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A wall for wellness

More than 3,000 people attended this year's Walk for Wellness House on Sunday morning to help support cancer survivors, families and friends. The funds raised — more than \$750,000 — support free programming for individual cancer patients and their family members. Prior to the walk the dedication wall was open for walkers and runners to honor, remember or encourage friends affected by cancer by sharing a "Why I Walk" message. Please turn to page 36 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

Fuller's to get higher-grade bollards

By Ken Knutson

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Commercial-grade, crash-tested bollards will be installed at Fuller's Car Wash, according to Hinsdale officials, replacing previously erected protective fixtures that critics argued were insufficient to prevent another collision like the one that claimed the life of 14-year-old Sean Richards last summer.

At Tuesday's village board meeting, Village President Tom Cauley reported that the manufactured bollards are the kind used at schools, hospitals and other institutions and designed to stop a 5,000-pound vehicle going 40 miles per hour.

Additionally, the bollards will be placed three feet, four inches from the sidewalk, which is more than two feet farther from the sidewalk than their current location.

"It still gives enough turn radius for cars to come out of the car wash," Cauley said. "The crash data shows that that is sufficiently far

enough off the sidewalk" to protect pedestrians.

To expedite the process, the village purchased the bollards for \$7,475, reported village manager Kathleen Gargano, an expense that will be reimbursed by Fuller's.

"As soon as they arrive, Fuller's is going to dig up their property and put these in," Cauley explained, detailing a steel-reinforced foundation will be laid, reaching 6 inches deeper than the manufacturer's recommendation as a precaution. "So I think we've solved the bollard issue."

The move follows months of urging by the Richards family and their supporters that stronger measures be taken to improve safety outside the longstanding Lincoln Street business. The original bollards were installed by Fuller's shortly after Sean was struck and killed July 17 when a vehicle exiting the car wash accelerated onto the sidewalk where he was walking. The vehicle then proceeded into Fontano's Subs across Lincoln Street, injuring

three patrons.

Fuller's installed those bollards without going through the proper permitting and review process, and the village has come under fire for what many regard as an inadequate response to the tragedy. Several residents scolded the board Tuesday night for not doing more, citing incidents in years past when cars driven out of the car wash ended up across Lincoln.

Earlier this year the village instructed Fuller's to decrease the span between the bollards from four feet to two feet based on an engineering report, which was supposed to be done this spring. Resident Bob Sweeney called for concrete barriers to be placed between the car wash exit and the sidewalk until the new bollards are installed.

"Something that shows people something more than just cones," he said, referring to the warning cones currently there.

Cauley said Hinsdale police have been monitoring the site to make

sure cars are parked on the sidewalk after exiting the car wash.

Some have implored the village to shut down the car wash, which operates under a special-use permit. Cauley said that is not a form of legal recourse in this case.

"That is not something the village can do," he said, noting the business dates back to 1962 and received a special use permit in 1995. "Once you're granted the zoning ability to use the property for that purpose, the village cannot take away your right to use the property for that purpose, unless you violate the conditions of the special-use permit."

Tom Cauley conceded that "he should have been on" Fuller's ownership more vigilantly to get the previously authorized bollards installed, then remarked that he's glad he wasn't.

"We now have a better design," Cauley said. "There has been a delay. I feel bad about the delay, but we're going to do this as quickly as humanly possible."



Daring to be different

The Hinsdale Police Department hosted a D.A.R.E lock-in recently at Hinsdale Middle School. With kids attending from Hinsdale, Oak Brook and Burr Ridge, along with officers from each police department, the evening event offered plenty to keep everyone busy. Some of the events were school-against-school tug of war, a Jell-O eating contest, games, a mechanical bull, a magician and a face painter. And there was plenty of pizza and snacks, too. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. This photo is of The Lock Shop and Nick’s Barber Shop at 32 and 34 E. Hinsdale Ave. Today Brasi’s Pizzeria and Dying Breed Barber Shop occupy those store fronts. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com.



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Something old, something new in Robbins

Photos show four examples of historic homes that were torn down, what replaced them

By Pamela Lannom
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Village officials estimate about 31 homes have been torn down in the Robbins Park subdivision since it became a National Register Historic District in 2009.

Among those are the homes we're highlighting today with photos of the original structure

and what was built in its place. All have been demolished since 2017.

■ The home at 120 E. Fifth St. was an Italianate built in 1863 for William Robbins. Robbins was the second president of Hinsdale and was one of the individuals who signed the petition for village incorporation.

■ The Furey family was

the most recent resident of the home at 244 E. First St., a Colonial revival designed by Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge. The 1893 home was removed from the list of local landmarks in 2018 before it was torn down.

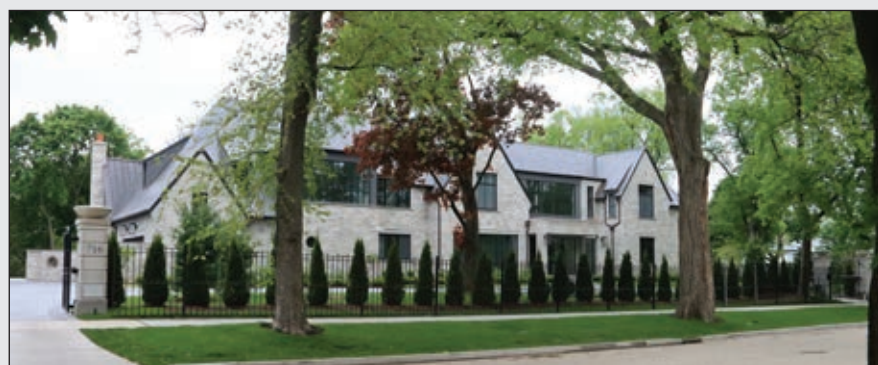
■ The Italianate-style home at 720 S. Elm St., built in 1927, sat in a dilapidated state while awaiting demolition in 2022.

The home's previous owner held a pre-demo sale, illegally stripping it of items such as a furnace and flooring and rendering in unlivable days before it sold in 2021, The Hinsdalean reported in March 2022.

■ The home at 716 S. Oak St. was cited by many for prompting the village board to propose a six-month moratorium on the teardown of historic

■ ROBBINS REMADE
This is the second in a four-part series on changes in the National Register Historic District.

structures. Trustees ultimately voted against the moratorium after plan commissioners voted 4-2 against recommending it.



NEXT WEEK

Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, May 13
Hinsdale Middle School
100 S. Garfield Ave.
www.d181.org

On the draft agenda: approve issuance of \$18 million in general obligation debt certificates, budget presentation, approve tentative budget for public display, social studies pilot update, high school data

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, May 9
Hinsdale Central High School
55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

On the agenda: approve 2023-24 final school year calendar and 2024-25 curriculum materials, 2024-25 school year calendar proposed updates, board committee appointments

Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Commission

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 14
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: pre-hearing and agenda setting on 5500 S. Grant (Hinsdale Central)

Hinsdale pool season passes available now

Hinsdale pool passes are on sale now, with the pool scheduled to open later this month.

Rates for 224 memberships are \$325 for a family, \$195 for an individual, \$90 for a senior and \$70 for a nanny pass, which can be purchased only with a family membership.

Daily admission rates are \$11, \$8 for seniors 60 and old and \$9 after 5 p.m.

The village also sells 10-visit passes for \$90.

Neighborly rates are available for residents of Golfview Hills, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Countryside, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove,

Indian Head Park, LaGrange Highlands, La Grange, LaGrange Park, Oak Brook, Western Springs, Westmont and Willowbrook.

Regular pool memberships can be renewed online for residents who are purchasing the same kind of pass. Visit www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr. New memberships must be purchased in person because proof of residency is required.

All rates listed above are for Hinsdale residents.

The pool opens with pre-season house Saturday, May 25. Visit the website for pre-season and regular season hours.



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Biddix offers insight into equity work

New director in D86 reflects on efforts during first year of job and his goals for the future

By Pamela Lannom
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Say the words “equity and inclusion,” and people might come up with a number of different definitions.

“I am no stranger to the abundance of narratives about what these words mean — and what they might mean in our schools or in a professional or personal aspect as well,” said Chris Biddix, director of equity and inclusion in Hinsdale High School District 86. “I think naming some of those narratives from the start, knowing them, is really important.”

Some narratives might suggest that it’s naive and optimistic to try to address inequities in education or that teachers are doing a great job already or that equity and inclusion work is tied to a particular political ideology.

Instead, Biddix said a model aligned to the district’s strategic vision and equity statement can help educators prioritize where growth and improvement is needed for student learning.

“The narrative we can all get on board with is that we are here for our

students to learn and have exceptional academic outcomes and pathways and post-secondary success,” he said.

That work begins by looking at demographic buckets (related to a variety of factors beyond race), Biddix said, along with student learning as measured by grade point averages, SAT scores and enrollment in AP and honors classes. Those three data points are the top three considered by college admission representatives.

“College completion is a theory of change in our country because it levels the playing field,” Biddix said. “It’s a theory of change in our country because one of the highest predictors of generational wealth is home ownership. And one of the highest predictors of home ownership is a college degree.”

By adjusting the tools they use, learning new tools and adopting new ways of looking at their classroom, teachers can do more to reach stu-



Biddix

dents in all buckets, Biddix said. For example, teachers can help students by changing the types of questions they ask. Instead of saying, “Do you have any questions?” after presenting information, teachers can ask things like, “What about what we just did would other students find challenging?” or “How would you reteach this to student who were not in our class this week?”

Improving student learning also means making sure students feel comfortable in the school environment.

“We know that student learning improvement can’t happen absent of student belonging, absent of student safety, absent of students being explicitly taught habits of academics, habits of engaging in the learning environment. That comes a lot with our educator development,” Biddix said.

His role as director of equity and inclusion involves working in a support role with other administrators, counselors, deans, the district’s cul-

ture and equity leadership team and equity action teams at both campuses.

“There are a lot of models out there for how to do this,” he said. “We have to create the model that works for us.”

He said the goal is not to add one more thing for teachers to have to do or for students to have to learn, but to put everyone in a position to do their best. He shared a slide that showed three individuals standing in front of a solid fence.

Two were too short to see over it. They could be given boxes to stand on — or the solid fence could be replaced by a chain link fence that everyone can see through.

“The reason I like this one best is the fence is still there,” he said. “We’re still a school. We have boundaries.”

How students experience school ultimately affects their ability to learn content and skills, he said.

“We’re a great school, but if we look really closely at our student learning areas of improvement, we do see a trend in certain buckets,” Biddix said. “If we can address those buckets, we can be the best school.”

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports May 7.

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A known suspect pointed a weapon at a victim while performing a custody exchange at 7:25 p.m. May 3 in the Hinsdale Police Department parking lot, 121 Symonds Drive. The possible charge of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon is pending.

Dog bites dog

A dog owner was cited for failing to restrain a loose dog after it bit another dog that was walking with its owner on the sidewalk in the 800 block of South Garfield Avenue at 4:30 p.m. May 4. The suspect was released to appear in court.

Loud music citation

A homeowner in the 800 block of Taft Road was cited for amplified music after 11 p.m. at 11:40 p.m. May 4. Police were dispatched to a loud party complaint and issued two warnings before the citation.

Burglary from work site

Windows and various tools were stolen from a building under construction at 222 E. Ogden Ave. between 2:30 p.m. April 29 and 7 a.m. April 30

Identity theft incidents

- A PayPal account belonging to a resident of the 1000 block of Chanticleer Lane was accessed in an incident reported April 29.
- The identity of a resident of the 200 block of North Vine Street was used to open a bank account on April 24. The incident was reported May 1.

Theft from store

Two suspects were observed on surveillance video stealing cases of beer at 8:37 p.m. May 1 from Walgreens, 15 Grant Square.

Check forged

Bank account information belonging to a resident of the 700 block of South Quincy Street was used to forge a check between March 5 and 18. The incident was reported May 3.

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

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■ Runyan, her husband, and their two sons moved back to the area five years ago to be near family and have found the community to be a great place to raise their sons

Nurse finds niche at new concierge medicine practice

Illness doesn't work on a 9-to-5 schedule. That's just part of why RUSH Concierge Medicine is the right choice for its members, said Marie Runyan, registered nurse and concierge nurse navigator at the Hinsdale facility.

Opening its doors at 32 E. First St. just a month ago, RUSH Concierge Medicine is a new addition to both the RUSH brand and to Hinsdale.

Concierge medicine provides members with 24/7 access to their doctor. Wellness care, including physicals, immunizations, lab work and acute care visits, are included in the annual membership fee. Because the practice is available to members only, same-day and next-day appointments are the norm, Runyan said.

While a conventional primary care office might see as many as 2,000 patients in a year, RUSH Concierge limits its membership to just 300, Runyan said, ensuring personalized attention to each patient without the rush they might feel with other doctors. She said the practice's physician, Luan Elezi, takes his time to listen

to every patient's needs and address their concerns.

"I work alongside Dr. Luan Elezi to take care of our patient members with whatever they need," Runyan said.

New members begin their RUSH Concierge experience with a comprehensive 90-minute analysis of their overall health. Along with a physical examination, every new member receives a Seca body composition analysis, a baseline electrocardiogram and a test to gauge how the body metabolizes oxygen.

Lab work is done onsite and usually followed with a cup of coffee from nearby Café La Fortuna, Runyan said, offering the patient a delicious break from their required 12-hour fast.

Elezi reviews the test results during a follow-up appointment, at which he and the member set wellness goals and a plan to reach them.

"It's comprehensive care," Runyan said. "He can put all the pieces together to really look at you as a whole."

Runyan, who has 10 years of experience in critical care nursing, prepared for



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her role at RUSH Concierge Medicine by opening and running her own concierge nursing business in California prior to moving to Hinsdale.

She said the opportunity to provide high-quality, personalized care drew her to critical care nursing. Concierge medicine, she said, allows for that same

level of individualized attention and the ability to get to know each patient.

Runyan, her husband, and their two sons moved back to the area five years ago to be near family and have found the community to be a great place to raise their sons. Naming facilities like The Community House, Wellness House and

Madison School among the places that make the village what it is, Runyan said RUSH Concierge is proud to be added to that list.

"We are thrilled to be part of the Hinsdale community," she said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Happy Historic Preservation Month, Hinsdale

Historic preservation seems to be experiencing a renaissance, if you will, in Hinsdale.

Meetings of the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission, which once were dominated by requests to tear down historic homes and rebuild new ones, now are filled with homeowners requesting preservation incentives such as zoning relief, property tax rebates and expedited processing.

We're pleased to see this development, as we've long been advocates for preserving the homes that add charm and character to the village — the very homes that make Hinsdale such an attractive place to live.

Of course we also respect individuals' rights to do what they want with property they own — which is why the village's initiative to add more opportunities to persuade homeowners to preserve historic structures seems to be the right approach.

And based on early results, it's working. As of Tuesday's village board meeting, 85 properties are on the Historically Significant Structures List. The village board also has approved 12 preservation incentive applications, and the preservation commission is set to review two more this month.

Every May, which is National Preservation Month, we've dedicated space in the paper to covering preservation issues. We've enjoyed running our Hinsdale Legacies series for several years each spring, taking you inside historic Hinsdale homes that have been lovingly preserved.

This year we decided to shake things up a bit and focus on the Robbins Park subdivision, one of two places in Hinsdale that has been deemed a National Register Historic District (the other is the historic downtown). The neighborhood has made headlines in recent years as prominent homes have been slated for demolition. Neighbors have objected to the loss of those homes and often to the new buildings that takes their place.

The first story in this year's series, which ran last week, highlighted the number of homes that have been torn down in the Robbins Park historic district, including one designed by R. Harold Zook. If you missed it, you can read it on our website at www.thehinsdalean.com.

Today's installment in "Robbins remade" is a photo page that shows four homes that have been torn down in the neighborhood and the new houses that have been built in their place.

■ ROBBINS REMADE

This is another in a four-part series on changes in the National Register Historic District.

Next week's story will cover steps the village has added to the process for owners who want to tear down and rebuild a historic home or a home in a historic district.

The fourth story in the series will look at the home at 425 E. Eighth St., which originally was set to be torn down. Preservation commissioners initially refused to vote on a certificate of appropriateness for the demolition of the home and construction of a post-modern home in its place. The couple has decided to build elsewhere, and the new owner plans to preserve the 90-year-old Georgian Revival.

The final story this month will actually kick off another series that will follow Mimi Collins' work to renovate a home previously owned by Dorothe Ernest at 4 E. Fifth St.

In addition to running stories on that home every month or so, we'll continue to cover preservation issues in the village. We invite readers to stay tuned.

COMMENTARY

Mother's Day doesn't measure up for some moms

The Mother's Day images we see always show the perfect celebration. Handsome husbands present their expectant wives with a stunning piece of jewelry. Gorgeous young children bring breakfast in bed to their beautiful mom (who looks like she's been up for an hour doing her hair and makeup). Multi-generational families enjoy fabulous brunch spreads in amazing outdoor gardens.

We all know that's not the reality many women will experience on Sunday.

Some will face their Mother's Day grieving the death of a child. Some will spend their first Mother's Day without their own mom. Other moms will be consumed with their efforts to help their children fight off disease or addiction. Another group of moms will mark the day as one half of a couple that has been fragmented by death, divorce or estrangement. So many other women will be trying desperately to start a family on a day that only

serves to remind them that they have no children.

And then there are all the moms who will suffer in silence.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, which has been observed since 1949 with the goal of addressing the challenges faced by those living with mental health conditions. They might be struggling with a variety of problems, from mild anxiety or depression to serious cases of schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

Estimates from the National Institute of Mental Health indicate that more than one in five adults in this country live with a mental illness. In 2021, there were an estimated 57.8 million adults with a mental illness. The prevalence was higher among women (27.2 percent) than men (18.1 percent).

Unfortunately, only about half



Pamela Lannom

of those people receive treatment.

Part of the reason so many don't get help might be because they don't know where to turn.

One place to start is the mental health resource guide prepared by Community Memorial Foundation and available on its website at www.cmfdn.org. The

guide lists community and hospital-based mental and behavioral health services throughout the foundation's service area, which includes Hinsdale.

The foundation also supports The Living Room in La Grange, a drop-in center designed to be an alternative to the hospital emergency room. Its goals are to decrease unnecessary hospitalizations, break the cycle of isolation and develop a peer-based support network. The Living Room, which

also has a location in Broadview, is managed by NAMI Metro Suburban in partnership with Pillars Community Health and Healthcare Alternative Systems. It's open 365 days a year and provides services free of charge. (For moms trying to help teens and tweens with their mental health issues, The Loft in Brookfield offers a similar model for a younger age group.)

Another reason people might shy away from seeking support is they fear the reaction of family, friends and neighbors if they reveal they are struggling with mental health.

Imagine if all the moms (and all those they love and who love them) who are struggling with any form of mental illness were able to get the help they need from professionals and the support they need from family members.

That is my wish this Mother's Day.

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

■ We all know that's not the reality many women will experience on Sunday.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Free advice for the college bound

I recall the unsolicited advice I received before heading off to college. I didn't want nor care for the free wisdom at the time, only to recognize how prescient it was much later in life. So, for all the high school graduates headed to college this fall, I offer a few pearls of wisdom. And remember how lucky you are for the gift of the next four (or five) years.



Kevin Cook

smarter and know better. The ability to effectively make a persuasive argument is a critical skill.

- It's OK to fail (OK, maybe not a course).

College is a big step up and you will be pushed to achieve at much higher levels. At some point, you will fail. However, some-

times failing is a good thing. How one responds to failure, and grows along the way, is a measure of character.

- Become a brilliant communicator.

Many college graduates lack proper writing skills. Re-learn how to write. Exercise new creative muscles. Adopt AP style and apply it rigorously. Write for different platforms and social channels. Learn how to make cogent written arguments.

Also, find your presentation voice and overcome public speaking anxiety, because you'll be presenting regularly to your workplace peers, bosses, clients and CEO.

Find your tribe and explore the others.

College has a community for everyone. Take the time to find yours. But don't stop searching out other tribes. The beauty of the college experience is trying as much as you can to open the aperture of your mind.

- Be kind.

How you treat others is how you will be remembered. Trust me.

- Have fun.

Time will fly, so don't waste a minute.

- Call your parents.

I wish you all the best!

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

- Don't let your ideology become your identity.

Having core personal beliefs — political, religious or otherwise — is natural. But being closed-off to opposing viewpoints is a slippery slope. Be open to civil debate.

Read things you don't agree with. Listen intently to other sides of the coin even if it makes your blood boil. Surrounding yourself only with those people and opinions you agree with limits your growth as a professional and person. Developing a well-rounded perspective on key issues doesn't mean you are giving in; it means you are being wise.

- Be comfortable in the uncomfortable.

The business world (and life overall) will not offer calm waters. In fact, most days will regularly throw you unforeseen curve balls and tough challenges. Learn how to navigate the uncomfortable settings and suddenness of change. Those who can calmly and quickly adapt will have a leg up.

- Learn the power of influence vs. authority.

I can't underscore how important this is. Leading a team to a desired outcome requires the strategic use of influence. You won't succeed in the long run because you are the boss and demand it. Or because you are

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All rights should be respected during protests

The recent unrest on college campuses has triggered my memory of 1968, when I was in the rather unique position of being an anti-war demonstrator and the daughter of a Chicago law enforcement officer.

I was not present at the demonstration that turned violent in Grant Park the year following the Democratic convention, but my father was. His firsthand account of his experience lives in my memory.

Among the sincere and well-intentioned young people who protested for peace and an end to the war in Vietnam were outside agitators intent upon provoking violence by taunting police with slurs of "Pigs" and lobbing urine-filled

bottles and other crude weapons at CPD officers who had been called to contain the crowd. Most officers, including my father, were able to resist the provocation. Others were not. And the rest is history. Some called it police brutality. Others called it being human.

While I have strong feelings about our right to protest and demonstrate against policies we disagree with, I have equally strong feelings about respecting law and order and respecting the rights of thousands of students to pursue the education their parents paid for without harassment or obstruction. All rights should be respected. — **Vivian Walsh Barre, Hinsdale**



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OBITUARIES

Saundra Tonsager Brewer

Saundra Tonsager Brewer died in her sleep on April 24, 2024, after a series of health challenges at her home in Portland, Ore.

Saundra was born in 1936 in Boston and grew up in Hinsdale. She graduated from Northwestern University in 1958, where she majored in theater and speech. In her early career, she taught secondary English, performed in summer stock theaters, and modeled. She married, had two children and developed skills in textile arts.

Aspiring to be a trial attorney and nearing age 40, she attended Southwestern Law School, where she met her life partner, Ray Sinetar. In Ventura County, she served as a deputy district attorney. She was an accomplished trial attorney and distinguished herself as a special prosecutor in the sexual assault and homicide divisions.

It was work she was passionate about and proud of. In many ways, she found her life's purpose by



Brewer

investing herself fully in her calling.

After retiring 20 years later, she and Ray moved to The Sea Ranch in coastal Northern California where they lived until 2018. She was an active community member through her involvement in a writer's group, theater and the Sea Ranch archives.

On the passing of her partner and her own declining health, she moved to Salem and then Portland to be near her family.

She was a private and fiercely independent person. Although she considered herself shy, she was beautiful and affable, and she frequently surpassed her need for solitude to dedicate her time and talents to care for and encourage others. She was strong and strong-willed, intelligent and witty, creative, generous and a life-long learner.

Saundra is survived by her two sisters, her daughter and son, and her four grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

Raymond Veselik

Raymond "Ray" Veselik, 84, of Hinsdale, died May 1, 2024.

He was born in 1939 to parents Emil and Lillian Veselik.

After working several jobs during the early years of his marriage, including teaching high school and repossessing cars, Ray found his true calling in life insurance, building a successful business for more than 40 years and earning Mutual of New York's National Man of the Year award in 1985.

When Ray wasn't working, he spent much of his time coaching youth sports or serving on the board of directors at Benet Academy.

Completely devoted to his ever-growing family, his friends and his faith, Ray was a true Southsider and ardent White Sox fan. He was a graduate of Christ the King, Quigley Seminary and Loyola University Chicago. And make no mistake, if there was fun to be had, Ray was usually right in the middle of it. Whether it be tailgating at Notre Dame football games, golfing at Ruth Lake Country Club or spending quality time with his family in Lake Geneva and Hilton Head Island, Ray (AKA "The Big Kahuna") always made sure everyone was having a good time. His impact on those who knew him is immeasurable and his legacy will last for generations.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years,



Veselik

Judy Veselik, nee LeFevour; and his siblings, Charlotte (Tom), Frank and Shirley.

He is survived by his eight children, Keith (Mary Rose), Scott (Anne), Jennifer (John) Bourjaily, Craig (Leslie Butler), Randy, David (Anne), Jill and Jamie (Mark) Walker; his 27 grandchildren: Kevin (Teresa), Meaghan (Kyle) Klump, Mary Kate (Jason) Taulman, Claire (John Richardson), Michael (Samantha Booth), Jack (Elle), Brent (Crystal), Tim (Danielle

Raviele), Dan, Anna (Rob) Reed, Katie Bourjaily, Caroline Bourjaily, Janelle, Andrew, Ashley, Trey, Corey, Bella, Gabi, Sydney, Avery, Raymond, Eleanor, Thomas, Marudith, Charles Walker and Collins Walker; his 16 great-grandchildren, Henry, Charlie, Ollie, Teddy, Liam, Emma, Jack, Luke, Thomas, Andrew, Daisy, Jolene, Mack, Lola, Tabitha and Patrick; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was said May 8 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale.

Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Benet Academy, 2200 Maple Ave, Lisle, IL 60532, or to the Medical Education Scholarship at Almost Home Kids, 7S721 Route 53, Naperville, IL 60540.

Hallowell & James Funeral Home in Countryside handled the arrangements.

Joan Theobald Wentling

Joan Theobald Wentling, 80, of Darien, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 4, 2024, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease.

Joan was born in 1944, to Pierce and Alice Theobald in Chicago. After earning a degree in psychology from Hood College in Frederick, Md., she began her professional career in Boston, working at Jordan Marsh. Soon she returned to Chicago to work as a computer programmer in the central credit card office of Standard Oil of Indiana. It was there that she met the love of her life, Charlie. The two were married on Aug. 22, 1970.

Joan and Charlie moved to Hinsdale in 1971, where they raised their two children. Joan loved her work as secretary of District 181's Walker School in Clarendon Hills, where she stayed until retiring in the early 2000s. While they moved to Darien in 2005, Joan and Charlie still considered Hinsdale their home, returning often to go to the bank, shop

at Kramer's, Burhop's and The Fruit Store, and, of course, for a weekly manicure.

In addition to planning and hosting fabulous parties and get-togethers with family and friends, Joan loved puzzles, reading, taking walks, and playing board and card games. Joan's laughter, her spirit, and her love for her family will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband, Charlie; her children Andy (Roberta) Wentling and Sarah (Matt) Eigel; her grandchildren, Anna Wentling, Lucy Wentling, Austin Eigel and Carter Eigel; and her brothers, David (Barbe) Theobald and Stephen (Patsy) Theobald.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research may be made online at give.michaelfox.org.

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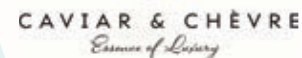
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ASK AN EXPERT

LEVI BROWN, CHMS PRINCIPAL AND ENVIRONMENTALIST

What does it take to be a Green Ribbon school?

As a rookie social studies teacher in Fairfax, Va., Levi Brown was troubled that his school was not recycling paper.

"I took empty copy paper boxes and sent an email to all the staff asking if I could put a box in their rooms" to collect discarded paper, recounted Brown, principal of Clarendon Hills Middle School.

A great plan, until he realized the school had no recycling dumpster.

"I went around and got them and piled them all in my car and I brought them to where I was living," he said, quipping that the Friday afternoon undertaking was not exactly ideal for his social life.

With the partnership of the CHMS community, Brown's longstanding eco-friendly drive was publicly validated last week when the school was named a 2024 Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. As fate would have it, Brown was in Washington D.C. chaperoning eighth-graders when the news broke. Brown even con-

sidered attending the White House symposium in connection with the announcement until he learned it was full.

"We're incredibly honored to be recognized for our sustainability efforts," he said of the accolade.

Green Ribbon status, which Brown had applied for the past three years, reflects CHMS' emphasis on environmental responsibility and fostering a healthy place to learn.

He cited large elements such as the school's towering wind turbine installed more than a decade ago as well as smaller initiatives like on-site lunch composting.

"Eco Club is a huge piece of this," he said of the compost crew. "They use that compost to fertilize a garden of all native pollinators."

Brown partnered with Mike Duggan, director of facilities for Community Consolidated Elementary District 181, to identify ways to improve the physical plant through water and energy efficiency measures, which comprises one-third of the Green Ribbon application.

"A more efficient chiller unit was installed a couple years ago, and water bottle refilling stations were installed," he said.

The use of LED lights, sun-light-dimming film on south-facing windows and staff training on switching off lights in empty rooms are all part of the formula.

"The kids have been out at the Living Classroom all week because the weather's been so good," said Brown, referencing the PTO-funded outdoor area for science lessons and other activities.

He was intentional in his application to include as many of those elements as possible.

"I'm not good at bragging about all the things that we're doing at this school," Brown acknowledged.

There are plenty of people to brag about, too.

"You get nothing done without relationships," he said. "Everybody's involved. It was a big collective effort."

Brown's said the school won't rest on its laurels, noting a vision for electric car charging stations in the parking lot and adding more solar panels on the school's south side.

"Just because we got the (Green Ribbon) doesn't mean we're going to stop," Brown said.

— by Ken Knutson



Clarendon Hills Middle School Principal Levi Brown learned last week that CHMS was one of 41 schools across the country honored as a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education for environmental sustainability efforts. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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GOOD NEWS

SCOUTS ACHIEVE NEXT RANK

Four girls from Scouts BSA Troop 10 in Hinsdale have attained first class rank.

Therese Moraleda, a junior at Hinsdale Central, and Karthika Palli, an eighth-grader at Westview Hills Middle school, attained the rank in February. Annika Zilliox, a Central sophomore, and Haley Ormbrek, an eighth-grader at Westview Hills, earned the rank in April.

There are seven ranks in scouts: scout, tenderfoot, second class, first class, star, life and eagle. First class marks the first "peak" on the mountain to eagle, as the timer starts. Scouts have to start working on merit badges and can take up leadership opportunities.

Troop 10 has about 15 female members.

HINSDALE HOSPITAL EARNS TOP GRADE

UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale

received an "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for Spring 2024, marking the 11th consecutive year in which the hospital has earned the top safety grade. This national distinction recognizes UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale's achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital.

"Patient safety is our top priority," said Adam Maycock, UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale president and CEO. "This recognition is a credit to our physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals, who work tirelessly to provide the highest-quality care and to ensure patient safety by implementing and following the latest best practices."

The Leapfrog Group assigns an "A" through "F" grade to all general hospitals across the country on more than 30 measures of errors, accidents, injuries and infections as well as the systems hospitals have in place to prevent them.

"Everyone who works and volunteers at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale should be proud. The hospital has made a clear and consistent effort to protect patients from harm," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "I congratulate everyone at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale for their national example and unwavering dedication to protecting patients from preventable harm."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on preventable medical errors, injuries and infections that can harm and even kill. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

In addition to the Hinsdale hospital, UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Bolingbrook and La Grange also earned "A" grades.

COLLEGE STUDENTS EARN RECOGNITION

• Meredith Callahan of Hinsdale was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa Society at the University of Alabama April 5. The society is the national leadership honor society for college students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni that recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character.

• Cade Sweeney of Hinsdale was on one of the winning teams at the second annual BIG Ideas Contest held by The Kennemer Center for Innovation and Social Impact within University of Alabama's Honors College.

Sweeney was on the three-member PrepAI team. The software decreases the amount of time teachers must spend on work outside of the classroom through an AI-powered platform aimed at providing teachers with assistance in lesson planning, idea generation and curricu-

lum alignment.

BIG Ideas is an entry-level program that encourages students with limited or no competition experience to develop ideas, transform their thinking and address societal problems through creativity and ingenuity.

TOURNEY RAISES FUNDS

The Hinsdale Central Charity Pickleball Club held its first tournament April 21, raising almost \$1,000 for the Just1Mike Foundation.

About 50 students and staff competed in the tournament, organized by club founders and co-presidents Alina Patel, Sara Izhar and Dana Karim, all Central juniors.

The Just1Mike Foundation, formed in honor of the late Michael Brindley, promotes awareness and prevention of sudden cardiac death.

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Couple shares story of ALS diagnosis

Young family inspired to work toward cure, accommodations for those with disease

By Pamela Lannom

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Brian Davis and Katy McNeil began their married life as so many couples do — living in Chicago with plans to start a family one day and move to a house in the suburbs.

They met in 2012 as law school students at the University of Michigan and married in 2016. Their first daughter, Ada, arrived four years later.

When Ada was still a toddler, Brian began noticing various physical changes. He experienced difficulty swallowing and sometimes slurred his words. The first neurologist he saw in the spring of 2022 told him he suffered from anxiety. The couple continued to search for answers.

“It got progressively worse that summer. He was running out of places to go to try to figure it out,” his wife, Katy McNeil said.

An emergency room visit led to a referral for Brian to see a doctor at the Lois Insolia ALS Clinic at the Les Turner ALS Center at Northwestern University.

“I actually saw three neurologists there,” Brian said.

In October 2022, a full year after the onset of his symptoms, he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. He was 35 years old, and he and Katy had just learned they were expecting their second child.

“Then people started taking us seriously,” Katy said.

Brian and Katy traveled to Mass General in Boston, home of the well-known Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS. Doctors there told them the Les Turner Clinic was a fine facility — and wouldn’t require a plane ride for every visit.

The support services team at Les Turner has helped

them plan home renovations, acquire equipment such as a bed lift and find the right contractor to install a lift in the garage.

“We do so much with them,” Katy said. “They really help us try to find solutions. They are very solution-oriented. We have a social worker that we talk to every month. They do everything necessary to get medications and things to help around the house.”

A new reality

Two weeks after the diagnosis, Katy and Brian put a call into their real estate agent. They had been looking to move out of their Chicago condo into an older home, possibly a Victorian, in the suburbs.

“We knew we were going to be changing the type of house we were looking for and we changed our search parameters,” Katy said. “We have known from the start doing what we can to make things accessible and easy — in advance of when they become urgent — is the best way for us to deal with things that are coming down the pike.”

At first, the symptoms didn’t really interfere with the family’s life. Brian and Katy traveled to Scotland and London a few weeks after the diagnosis and then took Ada to Disney World in December 2022.

“He got 20,000 steps one day and he was still very active,” Katy said. “By April 2023, when I gave birth to Penny, he was using a walker. The speed at which everything has declined has been really hard.”

In March of last year the couple moved into a large home in Hinsdale that Brian could navigate in his wheelchair. The village also offered an easy weekday train commute to Chicago for Katy, an attorney with



Brian Davis and Katy McNeil, parents to Ada, 4, and Penny, 1, moved to Hinsdale last year in part to have a larger home that would accommodate Brian’s wheelchair. Brian was diagnosed with ALS in 2022 at age 35. (photos courtesy of the Les Turner ALS Foundation)

Mayer Brown.

“When we were looking for places to live, this was such an inviting community and had much of what we were looking for even before his diagnosis,” she said.

They have found an incredible support network in town, Katy said. They also rely on Brian’s mom, who lives with them, and help from a caregiver from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. The muscle weakness, deterioration and paralysis make everyday tasks difficult, from eating and drinking to having a conversation.

“Literally everything,” Brian said — using a software program to communicate — when asked in what ways ALS has affected his everyday life. “There is nothing that is not impacted.”

Sharing their story

Brian and Katy believe it’s important to talk about their experiences with others,

especially in May, which is ALS Awareness Month.

“We realized very early on, I would say, that we wanted to be as open about being an ALS family as we could,” Katy said.

She has found inspiration from Brian Wallach and his wife, Sandra Abrevaya. Wallach was diagnosed with ALS at age 37 when his two girls were both younger than 3. He and his wife started a nonprofit, I Am ALS, to advocate for more funding for research into curing ALS and providing more resources for the ALS community.

“I am not a political person. We don’t have those particular skill sets they have, but I was so inspired by how open people in the ALS community have been to talk about their own personal struggles, things with the disease, and we wanted to do whatever we could to ensure that this disease becomes chronic and not

terminal in my lifetime, if not Brian’s,” Katy said.

Brian noted that one in 400 will be diagnosed with ALS, which means most people will know someone who gets the disease, often referred to as Lou Gherig’s disease.

“We want to do our part to advocate awareness, research and fundraising,” Brian said. “We’ve done a good amount of fundraising. I’ve participated in a fair number of ALS studies.”

Facing the future

Katy said she knew little about ALS before Brian’s diagnosis, except that Stephen Hawking suffered from it and it was a terrible disease.

“Nothing prepares you for a terminal diagnosis like ALS and one that is so cruel, that takes away kind of everything you do or

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can do to enjoy life — eating, speaking, spending time with your friends, moving on your own,” Katy said. “It’s taken so much of Brian’s energy, which has been really challenging for him. There are a lot of days he’s just too tired to do anything.”

Helping Ada understand that her daddy loves her even though he can’t do things other daddies do also has been a challenge. So is facing a future that is uncertain.

“They don’t give prognoses for ALS. Some people just stop progressing for years,” Brian said.

His life span could be as long as 10 years — or as short as a year or two.

“Each individual has their own battle with the disease and how it impacts them and how their decline works,” Katy said.

The diagnosis has helped the couple avoid sweating the

small stuff and noticing the daily annoyances that every couple experiences.

“Now that stuff is not even worth having a second thought about,” Katy said. “It’s changed my outlook certainly on relationships, on what’s important in life, on where to put my limited time and energy and efforts.

“It definitely puts everything into a different perspective for sure,” she added.

Brian, who has not lost any cognitive abilities, is very aware of how his disease has affected his family and the fact that he won’t live to see his daughters grow up.

“I felt and still feel a lot of guilt about what my wife and my mom do to take care of me. I feel terrible that I will leave them without a father and they won’t remember me,” he said.

“I don’t think that’s true,” Katy told him. “They will remember you. We’ll make sure they remember you.”



Brian's mom, Eva Davis, moved into the family's Hinsdale home to help care for her son and granddaughters. The group enjoyed an outing last fall to Every Day's a Sundae in downtown Hinsdale.

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Start of May means the sprint to summer begins

And just like that, we're in May. Mayhem, Maycember, Mayday ... whatever you call it, it feels like a full sprint at breakneck pace to the start of summer when everything shifts around town.

Summer in Hinsdale is full of warm nights at Pierce Park, catching up with friends at Uniquely Thursdays, and family fun activities at the Hinsdale Public Library. It's less about charity fundraisers and more about reconnecting with community — well, mostly. The society scene never really stops here (although this columnist is taking the summer off). Here's something to tide you over until we're talking about college football in September.

Meet Me in Manhattan

Scoreboard Charities is bringing

back its third annual bourbon tasting event, "Meet Me in Manhattan," at Ruth Lake Country Club on June 6. Calling it "an old-fashioned way to beat cancer" (Get it? "Old fashioned?" I see what they did there!), the event is positioned to help support the goal of raising \$2 million in seven years to fund research advancements at Northwestern Medicine and provide free year-round camp experiences for kids with cancer and their families.

"Our funding is generally 25 percent for Camp One Step and 75 percent for Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center," founder Rick Heinz said. "I have nothing but great things to share about the kids we have met



Allison Peters
Society spotlight

at camp. I truly believe that there have been kids who survived their cancer treatments only because of their goals of getting back to camp at least one more year.

"We need to find more cures. ... We need to do more with private dollars that mean more," he added.

A general admission ticket (\$150) gets you an entry wristband for the tasting at 7:15 p.m., which includes four bourbon tastings paired with four specialty food dishes; a Scoreboard Charities Manhattan glass; a Scoreboard Charities Glen Cairn glass; a complimentary cocktail, wine or beer; and (my favorite inclusion) a \$20 Uber discount code. (Safety first!)

For the VIP experience offered at \$300, you get all of that, plus an early entrance time for a private reception at 6:15 p.m., two additional specialty bourbon pours with two specialty food dishes, and a bottle of Blanton's.

Tickets are available at www.scoreboardcharities.org.

So, that's a wrap on the Society Spotlight for the 2023-2024 season! How will Hinsdaleans top this year with generosity, creativity and vision? I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to seeing what 2024-25 will hold.

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

■ Summer in Hinsdale is full of warm nights at Pierce Park, catching up with friends at Uniquely Thursdays, and family fun activities at the Hinsdale Public Library.



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CENTRAL TIME

■ Central Booster Board meeting

May 15
Grill 89
800 E. Ogden Ave.,
Westmont
www.theboosters.com

The final 2023-24 Hinsdale Central High School Booster Board meeting is open to the public. All HCCHS parents interested in joining the board are welcome to stop by for food/drink and to learn more. Time: 6 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

■ Fishing: With Mom

May 12
Hidden Lake
Route 53 south of Butterfield Road, Downers Grove
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Spend the morning by the lake with moms, creating memories and learning skills to increase fishing success. All ages are welcome. Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person. RR

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■ Bikes for Military Kids

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www.tinyurl.com/4dawbc49
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May 22
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Mondays, June 3-24
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611 S. Madison Street
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Kids ages 5-7 will learn the game and expand their skills, including dribbling, passing and shooting, in a noncompetitive environment. Teamwork,

participation and good sportsmanship are stressed, and a game will be played at the end of each class. Time: 5 to 5:50 p.m. Cost: \$42.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ **Early Morning Bird Walk**
May 11
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,

Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Join this search for migrating birds. Binoculars are recommended. Time: 8:30 a.m. RR

■ **Phenology Journal Hike**
May 11
West DuPage Woods
Route 59 north of Roosevelt Road, Winfield
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 942-6200

Learn how scientists use phenology, the study of seasonal changes, to track how climate change impacts the environment by keeping a nature journal of plants, animals and other observations. Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ **World Migratory Bird Day**
May 11
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Celebrate migratory birds and watch bird banding demonstrations while learning how insects affect bird populations. Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **Learn to Kayak**
May 11
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■ **Bird Outing**
May 16
Bemis Woods-South
Ogden Avenue west of Wolf Road near Western Springs
www.chicagobirdalliance.org/new-events

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GREEN THUMB

■ Annual Plant Sale

May 11
Hinsdale History Museum
15 S. Clay St.

The Garden Study Club of Hinsdale will hold its annual plant sale featuring perennials from members' gardens as well as English garden baskets. Proceeds help fund the club's ongoing maintenance of the history museum garden and other projects. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Native Plant presale

May 16
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org

Purchase a ticket for access to the presale and shop for native flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees. Visitors should bring their own box or wagon. Plant experts answer questions and make planting recommendations, and plant availability will be based on what the supplier is able to deliver the week of the sale. Proceeds support the Friends of the Forest Preserve District. The actual sale runs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 16 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 18. Time 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are limited. Cost: \$20.

■ Native American Herbs

May 20
Indian Head Park
Administration Building
201 Acacia Drive

The Suburban Garden Club invites all to hear Marcy Lautenin-Raleigh, creator of Backyard Patch Herbs, an online purveyor of salt-free, gluten-free, preservative-free herb cooking and tea products, discuss the healing, culinary and religious benefits of Native American herbs in a combination slide and hands-on program. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

■ Seed Library

Ongoing
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
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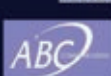


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■ Self-Defense for Mental Health

May 12 or 13
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
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Learn how the brain controls responses during a self-defense situation, how one recovers from a traumatic experience, and why others play a critical role in the recovery process as well as the benefits of preventative and responsive self-defense training. Attendees will practice basic striking on soft targets and learn escapes from common grabs. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 12, 7 to 9 p.m. May 13. Cost: \$49.50. RR, MD

■ Supportive Care during Cancer Treatment

May 16
Wellness House

131 N. County Line Road
www.wellnesshouse.org
(630) 323-5150

Drs. Heather Leeper and Vasyl Hereha of UChicago Medicine will discuss the role of palliative care in cancer care and how those on the cancer journey and their loved ones may benefit from an improved quality of life. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Meet author Jessica Lederhausen

May 18
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Meet Hinsdale author Jessica Lederhausen whose new book, "Oral: The Swedish-inspired Secret to Full-Body Health Starting in Your Mouth," explores the mouth and the mouth-body connection and discusses the benefits of creating small habits around the topics of moving, eating, sleeping, and breathing. Copies will be available for sale and signing. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

HELP WANTED

■ Mayslake Peabody Estate survey

Ongoing
www.dupageforest.org
The DuPage County Forest Preserve District invites the public to share feedback on a conceptual master plan for Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook, aimed at enhancing the center's amenities and programming to ensure the site continues to serve as a vibrant cultural hub for generations to come. The conceptual plan details possible uses of the building, identifies specific areas for improvement and discusses how to preserve the mansion as a museum space while updating rooms. Visit the website above to take the survey.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Maker Club

May 16
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

(630) 986-1976

Kids of all ages can drop by the library's Storytime Room to make use of a variety of supplies to make imaginative creations and/or the weekly project provided. Children younger than 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Time: 4 to 5:30 p.m.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Severe Weather 101

May 13
Clarendon Hills Public Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org
(630) 323-8188

Nick Bartholomew, owner of Storm Science, which explores the fundamentals of extreme weather, will discuss storm chasing, local climatology, previous tornado occurrences and storm safety. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Cicada Symphony

May 21
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn about the rare spectacle of the two cicada broods this summer from Jamie Viebach with the University of Illinois Extension Program. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Decluttering Done Right

May 23
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn the best methods and locations for disposing of, donating or selling unwanted stuff, including household items, clothing, electronics, furniture, toys and games, books and more. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

MOM'S DAY EVENTS

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May 12
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■ Mother Daughter Tea

May 11
Lucille at Drury Lane
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
(630) 580-8300
www.lucillerestaurant.com

Enjoy quality time in a gorgeous setting with a delightful spread of unique pastries and treats. Time: 1 p.m. Cost: \$65, \$35 for kids 5-12, free for kids 4 and younger.

■ Mother's Day brunch

May 13
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100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
(630) 580-8300
www.lucillerestaurant.com

Treat mom to unlimited champagne, eggs Benedict, French toast, baked Atlantic salmon and more at the restaurant rated in the top 100 brunches in America. Time: 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$100, \$40 for

kids 5-12, free for kids 4 and younger.

■ Mother's Day Mindful Art Program

May 12
Sand Ridge Nature Center
15891 Paxton Ave., South Holland
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 868-0606

Celebrate mothers and Mother Earth with a peaceful afternoon in a beautiful natural setting. Make a flower or journal for mom, engage in mindful movement and enjoy light snacks and relaxing music.

■ Mother's Day Woodland Wildflower Walk

May 12
Crabtree Nature Center
3 Stover Road, Barrington
www.fpdcc.com
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■ **New Horizons Band of DuPage**

May 11
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1310 Shepherd Drive,
Naperville
www.goodshepherd-naper-
ville.org

The group of musicians from Chicago and surrounding suburbs will perform well-known selections and audience favorites, and feature the concert band, brass choir, German

band, jazz band and woodwind consort. Light refreshments will follow the concert. Time: 3 p.m. Admission: Free, donations accepted.

■ **Sinfonietta Bel Canto**

May 19
Mayslake Hall
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org

The chamber orchestra and opera group will perform a concert featuring Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 2 and Auber's one-act comic opera "Le Concert à la cour, ou La Débutante" ("The Concert at the Court, or The Debutante"), which will be sung in French with projected English translation. The program also will be performed at 7 p.m. May 18 at St. Paul's UCC, 5739 Dunham Road in Downers Grove. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$22, \$8.

■ **Joe Jencks and Deidre McCalla**

May 18
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
www.acousticren.com

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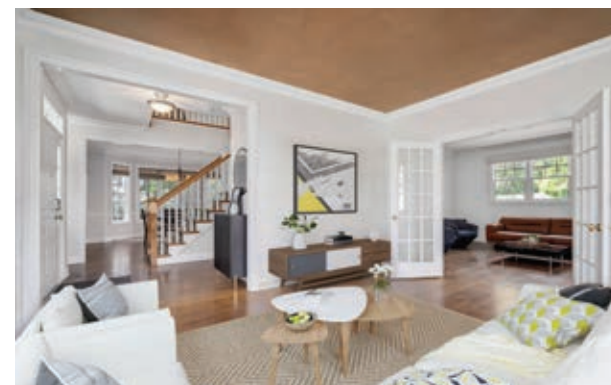


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long been at the forefront of redefining the understanding of how Black folk do folk. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

■ **Soaring**

May 19
Wentz Concert Hall
171 E. Chicago Ave.,
Naperville
www.westsubsymphony.org
(630) 887-7464

The West Suburban Symphony will perform this

program, featuring Dvorak's 1889 Symphony No. 8, American Ulysses Kay's 1963 Fantasy Variations and Tchaikovsky's 1878 Violin Concerto, with the first movement performed by Neal Eisfeldt, 2024 high school solo contest winner. Time: 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors, \$5 for teenagers, free for ages 12 and younger.

ON STAGE

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The Buffalo Theatre Ensemble presents the world premiere of this Brian Watkins play, following three sisters — whose granddad has died — can't forget what's buried

when an impossible discovery upends their notions of loss. A pre-show discussion with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. May 2; a post-show discussion with the director, cast and crew will be held May 10. The production contains adult themes and language. An ASL performance will be given Thursday, May 23. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays.

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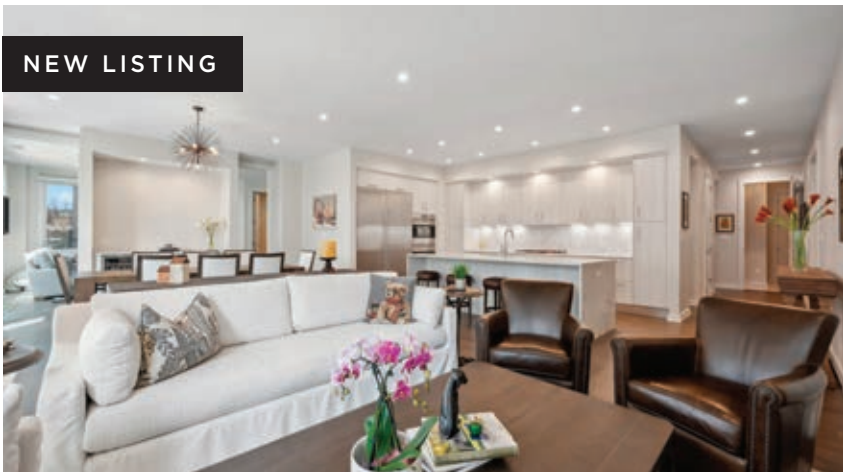
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Tickets: \$44, \$42 for seniors.

■ 'Guys and Dolls'

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RUNS & WALKS

■ Pink 5K

May 11
Central Park
1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak
Brook
www.obparks.org

Help fight breast cancer by participating in this 10th annual run/walk event Register as an individual or as a team of 15 members or more. Proceeds benefit Hinsdale Hospital

Foundation's Open Arms breast cancer outreach fund. Time: 8 a.m. Cost: \$35, \$40 on race day.

■ Run for the Roses 5K

May 19
Forest Road School
901 Forest Road, LaGrange
Park
www.raceroster.com/
events/2024/85145/run-for-
the-roses

This LaGrange Park Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event benefits Pillars Health. The registration deadline is May 15. Time: 8 a.m. Cost: \$40.

■ Tower Trot

May 25
Grand Avenue Community
Center
4211 Grand Ave., Western
Springs.
www.wsprings.com/649/
Tower-Trot

This 47th annual event features a 10K run and 5K run — with the option to run both — and a Fun Run under a mile. Registration includes a T-shirt, refreshments and

entertainment, with proceeds benefiting the Healing Hearts for Ashley Foundation. The free Eurobungy attraction requires a waiver, available online. Times: 8:30 a.m. 10K, 8:45 a.m. Fun Run. 9:30 a.m. 5K. Cost: (for nonresidents) \$45 for 10K, \$40 for 5K, \$45 for both, \$30 for ages 14 and under, \$15 for the Fun Run; fees increase \$5 on May 13.

SENIOR SCENE

■ Building Mental Muscle

May 20
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.
org
(630) 323-7500

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ments will be provided. The registration deadline is May 13. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

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■ A Year Inside College Admissions

May 13
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join this continuing conversation of Jeffrey Selingo's latest book, "Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions," following up on Selingo's April 24 talk at Hinsdale Central High School. The discussion will be facilitated by Hinsdale's Kim Anderson of Spotlight on College Advising. Copies of the book are available at the library. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ **It's a Beautiful Book Club**
2nd Thursdays, May-August
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Join this monthly book club led by retired teacher Margaret Gross. Registration is only needed once per season. Walk-ins are welcome. Books likely will be available at local libraries. For more information, email grossmarg84@gmail.com. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$2 at the door. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Poppy Day

May 19
Across Hinsdale
Members of Hinsdale's American Legion Post 250 will collect donations to benefit American Legion Auxiliary programs for veterans. Donations also may be mailed to American Legion Post 250, P.O. Box 92, Hinsdale, IL 60522-0092.

■ Western Springs Historical Society House Walk

May 19
www.westernspringshistory.org/programs-events/house-walk

This fundraiser celebrates home décor, design and architectural inspiration through visits to seven homes of varying styles and vintage, all located in Western Springs' Old Town neighborhood. The compli-

mentary "hop on/hop off" trolleys will make a loop from the downtown Water Tower and First Congregational Church and stop near each home for those who'd prefer not to walk. Tickets can be purchased online; paper tickets can be purchased at Clever Girl, Thomas Ford Library and the Tower Museum. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35 in advance, \$45 on the day of the event.

■ Cantigny Spring Fest

May 18
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Enjoy the park with a visit to the beautiful gardens. Family activities will include a gnome scavenger hunt, an inflatable, an animal encounter and more. The first-ever marketplace inside the historic McCormick House will feature local vendors offering jewelry, pottery, art, and more. Live music, specialty beverages and a French-themed food menu (along with other favorites) also are on tap. Cantigny tulip bulbs will be on sale 25 for \$10. A backstage pass for an exclusive guided greenhouse tour, a drink ticket and 25 Cantigny tulip bulbs is \$50. Craft a botanical masterpiece at the Terrarium Bar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a \$40 reservation (includes admission). Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$12, free for ages 15 and under, plus \$5 parking.

STEPPING BACK

■ Finding Grace: Her Life & Story

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

Join historians Julia Bachrach and Jean Follett to learn more about Hinsdale social reformer Grace Bagley's extraordinary life and the work they did to uncover her story. The namesake of Frank Lloyd Wright-designed 1894 Bagley House on County Line Road, Bagley worked closely with Jane Addams and made substantial contributions to reform efforts that impacted Chicago and the nation. Bachrach and Follett, who curated an exhibit about Bagley's extraordinary life on display at the Hinsdale

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Pet pic of the week

Justice is a long-term shelter cat, having been with Hinsdale Humane Society for six months. She is an affectionate and playful girl who will be an incredible companion. Her goofy personality is sure to keep her owner smiling for years to come. Justice is not a fan of other cats and would do best in a home with no other pets. She can be a little feisty, so she is approved for kids 5 and older. She is fully vaccinated, spayed and microchipped. Plus, her adoption fee has already been paid. Stop by to meet Justice at the Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center or visit www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org or call (630) 323-5630. (photo provided)



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Public Library through May 31, will talk about how they found out about her life and works, and what they did to put the pieces together. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ First Division Museum tour

May 24
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Experience the remarkable history of the U.S. Army's oldest and most storied unit, the 1st Infantry Division, through exhibits featuring the actions and accomplishments of the Big Red One from its inception during World War I through World War II and ending in the jungles of Vietnam. An optional 15-minute guided tour through the Duty First Gallery will follow. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. Admission: Free with \$5 paid parking. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ DIY Glass Photo Magnets

May 24

www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Drop by the library any time and pick up a take-home kit to design glass magnets for personal use or to give as a gift. RR

WEE ONES

■ Junior Firefighters

May 17
Hinsdale Fire Department
121 Symonds Drive
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 3-7 will learn from Hinsdale firefighters about important fire safety practices and get a tour of the Fire Safety house to see how to exit a home in the event of a fire and how to recognize potential fire hazards. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Time: 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$12. RR

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Walking — and running — the walk

More than 3,000 people participated in the annual Walk for Wellness House Sunday morning. The walk/run raised more than \$750,000, which will be used to support free programs for individuals and family members impacted by cancer. Wellness House hosts more than 500 programs a month in areas such as nutrition, exercise, support and counseling and child and family support. Ernie Turcotte (in purple on left) was the top fundraising participant as well as a member of the The Crown Royals Team, which was the top fundraising team. (Jim Slonoff photos)



REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County between April 1 and 24.

1. **218 W. Clay St.**, John and Grace Hong to Giovanni M. Pesa Trust, April 1, \$2,150,000
2. **221 N. Adams St.**, Brock and Jill Furlong to Ahmad Amin and Sharminara Miah, April 2, \$2,400,000
3. **345 N. Elm St.**, Christopher and Ana Fauquier to Jon and Lauren Panozzo, April 3, \$875,000
4. **923 S. Quincy St.**, Natalie Larrick and Brett O'Rourke to Efrain Ayala Johnson, April 4, \$650,000
5. **623 S. Park Ave.**, Gregg and Kathryn Band to Rajan and Loma Barad, April 4, \$2,850,000
6. **5521 S. Elm St.**, Kevin and Christine Happ to Chris Varghese and George Varghese Revocable Living Trust, April 9, \$720,000
7. **545 N. Oak St.**, Gabriella Wilewska and Brandon Loncar to Nathan Warner and Emily Andrews, April 10, \$1,200,000
8. **411 Canterbury Court**, Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Gregg and Kathryn Band, April 10, \$1,512,500
9. **730 S. County Line Road**, Richard Dilworth to Fred Joshua, April 11, \$905,000
10. **7 E. Kennedy Lane**, Yunya Yang to Louis J. and Judy L. Malasek joint revocable trusts, April 11, \$905,000
11. **115 E. Seventh St.**, Jason and Ashley Gott to Christina and Bailey Truesdell, April 15, \$2,000,000
12. **821 S. Clay St.**, Mary and

Glen Goy trusts to Douglas Pilcher, April 16, \$480,000

13. **702 S. Stough St.**, Wilson and Brigette Cowherd to Maddy and Joseph Batliner, April 17, \$640,000
14. **562 Garfield Ave.**, John and Jeannine Tomkinson to Matthew and Melissa Simpson, April 18, \$1,315,000
15. **1105 Chanticleer Lane**, Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Alyssa Powell and Veera Naidu, April 18, \$320,000
16. **827 S. Monroe St.**, Tracy McArdle to Krenare Cobb and Rona Thaci, April 19, \$600,000
17. **110 N. Stough St.**, Gina and William Berndt to Matthew Roy and Meghan McElroy, April 22, \$745,000
18. **1401 Burr Oak Road**, Rhonda M. Gehr Revocable Living Trust to Lewis C. Livermore Declaration Trust, April 22, \$668,000
19. **428 S. Adams St.**, Paul and Ruth Bro to Michael Fisher, April 22, \$500,000
20. **706 S. Thurlow St.**, Jeffrey and Jaclyn McNamara to Jackson and Kristie Cates, April 23, \$1,150,000
21. **337 E. Third St.**, Mary K. Nelson Trust No. 1 to Karthik and Megan Chandran, April 23, \$2,250,000
22. **565 N. Washington St.**, Rosemary C. White Traut Trust to Mark Pelka and Elizabeth Collins, April 23, \$1,050,000
23. **943 Allmen Ave.**, Rene Schuurman and Rawya Talhamy trusts to Gai Truong and Lam Dao, April 24, \$1,050,000

Source: DuPage County Recorder of Deeds

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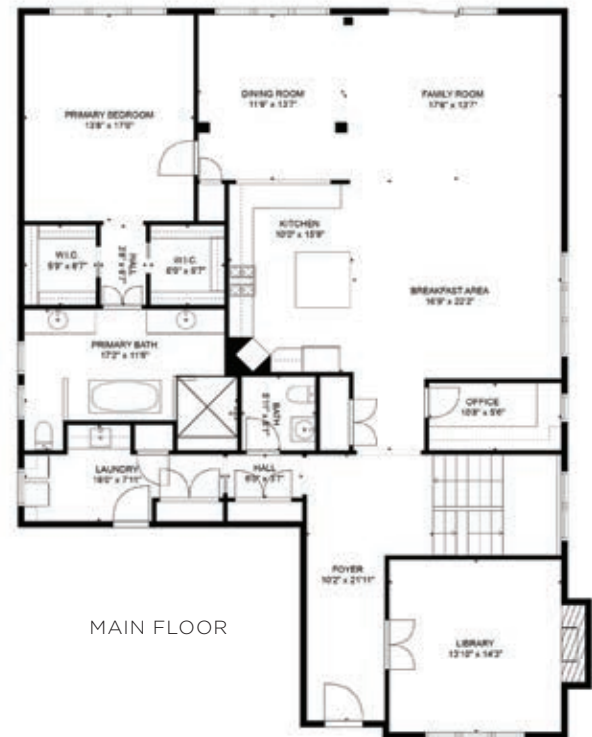
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I think, at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy god-mother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift should be curiosity. Eleanor Roosevelt



MIND GAMES

- ACROSS**
- 1 VOLUME-BASED
 - 6 OUTCOME
 - 12 SPUD
 - 13 KEY IN AGAIN
 - 14 CHALKBOARD ACCESSORY
 - 15 VINEYARD HARVEST
 - 16 CLASSIC SODA BRAND
 - 17 "EXCUSE ME ..."
 - 19 TOLKIEN CREATURE
 - 20 FIRST LADY OF SCAT
 - 22 LITH., ONCE
 - 24 SIX-PACK MUSCLES
 - 27 "CARMEN" SOLO
 - 29 STAFFER
 - 32 EMPLOYER'S DIRECTIVE
 - 35 HIDEAWAY
 - 36 COUTURIER CHRISTIAN
 - 37 SCIENCE GURU BILL
 - 38 SMALL TABLET
 - 40 IOWA CITY
 - 42 TOP CARD
 - 44 HOTEL CHAIN
 - 46 "CASABLANCA" ROLE
 - 50 TOMORROW, IN TIJUANA
 - 52 WITTY RETORT
 - 54 BILLIE EILISH HIT SONG
 - 55 ALLOW
 - 56 SMALL MAPS
 - 57 INDIAN YOGURT DISH

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- 1 APPLE CENTER
 - 2 BEEHIVE STATE
 - 3 COUNT WITH AN ORCHESTRA
 - 4 MINERAL SUFFIX
 - 5 LIPSTICK SHADE
 - 6 INCITE
 - 7 SALON JOBS
 - 8 DEPOT (ABBR.)
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 - 10 SERVING CUSTOMERS
 - 11 TRY OUT
 - 12 STOCK HOLDER
 - 18 HISPANIOLA
 - 21 RESIDENT
 - 23 TRAIL THE PACK
 - 24 CUTTING TOOL
 - 25 100%
 - 26 "DON'T -- STRANGER!"
 - 27 ALLOWANCES
 - 28 PERFUME DISPENSER
 - 30 PARCHED
 - 31 SCRAPE (OUT)
 - 33 SPAN. LADY
 - 34 RAW MINERAL
 - 39 DUNKABLE TREAT
 - 41 EGYPTIAN
 - 42 PENINSULA
 - 43 BOTH (PREF.)
 - 45 "MISERY" STAR
 - 46 JAMES
 - 47 BASEBALL LEGEND
 - 48 WILLIE
 - 49 PRIDE PARADE
 - 50 INITIALISM
 - 51 ACTRESS WARD
 - 52 "HOW -- YOU?"
 - 53 MATURE
 - JIFFY

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

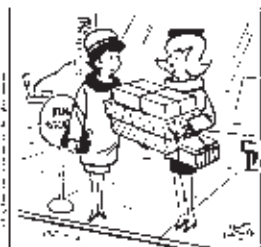
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SCRAMBLERS

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3. Design; 4. Hustle

Today's Word
SELFISH



"I don't know how we'd ever manage if George were ... too."

SCRAMBLERS

Use the letters in each word to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the letters to form the mystery word. What will complete the quest?

- From **SERVER**
- Scour **FEARGO**
- Sketch **SINGED**
- Styph **SLEUTH**

TODAY'S WORD

S	4	5	9	6	8	3	7	2	1	A
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HOROSCOPES

May 2024 Horoscopes • Week 3



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
What is the point of power struggles if it alienates all of the people closest to you, Capricorn? Sometimes you must forego ego to maintain personal relationships and family harmony.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, a friend of has made steady progress and exhibited significant personal growth. Continue to support this person's pursuits and act as a source of encouragement.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, it is challenging to keep up with all of the comings and goings of the people in your social circle. It may take a little while for you to reconnect.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, expect to spot trouble on the horizon before other people around you. This gives you a head-start to take action and prepare yourself and others for what's to come.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, try to interact this week with the people who may not necessarily agree with you or share your beliefs. It could be good to see things from different perspectives.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Your happiness can bring joy to many other people this week, Taurus. Spread all of your positivity among those people who can use it the most. You will reap rewards as well.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Let others see a side of you that you don't often share, Leo. It is alright to be vulnerable at times, and this vulnerability actually may appeal to some new people in your life.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Pay careful attention to any and all financial transactions you make this week, Scorpio. You want to keep tabs on where your money is going and avoid as many mistakes as possible.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Positive energy is circling around you this week, Pisces. Those good vibes will put you in a mood to reach out to some people in your life who may have drifted away.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
The people around you may be behaving in interesting and unexpected ways, Gemini. You don't know what to make of this just yet, so sit back and watch the show.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you have a tremendous amount of power at your disposal this week. You should use all of it wisely and not waste a drop. Others will be affected by your presence.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a situation may arise this week in which you are expected to do more than you feel comfortable. Don't let others bully you into action. Explain your hesitation carefully and respectfully.

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Finn Bergin
Clarendon Hills

When did you first start playing lacrosse?

Freshman year. I was only playing baseball at Central and I needed something to do in the spring. I had a few friends playing and decided to try it out.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

Specifically this year is definitely the team. We have a really close group of guys and it's just been really special. There are a lot of new varsity players. It's been cool to see them fill their roles and develop into bigger guys on our team.

What is most challenging for you?

This year it's been kind of recognizing that this is the end of my lacrosse career. There are only so many practices, so many games left. And also as one of the leaders of the team, knowing that I kind of have to be at my best at all times to set an example for the rest of the team.

What is your most important job as team captain?

I'd say probably morale, just keeping everybody happy. We've definitely seen that when we're having fun together, we're playing better.

What is your goal for the

season?

We definitely want to make a long run in May when the playoffs come around, extend the season for the seniors.

What are your plans for next year?

I'm going to the University of Virginia to study commerce with one of the other captains on the lacrosse team, Josh Randell. I'm really excited.

Why does coach Joe Battaglia like having Bergin on the team?

Finn is one of our senior captains and has been an incredible leader throughout the off-season and during the season. He embodies the leadership qualities that are essential for team cohesion and success. His positive energy and excitement is infectious, uplifting the team's morale in every challenging situation. As a captain, he holds his teammates accountable, and coaches his fellow teammates up. His knack for getting the team hyped up before, during and after games injects an invaluable sense of motivation and determination into our team's collective mindset. Our entire coaching staff is incredibly proud of this young man and everything he brings to the table. We can't wait to see what is in store for Finn in the future.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

HEADED TO STATE

Members of the Hinsdale Central girls badminton team will compete at the IHSA state tournament Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, at DeKalb High School.

Representing Red Devil Nation are singles players senior Nora Sriparam and junior Kacy Liu, and the doubles teams of seniors Rachele Cameli & Maria Jiao and juniors Hannah Fang & Tiffany Tu. Good luck Devils!

RESULTS

Badminton

May 2 vs. IHSA sectional
V wins 8-6
V places 1st with 16 points
Sriparam, 2nd
Liu, 4th
Cameli/Jiao, 1st
Fang/Tu, 2nd

Baseball

May 6 @ Proviso West
V wins 8-6
May 4 @ Proviso East
V wins 21-0
May 3 @ LT
V loses 3-5
May 1 vs. OP-RF
V loses 12-13 (8 inn.)

Gymnastics, boys

May 2 @ sectional
V places 5th with 125.4 points
Floor exercise
Cihlar, 12th, 8.1
Theotikos, 13th, 8.05
McDaniel, 17th, 7.75
Pommel horse
Theotikos, 2nd, 8.65
Cihlar, 9th (tie), 7.15
McDaniel, 29th, 3.7
Still rings
Cihlar, 5th, 7.95
Ravanasa, 17th (tie), 5.85
Ahuja, 21st, 5.75
Vault
Cihlar, 3rd, 9
Ravanasa, 15th, 6.9
Truong, 17th (tie), 6.6
Parallel bars
Cihlar, 2nd (tie), 9.05
Ashby, 16th (tie), 6.85
Theotikos, 19th (tie), 6.8
Horizontal bar
Cihlar, 1st, 8.85
Ashby, 22nd, 4.7
Ravanasa, 25th, 3.7
All around
Cihlar, 4th, 50.1

Lacrosse, boys

May 7 @ York
V loses 6-9
May 4 @ Wheaton
Warrenville South
V wins 16-15 (OT)
Bergin, 5 goals
Merz, 3 goals, assist
Randell, 3 goals, assist
McClenehan 2 goals, assist
Joyce, goal, assist
DuFort, goal
Hamman, goal
May 2 vs. Whitney
Young
V wins 8-4

Lacrosse, girls

May 4 vs. Wheaton
Warrenville South
V wins 21-1
Matthews, 5 goals
Parker-Briones, 4 goals
Venetsanopolous, 2 goals, 3 assists
Conley, 2 goals
Linn, 2 goals
Brzozowski, goal, 2 assists
Gatzulis, goal, assist
De Vita, goal
Kearney, goal
Moncrief, goal
Schultz, 3 saves
Alexander, 2 saves

Soccer, girls

May 7 @ Downers North
V wins 1-0
Edgewater, goal
McDonnell, assist
May 2 vs. Glenbard West
V loses 1-2

Softball
May 6 @ Glenbard West
V loses 1-11
May 4 @ De La Salle
V wins 6-5
May 3 vs. LT
V loses 8-15
May 1 @ OP-RF

V loses 4-5

Tennis, boys

May 3-4 @ Deerfield
Invite
V places 2nd
May 1 vs. Stevenson
V wins 8-1

Track, boys

May 3 vs. McCarthy
Invite
V places 4th with 99 points
100 meters
McInerney, 3rd, 11.28
200 meters
Bots, 5th, 22.73
McInerney, 7th, 23.12
400 meters
Tarasi, 5th, 53.94
Morrisey, 7th, 54.24
800 meters
Bandukwala, 1st, 1:51.42
Mikaili, 13th, 2:07.58
1,600 meters
Garg, 8th, 4:33.04
Miller, 10th, 4:33.33
DiCianni, 14th, 4:45.1
3,200 meters
Kurimay, 4th, 9:46.3
Gamboia, 6th, 9:51.78
Rogers, 10th, 9:57.32
110-meter hurdles
Moudgil, 8th, 17.67
Segers, 10th, 19.81
300-meter hurdles
Olaitan, 4th, 43.39
4x100 relay
Lyne, Cain, Coan, Parkins, 5th, 44.96
4x200 relay
Lyne, Parkins, Coan, Cain, 8th, 1:34.03
4x400 relay
Parkins, Maxwell, Coan, Bandukwala, 1st, 3:22.39
4x800 relay
Revord, Ferren, Maxwell, Lowe, 3rd, 8:14.79

Shot put
Ortiz, 2nd, 15.38m
Stamer, 6th, 13.1m
Discus
Koschik, 8th, 37.34m
Stamer, 11th, 35.47m
High jump
Prieto, 1st, 1.85m
Stach, 9th, 1.6m
Pole vault
Bolenbaugh, 3rd, 4.01m
Long jump
McInerney, 4th, 5.9m
Parkins, 7th, 5.73m
Triple jump
Nedic, 11th, 10.64m

Track, girls

May 3 @ WSC championship
V places 5th with 57 points
100 meters
Dorris, 3rd, 12.77
Tresslar, 8th, 12.98
200 meters
Tresslar, 5th, 26.59
400 meters
Gray, 6th, 1:00.89
Elsdon, 10th, 1:02.6
800 meters
L. Hodneland, 2nd, 2:14.75
1,600 meters
Griffin, 8th, 5:29.71
100-meter hurdles
Leech, 5th, 17.01
Abu-Ghazalah, 7th, 17.09
300-meter hurdles
Abu-Ghazalah, 3rd, 48.56
Leech, 5th, 49.02
4x100 relay
Dorris, Tresslar, A. Hodneland, Reed, 4th, 50.25
4x200 relay
Dorris, Tresslar, A. Hodneland, Dani, 4th, 1:47.21
4x400 relay
A. Hodneland, Gray,

Gilmartin, L. Hodneland, 3rd, 4:02.19
4x800 relay
Boyd, Gilmartin, Dygon, Griffin, 6th, 9:35.67
Shot put
Veliz-Hernandez, 9th, 8.04m
Ford, 12th, 6.71m
Discus
Veliz-Hernandez, 8th, 25.34m
Kawa, 13th, 20m
High jump
Dani, 6th, 1.47m
Chillo, 7th, 1.47m
Pole vault
Hamelka, 10th, 2.44m
Long jump
Moser, 5th, 5.14m
Bonino, 8th, 4.91m
Triple jump
Moser, 2nd, 10.64m
Bonino, 4th, 10.55m

Volleyball, boys

May 7 vs. Glenbard West
V loses 15-25, 15-25
May 2 vs. Hinsdale South
V loses 17-25, 24-26

Water polo, boys

May 4 @ IHSA sectional vs. Waubonsie Valley (quarterfinal)
V wins 11-10
Driscoll, 5 goals
Bernacki, 3 goals
Carmody, goal
Chase, goal
Halabi, goal

Water polo, girls

May 3 @ IHSA sectional vs. Naperville North (quarterfinal)
V loses 3-17 vs. St. Charles East (preliminary)
V wins 15-6

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Emily DiTomasso battles for the ball May 2 during a home match against Glenbard West. DiTomasso registered an assist on Avery Edgewater's goal in the game, but the Red Devils came up short in a 2-1 loss to the conference rival Hilltoppers. (Jim Slonoff photo)

All Veterans are encouraged to participate in the procession.

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- 10:30 AM -** Ceremonies at the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Ave.

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Local products show college mettle

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restrictions.

“Basically our only way out was lacrosse, so that made us become best friends and definitely made us stronger and more connected as a unit,” she said.

Junior year brought her first start, which she capitalized on by scoring a hat trick with her family in attendance.

“I hadn’t started a game since my junior year of high school. Just seeing my parents cheering in the stands made me feel so accomplished,” Hamood said.

An upset of No. 4 Maryland on the road this season was another highlight, as was Senior Night a few weeks ago, a celebratory and poignant occasion to look back on her journey.

“That was the best day of my life,” she said. “Everyone on my team came together to make me feel so special and valued.”

With graduation in the rear view mirror, Hamood is locked in on her team’s first-round NCAA tournament clash with James Madison University tomorrow, May 10.

Win or lose, she wouldn’t trade the last four years for anything.

“It’s taught me how to be

a great leader and deal with adversity,” she said.

Emily Napier

DePauw University women’s lacrosse team had never made the Division III NCAA tournament when Emily Napier joined the program. By her junior year, the former Hinsdale Central standout had helped the Tigers secure their first postseason berth with 49 goals in 18 games, second-best on the squad.

“Going to NAAs last year, I think all of us were so psyched to be there, and that boosted everyone’s confidence in what we could achieve,” Napier said.

She finished her career with 114 goals, third most all-time, and life lessons that will last well beyond the field.

“I’ve really learned the importance of leadership and leading by example,” she said. “I’m not a very outgoing person, but I think I’ve definitely made an impact with the way I play and my composure.”

Napier also honed her time management skills as a student-athlete, making use of the often lengthy trips to away games.

“It’s nice on four- to six-



Alaina Hamood, Penn State University

hour bus rides when you can just knock a bunch of (class work) out,” she remarked.

She enjoyed the occasional match against a former Devils teammate like Lally Johnson, who competed for University of Chicago.

“It’s always fun just to watch everyone that I’ve played with over the years, seeing them setting records and thriving,” Napier said.

The soon-to-be logistics analyst offered a positive analysis of the future of Tigers women’s lacrosse, although she’ll miss the camaraderie.

“I’ll miss seeing all the people that I’ve seen on a daily basis for the past four years,” Napier said.

Kendall Schrader

Kendall Schrader said tennis for her had mainly been an individualistic pursuit. That was until she arrived at Denison University.

“When I got to college and was with my team competing in tough matches, I realized the fun part about the sport is being a part of a team that wins and loses together, not just winning your individual matches,” Schrader said.

The Big Red’s conference championship her sophomore year is among her lasting memories.

“I will never forget what it was like when my teammate clinched the conference



Kendall Schrader, Denison University

match as I was playing next to her. We were the only two left playing, so we ran over to each other, and everyone else followed,” she recounted.

Denison played in two NCAA tournaments during her four-year tenure. Schrader served as captain this past year — as the only senior on the squad.

“I spoke a lot to my teammates about how important encouraging your teammates is. Not everyone is going to play in the lineup, but the girl cheering on the sideline plays

just as important of a role as the girl out there playing,” she said. “It really is a group effort and being a part of college athletics has given me the chance to see the importance of having different people contributing in different ways.”

As the Benet Academy alum prepares to start law school, she reflects fondly on her Division III court proceedings.

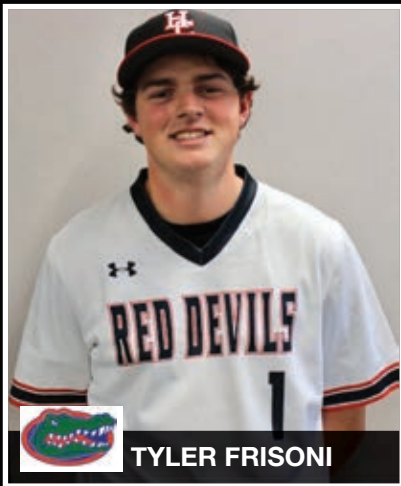
“I couldn’t be more grateful for the college athletic experience I had,” Schrader said.



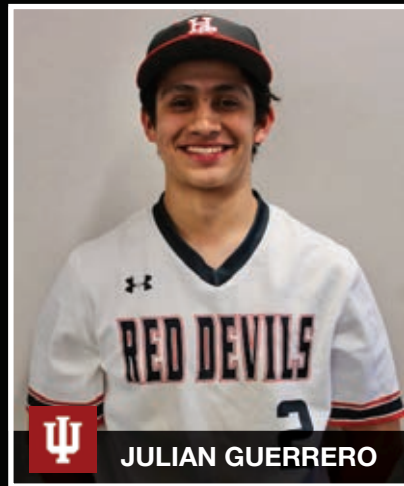
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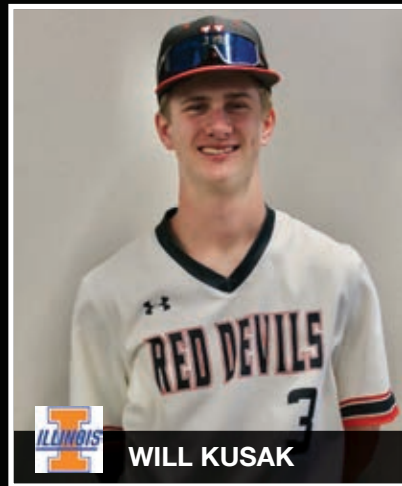
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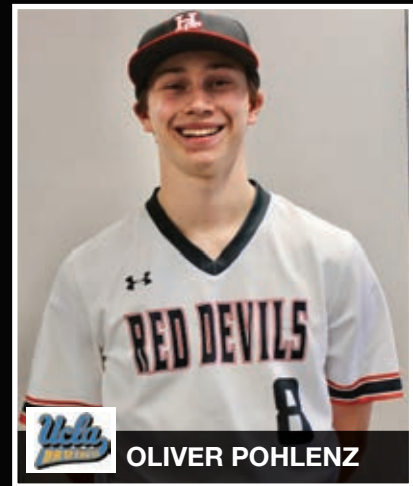
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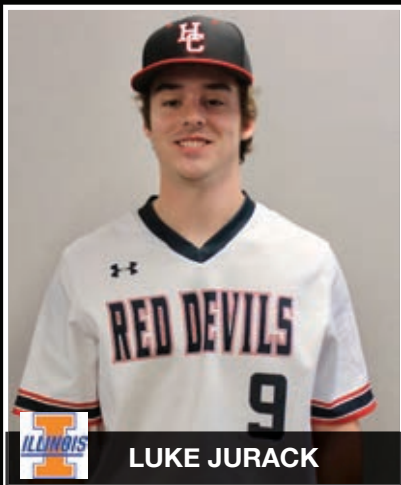
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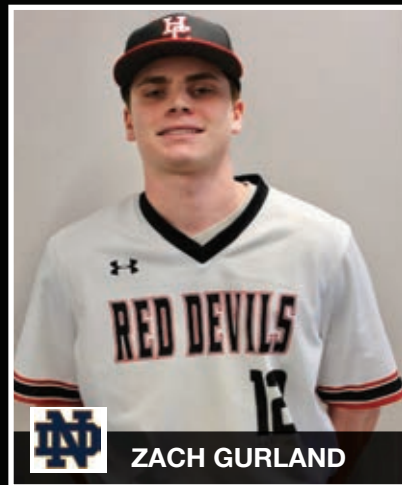
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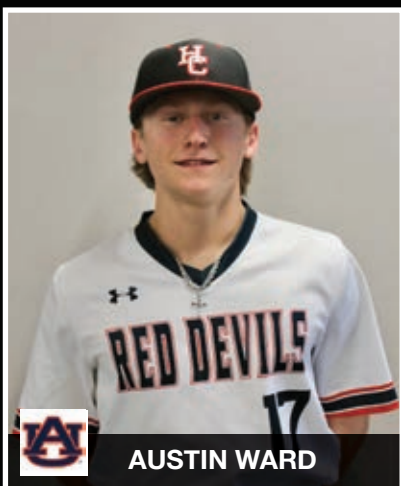
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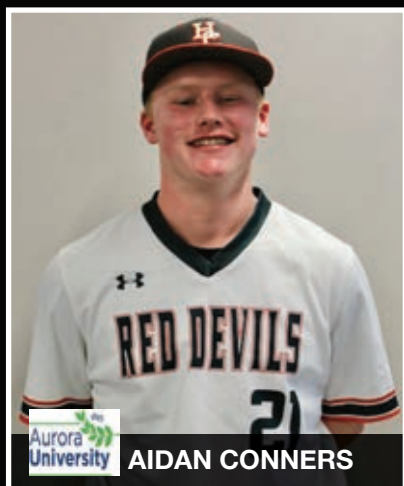
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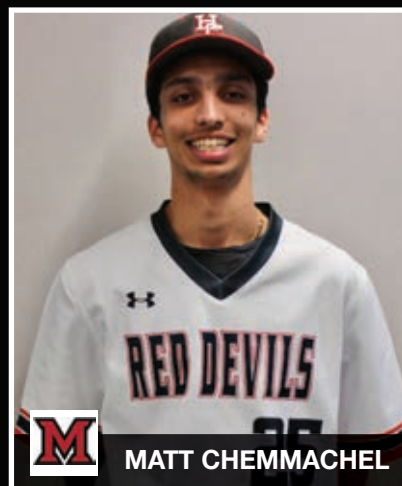
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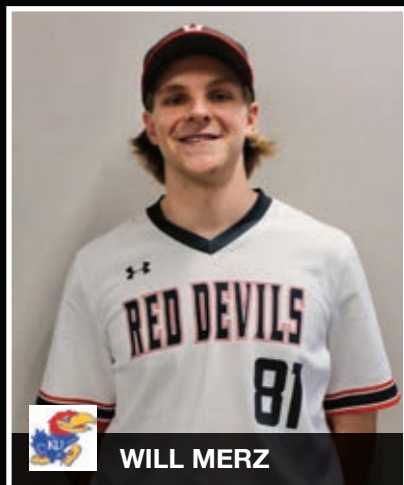
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Athletes from Hinsdale represent village across range of NCAA programs

By Ken Knutson

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As the competitive spring high school seasons are winding down for local senior student-athletes, several former sports standouts from Hinsdale have reached the end of their college journeys.

Most notably is Kiran Amegadjie, former Hinsdale Central and Yale University star offensive tackle who was chosen 75th overall by the Chicago Bears in last month's NFL Draft.

"It's surreal," he told *The Hinsdalean* this week about joining the professional ranks with his hometown team.

Watch for more on Amegadjie in a future issue. Today we're catching up with other village natives closing their campus careers with a flourish.

Reilly Revord

Graduate student Reilly Revord has been a six-year mainstay of the track team at University of Missouri,

where she's also competed in cross country.

Talk about a final kick. In March she won the 1,500-meter race at the Pepsi Florida Relays in a then-personal best time of 4:25.97.

"That was probably one of my better wins," she said. "That was opener of the outdoor season, and I ran a closing lap of 64 seconds, which is a really fast lap for me."

A couple of weeks later she shaved two-hundredths of second off that mark at a meet in California. Then two weeks ago at Kansas State University, she set another career mark, this time in the 800 meters with 2:10.35.

"I was really happy about that," Revord remarked. "I was really able to step it up at the end."

Being the oldest of three siblings at Mizzou — all track athletes — has made it a particularly special experience.

Currently in Florida to run the 1,500 in her final SEC Championship meet, the Spanish major



Olivia Oosterbaan, University of Montana

will cross the Atlantic this summer for a year-long job teaching English in a Madrid high school.

Competing at the college level, Revord reflected, has taught her to resist the constant urge to measure herself against others by concentrating on simply being her best, at whatever she pursues.

"I've learned to listen to myself and do the things I know work for me to help me be successful," Revord said. "Focus on yourself and on what you can do within yourself."

Olivia Oosterbaan

Olivia Oosterbaan closed her University of Montana tennis journey in winning style, helping the Grizzlies win their first Big Sky Conference regular season title since 2014.

"To end my career with a Big Sky championship with my team was great," said Oosterbaan, who secured the clinching point with her doubles partner in a nail-biting 7-6 tiebreak. "To be able to be the top

team in the conference and be able to win a ton of big matches was awesome as senior."

The former Hinsdale Central star stayed for a fifth year in Missoula, and her teammates are presumably thankful she did. Winning results had been hard to come by for Montana in the years before Oosterbaan signed her letter of intent.

"I wanted to change it and help turn it around," she said. "I'm just glad that I got to leave a lasting mark on the program."

The driven student-athlete finished her bachelor's degree in three years and then completed her MBA while logging untold miles during a grueling fall and spring schedule.

"I practiced everyday at 7 a.m., and we would travel three to four days out of the week," she explained. "We traveled everywhere — from San Diego State to Michigan State."

Most of Oosterbaan's cohorts had actually traveled from distant lands to campus, including natives

of Spain, Bulgaria, England and Sweden. She was one of only two Grizzly players from the States.

Oosterbaan keeps tabs on her Central buddies and the girls tennis team. And she's become a pickleball convert.

"I still want to play in tennis leagues and coach," she said.

Alaina Hamood

Alaina Hamood admitted to feeling a bit overwhelmed as an incoming lacrosse player at Penn State University.

"I just remember knowing that I would have to work really hard to get what I wanted," Hamood said.

She discovered a supportive roster around her that welcomed and encouraged her.

"They were so open and elevated me to be my best," she related.

Hamood forged a tight bond with her first-year teammates during COVID



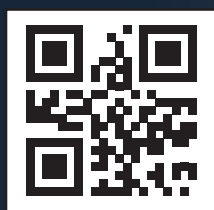
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