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Upstairs, downstairs

The 38-step staircase inside 420 S. Park St. is one of the elements Mimi and Dan Collins restored to its former splendor when they purchased the century-old chateau nearly two years ago. A beneficiary of the village's recent efforts to preserve vintage properties, the home was opened to the public earlier this month to show how a historic home can be renovated for modern living. For more information, see the story on Page 5. (Jim Slonoff photo)

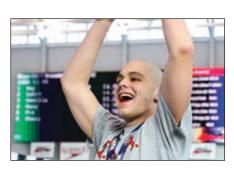




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NEWS

Profile for new leader in board's hands

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

More than 20 candidates have applied to become the next superintendent in Hinsdale High School District 86, and board members now have a profile of what type of individual they should hire.

The profile was developed with input from 157 people who participated in focus groups and 657 people who completed an online survey, according to Kevin O'Mara, president of School Exec Connect, the firm conducting the search.

He and colleague Brian Barnhart met over two days with 20 different focus groups that included school board members, administrators, teachers, staff, parents, students, elected officials and community

members.

"Lots of good communication happened and we were grateful for their input," O'Mara told board members at their Oct. 12 meeting. Participants were asked for com-

plete honesty, Barnhart said.

"We pushed for details and clarifications and examples, especially if we got a buzzword type of response within the group," he told board members. "What is reported this evening are the themes that we heard across the various groups that we met with."

People expressed a lot of pride in the district and a number of strengths, including dedicated and competent personnel, high student achievement, myriad academic and extracurricular opportunities for students, strong community support, a challenging curriculum, great facilities and diversity.

"People specifically move here so that their students can attend District 86 schools," he said.

Barnhart grouped the challenges the district faces, with the top three being communication, trust and governance. Miscommunication, lack of transparency and lack of trust were all mentioned, he noted.

"It is throughout the school community," Barnhart said of trust issues. "That will be something that will need to be addressed by the new superintendent."

Stakeholders believe political agendas impede consensus and want a better relationship between the board and the superintendent.

The next group of challenges is the achievement gap, diversity, curricu-

lum and systems. People need more data to understand the extent of the achievement gap and would like more clarity on equity and equality in the district.

One word came up often during discussions of curriculum.

"Alignment is something we pushed hard on because we heard it from group after group after group," Barnhart said. "One of the important things for you and for the new superintendent to know is that alignment means a lot of different things to a lot of different people."

Systems and structures need work, Barnhart said.

"Clarification on who within the organization is responsible for strategic vs. tactical vs. operational

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Trustees give proposal for larger HMS signs a read

By Ken Knutson kknutson@thehinsdalean.com

Nearly five years after opening, Hinsdale Middle School needs to bring some of its external signage up to code.

At a rescheduled village board meeting Monday night, Hinsdale trustees listened to requests by Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 to OK the six signs on the building despite village code limiting the number to two. They also asked for permission to allow the size and height of the Blue Ribbon emblem on the east wall and to fly larger flags.

Under the district's proposal, the "Hinsdale Middle School" sign on the east side of the building would be relocated to the north side. Kerry Leonard, owner's representative for District 181, said putting it there will help guide motorists from Washington Street into the upper level of the parking deck.

With a gross surface area of 18.8 feet, the Blue Ribbon emblem is six times the size permitted. The illuminated emblem would be lowered to 39 feet, which is still higher than the maximum 20-foot height under code.

"It will still be lit, but with a smaller light bar," Leonard said.

The maximum flag size allowed is 24 square feet, but the school wants to fly 96-square-foot flags. A flagpole currently stands on the south side of the building, and the district plans to install a second flagpole on the east side.

"This was a flagpole that was supposed to go on the parking deck, but structurally the parking deck could not handle it. So by locating it here, it'll be in the ground," Leonard said, noting a monument sign will also be placed there. "The monument sign, the flagpole and the Blue Ribbon emblem will work together to identify that entry to the parking deck."

Trustee Luke Stifflear said a neighboring resident had raised concerns about a metal clanging sound from the flagpole at night when the flag is raised.

In response, Leonard said the school has been lowering the flag after school every day and sound deadening equipment may be incorporated as officials plan to install the second pole. He added that lighting for all the school signs will conform to code.

Stifflear said the regulations limiting the number of signs seemed unduly rigid in this case.

"A lot of signage is dependent upon the total square feet of the building," he said. "Some of restrictions here are based on the front yard side of the property, which limits it to 100 feet. This is obviously much bigger than 100 feet."

Leonard underscored the point, stressing that the school needs enough signs to correspond to its multiple access points.

"There's 15 doors on the building, and it actually faces three streets," he told trustees. "It's minimal signage for something of this size."

Trustees are expected to vote on the matter at their Tuesday, Nov. 7, meeting.



Library hosts mid-autumn fest



The Hinsdale Public Library held a mid-autumn festival Oct. 1. More than 300 people attended the event, where they learned about the origin of the Chinese festival enjoyed delicacies, crafts, games and calligraphy. Asteria and Adrian Gong work on crafts, while Max Sun enjoys a game of ping pong. (Sam Wheeler photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Park view — Hinsdale's Sean Chaudhry came across a box of old photos tucked in a corner of his store's basement. This photo was taken from the warming hut at Burns Field looking east toward Vine Street in 1937. At that time, there were no houses on the block. 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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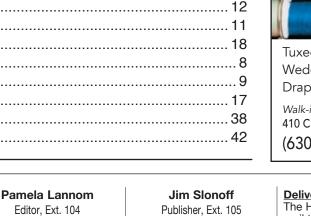
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NEWS

Park chateau endures like work of art

Renovated 100-year-old home hearkens back to Hinsdale glamour of the Roaring Twenties

By Ken Knutson kknutson@thehinsdalean.com

In 1923, fire destroyed the Queen Anne-style home at 420 S. Park St.

Owner Kathleen Healy Besly was away on a trip to England and learned the terrible news upon her return. Her desire to stay in Hinsdale fully intact, construction began the following year on a new residence inspired by her European upbringing.

"Besly chose the French eclectic design as it was reminiscent of her childhood spent in France," according to the Hinsdale Historical Society's Historical Tourist: Hinsdale app.

A century later, Mimi Collins and her husband, Dan, have breathed contemporary life into the classic abode while maintaining its vintage essence. Mimi, a local real estate agent who has restored other historic homes in town, saw the potential and purchased it in 2021.

"I kind of fall in love with a house and I have to save it," Collins remarked. "It was always pretty, but it just was dated."

The facade was re-stuccoed and aluminum storm screens removed to reveal the stunning original windows. Visitors step into an expansive foyer, where a 38-step staircase on the opposite side winds up to the second floor and repaired original marble steps lead down to a rear door. To the left is the living room, with a fireplace mantel made from reclaimed burned painting frames salvaged from the former home's wreckage.

Besly was an avid art collector, not surprising considering she was the daughter of famous portrait painter George P. A. Healy, for whom Abraham Lincoln and other luminaries sat. In the dining room across the foyer, Collins discovered an archway entrance to Besly's art salon when she peeled back one of the walls.

"She would flip on the lights and she would have these big parties with this gallery. She had a famous collection," Collins said.





The Hinsdale Tourist app, which provides details on the before and after of the project, chronicles how the salon, now the kitchen, used to have three arches on the outside east wall.

The original kitchen has been converted into a butler's pantry. Moulding throughout the first floor carries a circle motif that Collins has incorporated into aspects of her decor.

"I'd never seen in before but I liked it and kept it," she said.

Besly tapped Chicago architect Alfred Pashley, best known for designing the Cardinal's residence on North State Parkway, for the project.

"Pashley designed the new structure with Pyro-Bloc hollow core tile rather than traditional lath and plaster to prevent future fires," the app explains. Collins related that the material also proved somewhat of a barrier to upgrading the utilities.

"It becomes calcified and you actually have to jackhammer it out," Collins said. "It's really a lot. But that's why it's also in great shape, because it's so structurally sound."

The number of upstairs bedrooms was reduced from six to four to create bedroom suites. Beautifully revived wood floors run throughout the home, and Collins said windows in the primary bathroom, found hidden behind a closet, were opened to restore natural light.

The third floor, former servants' quarters, houses a bunk room for visiting family, an office and a play room.

"It was for the help," she said of the area accessed by a back staircase. "They had chauffeurs and servants."



420 S. Park St. stands apart with a French eclectic design that compelled resident Mimi Collins to renovate and restore it. Thirdfloor servants quarters were converted to a bunk room. The home was completed in 1927 to replace a 1899 Victorian house that had burned down. As a nod to its predecessor, the living room fireplace molding incorporates pieces of charred painting frames salvaged after the fire. (Jim Slonoff photos)



For the top-story bedroom, Collins refurbished a wooden bed frame she came across that belonged to the previous owner.

"I like to mix modern with vintage," she remarked.

Behind the home is the original 1899 coach house that survived the fire. Sections of the horse stables are clearly preserved. To the south is the home that Besly had built for her sisters in 1928, now a separate residence. New patios and a circle driveway lend winsome curb appeal. Neighbors once played tennis on courts just off the living room. Those were not resurrected.

While George Healy, who died in 1894 in Chicago, never graced the home, undoubtedly his pieces did. His 1871 portrait of Kathleen's older sister Marie is on display at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, which traces the painting's lineage back to 420 S. Park. Chicago's Newberry Library has more than 40 of his portraits in its collection, including paintings of Lincoln and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant that he used in his most famous piece, "The Peacemakers."

Collins was delighted when she landed a Civil Warera Healy print through a Vermont auction. It hangs in the hallway to the kitchen. "It's John Hancock's niece, supposedly," she said.

Collins laments the loss of historic specimens over the years but is heartened by the village's steps to promote preservation through incentives like zoning relief and grants.

"It costs a lot of money to redo these houses, but (new builds) don't have the same patina or character."

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info

On the draft agenda: FY23 budget review, FY23 tax levy max, interlibrary loan and public comment policies, by-laws update, 2024 closing and meeting dates, new time for committee of the whole meetings

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business Oct. 12, board members • unanimously approved a new math course called Geometry and Construction for the 2024-25 school year

• voted 5-1 to postpone a vote on adding four new social studies courses and eliminating one until its next meeting on Oct. 26. Board member Peggy James said she needed answers to some questions before she would be comfortable voting.

• decided to interview five to eight of the 17 individuals who applied to fill the vacancy. The board plans to vote on and swear in a new member at its Oct. 26 meeting. President Cat Greenspon thanked the community for its interest and said there were "incredibly distinguished" candidates.

• approved rate increases effective Jan. 1 of 6.3 percent for medical insurance, 7.4 person for dental insurance and 4.1 percent for vision buy-up for district employees

Trustees give HMS signs a read

as the new leader arrives in District 86," he explained.

The final challenge is repairing the district's image, which has taken some hits in the media and on social media, Barnhart said.

Traits desired in a new superintendent include strong leadership, excellent communication skills, visibility, experience in a high-performing district and accountability.

Students in particular want opportunities to interact with the new leader, Barnhart said.

"It came across all the groups, but your kids said that to us regularly," he said.

O'Mara reviewed the survey results with the board, which had similar themes. Seventy percent of respondents were parents, guardians or community members. Among the challenges, respondents identified board governance as No. 1 by a large margin, he said.

The profile for the new superintendent, which is available online at www.hinsdale86.org/departments/ superintendent/search, lists

needs to really be a focal point 19 traits the new superintendent should have.

"This is the lens we will use, as I said, to continue our recruitment and to make sure we get the right slate (of candidates) for the board to consider as this process moves on," O'Mara said.

The firm plans to bring a slate of five or six candidates to the board for interviews. The board has set a goal of hiring a new superintendent before the end of the year.

Board member Jeff Waters asked if the firm was pleased with the number of applicants, which was 21 as of the board meeting and expected to grow.

"We're past where I thought we might be. That's a good number," O'Mara said, noting another search the firm is conducting has garnered only nine applicants.

"Hinsdale is a great place," he added. "That doesn't mean it doesn't have its challenges. It's got its challenges. We heard that loud and clear in some of our focus groups and some of the survey responses, but it's a great place."

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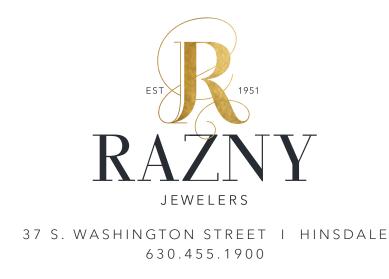
A Texaco gas station was built on the southeast corner of First and Lincoln streets in 1928, and it remained in operation until 1982, when it was sold. The Yurchaks remodeled the building and opened the Hinsdale Fruit Store. The store gained a new neighbor to the south in 2006 when Passero Development Corp. built a mixed-use office building at 111 S. Lincoln St. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo/Jim Slonoff photo)

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police released the following reports Oct. 17.

DUI arrest

Mario B. Argueta Lopez, 22, 111 Bernice Drive, No. 2A, Bensenville, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane use at 1:54 a.m. Oct. 15 at Route 83 and 55th Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Disorderly conduct arrest

Dorothy A. Newsome, 68, 3920 N. Clark St., Chicago was arrested for disorderly conduct/breach of peace for making comments of an alarming and threatening nature at Gateway Spine and Pain Physicians, 12 Salt Creek Lane, at 1:57 p.m. Oct. 9. She was cited and released to appear in court.

Identity thefts reported

• The identity of a resident of the 300 block of Ravine Road was used to open a cell phone account. The incident was reported Oct. 14.

• Someone spoofed the email of a resident of the 100 block of East Ogden Avenue and sent emails to the victim's contacts requesting funds between Sept. 1 and Oct. 10. No dollar loss was reported.

Driver leaves the scene

A witness saw a suspect driving a silver Jeep Cherokee hit a parked car and leave the area without providing information at 4:58 p.m. Oct. 15 at Garfield Avenue and Maumell Street.

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

Coroner lists causes of death in Dockery case

Autopsy reports are in for a 49-year-old Hinsdale man and his 48-year-old ex-wife, whom he confessed to murdering at her home in Geneva before taking his own life.

The reports confirm that Chad L. Dockery an Amanda R. Dockery both died from gunshot wounds June 19.

Amanda Dockery suffered two gunshot wounds, one to the left side of her chest and one on the right side of her head, according to autopsy reports obtained through a Freedom of Information Act Request from the Kane County Coroner's Office.

The first shot, which showed evidence of close-range firing, fractured her rib and perforated her lung before exiting the back. The second shot fractured her skull and lacerated her brain before exiting the left side of her head, lacerating her ear. The entrance wound showed no evidence of closerange firing.

Chad Dockery died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the right side of his head, according to his autopsy.

Geneva police responded at 5:22 p.m. June 14 to a 911 call from Chad Dockery, who was at his ex-wife's home and told police he had killed her. When police arrived, he was observed inside a vehicle at the end of the driveway. As the officer approached, Dockery fired the gun. Police then entered the home and found Amanda Dockery suffering from two apparent gunshot wounds. Both were pronounced dead after being taken to Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital in Geneva.

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60 SECONDS

"The best parts of every day are the interactions with kids and seeing them excited to walk in the door and leave with smiles on their faces." - Erin Eder

New Monroe principal is right in her element

The box of British biscuits and wall-mounted "BELIEVE" sign in Erin Eder's office leaves little doubt as to her favorite fictional soccer coach.

The "Ted Lasso" tribute is courtesy of her colleagues in celebration of Principal Appreciation Week. Eder feels the love, as she long has in the school setting, dating back to when her childhood school doubled as her mom's workplace.

"School always felt like an extension of home. The teachers that I was in class with were also at our house on weekends," she said. "School has always felt like a family."

The daughter of two educators is now leading her own school after being appointed principal of Monroe earlier this year. Eder said that feeling of familiarity is reminiscent of her youth.

"I am drawn to the neighborhood schools, the closeknit staff and teams, and really that family involvement that we have here," she said. She began with Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 in 2012 as a psychologist. Two years ago she became pupil services administrator for Monroe and The Lane. Eder said that shift to

administration whet her appetite to ascend to the principal's office one day.

"The ability to serve more of the students in the building, to have a bit of a broader scope and to be able to connect more on a daily basis with students and families," she said.

The prospect of being anchored to one school also was appealing.

"I'd always gone between two schools, and I was becoming more and more drawn to putting down anchors in one," she said. Eder said her background informs her approach to serving the spectrum of student needs.

"Through the evaluation process with students, I have observed in hundreds of classrooms," she said. "The benefit of that is getting to see all the wonderful things that are happening from the teachers in the building and to see what really good instruction looks like."

In her previous positions she worked to discern an individual student's strengths and areas in which he or she needed additional support.

"My goal and focus in this role is, to the greatest extent possible, replicate that for every student in the building, to know where our students



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are at currently and how can we continue to help them grow academically, social-emotionally, and generally as good people," she said.

With her own three kids involved in competitive activities, the Eder family tends to stay in motion.

"We are glorified Ubers on the weekends," she quipped. "Coaching, cheering, watching youth sports. When I'm not (at Monroe) around kids, I am at home, surrounded by my own. It is so crazy and it is also so fun."

Her brother is a middle school principal and her husband, Drew, is an administrator at Lyons Township High School

"It's like the family business," Eder said with a laugh. And one she feels validated in pursuing.

Home &

"It has been such a wonderful start to the school year. I could not feel more supported or more confident in the decision to shift into this principal role," she said. "The best parts of every day are the interactions with kids and seeing them excited to walk in the door and leave with smiles on their faces."

> story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Send substance-free message for Red Ribbon Week

One in eight teenagers in the U.S. used an illicit substance in the last year.

Sixty-two percent of high school seniors have abused alcohol and 50 percent of teens have misused a drug at least once, according to the National Center For Drug Abuse Statistics. Overdose deaths among 15- to 24-year-olds more than tripled from 1999 to 2017, climbing from 1,240 to 4,777.

Statistics specific to Illinois are no more comforting.

Almost 7 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds report using drugs in the last month and almost 9 percent drank alcohol in the last month.

In a society saturated with ads for alcohol and marijuana and countless adults imbibing in these substances, it's more important than ever to send a clear message to teens about the dangers of both. Red Ribbon Week, which runs from Oct. 23-31, is a great opportunity to do just that.

"Be kind to your mind. Live drug free" is this year's theme.

Living substance-free is particularly important for teens. Because their brains are still developing, teens can have difficulty making rational decisions and regulating their emotions. If those two factors lead them to use drugs or alcohol, they can become addicted faster than an adult would.

The same ability to form synapses in the brain that allows younger people to learn faster also makes them more prone to addiction.

The Red Ribbon Week website at www.redribbon.org offers several suggestions for parents, including watching Natural High's free celebrity drug prevention videos with their kids and using the discussion questions to start a conversation about drugs and alcohol.

Parents are also encouraged to secure and take inventory of their medicine cabinets to prevent prescription drug abuse. Adults also can encourage the Hinsdale Village Board to declare Oct. 23-31 Red Ribbon Week in Hinsdale.

Parents can sign the National Red Ribbon Campaign Pledge online at www.redribbon. org/pledge to help create a drug-free America. It reads:

1. As parents and citizens, we will talk to our children and the children in our lives about the dangers of drug abuse.

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2. We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.

3. We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.

4. We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences so that our rules are respected.

5. We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep children safe from substance abuse.

Youth are invited to sign a pledge as well:

I pledge to grow up safe, healthy and drug free by

1. Understanding the danger of drug use and abuse.

2. Respecting myself and being drug free.

3. Spreading the word to family and friends about the importance of being healthy and drug free.

Research shows parents can help reduce the risk of alcohol or drug use by maintaining and healthy and open relationship with their children. Red Ribbon Week is great fodder for that conversation.

Chicago Marathon the first for two familiar faces

Clare Sullivan and Laura Cronin ran their first marathons earlier this month in the Bank of American Chicago Marathon Oct. 8.

Both women are familiar faces in town. Sullivan is general manager at Altamura in downtown Hinsdale (and downstairs from our office!). Cronin is the nurse manager of NICU, pediatrics and lactation at UChicago Medicine Advent Health Hinsdale.

I ran into Sullivan — a lifelong Hinsdale resident — Friday night before the race as I was ordering a pizza and she was eating one, followed up by some pumpkin gelato.

"I love carb loading!" she said, shoving a spoonful of gelato in her mouth.

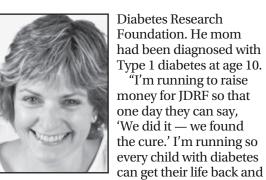
The 26-year-old not only had never run a marathon, she had never run at all prior to starting her training four months ago. She ran to meet a personal challenge and as a way to give back to those in

need. "All of your support and encouragement has already made such an impact on me throughout this whole season of training," she wrote on her fundraising page. "Every kind word has fueled me on one mile or another, and I could not be more grateful for

everything this experience has taught me.'

Sullivan ran with Team Nourishing Hope to raise money for the agency, which provides food, mental wellness counseling and other social services in Chicago. She raised \$1,322 of the team's \$67,181 total and finished the race in 4 hours and 48 minutes.

Cronin ran in honor of her mom, who passed away 13 years ago due to complications from diabetes, and raised money for the Juvenile



Pamela Lannom

will restrict the life they dreamed of," she wrote on her fundraising page.

"I'm running to raise

never question if diabetes

Family, friends and co-workers helped her exceed her fundraising goal and raise more than \$3,000.

Cronin, who began running in high school, had never attempted a marathon prior to Oct. 8. She completed the race in 4 hours, 27 minutes.

"What an amazing experience it was to run my first marathon ever in Chicago. It was perfect weather, the crowds were amazing and the energy was like nothing I could ever imagine," she stated in a press release. "Crossing the finish line was phenomenal.'

Cronin offered a piece of advice to anyone who might follow in her footsteps.

"If you ever have the itch to run a marathon, do it. Follow the training plan, do the homework and you'll be ready. When it comes to race day, just keep remembering your 'why' and you'll find yourself crossing that finish line."

I am certain I will never have the itch to run a marathon, but I admire Cronin and Sullivan for doing so. Congratulations to them and all the Hinsdale runners who competed in the marathon. Results for Hinsdale residents who finished the race appear on Page 39.

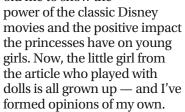
— Pamela Lannom is editor of The Hinsdalean. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY Losing the Disney dream

Years ago, my dad wrote an article in this paper about the Disney princesses, the important role that they play in the lives of young and impressionable girls, and the criticism they received from some feminists. He looked to 10-yearold me to show the



Cast as the title character in the upcoming "reimagining" of the classic movie "Snow White," Rachel Zelger recently bashed the original story and praised the retelling, one in which Snow White will not be "saved by the prince" and will not be "dreaming about true love." Apparently, no semblance of the beloved and iconic Disney princess is anywhere to be found.

Unfortunately, in a weak and self-serving attempt to "save" young girls from the pitied role of being a woman destined for love, the Disney company, and all those who support its growing wokeness, have doomed them instead.

Zelger's Snow White is an insult to the classic Disney princesses who have been models of femininity, grace and strength for almost a century. Zegler and her Disney bosses want you to believe the princesses are one-dimensional, with no place in the modern world. They couldn't be more wrong.

Belle teaches young girls that intelligence is power, and books are the tools to achieve



Katie Hughes

own. Rapunzel's fierce confidence in herself and her excitement for life are traits that are far too often missing in others.

All three princesses exemplify strength. And all three princesses value love above all. Today's Disney isn't help-

ing to raise powerful young women; it's helping to raise women who think wanting or needing love from someone other than yourself, especially a man, is wrong. Denouncing the princesses undermines both the human need for connection and the reassurance that we don't have to be brave or selfless or strong all the time.

A world without the princesses is a world where girls are taught that the very thing that makes them human is also the thing that makes them weak — and the consequences could be catastrophic.

I grew up dreaming that someday my prince would come, and I turned out just fine — confident, independent and aware of how important it is to love and be loved. I feel sorry for the young girls of this generation who are being denied the opportunity to do the same. Because if something as pure as true love's kiss isn't good enough to save us all, then nothing will.

Katie Hughes of Hinsdale is a senior at the University of Georgia. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean. com.

THAT'S CERTAINLY QUESTIONABLE CALL BY THE REFEREE. it. Ariel teaches girls that love is sacrifice, and that sometimes you must let go of the things you've always loved — like home or family — to create a life that is truly your AND THE WINNER OF THE SCARIEST PUMPKIN CONTEST IS ... KRK GROZE DIST. BY KING REATURES SINDICATE

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OBITUARIES

Robert Curtis Brown

Robert Curtis Brown, 92, formerly of Hinsdale, died Oct. 2, 2023.

He was born in Isabella, Penn., in 1931 and grew up in Peoria. He attended the University of Illinois on a Chick Evans Caddy Scholarship, graduating in 1953. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force and served two years on active duty. After the service, he earned an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1959.

During his long career in the municipal and government bond markets, Mr. Brown was employed by the Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, the First National Bank of Chicago and Norwest Bank in Minneapolis. He retired in 1991 as an executive vice president and head of the Capital Markets Group of Norwest Corp. (now Wells Fargo & Co.).

He was active in industry affairs, serving variously as chairman of the Municipal Securities Rule Making Board in Washington, D.C. and The Bond Market Association headquartered in New York City. In retirement he served as a director of the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corp. and the Wells Fargo Mutual Funds.



Brown

He loved golf and was an active member of Laurel Oak Country Club in Sarasota, Fla., and the Hinsdale Golf Club. He also enjoyed working with kids in the Church of the Palms tutoring program.

All who knew Bob will miss his "joie de vivre" and gentlemanly ways and are thankful to have been a part of his life.

Mr. Brown is survived by his daughters, Jean (Jeff) Gallagher, Lisa (Frank) Benages, and Nancy Brown; his five grandchildren, Katie (Matt) Gold, Kristen (Eric) Moravcik, Carolyn (Kyle) Dress, Dan (Rosie) Gallagher and Kerry Gallagher; and his six great-grandchildren, Camryn and Jack Gold, Sadie and Mason Moravcik, Jonah Gallagher and Hallie Dress.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Tidewell Hospice Foundation, 3550 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34239 (www. TidewellFoundation.org); or Evans Scholars Foundation, 2501 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, IL 60626-8022 (www.wgaesf.org/content/memorials-and-honorariums) or a charity of your choice.

Bruce Raymond Magnuson

Bruce Raymond Magnuson, of Chicago and Lakeside, Mich., formerly of Hinsdale, passed away Oct. 12, 2023, just short of his 91st birthday.

He was born in 1932 in Oak Park to Raymond and Astrid Magnuson.

He attended Chicago Christian High School, then North Park College and Augustana College, where he met Carole (Sahlin) and graduated in 1954 with a bachelor's in business. He and Carole help

married in November 1954 in Tacoma, Wash. Married life began in South Bend, Ind., followed by La Grange, Hinsdale, Oak Brook and Burr Ridge, until the two settled along the Chicago/Museum Park lakefront in 2007. He was the general manager of Vogel Peterson Co. and cofounder of Magnuson Group. Although he never officially retired, he maintained a strong work life balance, serving on boards including Covenant Retirement Communities and the Viking ship project.

He and Carole traveled extensively but put handled the arrangements.



down additional roots in Michigan where they savored a respite from the city. He was renowned for his incredible memory, especially when regaling a tale or accurately bringing his caricatures to life via pencil or dramatization. With an affinity for art, photography, cars and travel he loved his family and God and church above all else. He was always there to lend a quiet hand of help, leading with love.

He is survived by his children, Karin, Peter (Erin) and Elizabeth; his grandchildren, Stewart and Elinda; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ann; and his wife, Carole.

A memorial service is pending.

Memorials may be made to Covenant Retirement Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook, IL 60062; please note "Benevolent Fund".

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale andled the arrangements.

Jerome E. Sobieraj

Jerome E. "Jerry" Sobieraj, 95, of Elmhurst, formerly of Taylor, Mich., died Oct. 16, 2023.

Jerry was born and raised in Detroit. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. Afterward, he obtained an engineering degree from the Lawrence Institute of Technology. He began his career as an automotive engineer at Chrysler Corp. and then spent 35 years at General Motors.

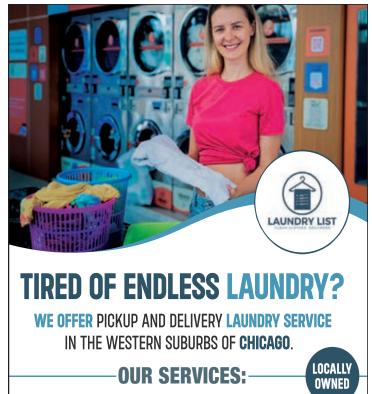
Jerry was active in St. Alfred parish in Taylor, Mich. He loved to travel with Bobbie, visiting more than 75 countries and all 50 states. Jerry was everybody's friend, and will be greatly missed by all who loved him. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta "Bobbie."

He is survived by his children, James (Jacquelyn) of Hinsdale, Jerome MD (Janet MD), Jeffrey (Carmen) and Jane (Gene) Evans; his 12 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, John; and his nine siblings.

A recording of the funeral Mass may be viewed through the funeral home website at www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com.

Gibbons Funeral Home in Elmhurst handled the arrangements.



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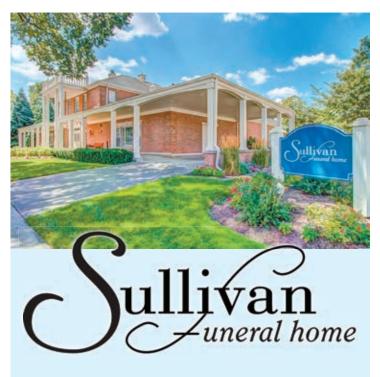
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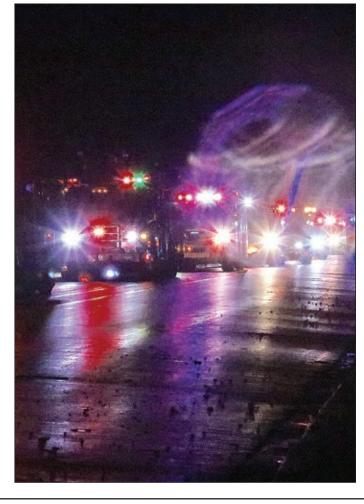
IN FOCUS

Silent parade honors fallen firefighters, fire victims









Friday night the annual silent parade began in Hinsdale, starting at the Hinsdale Fire Department on Symonds and moving west along Chicago Avenue to Lisle. Dozens of fire vehicles from departments throughout the area made the trip, moving silently along the route with only their lights on. Before the start of the parade, firefighters gathered at the station for a service dedicated to their fallen comrades. Doug Carmichael from Bugles Across America played taps. In front of the Hinsdale station, department members set up a memorial to Deputy Chief Mark Johnson, who died in the line of duty in 2010. Along the route Hinsdale residents Kristen Fleming Newhouse and her husband, Keith, paid tribute to her great-grandfather Walter Fleming, a Hinsdale firefighter who died of injuries sustained while fighting a fire in town in 1946.(Jim Slonoff photos)



ASK AN EXPERT

KELSEY JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

How and why has Redeemer changed its Sunday school?

Everyone's habits changed dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic, and for many, that includes the weekly ritual of attending church, said Kelsey Johnson, associate pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hinsdale.

Church services have long since returned to in-person gatherings that closely resemble those held pre-pandemic, but attendance at Redeemer's THOSE services and Sunday school have not, Johnson said. "It's the story of the church right now in America," said Johnson, noting that Redeemer is not alone in its struggle to fill its pews and classrooms.

The pandemic didn't cause the problem, she believes, but accelerated a decline that was already in the works before churches, schools and other institutions closed their doors to visitors in 2020. Rather than lament the loss of those who no longer attend Redeemer's Sunday school classes, Johnson said the church is making changes to better suit the needs of worshipers. One of those changes is the introduction of a new Sunday school curriculum.

"We looked at that reality and said, 'Let's try something new,' " said Johnson, who helped to introduce Godly Play, a method of sharing Bible lessons and church teachings with children using a Montessoribased philosophy.

Godly Play, which is based in Texas and used in churches all over the world, uses storytelling and play to share the liturgical lessons of the day. Johnson said children also are allowed time in each session to ask questions and to reflect on what they've heard. Lessons follow the liturgical calendar, so children who attend Sunday school are hearing the same stories and learning the same lessons their parents and older siblings are hearing in church.

Children from 3 years old through fifth grade gather for each Godly Play session, which happens during the 11 a.m. Sunday service in a separate area of the church building. Each pastor-led session is just 25 minutes long. Along with stories from the Bible, Johnson said children learn lessons that apply to their everyday lives. While using a glass bowl to tell the story of baptism, children learned about the importance of caring for fragile things, Johnson said. During a session that involved painting, they learned to clean up after themselves.

Stories about important people in the church's history, like Mother Teresa and Martin Luther, also are introduced.

"They're able to learn about people throughout history who have values that we hope to impart as positive elements of their development," Johnson said.

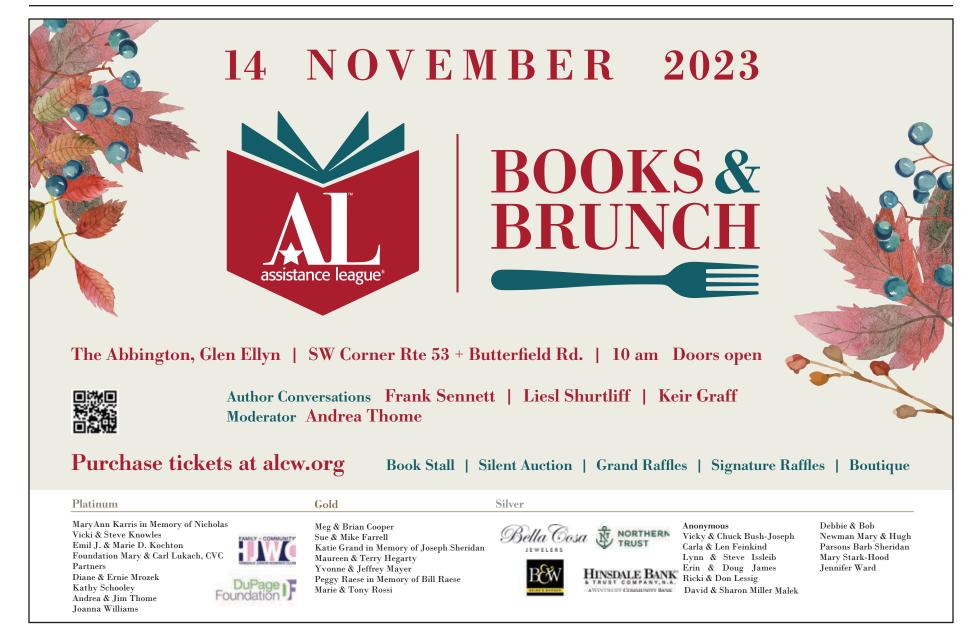
Johnson said the new Sunday school curriculum is being well received by children and their families. She sees potential for longer sessions, as well as mid-week sessions, at some point down the road.

Johnson said she and other church leaders are considering changes to the confirmation program, and have already introduced a monthly program for older adults. Called Thursday 2 Gather, it brings people together on the second Thursday of each month to enjoy outings, activities, volunteer opportunities and Bible study. It's one more way for the church to bring people together in the new, post-pandemic world.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Godly Play, a new Sunday school curriculum, is just one of several changes Kelsey Johnson has helped to introduce since coming to Redeemer about a year ago. After completing seminary school in Chicago, Johnson came for a yearlong internship. When an opportunity presented itself to become associate pastor, she eagerly stepped in. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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OBITUARIES

Lucy May Weiss

Lucy May Weiss, 96, of Hinsdale, passed away Oct. 5, 2023.

Born to Mae Chaplin in Chicago in 1927, Lucy grew up in Hinsdale and was a graduate of Hinsdale High School. When World War II ended, her high school sweetheart, Ralph Michael Weiss, returned from his service in the Naval Air Force.

In August 1948, they were married and she accompanied Ralph to the University of Illinois in Champaign. They enjoyed 66 years together at their home in Hinsdale, until Ralph passed in 2014.

Having a family of many in-laws (25 adults and 31 children), their lives were filled with large family reunions. Lucy and Ralph enjoyed

fond memories of times spent with their dear friends Jack and Estelle Capps and their children.

She worked and retired from the Official Airline Guide in Oak Brook, pursued a career in real estate and enjoyed traveling with Ralph.

Lucy is survived by her children, Ronald (Quy), Alan (Cathy), Linda Weiss and Timothy (Sharon); her grandchildren, Sandra (Jason) Mitchell, Mark (Danielle) Weiss, Pamela (Stephen) Zabawski, Christian Weiss, Daniel (Crystal), Christopher (Jennifer), Kelly and Matthew Weiss; and her great-grandchildren, Colin, Taylor, Nathan and Payton.

Interment will be private at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Oak Brook.

Suzanne L. Zuver

Zuver

Suzanne L. Zuver, nee Fletcher, 82, died Oct. 15, 2023.

Susie was born in Detroit, Mich., to Stanley and Mary, nee Heininger, Fletcher. She moved to Hinsdale with her family when her father began working with Harris Bank. A 1959 graduate of Hinsdale High School, she attended TCU (served in the court of Miss Horned Frog her sophomore year) before graduating from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.

Susie was a loving servant, creative and organized. Devoted to helping others, primarily as a mother and teacher, she taught at Prospect School and for more than 26 years at Cass Elementary District 63, inspiring students and fellow teachers and earning a Golden Apple Award nomination. Her management skills were cherished by many boards and organizations, including PEO Chapter CK (president), Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity (president and state chair) and a founder of the Flourishing West Suburban Village Arts Associates. Susie was also an active member of the women's Boards of United Charities of Chicago and the University of Chicago Brain Research Foundation.

A longtime resident of Golfview Hills, she was president of the homeowners association (first and only woman to serve and for two terms), the women's club and elected president for many years of the Golfview Hills Park District. Today one may walk the Zuver Trail, affectionately named for her by the park district board. She also was secretary of Ruth Lake Woods Condominium Association.

Susie loved gardens and flowers, participating for many years as a member of the Hinsdale Garden Study Club and the Garden Club of Hinsdale and tending her backyard herb garden and black raspberry patch.

Gracious and generous, her frequent parties included special treats, games and often party favors. She was a good cook with a library full of cookbooks supplemented by reams of printed on-line recipes.

Christmas was special — she believed! She had a vast library of Christmas books and every inch of her home was decorated, with Christmas trees in each room and an illuminated Christmas village built in the kitchen. Love and sharing with friends and family she joyfully celebrated Christ's birth.

She enhanced our community and offered her love and affection. Also, Susie was an inveterate online shopper.

She is survived by her partner of more than 30 years, Robert Johnson; her son, Richard Grayden (Sarah) Zuver; her grandchildren, Mairead and Ilsa Zuver; her nieces, Elizabeth (Andrew Podevels) Breuer, Meredith (Eric) Spitz and Gillian (Christopher) Lepore; and her sister, Barbara Breuer.

She was proceeded in death by her brother, Graham Fletcher.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St. Willowbrook.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Grace Episcopal Church, 120 E. First St., Hinsdale,

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of choice or the Memorial Fund at Grace Episcopal Church, 120 E. First St., Hinsdale, IL 60521.



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Behold the canopy of many colors

Local sites offer perfect vantage points to take in autumn scenery

Fall color in northern Illinois is expected to peak this coming week, experts forecast. The western suburbs offer a rich palette of sites and programs to enjoy this seasonal fashion show. Here are a few worth checking out.

• Learn why trees drop their leaves and the reason behind leaf color change on the Fall Color Walk from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs. Visit www. fpdcc.com or call (708) 839-6897 to register.

• Families will enjoy the Fall Color Walk at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont, observing the nature's splendor on a leisurely walk designed for all ages. Visit www.fpdcc.com or call (708) 257-2045 to register.

• The DuPage County Forest Preserve District is sponsoring a couple of Monday morning Forest Hikes next week. Join the hike Oct. 23, at Pratt's Wayne Woods on Powis Road north of Army Trail Road in Wayne, or the one on Oct. 30 at West DuPage Woods on Route 59 north of Roosevelt Road in Winfield. Gear up and enjoy some healthy exercise on a quick-paced 3- to 5-mile guided hike through the wonders of theses preserves. Both hikes will take place from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and cost \$5 per person. Visit www.dupageforest or call (630) 933-7248 to register.

• The entire month is full of excitement at the Morton Arboretum, 4100 Route 53, Lisle, where visitors can savor the magic of foliage's gradual wardrobe change by exploring the arboretum's woodlands and global tree collections. Sign up for the Fall Foliage Walking Tour from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, to enjoy a seasonal stroll guided by an arboretum ecologist, who will discuss the seasonal changes trees experience throughout the year that lead up to this visual masterpiece. The cost is \$32 per person. Visit www. mortonarb.org or call (630) 968-0074 to register.

The arboretum also is holding other outdoor events to leverage the leafy delights. Sample ciders and seasonal beers amid the rich fall colors around Meadow Lake at the Cider and Ale Festival on Saturday, Oct. 21. Walk alongside an acting troupe and follow the classic literary tale "Anne of Green Gables' performed live among the beautiful landscapes every Saturday and Sunday in October as part of the arboretum's Walking Plays series. And stroll the Scarecrow Trail along Meadow Lake to see the friendly faces of scarecrows handmade by local scout troops and schools - and cast your vote for the winning designs. Visit www.mortonarb. org or call (630) 968-0074 for registration information or more details about these programs.

The arboretum also posts a weekly Fall Color Report to keep help people track when the colors are at their most vibrant. Visit mortonarb.org/ blog/category/bloom-andfall-color-reports.



The views at Morton Arboretum are hard to beat for those seeking to get an eyeful of fall colors. In addition to having inviting natural settings, the arboretum and area forest preserves offer special programs to help visitors optimize their foliage viewing experience. (photo provided)

Leaf-peeping excursions

Let the colors of the season be an excuse to explore beyond the 'burbs. These spots, located within a one-, two- or three-hour drive, are some to consider.

Within an hour

 Chicago Botanic Garden Ornamental peppers, "pumpkin pie orange" chrysanthemums, salvia and zinnea are among the blooms adding to the magnificent color on display at this site.
 Walk the October fall color tree route to see Japanese maples, filigreed sumacs, giant maples and more. Visit www.chicagobotanic for more information.

 North Park Village Nature Center Located on the northwest side of Chicago, the nature center features a 46-acre nature preserve with trails that wind through woodland, wetland, prairie and savanna. Visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

Within two hours

Illinois River Road

This 150-mile stretch of national scenic byway begins in Ottawa and heads south to Havanna. Route 71 near Ottawa takes drivers through the woodlands approaching Starved Rock State Park. Itineraries for an afternoon, a day or a long weekend can be found at www.illinoisriverroad.org.

Illinois & Michigan Canal

Enjoy the view of autumn leaves lining the canal on a 19th-century packet boat pulled by mules. Tours run on Saturdays through October from the I&M Canal National Heritage Area in La Salle. Hiking and biking trails, parks and nature preserves, fishing and kayaking are available at several spots near the canal. Visit www.iandmcanal.org for itineraries and more.

Within three hours

Galena

Vintage buildings peek between picturesque autumn leaves in this quaint village. Enjoy farm-to-table restaurants, unique shops, intriguing historic sites, top-notch wineries and distilleries and a 1,063-foot scenic outlook providing 360-degree views of the Mississippi River and its colorful banks. Learn more at www.visitgalena.org.

Quad City Botanical Center

The center has every fall color imaginable and features a children's garden, tropical sun garden, rare conifer collection, physically enabling garden, ornamental goldfish pond, fairy garden, butterfly garden and perennial garden. For details visit www. qcgardens.com.



A fall edition of the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce sidewalk sale will return to the streets of downtown Hinsdale Saturday. Turn to Page 26 for details. (file photo)

costume. Registration required

ARTFULLY DONE

■ **'Children Bring the Light'** Through Nov. 16 Hinsdale Home Design Center

108 & 110 S. Washington St.

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

'Your Dreams Remember You'

Ongoing The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org

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This stunning gallery exhibition from local artist Stephanie Lenchard-Warren takes visitors on a journey through centuries of vampire mythology and symbolism. Explore the hidden layers of vampire lore and legend, and experience the artistry of immortality in all its glory. Make a paper vampire doll to take home for Halloween at the Vampires in Art and Culture Workshop at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 — participants are encouraged to dress in for workshop.

Robert Fleischman exhibit

Through Nov. 10 Acquisitions of Fine Art 10 E. First St., Hinsdale www.acquisitionsoffineart. com

Robert Fleischman, the former frontman for the bands Journey and The Vinnie Vincent Invasion, will display his new collages and paintings, beginning with a reception from 5 to 10 p.m. Oct. 14. Fleischman also will sign fans' copies of the Journey "Infinity" album or Vinnie Vincent Invasion album.

FAMILY FUN

Woodland Family Hike

Nov. 4 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org (630) 719-2468

Enter the season of gratitude by exploring how prairies have sustained people over the centuries. The guided, family-paced hike will help participants hone their observation skills. The program is recommended for families with children ages 4 and up. Times: 11 a.m. to noon or 1 to 2 p.m. Cost: \$17. RR, MD

Fall Family Reading Bingo

Through Nov. 16 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Families with kids of all ages can have fun reading together while earning prizes. Grab a Fall Family Reading BINGO card at the library, complete the activities and pick out a prize for each space earned. RB

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How to know when the flu is an emergency

Flu season is upon us, and that means getting a flu shot should be at the top of your to-do list. Influenza is a highly contagious illness that can occur in children or adults of any age.

But have you ever wondered whether a nasty bout of the flu needs a trip to the emergency room? If you have, you're not alone. Every flu season, thousands of people flood ERs seeking treatment for their flu symptoms. But most of the time, an ER visit isn't necessary.

From symptoms and when to visit the doctor to when you should go to the ER for the flu, I'm here to help break it down for you.

Symptoms of the flu

In general, you can assume you have influenza - or the flu - and not a garden-variety cold if your symptoms are severe and accompanied by a fever. Fever usually ranges from 100 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Flu symptoms may include:

- chills
- nonproductive cough
- runny or stuffy nose
- fatigue

• headache • muscle pain/body aches

sore throat

Among vaccinated individuals, clinical manifestations may be similar but less severe. Flu symptoms can come on abruptly. Treating them with overthe-counter medications such as acetaminophen for pain or fevers, getting plenty of rest and drinking lots of fluids provide relief for most people with the flu.

When to go to the doctor

Even if you're taking around-theclock over-the-counter medicines, getting plenty of rest and hydrating, you may still feel awful with the flu so awful you can't get out of bed for a day or two. While that may concern you, it's still best to call your doctor before heading to the emergency room.

Adults with uncomplicated influenza typically have fever and respiratory symptoms for about three days,

Zoheb Osman Healthheat

after which time most show signs of improvement. But if you get better for a day or two and return with a fever, you should call your doctor. If you have children younger than 5, older family members above 65 years of age or relatives with compromised immune systems — including those

with chronic health conditions - you should also ask your doctor for advice.

These groups are more likely to suffer complications from the flu, so getting treatment early can help avoid more serious illness. Every year, complications of the flu require more than 200,000 people in the United States to be hospitalized.

When to go to the ER

Still, there are times when you should go to the hospital for the flu, such as when you or a loved one experiences severe dehydration, which can show up as: confusion

dark-colored urine

- weakness
- dizziness
- limited appetite
- extreme thirst

• severe or consistent vomiting Other signs of a flu-related emer-

gency include severe chest or abdominal pain, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.

Warning signs are slightly different for children and infants, too. If you have a child with any of the following symptoms, you should take them to the ER with the flu:

- a bluish color to the skin
- a severe headache
- a stiff neck
- an inability to take in fluids

 trouble urinating Also, if you have an infant, watch

out for the following red flags:

• a fever over 100.3 (in a baby under 3 months old)

- an absence of tears while crying
- irritability that is not consolable
- an inability to eat
- fewer wet diapers than normal - Zoheb Osman, DO, is a family medicine physician with UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Medical Group in Hinsdale.

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Well worth a drive to Naperville

Maestro Peter Lipari leads a spirited concert featuring Leonard Bernstein's iconic Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

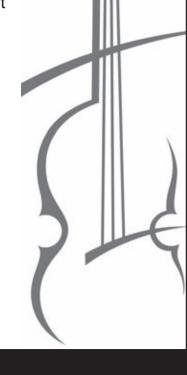
October 28 at 7:30 pm Wentz Concert Hall 171 E. Chicago Avenue, Naperville

\$30 (senior and youth discounts) www.westsubsymphony.org



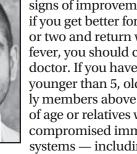
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the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago is holding its annual collection of new and gently used winter coats and snow pants for underserved and vulnerable families. Donations can be dropped off at any Hinsdale Bank and Trust location, including 25 E. First St. in Hinsdale, and at 540 N. Oak St. in Hinsdale. See the website above for other locations.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest fundraiser

Through October www.just1mike.org

For Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month, the just-Imike foundation is collecting \$24 donations (or more, if so inclined and able) to honor Clarendon Hills' Michael Brindley, who died of SCA in 2016, and support free in-school heart screenings, AEDs and SaveStations.

GAME ON

Soccer Shots Premier

Sundays, Nov. 5-Dec. 17 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5-8 will focus on individual skill, fitness and sportsmanship and be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner. Time: 5:25 to 6:10 p.m. Cost: \$184. RR

GRAND GALAS

Wellness House Ball

Oct. 21 The Geraghty 2520 S. Hoyne Ave., Chicago www.ball.wellnesshouse.org

Celebrate the mission and impact of Wellness House and raise funds for its continued work in support of people with cancer at The Radiance Ball. Cocktails and dinner will be followed by a live auction and paddle raise, a videotaped story from a Wellness House participant, and live music with dancing until midnight. Prior to the event, attendees can purchase fixed price wines through the online Wine Cellar to have delivered to their table at the event. Tickets: \$500. Time: 6 p.m. to midnight.

GREAT OUTDOORS

Forest Hike

Oct. 23 Pratt's Wayne Woods Powis Road north of Army Trail Road, Wayne www.dupageforest.org (630) 933-7248

Gear up and enjoy some healthy exercise on a quickpaced 3- to 5-mile guided hike through the wonders of this preserve. Time: 8:30 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

Wednesday Wilderness Walk

Oct. 25 Lincoln Marsh Meet at end of West Lincoln Avenue, Wheaton www.dupageforest.org (630) 942-6200

Observe the seasons, flora and fauna in the lesser-known but greatly diverse Lincoln Marsh on a guided walk. Discuss some of nature's wonders over a cup of coffee or tea before starting. Time: 8 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

Camping 101

Oct. 25 Camp Bullfrog Lake 9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 771-1573 Join this workshop for all ages covering basic camping skills. All ages are welcome. Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

GREEN THUMB

Canning & Pickling

Oct. 24 Le Jardin at Cantigny Park 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton www.cantigny.org In this installment of Suburban Homesteading, learn the basics of preserving the fruits and vegetables in a

the fruits and vegetables in a safe, delicious and sustainable way. The program also is offered via Zoom. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Hinsdale Memory Cafe Oct. 25

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

Join this social gathering of individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Time:

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PRIDE CAFÉ

Join us for our monthly in-person and virtual Thrive with Pride Café! Our goal is to provide a space for *LGBT+ seniors* who are interested in age-related or LGBT+ related topics, discussions, and social opportunities.

Topic Schedule

October 28: Managing Stress & Trauma November 25: Age My Way December 30: Noon (ish) Year's Eve Party

For questions, information, or input on presentations, please contact:

Hanah Sebek at <u>hsebekeagingcareconnections.org</u> or P: 708-603-2270

How to Attend - Join us via Zoom or in person

Via Zoom - Contact Hanah for Zoom information

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PULSE

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■ Yoga in the Woods

Oct. 29 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897 Enjoy an all-levels yoga class with a certified instructor, then enjoy a self-guided walk. This program is for ages 18 and

■ Handling the Holidays for Caregivers Nov. 2

older. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

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

Mary Ferguson from The Birches will offer guidance to those caring for a person with memory loss on ways to help everyone enjoy the season safely. Attend in person or online. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Healing the Spirit Within One Note at a Time Nov. 4

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

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

JUST FOR KIDS

Maker Club

Oct. 24 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Drop by the Storytime Room and pick from a variety of supplies to create using one's own imagination or the project provided. Children younger than 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Hours: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Comedy Improv

Thursdays, Oct. 26-Dec 7 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org (630) 323-7500 Stage Door Fine Arts will introduce youth ages 7-16 to the basics of acting as taught at programs like Second City and iO Chicago. Students are taught to express emotions and communicate by using their bodies, gestures and facial expressions through games and improv scenes. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$230. RR, MD

Homework Helpers and Reading Ambassadors

Tuesdays & Thursdays through Oct. 26 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can get one-on-one homework and reading help from a high school student during these drop-in sessions every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Time: 4 to 5 p.m.

Ballet Technique

Mondays & Wednesdays, Oct. 30-Dec. 20 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org (630) 323-7500

West Suburban Ballet offers this twice weekly program for youth ages 5-10. Level I for ages 5-6 is a comprehensive foundational ballet program. Level II for ages 7 and older helps students build on the fundamental concepts of ballet training with focus on vocabulary, studio etiquette, alignment and musicality. An optional third day a week is available for dancers who wish to participate in West Suburban Ballet Conservatory's "The Nutcracker." Time: 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Mondays, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays. Cost: \$400. RR, MD

LegoLand trip

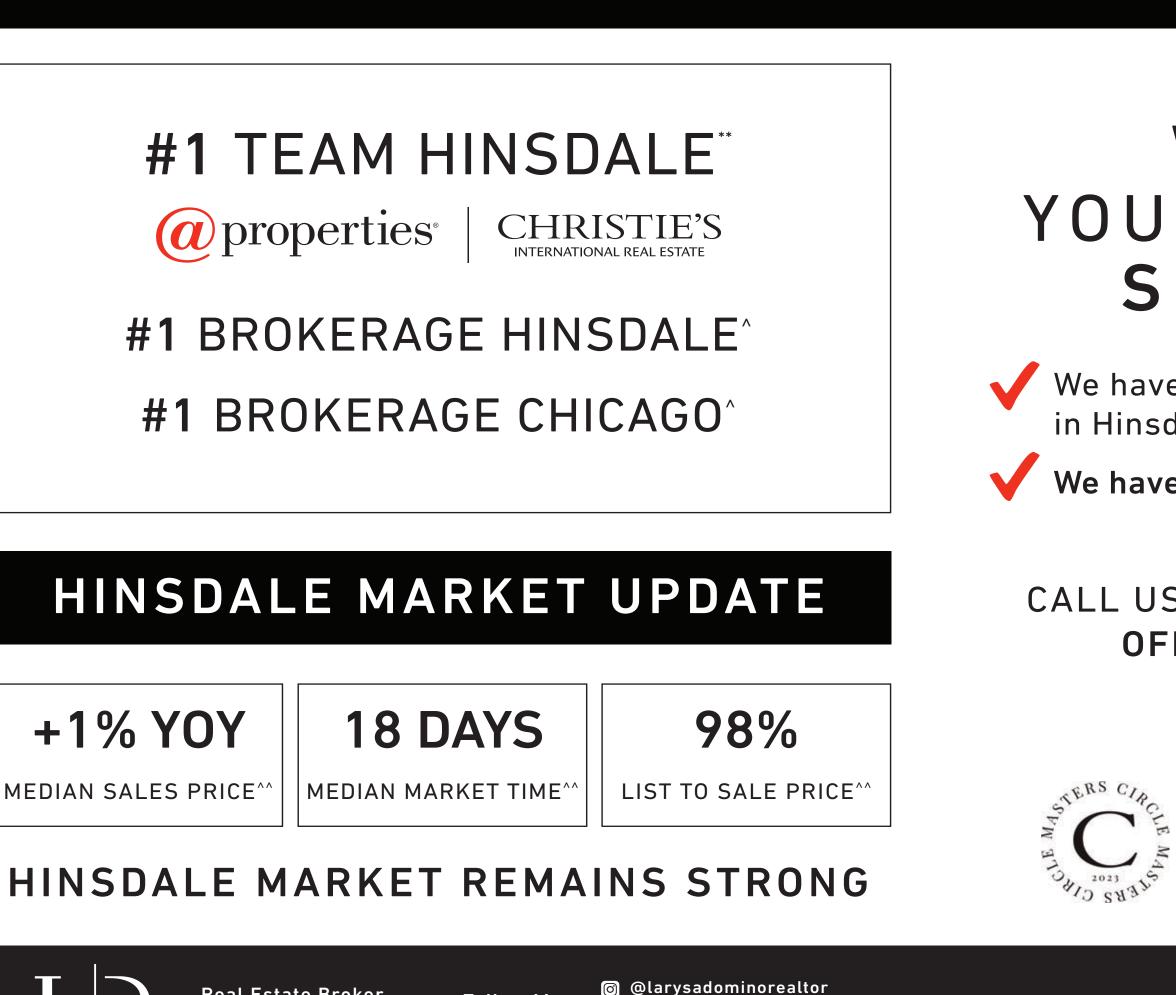
Nov. 3 Leave from The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org

(630) 323-7500

Children in kindergarten through eighth grade can enjoy their day off from school with a trip to LegoLand. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$85. RR, MD

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LISTEN & LEARN

Author Kate Moore Oct. 24

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

Author Kate Moore delivers the uplifting tale "The Woman They Could Not Silence" about a forgotten woman whose inspirational journey sparked lasting change for women's rights and exposed injustices that still resonate today. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

■ Social Media Safety Oct. 25

www.nazarethacademy.com The Organization for Social Media Safety will present this talk via Zoom as part of Nazareth Academy's Parent Speaker Series. Register on the website above, under the Student/Parent tab. Time: 6:30 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

Mozart and Musicals Oct. 20

Union Church of Hinsdale 137 S. Garfield Ave. www.eventcreate.com/e/ mozartandmusicals

The Ostrega Uhl Project kicks off its second season of concerts with this program featuring Mozart's famous Piano Quartet in G minor followed by string quartet performances of popular selections from "Phantom of the Opera," "The Sound of Music" and a medley of favorite tunes from "West Side Story." Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 for adults, free for household children 17 and younger with purchase of an adult ticket.

A Jazz Tribute to Disney

Oct. 21 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

Celebrate 100 years of Disney as jazz vocalists bring to life favorites like "Someday My Prince Will Come," "He's a Tramp," "Everybody Wants to be a Cat" and "The Bare Necessities." Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50-\$65. Simpson Oct. 28

Unitarian Church of Hinsdale 11 W. Maple St. www.acousticren.com (630) 941-7797

Singer-songwriter Vance Gilbert defies stereotypes with his acoustic guitar playing. Jennifer Ashley and Joel Simpson incorporate elements of traditional folk with modern songwriting performed with beautiful instrumentation and vocal harmonies. Streaming tickets also are available. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

Mambo!

Oct. 28 Wentz Concert Hall 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville www.westsubsymphony.org (630) 887-7464 The West Suburban Symphony will perform a program of Latin and African American rhythms, including Leonard Bernstein's symphonic dances from "West Side Story," Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's "The Bamboula Rhapsodic Dance" and Florence Price's Symphony 3 with its spirited juba dance – and a nod to Halloween with Camille Saint-Saens' "Dance Macabre." Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors, \$5 for teenagers, free for 12 and younger.

Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra

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

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

ON STAGE

■ 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum' Oct. 19-29 Theatre of Western Springs 4384 Hampton Ave. www.theatreofwesternsprings.com (708) 246-4043 A crafty Roman slave

■ Vance Gilbert with Ashley & Please turn to Page 26

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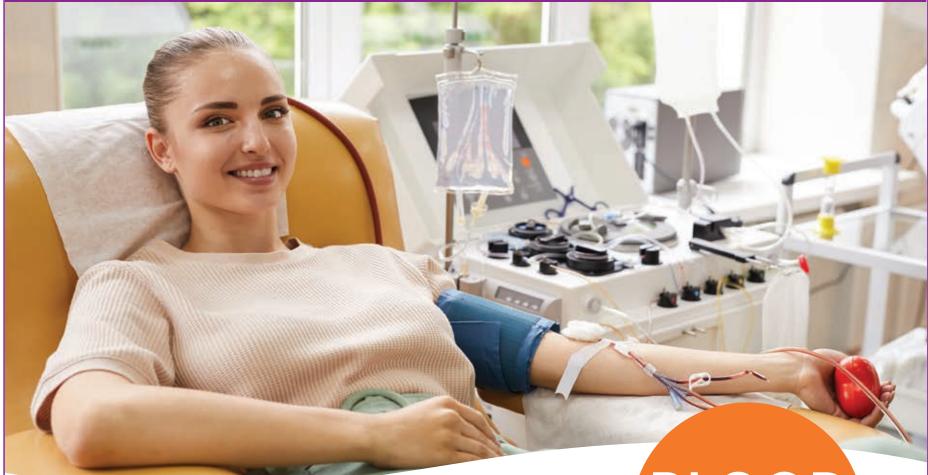
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struggles to win the hand of a courtesan for his master in exchange for freedom in this side-splitting Steven Sondheim musical comedy. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$30, \$17 for children & students.

■ 'Anne of Green Gables' Saturdays & Sundays through Oct. 22 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle

www.mortonarb.org (630) 968-0074 Join Anne as she finds friends, fun, mischief and, finally, her first true home

as the arboretum' autumn scenery is transformed into Avolea in this walking play. This heartfelt, often hilarious, story will delight audiences of all ages as it proceeds along a one- to two-mile hiking route. The play lasts about 90 minutes. Time: 4 p.m. start. Cost: \$25, \$15 for children. RR, MD

'Ring of Fire'

Through Oct. 22 Drury Lane Theatre 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace www.drurylanetheatre. com(630) 530-0111

"Ring of Fire" showcases the story of Johnny Cash through his music. His iconic songs highlight the incredible struggles and triumphs of his life. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 & 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$85.75-\$96.25.

'Twelfth Night'

Thursdays to Sundays, Nov. 2-19

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

In Shakespeare's tale of unrequited love, shipwrecked Viola disguises herself as a man and is recruited by Duke Orsino to woo Lady Olivia on his behalf, only to find herself trapped in an love triangle in this hilarious and heartbreaking play. A pre-show talk will be held with the director and designers at 6:45 p.m. Nov. 2; a post-show will be held with the director and actors Nov. 10. The play features adult themes and language. Times: 8 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students.

RUNS & WALKS

Spooky Shuffle 5K/10K Oct. 22

Swallow Cliff Woods-South La Grange Road south of 119th Street near Palos Park www.fpdcc.com (312) 533-5751 In partnership with the vil-

lage of Palos Park, this 5k/10k trail race proceeds through the forest preserves. Time: 9 a.m. Cost: \$45 for 5K, \$55 for 10K. RR

Cantigny 5K Run/Walk Nov. 4

Cantigny Park 1s151 Winfield Road, Wheaton www.cantigny.org/event/ cantigny-5k-run-walk (630) 668-5161

Sign up for the traditional chip-timed 5K, the 1-mile Kids Run for ages 6-10 or the Tot Run for ages 4 and younger. The course features rolling hills, historic landmarks and beautiful autumn color. All proceeds benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton. Registration closes Oct. 31. Times: 9 a.m. 5K, 10:15 a.m. Kids Run, 10:45 a.m. Tot Run. Cost: \$30 for 5K, \$5 for Kids Run & Tot Run. RR

SIGN UP NOW

National Pets for Veterans Day

Oct. 21 Hinsdale Humane Society 21 Salt Creek Lane www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

Enjoy a cat cafe, pet Therapy teams, a Q&A on the Veteran Program, a tour of the shelter and light snacks and refreshments in observance of National Pets for Veterans Day. Pet pantry support will be available while supplies last, and donations will be accepted to the BJ Chimenti Angel Fund for Veterans & Pets. The registration deadline is today, Oct. 19 Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

■ New Moms Book Group Oct. 24

Standard Market 333 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

This monthly group for moms with children under age 5 meets at The Cube inside the Standard Market to discuss and relax. The October selection is "The Bandit Queens" by Parini Shroff. Books will be available on the library's book club holds shelf a month before each meeting. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

House Beautiful Whole Home

Oct. 28-Nov. 12 505 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale www.humbledesign.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Fall Sidewalk Sale Oct. 21

Downtown Hinsdale www.hinsdalechamber.com Find great bargains from favorite shops on the sidewalks of Hinsdale's historic central business district. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

Teen Exploration Day

Oct. 27 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Youth ages 13 and up are invited to observe the ambassador animals, hike a trail and warm up by a fire with hot chocolate. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ After Dark Escape Room Oct. 27

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Pet pic of the week

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Vision is fully vaccinated spayed, and microchipped. Her adoption fee is \$300 and she is approved for children 10 and older. If you would like to meet Vision, please call (630) 353-5630.The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (photo provided)



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vault from the library. A notorious crime boss has assembled a group of local experts to steal them, and it's up teams of six to solve the puzzles and crack the codes. Prizes will be awarded to the first team to finish. The program is for high schoolers only; sign up as a single player or as a team. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

Magnolia Senior Living

visit

Oct. 29 Meet at Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

High schoolers are invited to visit with the residents at Magnolia Senior Living to do crafts and activities and play games. Volunteers should arrive at the library by 12:50 p.m. to walk to Magnolia as a group. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. RR

WEE ONES

Preschool Picassos

Oct. 24 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Preschoolers will work with their caretakers to create their own inspired masterpiece. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m. RR

WINE & DINE

Wines in the Wild

Nov. 4 Brookfield Zoo 8400 31st St. www.czs.org/ WinesInTheWild2023

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

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GOOD NEWS

HINSDALE WOMAN JOINS BOARD

DuPage Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia Atuesta of Hinsdale to its board. She was officially welcomed at the foundation's Sept. 21 board meeting.

"It's a pleasure to have Patricia join the ranks of our 23-member board," said Mike Sitrick, DuPage Foundation president and CEO. "I'm excited by the skills and talents Patricia brings to the table and look forward to working with her to raise the quality of life for our community's residents."

Atuesta is a bilingual professional in finance and international affairs with more than 20 years of experience in the oil and gas industry in Latin America and the United States, primarily with BP, where she currently serves as commercial development director.

"I am proud and honored to be part of a talented group of individuals that inspires, cares and thrives to positively impact our community," Atuesta said. "It is a personal delight to help and give to others, and I have found in DuPage Foundation a solid vehicle to amplify it. I identified with its values and vision to raise the quality of life throughout DuPage County, got excited about its current strategic plan and am confident in its leaders and staff. I am looking forward to contributing to our community and to being an enabler of a better future.'

Atuesta studied at Universidad Externado de Colombia, concentrating on finance and international affairs. In addition to her role as a foundation trustee and serving on its grant and strategic planning committees, she volunteers with Care for Friends and Feed My Starving Children. Atuesta lives in Hinsdale with her husband, Gustavo Aguirre, and their two children.

CENTRAL TEENS EARN RECOGNITION

• Senior Lena Li has earned the President's Volunteer Service Award (bronze level for 100-174 hours of service) from the Alliance of North American Chinese Physicians. This award "honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action."

During the past year, Lena has volunteered her time at the alliance and engaged in service projects for organizations such as Midwest Medicine and Acupuncture and the Oak Brook Park District

• Senior Yanning Jiao earned a perfect score on the AP Drawing exam she took in May. She is one of only 308 students from around the world to accomplish this feat. Her art teacher is Aleksandra Zdun.

'AFFAIR' RAISES RECORD AMOUNT

The Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation raised a record \$482,000 at its 19th Annual Autumn Affair on Sept. 16 at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago.

More than 325 people attended the gala, which is the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year and supports Elmhurst Hospital programs and services that directly impact patients. The event featured live and silent auctions, a wine toss, golf putt challenge and a 360 photo booth.

Proceeds from this year's Autumn Affair will support the future growth and needs of the Elmhurst Hospital Emergency Department.

Photos are posted online at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean.

SALE OF COMPANY IS COMPLETE

Tuthill Corp., a privately held business owned by Hinsdale's Jay Tuthill, with a 130-year history of industrial manufacturing, acquired EaglePicher Intermediate Ventures, including the operating entity EaglePicher Technologies, on Oct. 11.

The transaction successfully closed per the September acquisition announcement after obtaining regulatory approvals and required third-party consents. The acquired company will remain EaglePicher under Tuthill's ownership.



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■ Mayslake by Moonlight Tour Oct. 19, 21, 27, 28, 30 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 31st St., Oak Brook (630) 206-9566 www.dupageforest.org

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Pumpkin Night Hike

Oct. 20 Fullersburg Woods 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook (630) 933-7248 www.dupageforest.org

Use pumpkins and lanterns to light the way on a self-guided night hike. There will be a Halloween-themed scavenger hunt for kids to complete and a treat at the end. Hikes leave every 15 minutes. All ages are

welcome; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person 3 and older, free for 2 and younger. RR

Halloween Hoopla Expo

Oct. 21 Adolf & Powell Funeral Home 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook www.wbbrchamber.org (630) 654-0909 The Willowbrook-Burr

Ridge Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its fourth annual trick or trunk show, complete with treats, a DJ and fun for all. Time: 3 to 5 p.m. RR

Boo! at the Zoo

Weekends through Oct. 22 Brookfield Zoo 3300 Golf Road (708) 688-8400 www.czs.org/booatthezoo Families can have a howling good time at this annual Halloween celebration. Don a favorite costume and take memorable snapshots at the many Halloween-themed photo frames and vignettes. Afterwards, tackle the Craized Maize corn maze on the Zoo's East Mall or take a spin on the Creepy Carousel. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. activities, zoo open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$29.95, \$20.95 for kids 3-11, \$24.95 for seniors plus \$17-\$20 parking.

■ Gothic Ghost Stories Oct. 25

Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 31st St., Oak Brook (630) 206-9566 www.dupageforest.org

Keep the spooks at bay with an evening of ghoulish grownup tales told in the old manor house at Mayslake Hall. The program is for ages 18 and older. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

■ Ghosts of the Great Lakes Oct. 28

Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. (630) 789-1986 www.hinsdalelibrary.info Legendary Great Lakes balladeer and guitarist Lee Murdock narrates this concert featuring songs of supernatural legends and spooky tales of ghost ships, haunted lighthouses, and unexplained phenomena. He combines ragtime, Irish, blues and folk styles with his flair for storytelling in songs. The show is geared toward grown-ups, but families with children are welcome. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

Fall Festival

Oct. 28 Hinsdale United Methodist Church

945 S. Garfield Ave. Bring candy bags and wear costumes for this family friendly trunk or treat for kids. Adding to the fun will be games, an apple press and cider, costume contest for humans and pets, treats and more. All are invited. Time: 10 a.m. to noon.

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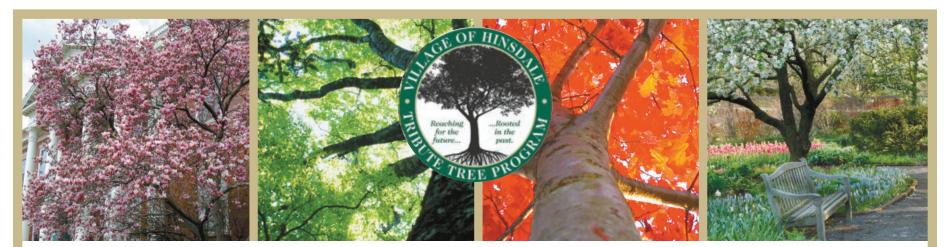
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Celebrate the Day of the Dead while exploring the wonders of the animal kingdom. Zoogoers can immerse themselves in the holiday's traditions, including face-painting (separate fees apply), sugar skulls (while supplies last), coloring sheets and taking photos with the catrinas (traditional skeleton characters). Guests can also enjoy music and admire the Chevy vehicles on display throughout the park. Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$29.95, \$24.95 for seniors, \$20.95 for ages 3-11, free for 2 and under plus \$20 parking. MD

Boo Bash

Oct. 30 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. (630) 789-1986 www.hinsdalelibrary.info All ages are invited to come to the library in costume to enjoy trick-or-treating, spooktacular games and activity stations. Time: 4 to 6 p.m.



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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE NOTICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct a public hearing at a special meeting on November 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale. Illinois for the purpose of considering various properties for inclusion on the Historically Significant Structures Property List within the Historic Overlay District of the Village of Hinsdale, in accordance with the regulations listed in Section 14-7-3 of Title 14 of the Village Code.

Copies of documents relating to the properties proposed for inclusion, including legal descriptions, are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours at the Village offices in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Please email Village Planner Bethany Salmon at bsalmon@villageofhinsdale. org for additional information. This request is known as HPC-14-2023.

The following properties, as described below by their common addresses and property index numbers, in Hinsdale, Illinois, 60521, are currently located within the established boundaries of the Village of Hinsdale's Historic Overlay District in Cook County, Illinois and DuPage County, Illinois, and are proposed to be considered for inclusion on the Village's Historically Significant Structures Property List.

Properties in DuPage County, IL

1. 232 S. Clay Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN:09-12-103-016) 2. 306 N. Garfield Avenue in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-01-314-015)

3. 134 S. Park Avenue in the R-1 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-207-017) 4. 408 S. Washington Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN:09-

12-125-010) 5. 202 E. Fourth Street in the R-1 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-224-005)

Inclusion on the Village's Historically Significant Structures Property List, among other things, makes a property eligible for certain

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incentives as detailed in Chapter 14-7 of the Village Code.

At said public hearing, the Historic Preservation Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to the said applications, shall determine whether each property proposed for inclusion on the Historically Significant Structures Properties List possesses one or more of the criteria set forth in Subsection 14-7-3.B. of the Village Code, and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees as to whether each property should be included on the Historically Significant Structures Property List. The public hearing may be continued as to one or more properties as deemed necessary by the Commission All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated: October 10, 2023

Emily Tompkins, Village Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79227 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on October 2, 2023 wherein the business firm of MATHIEU FINANCIAL

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Located at 4922 Stonewall Avenue, Downers Grove, IL. 60515 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Kenneth B. Mathieu, 4922 Stonewall Avenue, Downers Grove, IL. 60515. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, T have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2023. Jean Kaczmarek DuPage County Clerk

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Case No: 23MR624

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Public Notice is hereby given that on December 12, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2007 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from: Heather AnnaLee Norman to the new name of Annal ee Jasper pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: October 17, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Heather AnnaLee Norman, Petitioner.

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SPORTS — HINSDALE FALCONS

8U FALCON TEAM FALLS JUST SHORT

The Hinsdale 8U Falcons lost a Gavinn to Bartlett 8U Chrome 13-12 on Saturday, falling just short in the waning moments of the game after battling throughout the afternoon in the heavy rain, cold and wind.

The Falcons fell behind on the first play of the game when Bartlett broke a 65-yard run on the slippery field. However, Hinsdale was able to tie the game when Cole Sherwood bust a 45-yard run of his own to begin the second quarter. Sherwood was an absolute force throughout the afternoon, whose tough, physical running behind the blocking of Hinsdale's line, including Keats Caruso, Parker Brey, Michael Cannizzaro, Teddy O'Toole, Wyland Holmes, RT Kouba, Charlie Hillegass and Ben Vula, allowed him to score both of Hinsdale's touchdowns.

Hinsdale's defense, led by Keats "The Barbarian" Caruso, who was in the backfield disrupting plays throughout the afternoon, pitched a shutout in the second half and forced a number of turnovers throughout the game, including a fumble forced by Caruso that gave the Falcons the ball back on the Bartlett 20-yard line with less than two minutes in the game. Unfortunately, Hinsdale wasn't able to convert on the following drive, but their performance was gutsy nonetheless. Other notable performers on defense included Cade Phelan, Brooks Jaqua, Luke Schroeder, Broderick Slavik, Henry Gastevksi and Dan Campbell.

The Falcons look to put the final touches on an

impressive season on Sunday vs. Lemont 8U at 8:30 a.m. at Hinsdale Central High School.

9U FALCONS STAY STRONG ON 'D'

Defense, defense, defense. That was the name of the game for the Falcons on Sunday morning in Arlington Heights. When the dust settled on the Falcons 23-0 victory, the defense had forced six turnovers and a safety.

It started with the D Line anchored by Enzo Allegra, JP Rago, Quinn Houser, Elijah Trombly and John Dunn delivering relentless pressure all game. This resulted in two fumble recoveries for Will Jones and one for Grant Garber. Luke Wanless, Kanas Zitkevicius and Tate Pitts tackled anything that made it past the D line. The Cowboys, searching for anything positive, attempted to throw the ball against the Falcons. This led to three interceptions for Massimo Buttitta, Cooper Milburn and Henry Appel.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Falcons finished their first three drives with touchdowns. Nate Morris sitting in the pocket created by AJ Siepker, Max Breton and Dean Winfelder hit Henry Appel on a 35-yard throw. Appel made an acrobatic catch over the defender then sprinted to the end zone to open the scoring. Morris plowed in for one of his 3 extra points on the day and a 7-0 lead. On the Falcons' next possession, Billy Jaqua capped off the drive by punching in a 4-yard TD run behind Jack Slavik and Brody Sobieraj. Appel scampered in from 25 yards out following Julian Tabuena for the final TD and 21-0

halftime lead.

As the Falcons prepare for the playoffs, they are determined to get better each and every practice.

10U SILVER EARNS CONVINCING WIN

The 4-3 Lemont Hornets came to Dickinson Field to take on the second place 10U Silver Falcon team. The Falcons started fast and never let up throughout the contest, which ended in a 24-0 convincing victory.

The Falcon defense again led the charge and gave the Hornets' offense fits all game long. Marco Oliverio, Jacob Zager, Rohan Sheth, Miles Perucki, Grant Garver, Jack O'Malley, Luke Hanson, Blake Bazan, Theo Messeih and Rahil Thakkar were all responsible for keeping the Hornet offense out of the endzone the entire game.

Great secondary play from Leo Solorio, Rohn Ramani, Danny McFarland and Luca Striltschuk forced the Lemont passing attack into submission, as the Hornets didn't complete a pass. When the secondary wasn't defending the pass, they were supporting the first two levels of defense.

The offense, led by Sawyer Mhyra and Brennan Smith, was efficient and moved the ball with chunks of yards per drive. The blocking from Will Rooney, Nico Will, Joey Hillegass, Hayden Sobieraj, Carter Cox AND Parker Otzen paved the way for the backs to find lanes to run and for Frankie Levato to score his first touchdown of the year.

Keeping the opponent in their own end is a great weapon to have. Viren Singh has done this with his deep kick offs. On Sunday, all the Lemont offensive drives were started in their own end. On Sunday, the Falcons host the Arlington Heights Cowboys at Dickinson Field to wrap up the regular season. Kickoff is at 11:30 a.m.

11U GOLD D1 STILL ON A ROLL

Another week, another dominant performance by the Hinsdale Falcons 11U D1 Gold team in all three phases of the game, leading to a 28-0 win over Downers Grove. Behind the strength of a defense that hasn't allowed a point in two weeks, the Falcon offense controlled the ball with a balanced attack that resulted in a season-high point total.

The teams traded scoreless drives to start, with the Falcon's defensive line, led by Torsten Wood, Leo Crooks, Sal Calandriello and Ben Kurinsky, taking up residence in the Panther backfield. The Hinsdale offense rode the legs of Michael Kipnis and Kellan Goodwin to get themselves on the doorstep, with quarterback Dillon Phelan finding Charlie Lynch in the endzone, making it 8-0 at the end of the quarter.

The defense again stifled the Panthers and the offense made quick work of a short field with a Kipnis touchdown dive. The Falcon defense wasn't done flexing. With 30 seconds left in the half, Jaxon Uthe grabbed his second interception of the game and returned it 55 yards to the Panther 3-yard line. From there, the Falcon beef, including Grant Wanless, Oliver Johnson and Connor Gaylord, opened a hole for Kipnis to find paydirt once again. The Falcons led 22-0 at half.

The second half was more

of the same, with the defense suffocating the Panther attack and the offense moving the ball. The final blow came in the third quarter with Phelan capping a terrific day by finding Goodwin in the back corner of the endzone.

11U D2 TEAM GETS STUCK IN THE MUD

Saturday was a cold, wet and muddy day at Four Season Stadium in Plainfield. The field was a total mud bog and the Falcons struggled from the outset to get their footing.

The Falcons' defense played very strong against a powerful Plainfield offensive line. This weather was perfect for their style of offense, ground and pound. The defensive front held strong most of the contest. Rayan Sheik, Alex Vivanco, Mossimo Burdi and Luke Lieberenz led the fight in the trenches, trying to withstand their powerful run game. Nick Carbonara, Kaine Ortega and Ryan Pieczikowski led the team with tackles as they were a muddy mess at the end of the game from throwing their bodies all over the field.

The offense had a tough road to hoe. The muddy condition led to a slimy ball and yards were tough to come by. The passing game was impossible, so the run game led by Spencer Marnell, Grayson Danek, Johnny Trombly, Gavin Schuler and Brady Madden had to carry the load. Unfortunately the Falcons could not get into the endzone. The final score was 12-0 Plainfield.

The Falcons last game of the season is this Saturday in Lombard at 2:30 p.m. The team hopes to finish strong.

Hinsdaleans tackle Chicago Marathon

The following Hinsdale residents completed the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Oct. 8.

Brian Alcala, 5:57.38 Saba Ali, 5:05.56 William Armonda, 4:45.09 Catherine Baderman, 4:57.30 Emilie Bush, 5:39.52 Margaret Coleman, 4:34.22 Sawyer Coleman, 4:22.08 Kathryn Crist, 4:40.37 Sara Donovan, 6:29.50 Fabiola Enriquez, 4:21.57 Jeff Fronza, 3:22.29 Jamie Getz, 3:33.19 Wenlong Gong, 5:02.57 Sean Grimm, 4:16.39 Georges Haidar, 5:00.16 Safwan Halabi, 3:33.57 Xiaodong Han, 3:38.16 Benjamin Hergenroether, 4:42.29 Wenyang Hu, 3:27.11 Jodi Hummer, 3:23.37 Greta Kumskis, 3:30.35 Matt Kusak, 2:29.39 Jeff Martinath, 3:20.35 Marissa Meyer, 3:28.58 Alistair Mitchell, 4:49.13 Jessica Nawracaj, 5:21.06 Krtisina Nunez, 5:46.49 Nathan O'Bryon, 6:34.02 Genevieve O'Bryon, 5:53.30 Marin O'Bryon, 5:53.24 Olivia O'Bryon, 5:00.12 Chris Paquette, 4:31.34 Kevin Phlan, 3:29.45 Alma Rogers, 3:23.42 Madeleine Roglich, 3:28.02 Rosemary Rojas, 5:27.47 Melanie Sims, 4:36.17 Jonathan Urbanek, 3:29.23 Stephanie Urbanek, 3:22.01 Kelly Wentland, 4:47.41 Lora Wright, 4:18.09

SPORTS — END ZONE



SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Oliver Pohlenz Hinsdale

Have you enjoyed your senior season?

The season's gone by really fast for me. I really wanted the team to be the best it can be and win another regional and sectional championship.

When did your soccer life begin?

Probably when I was 6 playing with my buddies through AYSO. My dad was a coach for a long time. I just fell in love with the sport and the environment.

How have you evolved as a player since freshman year?

My freshman year I started off playing midfielder. That was kind of my position. Then I got injured. My first day of practice as a junior, Coach Wiggins asked me to play center back with another senior. I made the switch, and I've been a defender ever since.

Do you have pre-game routines?

I always put on my playlist in my car. Right now I'm really into Bruno Mars and David Guetta. I use KT tape on my right shoulder ever since I dislocated it last year. I also double-knot my shoelaces.

How do you lead as team captain?

In my pre-match speeches, I've got to really think about

my words and try and motivate the players to give 110 percent.

What's been the highlight of the season so far? Getting back the Silver Brick by beating LT.

What pro athlete do you admire?

Christiano Ronaldo's work ethic really inspires me to strive to have a similar work ethic

Where might we find you 10 years from now?

I hope to be doing either doing sports administration or sports medicine. I'm definitely going to keep playing soccer until my legs give out.

Why does coach Mike Wiggins like having Pohlenz on the team?

Ollie sets the example every day as one of our captains. Dedicated, committed and hard working, he shows up with an eagerness to be better. Ollie doesn't have to say much. Whether it's in training or in games, he is focused, encouraging and leaves it all out on the field each time out. He is a great example for the younger players in the program and truly exemplifies the Red Devil spirit our athletes have here at Central.

> – profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Members of the Hinsdale Central girls tennis team will compete at the IHSA state final meet Thursday to Saturday, Oct. 19-21, at Buffalo Grove High School and surrounding area courts.

Representing Red Devil Nation will be junior Kotryna Tomas in singles and the duos of senior Calista Chang/sophomore Lauren Panveno and junior Abigail Gambla/sophomore Sydney Shuster in doubles. Good luck Devils!

		RESULTS		
Cross country,	19:59.63	Oct. 17 @ IHSA	Gambla/Shuster,	assists
boys	Thanos, 23rd,	regional	1st, 6-4, 6-4	Nieman, block
Oct. 14 @ WSC	20:27.06	vs. Hubbard (semi-	Panveno/Chang,	Scott, block
Silver meet	Boyd, 26th, 20:42.9	final)	2nd	Bergin, 2 digs
V places 4th with	Skay, 29th,	V wins 8-0		Gallwas, dig
105 points	20:46.33	Rocque, 4 goals, 2	Volleyball, girls	Oct. 16 @
Bandukwala, 1st,	Satre, 30th,	assists	Oct. 17 vs. Fenwick	Willowbrook
15:57.44	20:46.34	Davies, 3 goals,	V wins 25-10, 25-14	V loses 25-20,
Lowe, 12th, 16:34.4	Griffin, 41st,	assist	Quast, 9 kills, 2	14-25, 17-25
Kurimay, 27th,	21:55.75	Hanif, goal	digs	Oct. 14 @ Minooka
17:17.26		Abdullai, 2 assists	Steines, 7 kills, ace,	Quad
Kamenev, 32nd,	Hockey	Cinque, assist	block, dig	vs. Plainfield North
17:34.25	Oct. 15 @ Oak	Zamalaitis, assist	Sessa, 3 kills, 2	V wins 25-19, 25-12
Revord, 33rd,	Lawn	Oct. 12 @ Addison	blocks	vs. Bolingbrook
17:38.39	V wins 5-3	Trail	Young, 4 aces, 12	V wins 25-19, 25-22
	Crabb, goal	V wins 4-3	digs	vs. Minooka
Cross country,	Dwyer, goal		Chen, 3 aces, 3	V wins 20-25,
girls	Kunitz, goal	Tennis, girls	digs, 8 assists	25-17, 15-10
Oct. 14 @ WSC	Weller, goal	Oct. 13-14 @ IHSA	Adelakun, ace	Oct. 12 vs. Marist
Silver meet	Yu, goal	sectional	Garchar, ace, dig	V loses 17-25,
V places 4th with	Oct. 14 vs.	V places 1st with	Peterson, ace, 2	13-25
108 points	Plainfield	28 points	digs	Oct. 11 @ Timothy
Hodneland, 14th,	V wins 5-2	Singles	Joergenrud, 2	Christian
19:58.2		Tomas, 4th	blocks	V wins 25-13, 25-19
Dygon, 16th,	Soccer, boys	Doubles	Leddy, block, 9	
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Instant replay



Austin Segers leaps in front of an Oak Park-River Forest receiver and snags an interception before returning the ball for 22 yards. The Red Devils came out on top 46-13 at Dickinson Field Friday night. (Jim Slonoff photo)

SPORTS

Teen makes a splash in competitions

Central's Josh Bey qualified for Olympic trials, placed sixth in the world at juniors

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

How do you top winning state, breaking a relay record and having your high school swim team named No. 1 in the country?

By placing sixth in the world in the 200-yard breast-



stroke. Hinsdale Central junior Josh Bey, a member of Highland Hurricanes Swim Club in Indiana, swam the event in

Bey

2:14.56 at the World Junior Swimming

Championships last month in Netanya, Israel. Despite making the finals, Bey was not satisfied with his results.

"My swim definitely wasn't what I was looking for. I wasn't happy about it. There also were a lot of factors behind that," he said, noting the eight-hour time difference and that this was his first competition

Top finishes

World Swimming Championships Sept. 4-9 6th, 200-meter breaststroke, 2:14.56

Phillips 66 National Championships June 27-July 1 13th (1st for 18 and under), 200-meter breaststroke, 2:14.84 31st (9th for 18 and under), 100-meter breaststroke, 1:03.5

Speedo Sectionals March 23-26 1st, 200-meter breaststroke, 2:17.07 1st, 100-meter breaststroke, 1:02.44

IHSA finals 1st, 100-yard breaststroke, 54.51 1st, 200-yard medley relay, 1:29.4 2nd, 200-yard individual medley, 1:48.91 outside of the U.S.

"I wasn't exactly prepared for that meet, which kind of made this meet more of a learning experience for future meets in other countries," he said.

His dad, Jim Bey, who wasn't able to attend the meet, tried to console Josh via texts and phone calls, reminding him it was an accomplishment just to make it to the finals.

"I wanted to be there," Jim said. "I wanted to give him a hug and I couldn't do it. I was thousands of miles away."

Jim said he and other parents are relieved the competition took place when it did, not four weeks later when Hamas attacked Israel, igniting a war.

"I don't know what I would have done. I couldn't have gone over there and pulled him out," Jim said, noting that flights were canceled in and out of Tel Aviv. "I couldn't imagine what we'd be going through right now.

Headed to time trials

Fortunately Bey has other accomplishments to celebrate. He swam the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:14.35 in preliminaries at the Speedo Sectionals in Indianapolis in March, which qualified him to complete in the USA Olympic Team Trials in June 2024. He also qualified at the meet to compete in the 100-and 200-meter breaststroke in the Phillips 66 National Championships this summer (see sidebar).

"That was definitely my breakout meet for me to become a swimmer who had potential to make team USA at an international level," he said.

He earned another berth at the Phillips 66 meet, when his preliminary time of 2:13.39 in the 200 breast qualified him to compete at the junior worlds.

Bey hopes to qualify for the Olympic trials in the 100-yard breaststroke as well when he swims at the U.S. Open Nov. 29 to Dec. 2 in Greensboro, N.C. He missed the cut by .25 seconds at the Phillips 66 meet.

"Based off how I've been training recently, with good rest, I think I definitely should get that cut," he said. "What I'm looking to do there is make an international meet again. Olympics would definitely be a long shot for me, but they are holding Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Australia in 2024."

Typically talent like Bey's is rare on a high school team, Central varsty swim head coach Bob Barber said, noting that the team has an exceptional group of swimmers right now.

"We all knew just how talented Josh was going to be. We didn't know at what level he was going to take it," Barber said. "As he progressed through his first two years of high school, we knew we had something special at such a young age. When he finally gets a chance to swim rested, he's virtually unstoppable."

Realizing a dream

Bey, who has been swimming competitively since he was 5, comes from a family of swimmers. His great uncle swam in the Olympics for Cuba, his dad swam at Iowa State, and his grandpa trained with his great uncle for the Cuban national swim team. Bey said he's always loved water.

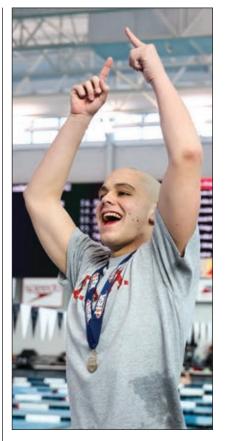
"I loved the pool. I loved going in Lake Michigan or anything like that from a really young age," he said. "My family kind of knew I was going to be a swimmer from very early on."

He said he's dreamt of earning state and national titles since he was about 9 years old. More recently he realized he might be able to look behind this country's borders. "Once I hit 15, I kind of realized there is more to USA swimming than just state and national competitions, and I could compete against other countries and represent my own. That's when I really wanted to start training more as an international swimmer than a national-level swimmer."

Bey credits his club and high school coaches for helping him reach his goals.

"All the coaching I have received in the past three years has just been wonderful, and it helped me so much," he said.

Barber said Bey has been lucky to work with a host of different coaches, including those at the weeklong



Josh Bey celebrates his win in the 100-yard breaststroke at the ISHA state meet in February. (file photo)

camps he's been invited to attend. "He's a sponge for all of the professional criticism and tries to implement as much as possible," Barber said.

Bey's ultimate goal as a swimmer is to be the fastest in the world.

"Breaking a world record would be very cool, because you set something that will be documented for years to come. Whether it gets broken or not, people will look up my name and see I was a world record-holder at one point in my life, which I find really special," he said.

Wherever and whenever that might occur, dad Jim likely will be in the stands cheering Josh on. He's looking forward to seeing his son swim on a big stage in June. For the first time, the trials are taking place inside an NFL venue — Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis.

"I'm so excited for the Olympic trials to be in that building with 30,000 (spectators) and watching my son," Jim said. "It makes me shiver. It makes the hair on my arms stand up."







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