, understanding and empathy.

It's been three months since I met the ticket. I'm more clear-eyed now, but still struggling. Particularly with the rabbits.

— Kevin Cook of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

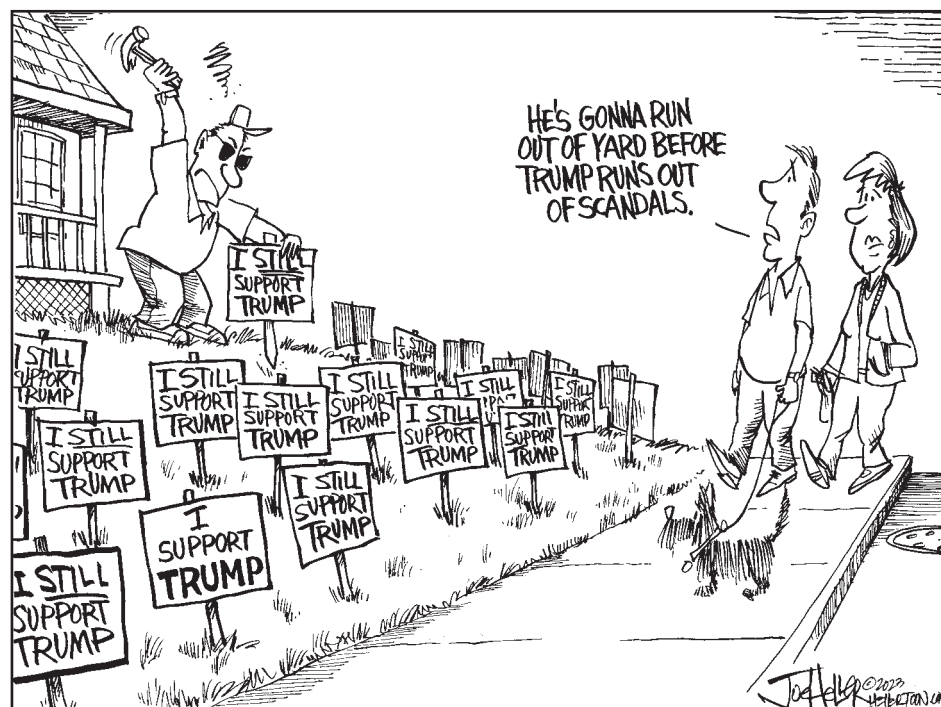
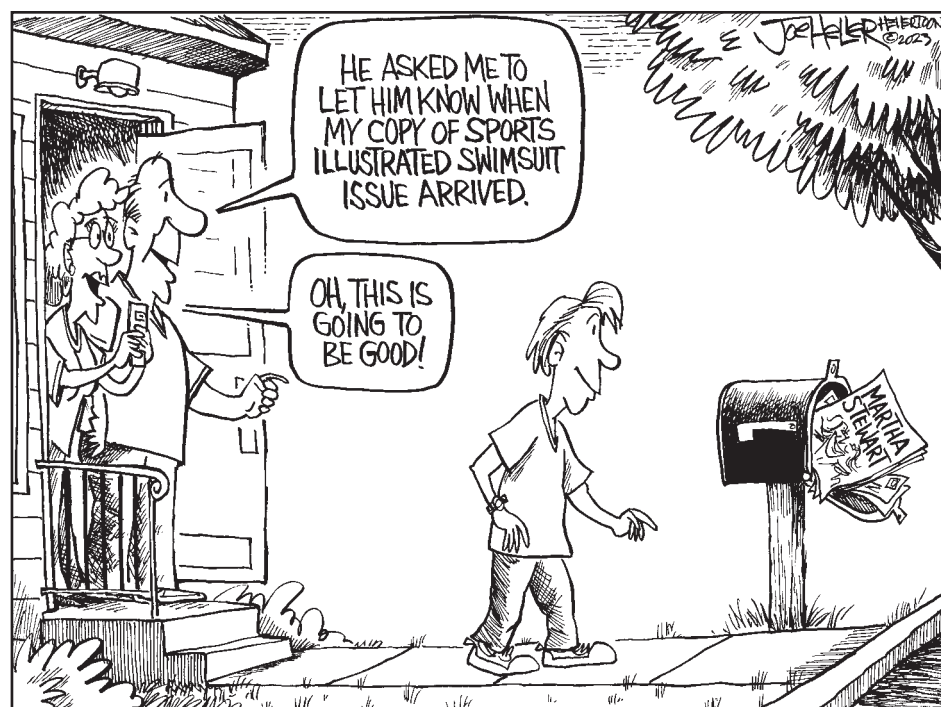
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer recommends 'Our Town' for Central actors

Recently, The Hinsdalean published an article about the musical "Urinetown" that was presented by Hinsdale Central High School this spring. Grace McGowan said "It's the American Revolution with pee."

I can't help but compare this musical with another play titled "Our Town." Playwright Thornton Wilder received a Pulitzer Prize for this story.

It's about the circle of life, mortality, companionship, marriage and love. I encourage anyone interested in this play to go to the website www.twilder-society.org and read the full summary of Mr. Wilder's play. I encourage Hinsdale Central to consider "Our Town" for future production. — **Helen Corsentino, Hinsdale**



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OBITUARIES

James Stephen Curtin

James Stephen Curtin, 85, passed peacefully May 10, 2023, at his home in Hinsdale, surrounded by his family.

Jim was born in 1937 to Paul and Mary Curtin, and was raised in Wexford, Penn. He was an only child. After graduating from Duquesne University, he joined the Navy in 1959. He attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned to the Topeka CLG-8 where he served until 1962. He earned a master's degree from The Wharton School of Business and went to work for Heinz.

In 1967, Jim entered Duquesne Law School, where he met Kay Kelly, a fellow law student. They took the bar exam in July 1970 and were married the following weekend. In 1974, he earned his LLM from Harvard Law School and joined the faculty of Loyola Law School.

When relocating from Cambridge to Chicago, Jim took the advice of his then-2-year-old son to "buy a blue house." He bought a blue house in Hinsdale and lived in that location for the next 50 years. From that house he walked to the train and to St. Isaac Jogues, where he served as an usher; he canvassed the neighborhood, registering new voters as a Republican precinct committeeman; and he rode his bike to Robbins Park, where he coached AYSO soccer. For

Jim, Hinsdale revolved around that blue house and his love of Kay and the children they raised there.

At Loyola, Jim hosted the legendary "Jim Curtin Office Party" and welcomed students who became notable legal professionals, politicians and friends. He retired in 1997.

Jim will be remembered for his two great loves, family and teaching at Loyola.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Audrey Kathleen Kelly Curtin; his children, Cathleen (David) Andes, Timothy J. Curtin, Kelly Curtin (Tiger) Craft and Sarah (Preston) Tims; and his grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Emily and Meredith Andes, Robert, Coco and James Craft, Walter, Owen, Clayton, Dean and Alex Tims.

A funeral Mass took place May 15 at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale.

Interment is at Holy Name of Mary Cemetery in Montrose, Penn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to The Parkinson Research Foundation at www.parkinsonhope.org.

A full obituary is available at www.sullivanfuneral-homehinsdale.com.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Iole DiMenco

Iole DiMenco, nee Quilici, 95, of Hinsdale died May 16, 2023.

She was born in 1927 to Aladina Toschi.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vincenzo DiMenco; her daughter, Adeline (George) Hromadka; and her grandson, Derrek DiMenco.

She is survived by her children, Joseph (Gayle) DiMenco, Emilia DiMenco and Alberta (Dan) Kadlec; her grandchildren, Ashli (Joe) Korbek, Stephanie DiMenco, Robert Groselak and Cameron (Kristin) Maty;



DiMenco

her great-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Madison Maty; her son-in-law, Marty Maty; her nephew, Albert Giannoni; and many cousins.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Women's Business Development Center, 8 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603 (online at www.wbdc.org/en/donate/).

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

David Wallace Reilly

David Wallace Reilly, 89, formerly of Hinsdale, died Dec. 19, 2022.

A U.S. Army veteran, David was employed for 62 years at Argonne National Laboratory. He was an avid woodworker, photographer, bicycle rider, painter, traveler and soarer. He enjoyed the challenge of skydiving to mark his 85th birthday.

He is survived by his daughters, Ava (Paul) Flach and Janet (Chris) Milak; his grandchildren, Payton and Morgan Flach



Reilly

and Gustave Milak; his sister, Joan (the late Melvin) Kurth; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Alfred (the late Patricia) Reilly.

A celebration of life will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at The Tap House (one of his favorite places to eat), 1243 S. State St., Lemont.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Nancy Jane Walters

Nancy Jane Walters, 76, of Downers Grove passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 13, 2023, after spending her final days surrounded by her family and loved ones.

Nancy was born in 1946 in Holland, Mich., to Nelson and Gertrude Nagelkerk. She was born and raised in the Dutch community of Holland and was a strong Christian.

Nancy worked as an accountant for more than 30 years before retiring. She loved gardening, travel, dogs, shopping, exercise and more than anything she loved spending time with her family.

Nancy will be sorely missed. She was a devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother and aunt. Nancy and Al moved to Oak Trace in Downers Grove in 2020 to spend her final years with her grandchildren and Chris and Kristen.

She is survived by her husband, Alvern Walters;



Walters

her son, Christopher (Kristen) Meyers of Hinsdale; her stepchildren, Shelley (Ron) Worley, Lana Walters and Scott Walters; her grandchildren, Andrew Irvine, Alex Meyers, Katie Meyers, Chris (Katerina) Worley and Paige (Andrew) McCarty; her great-grandchildren, Alivia, Dakota and Sadie; her siblings, Tom Nagelkerk and Joan Geerlings; her sister-in-law, Rose (Sid) Scheerhorn; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jack (Mick) Nagelkerk.

Visitation is at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St. Hinsdale.

A memorial service will follow at the funeral home at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.



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GOOD NEWS

STUDENTS EARN MERIT AWARDS

Three students from Hinsdale are among 2,500 high school seniors to receive a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships.

They are

- Alexander Burt, a senior at Hinsdale Central High School
- Lily Song, a senior at Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora
- Mallory Turner, a senior at Fenwick High School in Oak Park

National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

These scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the finalists and their high schools.

FCCLA STUDENTS PLACE AT STATE

Several Hinsdale Central students won awards in their STAR — Students Taking Action with Recognition—or proficiency events at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's recent state competition.

- Zuzanna Sokolowski, Gold and Most Outstanding in the Fashion Construction STAR event
- Keira Leech, Silver and Most Outstanding in the Nutrition and Wellness STAR event
- Toral Bhatt, Gold in the Apparel Construction (casual wear category) state proficiency event
- Chloe Chang, Silver in the Preschool Lesson state proficiency event

JETS SOARS TO FOURTH AT STATE

The JETS — Junior Engineering and Technical

Society — team from Hinsdale Central took fourth place at the state tournament. The following students earned a total of 15 medals for finishing in the top five in their individual events.

- Katelyn Stern, first place, engineering graphics
- Charles Gilman, second place, engineering graphics
- Kevin Zhang, second place, English
- Sebastian Attlan, third place, physics
- Alex Jiang, third place, biology and physics
- Brynn Bauer, fourth place, engineering graphics
- Jiming Chen, fourth place, English
- Monet Gruft, fourth place, engineering graphics
- Alex Yang, fourth place, physics; fifth place, mathematics
- Adam DiPasquale, fifth place, biology
- Rebecca Guan, fifth place, English
- Nate Maydanchik, fifth place, mathematics
- Arjun Saini, fifth place, computer science

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ASK AN EXPERT

GAIL VESCOVI, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

How has your job changed over the past 30 years?

The school day at Hinsdale Middle School begins at 8:25 a.m., but Gail Vescovi typically arrives hours earlier to walk the halls, get a little exercise and take in the quiet before 700 children and dozens of teachers and staff fill the building at Garfield Avenue and First Street.

Vescovi will walk the halls for the last time when school ends this year. After 30 years in District 181, she has chosen to retire.

Vescovi began working for the district in 1993 as a part-time lunch supervisor and playground aide at Monroe School. After serving in several positions throughout the district, she settled into HMS in 1996 and has been there ever since, first working in student services and then in her current position as administrative assistant to the principal and vice principal.

Prior to the construction of Clarendon Hills Middle School in 2000, as many as 1,200 students crowded into the halls and classrooms of HMS.

"It was crazy," said Vescovi, who stayed to see not only the opening of a second middle school in District 181, but the demolition and reconstruction of the current HMS building. From her office, she had a front-row seat to the project, Vescovi said.

While her workplace has seen big changes, Vescovi said much has remained the same throughout her three decades at District 181.

"The focus is on the kids. That's never changed," she said. From the administrators to the teachers to support staff like her, Hinsdale Middle School is full of dedicated people who work well together for the students, Vescovi said.

While her title suggests significant time spent behind a desk and computer, Vescovi said she also has had plenty of opportunities to work with staff, teachers, parents and even students. Whether it's a parent who is worried about a bus schedule or a student who is stressed about a class schedule, Vescovi said she enjoys being the person who can help. Sometimes, she helps simply by being someone to talk to. When a new family enters the school, Vescovi takes time to introduce them to the building and

to tell them about the community.

"It's a very rewarding part of my job," she said.

Vescovi said she recognizes that a building filled with hundreds of adolescents isn't the place for everyone, but she enjoys being a small part of what can be a difficult and formative time for students. She said students who enter as intimidated and insecure sixth graders often emerge from eighth grade with confidence and self-assurance to take them through high school and beyond.

"I just love to see it," she said.

Retirement will offer Vescovi time to pursue life's other passions, including a new grandson.

"I have a passion for writing," said Vescovi, who will spend more time creating poetry after the school year ends. She said she also intends to resume her volunteer work with the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

While she looks forward to more time to savor a morning cup of coffee or spoil her grandson, Vescovi said her departure from HMS is bittersweet.

"I just enjoy my job so much," she said.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Over the last 30 years Gail Vescovi has encountered tens of thousands of District 181 students. The retiring administrative assistant she hopes she made a difficult time of life easier for at least some of them. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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Teacher serves as teens' fairy godmother

Hinsdale woman creates prom boutique with donated dresses for Morton students

By Pamela Lannom
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Countless dresses hang from racks along the back wall of the room in a variety of styles and colors. Some have clean, simple lines, while others are covered in lace or beads or sequins.

Along the counter on the left, strappy sandals — some also with beads and sequins — are lined up. On the right, an assortment of necklaces, earrings, rings and purses wait to be matched with just the rest dress. Balloons and small pots of hydrangeas add a festive feel. Several attendants stand waiting to offer assistance to any shoppers who enter.

This isn't a fancy prom boutique — it's Jen Chillo's science lab at Morton West High School in Berwyn. This is the second year in a row the Hinsdale resident — and Morton West graduate — has transformed the space to provide a place where students can pick out prom dresses and accessories, all at no charge.

"I wanted to have a boutique where it felt like a boutique and not hand-me-down stuff," she said.

Chillo first solicited dresses last year through her Facebook page and the Real Housewives of Hinsdale page and placed a collection box at The Community House. She's received dozens of dresses, some still with the tags, and

some from designers like Badgley Mischka.

"This is like a \$500 dress," she said, pulling out a gold sequined gown. "I couldn't always afford to wear this, so I think it's so cool you're giving them access to stuff. Maybe later in life they'll be like, 'This is the dress I wore to prom.'"

Chillo, who taught at Downers Grove South High School for six years before staying home for 12 with her kids, returned to work by taking a permanent sub job at Morton West. She said at first she wasn't sure she wanted to teach at the high school she attended.

"I ended up really loving the community," she said.

The boutique gives her the opportunity to support the community while indulging in another passion.

"I've always loved clothes personally," Chillo said. "I'm a fashion girl who has always loved to wear clothes and just recognized that living in Hinsdale, there are a lot of people who have a lot of things, and a lot of times they don't wear them more than once or twice. I figured it's a great way to bridge the gap."

The boutique has been open mainly after school, but on May 11, students have been invited to stop by during their lunch hour.

"Do you want to shop for dresses or accessories?" Chillo asks one girl who walks in.

"I just want to see what you have," she responds.



Hinsdale's Jen Chillo, a teacher at Morton West, relies on her female freshmen students to help run the prom boutique she's set up in her science lab. "It helps the kids have purpose and responsibilities," she said.

A prep room between Chillo's lab and her classroom serves as a changing room, and several of her freshman students volunteer to serve as personal shoppers. Joanna Lopez, Emilia Ortiz, Isabella Salcido, Ella Gracia, Zoe Ramos, Isabella Soto, Loren Romero, Lianna Vales, Arianna Salgado and Genesis Andry make up the core group.

"We can hold things for you if you want to think about them for a little bit," Lopez tells the girl.

This year the boutique also offers

a limited selection of items for male students. Some were donated by K&G Fashion Superstore in Berwyn, which also assisted with the fashion show Chillo held in March to promote her boutique to juniors and seniors.

"Sometimes they're a little skeptical, a little shy about going into an environment they don't know," she said. "This is all free. There's no catch."

More girls trickle in as the lunch hour progresses.

Salcido, who drew all the inspirational signs that hang in the dressing room, has been working with one shopper.

"My girl said yes to the dress," Salcido announces.

Chillo is quick to make sure the dress is put on a nice hanger, covered in plastic and placed in a shopping bag.

"It's been such a fun thing to see them be able to have access to quality stuff, nice stuff that fits well," she said. "Prom is a special core memory and every student should have the opportunity to make those memories. I just want them to be able to have those life experiences."

Residents who would like to donate may drop off dresses, accessories, jewelry and men's formalwear in the box at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St.



Personal shoppers Isabella Salcido (left) and Ella Garcia pull out a few of the dresses available for shoppers at the prom boutique. Makayla Curtis



(left) and Demarquesha Craft help a visitor find a bracelet to complement her prom outfit. (Jim Slonoff photos)



Fleetwood Mac tribute band Gold Dust Dreams will kick off Cantigny's summer concert series with a performance Sunday, May 28. For details, turn to Page 24. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Los Trompos

Through June 4
Oakbrook Center
100 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook
www.oakbrookcenter.com

Spanish for "spinning tops," the interactive Los Trompos art installation located on The Lawn was created by Mexican designers and features eight different colorful spinning tops inviting visitors to play and engage with the art. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays.

■ Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop

June 3-Sept. 10
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tions include a Central Park-inspired outdoor space and a Children's Print Factory. Tickets: \$25-\$30 for timed tickets with \$2 discount for seniors/youth/military; \$40 for anytime tickets.

CENTRAL TIME

■ HCHS Booster Board

May 24
Grill 89
800 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont
www.theboosters.com

The public is invited to the 2022-23 school year's final Hinsdale Central High School Booster Board meeting. All HCHS parents interested in joining the board are welcome to stop by for food and drinks to learn more. Time: 6:30 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

■ Donuts with Dad

June 3
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Enjoy donuts, coffee and spending time with your kids at the library with different activities each month. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ Sports supply drive

Through May 19
The Lane School
500 N. Elm St.

A group of Lane fourth-graders, in conjunction with a D181 Kids Grant, have teamed up to conduct a sports supply donation drive for new and used sports equipment to benefit They Often Cry Outreach, a U.S. based nonprofit organization that assists youth in the Caribbean through after school sports programming. Sporting supplies needed include soccer balls, cleats, shin guards, volleyballs and basketballs. A donation bucket will be placed at the school's front entrance.

■ Blood drive

May 22
Church of the Holy Nativity
275 S. Richmond Ave, Clarendon Hills
www.versiti.org/IL
(847) 305-9998

Donors are invited to this blood drive. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Participants will be entered for a chance to win \$1,000 in waterpark resort gift cards. Hours: 2:30 to 7 p.m.

■ Ray Graham golf outing

May 22

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-Cat, Chalk on Black Paper

Mixed Media Craft

July 3, 5, 6, 7, Paper
Fan-Butterfly, Make Felt
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Wood, 3D Wood Art

Mixed Art Technique

July 17- 20, Marble Mosaic
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July 24-27, Tote bag Design,
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What are we teaching young people about alcohol?

Young people are inundated with messages about alcohol. Research says that annually young people are exposed to over 1,000 advertisements for alcohol, not including references to alcohol in the songs they are listening to or alcohol-related content in the shows they are watching. One message about alcohol that is coming through loud and clear to young people is that alcohol is a helpful coping mechanism. In fact, at Candor, when we survey our students about the reasons someone starts using alcohol, their number one response is stress.

It is clear that young people are associating alcohol with being a stress-reliever and there is little wonder why. This message is regularly sent through television, movies, music where storylines involve references to using alcohol to get through a tough time.

Perhaps less obvious, but also highly impactful is the messaging sent through merchandise with messages that while intended to be funny, simply reinforce the use of

alcohol to cope with a bad day. How many of us have seen glasses, magnets and home décor with messages like “Liquid therapy” (with a picture of a wine glass), “Stay calm and pour on,” and “Wine a little and you’ll feel better”? A quick survey of my own home found a small plaque that reads “This home runs on love, laughter and really good wine,” which made me think about what message this is sending my two young boys.

Rarely, if at all, are young people seeing the potential short- and long-term consequences of alcohol use in the media around them. While initially someone who self-soothes with alcohol may feel more relaxed, study after study has found that alcohol can, over time, make anxiety and depression worse. Media simply does not depict these negative consequences of use.

Parents and other trusted adults



Katie Gallagher
Healthbeat

need to consider the messaging that we are sending to the young people in our lives and to consider what we can do to support the young people we care about in making healthy decisions around alcohol use.

First and foremost, as trusted adults it is important to communicate early and often. Regular conversations are critical to combating media’s messaging around

alcohol (and other substances). Start these conversations by age 12 or earlier and before young people are in situations where they must make decisions about using alcohol. One conversation is never enough. Short on-going conversations are most effective.

What to talk about?

Assess what they already know about alcohol by asking open-ended

questions.

Explore the messages that they get from society about alcohol. Help them build their media literacy skills, including considering the motives behind the messaging.

Explain how alcohol impacts the developing brain differently than the adult brain and why that is.

Plan for peer pressure situations. Consider developing a code that can be communicated when help is needed.

Set clear expectations and rules around alcohol use.

Guide young people to healthy peer activities — things that give them a “natural high.”

Acknowledge and talk about instances of use. Affirm the courage it takes for them to talk to you about it.

By having these conversations and setting clear rules about alcohol use, we can increase the protective factors that positively support young people.

— by Katie Gallagher, director of education, Candor Health Education

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River Forest Country Club
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Elmhurst
www.rgagolf.org

The Robert F. Spahn Memorial Golf Classic fundraiser promises a fun-filled day on the links with delicious food and drinks to benefit the Ray Graham Association, a nonprofit organization committed to supporting people with disabilities. After the final putt drops, enjoy a reception with a buffet meal and open bar. Time: 8:30 a.m. check in, 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost: \$600, \$2,200 for a foursome.

■ Gallery fundraiser

Through May 26
Boulevard Fine Art
217 Burlington Ave.,
Clarendon Hills
(630) 468-5500

Boulevard Fine Art is closing its doors after 27 years and offering 10 percent of sales to the District 181 Foundation when customers mention District 181. The gallery's annual Art for Education sales have raised more than \$30,000 to support enrichment programs for D181 schools. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays to Saturday.

GAME ON

■ Boys' youth volleyball clinic

May 20
Hinsdale Central main gym
5500 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalecentral.8to18.com/dashboard/catalog

Kids in first through eighth grade can learn the game of volleyball from current Red Devil varsity players, including proper techniques through strategy and teamwork exercises as well as fun games and competition. Register under "Volleyball-Boys/Youth Camp." Times: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for first-third grade, 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. for fourth-sixth grade, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for seventh-eighth grade. Cost: \$15-\$20. RR

■ Chicago Elite Youth Volleyball

Tuesdays, June 6-27
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids in first through eighth grades will be introduced to the game of volleyball and

continue to improve their individual skills in passing, setting, attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided according to skill level and age and challenged accordingly. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. for first through fifth grade, 6 to 7 p.m. for sixth through eighth grade. Cost: \$100. RR, MD

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Wildflower Walk

May 20
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Join this walk to learn about wildflowers. Time: 1 p.m. RR

■ Forest Hike

May 22
Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve
Cass Avenue and Northgate Road, Darien
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Join an environmental interpreter on a quick-paced hike,

getting some healthy exercise while enjoying the wonders of the forest preserve. Ages 18 and up. Time: 7 to 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Nature is Accessible

May 24
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Visitors of all abilities are invited to this drop-in event to celebrate nature through accessible activities. Hours: 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Archery: Adults

May 25
Churchill Woods
St. Charles Road just west of Route 53, Glen Ellyn
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Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$5.
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GREEN THUMB

■ Native Plant Sale

May 19-20
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st St., Oak Brook
[www.dupageforest.org/
native-plant-sale](http://www.dupageforest.org/native-plant-sale)

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District will hold its annual plant sale featuring flowers, grasses, trees and shrubs, all originated from seed collected within 100 miles of the county and free of insecticides containing neonicotinoids. District plant experts will be on hand to give gardening advice. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own boxes and wagons to transport purchases; cash, credit and checks will be accepted. A list of anticipated inventory is available at the website above. All proceeds from the sale go to support the district's educational programming. Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 20.

■ Free wood chips

May 20
Blackwell Forest Preserve
29W220 Mack Road, West Chicago
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 876-5920

DuPage Forest Preserve District is offering free wood chips to the public at its native plant nursery. People should bring vehicles no larger than a pickup truck to load up. Contractors are not allowed. A district employee will help fill the trailers or truck beds. People should bring their own hand tools and containers for smaller amounts. Hours: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

■ Suburban Homesteading garden workshop

May 23
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Learn about the basics of seed starting, including how to start seeds indoors, where to buy starter plants, transplanting into the garden bed and companion planting. Also get tips on maintaining a garden through watering, weed prevention and overall plant health. The program is offered

in person and online; advance registration includes free parking. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Self-Compassion and Cancer programs

Various dates
www.wellnesshouse.org

Author and self-compassion pioneer Dr. Kristin Neff will present theory and research on self-compassion as well as provide short practices to allow participants to give themselves compassion when needed in daily life in her online talk at 7 p.m. May 18. Then join the in-person Book Club discussion of Neff's book "Fierce Self Compassion" from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, May 30-June 20 at Wellness House, 131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale. RR

■ Relationship Resilience

May 25
www.wellnesshouse.org

Join this online Wellness House program for those on the cancer journey and their loved ones. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Take Home Flat Stanley Travel Journals

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

Kindergartners through second-graders can share summer adventure stories with loved ones by picking up a Flat Stanley Travel Journal kit at the library, complete with envelopes and stamps. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Scouts BSA Girl Troop Info meeting

May 21
Covenant Church
412 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale

Girls ages 11-17 and their parents are invited to learn about the adventure and life skills provided by the BSA program now open to girls. For more information, email marysatchwell@gmail.com or call (773) 751-9517. Time: 7:30 p.m.

■ Sorority Recruitment Information Night

May 24

Hinsdale Central auditorium
5500 S. Grant St.

Senior girls and parents are invited by Hinsdale Panhellenic to this annual gathering to learn about registration, recruitment, letters of introduction, attire and more. Time: 7 p.m.

■ Andy Warhol: What Makes Him a Great Artist

June 3
McAninch Arts Center
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Art critic Blake Gopnik, author of "Warhol," will discuss his research into the mysterious man and an artist who constantly avoided definition and whose work continues to impact art and culture today. Time: 2 p.m. Admission: \$10, free with ticket stub to the Warhol Exhibition.

NOTEWORTHY

■ 'Pagliacci'

May 20 & 21
St. Paul's UCC
5739 Dunham Road, Downers Grove
www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org
(630) 384-5007

Sinfonietta Bel Canto presents this Ruggiero Leoncavallo opera, which tells the tale of Canio, actor and theatrical company leader, who murders his wife Nedda and her lover Silvio on stage during a performance. Times: 7 p.m. May 20, 3 p.m. May 21. Tickets: \$22, \$20 for seniors, \$7 for students.

ON STAGE

■ 'Disney's Frozen'

June 2-10
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
[www.stagedoorfinearts.com/
frozen](http://www.stagedoorfinearts.com/frozen)

Based on the 2018 Broadway show, this musical tells the story of true love and acceptance between sisters and princesses, Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. Times: 7:30 p.m. June 2; 2 and 7 p.m. June 3, 2 and 6:30 p.m. June 4, 7 p.m. June 8-9, 2 and 7 p.m. June 10. Tickets: \$25-\$30.

■ 'Grease'

Through June 4

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RUNS & WALKS

■ Walk the Walk for Mental Health

May 21
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Raise money in support of equitable access to life-changing mental health services for children, youth, young adults and their families in this 17th annual event. This one-mile color walk celebrates mental and physical wellness, access to mental health services and ending the stigma associated with discussing mental health and will conclude with a Health Expo featuring local fitness and health vendors, food trucks, games, face painting, music and more. Supporters can also participate virtually. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$30, \$20 for students, \$35 for virtual participants.

■ Tower Trot

May 27
Grand Avenue Community Center
4211 Grand Ave., Western Springs
www.wsprings.com/tower-trot

This 46th annual event features a 5K walk/run, a 10K run, the Double Run and a 1-mile Fun Run for ages 9 and under. Awards will be given according to CARA age categories. Registration includes a T-shirt, refreshments and entertainment. Proceeds support the Healing Hearts for Ashley Foundation. Time: 8:30

a.m. 10K and Double Run, 8:45 a.m. Fun Run, 9:30 a.m. 5K. Cost: \$35 for the 5K, \$40 for 10K & Double, \$10 for the Fun Run. RR

SIGN UP NOW

■ Women's Self-Defense Workshop

May 20
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org

org
(630) 323-7500
Premiere Martial Arts sensei Harvey Marshall leads this workshop for women ages 16 and older about the prospect of learning to defend themselves through on-going training, altering between lectures and hands-on self-defense drills and techniques. Time: 9 to 9:45 a.m. Cost: \$58. RR. MD

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Memorial Day Procession

May 29
Downtown Hinsdale
The village of Hinsdale and Hinsdale American Legion Post 250 will honor those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The procession will begin at Third Street and Garfield Avenue, head west to Washington Street, then north on Washington to Memorial Hall where a ceremony will be held. Time: 10 a.m.

■ Hinsdale Fine Arts Festival

June 3 & 4
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
www.hinsdalechamber.com/fine-arts

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village and just steps from the shopping district. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Post Pet Parade Party

June 3
Pet Rescue and Resource Center
21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org
(630) 323-5630

The Hinsdale Humane Society is inviting the community back to HHS for a party after the La Grange Pet Parade. This event for all ages features free and ticketed activities including a Kids Dash, live entertainment, food trucks, a beer stand, a small vendor mall, a cash raffle and raffle baskets, online auction (opens May 22), pet costume contest, cake walk, doggie kissing booth, kids tattoo parlor, pie eating contest for dogs, face painting, bounce house, dog agility course, yard sale with new and gently used pet items and more. Tickets include five activity tickets; additional activity tickets

can be purchased at the gate or online prior to the event. Raffle tickets are also available online, even for those who are not attending. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20, free for age 5 and under.

STEPPING BACK

■ Battle of Cantigny 105th Anniversary

May 28
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Join this commemoration of May 28, 1918, when the U.S. Army's First Division successfully attacked and defeated German forces holding the small village of Cantigny, 75 miles north of Paris, in America's first significant battle of World War I. Col. Robert McCormick, then Major McCormick, led his 1st Battalion of the 5th Field Artillery in providing crucial weapon support. After returning from Europe, he renamed his family estate "Cantigny." The day will include a ceremo-

nial wreath laying at 11 a.m. with keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Niave Knell, showings of WWI veterans' oral histories from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., WWI-themed family activities all day and a 4 p.m. screening of the film "Cycling to Find My Grandfather's Battlefields," which follows Brett Hawkes, grandson of a Battle of Cantigny veteran, as he retraces his grandfather's footsteps through France. Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Free with \$30 parking.

SUMMER SERIES

■ Cantigny Summer Concert Series

Beginning May 28
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Fleetwood Mac tribute band Gold Dust Dreams will kick off the series with a performance Sunday, May 28, and local favorite 7th Heaven will perform on Monday, May 29. The concerts are outdoors and feature lawn seating. Guests

are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets, and picnics are welcome. Concessions are available; pets and alcohol are prohibited. Time: 3 to 5 p.m. Admission: \$30 for parking; \$400 for a season pass. Time: 3 to 5 p.m.

■ Farmers Market

Mondays, June 5-Oct. 9
Chicago Avenue Burlington Park
www.hinsdalechamber.com/farmers-market

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TEENS & TWEENS

■ Dungeons & Dragons Demo

May 24
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Come watch a free demonstration followed by observing an hour of gameplay with currently enrolled students of the RPG Club. Receive a polyhedral dice and create, draw and build characters with original stories and backgrounds. Then act out the character by dressing up (if so desired) and fight the BBEG (Big Bad Evil Guy) at the conclusion of a quest. Mature age 10 and older encouraged. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. RR

■ Middle School Book Club: Eat and Chat

June 8
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Copies of this month's title, "Maybe an Artist" by Elizabeth Montague, are available to be checked out from the library's Book Club Holds shelf. The club will be held outside, weather permitting; pizza will be provided. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

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■ Balloon Dart Painting

June 10
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Ever dreamed of recreating the iconic balloon dart painting scene from "The Princess Diaries"? Give it a try on the library's south patio. Time: 1 to 2 p.m. RR

WEE ONES

■ Two with Me

Fridays, June 2-23
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

This parent and child class for 2-year-olds focuses on having fun while engaging in hands-on experiences that aid in the development of a child's spatial awareness, motor skills, language development and sensory integration. Children can explore with age-appropriate materi-

als, art, rhyming, sensory and movement. Time: 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Cost: \$48. RR

■ Kid Rock I & II

Tuesdays, June 6-27
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 2-3 (I) and 3-5 (II) will learn together while engaging in fun, creative, music-based activities, while using rhythm instruments and movement props. All class procedures are designed to keep staff and students safe. Activities are age-appropriate by class and include songs and rhymes, rhythm and coordination, fine and gross motor, imagination and sensory, listening and following directions skills. Time: 10:15 to 10:55 a.m. for I, 11 to 11:40 a.m. for II. Cost: \$41. RR

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■ Critter Summer Camp

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■ Guppies Kiddie Camp

June 5-Aug. 11
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
www.thecommunityhouse.org

Preschoolers 3 to 6 years old will enjoy fun, creative activities including sports, drama, music, crafts, water days, time in nature, games and visits from special guests, all centered around a weekly theme. All children must be potty trained. Sign up by the day or by the week. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$55 a day, \$250 a week. RR, MD

■ Summer Day Camp

June 5-Aug. 11
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale

(630) 323-7500
www.thecommunityhouse.org

This camp for kids ages 6-14 is the perfect opportunity for kids to create memories and safely enjoy time with their peers. Activities include sports, drama and environmental awareness, with each week of camp having its own theme. A weekly field trip and swimming twice a week at the Hinsdale Community Pool is part of the fun as well. Kids are divided by age: going into first grade, going into second grade, going into third and fourth grades and going into fifth through eighth grades. Sign up by the day or by the week. Before and after care is available at an additional cost, as are half day options from 9 a.m. to noon or noon to 3 p.m. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$75 a day, \$350 a week. RR, MD

■ Summer Arts Camp

June 12-30 & July 31-Aug. 18
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
www.thecommunityhouse.org

This camp offers an art experience based on three major artistic movements and cultural traditions — Art of Asia, Pop Art and Renaissance. Take one, two or all three sessions to paint, sculpt and complete mixed media projects. Sign up for single days or by the week. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$50 a day, \$225 a week. RR, MD

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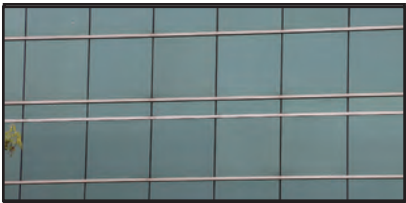
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COUNTY OF DUPAGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE EIGHTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Case No: 23MR283

FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

Public Notice is hereby given that on 7-31-23 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2005 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from: Isabella Marie Krueger to that of Benjamin Marie Krueger, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: May 3, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Isabella Marie Krueger, Petitioner.

Published in The Hinsdalean May 11, 18 & 25 2023.

**UNITED STATES
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COUNTY OF DUPAGE
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Case No: 23MR270

FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

Public Notice is hereby given that on 7-10-23 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2005 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from: Kimberley Ann Flowers to that of Kim Andrew Flowers, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: April 26, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Kimberley Ann Flowers, Petitioner.

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Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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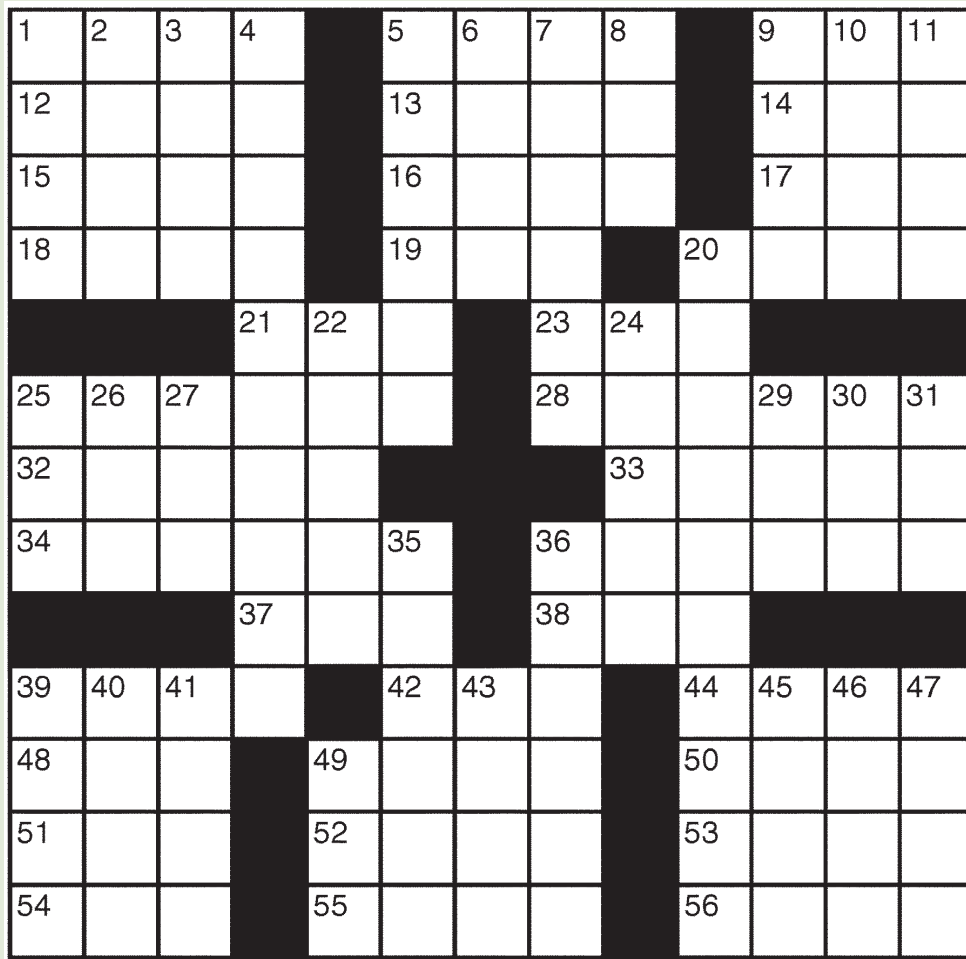
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by Linda Thistle

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HOROSCOPES

May 2023 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, emphasize a slow and methodical approach to a problem with an elusive solution. Slowing things down has a tendency to provide substantial clarity.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You may struggle to get going this week, Aries. But once you do, it will be full speed ahead. In fact, you may need to slow things down to let others catch up.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Deadlines could make for a heated week, Cancer. It's best to remove yourself from any situations before they get out of hand. Offer advice when things cool down.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, others feel you're giving off some high-strung vibes this week, and they wouldn't be wrong. Something is weighing on your shoulders. Figure out what it is and lighten the load.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Disagreements on how to move forward could bring tension at home or work this week, Aquarius. Everyone needs to put their ideas on the table and whittle down the best answer.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, if you are feeling a bit scattered as of late, take some time out of your schedule to meditate and reflect on what is most important to you. Then follow that path.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Routines are boring you lately, Leo. You may need to shake things up. If you work a set schedule, see if you can go to flex time and look for ways to change.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you're dishing out all sorts of sage advice but it may be frustrating if others don't want to take it. All you can do is offer and let others lead their lives.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Don't compare yourself to others, Pisces; otherwise, you may downplay all of your wonderful attributes. Be proud of who you are.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, give yourself permission to move slowly this week. If you racing through things, you're apt to make mistakes. Set your own pace and let things play out as they may.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Do not let drama that doesn't involve you sneak into your orbit, Virgo. If you need to distance yourself from others for a while, then do so.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Things may be a little rough around the edges lately, and you'll need to figure out the ways to smooth things over, Sagittarius. Find a few friends who are in your corner.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Sarah Brosius
senior
Clarendon Hills

What do you enjoy about softball?

I like the aspect that it’s a team sport yet you do things individually. I can work on my pitching and hitting and fielding ground balls and also enjoy each other’s company on the field

What positions do you play?

Pitcher, third and outfield. Wherever they put me, I’m happy.

How has your playing evolved since freshman year?

I’m a lot more confident in my ability to play. I know going up to bat what I want to do, and I know that my coaches and my teammates have my back even if I screw up.

How would your teammates describe you?

Hardworking, kind, willing to do everything for the team and be there for my teammates.

What’s been highlight of the season?

One big highlight was hitting my first high school home run. Everyone was cheering, and when I crossed home plate everyone was banging on my helmet. And my dad got to see it!

Siblings?

An older brother Jake and an older sister Emily. She played softball at Central, too. She’s kind of like my role model.

Where to next?

Iowa State University to study mechanical engineering. I hope to play club softball or maybe in one of the summer leagues around here.

Other interests?

I really like to build and take wood shop. I’ve built a folding table, a cutting board and a spinning top.

Why does coach Brittany Zust like having Brosius on the squad?

Sarah has been such a huge contributor to the Hinsdale Central softball program from both an athletic and personal standpoint. She gives her all each and every single day and leaves it all on the field. If a bucket needs to be carried, Sarah will carry it. If a teammate wants extra reps, she’s willing to stay after practice to help. From a coaching standpoint, Sarah is going to be a huge loss for us and incredibly difficult to replace. She has always done everything I have ever asked of her so, as I coach, I could not be more pleased with her as a person.

— profile by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

HEADED TO STATE

Members of the Hinsdale Central girls track team will compete at the IHSA state final Thursday to Saturday, May 18-20, at Eastern Illinois University.

Representing Red Devil Nation in individual events will be senior Elyssa Chandler in the 100-meter high hurdles and 300-meter low hurdles; senior Sarah Fischer in the 3,200-meter runs; Catie McCabe in the 1,600-meter run; sophomore Maya Reed in the long jump; and senior Sarah Skora in the 800-meter run.

Competing in the relays will be Reed and juniors Zari Dorris, Christina Tresslar and Ana Hodneland in the 4x100; Dorris, A. Hodneland, Tresslar and freshman Lily Hodneland in the 4x200; Chandler, L. Hodneland, McCabe and Skora in the 4x400; and juniors Kennedy Boyd, Pola Dygon, Katie Gilmartin and Moira Hughes in the 4x800. Good luck Devils!

RESULTS

Baseball May 16 vs. York V wins 13-8 Bergin, 3 RBIs Davis, 3 RBIs Jurack, RBI, run Oosterbaan, RBI, run Ho, win, 8 strikeouts May 15 @ York V wins 10-7 May 13 vs. Morton V wins 7-3 May 10 @ Addison Trail V wins 8-0	May 11 vs. Glenbrook South V wins 16-2	Soccer, girls May 16 @ IHSA regional vs. Proviso East (semifinal) V wins 8-0 May 13 @ Metea Valley V loses 3-4 Edgewater, 2 goals Knotts, goal Elliott, assist Lipman, assist	Gamba, 8th, 4:29.8 3,200 meters Smak, 3rd, 9:50.73 Matariyeh, 8th, 10:06.19 110-meter hurdles Peterson, 5th, 17.33 300-meter hurdles Peterson, 2nd, 41.47 Namkung, 12th, 48.09 4x100 relay Lyne, Bots, Coan, McInerney, 7th, 44.86 4x200 relay Maxwell, Bots, Anjarwala, McInerney, 6th, 1:32.35 4x400 relay Miller, Maxwell, Skora, Bandukwala, 1st, 3:23.69 4x800 relay Miller, Lowe, A. Doorhy, K. Doorhy, 2nd, 7:57.31 Shot put Ortiz, 3rd, 14.97m Koschik, 4th, 14m Discus Marcet, 3rd, 44.71m High jump Prieto, 1st, 1.85m Burt, 6th, 1.75m Long jump Reodica, 8th, 5.87m McInerney, 11th, 5.45m Triple jump Burt, 7th, 12.03m	200 meters Dorris, 8th, 26.03 Tresslar, 12th, 26.57 400 meters Gilmartin, 4th, 1:02.34 Elsdon, 5th, 1:02.57 800 meters Skora, 5th, 2:19.07 1,600 meters McCabe, 1st, 4:59.95 3,200 meters Fischer, 2nd, 11:05.97 Griffin, 9th, 12:25.79 110-meter hurdles Chandler, 1st, 15.29 Leech, 5th, 16.56 300-meter hurdles Chandler, 1st, 44.54 Leech, 7th, 47.98 4x100 relay Dorris, Tresslar, A. Hodneland, Reed, 2nd, 48.67 4x200 relay Dorris, A. Hodneland, Tresslar, L. Hodneland, 4th, 1:44.79 4x400 relay Chandler, L. Hodneland, Skora, McCabe, 1st, 3:57.3 4x800 relay Boyd, Dygon, Hughes, Sakho, 4th, 9:38.19 Shot put Schaller, 24th, 8.07m Veliz-Hernandez, 25th, 7.9m Discus Veliz-Hernandez, 14th, 24.04m Johnson, 18th, 23m High jump Chillo, 11th, 1.42m Pole vault Bisch, 15th, 2.52m	Long jump Reed, 1st, 5.42m Bonino, 9th, 4.96m Triple jump Bonino, 5th, 11.04m Moser, 6th, 11.01m
Lacrosse, boys May 16 vs. LT V wins 6-3 Collignon, 2 goals Webster, 2 goals Merz, goal Schwalb, goal Backus 10 saves May 12 vs. Marist V loses 8-9 (OT)		Softball May 16 @ LT V loses 2-12 May 15 @ Addison Trail V loses 4-5	Tennis, boys May 12-13 @ WSC Championships V places 1st		
Lacrosse, girls May 16 @ LT V wins 12-1 May 15 @ York V wins 11-7 May 13 vs. Rockford (Mich.) V wins 14-7 Napier, 4 goals, 2 assists Conley, 3 goals, 4 assists Venetsanopoulos, 3 goals P. Matthews, 2 goals Kearney, goal Mann, goal Brankin, assist Schultz, 11 saves		Track, boys May 13 @ WSC Invite V places 3rd with 83 points 100 meters Lyne, 8th, 11.73 Reodica, 9th, 11.91 200 meters Bots, 6th, 23.02 Anjarwala, 9th, 23.29 400 meters Morrissey, 5th, 52.39 Olaitan, 12th, 54.21 800 meters Bandukwala, 1st, 1:55.95 1,600 meters Watcke, 2nd, 4:09.67			
					Volleyball, boys May 16 vs. Downers North V loses 19-25, 15-25 May 15 vs. Willowbrook V wins 22-25, 25-12, 25-16 Lange, 21 kills, 2 aces, block, 4 digs, assist Du, 8 kills, dig Ruth, 7 kills, 7 digs Erickson, 5 kills, dig Hogervorst, 2 kills, 2 blocks, 3 digs Thakrar, 2 aces, 7 digs Bhavsar, ace, 8 digs Hughes, 4 digs, 39 assists May 12-13 @ Willowbrook Invite vs. Addison Trail V wins 27-25, 25-13 vs. Plainfield Central V loses 19-25, 25-22, 21-25 vs. Willowbrook V wins 17-25, 25-23, 25-23 vs. Highland Park V loses 25-19, 21-25, 11-15 vs. Schaumburg V wins 10-25, 25-18, 15-7 May 10 vs. Lockport V loses 25-20, 16-25, 18-25
					Water polo, boys May 10 @ IHSA sectional vs. Naperville North (quarterfinal) V loses 5-13

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Grant Davis fires a pitch toward home plate during a home non-conference game against Morton. The Red Devils won the contest 7-3 over the Mustangs, the third of five straight victories the team has registered as it prepares for the postseason. (Jim Slonoff photo)

SPORTS

Devils badminton nets fifth at state

Central's program registers fifth top-five finish in nine tries, gymnasts also compete

By Ken Knutson

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Despite some tough luck, the resilient Hinsdale Central badminton team earned a top-five spot at the IHSA state final tournament May 12-13.

Overcoming early matches against top-ranked players and a doubles draw that forced one Red Devil team to oust the other, the squad placed fifth, the program's best showing since back-to-back fifth-place finishes in 2018 and 2019.

Head coach Katie Maley said her players served up a stellar performance at the tournament hosted by DeKalb High School.

"We did really well to make top five among some really good teams this year," Maley said of Central's 9.5 points, tying with sister school Hinsdale South.

Those good teams included perennial powerhouses Stevenson, champions with 16.5 points, and co-runners-up Neuqua Valley and Fremd, both amassing 15.5 points.

Maley said top five was the team's preseason goal, but the brackets put that aspiration to the test.

"We did get a tough draw," remarked Maley, noting how both doubles teams had to face Stevenson in third round matches. Central's duo of juniors Rachele Cameli and Maria Jiao emerged victorious, winning the last two sets after dropping the first.

"That was really exciting," Maley said. "When Maria and Rachele are playing as one, they're pretty unbeatable. They just are truly each other's shadow on the court know where each other is going."

The pair, who led the Devils with 4 points, faced Fremd's top team in the quarterfinal, falling just short in another three-set battle. To add to the misfortune, the loss set up a consolation match against their teammates, sophomores Hannah Fang and Tiffany Fu.

"We knocked ourselves out and lost our ability to get more points in the tournament," Maley said, adding she plans to petition the IHSA to prevent same school matches until the medal rounds.

On maternity leave last spring, Maley relished shepherding the younger players through



Hinsdale

Central's state badminton team had a lot to celebrate after finishing fifth at the IHSA tournament last week-end. Team members are (from left) Ivy Shen, Rachele Cameli, Tiffany Tu, Hannah Fang, Maria Jiao and Jessica Han (photo provided by Katie Maley)

this state final.

"This was my first time coaching either of the doubles teams, so that was really fun," she said.

Fang and Fu earned three points before elimination. Singles players and seniors Jessica Han and Ivy Shen garnered 2 points and a half point, respectively.

Han, playing in her fourth state meet, had to get resourceful after an equipment malfunction.

"My racket broke somehow, and I had to borrow Ivy's racket and still — in my definition of the word — slayed!" she said.

Cameli recalled the disappointment at losing a tough match to the eventual state runner-up doubles team.

"Ten minutes later we had to prepare to compete again in the consolation bracket," she said. "The physical and mental challenges of competing at that high of a level over eight matches in 48 hours were all memories I will never forget."

Maley said the girls were in a good frame of mind after impressive conference and sectional titles.

"The girls who qualified for state, they pretty much won almost every tournament," she said. "They're all really smart players, all have really good court vision and mental toughness so they can perform in these high-pressure situations"

Those traits helped stoke a strong

8-point start on Friday.

"We really ended day one playing the best of their ability," Maley commented. "Our motto was: Start day two the way we finished day one."

Han said staying at a hotel for the meet (instead of going home as in past years) was initially a "scary" prospect until discovering the joy of hang time with teammates. That camaraderie proved to be a key factor.

"I was having a tough time trying to beat my opponent, but hearing my teammates cheer invigorated me with the power of friendship and pushed me through," she said.

Fang hinted that off-court fun during the tournament was just as memorable as the competition.

"I found the microwaveable pad Thai that Jess and Ivy hid from me and ate it all," she revealed.

Shen, too, came home with special memories — and merchandise.

"We all went to the arcade in a restaurant we were at, and I was able to catch four ducks from the claw machine," Shen said.

The experience the underclassmen now have under their collective belt will pay future dividends, Maley noted.

"I'm very proud of them. Next year we'll be back with some veterans next season," she said.

As for the departing veteran Han, she looks back wistfully

but appreciative.

"It feels weird to think that this was my last chance playing badminton as a Red Devil," Han said. "The experience was pretty impactful on my life — unforgettable bonds."

Gymnasts compete at state

Three Central gymnasts qualified for the boys state final May 12-13 at Hoffman Estates High School.

Freshman Elias Argyris placed ninth in the vault competition and 16th in the all-around. Junior Marc Cihlar was 26th in the all-around. Junior Nikolas Theotikos competed in the pommel horse event.

Argyris, who led the vault event after the first day, said he learned a lot.

"It takes a lot of time and dedication to succeed in gymnastics," he said. "Next year I'm hoping to get harder skills."

Cihlar said his performance fell short of his expectations but that participating in the state final was rewarding.

"The experience was great. You could hear cheering from all over, and what was amazing were the athletes from other schools cheering each other on as well," Cihlar said. "Next year, I'm hoping to place at state and not fall like I did this year."

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