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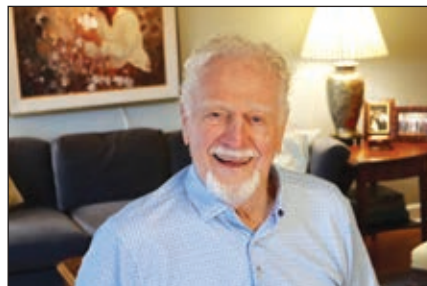
At the Homecoming pep rally Friday at Hinsdale Central High School, the four classes — seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen — compete in several games. The seniors tend to win without fail. During the singing part of the competition (you guessed it!) the seniors won easily. Homecoming, with a theme of Vegas Vacation, continued with a parade on Saturday morning and dance Saturday night. Throughout the week, several of Central's sports teams competed in homecoming matches. Please turn to Page 3 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



By the book

Central English teacher ready to introduce first novel.

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Burglary suspect released under new law

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A man on parole for armed robbery was charged last week with burglarizing a downtown Hinsdale shop in May by using a sledgehammer to gain entrance to the business. But he was released from custody under the state's new cashless bail rules, prompting frustration from law enforcement officials.

According to Hinsdale police, Terry Johnson, 30, of Chicago was one of seven suspects that arrived in two vehicles at Kelsey's Resale Boutique, 49 S Washington St. at 1:20 a.m. May 24. Authorities allege that Johnson used a sledgehammer to shatter the front door, and the suspects proceeded to steal \$68,000 in merchandise in under two minutes before fleeing.

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin's office reported that blood evidence located on the floor near the front door was found to be consistent with the DNA profile

of Johnson, who was on parole for armed robbery and aggravated battery out of Cook County. Johnson, the first arrest in the case, was charged Sept. 21 with armed violence, a class X felony, and burglary, a class 2 felony.

Appearing before Judge Joshua Dieden in DuPage County Circuit Court Sept. 21, Johnson was granted pre-trial release under the controversial SAFE-T Act signed by Gov. JB Pritzker last year, which took effect last week.

Under the act, Illinois became the first state to completely eliminate cash bail, meaning judges can no longer order people accused of certain crimes to pay money to get out of jail while awaiting trial. Johnson was required to wear a GPS electronic monitoring device and ordered to remain at least 1,000 feet away from Kelsey Resale Boutique as conditions of his release.

Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King suggested that the circumstances of

Johnson's case weigh against pre-trial release and would like Illinois lawmakers to amend the act.

"There are circumstances when detaining an individual makes sense," King said. "I would advocate for the legislature to return judicial discretion in cases which are now deemed non-detainable. The judge is in the best position to make that determination."

Berlin sharply criticized the SAFE-T Act for undermining safety.

"The fact that Mr. Johnson, who is currently on parole and now accused of a forcible felony, will be out on the streets pending his trial illustrates a deficiency in the new law," Berlin said in a statement. "I have been saying all along that after hearing the facts and circumstances of a case, a judge, not the legislature, is in the best position to decide if pre-trial release for a defendant is appropriate."

"The forcible felony of burglary is excluded from the list of detain-



Johnson

able offenses under a dangerousness standard unless there is use of force against another person," Berlin continued. "I urge the (Illinois) General Assembly to amend the law and allow

judges to use their discretion in every case, similar to New Jersey's pre-trial release law."

Hinsdale police said the Illinois Department of Correction is reviewing its request for parole violation action against Johnson. King said the investigation into the incident continues in hopes of arresting more suspects and indicated he expects a vigorous prosecution.

"Ultimately, Johnson will face trial in DuPage County where the state's attorney makes the prosecution of burglary a priority," he said.

Johnson's arraignment is scheduled for Oct. 16.

Great day for a parade



The 2023 Hinsdale Central Homecoming parade wound through the village Saturday morning. With the marching band in the lead, followed by cheerleaders, pom-poms and various members of several of Central's athletic teams, the parade was a big hit for the fans who lined the route. Central Principal Bill Walsh was also along for the ride. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Hidden creek — Hinsdale’s Sean Chaudhry came across a box of old photos tucked in a corner of his store’s basement. Workers built a culvert, which runs under the post office area, to hide Flagg Creek in 1939. 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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New playgrounds, MRCs in District 181

By Pamela Lannom
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Students at The Lane and Madison schools are enjoying new playgrounds, while Elm and Monroe schools are taking advantage of new media resource centers as part of almost \$3.1 million in summer construction projects in Community Consolidated Elementary District 181.

The district spent \$629,000 on the two playgrounds, according to a memo from Mike Duggan, district facilities director. The biggest expense was the demolition of existing structures and installation of new and engineered wood fiber at a cost of \$397,000. The district paid \$97,000 for poured in place surfaces, \$95,000 for concrete and \$40,000 for excavation and grading.

The PTOs contributed complimentary pieces of playground equipment to enhance the basic layout.

"We thank the PTOs for their generous contributions to the playground additions," Duggan said at the Sept. 14 board meeting.

The projects came in \$79,000 over budget, in part because of grading issues at The Lane.

"The elevation drops from the rear lot line to the parking lot about 20



District 181 installed a new playground at Madison School as part of its summer construction projects. The PTO contributed extra swings, a gaga pit with rubber mat flooring, a lunar burst climbing structure and a zipline — with the last two selected by student vote — to enhance the layout. (Jim Slonoff photo)

feet," Duggan said, which presented a challenge to providing an accessible playground.

Both playgrounds will need to be fully completed next summer.

The media resource center remodeling and Elm and Monroe schools totaled just over \$1 million. At Elm School, nine classrooms and offices that surround the MRC were part of

the project, as they were built with temporary metal walls that were not soundproof.

"The finished product makes it look like a new school," Duggan said at the board meeting.

Original hardware from the 1920s and 1950s was replaced at Monroe and The Lane School at a cost of \$565,000. Steel doors and related

hardware were installed and painted. Wood doors, which were not available over the summer, will be installed over Thanksgiving break.

The other three projects were flooring replacement at The Lane at a cost of \$480,000, Oak School roof rehabilitation for \$228,000 and a new walk-in cooler at Clarendon Hills Middle School for \$157,000.

Revenues holding steady in District 86

Final \$10 million in Future Ready Facilities costs will be paid during this fiscal year

By Pamela Lannom
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The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board is expected to approve a fiscal year 2023-24 budget Monday with anticipated revenues of almost \$133 million and projected expenses of \$142 million.

Revenues in the tentative budget are less than 1 percent higher than the \$131.9 million the district saw in fiscal year 2023.

Local revenues are expected to increase \$4.3 million or 3.6 percent due to increases in the consumer price index and new construction that applied to the 2022 levy, the district's annual request for property tax revenue, according to the budget summary. The district also is expecting higher interest earnings on investments. Those increases, however will be offset by the loss of almost \$3.4 million in other state, federal and other revenue, including a \$1.1 million drop in the corporate replacement tax.

Next year is the last year the district will have Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief money to pay for 2.8 certified full-time equivalents that have been funded through the grant, said Josh Stephenson, the district's chief financial officer. Last year the district received slightly more than \$700,000, and about \$300,000 remains.

Expenses will be down almost 16 percent — \$26.5 million — with the completion of Future Ready Facilities projects approved in the 2019 referendum. Capital expenses in 2022-23 were \$45.5 million, com-

pared to about \$15 million budgeted for 2023-24.

"The referendum projects are complete, and we're just working on paying out all the remaining invoices and closing out all the projects," Stephenson said at the Sept. 14 board meeting.

The difference between revenues and expenses will be covered by the \$9.9 million left in the capital projects fund.

Expenses in most other categories are up. Salaries will increase 5.4 percent (almost \$63.2 million to \$66.6 million), benefits will increase 4.8 percent (\$24.1 million to \$25.3 million), purchased services will increase 14.7 percent (\$13.2 million to almost \$15.2 million) and supplies will jump 28.5 percent (almost \$3.3 million to almost \$4.2 million).

Salary and benefit increases for about 500 of the district's 615 employees are covered under bargaining agreements between the board and the district's three unions. In addition to base pay, the salary line item also includes stipends for athletic coaching, department chairs, substitutes, extra-duty pay and overtime.

The jump in purchased services is primarily due to increased costs for transportation, which represents the largest expense in this category. Transportation includes regular and special education busing and taxi services for homeless and special ed students.

"There are a number of significant factors pushing up transportation costs year over year," Stephenson said, citing driver wages, benefits, leases and capital costs.

Besides almost \$11 million to complete referendum projects, the capital projects budget includes \$4 million of summer construction projects. The largest expense is slightly more than \$2 million to complete window replacement at Hinsdale Central. Those projects are either out to bid or soon will be, Stephenson said.

The district will spend about \$12.1 million to pay principal and interest on its \$180.8 million worth of debt from five series of bonds, three of which are from the \$140 million Future Ready Facilities referendum.

The district started the 2023-24 fiscal year with almost \$37.6 million in its fund balances and expects to end the year with \$28 million cash on hand.

"Overall, excluding the capital projects fund, we're projecting the beginning and ending fund balance to be basically the same," Stephenson said.

New this year, the budget includes an introductory narrative the finance committee has been working on for the past two months, Stephenson said.

"This is our attempt to put out a document that is fairly easy to understand, that anyone can kind of pick up and get a general overview of the annual budget for the district," he said.

That document and a detailed budget are available online at www.hinsdale86.org under the BoardDocs agenda for Sept. 14.

The board will hold a public hearing on the budget at 6 p.m. tonight and again at its rescheduled meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, when it is expected to adopt it. Both meetings are at Hinsdale Central.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2
Hinsdale Central High School
55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

On the draft agenda: second public hearing on and adoption of FY 23-24 budget, process for filling board vacancy, course proposals for 2024-25 year, initial 2023 levy presentation

Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: approve additions to Historically Significant Structures Property List, three-year contract extension with Republic Services

MEETING ROUNDUP

Community Consolidated District 181 Board

Among other business at their Sept. 18 meeting, board members:

- heard an update from Kristin Reingruber, director of assessment, instruction and evaluation, on the science pilot under way. Two resources are being piloted at the elementary school level and two at the middle schools, with plans to have new materials in place for the 2024-25 school year. The last science resource pilot and purchase was for the 2018-19 school year.
- learned the owner of the building at 133 Ogden Ave., which the district has an agreement to purchase for its new headquarters, reached an agreement with a first-floor tenant to waive its five-year lease extension and vacate the premises by Sept. 30, 2024. The district expects to start remodeling the building in the fall of 2024 and to move to the new space in June of 2025, when its current lease in a Clarendon Hills office building expires. The district expects to close on the new property on Sept. 29.
- received a report on sixth-day enrollment in the district, which is 3,559, down about 1.4 percent from the 2022 sixth-day enrollment of 3,608.

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other items Sept. 19, trustees:

- tabled a vote on approving a proposed three-year contract extension with Republic Services for garbage collection after Village President Tom Cauley raised concerns about an escalator clause that allows the firm to increase fees if the average price of diesel climbs above \$4.75 per gallon for a period of 90 days. With diesel prices currently above \$4 already, Cauley proposed that the surcharge threshold be increased to \$5.25 a gallon. A Republic Services representative said the firm would consider that proposal and respond.
- awarded the contract for rehabilitating and reconstructing the police department's gun range HVAC system to Burke LLC for \$250,000. All but \$9,000 of the cost will of the project will be covered by grant funding from the Illinois Secretary of State.
- awarded the design engineering and construction observation professional services contract for the 2024 street resurfacing program to HR Green for \$94,420
- awarded the 2023 sidewalk replacement program contract to TNT Concrete Construction in the amount of \$49,800

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Memorial Building cupola to sing once again

By Sandy Illian Bosch
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Longtime residents might remember a time when the skies over downtown Hinsdale were filled with melody and when the clock that sits atop the Memorial Building rang out to signal the top of each hour.

"I remember it as young person, hearing the bell ring and listening to the music," said Cynthia Curry, one of a trio of Hinsdale residents who months ago took it upon themselves to see if the bell, clock and carillon could be restored.

Their work paid off Sept. 5 when the Hinsdale Village Board voted to hire three companies whose combined work will result in a fully functional, fully modern bell, clock and carillon in the cupola over the Memorial Building. Digital upgrades of the carillon and bell will allow village staff to operate the system from their phones, and a digital upgrade to the clock will ensure that it keeps proper time. The clock's hands, face and dials also will be cleaned.

"We've been around forever, and we just really wanted to see this happen," said Scott Moore, who worked

with Curry and Julie Crnovich to see the project through. Because all three also work together on the Hinsdale Plan Commission, they were careful to always meet in pairs, so as not to break any rules or draw any speculation that their work was anything other than a passion project by three local residents.

"There's a lot of options that this unit is going to be able to do," said Jim Piontkowski, building maintenance supervisor.

The carillon will be capable of playing just about any song and can even be used to broadcast public announcements. Piontkowski said he imagines carols playing as downtown shoppers hunt for holiday gifts and patriotic tunes on the Fourth of July.

Piontkowski said programming the carillon was part of his job in the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s. The original system was gifted to the village in recognition of its centennial, but it began malfunctioning a few decades later. People complained when music and chimes began playing at random times. Deemed unrepairable, the system was shut down in the early 2000s.

Piontkowski said the speakers for the

restored system will be pointed south, to minimize any disturbance to neighbors and to direct the sound toward Burlington Park and the downtown. He expects equipment to be delivered in the next few weeks, keeping the project on track for a Dec. 1 debut — in time for the Christmas Walk.

"It just makes the whole village feel warmer and more welcoming," said Moore, who remembers hearing the bells as a student at Hinsdale Junior High School.

Moore said there's something about the gong of the bell that makes people stop and take notice.

"It slows time down a little bit," he said.

A self-described history buff, Crnovich said she is thrilled about the return of music and bells to downtown.

"It gives to the small-town character of our village," she said.

Like the Memorial Building itself, which was built as tribute to Hinsdale's veterans, Crnovich said this project is a fitting way to mark the village's 150th birthday.

"This will be a lasting tribute," she said.



The village is spending about \$42,000 to restore the clock, bell and carillon in the cupola over the Memorial Building. (photo provided)



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POLICE BEAT

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Arrest for active warrant

Larry L. Walton, 26, 317 Thistle Drive, Bolingbrook, was arrested for speeding and for an active arrest warrant out of DuPage County at 9:28 a.m. Sept. 24 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83. He was taken to the DuPage County Sheriff's office.

Vehicles burglarized at KLM

Windows on two vehicles were broken, and a purse and a laptop were taken from the interiors between 11:35 and 11:55 a.m. Sept. 20 at the Katherine Legge Memorial Park lot, 5905 S. County Line Road. The interior of another unlocked vehicle was rummaged through during the same time frame.

Car stolen from parking lot

A 2020 Kia Soul was stolen between 3 p.m. Sept. 21 and 11 a.m. Sept. 22 from the parking lot of The Hinsdale Apartment Homes in the 300 block of West 59th Street. The vehicle was recovered by Bellwood police at 5:40 p.m. Sept. 24.

Identity theft incidents reported

- A bank account belonging to a resident of the 200 block of Fuller Road was accessed to request a mailing address change and new debit card on Sept. 19. The incident was reported Sept. 23.
- Someone used the identity of a resident of the 400 block of East First Street to apply for credit card accounts on Aug. 21. The incident was reported Sept. 21.

Business check forged

A business in the 800 block of North York Road reported that a business check had been forged and deposited electronically between Aug. 25 and 28. The incident was reported Sept. 21.

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.

Superintendent search survey, meeting open

School Exec Connect invites residents to help develop a profile that will be used to identify strong candidates and ultimately select a new superintendent for Hinsdale High School District 86.

This profile will highlight district strengths and potential areas for improvement and list the characteristics stakeholders believe the next superintendent should possess.

A brief online survey (six questions) will be open until 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2.

Participation in this process will be completely confidential. District residents should have received an email Sept. 22 with a link and QR code for the survey.

Residents also can attend an open forum at 7 tonight, Sept. 28, at Hinsdale South, which will be moderated by representatives from School Exec Connect.

The board is searching for a replacement for Tammy Prentiss, who is on paid administrative leave through March 31.



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■ “I think knowing teens as much as I have over 31 years of teaching, they are so much more nuanced than ‘The Breakfast Club’ type of thing.”
— Angelique Burrell

Central English teacher publishes her first novel

Like many who grew up surrounded by books, Angelique Burrell dreamed of writing her own one day.

“I wanted to, but it seemed so far out of reach of anything,” she said. “It took a while for me to understand I could be writing right now. I don’t have to wait for some other time to start doing it.”

She was on a three-day summer road trip years ago — with her husband, two kids and new puppy — to her vacation home in Lake Tahoe, Calif., when she got an idea for a story that intrigued her.

“I get sick when I read in the car, so I would just sit there and just started thinking, ‘What if? What if?’ ” she said. “I wonder what happened with that accident. I wonder what made those skid marks. So I started with, ‘What if a kid could see that?’ ”

She started writing in the memos on her phone, and would work on the story a bit each summer as the family made the 1,918-mile trek to Lake Tahoe and back.

“It took a while for the whole thing to come together.”

Progress came more quickly after she joined a writers group at Central led by fellow English teacher Jared Friebe.

She didn’t mention her story at first, but when she did, the response was positive.

“That helped,” Burrell said. “When it’s hanging out in your mind, you don’t really know if it’s anything.”

Those early notes developed into her first novel, the story of Mason, a teen who can see the reason for every skid mark on the road. The initial response to advance copies of “A Mark in the Road,” which will be released Oct. 3, has been good.

“A lot of the people know me, but it has gotten some reviews from people who don’t know me, and they’ve been good,” she said. “We’re still waiting for the Kirkus review to come back. It’s a little nail biting.”

Among the most positive reviews were those from her dad, a former English teacher at LT, and her mom, a retired librarian.

“Oh my gosh, they were so proud. They were just over the moon,” she said.

Burrell’s experience getting her own work published has given her even more empathy for students in her creative writing class at Central.

“When you have someone read what you may have spent a lot of time working on and



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they want to tear it up a little, it’s hard to take,” she said. “Hopefully I’ve been able to help my students with the job of getting feedback and how to give feedback as well.”

Her students certainly helped her in developing her characters beyond the clichés she sometimes sees in young adult novels.

“I think knowing teens as much as I have over 31 years of teaching, they are so much more nuanced than ‘The Breakfast Club’ type of thing,” she said. “I think I definitely wanted to portray that more explicitly.”

Her then-teenage son and daughter and their friends offered some insights as well.

“You just hear the way they talk, and that helps with dialogue writing.”

Burrell already has completed her second book, currently titled “The Silent Deep,” the story of a girl whose father is missing and a boy whose uncle dies unexpectedly.

“Their two stories intersect with the history of Tahoe as well,” she said.

And she has an idea for her third novel, a sequel to “A Mark in the Road.”

While the writing comes a bit easier now, some of her methods haven’t changed.

“I do still write a lot on my phone when I’m driving long distances,” she said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Resignation highlights continued disorder in D86

Before the April election, we hoped the addition of some new faces on the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board would create a more cohesive governing body with less dysfunction.

How naive.

The recent resignation of board member Debbie Levinthal highlights continuing problems on the school board.

The argument could be made that Levinthal hasn't been happy since Cat Greenspon became board president immediately after being newly elected. Levinthal clearly had hoped to be president herself and believed someone with experience should be elected to the office. We agree. The majority of the board didn't. But we don't believe Levinthal resigned out of hurt feelings.

We were encouraged that the board finally agreed to form the academic committee Levinthal had pushed for the past two years, of which she was serving as chair. Based on the report at the last meeting, significant work already has taken place to create a framework for curriculum decisions with which the board and parents should be more comfortable.

Levinthal cites that work and her work as chair of the finance committee as highlights of her

board service.

Levinthal doesn't identify a specific reason in her resignation letter. But she does include one troubling statement.

"My personal guiding principles, though, have led me to conclude that my moral and ethical compasses are too divergent from, and are clearly irreconcilable with, those of the board majority," she wrote. "I am no longer willing to tolerate what, in my opinion, has become the resultant toxic exercise in futility and frustration."

This sounds like more than a disagreement over whether meeting minutes should be amended or new courses should be added to the social studies department. And we are concerned to hear of "irreconcilable differences" among board members. They are responsible, as entrusted representatives of district residents, to find a way to work together. We are disappointed Levinthal gave up.

We're also disappointed in the individual who, as board president, should be doing her best to make sure board members can work together. Instead Greenspon approaches the job as a CEO rather than as facilitator.

"I didn't ask for discussion," she declared at

one point during the last board meeting, after dictating what she wanted to see happen. (We were happy to see Interim Superintendent Linda Yonke push back.)

The timing of Levinthal's resignation is particularly unfortunate as it comes in the midst of the search for a new superintendent. The board already has a thorny reputation, as acknowledged by the superintendent search firm during its interview. And while School Exec Connect has tried to pitch this as an enticing challenge for the next leader, we can't imagine a board member's resignation looks very good on the district's resume.

From what we can see, Yonke and fellow Interim Superintendent Ray Lechner are doing a great job so far. They have said their role is to lay the groundwork for a healthy relationship between the board and the administration moving forward. We hope board members cooperate — and that they hire a new superintendent who is strong enough to stand up to them when the situation warrants.

Unfortunately, with Levinthal gone and her replacement likely to line up philosophically with the board majority, we fear that will not be the case. We hope to be wrong again.

COMMENTARY

120 pages not enough for 150 years of history

Whew!

When we sent the 120-page special section commemorating the village's 150th anniversary to our printer Tuesday morning, I felt a sigh of relief.

The section has consumed a lot of time and energy since early this summer, not just for me, but for everyone who worked on it. We wanted, as we state in the introduction on Page 5, to create a truly special section that would celebrate the village's sesquicentennial. And we created, I think it's fair to say, a pretty ambitious story list.

"This is where I really think AI could come in handy," associate editor Ken Knutson quipped while working on a story one particularly busy Friday 11 days before we went to press.

Our biggest challenge really was not what to put in, but what to leave out. Even in this quiet little village, a lot has happened in the past 15 decades — too much to fit within our defined space.

As I was doing research for the

section, I came across so many interesting little tidbits I would have loved to include.

For example, did you know that ..

- Charlton Heston appeared in a Hinsdale Summer Theatre production in the summer of 1956?

- A 16-year-old from Hinsdale crashed the Republican National Convention in Chicago in 1960 to meet Richard Nixon?

- Aviator Hugh Dugan, author of "Village on the County Line," was shot down by Germans during World War I after a British Royal Flying Corp. Mission and taken prisoner before being released in January 1919?

- Dr. Billy Graham once lived at 214 S. Clay St.?

And while we tried to include as many photos as possible, my favorite from the Hinsdale Historical Society of a Dorstewitz family pic-



Pamela Lannom

nic along Salt Creek did not make the cut. There's just something about the sisters and their guest in their white hats and dresses that makes me smile every time I see the picture.

I first saw the photo in 1995 while working on The Doings' centennial edition. I've also worked on a Doings special section marking the village's

125th anniversary and a special section here at The Hinsdalean celebrating the library's 125th anniversary. It's a good thing I like history! I never imagined when I went into this field how fortuitous that would be.

Also on the list of omissions I regret are all the quaint little stores that lined the streets of downtown Hinsdale when I first came to work here 35 years ago, like the Little Book Shop and Schoen's and Schweidler and Mewherter (which took me years to learn to spell

without looking it up).

I also have memories of covering the Hinsdale Antiques Show, which used to be a major fundraiser for The Community House, and the Hinsdale Youth Center and the invasion of cicadas in my early days as a reporter.

Jim Slonoff remembers even more things, seeing as he started working in town almost a decade before I did.

But, alas, we were not writing a memoir of our experiences covering the village of Hinsdale, and so these items were relegated to this column.

The good news is we still have 13 weeks left of devoting Page 7 of our weekly edition to something related to the village's history. We've already assigned some topics we discussed this summer to those pages.

If I'm lucky, I'll think of a reason to publish that picnic photo there. — Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

■ Even in this quiet little village, a lot has happened in the past 15 decades — too much to fit within our defined space.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Time to empty my prefrontal cortex

Ahh ... that's better.

The good old prefrontal cortex. Where would we be without it? Pretty much brain dead; that's where we'd be. The prefrontal cortex is the region of the brain responsible for planning complex cognitive behavior, personality expression, decision-making and moderating social behavior.



Bill Barre

But why empty it? And how would you even do that? You might not be familiar with this process as I identify it here. You might know it by other names — writing, painting, composing, photographing, film-making, etc.

I suspect I am immortal. You probably suspect the same. Here's the truth, we aren't.

However, we shouldn't be too hard on ourselves. It's only natural for us to believe that ceasing to exist is implausible and highly improbable.

How, after all, could such a thing happen? We're breathing and thinking and conscious one minute and not breathing, not thinking and not conscious the next. To show my age, let me call it as I see it — bummer!

But, sadly, that's how easily our prefrontal cortex goes the way of those largely unthinking dinosaurs. Kaput! Gone. All those years of memories, lessons-learned, 20 years of expensive education, your perfect golf swing — oh, it's all too depressing.

So what's a mind to do?

Write. Or paint. Or compose. Or photograph. Or whatever is comfortable for you to do. Empty your prefrontal cortex on a regular basis. It feels so good.

And you might wonder who will care anyway? Well, your family for one and your grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And maybe a lot of others, too. All of us are too modest about how instructive, interesting and even inspiring our lives have been. Empty that prefrontal cortex and they will come!

For me, it's writing. Now I'm not going to die. Well, I am, kind of, but the essence of me will live on through my words.

And the essence of you might live on through your drawings or paintings or music or films, or videos of your perfect golf swing. Fore!

Emptying our prefrontal cortexes is the closest thing we have to immortality. It's the best way to let the world know who we are and, eventually, who we were.

Hey, our prefrontal cortexes aren't going to be around forever. And, however sad that might be, crying over dead prefrontal cortexes won't solve anything. Only emptying them will.

We're going to die. It's coming. And our best — and only — revenge is emptying our prefrontal cortex on a regular basis.

fi ... don't you feel better?

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join Rotary Run Sunday and support local charities

Come one, come all to the 2023 Rotary Run Charity Classic this coming Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023.

The motto of Rotary is very simple, "Service Above Self." That is the reason I joined the Rotary Club of Hinsdale just a few short years ago and that is the reason that this race is so important to me. Almost every penny donated to the race will be given away to excellent charitable causes, including The Community House of Hinsdale, the D181 Foundation, the Ray Graham Foundation and the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation. Since I delivered babies at Hinsdale Hospital for over 40 years, the donation to the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation is near and dear to my heart because every dollar donated to the Hospital will be spent renovat-

ing the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) — the place where the smallest and most vulnerable patients go to survive and then thrive.

For 29 years, the Hinsdale Rotary Club has been organizing this popular early autumn event. It is a fun time for the whole family, and the meteorologists are predicting great weather for being out and about this coming Sunday. There is a 10K, a 5K, a 3K, a Mutt Strutt and more! Pets and strollers are welcomed in the Mutt Strutt. The fun begins at The Community House at 8:30 am. Cost at the door will be \$30 per person and \$100 for the whole family. That is cheap entertainment on a beautiful day, and the proceeds go to wonderful charities. — Lanny Wilson, Hinsdale



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OBITUARIES

Diane Christine Ronning Halbrook

Diane Christine Ronning Halbrook, 76, died peacefully under hospice care at Wesley Acres on Sept. 15, 2023.

Diane was born in 1947 in Chicago, the first child of John A. and Leila Southard Ronning. Growing up in Hinsdale, Diane graduated from Hinsdale Central High School. Following two generations of her family, she attended St. Olaf College, earning her bachelor's in 1969. After three years teaching home economics, she enrolled in graduate studies at Iowa State University. There, she met her future husband, Steve Halbrook, and completed both her master's and doctoral degrees in educational administration.

Steve and Diane married in 1975 and moved to Des Moines. While Steve attended law school, Diane worked for the Iowa Department of Public Instruction, supporting home economics programs in Iowa schools.

Son John was born in Des Moines and daughter Ann two years later after the family relocated to northern Virginia. There, Diane worked as an educational consultant and later became the managing director of the Alexandria Community Y.

In 1988, she was selected to participate in the renowned Kellogg Foundation National Fellowship Program. With Steve's unwavering support, she was able to travel and study extensively in China, Africa and Latin America, while continuing to work and parent. At a time when most had to choose between family and career, Diane did it all.

In 1991, the family moved to Diane's hometown of Hinsdale, where she continued her work in nonprofit organizations. Diane was one of the first women active in Rotary International in both Virginia and suburban Chicago. She was consistently active in community affairs and served as president of the Garden Club of Hinsdale. She was a Scout leader, an advocate for the underserved, a fighter of justice and a friend and mentor to anyone she met.

Diane loved live music — especially Jimmy



Halbrook

Buffett, Pink Martini, her beloved St. Olaf Choir and Rod Stewart, whom she was thrilled to shake hands with one day in Palm Beach, Fla. She enjoyed a Pink Martini concert this past March, just days before her health began to fail.

Diane was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2004. Even as her mobility diminished, she remained active and continued to travel, especially to Florida and the family fishing cabin.

She was an avid genealogist and loved discovering family history.

In 2008, Diane and Steve relocated to Arkansas. There, Steve served as a professor and administrator at the University of Arkansas. Diane became a listening ear for graduate students far away from home. She jumped into the Fayetteville community, becoming active in PEO. She made scores of friends and loved the arts and Razorback baseball.

After Steve retired in 2019, Diane and Steve moved back to Des Moines to be near their kids and grandkids. Diane's mobility continued to decline, but her love for her family and friends was unrelenting.

Diane is survived by her husband Steve; her son, John (Christine); her daughter, Ann (Garrett) Schmid; her grandchildren, James Halbrook, Sophia Halbrook, Nels Schmid and Gedde Schmid; her brother, David (Kerry) Ronning; her sister, Karen (Curt) Lang; six nieces and nephews; and 16 great-nieces and -nephews.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1020 24th St., West Des Moines, Iowa.

Diane may be remembered with flowers or donations to the Ronning Family scholarship fund at St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN 55057; the scholarship fund of the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State, 2155 Lagomarcino Hall, 901 Stange Road, Ames, IA 50011; or a charity that supports underserved communities or champion women's education.

Sophie Paro

Sophie Paro, née DiMassa, passed away Sept. 18, 2023, in Burr Ridge.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., the middle child of three, Sophie moved to southern California as a teenager, just in time to attend San Pedro High School, serve as Girls League president, graduate as class valedictorian and meet fellow student John Paro, the man she would marry.

After high school, she earned an education degree at Long Beach State University and went on to work in the Los Angeles public school system, where she joyfully and masterfully taught second — and third-graders.

Sophie became a mother to three sons and a daughter in the nine years after her 1955 wedding. In 1967, she and John moved to Wayne, Penn., and together they created a wonderful home and many dear friendships over the next 50 years in the suburbs of Philadelphia (save for a four-year stint in Freeport, Bahamas).

With boundless energy, Sophie always gave 100 percent of her warm and caring spirit to any effort she committed to. Cub Scout den mother, Girl Scout troop leader, co-chair of their



Paro

club's dinner and dancing series, weekly Mass lector and consummate hostess for any type of gathering, from sophisticated gourmet dinner to child's birthday party. One of the keys to her entertaining prowess was, of course, her spectacular cooking and baking skills. The same recipe in anyone else's hands never seemed to have results as delicious. Sophie would say her love for her guests was the secret ingredient.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, John; her brother and sister-in-law; her four children; her three daughters-in-law; her seven grandchildren; her six great-grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was said Sept. 26 at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Western Springs.

A gathering to celebrate her life in the Philadelphia area is also being planned for later this year.

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RON HILT, FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZER

What is the Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship?

Ron Hilt felt unwelcome as a boy when his pursuit of childhood pleasures clashed with church dogma. Experiencing ostracism following a divorce also left a bad taste in his mouth.

Now retired, the Union Church of Hinsdale member is drawing on those episodes to foster a community where all have a seat at the table. Hilt is among a group that has recast the church's longstanding Men's Club into the monthly Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship, with a vision to be an inviting gathering for all. The opening AIFF luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Union Church, 137 S. Garfield Ave. (see Page XX for details)

"I don't want to be part of anything that's going to exclude people by gender," said the father of four daughters. "We need to be inclusive in terms of gender, and we want to be inclusive in terms of faith."

The previous men's group, consisting predominantly of fellow retirees, counted attendees from

other local faith communities. Hilt hopes those connections continue and grow by extending the welcome mat to women of those churches. He also wants to get the word to anyone — even those who don't subscribe to any particular faith tradition — to come and enjoy thought-provoking conversation and an inexpensive catered meal. The AIFF luncheons take place the second Wednesday of every month (with a summer break) and host speakers on an array of topics.

"I want to be sure that the programs are either educational, informative or entertaining," Hilt said.

Past experience has taught him that travel, business-related subjects and music find broad appeal. The Oct. 11 kickoff will feature local vocalist and songwriter Ellie Banke performing in the church's sanctuary.

Another dimension central to the AIFF mission is outreach, particularly by providing the proceeds from each month's gathering to organizations addressing hunger and domestic violence. Hilt encouraged attendees suggest additional causes for consideration.

"If it deals with anything that is universal to interfaith people, we

want to be able to support it," he said.

To find common ground along religious, racial and even political lines, occupying a common space is a key first step, Hilt said. And conversion is not among the AIFF objectives.

"We want to provide an opportunity for fellowship," he remarked. "I want to fill the dining room with members and guests who are interested in AIFF."

Hilt believes churches need to be agents for celebrating diversity.

"I think the biggest headwinds (to inclusivity) are coming from the decades that it has taken for people to have anything in their church to get excited about," Hilt said. "I'm hoping that this will be something to be excited about."

"Bring your friends," he added.

Ultimately, the former real estate agency owner wants to build his life around authenticity.

"When you're doing the right thing, you're going to be able to sleep at night," he said. "It doesn't make any difference to me (your faith), as long as you understand that honesty and integrity have to be two things that walk with you every day."

— by Ken Knutson



Ron Hilt is eagerly anticipating the launch of the Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship group at Union Church as a way to bring together people from a range of backgrounds to break bread and engage in thoughtful conversation. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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OBITUARIES

Mary Elizabeth Platts

Mary Elizabeth Platts, 96, passed away Sept. 18, 2023.

Known as Betty, she was born in 1926 in Toronto, Canada, and moved to Hinsdale in 1964 with her husband, James Platts, and children.

Betty deeply loved her family, friends and neighbors, who knew her as a force to be reckoned with, fiercely independent and full of boundless energy. She lived a full life, marked by generous friendships that surpassed the bounds of age.

She was a dedicated member, with her husband, of Union Church of Hinsdale for more



Platts

than 60 years and a passionate bridge player, active in three weekly bridge groups. Betty was well known for the 25 years she managed the Hinsdale Racquet Club.

Betty is survived by her children, Suzanne and Jim; and her granddaughters, Jacqueline and Liz.

Services will be private.

A public reception will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave..

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Griff Edward Schrade

Griff Edward Schrade, 80, passed away Sept. 16, 2023, in Tempe, Ariz., after a battle with Stage 4 colon cancer.

He was born in 1943 at St. Anne's Hospital in Chicago, the first child of Edward C. and Thurley (nee Griffin) Schrade. He grew up in River Forest, graduating from Oak Park-River Forest High School in 1961.

Griff received his bachelor's in electrical engineering from Purdue University and worked at Harnischfeger Corp. in Milwaukee for one year before taking over the reins of Schrade Ball Bearings Products Co. following his father's death in 1966. He worked as a manufacturers' representative until his retirement in 2013.

On Aug. 12, 1972, he married the love of his life, Karen Anne Lux, daughter of Robert Kiel and Constance (nee Greenhalgh) Lux of Hales Corners, Wis. Karen and Griff lived in Forest Park, first, then in Oak Park, where both of their children were born. They moved to Hinsdale in



Schrade

1980 and lived there for 38 years.

Enjoying retirement, Griff and Karen moved to Friendship Village in Tempe, Ariz., in 2018, and very much loved the caring community and camaraderie among their fellow residents, especially during the last six months of Griff's life.

Griff was an avid reader. He'd resisted moving from books to electronic books until he received an e-reader for Christmas one year. From then on, he decided paper books were "too heavy to hold." He was also a baseball fan, following the Chicago Cubs since childhood and Arizona Diamondbacks more recently. On his 75th birthday, his name was on the scoreboard at a Cubs' spring training game. He was delighted.

Griff is survived by his wife of 51 years, Karen; his two children, Kristen (Dana) Kroeger and Todd (Kelli) Schrade; and his grandchildren, Henrik "Henry" Schrade and Karalyn Kroeger.

He will be interred near his parents at Chapel Hill Garden in Oakbrook Terrace.

Edward Allen Treichel

Edward Allen Treichel, 80, passed away peacefully Sept. 17, 2023.

Born in Melrose Park in 1943, Edward was a longterm resident of Chicago and then Hinsdale for the past 34 years. Edward earned his bachelor's, master's and doctorate in finance and monetary economics at the University of Iowa. He spent 10 years teaching at his alma mater and the University of Maryland.

It was at the U of M that Ed met the love of his life, Petra. From 1987 through 2001 he served as executive director and chief investment officer of Van Kampen Management Inc. He then co-founded and led McDonnell Investment LLC, a fixed income management firm with \$12 billion in assets under management, as president and CEO until 2015 and through the firm's acquisition by Natixis Global Asset Management.

Once a world Little League champion and the smallest player on the Proviso East basketball team, he loved (but was often frustrated) rooting for his Chicago sports teams. Ed also loved to be present at Jeffrey's hockey games and music gigs and would routinely wake up at 4:30 a.m. to drive Alexa to figure skating practice before school.



Treichel

As his kids grew, Ed enjoyed being able to watch Jeff's own family grow and recalled one of his happiest memories was Alexa legally buying him a beer at the Los Angeles Coliseum while her USC Trojans walloped Notre Dame. An accordion virtuoso and state finalist, Edward was multitalented and eclectic; he enjoyed many trips to Germany to visit with Petra's family, to London

where he worked for several years through Continental Illinois National Bank, as well as France and Croatia. He was equally content walking the pier in Huntington Beach, catching blue gills in Wisconsin and especially tending to his backyard in Hinsdale with Mozart or Vivaldi blasting.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Petra (Kage) in September 2016.

Ed is survived by his son, Jeffrey (Alma); his daughter, Alexa (Pares) Makan; his five granddaughters, Heidi, Haley and Hannah Treichel and Anika and Lena Makan; his brother, Dennis (Joanne); and his nieces and nephew.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Adolf and Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S Madison St., Willowbrook.



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Zoo visitors can meet three baby animals

Births of reticulated giraffe, nyala and addax antelope will help their species survive

By Pamela Lannom
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Most fans of Brookfield Zoo know about the upcoming fun promised at the annual Boo at the Zoo! event (see Page 26 for details). But they might not know a visit to the zoo also means the chance to see several calves born this year, including a reticulated giraffe.

"The pitter patter of little hooves is what we're calling it," said Joan Daniels, senior director of hooved mammal care and conservation for the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo. "We seem to be having a baby boom of some sort."

Arnieta, the zoo's 16-year-old reticulated giraffe, gave birth to a female calf Aug. 19. Four-year-old Zola, a nyala, gave birth Aug. 29 to a male calf, her third offspring and her second born this year. The zoo also welcomed two addax antelope this year, a female born in March and a male born to 4-year-old Ivy in August.

"They're all doing really well. We're very happy to say the mothers are doing an excellent job of taking care of the calves," Daniels said.

The births are all designed to help boost the population of the three African species.

"These are all planned births," Daniels said. "We work with the (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) Species Survival Plan to put our animals together for breeding. We know they are genetically compatible with each other."

The nyala population is stable, but the species still has threats, including habitat loss due to agriculture and cattle grazing, and hunting, according to a press release from the

It's a girl!



Arnieta gave birth Aug. 19 to this female calf, who weighed 130 pounds and stood 6 feet tall. Kinda was born while her mother was standing up, falling five feet to the ground upon delivery. She can grow as much as three feet in her first six months. She is the first offspring of dad Ato, a 7-year-old who arrived at the zoo in 2017. Arnieta gave birth to a male calf in 2012.

zoo. The addax antelope is critically endangered, with estimates of less than 100 animals remaining in the wild.

And the reticulated giraffe is now considered an endangered species as well, a fact that surprises many, Daniels said.

"People aren't aware that all the species of giraffes that are found in Africa are facing quite a bit of pressure and the number of giraffes in the wild has dropped significantly," she said.

The giraffe's birth was highly anticipated, not only because the pregnan-

cy lasted 15 months, but because mom Arnieta had miscarriages in 2021 and 2022. She received a daily regiment of liquid synthetic progesterone and antibiotics (put on her favorite food, leaf lettuce) about a third of the way through her pregnancy.

"I think the story has been very interesting to a lot of zoo visitors and the press because it's very comparable to what humans go through to try to sustain pregnancy," Daniels said.

Offering this kind of support to a pregnant giraffe is new for the zoo, Daniels said. The veterinary endo-

Zoo babies

It's a boy!



Zola and Hamilton are parents for the second time in less than a year with the birth of a 14-pound male nyala calf Aug. 29 in the antelopes' outdoor habitat. He won't get his adult coloring (dark brown to slate gray coat with diminished body stripes) until he is 10 to 14 months old. Males also have yellow-tipped spiraled horns that can grow up to 3 feet long. He has yet to be named.



The 15-pound male addax calf born Aug. 8 is the third addax born at the zoo in just over a year. Named Ike, he is the first calf for mom, nearly 4-year-old Ivy, and the fifth for the 9-year-old sire, Ishnala. Brookfield Zoo, the first zoo in the United States to have an addax birth in 1941, has had more than 140 births of this species since 1935.

crinologist on staff is making a real difference.

"She has been doing some wonderful work helping all different types of species become effective mothers and raise their offspring," she said.

The giraffe calf, named Kinda (which has Swahili and Arabic origins and means "beautiful"), spent some time alone with her mom for the first three weeks after she was born. She has been on display in Habitat Africa since early September.

"They're social animals, so the next step is to let mom and baby back in

with the herd, which is their normal social grouping," Daniels said. "That's when we want our visitors to be able to see them."

Unlike the giraffe, the nyala and addax were born in the habitat, with lucky visitors able to observe.

Daniels said not many visitors realize just how much goes on behind the scenes before a zoo baby is born.

"I just think the whole process is so interesting," she said. "I think people are surprised by the level of care that goes into taking care of animals that are reproducing."



Raise money for the Hinsdale Historical Society's Zook Home & Studio while touring the historic home of Mimi and Dan Collins at 420 S. Park Ave. and learning about its restoration. Turn to Page 22 for details. (file photo)

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship lunch

Oct. 11
Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S. Garfield Ave.
(630) 794-0664

The Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship, formerly Men's Club/Adult Fellowship, invites all to a special opening luncheon. The AIFF's goal is inclusivity and fellowship, while also supporting charities that address hunger, domestic violence and other worthy causes. This month the AIFF welcomes local vocalist and song writer Ellie Banke, who will perform in the sanctuary after lunch. The group will host catered lunches with entertainers or paid speakers every second Wednesday of the month through June. Reservations should be made by Oct. 4 by calling Elizabeth Young at the number listed above. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 (cash only).

FOR A CAUSE

■ Humane society drive

Sept. 29
Hinsdale Central
55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdalehumane.org/help/wish-list/

Hinsdale Central cheer and football, along with Falcon cheer and football, are holding a supply drive at the Hinsdale Central varsity football game to benefit the Hinsdale Humane Society. A wish list of items that can be donated at the game is available at the website above. Team members also will walk the stands to collect cash donations. Time: 7:30 p.m.

■ Sip and Shop for Mend A Heart

Sept. 30
J. McLaughlin
53 S. Washington St.,
Hinsdale
(630) 468-2597

Join hostess Bridget O'Meara for a festive afternoon of sips and shopping in support of the Mend A Heart Foundation, with 15 percent of purchases being donated to help improve the lives of children born with congenital heart defects. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m.

■ Sudden Cardiac Arrest fundraiser

Through October
www.just1mike.org
For Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month, the just-1mike 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

■ Pickleball Workshop

Oct. 2 & 5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

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Find community at the Hinsdale Public Library

Finding and building community can be a challenge when you are somewhere new — or even somewhere you've lived for some time. As life changes, the communities you need shift, too. But thankfully, when you are fortunate enough to live in Hinsdale, your needs are met with enthusiastic support and options.

As a new resident to Hinsdale last year, the first place I turned was the library. There was something special about getting a library card with my name on it from my new home that made my heart glow.

Growing up, my hometown didn't have, and still does not, have a library — a fact that has made me seek out libraries throughout my life as almost sacred spaces. I happened to love the Hinsdale Public Library so much that I applied for a job and started working in the administration department this spring.

Hinsdale Public Library has

become a cornerstone in the community I have built for myself here in this special village. I hope that with every program or service offered, other community members will find something for themselves to reflect the kind of community they need, when they need it.

Residents will find more than just books to get lost in at the library. With the constantly changing programs and displays, there is something for everyone to connect with in one way or another.

With September winding down, there are still a few things to savor at the library before October arrives. A few days remain during National Library Card Signup Month to sign up for your HPL card, celebrating the adventure you're about to begin by



Katherine Wessel
Check this out

taking a picture with our giant library card and fun props. Kids can try their luck at our very first I Spy Case downstairs celebrating :Back to School: before the spooky October I Spy Case is revealed. Families and children can connect at the library and find their communities in our many interactive storytimes and craft sessions.

One of the things that HPL is most excited to present this fall is the Mid-Autumn Festival on Oct. 1. Over 90 volunteers from the Chinese-American community will come to the library to host an event celebrating this joyous tradition. With a talent show, traditional Chinese games, and calligraphy station, Hinsdaleans will get to enjoy festivities all over the library. I am most excited for the tea ceremony!

(HPL will be a busy place that Sunday. Street parking is available to the north, east and west of the building. Or, enjoy the crunch of autumn leaves with a relaxing fall walk.)

Another wonderful option for building community is to stop by the library on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. for our drop-in Coffee and Conversation hour, featuring free coffee and doughnuts from local staples Café La Fortuna and Kramer's. That isn't the only way to meet your neighbors — we have a new crochet club, a new moms book group and even a memory café for adults with dementia and their care partners. Visit our website or stop by to learn more.

If you're new to town like I was, or entering a new phase of life, I promise you won't regret getting involved at our wonderful library. I look forward to seeing you here!

— Katherine Wessel is the office manager at Hinsdale Public Library.

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their own paddle if desired. Additional workshops are offered weekly on Mondays and Thursdays through Dec. 21. Time: 10:45 to 12:15 p.m. Cost: \$92. RR, MD

■ Girls basketball skills clinic

Oct. 21
Hinsdale Central main gym
5500 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalecentral.8to18.com/dashboard/catalog

This clinic for girls in first through sixth grade will be led by Hinsdale Central team members and coaches. The training is for all skill levels, beginner to advanced, and girls will be grouped based on ability. All proceeds go to the Hinsdale Central girls basketball program. The registration deadline is Oct. 19. Time: 2 to 3:15 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Take Home Craft: Laced Paper Plate Pumpkin Face

Oct. 6
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids in kindergarten through second grade can pick up a kit at the library to create a laced pumpkin face by painting, cutting, gluing and lacing. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ ReThink Retirement

Oct. 9
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Join this free monthly Golden Brunch Club meeting and explore the options seniors have as they age. Attendees will learn the pros and cons of each, and the discussion will include the cost of health care and how to protect assets against the high cost of future care. Brunch-worthy snacks and refreshments will be provided. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ What's the Buzz on Honey Bees?

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

Longtime beekeepers Charles and Karen Lorence will talk about the amazing and

beneficial insects critical to the food chain, including their jobs, the products of their hive, pollination and plants they love. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Coming of Age in a Digital World

Oct. 18
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.d181foundation.org

In "Growing up in Public: Coming Of Age In A Digital World," media expert and author Devorah Heitner will discuss how social media and constant connection are stretching thin the boundaries of privacy for children. Learn to help tweens and teens navigate boundaries, identity, privacy and reputation in their digital world and cut through the overwhelm to connect with and support kids as they figure out who they are. The program is part of the Community Speaker Series sponsored by District 181, District 86 and the District 181 Foundation. Time: 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.

ON STAGE

■ 'The Drowsy Chaperone'

Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Westview Hills Middle School
630 65th St., Willowbrook
www.westmontparks.org

The play is a loving send-up of a Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. When a man puts on his favorite record and the 1928 musical comes to life, an evening of madcap delight ensues. Cast members include Hinsdaleans Susan O'Byrne (title role) and Art Andersen, and local grocery store manager Mike Kinnavy. Buy tickets online using address listed above or at the door. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

RUNS & WALKS

■ Rotary Run Charity Classic

Oct. 1
Start & finish at The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.runsignup.com/Race/Info/IL/Hinsdale/RotaryRunCharityClassic

Join this 29th annual event with races for every member and ability level in the family while raising money for local and international charitable work. The activities begin with the 10K Run at 8:30 a.m.,

followed by the 5K run at 8:45 a.m., the 3K run at 8:50 a.m., and the 5K and 3K walks and the Mutt Strut at 8:55 a.m. Pets and strollers are allowed only in the Mutt Strut. To guarantee T-shirt size and availability, register by Sept. 15. Cost: \$25, \$95 for a family by Sept. 26; \$30/\$100 last minute. RR

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■ Microsoft Excel Basics

Oct. 2 or 4
Clarendon Hills Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org
(630) 323-8188

Learn to create, format and save a spreadsheet in Microsoft Excel, along with the most commonly used functions the software offers. Laptops will be provided. Times: 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 2, 3 to 4 p.m. Oct. 4. RR

■ Neighborhood Feud!

Oct. 4
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Join this live and interactive game show event as "neighborhoods" work together as a group to guess answers to survey questions. Prizes will be given, and popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$18. RR, MD

■ Chills and Thrills with Stephen Graham Jones

Oct. 4
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
Stephen Graham Jones, author of "The Only Good Indians" and "Don't Fear the Reaper," will talk scary stories, horror and more in this online program. The recipient of several awards, including the Ray Bradbury Award from the Los Angeles Times, the Bram Stoker Award and the Shirley Jackson Award, Jones is the Ivena Baldwin Professor of English at the University of Colorado Boulder. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Château du Parc

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Enjoy an evening of music, food and preservation as Mimi and Dan Collins open up their home to give others an opportunity to see historic preservation and restoration in action. Learn about the before and after of their home's transformation via the Hinsdale Historical Society Historical Tourist app. The home will also be open to the public for tours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 8 for \$40 per person. Proceeds benefit the Zook Home & Studio. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets: \$150. RR

■ Author Visit with Angelique Burrell

Oct. 12
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Hinsdale Central High School teacher Angelique Burrell will celebrate the release of her new young adult novel, "A Mark in the Road,"

with a reading and Q&A. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the library starting Oct. 3; Burrell will sign copies after the program. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Self-defense Workshop

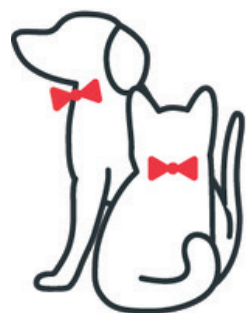
Sept. 30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Middle school and high school students will discuss and be introduced to basic physical self-defense skills and techniques. Topics will be presented at an age-appropriate level, with training aimed at empowering attendees with life skills to help them confidently transition into new situations. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$41. RR, MD

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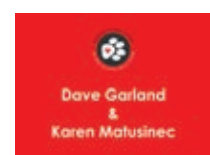
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■ Fall Color Wine Tasting

Sept. 28
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 968-0074
www.mortonarb.org

Enjoy seasonal wines and live music in The Grand Garden amidst changing trees at the arboretum. Attendees can pre-order their favorite wines with Famous Liquors to pick up at a later date. Cases of wine are 10 percent off. Ten percent of all wine sales will be donated back to the arboretum. Designated driver tickets are available, which include a complimentary non-alcoholic beverage ticket, a cookie and an Arboretum-branded silicone wine glass. Time: 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets: \$70, \$25 for designated driver.

■ Mid-Autumn Festival

Oct. 1
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 789-1986
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
Learn about the origin of this Chinese festival while enjoying Mid-Autumn delicacies, crafts, games, calligraphy and a special performance. Time: 2 to 4 p.m. RR

■ Fall Color 5K Run and Walk

Oct. 7
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 968-0074
Enjoy the arboretum at the cusp of the autumnal color change at this annual USATF-certified 5K run and walk. A virtual option also is available. A postrace party will be held with live music and a beer (nonalcoholic, too) for participants age 21 and up. Time: 8 a.m. shotgun start. Cost: \$55, \$45 for virtual 5K. RR

■ Fall Festival

Oct. 7-8
Danada Equestrian Center
3S507 Naperville Road, Wheaton
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 668-6012
The DuPage County Forest Preserve District's largest event returns for two days this year. Festivities will include equestrian performances and demonstrations in the outdoor arena, wagon rides, pony rides and other children's activities, barn tours and more. Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: Free, with small fees for some activities.

■ Boo! at the Zoo

Weekends Oct. 7-22
Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Road
(708) 688-8400
www.czs.org/booatthetoo

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, including the Howl-O-Scene. Backdrops feature pumpkins, bales of hay, black cat cutouts and more. 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.

■ Glass Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 13-15
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 968-0074
<https://www.mortonarb.org>
The Morton Arboretum's 13th annual Glass Pumpkin Patch features demonstrations by artists as they turn bits of glass into stunning molten pumpkin masterpieces. Guests also can visit the Halloween tent to find enchanting and frightful works of art to decorate the home and garden. Glass pumpkins are available for sale from 1 p.m. Oct. 14 to 5 p.m. Oct. 16. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: free with timed admission of \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$11 for kids ages 2-17 and free for those 2 and younger.

■ Hinsdale Fall Family Fest

Oct. 14
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
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■ Halloween Cupcake Decorating

Oct. 15
Hinsdale Public Library
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www.hinsdalelibrary.info

Kids in kindergarten through second grade are invited to listen to a story about fall and decorate Halloween themed cupcakes with frosting, crushed cookies, gummy worms and more. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

■ OAKtober Walk

Oct. 15
St. James Farm
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<https://www.dupageforest.org>

Enjoy the fall colors and learn about oaks on a guided walk. Participants may bring crayons and paper to make their own leaf and bark rubbings. The program is for ages 5 and older; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

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Oct. 20
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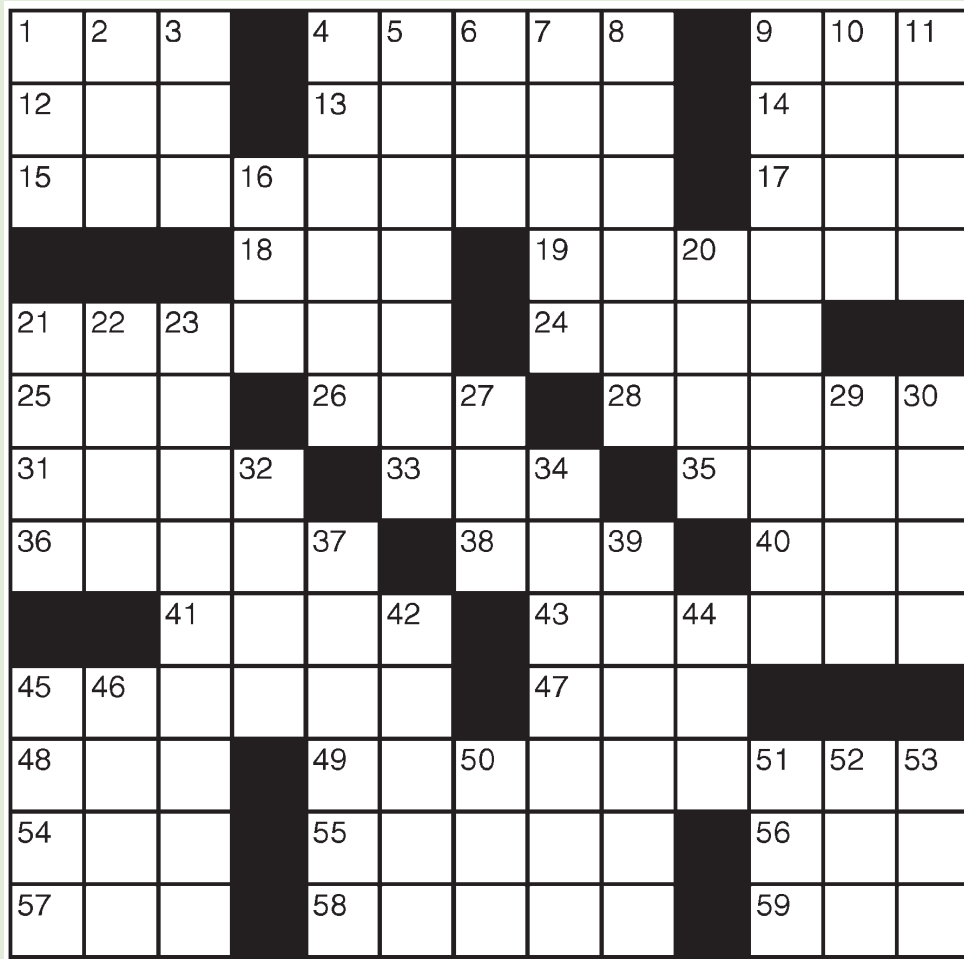
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by Linda Thistle

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October 2023 Horoscopes • Week 1



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CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
No one knows which side of you they will get during an interaction, Capricorn. That can make business or family interactions challenging. Try to be more open.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, a project you thought would be done quickly is taking more time than expected to be completed. Don't fret over it too much, as things will work out in the end.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Others might start asking questions about your whereabouts if you take too many days off from your job, Cancer. While you don't necessarily have to explain yourself, it's helpful if you do.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, money is a major driving force behind a lot of decisions, but it shouldn't be the only one. You may be taking on too much if you are working yourself to the point of exhaustion.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you have been managing a lot of extra tasks and could be feeling the added stress from the work. Tune out for a few days to rest yourself and restore your mind to calm.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
There are just a few obstacles that you need to get past before it is smooth sailing for a bit, Taurus. Use these roadblocks as learning opportunities as you go along.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if someone already has made up their mind about something, it's unlikely that you will be able to change their way of thinking in one day. Keep at it if it means that much to you.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
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PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you want to be everyone's friend and go along with any plan that comes your way, but you might have to be a little bit more firm in your choices moving forward.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, when someone approaches you saying they have a good deal for you, there are certain questions you should ask before moving ahead. It's important to get all the facts.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, if you really ponder how you have been interacting with others, have you been completely honest? You might think you're getting away with something, but others see the truth.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you might be the topic of conversation this week, as others are all figuring out what they can do to be in your good graces. Try not to play favorites in this instance.

8U FALCONS SHUT OUT TRI CITY

The 8U Hinsdale Falcons improved to 4-1 Saturday afternoon with a 24-0 victory over Tri City 8U Black.

Cole Sherwood stole the show scoring four touchdowns, including three on the ground and one punt return. Sherwood also had an interception as well as three receptions for 85 yards through the air on crisp passes from Connor Pauley. Hinsdale was able to hold off an aggressive Tri City defensive line thanks to the hard-nosed play of Hinsdale's offensive line, including Wyland Holmes, Teddy O'Toole, Keats Caruso, Parker Brey, Michael Cannizzaro, RT Kouba, Ben Vula and Charlie Hillegass.

Defensively, Hinsdale pitched its second shutout of the season, now having allowed only 31 points through five games. Outside linebackers Daniel Campbell and Kouba were in the backfield all afternoon, each with several tackles for losses, while defensive lineman Max Cantin, Michael D'Ombroski, Rocco and Duke Maggio, and Raj Chandarana were also disruptive throughout the afternoon. Meanwhile, Luke Schroeder, Cade Phelan and Pauley were fierce at inside linebacker while "the honey badger" Brooks Jaqua and safeties Broderick Slavik and Henry Gasteviski continued their fearless play in the secondary.

Hinsdale goes on the road this Sunday at 10 a.m. against Oswego Blue in what should prove to be one of their toughest tests of the year.

9U FALCONS STOMP OP-RF

It was a great morning for football as the 9U Falcons traveled to take on the Oak Park-River Forest Huskies in Melrose Park Saturday.

The Falcons' defense took the field first and set the tone early. Big pressure from Enzo Allegra and JP Rago resulted in a Billy Jaqua interception. The Falcon offense, however, was stymied. Back out came the defense, with tackles for loss by Elijah Trombly, Will Jones and John Dunn, forcing the Huskies to punt. Luke Wanless hit pay dirt on a 36-yard touch-

down run following devastating blocks by Quinn Houser, AJ Sieper and Brody Sobieraj. Jaqua forced in the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Out came the defense and quickly turned away the Huskies. Henry Appel, Tate Pitts, Cooper Milburn, Kanas Zitkevicius and Massimo Buttitta ganged up on the Huskies, who gave the ball back to the Falcons. On the last play of the first half, Wanless scampered in from 30 yards out behind Julian Tabuena, Max Breton and Dean Windfelder blocks for a 13-0 halftime lead.

The Falcons salted away the game on a nine-play drive, highlighted by a 34-yard run by Owen Moon and ultimately capped off by a Nate Morris 5-yard TD run following a slick Jack Slavik block for a hard fought 19-0 victory.

10U SILVER WIN A TEAM EFFORT

Hinsdale Falcon 10U Silver has been playing team football all season and nothing changed Sunday against Park Ridge.

The defense was the highlight, as takeaways were plentiful. Jacob Zager, Danny McFarland and Luca Striltschuk all had interceptions. The interceptions and tight coverage from Sawyer Myhra, Theo Messeih, Frankie Levato, Leo Solorio, Brennan Smith, Rohn Ramani all severely altered the Park Ridge passing attack. Marco Oliverio, Rohan Sheth, Miles Perucki, Grant Garver and Rahil Thakkar kept constant pressure on the Park Ridge quarterbacks to assist the great pass coverage.

The hard-hitting Falcon defense generated multiple fumbles from Park Ridge, who lost two of them to the Falcons.

Viren Singh has been incredibly consistent on kick-offs, which has resulted in poor field positions for the opposition.

The offense was powered by blocking from Nico Will, Joey Hillegass, Hayden Sobieraj, Carter Cox and Parker Otzen. The offensive line and key down field blocking by Will Rooney provided lanes for the running backs all day long. Jack O'Malley led the way with a three-touchdown effort.

Park Ridge tried to make something happen with a late drive that was thwarted by a fumble recovery by Blake Bazan to wrap things up for the Falcons with a 32-6 victory.

On Saturday the Falcons travel to Mooseheart Stadium to battle Tri City Green at 5:30 p.m.

11U SILVER LOSES TOUGH BATTLE

In Week 5, Hinsdale hosted Park Ridge in a high flying battle of the Falcons.

Hinsdale set the pace early, marching down the field with a quarterback tandem that kept Park Ridge off balance. Big runs by Logan Sullivan and James West and a 16-yard catch by Lucas Spatara put the team in scoring position. Dane Graham used his speed and elusiveness on the edge for the first touchdown of the game.

Park Ridge matched Hinsdale blow for blow, but the defense held its ground for much of the game. Key tackles by Clark Sandahl, Stevie Aziz and Teddy Sodikoff stymied drives and forced punts throughout the day. JJ Ntarelli and Jerry Wang stepped up big and proved their worth on the field by flying to the ball with reckless abandon.

Back on offense, line-men Augie Seraphin, Jacob Tarnowski, Graham Ellis, Gabe Burdi and Chase Mitchell gave the quarterback all day to make big plays. Bruno Hoban threw for more than 110 yards on the day, hitting targets Lucas Spatara, Max Hull, James West and Yebby Diedrich. Wideout Brayden Merchant caught a clutch 65-yard TD pass from Hoban for the play of the game.

Hinsdale held strong and completed big plays much of the game, but Park Ridge came out on top 27-19.

11U GOLD D1 DROPS FIRST GAME

The Falcons 11U Gold D1 team took its first loss of the season, falling 16-0 to rival Lyons Township.

Following a string of emotional wins against the league's best, Hinsdale just didn't do enough to beat

another tough opponent Saturday afternoon.

After giving up a touchdown early, the Falcon defense locked down for the remainder of the first half, getting strong play upfront by Connor Gaylord, Oliver Johnson and Angel Roman. Once the big boys upfront started establishing the edge, the Lions' runners were funneled into the waiting arms of Charlie Lynch, Grant Kirchheimer, Shane Behar and Jaxon Uthe.

The Falcon offense was able to put together a beautiful drive with Dillon Phelan, Kellan Goodwin and Michael Kipnis finding holes created by the line anchored by Torsten Wood, Ben Kurinsky, Grant Wanless, Leo Crooks and Sal Calandriello. Unfortunately, the drive stalled out in the red zone as the half ran out.

It was more of the same in the second half, as the Falcon defense continued to play well but eventually yielded another Lion touchdown. The offense once again came up just short in the redzone after an impressive drive. Despite the loss, these Falcons (3-1) have every goal still within their grasp and will look to get back on the road to a championship next week.

11U GOLD D2 BEATS OP-RF

The Falcons came flying into Dickinson Field focused and energized on Sunday afternoon, ready to face Oak Park-River Forest.

The Falcons' offense, led by Brady Madden at quarterback, took control of the game early with some crafty passing and a powerful running game led by Matt Wiskowski, Grayson Danek, Johnny Trombly, Spencer Marnell and Gavin Schuler. Together the Falcons running attack accounted for more than 125 yards on the ground, with powerful touchdown runs by Matthew Wiskowski and Brady Madden. Much of the credit goes to the powerful offensive line led by Rayan Sheikh, Jack O'Toole, Alex Vivanco, Dom Angelletti, Massimo Burdi and Ryan Swieton, who controlled the line of scrimmage all day.

The Falcons were dynamic through the air with big catches by Spencer Marnell, Bennett Shepherd and Ryan

Pieczkowski. The Falcons first touchdown was a Dime from Madden to Marnell for 47 yards. The Falcons passed for more than 150 yards on the day.

The Falcons were equally up to the task with a swarming defense that kept the high powered OP-RF offense in check. Many Falcons had strong defensive play, including Johnny Trombly, Nick Carbonara, Lucas Herrick and Leo Yanklowiz.

This was a great team win 18-12 over OP-RF. The Falcons are back at it this Sunday at Dickinson Field against the mighty Carol Stream Panthers at 2 p.m.

JV G2 COMES CLOSE TO VICTORY

The Arlington Heights Cowboys came to Dickinson Field for the Falcons' fourth game of the season.

The Falcon defensive front of Luke Altemose, Noah "Paint-Ballin'" Ntarelli and William "Spec Ops" Smitty caused havoc all game long. A great stop on the opening possession set the Falcons up with a short field. Offensive linemen Chase Hellenga, Alex Schaeffer and Bryce Kinder led the way for running back Jake Knapp to pound his way down to the red zone. A dot from quarterback Benjamin Allanson to Knox Apple resulted in the Falcons' first score.

The Cowboys were quick to answer with a score of their own, but another quick strike to Apple for the 65-yard touchdown and an interception from corner back Jake Wolowick gave Hinsdale the lead 13-8 heading into the half.

Arlington came out swinging in the second half, and a few missed tackles on Cowboy running back KJ Slimhart put them up 22-13.

A late game injury to Allanson made matters more difficult, forcing Knapp under center. However, the Falcons were resilient and demonstrated the esteemed "KnApple connection" as Knapp hit Apple for a 70-yard catch and run and his third touchdown of the day. Hinsdale was unable to convert the fourth-and-17 in lieu of an onside kick, and ultimately fell short 22-21.

SPORTS — END ZONE

BY THE QUARTER

Hinsdale 3
York 7

Hinsdale 0
York 17

Hinsdale 0
York 14

Hinsdale 7
York 0

HINSDALE CENTRAL 10 — YORK 38



Zachary Kruse grabs hold of a York offensive player — and doesn't let go until he brings him down Friday night as the Red Devils faced the Dukes at Dickinson Field.

STATS

	Central	York
Passing yards	178	211
Rushing yards	28	254
Total yards	206	465
Touchdowns	1	5
PATs	1	5
Field goals	1	1
Turnovers	1	1

OFFENSE



Jack Lesniewicz
2 catches, 18 yards
1 touchdown



Mason Brady
2 passes, 40 yards
1 touchdown pass

DEFENSE



Magnus Kumskis
4 tackles, 2 assists



Ardit Abdullai
1 field goal
1 PAT

Quarterback Riley Contreras shakes a York defender off to complete his pass, one of 14 he made for 138 yards. (Jim Slonoff photos)



FRIDAY NIGHT

vs. Glenbard West
at Dickinson Field
7:30 p.m. kickoff

Last year
Central lost 15-45

STANDINGS

West Suburban Silver

Downers North.....3-0....5-0
York.....2-0....5-0
LT.....2-1....3-2
Glenbard West.....1-1....3-2
OP-RF.....1-2....1-4
Central.....0-2...1-4
Proviso West.....0-3....1-5

conference/overall

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Devin Swoyer
Hinsdale

How did you get interested in golf?

I first got interested in golf when my brother, he plays hockey, he was playing in Sioux Falls, S.D. He came back one summer. He started playing and I started playing when I was around 11 with him.

What do you enjoy most about golf?

I kind of just always enjoyed being competitive, and when I stopped playing hockey, this was the best way for me to do that.

How long did you play hockey?

I played from when I was 2 years old until 7, and then I got injured and started playing again when I was 10, and then stopped when I was 11.

How have you improved since your freshman year?

I've actually improved a lot since my freshman year. I was not really that good freshman, sophomore year. Then I just kept practicing and got better.

Do you have any pre-meet superstitions?

I always use the same ball mark and divot repair tool.

What is the best advice you've gotten from a coach?

You can achieve anything you want with hard work.

What is your best score this season?

67 at Conway Farms.

How are you getting ready for regionals this week?

Monday and Tuesday just going to the driving range, practicing some drivers because the course we're playing for regionals (St. Andrews), if you hit your driver well, it's way easier.

What course would you most like to play?

Augusta.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I can juggle.

What will you do next year?

I'm planning on taking a gap year to focus on golf to see where I could play.

Why does coach Serge Pensik like having Swoyer on the team?

He has been making tremendous progress on our team. He is not the biggest or longest hitter on the team, but he has an excellent short game and his putting lets him shoot some very low scores. He also has become an influential leader on our team and works hard to make sure the rest of the team shares his focus for our team's success.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Cross country, boys

Sept. 23 @ Palatine Invite
V places 13th with 370 points
Bandukwala, 15th, 15:08.39
Lowe, 52nd, 15:57.31
Kamenev, 80th, 16:13.97
Kurimay, 113th, 16:39.22
Doorhy, 114th, 16:41.34

Cross country, girls

Sept. 23 @ Midwest Invite (Wisc.)
V places 3rd with 211 points
Griffin, 25th, 19:24.1
Hodneland, 35th, 19:41.8
Dygon, 37th, 19:44.2
Satre, 50th, 19:54.5
Skay, 64th, 20:17.4

Golf, boys

Sept. 23 @ Lake Park Invite
V places 1st with 304 strokes
Swoyer, 2nd, 74
Mulligan, 3rd, 74

Devata, 11h, 77
Wesolowski, 79
Healy, 82

Golf, girls

Sept. 23 @ Naperville North Rosie Invite
V placed 1st with 284 strokes
Owens, 67
Abdullah, 70
Riegger, 72
Bhatt, 75
Sept. 20 @ WSC Championship
V places 1st with 292 strokes
Owens, 70
Abdullah, 72
Bhatt, 73
Riegger, 77
Zhang, 78
Han, 80
Matthews, 81
Simmons, 85

Soccer, boys

Sept. 21 @ Naperville Central
V ties 1-1
Davies, goal
Szurgot, assist

Swimming, girls

Sept. 23 vs. New Trier
V loses 77-109

200-yard medley relay
Miller, Zinis, Bokos, Ojiako, 2nd, 1:49.71
Hawk, Joneikis, Rocca, Lin, 4th, 1:52.61
200-yard freestyle
Lahmann, 1st, 1:57.16
V. Barber, 2nd, 1:57.99
Gambla, 6th, 2:02.82
200-yard IM
Bokos, 2nd, 2:11.14
Pelinkovic, 5th, 2:17.2
Allegra, 6th, 2:17.27
50-yard freestyle
Zinis, 1st, 24.4
L. Barber, 3rd, 24.86
Ojiako, 6th, 26.49
1-meter diving
Martell, 2nd, 226.8
Klobach, 4th, 206.9
Hamelka, 6th, 186
100-yard butterfly
Lahmann, 3rd, 1:01.12
Rocca, 4th, 1:01.72
Gambla, 6th, 1:02.61
100-yard freestyle
Miller, 2nd, 53.47
Zinis, 3rd, 53.6
L. Barber, 6th, 55.27

500-yard freestyle
Bokos, 1st, 5:11.87
V. Barber, 2nd, 5:19.73
Pelinkovic, 6th, 5:32.95
200-yard freestyle relay
Lahmann, L. Barber, V. Barber, Ojiako, 2nd, 1:40.32
Joneikis, Lin, Brubaker, Gambla, 3rd, 1:42.97
100-yard backstroke
Miller, 1st, 57.78
Hawk, 4th, 1:02.06
Ojiako, 6th, 1:07.65
100-yard breaststroke
Allegra, 4th, 1:10.01
Lin, 5th, 1:10.65
Joneikis, 6th, 1:11.08
400-yard freestyle relay
Zinis, Lahmann, L. Barber, Miller, 2nd, 3:35.28
Gambla, Brubaker, V. Barber, Bokos, 4th, 3:43.15
Sept. 21 vs. York
V wins 122-64

Tennis, girls
Sept. 25 @ York

V wins 7-2
Sarai, 6-0, 6-1
Marringa, 6-2, 6-3
Gambla/Shuster, 6-4, 6-3
Panveno/Chang, 6-3, 6-2
Cameli/Virmani, 6-2, 6-2
Kapur/Hughes, 6-0, 6-0
Marchertas/Sarai, 6-1, 6-1

Volleyball, girls

Sept. 26 vs. Glenbard West
V loses 23-25, 16-25
Sept. 21 vs. Wheaton North
V wins 25-22, 25-23
Steines, 9 kills, ace, block, 7 digs
Quast, 7 kills, ace, 2 blocks, 3 digs
Sessa, 3 kills, block
Liddy, kill, block, dig, 6 assists
Chen, 2 aces, 2 digs, 10 assists
Young, 2 aces, 3 digs, assist
Adelakun, 2 aces, dig
Nieman, 3 blocks
Scott, 2 blocks
Gallwas, 3 digs

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central cross country runner Ally Furey leads the pack Sept. 21 during a meet against conference rivals LT and York at KLM Park. She was followed to the finish line by teammates Abby Alcalá and Sophia Molfese, giving the Red Devils a 1-2-3 sweep of the top places. (Jim Slonoff photos)

SPORTS

Central plays a big part in WSC lineage

Players and coaches earn places of honor as conference marks a century of athletics

By Ken Knutson

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John Naisbitt didn't learn that his name was among the coaches and contributors on the 100 Years of the West Suburban Conference Honor Roll until someone told him to look online.

"I was surprised," Naisbitt said of his inclusion. "It's extremely humbling to be counted among the best coaches of all time. I stand on the shoulders of people like (fellow honoree and Central tennis coach predecessor) Jay Kramer."

Ultimately, he stressed, it's about the players.

"It's fantastic talent on my teams that really allows me to be considered for such a great honor," he said. "How blessed I was to come to this school 25 years ago."

The conference was christened in January of 1924 as the West Suburban Pioneer League consisting of Downers Grove, Glenbard, Hinsdale, Maine, West Chicago and York.

Schools would join while others departed during the suburban growth and realignment that unfolded over the ensuing decades. At the end of 1985-86 school year, the Des Plaines Valley League was folded into a two-pronged West Suburban Conference, with Gold and Silver divisions.

Over its first century of athletic competition, WSC teams have won 259 IHSA state championships, more than any other conference in Illinois. The all-time honor rolls recognize more than 100 student-athletes and more than 100 coaches and represent "individuals from every era, school and sport ...to acknowledge the conference's rich history," according to the WSC's commemorative website www.wsc-100.com (see sidebar for full roster of Central honorees).

Naisbitt earned his spot thanks to winning eight team state championships and three runner-up finishes over the past 13 seasons. He credited Kramer for equipping him as an assis-



Hinsdale Central boys and girls swim coach Bob Barber and Central boys tennis coach John Naisbitt are among the dozens representing Red Devil athletics honored by the West Suburban Conference. (file photos)

tant coach with the tools for success.

"Jay Kramer was here in his 41st year coaching, and I was able to work with him for nine years," Naisbitt related.

Most important was understanding the lofty standard.

"I was taught that the slogan is 'title or bust,' and that's a hard lesson and not an easy one to embrace," he said.

Central boys and girls swimming head coach Bob Barber, another honoree, also navigates high expectations. Barber helped add to the boys' storied state legacy with championships in 2015 and 2023 and guided the highly decorated girls program to second-place finishes in 2008 and 2022.

Barber said his rival and buddy, Lyons Township head boys swimming coach Scott Walker, made him aware of the accolade.

"I never would have guessed that this kind of honor would have been in my life," he said. "As I look at that list, I feel very lucky to be considered to be in that class."

Like Naisbitt, Barber redirected much of the praise to his swimmers.

"The kids do the work," he said.

The WSC 100 website features oral histories, school fight songs



and even a history of the Old Oaken Bucket football rivalry game that Hinsdale Central and Downers Grove North have been playing since 1935.

Naisbitt said being in the highly competitive conference has helped push Central student-athletes in all sports to reach their highest potential.

"I think that this is a high school where expectations are high for athletes," he said. "Tennis is positioned to be making title runs annually, but a number of other teams are as well."

He delights in the fact that Red Devil alums Martin Joyce — included on the WSC athlete honor roll — and Ian Tesmond are still involved as part-time coaches. Both have multiple individual and team state titles to their name.

"That's one of the advantages of being a longtime coach is having former players assist you in different ways," he said.

Naisbitt lamented the absence of his other past standouts from the list — which conceivably could have been much longer.

But he's glad the school is well represented.

"The most rewarding thing is when other schools talk about us, they talk about our sportsmanship and our ability to win with grace," Naisbitt said.

Distinguished Devils

The following Hinsdale Central athletes and head coaches — with sport and class year or coaching years noted — were selected for inclusion in the respective WSC-100 Honor Rolls.

Athletes

- Marty Riessen, tennis, 1960
- Bob Haarlow, basketball & football, 1962
- Ken Koranda, football, 1968
- John Kinsella, swimming, 1970
- John Murphy, swimming, 1971
- Ted Marcy, gymnastics, 1972
- Ed Staren, tennis, 1975
- George Tidmarsh, swimming, 1978
- Cece Cahill, tennis, 1988
- Brian Wardle, basketball, 1997
- John Shakon, soccer, 2007
- Alexandra Lederhausen, golf, 2008
- Augie Bloom, tennis, 2010
- Toni Kokenis, basketball & soccer, 2010
- John Whitelaw, basketball & football, 2010
- Brian Allen, football & wrestling, 2014
- Martin Joyce, tennis, 2015
- Gabrielle Rush, basketball, 2015
- Franco Reyes, swimming, 2018

Coaches

- Claire Riessen, boys tennis, 1943-59
- Harvey Dickinson, football, 1946-67; athletic director, 1940-78
- Jay Kramer, boys tennis, 1960-2009
- Rex Whitlach, wrestling, 1964-92
- Don Watson, boys swimming, 1967-78
- Gene Strode, football, 1968-88; athletic director, 1978-93
- Neil Krupicka, boys gymnastics, 1974-2005; girls gymnastics, 1993-2005
- Jerilyn Scardina, girls tennis, 1977-2009
- Carol Bobo, girls swimming, 1979-2000
- Tom Schweer, boys swimming, 1986-98, athletic director, 2003-07
- Ken Schreiner, football, 1992-2002; athletic director, 1993-2003
- Steve Gross, girls basketball, 1994-2008
- Bob Barber, boys & girls swimming, 2000-
- Mike Wiggins, boys soccer, 2002-
- Jess Krueger, boys golf, 2006-21
- Lee Maciejewski, softball, 2008-16; boys basketball, 2009
- John Naisbitt, boys tennis, 2010-



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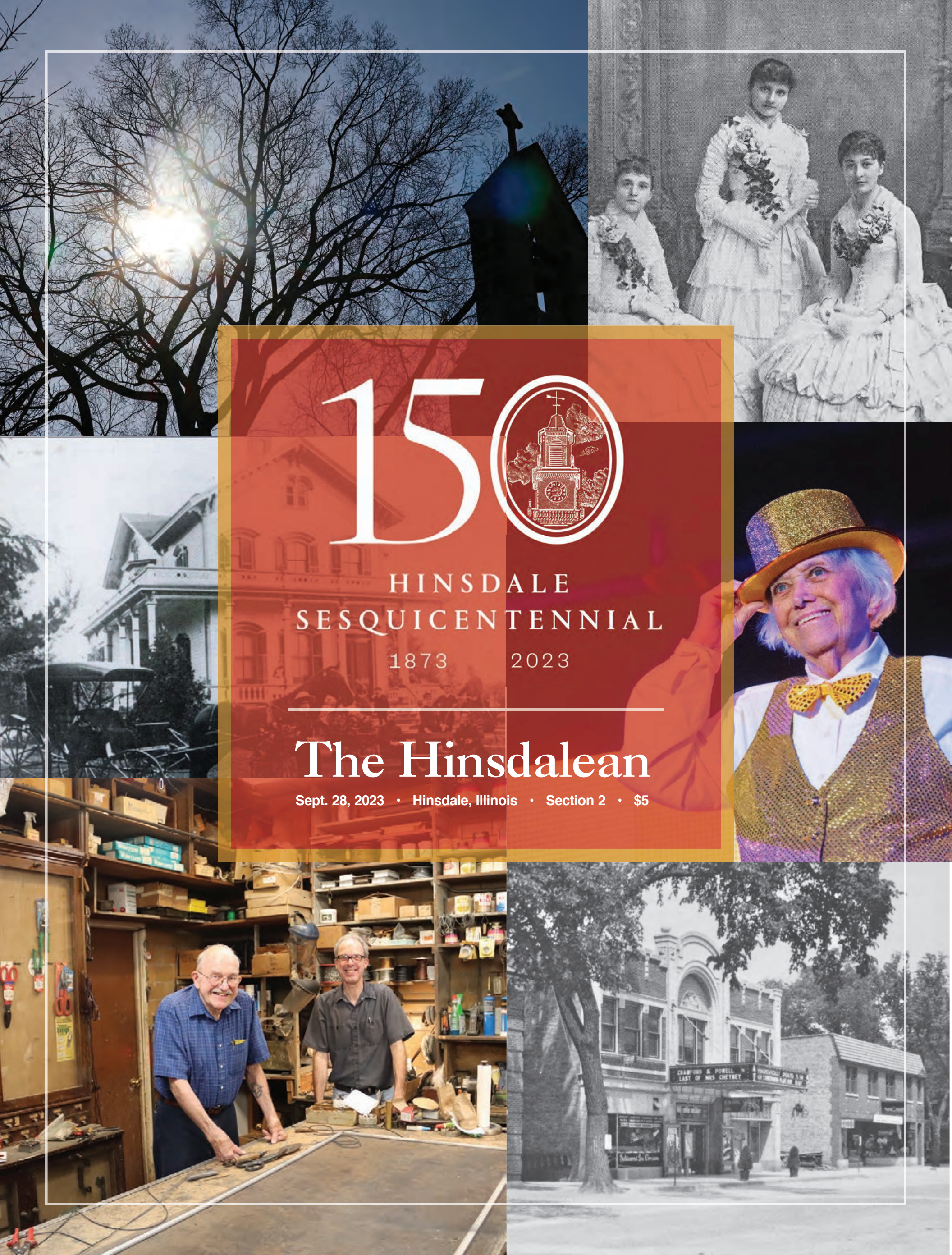
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On the occasion of the Village of Hinsdale’s sesquicentennial, we’d like to reflect upon the rich history of the village. What started as a railroad stop west of Chicago, has been transformed into one of the best places to live and raise a family in Illinois. We are proud to be your healthcare partner, providing services to the community.

Congratulations to the Village of Hinsdale on its 150th anniversary. We’re looking forward to a healthy future together.



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Happy sesquicentennial, Hinsdale!

The Hinsdalean owners are proud to present this special section celebrating 150 years

Twenty-eight years ago, we spent many days at the end of summer working on a special section celebrating the centennial of the newspaper where we worked, *The Doings*.

That 346-page edition covered both the history of the newspaper and of the nine communities which it covered.

We've had a lot of déjà vu lately as we've been working on another special section celebrating another milestone anniversary. This time around we're happy to be covering only the village of Hinsdale as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. We've taken a different approach with our coverage, now that we're in the age of Twitter and TikTok. We've tried to be as concise as possible in our stories and have included as many photos as we could dig up.

Our coverage is not exhaustive, of course. We simply could not include every event, organization and resident that has left a stamp on the village. And what we did include has been condensed, obviously.

Many of the photo captions in this issue could have been a full story running over one or two pages!

We hope you've been reading our Page 7 coverage of people, places and things related to the 150th anniversary as well — which will continue through the end of the year — as we see that as a complement to this section. Our summer series, *Quintessential Hinsdale*, also highlighted places and events that could have been part of this section as well.

Picking and choosing what to cover, of course, is what we do week in and week out. And we are not historians. We are journalists celebrating the village's sesquicentennial.

Our coverage trends a little more recent, which makes sense, seeing as the paper just turned 17 this week. And we have kept our focus very local, virtually ignoring major world events (except the COVID pandemic that is still fresh on all our minds) that have happened over the course of the past 150 years.

The good news is read-



Jim Slonoff and Pam Lannom, co-owners of *The Hinsdalean*, and the staff have worked in Hinsdale for more years combined than the village has been in existence. Slonoff and Lannom alone account for 75 of those years.

ers have resources to turn to if they are interested in obtaining more information about village history. We were fortunate to have access to these publications ourselves in compiling this section:

- “Images of America — Hinsdale” by Sandy Williams
- “Hinsdale” by Timothy Bakken

- “Village on the County Line” by Hugh Dugan
- “Century: Hinsdale Hospital 1904-2004”
- *The Doings Centennial* edition

We're very grateful to Katharine Andrew at the Hinsdale Historical Society. Unless otherwise identified, all of the archival photos are from the historical society (all contemporary photos

are file photos). Special thanks also go to Kathleen Gargano and Andrianna Peterson at the village of Hinsdale, Miles Laffey at Hinsdale Central High School and the Hinsdale Central Foundation (Hall of Fame bios).

We are fortunate to have Cheryl Harbour, an old *Doings* friend, willing to work as a freelance writer for us and Yannis Arvanitis able to shoot some amazing photos using his drone.

As much fun as we've had typing the word “sesquicentennial,” we are happy to finally be able to share this publication with you — and happy to return to our regular workload of creating just one issue a week (as are all the folks who work here, listed on Page 93).

We started this paper here 17 years ago this week because we think Hinsdale is an amazing village. Our work on this section provided even more evidence that we were right.

So Happy 150th, Hinsdale. We couldn't be prouder to be part of your story.



The Hinsdalean staff — along with family and friends — marched in the Independence Day parade this year for the first time since 2007 to celebrate the village's 150th anniversary.

— by Pamela Lannom and Jim Slonoff —



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Significant moments in village history

Hinsdale's emergence was set in motion long before community's incorporation

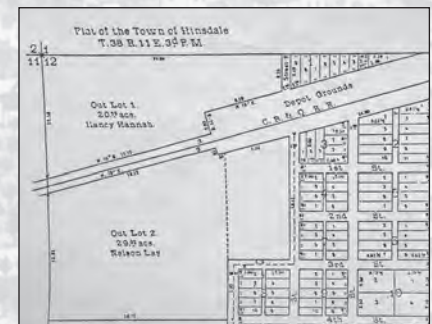
1835



1835 — Ben Fuller settles with his family on land north of what is now the Oak Brook Public Library

1851 — Fuller plats the town that bears his name, Fullersburg, setting aside land for a school and cemetery

1862 — William Robbins pays \$9,000 for 640 acres between Chicago Avenue, 55th, Madison and County Line Road



1866 — Robbins builds a stone schoolhouse near the site of the current Hinsdale Middle School



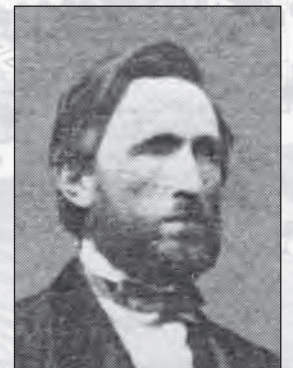
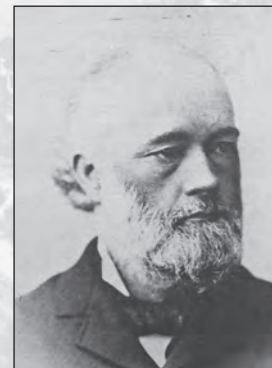
1864 — the new 36.5-mile Chicago Burlington and Quincy rail line makes its first run

1867 — the Hinsdale Post Office comes into existence; Lewis Morley is named postmaster



1869 — Robbins' second addition to the village, the "Park Addition" is designed by well-known landscape architect H.W.S. Cleveland

1868 — Oliver Stough (left) buys the Jarvis Fox farm west of Garfield and Anson Ayres buys 80 acres of land between Garfield, Madison, Hickory and Ayres



1874 — Stough builds what is now West Hinsdale railroad station

1873 — founding fathers incorporate the village

1888 — John Linn is hired as the village's first policeman

1891 — Hinsdale hires John Nicholson as its first police chief



1892 — Hinsdaleans vote 76-26 to pay a tax for a new library in the village

1896 — electric lights first illuminate the streets of Hinsdale

1893 — Hinsdale Hose Co. No. 1 and the Hinsdale Ladder Co. merge to become the Hinsdale Fire Department



1897 — Hinsdale homes and businesses receive address numbers for the first time



1899 — a new train depot is built on Hinsdale Avenue to replace the first station built in 1864 (photo dated 1907)

1899

— by Pamela Lannom and Jim Slonoff —

1900

1904 — Hinsdale trustees grant the first licenses to sell beer

1907 — the post office begins free postal delivery in Hinsdale



1913 — the Hinsdale Theatre opens for business with a film of President Woodrow Wilson's inauguration as its first screening

1916 — Hinsdale residents vote for the town to remain dry



1923 — Hinsdaleans vote 247-17 to annex the southern portion of Fullersburg

1928 — the new Memorial Building, paid for with \$170,000 in donations from residents, is dedicated on Independence Day



1933 — Hinsdale's business district installs two-hour parking signs



1941 — the Hinsdale Club, predecessor to The Community House, closes its doors

1947 — Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills vote to merge their elementary districts, creating District 181

1950 — students start attending classes at the new \$1.85 million Hinsdale High School

1950

1900 — Hinsdale begins replacing wooden sidewalks with paved ones

1905 — the first guests arrive at Drs. David and Mary Paulson's new Hinsdale Sanitarium



1915 — Alexander Legge, manager of International Harvester Co., and his wife, Katherine, buy 52 acres on County Line Road



1917 — the Woodlands is annexed to Hinsdale



1924 — R. Harold Zook moves to a house at Third and Oak he designed for himself

1927 — the Hinsdale Post Office opens its new location at 14-16 W. Hinsdale Ave.



1929 — Hinsdale Public Library moves to its new home in the east wing of the Memorial Building

1935 — despite the end of Prohibition, 1,358 Hinsdaleans sign a petition in favor of keeping the town dry

1942 — The Community House opens in the old Hinsdale Club building

1948 — Hinsdale parking meters go into effect for the first time, with a nickel buying one hour and a penny 12 minutes

1953

1954 — Grant Square holds its official ribbon cutting ceremony

1955 — threat of tuberculosis leads to building of Suburban Hospital on 43 acres at 55th Street and County Line Road



1961 — residents vote 2,044-1,748 against annexing the "Burr Ridge" area

1969 — the Hinsdale Community Pool opens and admits 12,950 people in its first five days

1971 — Hinsdale adopts an official village flag

1973 — Hinsdale celebrates its Centennial with a weeklong celebration featuring a musical pageant, art show, house tour and more



1985 — Gateway Square opens at York Road and Ogden Avenue



1988 — The Illinois Bell switching station catches fire, disrupting phone service in the area for weeks and making national headlines



2013 — more than 100 residents had to be evacuated from Graue Mill in the worst flooding the village had seen since 1987

2020 — Hinsdale opens its \$9 million parking deck adjacent to Hinsdale Middle School

1953 — the new \$4 million Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital opens



1957 — The Community House holds an open house at its new building at 415 W. Eighth St.

1963 — Hinsdale's postmaster releases new ZIP codes, including 60521 for Hinsdale

1970 — the \$1.6 million police and fire stations are completed at 121 Symonds Drive



1974 — Jean Ahern of Hinsdale is crowned Miss Illinois

1975 — organist Ji Glass gives the first public performance on the handcrafted organ he had just installed in the Hinsdale Theatre

1991 — the Elliston Funeral Home at 60 S. Grant St. is destroyed in a fire fought by Hinsdale and 16 area departments

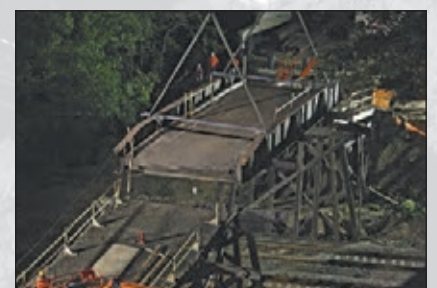


1994 — the teardown trend in Hinsdale makes national headlines in a Newsweek article, "Here Come the Joneses"

2008 — police find \$4 million in drug money in a home on West Birchwood that served as a safe house for a major cartel



2015 — the center section of the one-lane Oak Street Bridge, originally built in 1899, is removed so crews can replace it with a \$6.9 million two-lane bridge



2020

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As Sean embarks on a well-deserved retirement, the next generation of proprietors, Ryan Jansky, Joe, and Ashley Vittori, step forward to carry on the legacy. Ryan Jansky, who originally joined Hinsdale Wine Shop's team in 2011, brings a wealth of experience in the wine industry. Joe and Ashley Vittori, dedicated members of St. Isaac Jogues, are thrilled to join forces and contribute to the shop's continued growth. Together, Ryan, Joe, and Ashley are committed to supplying the village with a wide range of wine, beer, and liquor offerings at unbeatable prices. They understand the value of exceptional customer service and aim to foster strong relationships within the community.



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Hinsdale's founders saw its potential

Early stakes by Robbins, Stough and others pay dividends a century and a half later

Welcome to Robbinsdale, home of the Robbinsdale Central Red Robins!

Hard to imagine Hinsdale being branded anything else. But 150 years ago, William Robbins had a strong claim to naming rights. After all, the native New Yorker made the speculative, and visionary, investment of 640 acres in a then-remote outpost 21 miles west of Chicago. Not coincidentally, the 1862 purchase came around the same time the CB&Q railroad decided its path to Aurora would run through this corridor.

Robbins' land stretched from what is now Chicago Avenue to 55th Street and from County Line Road to Madison Street.

But he was not interested in farming as others in the area were. Instead he laid out a neighborhood of varying sized lots and curving, tree-lined streets — the Robbins Park Subdivision — in the hopes of attracting those in search of escape from the urban landscape.

"He foresaw here a residential community, having as many desirable attributes as could be brought together, endowed by nature with the charm of a rural setting, but close enough to the metropolis, with its larger industrial interests," writes Hugh Dugan in his Hinsdale retrospective, "Village on the County Line."

A decade before Robbins arrived in these parts, then known as Brush Hill, another New York transplant named Benjamin Fuller had platted the settlement of Fullersburg (exercising those naming rights!) centered around what is now the crossing of York Road and Ogden Avenue. A collection of farms and businesses sprang up along the Plank Road, now Ogden, a main artery for travelers to and from Chicago. A schoolhouse and cemetery were established, of which the cemetery endures as an echo of the era.

"In 1858, the name of the Brush Hill post office was changed to Fullersburg, with Benjamin Fuller as first postmaster," notes Timothy Bakken in his 1976 book "Hinsdale."

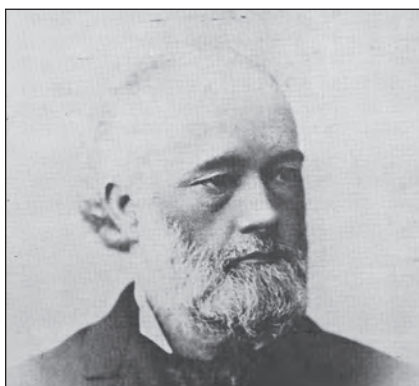
But when the decision was made to run the rail line one mile south, Fullersburg's growth prospects went the same direction. Ultimately the

settlement was annexed to Hinsdale in 1923.

While Robbins was developing the south side, Oliver James "O.J." Stough was buying up hundreds of acres in western Hinsdale and what is now Clarendon Hills, building his own home on a sprawling parcel near where the Memorial Building now stands. The civic-minded Stough created Stough's Park and,



William Robbins



Oliver Stough

in 1872, built Stough Hall at 11 N. Lincoln St. with a school on the first floor and a second-floor meeting hall.

"Stough was greatly in favor of anything that would attract people to Hinsdale and admittedly, to his property," Bakken writes. "O.J. advertised his land well and extensively, and made it a point to have every prospect personally escorted to his chosen homesite for an inspection."

Farmer turned real estate investor Anson Ayres, yet another New York product, owned 80 acres on the village's north side.

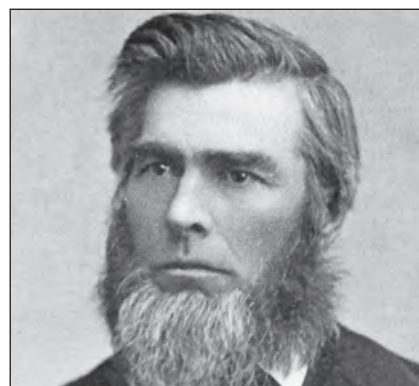
"He opened his first addition to the Village about 1875 and his second about 1882," Bakken records.

"They include the land between Garfield Avenue, Madison Street, Hickory Street and Ayres Avenue, with small strips to the north of Ayres and to the south of Hickory."

Incidentally Ayres' property was home to the original Hinsdale Golf Club — all six holes of it — before it found a permanent home to the west on Chicago Avenue in Clarendon Hills.



Benjamin Fuller



Alfred Walker

On the other side of Garfield Avenue, dairy farmer Alfred Walker also saw the burgeoning profitability of selling his land thanks to the extension of rail service. A large number of residents in The Lane School attendance area live in Walker's former holdings. As does a prominent village entity.

"One deal he probably thought very good at the time, he himself probably shook his head over afterwards: when he traded the present Sanitarium site (forerunner to UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital) to Alanson Reed for a new Chickering piano," Bakken states.

William Whitney can be credited as the driving force behind

Hinsdale's official village status. As Bakken chronicles, Whitney, a resident who had been elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, had neighbors in August of 1872 sign a petition to ask the DuPage County judge to permit a referendum on incorporation (signatories included Robbins and Ayres). The vote was held the following March 29, and the rest is sesquicentennial history.

"At this juncture, William M. Whitney disappears from view. He never sought fame, fortune or elective office again, save for three years from 1878 to 1880 as Hinsdale's police magistrate," Bakken reports.

Melissa Mann, William Robbins great-great-granddaughter, grew up in Hinsdale and takes great pride in the town that her ancestor was so instrumental in giving rise to.

"I feel very blessed and grateful that I was raised in the community with such wonderful churches, excellent schools, fabulous medical care and wonderful people," Mann said. "I had a wonderful childhood."

She learned about her family's local legacy from her grandmother — Robbins' granddaughter — who lived to be nearly 100.

"She showed me things that came from the 1800s," Mann remarked, citing a collection of antique paper fans and plates hand-painted by her great-grandmother, Isabella Robbins Knight.

"My grandmother would serve food off them," she said.

Robbins, who built his home at 425 E. Sixth St., donated property for three churches, two of which remain: Grace Episcopal and Union Church.

Mann thinks Robbins would be pleased with the village today.

"The kids can ride their bikes around town. You can walk your dogs and you get to know your neighbors," Mann said. "It's a community of people who care about each other."

She raised her own children here in continuation of the generational connection. Today, she cherishes the opportunity to take her young granddaughter on visits to play at Robbins Park.

"I think it's very special," she said of her lineage.

— by Ken Knutson —

Joel Tiffany, a judge and Hinsdale's first village president after its incorporation in 1873, reportedly would discuss matters relating to the newly formed municipality with those who took the time to admire his rose garden, which sat on the south side of his Italianate style house on Washington and Walnut streets. Tiffany was actually elected one of six trustees by the 44 residents who cast ballots and was appointed president by the other five, before the village presidency was made a direct-vote office.



Chief John Nicholson was Hinsdale's first police chief, appointed in 1902, before which he'd served as one of the village's three part-time police officers. He used his own horse and buggy when a chase was called for, until the department got a squad car and two motorcycles in the mid-1920s. Nicholson also oversaw the village's street, health and water commissions. Nicholson retired as police chief in 1926. But he wasn't off the payroll. He stayed on as health commissioner until his death in 1931.



Dr. John Hench began his medical practice in Hinsdale in 1883, serving the community for the next three decades plus and becoming "Hinsdale's widely beloved family physician," local historian Hugh Dugan wrote in 1949. "A social event of considerable importance in 1909 was the 'double anniversary' party given for Dr. and Mrs. Hench" to mark 25 years of both his practice and their marriage. The family lived at Second and Lincoln streets, now occupied by the phone company switching station.



Postmaster Robert Slocum was among the 37 signers of the petition for Hinsdale's incorporation in 1872, an effort that would achieve success the following year. A Rhode Island native, Slocum and his wife, Sarah, arrived in Hinsdale in 1871 and lived on the southeast corner of Garfield Avenue and Sixth Street. He passed away in 1895. Sarah Slocum was the village's oldest resident when she died in 1913 at age 91, according to her obituary in the Chicago Tribune.

Government has grown with the village

Responsibilities, spending have increased dramatically since voters elected first board

Joel Tiffany was not only one of the signers on the petition to incorporate Hinsdale, he led the village as its first president.

Forty-four people turned out and elected seven men as trustees, with Tiffany and village founder William Robbins among them. The trustees then chose Tiffany as their president, according to Timothy Bakken's history of the village titled, "Hinsdale."

The first meeting was at Trustee Windsor Leland's house, and the first item of business — opening drainage between Washington Street and Main Street (now Garfield Avenue) was tabled. Meetings also were held, albeit irregularly, at the train depot and Robbins School.

"Meetings were delayed, canceled or postponed on any good excuse, the weather often being a good one; and the minutes of village board meetings frankly state that 'after a good deal of procrastination it has been decided ...' and give other evidence of a sometimes slow legislative process," Bakken writes.

Much of the village board's early business involved hav-



A street sweeper cleans the drive of the Memorial Building in 1929, just a year after it was built.

ing streets laid out, graded, repaired or plowed. The village only owned one piece of road equipment and either contracted out this work or relied on village residents.

"(E)very resident male aged 21 to 50 was required to work two days on Hinsdale's streets and alleys or contribute \$2 in lieu of labor," Bakken wrote.

Hugh Dugan, author of "Village on the County Line," said for the first three decades after the village's incorporation, trustees were focused on just two respon-

sibilities: planning and completing physical improvements and establishing rules and regulations.

The first compilation of village law came in 1878, according to Bakken. When Linus Ruth was appointed as the first village attorney in 1890, he encouraged the board to revise village statutes, and in 1895 trustees published the "Revised General Ordinances of the Village of Hinsdale," Dugan wrote.

Many of the rules, over time, became unnecessary.



The condition of Hinsdale streets has been top of mind for residents since the early days, when wet weather led to muddy conditions, as shown here on Hinsdale Avenue. The village began paving the streets in 1892, using brick or wood blocks. Between 2009 and 2022, about 94 percent of village roadways were resurfaced or reconstructed under a master infrastructure plan.

"No cow, horse, colt, mule, bull, ox, calf, swine, sheep, goat, asses or cattle of any kind shall be permitted to run at large within the village of Hinsdale," is one such example.

Early boards at times overlooked key responsibilities, such as in 1883 when they neglected to prepare a budget and pass an appropriations ordinance, as required by state law.

"They were then obliged to improvise an appropriation and borrow money to pay expenses, because a very small group of 'Tax Fighters' got an injunction to prevent collection of taxes," Bakken wrote. A judge later dismissed the case and taxes were collected.

After meeting in various locations around the village, including Robbins School, trustees had the first village hall constructed in 1887 at the corner of First Street and Village Place at a cost of \$1,500. That location was used until the Memorial Building was completed in 1928.

Tiffany served as village president for one year and was succeeded by Robbins.

Other notable village presidents include M.A.

Donahue, who served from 1875-77 and broke precedent by holding the office for three years.

Multi-year terms were the norm when John Merrill, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, became village president in 1894 and served until 1898. He was re-elected in 1902 and held the office until 1904.

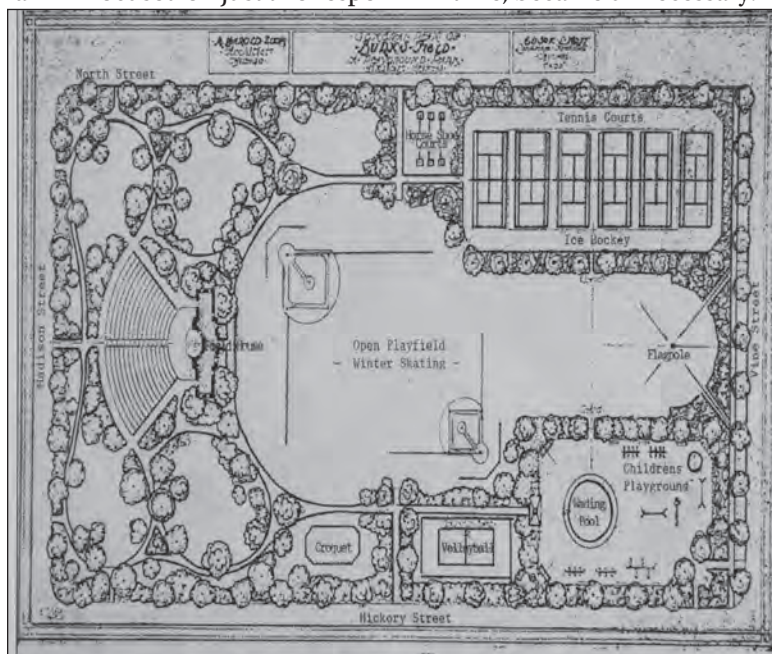
William Regnery held the office from 1934-39 and helped the village acquire the post office built in 1939.

It took until 1993 for the first woman, Joyce Skoog, to be elected village president.

Tom Cauley, current village president, was the first to be elected to consecutive four-year terms. He currently is serving his fourth term.

The village budget of \$410 that Tiffany had to work with has grown to \$33 million. The village staff is comprised of 91 full-time and 20 part-time employees, not counting summer pool employees.

In addition to the village president and six trustees, who are elected to serve four-year terms, the village relies on help from residents and staff members who serve, by appointment, on 11 boards and commissions.



Burns Field close-

ly resembles the plan created in 1932 and designed by Edson Nott and local architect R. Harold Zook.

It was the first Hinsdale park to have recreational facilities. Unlike some villages, Hinsdale does not have a separate park district. It has a park and recreation commission that serves as an advisory body to the village board.

— by Pamela Lannom

Early duties quite different for police

Department has focused on improvement as village has grown and crime has changed

The first Hinsdale cop was more than a police officer. He was a “police magistrate” — acting as the arresting officer and as a judge, imposing penalties and fines, according to Timothy Bakken’s 1976 book, “Hinsdale.”

The first man to hold the job was Isaac Hinds, tin merchant and postmaster.

Four years later, in 1877, the village changed the position to constable and hired its first true policeman — C. P. Clark — in an attempt to better address horse thieves and tramps, who were becoming more common.

The first star, No. 1, was given to John Linn, hired in 1888. One of his duties was to light the downtown kerosene street lamps, according to Sandy Williams’ “Images of America — Hinsdale.”

“Linn would make rounds on horseback in the evening to light the lamps and return the next morning to refill them,” Williams wrote.

“It was probably because the board realized Linn’s lamplighting was requiring much of his time that they decided to augment the force,” Bakken wrote.

John Nicholson, 28, was hired in the part-time posi-

tion of town marshal, or constable.

“Nicholson officially entered his duties Jan. 1, 1892, at a salary of \$50 a month,” Bakken wrote.

Nicholson — who also served as overseer of the street, health and water departments — became the first full-time chief of police in 1902. He and the department’s other employee, Al Obermann, would patrol the village on foot or bicycle.

“For any extended or fast-chase business, Nicholson used his own horse and buggy,” Bakken wrote.

About 1905, he began to appropriate private autos for chasing criminals. It wasn’t until the 1920s that the village was able to purchase a squad car and two motorcycles for the department.

Hinsdale hired its first “motor policeman,” Ira Claxton, in 1921, according to an Oct. 15 article in *The Doings*.

“Claxton’s duties are not merely to trap violators of the automobile laws, as is practiced in many towns to swell the village treasury, but to afford a better patrol of the village,” the article stated, noting that “automobilists violating laws or ordi-



John Linn, Hinsdale’s first true policeman, was responsible for lighting downtown kerosene lamps. The police and fire departments moved into new headquarters on First Street in 1935.

nances are being warned, and only a repetition of the offense results in arrests.

“The office is on full salary and not the arrest fee system in vogue in many places,” it continued.

Nicholson continued in the job until he retired in 1926.

“During Nicholson’s last years, the police department was modernized considerably — among other things, being put in uniform in 1912 — and was greatly increased in size,” Bakken wrote.

In 1935, the police department — along with the fire department — moved into a new building at 25 E. First St. (now Hinsdale Bank & Trust Co.), which had been built as a federal public works project, according to Williams. The building had a courtroom, jail and an apartment for the police chief. The expanding departments moved into their current facility at 121 Symonds Drive in 1970.

Police department members typically did not make headlines, as reporting was focused on the crimes they were investigating and the offenders they apprehended. But when officer Joe Gurak died of a heart attack in 1992, *The Doings* devoted a full page to coverage of the procession to his gravesite.



Officer Joe Gurak was a fixture for Hinsdale youth before he died of a heart attack in 1992.

Gurak had worked for the department for 20 years, making an impact on countless young residents as the department’s youth officer.

The department has continued to focus on improvement over the decades, and in 1996 received its first accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

“This award signifies the competence and professionalism that is intrinsic to this organization,” then Chief Brad Bloom said when the department was reaccredited in 2011. “I am very proud of the effort everyone put forward in achieving

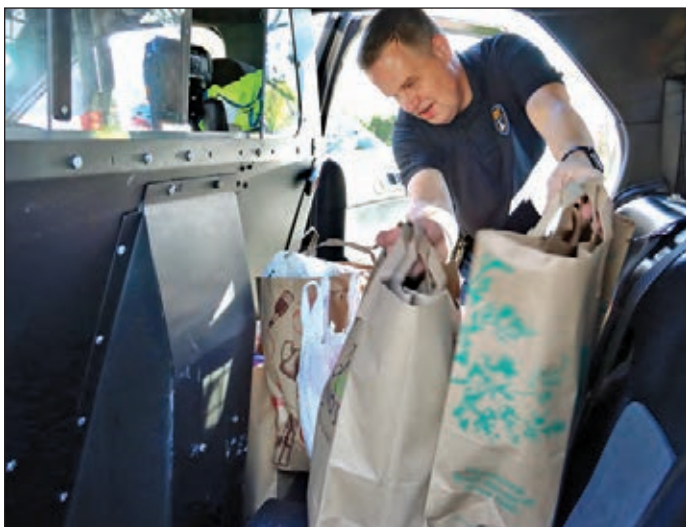
this award.”

It earned its ninth accreditation in 2021.

The department today employs 25 sworn officers, three full-time civilians and five part-time civilians.

It responded to more than 16,000 calls for service in 2021, the last year for which records are available.

In addition to fighting crime, the department participates in a variety of community events — staffing Safety Village, conducting bike safety rodeos, hosting an annual open house in October, participating in the National Night out and the Stuff the Squad food drive in District 181.



Hinsdale’s current police chief, Brian King, helped load donated groceries into a squad car during a Stuff the Squad event at Madison School in April.

— by Pamela Lannom —

Firefighters have kept town safe

Hinsdale Fire Department evolves since 19th century, remains source of pride

The Hinsdale Fire Department traces its roots back to village's early days, when Hinsdale Hose Company No. 1 was formed as a cooperative effort among area merchants, according to historical records.

Around 1880, resident and Chicago Board of Trade member John Ross donated a hand-drawn hose cart and bucket wagon to the company. Several years later, the village purchased a horse-drawn hook and ladder truck with hose, axes and accessories, giving rise to Hinsdale Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1. The two groups were merged in 1893

as the Hinsdale Volunteer Fire Department, sharing a two-story frame building at 25 E. First St. with the police department. A member of the Colored Baptist Church, which used the upper story every Sunday evening, served as a volunteer firefighter at that time, perhaps making it the first integrated unit in the western suburbs.

An entry in the 1897 promotional publication "Hinsdale the Beautiful" extolled the virtue of the brigade.

"Fire, with all its attendant terrors, never found a more able conqueror than in the Hinsdale Fire Department," wrote the

author. "Many are the instances in which some of the finest mansions have been rescued from what would have been certain destruction."

A brick structure replaced the old wooden headquarters on First Street in the 1930s. In 1969 both the fire and police departments were relocated to new, adjacent buildings on Symonds Drive along the north of the tracks as part of the creation of a government services complex.

In 1970 an anonymous donor gave the village a new Cadillac ambulance.

"Prior to this time, the police department handled



The fire department's hose cart was getting ready for a parade in this 1905 photo. The hook and ladder group, which later merged with the hose company, posed in front of the town hall at 25 E. First St. about 1890.

The Hinsdale Fire

Department held a dedication ceremony July 4, 1996, to honor former Chief Leo Musch. Chief Emeritus Stanley Bulat and then-Chief Patrick Kenny posed for a picture with Musch next to a plaque still mounted at the station today. Chief John Giannelli congratulates Deputy Chief Tim McElroy on his retirement in 2021 after 48 years of service.



the ambulance, utilizing a standard station wagon that had been refitted into an ambulance," reads the retrospective on the village's website. "Due to the fact that the police had to come in from patrol to get the ambulance, it was decided that it would be better if the fire department would take over the ambulance detail."

In 1973, the fire department purchased a diesel-powered fire engine. The pumper was painted black over yellow because of a study done by then-Fire Chief Leo Musch that indicated "this color scheme enhanced apparatus visibil-

ity to the general public in emergency responses."

In early 1987, the fire department developed a paramedic program and soon enlarged its full-time staff to six. The department's longtime reliance on part time/paid-on-call personnel had gradually waned over the previous decade and was finally ended in 1997. There have been 13 chiefs of the fire department from Charles Pfeifer in 1892 to the current chief, John Giannelli. Today the department includes 15 firefighters and six officers and in 2022 answered 2,608 calls for service.

— by Ken Knutson —

Library a village asset for 130 years

Resources library provides to patrons have grown from initial collection of 150 books

In 1893, Hinsdale's population was 1,400. The stone South Side School on Garfield Avenue was destroyed by fire. The Hinsdale Volunteer Fire Department formed through a merger of a hose company and separate hook and ladder group. The Hinsdale Beacon was the town's newspaper. E.P. Hinds served as village president.

And the Hinsdale Public Library opened on Aug. 15.

Hinsdaleans had been able to borrow books since 1887, when the Hinsdale Library Association formed. Its 150 paying members were able to select from its collection of 150 volumes — one at a time.

Then, in 1892, Hinsdale residents voted 76-26 in favor of a tax-supported library.

For almost four decades after that, the library made do in several temporary locations, including the second floor above Evernden Drugs at 40 S. Washington St. When the new Memorial Building opened in 1929, the library moved there. The library and the Memorial Building shared the same address — 19 E. Chicago Ave. — until 1975, after which the library was listed at 20 E. Maple St.

The Friends of the Library formed in 1938 to enrich the library's resources and promote it in the community. Over the years it has helped provide public-access computers for children and adults, created a special lounging and learning center for teens, distributed books at the Independence Day parade and hosted After Dark events.

Thanks to Dr. D.K. Pearsons, the library was able to build a new wing on the east side of the build-



ing, which opened in 1958. Pearsons had bequeathed his home at 122 N. Grant St. and the entire block on which it stood to the library in 1911, and proceeds from property's sale were used to fund construction.

That wing was expanded in 1976 with money from the Memorial Building Construction Fund. The library remained on the east side of the library until 1988, when a 30-square-foot addition was built on the west side of the Memorial Building. The village moved to the east side and the library moved to the new expanded space on the west side.

Retired children's librarian Barb DeLongis recalled the move for The Hinsdalean for a special section on the library's 125th anniversary.

"I used to say I had my hand on every book in the kids department. Mrs. (Gloria) Vernerder and I were the ones who moved the books over from the old side of the building to the new side of the building," she said.

They did so by loading books, 80 to 85 at a time, on carts, unloading the books

onto a dumbwaiter to lower them to the first floor, loading them back on a cart, wheeling them over to the new library, taking them on the elevator down to the basement and then unloading them on new shelves.

"That's all we did," DeLongis recalled. "You'd start at 7:30 or 8 in the morning and just keep going."

The Hinsdale Public Library Foundation joined the Friends as supporters of the library in 2001, raising money for furniture and other items, including the film collection, the children's reading cottage, and computers and work stations in the young adult area.

The library underwent a major renovation starting in 2006, with a \$2.8 million project to improve lighting, repair the roof, remodel the restrooms, add new furniture and shelving and build a new ADA-compliant entrance. The community celebrated the new space at a grant opening in April 2008.

The library purchased the inaugural piece of its permanent art collection, "Construction in Orange,"



Before the library had a permanent home in the Memorial Building, it occupied several temporary sites, including the second floor above Evernden Drugs on Washington Street. Karen Keefe was hired as the 16th executive director in the library's history in 2011.

in 2013.

The building became a construction zone again in 2014, with the start of a project that would add four new study rooms, a digital media lab, more flexible teen space, a special travel section and new shelving.

The library marked its 125th anniversary in 2018 with a celebration that included face painting, a trivia contest, a balloon artist and live music. As part of the anniversary, Nancy Marvan and Molly Castor, then office manager and marketing and outreach manager, respectively, spent significant time researching the library's history. They found a 1902 note from Flora Candee, head librarian, that offered some insight into library management at the time.

"I am delaying the needed spring cleaning, dusting of all the books, etc., until the new case is in, as I shall then rearrange somewhat and one handling will accomplish both," she wrote.

That year, the library's collection numbered 3,641 books.

They learned the library had limited hours in the early days, from 3 to 6 p.m.

two days a week and from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturdays.

Comments from Ella Ruth, head librarian from 1909-22, prompted her to become one of Marvan's favorite executive directors.

"Children are the sunshine of library work," Ruth wrote in her 1920 annual report. "If Hinsdale ever has a library building, I hope the largest, brightest and best room will be given to them. Hinsdale children deserve it, for their kindly, gentle ways and cheerful, ready obedience."

While people have thought technological advances such as the telephone and the internet would mean the end of libraries, they have endured, Executive Director Karen Keefe told The Hinsdalean for the anniversary special section. And while the collection these days looks different than it did in the 19th century, she's confident libraries will remain a cornerstone of the community.

"The library of the future still has four walls and a roof," she said. "It is still a place where people come. It is still going to be a place that embraces and introduces people to stories."

— by Pamela Lannom —

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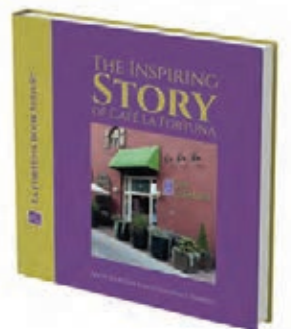
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The Robbins/South Side School (top from left), built in 1866, was replaced by the Garfield School after it burned down (center). After a separate high school building was constructed in 1917, this gymnasium was added in 1921. A second-floor gallery offered seating for 500, with

lockers rooms and storage below. Students attended the “modern” Hinsdale Junior High School (bottom left), later called Hinsdale Middle School, from 1976 until it was torn down in 2019 to make way for a new \$53 million, 134,000-square-foot school. (file photos)

Education remains a changing landscape

From first school in town to 21st century classrooms, way kids learn has evolved

Any story about education in Hinsdale needs to start with the land that sits between Garfield Avenue and Washington Street on the east and west and Second and Third streets on the north and south.

That location has been the site of a private all-boys school, the first public school under the umbrella of a new Hinsdale School District, the first Hinsdale High School, the original Hinsdale Junior High and now Hinsdale Middle

School.

Much as this site has evolved over time, education has evolved in the village, influenced by the growing population and by educational trends. And it all took place under the watchful eye of residents and education professionals who wanted nothing less than top-notch schools for families living here.

In 1866, as the new village developed — much of it with the guidance and the financial support of founding father William

Robbins — a school was built by Robbins at that site. Two years later, the new Hinsdale School District was created, and Robbins sold the school to the district for \$8,000. “Robbins School” became the public “South Side School.” (The name differentiated it from Fullersburg School, which was located to the north and had been holding classes since 1853.) Both South Side and Fullersburg schools were expanded in 1879 because of increased enrollment. A single room

in South Side School was dedicated to educating high school students. Attending high school was not mandatory at that time, and the first high school graduating class in 1883 consisted of four women.

In 1893 the South Side School burned, and its replacement opened in 1895 with the name Garfield School.

To meet increasing enrollment numbers, a separate high school building was constructed next to Garfield School in 1917,

with a gymnasium added in 1921. Three years later, Madison School was built, and Monroe School opened in 1929.

Hinsdale, which had officially formed its own school district in 1869, combined with Clarendon Hills schools in 1947 to become Community Consolidated Elementary District 181.

A parcel of land at 55th and Grant was purchased for a new high school in 1928, and the football field was dedicated in 1932. Plans for the new school were

— by Cheryl Harbour —

put on hold because of the Depression and World War II. Finally, in 1947 plans moved forward when the referendum to pay for construction of the new high school was passed. Hinsdale High School opened on its current site in 1950.

Hinsdale kept growing and schools kept opening: Oak School in 1952, The Lane in 1957, Elm School in 1958, a new building for Hinsdale Junior High in 1976, Clarendon Hills Middle School in 2000 and a new Hinsdale Middle School in 2019.

Through the decades, the school community made up of professionals and parents has faced issues and concerns brought to the forefront by a changing society. Each decade faced its own challenges, some reoccurring and others that now seem quaint.

Keeping up with technology and enhancing curriculum has been a consistent theme from as far back as 1893 when the major news was the equipping of science labs and the introduction of algebra into the curriculum.

In the early 1900s, the Women's Club made frequent donations of furniture, tools for manual training and reference books.

In 1917 coal shortages forced temporary closures of some schools and other public buildings. During the 1920s, an official cafeteria replaced lunches that had been cooked and served by volunteer mothers since 1917.

The Depression brought deep budget cuts in the early 1930s, and according to news coverage, "civic organizations, a private citizen and the village of Hinsdale bailed schools out of debt." In spite of cutbacks, that decade also brought the introduction of the Boys Safety Patrol and the driver's safety program.

In the 1940s, plans to begin construction of a new high school needed to be put on hold because of the

war — and a housing crisis in the area resulted in a plea going out to residents to help by opening their homes to teachers. Also, in 1947, schools in Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills merged into one school district. At the elementary schools in 1949, students were asked not to let their dogs walk them to school and wait in the schoolyard because too many pets were congregating there.

Fears about the spread of polio marked the 1950s, as suspicions that at least one teacher was a Communist. In the 1960s, schools launched an anti-drug curriculum and felt some reverberations of anti-war sentiment. The no-smoking rule became official at Hinsdale Central in the 1970s. Technology took center stage in the 1980s as computers were introduced into elementary classrooms. The high schools added Advanced Placement classes, and a policy was formulated to address AIDS.

In the 1990s, several trends in education took hold. Students with disabilities began to be educated in the same classroom with students without disabilities, an approach called "mainstreaming." Also in this decade, education at the middle level was being transformed. As was the case in many other parts of the country, the local junior high became a middle school. A gifted resource center was opened and students deemed gifted were bussed there for one day each week.

At the beginning of the new century, a heightened focus on accountability led to an emphasis on standardized tests. Locally, as with other school systems, The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 pressured educators to make certain every child met certain standards in reading and math by 2014.

The decade of 2010-20 saw tremendous changes in the way digital technol-



The Hinsdale graduating class of 1883 had four members — Alice Warren, Grace Redfield, Minnie Hinds and Florence Webster. In 2019, more than 700 students graduated from Hinsdale Central. The ceremony, typically held on Dickinson Field, was moved indoors that year because of rain.



ogy was used in education, and school safety became a leading priority.

And then came the pandemic.

Hector Garcia, superintendent of District 181 schools since 2018, said changes were fast and furious during 2020.

"This was obviously a difficult period for all of us," Garcia said. "But what allowed us to sustain our high standards was cooperation among administrative team, board members, staff, parents and community at large.

"We kept our eyes on a unifying goal: To be a community school district where students develop the

skills they need to change the world and the confidence they need to do it," he added.

Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the district offered several models for student attendance, including remote and hybrid options. Protocols and policies — everything from learning schedules to transportation requirements to programs aimed at emotional and social well-being — had to be created or adapted, implemented and communicated.

Garcia said now that things have returned to "normal," a focus remains on ensuring that students experience academic suc-

cess and feel emotionally and physically safe.

"These principles require us to continuously enhance our collaborative practices, augment our key partnerships and reflect on safety protocols," he said.

As with other times, technology changes the educational landscape, enhancing how teachers teach and students learn.

"As with any significant advancement, technology also brings unprecedented challenges from cyber security to social media pressures to artificial intelligence," Garcia said. "Still, our district remains well-positioned to embrace the next phase of education."

Schools increased as population grew

Hinsdale students, who all attended the same school in the early days, now go to one of five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school.



As enrollment in the early 1900s burgeoned, so did the need for additional schools. Ground was broken for Madison School in 1924. An article in *The Doings* described the plans as giving promise of “a beautiful and modern structure which will provide more adequate accommodations for the increasing enrollment of students in our schools.” The school has undergone several renovations and additions over the years. It opened with 181 students and has enrollment in 2023 of 354 students.



Approved by a bond issue in 1928, Monroe School opened in 1929 and welcomed students previously attending Fullersburg School. To accommodate rising enrollment, a “Monroe Annex” was utilized until 1973 when the building was demolished. In 1930 sixth-grade students began the tradition of planting elm trees at the school. In 2000, Monroe became the site of the Living Classroom Learning Lab. In 2018 Monroe was named a Green Ribbon School, one of 46 schools across the country and one of four in Illinois to receive the award. It was named a Blue Ribbon School in 2016.



In 1923, 20 Hinsdale students graduated from high school. A century later, Hinsdale Central’s graduating class numbered 671. Students attended high school for many years in buildings at Third Street and Garfield Avenue until Hinsdale High School opened on its current site in 1950. In 1965, the school’s name became Hinsdale Central to differentiate it from the newly constructed Hinsdale South. Central was expanded and renovated through the years, most recently after voters in 2019 approved a \$140 million facilities referendum for Central and South. In 2021, Hinsdale Central was named a National Blue Ribbon School.



Oak School opened in 1952 with 400 students and 11 classrooms. Students previously attending Garfield School used shopping bags to carry their school supplies from their old school. Plans were already in place for adding four more classrooms. Its campus is the site of Safety Village, where students from throughout the district navigate a miniature municipality and learn how to be safe. It received Blue Ribbon School status in 2014. Enrollment in 2023-24 is 405 students, including pre-K.

— by Cheryl Harbour —



The Lane School opened in 1957. A Blue Ribbon School, it also was one of 12 schools in Illinois to receive the Model PLC (Professional Learning Community) at Work School honor in 2023. MODEL PLC at Work recognizes schools that demonstrate a commitment to developing a highly collaborative environment for at least three years and have clear evidence of improved student learning. The school has a current enrollment of 335 students.



Elm School in Burr Ridge opened in 1958 with 181 students, the year District 181 enrollment reached a record 3,323 students. A highlight at Elm is the Elm Prairie Garden Living Classroom, created in 2009. The garden was planted with 32 types of native plants and grasses found in Illinois prairies, giving students the opportunity to learn about watershed issues and investigate the evolution of the garden, including studying dominant plants and the migration of seeds. Elm was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2020. Enrollment has grown to 290 for the 2023-24 school year.



Perhaps the most notorious school at Third and Garfield was the Hinsdale Junior High School that opened in 1976 with a "totally new learning environment" consisting of open classrooms, a colorful student commons area and a gymnasium on the third floor. Reflecting the evolution of educational concepts, Hinsdale Junior High became Hinsdale Middle School in 1992. After years of debate over whether the existing building should be replaced with a new building at the same site or at a new location, voters approved a new building at the same site in 2016. The new Hinsdale Middle School opened in 2019 and currently has 785 students.



Clarendon Hills Middle School opened in 2000. Students at Madison and Oak stayed at HMS, while those from Monroe, The Lane, Prospect and Walker moved to the new school. (The Lane students later moved back to HMS.) CHMS (along with HMS and Madison) was one of the first three District 181 schools to receive the national Blue Ribbon School designation in 2009. Current enrollment is 474 students.



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# Local teams uphold enviable pedigree

*Hinsdale Central athletics is state's most decorated, fed by strong youth programs*

including local sporting exploits among the noteworthy dimensions of Hinsdale's heritage over the last 150 years is, well, a ringer.

The annals of Hinsdale Central High School athletic achievements is simply remarkable, most powerfully distinguished by the Red Devil Nation's 106 state championships, more than any other Illinois school.

Hinsdale Central tennis is synonymous with excellence, and the boys and girls teams combined have netted a staggering 48 of the school's state titles. Head boys coach Clare Riessen got the dynasty started, helming four consecutive championships from 1956-59. Like Don Watson for swimming, the arrival of head coach Jay Kramer ushered in an era of unprecedented court rule. Between 1966-91, the boys won 13 state titles, including nine in a row from 1972-80.

Kramer oversaw three more from 2007-09 before handing off the reins to John Naisbitt. In Naisbitt's 13 years at the helm, the team has won eight cham-

pionships and only failed to finish out of the top three once. Lost count? That's 28 overall.

The girls, meanwhile, have kept pace, considering there was no state tournament until 1972. Under head coach Mary Ann Erickson (1976) and then Jerilyn Scardina, the team racked up 12 titles from 1976 to 2009. Eight more have followed since 2011 under coaches Robin Kramer, Scott Radecki and now Shawna Zsinko, whose current team reigns as two-time defending champs.

Another 26 championships are courtesy of the boys and girls swimming and diving programs. Since state meets were first held in the early 1960s, the boys have been among Illinois' top teams, capturing its first title in 1963. But the high-water mark would dramatically elevate in 1967 when Watson took over as head coach. Central won 12 straight championships from 1967-78 under his legendary leadership, virtually unsinkable with Olympic-caliber talent like John Kinsella, John Murphy

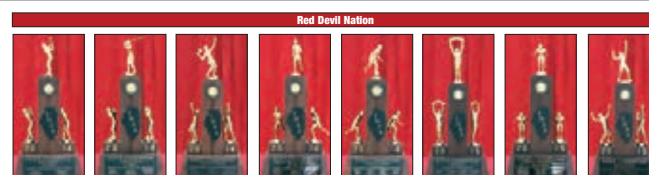
and others.

The program added four more first-place trophies in the 1980s, notably a three-peat from 1987-89 under head coach Tom Schweer. After a quarter-century title drought, the Devils ascended to the top of the podium again in 2015 in Central alum Bob Barber's inaugural season as head coach. The team won again last season for No. 19 and seems poised for another extended run of postseason triumph.

The girls preeminence in the pool started with the 1976 state championship, then back-to-back titles in 1979 and 1980 in Carol Bobo's first two years as head coach. The team then went on a four-year stretch of state dominance from 1990-93 to bring its total to seven overall. After two decades of few additions to the trophy case, the team's runner-up finishes the past two seasons under Barber are a harbinger of success.

Barber said he's honored to coach the program he once swam for.

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## Eight is great!

Central sets new mark with seven athletic titles, one activity championship

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Dan Jones, Hinsdale Central's athletic director, remembers when St. Charles High School (now St. Charles East) set a state record with six IHSA championships in 1988-89. He was a coach at rival DeKalb at the time.

"(St. Charles) had just won the baseball state championship and we were sitting in the coaches' office," he recalled. "There were seven or eight coaches sitting around. I remember it was said, 'Boy, that will never be broken.'"

Fast forward to the 2014-15 school year. Now it's Jones' school racking up state title after state title en route to a stunning history-making tally of eight.

This has been one heck of a good year to be a Red Devil. The tone was set in the fall when Central captured five IHSA state team titles: boys and girls golf, girls tennis, boys cross-country and boys soccer. Winter triumphs in boys swimming and forensics clinched a new record. But the school wasn't quite done, harvesting a final win this



Hinsdale Central coaches (front row) Scott Radecki, Nick Latore, Michael Wiggins, Bob Barber, Jim Horan, John Naisbitt, Jim Westphal, Paul Woods, (back row) John Marinier, Brian Drelicharz, Jack Ferraro, Anthony Madonia, Christy Brodell, John Williams, Chris Wilbur, Matthias Austin, Sasha Boheme, Janelle Hoeksema, Maddie Mitchell and Erin Cheval pose with the eight IHSA state championship trophies students earned this year, setting records for most athletic team championships and most titles for athletics and activities combined. (Jim Slonoff photo)

"You do need to strive to remain humble and realize the good fortune we have to work in a place and serve in a community that brings together the resources and the talent and the commitment from our coaches. This is a special year at a very special place."

— Principal Mark Kolkman

**Hinsdale Central** teams combined to win eight state titles during the 2014-15 school year, setting an IHSA record.

Street, you sense you are walking into excellence," he said of the huge wall of trophies that greets visitors.

And Central athletes feel

the pressure of living up to high expectations.

"But I also think success breeds success," Barber said. "Strong programs continue to pass on that same desire for success."

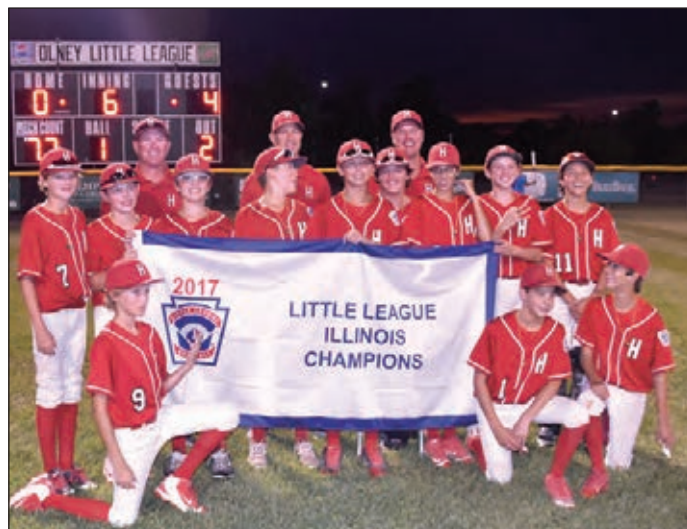
"I get to coach here every day, and it's an opportunity to give back out what I've experienced," he added.

Suffice it to say, the tennis and swim programs pose an ongoing challenge to the capacity of the athletic department's trophy case and banner rafters. But let's not overlook boys gymnastics, which won nine titles between 1970-95, and boys golf, which won seven straight state titles from 2012 to 2018, or girls golf winning three championships in the last nine years.

Perhaps no single school year will ever match 2014-



**Fans of Hinsdale's** 12U Little League team display their support in 2017 during the squad's exciting run that took them all the way to the Great Lakes Region tour-



nament. They fell one victory short of reaching the Little League World Series, but captured residents' hearts and elevated Hinsdale into perennial contender status.

— by Ken Knutson —



15 when Central teams won seven different state titles (boys cross country, boys golf, girls golf, boys soccer, boys swimming, boys tennis and girls tennis), the most ever by any school.

"It was just unreal," then-athletic director Dan Jones said at the time. "I'm never going to forget the experience. Every state tournament, every state final was unbelievable."

Of course, numerous individual state champions are part of Central's rich sports legacy as well, a list of Devil dignitaries too long to include here.

Prep sports doesn't have a monopoly on memorable athletic accomplishments in the sports realm. The two largest youth programs — Hinsdale Little League and Falcon Football — have provided exciting highlights over the years. Many may remember being captivated by the Little League 12U team's amazing run to the Great Lakes Regional final the summer of 2017 that saw the hometown squad come up just short of reaching the Little League World Series.

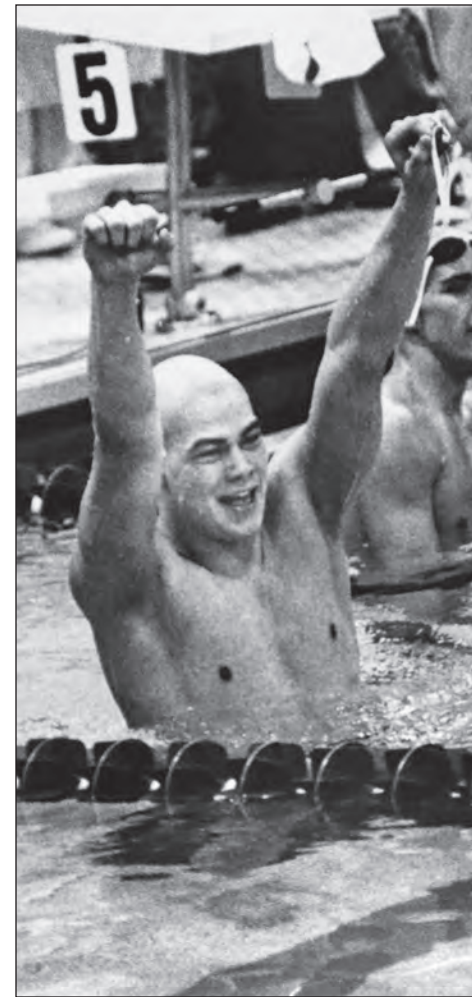
"They set a standard for baseball for Hinsdale," head coach Anthony Waelter told *The Hinsdalean* afterward. "Not only did they have a great experience, but they performed really, really well."

Since then Hinsdale's boys of summer have become perennial contenders in the effort to make it to Williamsport's hallowed grounds.

In the professional ranks, Hinsdale has long served as the residential retreat for many of Chicago's top athletes. Baseball's Chuck Comiskey and Bill Veeck (village park namesake) both lived here, as did baseball Hall of Famer and former White Sox slugger Jim Thome. Then there was Hinsdale's brush with international soccer when the defending champion German national team practiced at Hinsdale Central in preparation for its opening match in the 1994 World Cup at Soldier Field.

After the Chicago Blackhawks won their second Stanley Cup in three years in 2013, head coach and then-Hinsdale resident Joel Quenneville rode a village fire truck in the annual Fourth of July parade holding the storied trophy for his neighbors to see.

That may have been a one-time treat, but you can put money on Hinsdale teams and fans celebrating championships for years to come.



**Chicago Blackhawks head coach** and Hinsdale resident Joel Quenneville hoists the Stanley Cup during the village's Independence Day Parade in 2013 after the team won its second NHL championship in three years. Before winning state titles as Hinsdale Central's head boys and girls swim coach, Bob Barber was himself a state champion swimmer for the Red Devils. The community's passion for athletics dates back to its early days as evidenced by this photo of the 1905 Hinsdale girls basketball team.



# Bringing their game

From record-breaking Red Devils to Olympians to a Super Bowl champ, Hinsdale has been home to some of the greats.



**H**arvey Dickinson became the athletic director at Hinsdale Township High School in 1940, where he also coached football, basketball and track. Returning to the school after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he spent the next 38 years laying the foundation for the Red Devils' remarkable athletic tradition, amassing a stunning 148-45-9 record as football coach and overseeing an athletics program that won 216 conference, regional and state titles during his tenure. In 1971, Dickinson Field was renamed in his honor.



**L**egendary baseball owner Bill Veeck Jr. (left) turned over the keys to the White Sox to Jerry Reinsdorf in 1981, after selling him the team for \$20 million. Veeck grew up in Hinsdale, living here from 1914-35. After working for the Chicago Cubs, he partnered with fellow Hinsdalean Chuck Comiskey to buy the Chicago White Sox in 1959. Veeck sold his stake in 1961, but returned to ownership in 1975. His pioneering moves included installing baseball's first "exploding scoreboard" at Comiskey Park and adding players' names to their uniforms. He died in 1986 and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991. (photo courtesy of Daily Herald)

**J**ay Kramer took over the Hinsdale Central tennis program in 1959 at age 22. When he retired 50 years later, he had led the program to 16 state titles and 13 runner-up finishes, cementing himself as one of the most successful high school coaches in Illinois history. His Red Devil teams went undefeated for eight consecutive years from 1972-79. He was named National High School Coach of the Year in 1988 and inducted into the Hinsdale Central Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Chicago Tennis Hall of Fame in 2006.



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**J**ohn Kinsella, Hinsdale Central class of 1970, won a staggering six individual state swimming titles and three relay titles in three years. A member of the 1968 U.S. Olympic team in Mexico City, Kinsella won silver in the 1,500-meter freestyle at age 16. In 1970 he set world records in the 400-meter and 1,500-meter events and was named the nation's outstanding amateur athlete. At Indiana University he won six individual NCAA titles and set four more world records. In the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, Kinsella won a gold medal in the 800-meter freestyle relay.



**D**on Watson racked up an incredible record of 163-3 as head boys swim coach at Hinsdale Central, including 128 consecutive victories and 12 straight state championships from 1967-78. He trained Red Devils John Kinsella and John Murphy to become Olympic champions and was named coach of the year by U.S. Swimming in 1970. Watson coached Hinsdale's Sandra Bucha in professional marathon swimming; in three years she never lost an open water race to another woman. He left in 1980 for the University of Texas, but his "Hinsdale Program" had already become a national model for success. Hinsdale Central's new aquatic center, which opened in 2022, is named in his honor.



**C**arol Bobo, Hinsdale Central class of 1973, was her alma mater's head women's swimming coach from 1979 to 2000, leading the program to six state titles, three runner-up finishes and one third place. Bobo was named Illinois Swimming Association's Coach of the Year nine times, selected NISCA PowerPoint Coach of the Year (1991) and Region 9 Coach of the Year (1999) and inducted into the Illinois Swimming Association Hall of Fame (2011). After her coaching career was over, she continued to be involved with Red Devil athletes by helping them with college recruiting opportunities.

**G**uy "Lefty" Vena graduated Hinsdale Central in 1952 after a distinguished career as an athlete, lettering in four sports and earning All-State honors in football. He continued to stand out at Bemidji State University as an All-American in football and an All-Conference baseball player, twice. Today Bemidji State annually presents "The Guy Vena Award" to the most inspirational athlete of the year. After two years in the U.S. Army, Vena spent 38 years in education and school administration. He was inducted into the Hinsdale Central Hall of Fame in 2005.





**S**kip Begley (right) became Hinsdale Central head boys soccer coach in 1996 and head girls coach in 1998, leading the girls' squad to the 2009 state championship and garnering Girls Soccer Coach of the Year and Midwest Regional Coach of the Year honors that year. He was also named a National Coach of the Year finalist. During his tenure he led both teams to many regional and sectional championships. In 2018, he was inducted into the Illinois High School Soccer Association Hall of Fame. He's pictured here with boys varsity soccer coach Mike Wiggins (left) and retired coach Dick Flesher, who started the girls program in 1983.



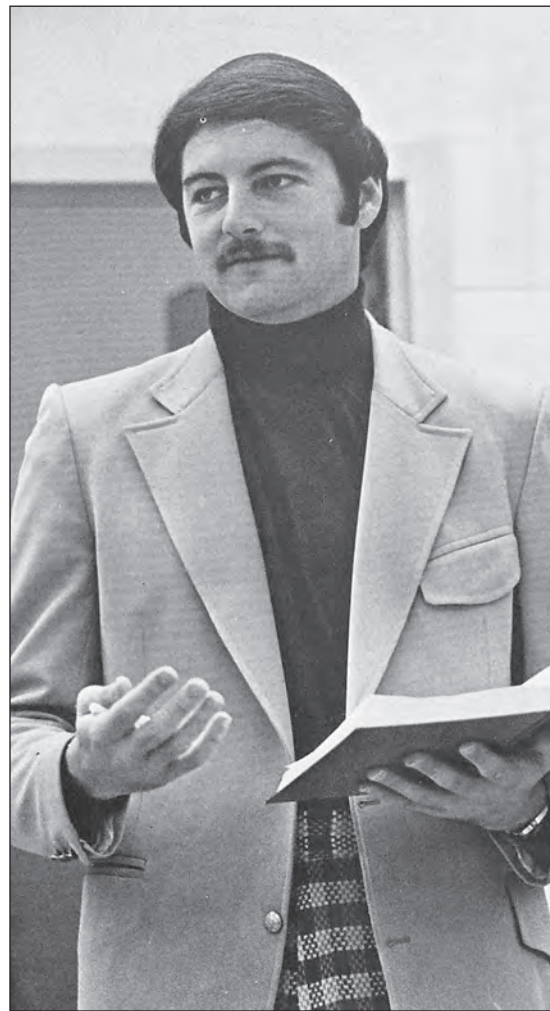
**K**en Schreiner joined Hinsdale Central in 1972 as an English teacher and assistant football and wrestling coach. Schreiner also served as head softball coach from 1979-89. In 1992, he was named head football coach and a year later hired as athletic director, holding both titles until 2003. During his tenure Red Devil football teams won five conference titles and posted an undefeated regular season in 2002 before losing to the eventual state champion in the state semifinals. He built upon the school's tradition of excellence and was named to the Illinois High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 2003.



**H**arrison Bull led the Hinsdale Central boys' freshman gymnastics team from 1965-85, which included nine state championships. He left such a positive impact that the oldest freshmen gymnastics invitational in Illinois was renamed the Harrison Bull Gymnastics Invite in 1995. In addition to his gymnastics instruction, Bull taught self-esteem, confidence determination and perseverance to all students he had an opportunity to coach. He was inducted into the Hinsdale Central Hall of Fame in 2021.



**H**insdale Central swimmer Danny Thomson was a five-time state champion for the Red Devils between 2009 and 2012, three times in the 500-yard freestyle and twice in the 200-yard freestyle. Thomson set state record in the 500 free and multiple school records during his career. He went on to compete for Stanford University, earning All-American honors in 500 free, 1,650 free and 800 free relay. He was named to the 2011 U.S. National Junior team and was invited to the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2012.



**J**odie Harrison was a longtime Hinsdale Central basketball coach and athletic director at Hinsdale Central after playing for the legendary Harv Schmidt at the University of Illinois in the late 1960s, winning All-Big Ten honors. Harrison left Central in 1988 to become athletic director at St. Charles High school. Tragically he was killed by a drunken driver in 1991. The Jodie Harrison Basketball League at The Community House was created in his memory with an emphasis on mastering the fundamentals of basketball and enjoying the game through participation, sportsmanship and an atmosphere for all players to succeed.



**H**insdale Central alum Brian Allen (far right with brothers Matt and Jack) went from Red Devil football standout to Super Bowl champion with the Los Angeles Rams as the team's starting center. The 2014 Central grad earned first-team All-State honors as a senior and was also the first Red Devil wrestler to win four state medals, including the heavyweight title in 2013. Following a decorated career at Michigan State University, Allen was chosen by the Rams with the 111th pick in the 2018 NFL Draft. He anchored the team's 2021 Super Bowl-winning offensive line, starting all 20 regular season games and playoffs.





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# Philanthropy a longstanding tradition

*From the early days in the village, Hinsdaleans have had a heart for helping others*

**H**insdale has a tradition of helping others who are less fortunate.

Beginning in 1888 and for the next 30 years, the Fresh Air Association welcomed women and children from the inner city to enjoy a week in Hinsdale during the summer. From 1903-32, Hinsdale residents supported a home for unwed mothers and abandoned children — The Life Boat Rescue Home — run by the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

That same type of concern exists today, as many active organizations in Hinsdale have some form of outreach beyond the village confines. The giving of time, talent and treasure continues to be part of the fabric of those who live and work

in the village.

“There are three values that are at the heart of philanthropy: kindness, partnership and gratitude,” said Greg DiDomenico, president and CEO of Community Memorial Foundation, which awards grants to other organizations to help them become more effective. CMF was formed when the nonprofit La Grange Community Hospital was sold in 1995 to a for-profit hospital system, resulting in a \$75 million fund to be grown and distributed for good purposes.

DiDomenico said it’s important to engage the community in philanthropic efforts, as that is the way a culture of people helping others can be sustained.

Charitable organizations couldn’t have much impact without their volunteers.

From the volunteers’ perspective, many will say they receive much more than they give.

“It’s good for my heart and soul,” says Mary Buddig, mother of five children and longtime active volunteer for St. Isaac Jogues and Hinsdale Central, as well as Misericordia and Wellness House.

Some of what volunteers receive is new friendships they never would have had otherwise. And they build organizational skills, too, she noted.

Buddig said she has found people in Hinsdale to be enthusiastic about helping others.

“I think people do what they can to help. If they have big job demands, they find ways to work around them and still be there to help in some way,” she said.

The work brings people together and can help blur the lines that otherwise might divide them.

“When people have a common goal to share their gifts for the good of others, a community builds to help others, putting aside religious and political affiliations as well as the desire for honor, power, pleasure and wealth,” she said. “The need to help others becomes the focus. It is contagious.”

DiDomenico agreed, noting that the way people approach charitable initiatives changes over time.

“While generosity has been a constant, new themes and trends in philanthropy take shape with each generation,” he said.

“Over the years there has been a focus on funding collaboratives, which means leveraging one’s investment



**Mary Ryan Buddig**, who’s been involved in a host of causes in Hinsdale and outside the village, said helping others fosters community. (file photo)

with others,” DiDomenico explained. “An example has been challenge grants or matching gifts where someone offers to match up to a certain amount of gifts from other donors. Another example is where a group of funders come together to address a need in the local community.”

An obvious trend has been the utilization of technology to cultivate donors and market an organization’s mission. Philanthropy is using various platforms — from online funding to social media — to engage new audiences and steward existing donors.

“There also has been a focus on engaging the next generation,” DiDomenico

said. “One way this can be done is by creating a youth advisory committee or board.”

CMF just completed its fifth year of a youth philanthropy program entitled YC2. Local high school students participate in workshops and a grant-making program aimed at making a difference in the community and laying the groundwork for their continued participation in philanthropic endeavors.

For DiDomenico, it comes back around to the three values — kindness, partnership and gratitude.

“These strengthen our collective action, guide our work together and represent the best that’s in all of us.”



**Greg DiDomenico**, president and CEO of Community Memorial Foundation, said one of the organization’s initiatives is to involve the next generation in philanthropy. (file photo)

— by Cheryl Harbour —



# Dedicated to the service of others

*Hinsdale nonprofits have decades-long history of helping others in the village, beyond*

## American Legion Post 250

When American Legion Post 250 was formed in 1919, patriotic sentiment was running high after World War I. One of the post's priorities then and now is to maintain that spirit. As part of the national American Legion network, Post 250 has been involved in major moves to care for veterans, such as the GI Bill (the Serviceman's Readjustment Act of 1944) as well as more localized programs including collecting donations at intersections on Poppy Day, participating in Memorial Day ceremonies, sponsoring high school students to attend Boys and Girls State and sharing their experiences at schools on Veterans Day. All of this aims to promote a spirit of true Americanism. Although established to honor veterans of World War II, the American Legion has expanded its support to American veterans of all conflicts. Back in 1927, the Post and its women's auxiliary led the efforts to raise funds for the Hinsdale Memorial Building, originally named the Hinsdale Soldiers Memorial. A very visible sign of their dedication to remembering the nation's and the village's military service men and women is "The Victory of Hinsdale" sculpture that sits in Memorial Hall.

## Assistance League Chicagoland West

The Hinsdale chapter of the nationwide Assistance League was chartered in 1995 and became Assistance League Chicagoland West. Staying true to the organization's slogan "Transforming lives — Strengthening Community," ALCW identified the needs of children and adults across DuPage and western Cook counties and then went to work to address them. The first program was Early Reading, supplying literacy materials for young children. Operation School Bell, started in 1999, provides winter coats for elementary students, gives middle school students shopping days to purchase new school clothing and holds high school holiday shopping for homeless students. In 2005,



The late George Hogrewe and other members of American Legion Post 250 were on hand during the Veterans Day assembly at Madison School in 2017. (file photo)

ALCW's New Start program began providing kitchen "starter kits" filled with essential equipment and cleaning supplies for families who are leaving homelessness and moving into a new home. The Scholars Support program, launched in 2013, awards a \$3,500 scholarship for College of DuPage students. The combination of these and other programs has resulted in more than \$2.4 million being given back to local communities since 1996. To accomplish these goals, ALCW partners with schools and agencies and receives support from more than 700 donors. Their major Books & Brunch event — a fundraising staple since 1997 that raised more than \$240,000 last year — will take place on Nov. 14 this year.

## Boy Scouts

Not just one, but three Boy Scout troops have been active in Hinsdale. The "youngest" — Troop 52 at United Methodist Church — is 57 years old. Troop 10, which is connected with Union Church, had its beginning in 1923 and also now has a BSA Girls troop, which is a new movement in Boy Scouts

of America and separate from Girl Scouts. Troop 8 came into existence in 1912 when a group of people, including a sponsoring organization called Concerned Citizens of Hinsdale, applied for a charter with the Boy Scouts of America. Hinsdale Covenant Church took on the responsibility for that troop in the 1940s. In 2022-23, Troop 8 Boy Scouts disbanded and a BSA Girls troop was started at Covenant Church. While the troops each have their own activities — including campouts, service projects and a variety of experiences to build outdoor and leadership skills — they all support the Memorial Day procession and ceremony by helping to set up and take down equipment on that day. At the top of the Boy Scout ladder is the Eagle Scout rank. About 75 percent of local scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank, compared to the national average of 4 to 6 percent.

## Candor Health Education

When it was time for students to visit the Robert Crown Health Center on Salt Creek Lane, the experience often was met with curiosity

and giggles — but the students emerged from the experience much better informed. That's because for many years one of the most talked about Robert Crown programs was the "puberty talk," part of a sex education curriculum for students in fifth through eighth grades. To meet the emerging needs of children and teens, the curriculum has kept expanding and now includes substance abuse, mental and emotional health and teen dating violence and programs addressing the sexual ramifications of social media and technology. In 2017, as more and more programs were delivered in schools, the Salt Creek Lane building was sold. In 2020, when the Crown Family Philanthropies shifted its focus and funding away from health education, a new name was sought. The current name, Candor Health Education, reflects the philosophy of honest, straightforward conversations about health. Roots of the health education organization go back to 1958 when the Hinsdale Health Museum was opened with 13 exhibits mainly focused on specific parts of the body. In 1974 when the Robert Crown Center for Health Education opened, it was

— by Cheryl Harbour —





**This photo of members** of Boy Scout Troop 10 with Scoutmaster Vic Anderson dates back to 1936. Four Scouts were earning their Eagle rank at the troop dinner, according to an article that accompanied the photo. (photo courtesy of Hinsdale Historical Society)

the nation's first fully independent health education center.

### Community Memorial Foundation

As the saying goes, "when one door closes, another door opens." Community Memorial Foundation was formed in 1995 when the non-profit La Grange Memorial Hospital was sold to Columbia HCA, the nation's largest hospital operator at that time. Leaders of the new foundation were charged with deciding how to use funds totaling \$75 million. They dedicated most of the first year to doing research and making some important decisions. Foundation funds would be used to benefit the 27 communities in western Cook and southeast DuPage counties that the hospital had traditionally served. They also determined they would have the greatest impact by working with other nonprofit organizations. In 1997, the Youth Initiative was launched, with up to \$1 million going toward youth development programs in Lyons Township. In 2002, the Early Childhood Initiative was added, and in 2003, CMF awarded a leadership grant of up to \$10 million to Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital for its new patient care center. Other grant opportunities focused on providing incentives and support for organizations to improve their leader-

ship and fundraising capabilities. To date, more than \$84 million in grants have been awarded through the Regional Health and Human Services Agenda, the Responsive Grants Program and the Building Organizational Effectiveness program.

### DAR

The Daughters of the American Revolution is made up of women 18 years of age or older who can prove their lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. Beginning in 1935, Hinsdale had its own chapter, The Captain Hubbard Burrows Chapter, named after an officer killed in a battle at Fort Griswold in 1781. In 2015, that chapter was folded into the LaGrange-LePortage chapter. It derives its name from the intent to commemorate the expedition party led by Father Louis Joliet and fur trader Jacques Marquette that portaged from the banks of the Des Plaines River to Lake Michigan, traversing the area that is now La Grange. To achieve the DAR's mission of promoting citizenship and patriotism, the group holds history essay contests for local students, presents Excellence in Community Service Awards and DAR Good Citizen Awards, and participates in Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day and Fourth of July activities and celebrations. Members also take part in conservation projects, plant-

ing trees in public spaces to honor veterans of all United States wars. They also support programs of the Tammasee School, a school founded by the DAR in the 1910s to help families in the Southern Blue Ridge Mountains.

### Freemasons

On the second floor of a building at 40 S. Washington St. in downtown Hinsdale, a fraternal order meets to celebrate its traditions and rituals and to plan projects that benefit the community. Hinsdale Lodge 934 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons dates back to 1911, and it is part of an organization that is even older — possibly dating back to the stonemasonry guilds of the Middle Ages. It is not a religious organization but members do believe in God, promise to respect various beliefs of others in the group and strive to promote "friendship, morality and brotherly love." Through the years, the Masons have provided scholarships to Hinsdale Central students and donated to many local charities. They've also responded with aid when natural disasters have hit other areas of the country and the world. Masons can work their way up from entered apprentice to fellowcraft to master mason. After becoming a master mason, it is possible to become a shiner and join the network that supports Shriners Children's Hospitals.

### Garden Club of Hinsdale

In 1921, a group of 15 Hinsdale women, in tune with what was then a national interest in beautifying public places, gathered to learn from each other about gardening. These meetings give them a claim to be the oldest registered club in the village. From those early days, membership of The Garden Club of Hinsdale which, for a time was limited to 35 women, has grown to more than 100. At one time, Mrs. Harold Zook, wife of the noted architect, served as president of the club. Through the years, club projects have sprouted, too. Members have been responsible for planting and tending landscaping areas at The Community House, the yard of the original Hinsdale Junior High School and a bird sanctuary at the east end of Third Street. Their most visible and long-running effort has been the gardens along the

right-of-way of the Burlington train station. A more recent addition has been the awarding of scholarships to Hinsdale Central High School seniors who are interested in botany, landscape design/installation, and/or environmental sciences. As one of the groups that played a key role in the founding of the Garden Club of Illinois, the Hinsdale club continues to support that statewide organization.

### Garden Study Club

Known for their "hands-on" approach to gardening that involves using what they learn to beautify locations around Hinsdale, the Garden Study Club dates back to 1929. Originally named the Junior Garden Club because many of the founding members' mothers were members of the Garden Club of Hinsdale, the organization changed its name to the Garden Study Club in 1933. One of the club's ongoing activities is maintaining the Victorian kitchen garden at the Hinsdale History Museum. They also assemble a large holiday wreath for display at the Graue Mill and Museum each year. Planting trees around the village is one of their most visible projects, beginning with planting trees at the old junior high in 1939. They support Trees for Tomorrow, which is responsible for trees in many places, including the flowering trees along Hinsdale Avenue planted in 2015, 2017, and 2019, as well as trees stretching east from Garfield Avenue next to the railroad tracks. Reaching beyond the village, in 1963 the group took on the effort of assisting Chicago Housing Project residents with providing natural beauty for front yards and parkways in the city. After three years, Mayor Daley made it official and put it under the auspices of the Chicago Housing Authority.

### Girl Scouts

Girl Scout troops in Hinsdale are connected to the national Girl Scouts of the USA and each troop is organized through one of the schools. The 10 active Girl Scout troops in Hinsdale are connected with St. Isaac Jogues, Madison and The Lane schools. Girls may start as Daisies in kindergarten and advance through Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes to the levels of Senior and Ambassador in high school. The national organization



sets up the system of badges, journeys and awards, and local troop leaders design activities to achieve them. For example, to earn the Pet badge, St. Isaac third-grade Troop 56482 visited the Hinsdale Humane Society, learned about pet care and brought stuffed animals to donate to the dogs waiting there to be adopted. New Daisy Troop 56726 from Madison School is getting organized and identifying ways they can challenge themselves and impact the community. Badges cover a wide range of areas, including financial literacy, outdoor skills, entrepreneurship, public policy, automotive manufacturing, cybersecurity, screenwriting and many others. Girl Scouts can also earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. In 2012, Troop 51159 with scouts from The Lane and Hinsdale Middle School won Bronze Awards by creating a "Giving Garden" to grow vegetables for the HCS food pantry.

### HCS Family Services

Hinsdale Community Services began helping neighbors in 1937, and as time went on, expanded its services to communities outside Hinsdale. That called for a name change, and around 2009, the organization became HCS Family Services. Well-known for its food pantry located in the Hinsdale Memorial Building, the group added a mobile pantry in 2010, which operates out of the Anne M. Jeans Elementary School in Willowbrook. If numbers can tell the story, last year, HCS Family Services provided nearly 600,000 pounds of food (the equivalent of 500,000 meals), local retail partners donated more than 400,000 pounds of food through the Food Rescue program and more than 400 volunteers participated in the efforts. Companies, clubs and churches also support the pantries through food drives. Each week, an estimated 250 food-insecure families count on the food pantries. Beyond food, the pantries also provide personal care products, and the organization offers social services referrals. Because the holidays can be especially difficult for people in need of assistance, HCS Family Services operates a Holiday Gift Assistance program. During the COVID pandemic, which resulted in a 78 percent increase in the number of families needing food assistance, the agency moved to curbside distribution.

### Hinsdale Historical Society

One of the notable outcomes of an anniversary celebration is the renewed interest in history. That's what happened in 1973 when Hinsdale celebrated its centennial. By 1975, the Hinsdale Historical Society was established and began devoting itself to collecting, preserving and promoting the history of Hinsdale. The Hinsdale History Museum at 15 S. Clay is the home of the society. Decorated and furnished in the authentic style of its era (it was built in 1874) it is a living example of what life was like then. The Historical Society has rehabilitated and now maintains two other historic buildings. The home and studio of famous architect R. Harold Zook, originally located at 327 S. Oak St, now resides at Katherine Legge Park. Immanuel Hall, located at 302 S. Grant was built in 1900, served as a German immigrant church and then a Montessori School. It was scheduled to be demolished until the historical society stepped in. On the lower level, the Roger and Ruth Anderson Architecture Center contains preservation and construction resources. The building also houses the historical society archives, which are continually organized, updated and added to by Historical Society volunteers.

### Hinsdale Humane Society

The Hinsdale Humane Society celebrates its 70th anniversary this year. It was started by local women who set out to change the lives of homeless pets whose fate was to be kept in a rundown pound. HHS was also a forerunner in the area of pet therapy, launching in 1982 its Pet-a-Pet program, which sets up visits by pets to nursing homes. Since then two more therapy programs have been developed: the READ therapy program (added in 2006) that sends owner/pet teams into libraries and schools to read with children and the CARE (Canine Assisted Rehabilitation) Therapy program (added in 2011) that incorporates interaction with therapy animals into rehabilitation sessions. From the unheated shack that served as the pound before 1953 to the building that replaced it in 1959 — which was expanded and remodeled several times — to the current home on the site that previously housed



**The Hinsdale Assembly** debutantes pose for a photo in 1998. The assembly has raised more than \$3.25 million to benefit Hinsdale Hospital in the past 60 years. (photo courtesy of Hinsdale Hospital)

the Robert Crown Health Education Center, the Hinsdale Humane Society has grown to the point where it now adopts out more than 1,800 pets annually. It also provides pet training and humane education classes, a pet loss grief support group and the BJ Chimenti Angel Fund, which nurtures the bond between veterans and pets.

### Hinsdale Assembly

The Hinsdale Assembly acts as a fundraising arm for the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation and also brings attention to the young debutantes of the community as well as an "Honor Guard" of young men. The Assembly itself first debuted in 1963. Since then, the organization has raised more than \$3.25 million benefiting Hinsdale Hospital. Endowment projects include the Wellness Garden, Digital Mammography Initiative, Third Floor Family Surgical Center of the Patient Pavilion, AdventHealth Cancer Institute Hinsdale, Hinsdale Hospital's Behavioral Health Services and the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit. The young adults participate in special events for a year beginning in January of their senior year in high school. During that time, they also work together on service projects, such as helping at a local food pantry and playing bingo with seniors in a retirement community. All of

this culminates on Dec. 23 with the Hinsdale Assembly Ball, the major fundraising event. Many of Hinsdale's mothers have served on the Assembly committee, guaranteeing that traditions such as the Three Generation Tea and the Father Daughter Waltz continue from one year to another.

### Hinsdale Club

The Hinsdale Club thrived from late 1880s through most of the next five decades, providing a place to socialize over billiards, bowling, card-playing, cigar-smoking and socializing for men, including many of the village "Fathers." From 1889 until 1941, the club was located in a grand building at First Street and Garfield Avenue. What led to its dissolution — and to The Community House opening its doors in that building and welcoming a broader population of participants — is thought to be the growth of the kind of entertainment and recreation available with movies and Sunday golf. Also leading to the end of The Hinsdale Club was the addition of a swimming pool, the expense of which strained club finances. With the belief that in the face of a World War, a community ought to come together and take care of its own, people living in the village, including some members of the disbanding men's club, jumped in to support the transition



to the new Community House. The club's landlord donated his equity in the building in exchange for clearing the mortgage. Some women's organizations such as The Women's Club and Fortnightly also stepped up with contributions and, in return, were able to hold meetings in the building. When the new Community House opened its doors, the facility was debt-free.

## HJWC

Hinsdale's Junior Woman's Club was founded in 1949 and is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which came together in 1850 for a cause described as "united womanhood throughout the world." Throughout its history, HJWC has focused on service projects, both hands-on efforts and fundraising to provide grants for other organizations. Their service projects have covered a wide range. For example, in 1965, their support led to the opening of Hinsdale's Youth Employment Service to help 16 -to-19- year-olds find jobs. HJWC has given financial and volunteer support to other well-known organizations such as the Scouts, Make-a-Wish Foundation and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. In 2018-19, the group launched a program of grant fundraising to help fund the work of other organizations. At a major benefit event each spring, the group raises funds that are then distributed to groups through an application/selection process. In 2022-23, those grants totaled more than \$427,500 awarded to more than two dozen groups. HJWC also invites local charities that need volunteers to get in touch, and they've answered the call to provide landscaping for the Wellness House, make fleece blankets for families in need, pack boxes of food for Hinsdale Family Services and do much more.

## Rotary Club of Hinsdale

The Rotary Club of Hinsdale will hold its signature event, the Rotary Run Charity Classic, on Oct. 1. For the past 29 years, the run has supported various charities, and this year proceeds will go to The Community House, District 181 Foundation, Hinsdale Hospital, Ray Graham Association and the Rotary Foundation, which funds local and international organi-

zations. The local rotary history dates back to 1959, and the larger parent organization even further. In 1905 a Chicago attorney formed the first Rotary Club so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Service has been at the forefront since then, and the Hinsdale club has taken that mission to heart. On the club's 50th anniversary in 2009, members donated the clock that sits near the train station in the center of Hinsdale. Also that year, the local Rotary won the Significant Achievement Award for their work on the Rotary Run. Year-to-year, they have supported various local programs, including the HCS food pantry, the Hinsdale Youth Center, scholarship programs and Bikes for Kids.

## St. Thomas Hospice

AdventHealth St. Thomas Hospice is a leader in the movement based on the philosophy of care for dying individuals that emphasizes compassionate care, quality of life and choices. Started as a volunteer organization in 1980 to serve the needs of the community, St. Thomas Hospice is now a fully staffed, nonprofit organization that serves the western suburbs. The services provided by hospice caregivers cover the spectrum, from physician and nursing care to medical equipment to dietary counseling to social work and counseling. Another dimension of hospice is caring for the family as well, with bereavement programs such as grief support sessions and help with memorial services. A highly visible aspect of St. Thomas Hospice is the Tree of Remembrance situated on the lawn of BMO Harris bank each December. The bereavement coordinator and volunteers decorate the tree, and members of the community are invited to send in a donation to support hospice services, along with the name of someone to be remembered with a plaque on the tree. A special program named Tommy's Kids Summer Camp, started in 2005, gives 5-to-12-year-olds the chance to get together at Katherine Legge Memorial Park for a combination of group therapy sessions, crafts and games with other children who have experienced a loss.



Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club members of a bygone era work on a craft project. The club was founded in 1949.

## The Community House

Since 1941, The Community House has been living out its mission of being "a place to gather and grow." What that mission includes has changed with the times as community needs have changed. In all that time, The Community House has had just five executive directors, beginning with Ly Hotchkin for 37 years and including its leader since 2020, Dan Janowick. At first mainly a space that was used by other organizations, The Community House has added counseling services, volunteer services and active adults programming over time. The agency first opened its doors in a building at First and Garfield previously housing the Hinsdale Club, then built a new facility that opened in 1956 at the corner of Eighth and Madison streets. The addition of an 18,000-square-foot fieldhouse in 2001 reflected the community's interest in expanding recreational opportunities. The Community Revue, an original stage production, is held every other year in March and Stage Door provides theatrical experiences for youth just as the Ly Hotchkin Arts Program offers artistic opportunities. Another relatively recent area of focus is the expansion of services and programs for people in unincorporated Willowbrook. Primary fundraising events for The Community House are a mental health walk in the spring and the

Holiday Ball in December.

## Wellness House

Wellness House in Hinsdale gives a whole new meaning to the concept of "holistic." Since 1990, Wellness House has approached cancer and its effect not only on the individual who is diagnosed but on everyone around that person. The organization came to life when a small group of Hinsdale residents who had been affected by cancer met to explore ways to provide support and education to cancer patients and their families. With funds raised by community members, a little cottage at County Line Road and Walnut Street was opened and then replaced with a larger facility. Programs and services have expanded, too, and now include information on cancer-related topics such as managing side effects as well as classes and counseling in nutrition, exercise and stress management, all provided at no cost. Support groups and family programs also are offered. The Hinsdale site, now known as the Kay and Mike Birck Home of Hope, is the homebase and programs are offered in a wide circle of communities. Funds are raised annually through the Walk for Wellness each spring and the Wellness House Ball in October. Wellness House states its vision is to see all people affected by cancer thrive.



# Philanthropists spread the wealth

Hinsdale has been home to a number of generous families whose gifts have made the village a better place.

**Kay and Mike Birck**



**Kay and Mike Birck**, longtime supporters of Wellness House, gave the nonprofit a \$3 million endowment in 2016, the largest gift ever from a single donor. The building at 131 N. County Line Road is now known as the Kay and Mike Birck Home of Hope. The Bircks also donated \$4.5 million to Hinsdale Hospital for its cancer center, Birck Family Women's and Children's Center, the patient pavilion and the NICU renovation. The foundation of the company Mike founded, Tellabs, has given the hospital \$2.5 million.

Brothers **Jim and Craig Bouchard**, who earned six state championships as athletes at Hinsdale Central High School and went on to enjoy great success in business, have been great

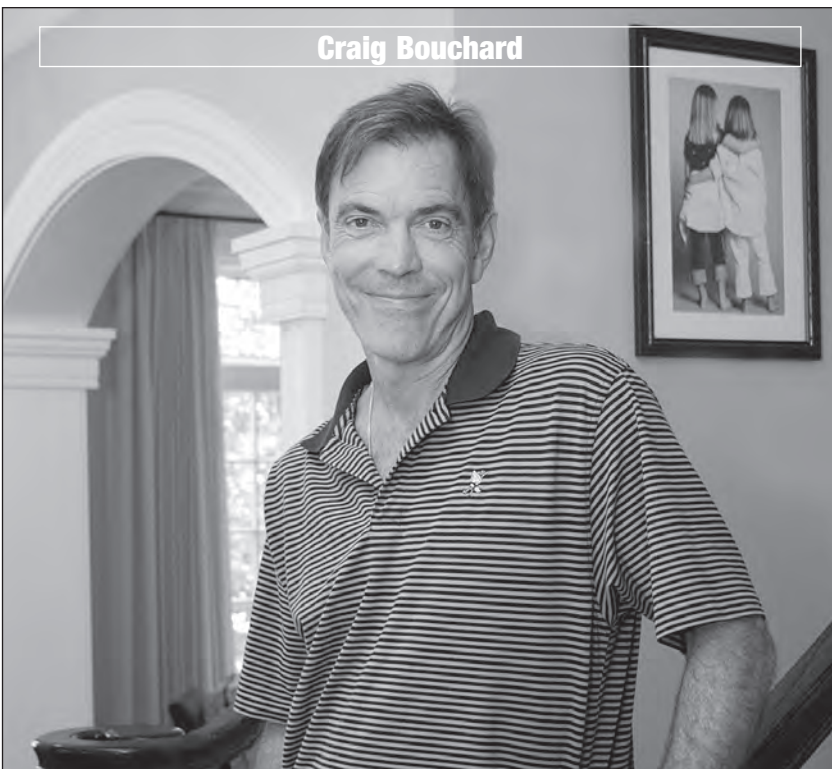
supporters of their alma mater. They instituted a scholarship program in 1978 named after their father, established the HCHS Foundation Golf Outing and the J. Kyle Braid Leadership Foundation Chicago Golf Outing and made the single largest private donation and pledge to provide the steel construction materials for the Bouchard Family Fitness Center at Central.

**Virginia Kettering**, daughter of the largest U.S. importer of Italian marble, and husband Eugene Kettering, son of inventor and world-renowned philanthropist Charles Kettering, were a power couple long before the phrase was coined. When polio struck, they encouraged the establishment of

**Virginia Kettering**

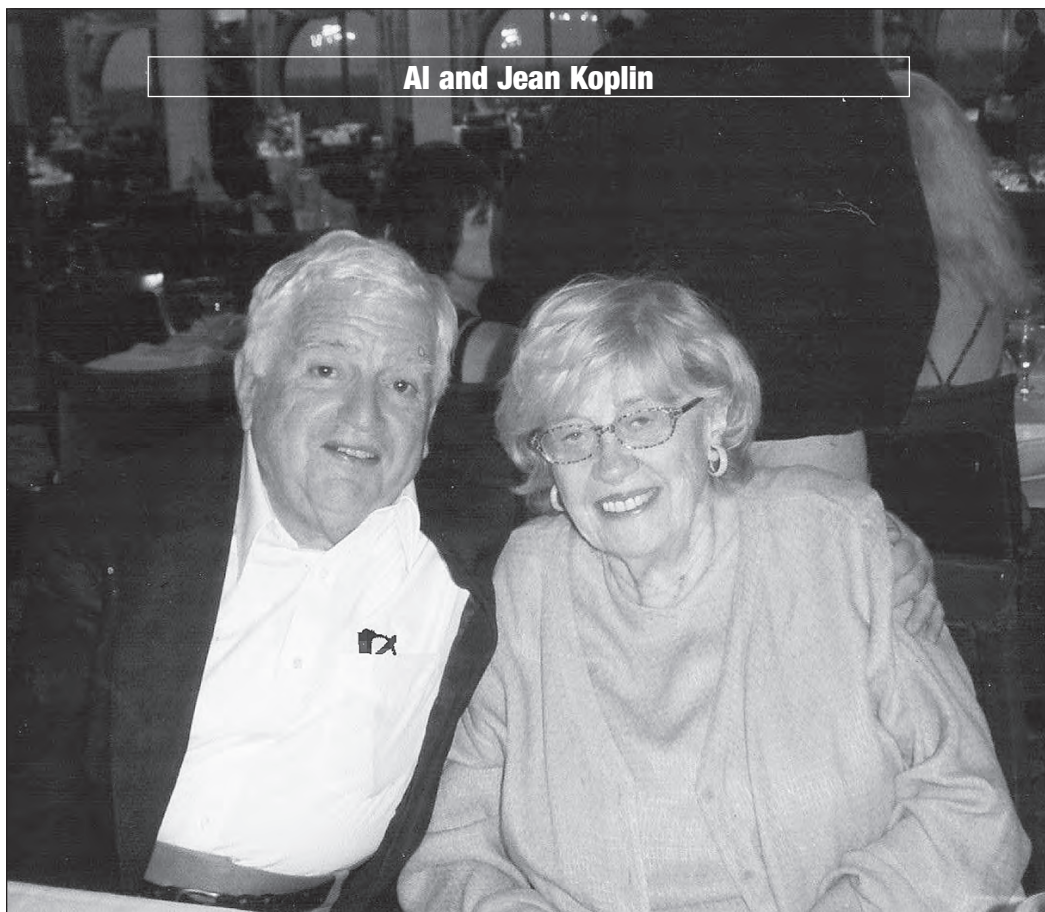


**Craig Bouchard**



— by Pamela Lannom —





**Al and Jean Koplin**

a childhood contagious diseases department at the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital and provided the necessary equipment, including eight iron lungs. Soon communitywide interest in a new hospital blossomed, and the Ketterings gave \$1 million of the \$4 million collected for the building campaign. In 1958 the Ketterings founded the Hinsdale Health Museum, predecessor to the Robert Crown Center for Health Education, which is now Candor Health. They also are major donors at The Community House, where Kettering Hall was named in Eugene's honor.

A visit to the emergency room in the 1990s so impressed the Koplin family of Hinsdale that **Jean and Al Koplin**, who owned many commercial real estate properties in Hinsdale and elsewhere, made a \$1 million donation to the hospital, resulting in construction of the Koplin Emergency and Trauma Center, which opened in 2003. The Koplin Pavilion also was named

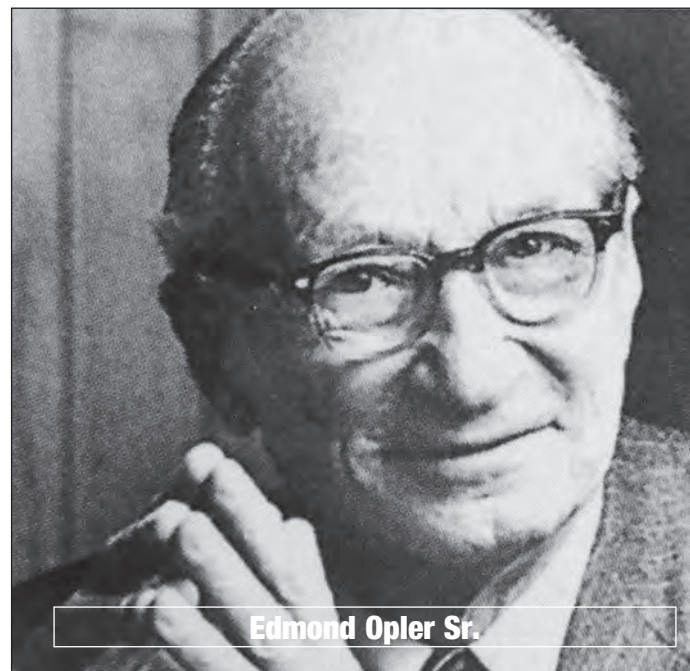
in their honor following a donation in excess of seven figures, the largest single gift ever received by the foundation. The COVID-19 pandemic prompted the Koplin family to lead efforts in the spring of 2020 to raise \$250,000 for the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation for ventilators and other equipment.

The former Opler Cancer Center at Hinsdale Hospital was named in 1992 after **Edmond Opler Sr.**, owner of World's Finest Chocolate. At the time, the hospital issued a press release that stated: "Due in part to the Oplers' generosity, the Opler Cancer Center provides sophisticated technology and cancer treatments that are unsurpassed in the Chicago area." His son, Ed Opler Jr. has run the company since 2003, and has continued to embrace his father's generous spirit. The Edmond and Alice Opler Foundation awarded almost \$1.2 million in grants in 2022.

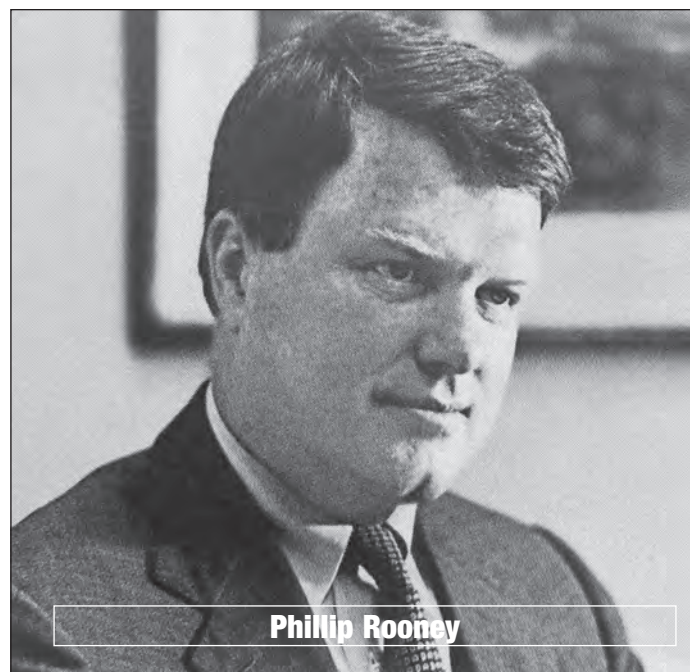
Hinsdale Hospital

received a \$1 million gift in 1990 from **Phillip and Suzanne Rooney** for the Rooney Heart Institute in honor of Phillip's father, Christopher Rooney. The Rooney Heart 5K Fun Walk, an annual fundraiser for the hospital, now is part of the Hinsdale Rotary Run's Charity Classic. Rooney is also a life trustee of The Community House, past chairman of the Economic Club of Chicago and a trustee at the University of Notre Dame, where he funded the Rooney Family Professorship.

**Florrie Tuthill** began volunteering with the Hinsdale Humane Society when she first moved to the village in 1972. In 2019, she helped change the society's future with a \$1 million gift for the new Pet Rescue and Resource Center that bears the Tuthill Family name. The gift also honored her late husband, Jim, who had passed away from complications of Parkinson's four years earlier. The donation is the largest in the organization's history.



**Edmond Opler Sr.**



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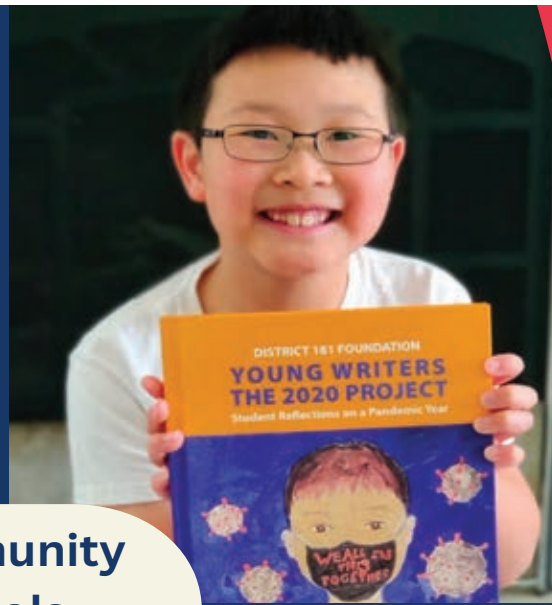


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# Business has always been booming

*A variety of merchants offered the goods and services residents needed from the start*

A vibrant business district has been a hallmark of the village since the very beginning.

Early photos of Washington Street show a series of wooden storefronts on long, narrow, 25-foot lots. Many of those structures no longer exist, but the 1881 building at 47 S. Washington St., which now houses Phillip's Flowers and Gifts, still stands as the oldest building in Hinsdale's downtown, according to Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale."

Among the early merchants was William Evernden, druggist. The town's drug store originally was operated by Hinsdale physician Jerome Merrick, but he sold the store to Evernden, his clerk, in 1875. In 1894, Evernden built a new store at 40 S. Washington St.

"The store became a haven for the young men of the village, with Evernden always ready to offer conversation and fatherly advice," Williams writes.

Shoemaker Emanuel Karlson, tailor John Papenhausen and grocer John Bohlander also were doing businesses in downtown Hinsdale in the late 1800s.

## Established establishments

While the merchants who occupy Hinsdale storefronts have changed over the years, many current businesses have operated here for decades.

In addition to the retail businesses highlighted on the following pages, many service businesses and restaurants have spent 30-plus years serving residents in Hinsdale and beyond.

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- Continental Autosports
- Fuller's Service Center
- Hinsdale Barber Shop
- Koshgarian
- Zazu
- Egg Harbor
- Fontano's Subs
- Page's Restaurant



**Members of the Hinsdale Commercial Association** — predecessor to the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce — prepare for the village's Independence Day parade in 1912.

Bohlander's was one of several groceries patronized by village residents. Lewis Morley's general store, Fox Brothers general store, Ditzler & Linsley, Piggly Wiggly, Loblaw Grocereteria, McDonald Brothers' meat market and Schaper & Steben's Meat Market were among the others. Hinsdale even was home to a Jewel store at 114 S. Washington St., the former home of Loblaw. It was one of the first Jewel food stores in the chain to open, Williams writes.

Banks have been an anchor of the downtown since 1901, when Hinsdale State Bank opened on First Street. The bank moved to a new Classical Revival building designed by Hinsdale architect William Barfield in 1927. That building, at the southeast corner of First and Washington streets, has been home to The Left Bank shops and The Gap and is now home to Marcus.

Barfield designed another building at 29 E. First St. for the Hinsdale Theatre, which opened in 1925.

The building just down the block at 35 E. First St. was home to a hardware store for decades. Ray Soukup

opened his business there in 1929, and the store remained in the family for more than 60 years, with Hank succeeding his father until 1992. The building was purchased by the Fuller family and continues to operate as a hardware store in the back portion of the building. The front half and upstairs were converted to a restaurant when Fuller House opened in June 2015.

Hinsdale has been a popular location for automobile dealerships since 1917, when a Ford business owned by Henry Buchholz and his brother opened. Other dealerships, including Chevrolet, came to town in the early 1920s. Today luxury dealerships line Ogden Avenue, with Continental AutoSports Ferrari, Land Rover/Jaguar and Current Automotive soon to be joined by a McLaren dealership across the street.

With more cars on village streets, gas stations become more of a necessity. Texaco opened in 1928 at First and Lincoln streets (now home to The Fruit Store) and Brewer Brothers followed in 1930 in a station on the northwest corner of First

and Garfield designed by R. Harold Zook. Later that building became home to Dips N Dogs, and now is used as storage for Fuller House.

In the mid-1910s, a group of local businessmen organized as the Commercial Association of Hinsdale, according to "Village on the County Line" by Hugh Dugan. The group officially became the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce on May 27, 1924.

"In various ways, the chamber has furthered the interests of the community," Dugan wrote. "It helps newcomers become acquainted with the town, furnishes festive decorations for the business district at Christmastime, takes charge of the Fourth of July parades and offers its counsel on questions involving conduct and progress in the village."

The chamber's responsibilities have shifted somewhat over the years. It now hosts several annual events — the Hinsdale Fine Arts Show, the farmers market, Uniquely Thursdays, summer and fall sidewalk sales, the Hinsdale Wine Walk and the Hinsdale Christmas Walk.

— by Pamela Lannom —



# Phillip's celebrating milestone year

*As village marks its 150th, flower shop observes 100 years in business, 70 in Hinsdale*

When people think of Phillip's Flowers & Gifts in Hinsdale, they might envision roses and lilies and carnations. They might think of a prom corsage, a wedding bouquet or a get well basket. Phillip's is all of that but much more.

It's an American success story that grew from small roots in a rented storefront in Cicero and literally "blossomed into" a diversified business serving customers in all 50 states with plants and flowers from worldwide sources. Like the village, Phillip's is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, its 100th. What keeps the business grounded is the four generations of Phillips family members who guide the business with a lot of heart.

"In the early years, we thought we were just in the flower business," said Baxter Phillips, executive vice president. "Then as new channels for sales and delivery opened up, it seemed we were in the computer business. But what we're really in — and have been and always will be — is the people business."

For Phillip's, the peo-

ple business takes many forms — seven flower shops in the western suburbs, a major design center and warehouse, a special event service and a landscaping service, which provides care for plants in commercial settings. The Phillip's fame has grown beyond Hinsdale, and their many awards include being named Loyola Family Business of the Year in 1994 and Illinois Retail Merchant of the Year in 2000.

Jim Phillips, chairman and CEO, said the company has prospered through changes and challenges by remembering what their father, J.R. Phillips, said: "Put the customer first and the rest will follow."

Like many businesses, Phillip's Flowers faced unprecedented challenges during the pandemic.

"Of course, there was a decrease in weddings and other social gatherings, but during that time, people learned again the value of expressing their feelings and sustaining their connections through flowers," Jim Phillips said.

The business was founded



**The Phillip family includes** Jim (chairman and CEO) and his wife Gwen, and (from left) Derek, Sandy, Don, James, Baxter and Martha. (photo courtesy of Phillip's/Jim Slonoff photo)



by another James Phillips, the grandfather of Jim and Baxter. As a young man, James worked for a florist in the days when some deliveries were made by streetcar. When he decided to rent a storefront and open his own flower shop, his wife, Helen, joined him in the venture. They lived above the shop, and James' two brothers owned a shoe store in the

same block. The brothers would step up and help each other during seasonal highs and lows. That began the family tradition of working together to run and grow the business.

Today, there are seven family members actively involved, but Jim and Baxter did a rough count and came up with a total of 35 members who have worked in the business at some point. Growing up a Phillips meant pitching in after school or on weekends or during the summer.

"We all had our time pushing a broom or making a bouquet," Baxter said.

The Hinsdale shop opened its doors in 1973 in its current location at 47 S. Washington St., which is considered the oldest building in the village's downtown. Jim's wife Gwen managed the shop for many years, and Baxter's wife, Martha, creates the store's window displays. The Hinsdale shop was originally named "Miss Lee Flowers" after Lee Phillips. She was grandfather James' daughter, who grew up in the Cicero home above the flower shop

and later became a successful Chicago television personality.

What makes it possible for so many family members to find suitable roles is that the business has many branches and can accommodate various interests and skill sets. For example, Jim's son — a fourth generation "James" — is in charge of sourcing the fresh flowers. Whereas most flowers used to come from the Midwest, it turns out that locations in South America, the Far East and even Africa have a more favorable climate, where flowers can grow at higher altitudes in plenty of sunshine but not as much heat. James has traveled to places such as Ecuador and Columbia to find the best sources.

As grateful as they are for having family as a trusted pool of employees to keep the business running smoothly, Jim and Baxter are quick to credit the contributions of the other 150 employees who aren't related, too.

"They love flowers, they love design, and they love people," Baxter said.



**Founder James A. Phillip**, son James R. Phillip and brothers George and Joseph Phillip stand in front of the first Phillip's location, a rented storefront on Cermak Road in Cicero. (photo courtesy of Phillip's)

— by Cheryl Harbour —



# Longtime merchants call Hinsdale home

Many shops have come and gone in Hinsdale, but these businesses have been in town for more than three decades.



**F**or **Kramer Foods** to reflect the family that has been in charge for more than 40 years, the sign would read either “Nelson” or Ludwigson.” Ron and Kim Ludwigson now run the store after Kim’s father, Joel Nelson, who became manager in 1961 and owner in 1981, passed away in 2005. They meet the challenge of offering customers a wide selection of goods, including trends such as organic and gluten-free, in a relatively small space. They also provide a community-friendly place where shoppers are likely to run into people they know. (file photo)



**C**har Crews, the store in Hinsdale known for its fine china, sterling silver, crystal and most of all, its bridal registry, was opened in 1976 by none other than Charlotte Crews. Crews, now 96, grew the business by offering personalized service and lower prices than most department stores. Her son Richard now runs the business, and he credits his mother’s good taste and roots in southern hospitality for making the store such a popular and welcoming place to shop. (file photo)



**T**he **Hinsdale Flower Shop**, in business since 1950, is now owned by Dave and Megan Mitchell, whose relatives opened a flower shop in Chicago in 1916. In the years since taking on the Hinsdale location in 2012, Dave Mitchell says a good portion of their business is in cut flowers and plants. The store also celebrates each major holiday, turning into a wonderland of decorations and holiday-themed gifts. (Jim Slonoff photo)

— by Cheryl Harbour —





From running the couture department at Neiman Marcus to owning a women's clothing shop is the path taken in the late 1980s by Marlene Burton, founder of **Sweet William**. In 2014, Kristi Smith (far right), who worked as manager and buyer for the store for 10 years, became the new owner. Catering to a loyal customer base and offering personal styling are Sweet William's secrets to success. The staff is loyal, too, some having worked there for 10, 20 or 25 years. (file photo)



The oldest continuously-operating store in Hinsdale is **Holland Hardware**. Sheldon Holland took over the hardware business in 1969 from his father, Joseph, who originally operated the business in Maywood. In the early 1980s, Sheldon sold the business to Robert Ciner. Robert and son Greg still own the business located on Harrison Lane, which runs between Hinsdale Avenue and First Street. They now specialize in "fixing almost anything" – including lamp and chandelier rewiring, metal polishing, furniture repair, and screen and window repair. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Originally offering everything from guns to hockey equipment, **King Keyser**, which opened in 1952, began focusing on ski equipment, clothing, rentals and tuneups based on the founders' passion for the sport. The shop rolled with the times, adding snowboards before most ski dealers carried them. Current co-owners Rick Johnson (above) and Jim Laufman, who purchased the store in 1996, have adapted as well, adding bicycle builds and tuneups after Hartley's Cycle Shop closed. And now, of course, they carry pickleball equipment, too. (file photo)



**Browning & Sons Jewelers** has occupied the same site on Washington Street since 1987, but the interior of the shop is all new. Owners Rachel Browning and her son, John Browning, make a point of staying up with jewelry trends and new styles and thought their store should reflect that attitude, too. Rachel and her husband initially opened the store, and John spent many after-school hours and summers there. They treat their customers like guests and often help them create unique designs. (Jim Slonoff photo)



**T**he Hinsdale News Agency, owned by three generations of the Spinazola family since 1953 — currently Danette — originally served as a distribution center for the Chicago Tribune. Paper boys and girls would pick up stacks of newspapers there and distribute them throughout Hinsdale. Being able to browse a wall's worth of periodicals keeps people coming back, even when many newspapers and magazines are digital. There's also a loyal following of customers interested in balloons, candy, greeting cards, games, puzzles and Hinsdale Central apparel. (Jim Slonoff photo)



**W**hen Gateway Square opened in 1985, **Prime 'N' Tender Meats** was one of the center's first businesses. Considered an "old-fashioned, family-owned butchery," the shop was opened by Dan Qualtier, who began his career as a butcher at Dominick's. His son and daughter-in-law, Danny Jr. and Jackie, now run it. Customers come for the quality of the meat and the service they receive. They're likely to get multiple "thank-you's" as they leave. (Jim Slonoff photo)



**S**ass-N-Class originally opened in a location on Washington Street. Mary Beth Copeland is the fourth owner, and she's operated the relocated shop on First Street since 2005. To the established business of customized wedding and party invitations, she's added boxed cards and gift wrap that can be purchased on the spot. Copeland also works with customers to create their stationery designs. During the pandemic, her already very personalized service became even more so as she delivered products to customers' homes. (Jim Slonoff photo)





Time has passed for **The Clock & Watch Shop of Hinsdale** — almost 47 years to be exact — but Mike and Harriet haven't been standing still. The shop's inventory of vintage clocks and watches is as much in demand as ever. In addition to the clocks and watches they sell — from a rare pocket watch to a grandfather clock — they offer complimentary estimates and guarantee all repairs. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Although the sign outside **The Fruit Store** doesn't bear the family name, it is certainly a family affair. Since its opening in 1982, the Yurchak family — led by John and Mick — has expanded the offerings from mostly produce to include home-made soups, sauces, salads, smoothies, dips and baked goods. Customers have become more discriminating about the quality of fresh fruits and vegetables, so the Yurchaks continue to buy fresh produce from the Chicago International Produce Market each morning before dawn. (file photo)



The Goers family wasn't surprised the COVID pandemic made people turn to their gardens for stress relief and home-grown produce. **Vern Goers Greenhouse** has been in business on South Oak Street since 1966 and is now operated by the third and fourth generation: Phil and Karen (not pictured) Goers, and their son, Christian, and daughter, Sarah. Online shopping with curbside pickup and delivery boomed during the past several years, yet an actual visit to the greenhouse remains a favorite spring tradition. (file photo)



Started in 1972 by Susan Tanner, the **Yankee Peddler** became a go-to resource for entertaining items and hostess gifts. Susan's daughter, Stacy Lorin, who now owns and runs the store, has taken it to new levels and in new directions. Relocating from First Street to Hinsdale Avenue and doubling the square footage allowed Lorin to expand the merchandise to include home décor, antiques, jewelry, paper and epicurean goods as well as to add interior design services. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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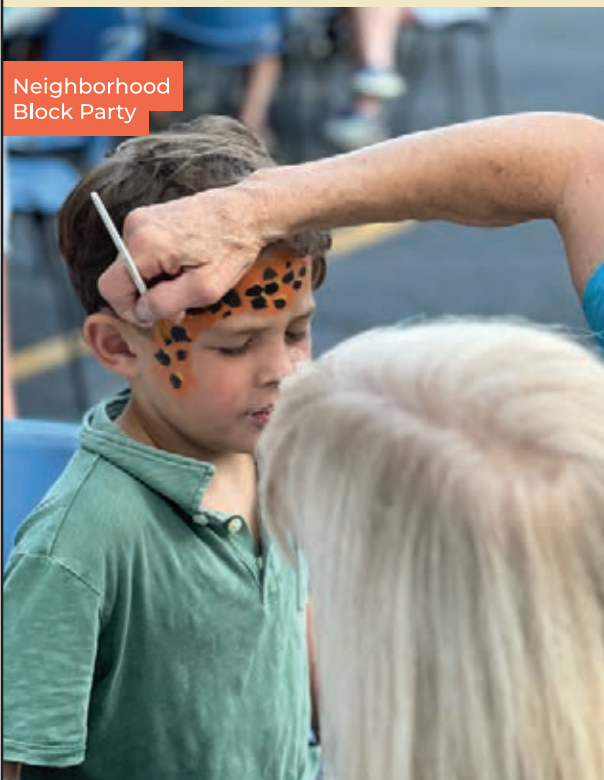


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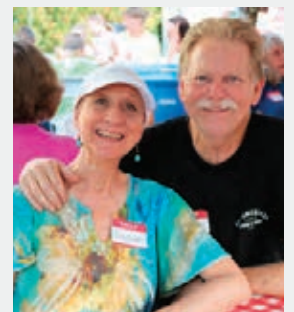
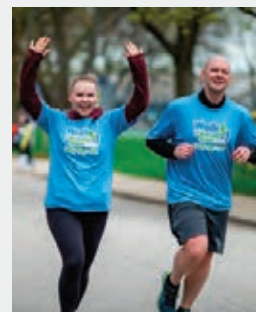
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- **1897:** Enrollment reached 481 students
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# Churches have changed with the times

*Even before they had buildings, congregants sought a place they could call home*

As diverse as the churches in Hinsdale are, many have at least two things in common.

First, the “church” is more than a building. Without an official house of worship, early church founders met wherever they could — in the train depot, in unused downtown space, in other denominations’ buildings or in school auditoriums. Yet, almost all eventually went on to gather resources — and perhaps their resolve — to give their congregation a “home” of brick or stone. Many of those buildings still exist with additions and renovations, while others were replaced. At least one original building burned to the ground.

Second, to stay relevant, Hinsdale churches continually have found ways to connect with the community — primarily through education and charitable service — and reach beyond to the world outside Hinsdale.

As the young village of Hinsdale grew, its number of congregations grew, too.

By 1900 in Hinsdale, eight churches had been built and enjoyed steady attendance — a large number for a population of about 2,500.

The stories of the early churches, dating as far back as the 1860s, are somewhat similar. A group of people began coming together because they wanted to worship in a certain way. Some, such as Grace Episcopal, Union and the Unitarian churches, were lucky to find a supporter who would donate land or provide funds to build a church. Others turned to grassroots campaigns to support a building fund.

The cost of a building during the 19th Century seems shockingly low now. For example, Zion Lutheran Church was built in 1888 for \$2,515 — and completed within six months. Even so, building costs put a strain on most newly formed congregations.

A more unusual story is the founding of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which actually grew out of

the establishment of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital. Church services began for the employees and staff — all Seventh-day Adventists — and expanded to include other worshippers.

Some of the churches in town held services in languages other than English for their first several decades. Zion Lutheran and Redeemer Lutheran were both founded by German-speakers, and Hinsdale Covenant Church held services in Swedish for 30 years.

And then there are the schools. Four of the 13 churches in town have preschool or early education programs. St. Isaac Jogues School and the Seventh-day Adventist Academy educate students through eighth and 12th grades, respectively.

To remain relevant and vibrant through changing times, churches have stayed in step.

According to pastor Jay Klein — the longest serving minister in the village having started at Zion Lutheran in 2006 — the church’s role is to keep pace with the social consciousness of the people who live here.

“Hinsdale is a unique community in that it’s affluent but not self-absorbed,” he said. “People here are aware of what’s going on in the world and want to help others. Our church helps by caring for them.”

Zion is reaching out to other parts of the world with its current fundraiser for displaced Ukrainian families. Donors have the opportunity to purchase a paver from the original schoolyard,



**Pastor Jay Klein**, who has led the congregation at Zion Lutheran Church since 2006, said people in town are always looking for ways to help others. (file photo)

which then will be personalized and moved to the church courtyard.

Father Burke Masters, who has served as pastor of St. Isaac Jogues Church for a little over a year, has formed a similar impression.

“People who don’t know Hinsdale might think of it mainly as a modern, sophisticated, maybe even materialistic town — but my experience has been that it’s filled with people of faith who are extremely generous,” he said.

St. Isaac’s parishioners invite all residents to share with those in need through the Seeds of Service project. Each spring a bag is dropped off at every doorstep in town with the hope that it will be filled with food when collected a week later. Donations are sorted and passed along to food banks.

The COVID pandemic in 2020 caused all the churches in Hinsdale to look for new ways to worship when people weren’t able to come together inside the church building. Some churches already had started an

online service option, but for others the change was abrupt and the investment in new technology was significant.

Klein says this turned out to be a plus for Zion Lutheran.

“To continue to get our message out, we now broadcast and archive all services,” he said. “As a result, even though local people are back in person, I’m hearing from people around the country who can tune in.”

And what is the message in what Klein describes as “strange times” filled with meanness and division along political, racial and socioeconomic lines?

“People want peace and a place where they can be accepted and accepting,” he said. “They’re looking for common ground and community. They want to know there’s someone larger than themselves who hears their prayers and cares. They’re not alone.”

Or, as Father Burke puts it, he wants “everyone to feel they have a home here.”



**Father Burke Masters** has found the village to be filled with people of faith since he came to lead St. Isaac Jogues last year. (Jim Slonoff photo)

— by Cheryl Harbour —



# Hinsdaleans flock to village churches

A dozen churches in town give people of different denominations and backgrounds an opportunity to develop their faith and to serve.



First Church of Christ Scientist

When the **First Church of Christ Scientist** was organized in Hinsdale in 1931, services were held in the Monroe School auditorium. Property for the current building at First and Oak streets was purchased in 1950, and services were first held in the new building in 1952. Prior to the church being started in Hinsdale, the Hinsdale Club in 1917 featured a lecture titled “Christian Science: The Unity of Religion and Medicine” to explain the basic philosophy of Christian Science. The church operates the Christian Science Reading Room, a library and bookstore for research, study and prayer, on First Street.

**Grace Episcopal Church** Hinsdale became a parish in 1878 and, after meeting in various places around town, constructed a church building in 1886. Land for the church was donated by William Robbins, a village founder. They added two houses next door, one of which is known as the “Hallmark House” because it was featured in a Hallmark TV commercial. In recent history, to attract attendees to Sunday services and to give worshipers attending two different services an opportunity to socialize with each other, a breakfast buffet was served in the “Grace Café.” This tradition continued until the café was closed during the pandemic.

Services at the **Hinsdale Baptist Church** were held in Swedish from the founding in 1905 until 1934. At first, the church home was a building on Lincoln that had served as a Methodist church, the village hall and an American Legion Hall. In 1940, at the insistence of a church women’s group, a building fund was created. Contributions came in slowly over the next decade, and finally in 1950 land was purchased at the corner of Fuller and Oak. The church experienced several different iterations, becoming Oak Community Church in the early 2000s and then The Chapel in 2012. In 2023, The Chapel ended its services in Hinsdale.



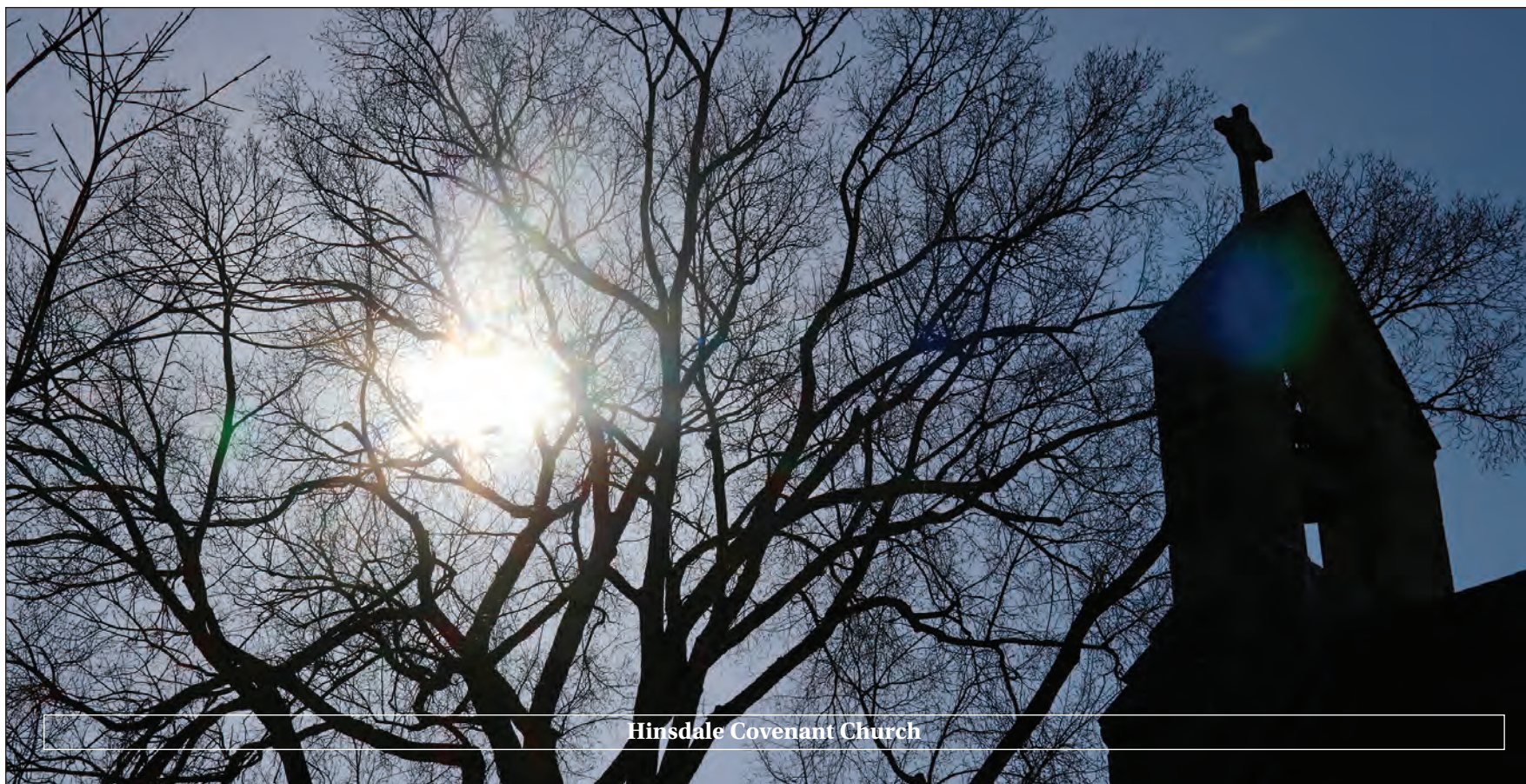
Grace Episcopal Church



Hinsdale Baptist Church

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Hinsdale Covenant Church



Seventh-day Adventist



Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Fil-Am

Another church with Swedish roots is **Hinsdale Covenant Church**, established in 1892. The church building and sanctuary date back to 1931, and the preschool program was started in 1974. The church is active in outreach involving the homeless, refugees and university students and supports efforts in areas that include Alaska, Appalachia and India. For several decades, Hinsdale Covenant has performed a live nativity during multiple services on Christmas Eve, with sheep, geese, cows, a donkey and — one year — a camel.

**Seventh-day Adventist** church services were originally started for the benefit of employees and staff of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, who were all Seventh-day Adventists. The Sanitarium had been founded in 1905 by Dr. David and Mary Paulson on 10 acres of land bought by one of Dr. Paulson's patients. The Paulsons were convinced that Hinsdale's rural setting and fresh air would be healthy for patients. The congrega-

tion grew beyond just those connected to the sanitarium, and the current church building was dedicated in 1947. An affiliated Seventh-day Adventist school in Hinsdale now educates students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

When the founding members of the **Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Fil-Am Church** began gathering in 1979, they met in an office building on Salt Creek Lane near Ogden Avenue. A new building specifically for their worship opened at 9 E. 59th St. in 1983. Their fundraising efforts to buy the land and construct the building were aided by a woman who was grateful for her positive experience as a patient at Hinsdale Hospital. The ethnically focused fellowship sustains connections with the Filipino culture and community, including holding Gintong Buklod, a service for seniors mainly in Tagalog, the official Filipino language.



In 1963, four years after 104 founding members officially organized the **Hinsdale United Methodist Church**, a church building was consecrated at the corner of 55th and Garfield. During those first four years, parishioners met at The Community House. For more than a decade, the church was famous for its communitywide “Strawberry Stravaganza,” which raised funds for projects such as sponsoring a youth work trip and buying trees for the church property. The event was retired but church projects to strengthen the connection and build the community continue.

In 1922, six families associated with Zion Lutheran Church decided to form a new church, partly so they could hold services in English instead of German. The motto of the new **Redeemer Lutheran Church** was “Our fathers’ faith in our children’s language.” Worshipers gathered on the second floor of a building on First Street until their own building was completed in 1925. A larger building was constructed in the mid-1950s. In 1954, the congregation hired an organist-choir director, beginning an emphasis on music that remains an integral part of services. One of Redeemer’s key outreach programs is hosting the county’s homeless shelter (PADS) on Saturdays from May through September.

The history of **St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Parish** began in 1930 with two important events: George Cardinal Mundelein, the archbishop of Chicago, appointed Father Thomas Tormey to start a new parish in Hinsdale, and St. Isaac Jogues, one of the first American martyrs, was canonized. In 1931 property at Fourth and Clay and Vine streets was purchased and plans for a combination church and school were approved. Until the new buildings reached completion, the parish met for Mass in the Hinsdale Theatre and then in a rented store. Through the years, the facilities have been expanded and improved, and the school continues to provide education for students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

**Trinity Church** is Hinsdale’s “youngest” church. Seven families started meeting – as legend has it, “around a kitchen table” -- in 2001 and officially formed the church in 2004. The first services were held in Hinsdale Middle School. After meeting at The Community House for several years, services moved to the Seventh-day Adventist Church (which worships on Saturday). Several of Trinity’s key projects include partnering with World Relief to aid in the settlement of refugees and Mission USA, which helps previously incarcerated men and women or those who have lived on the street.



Hinsdale United Methodist Church



Redeemer Lutheran Church

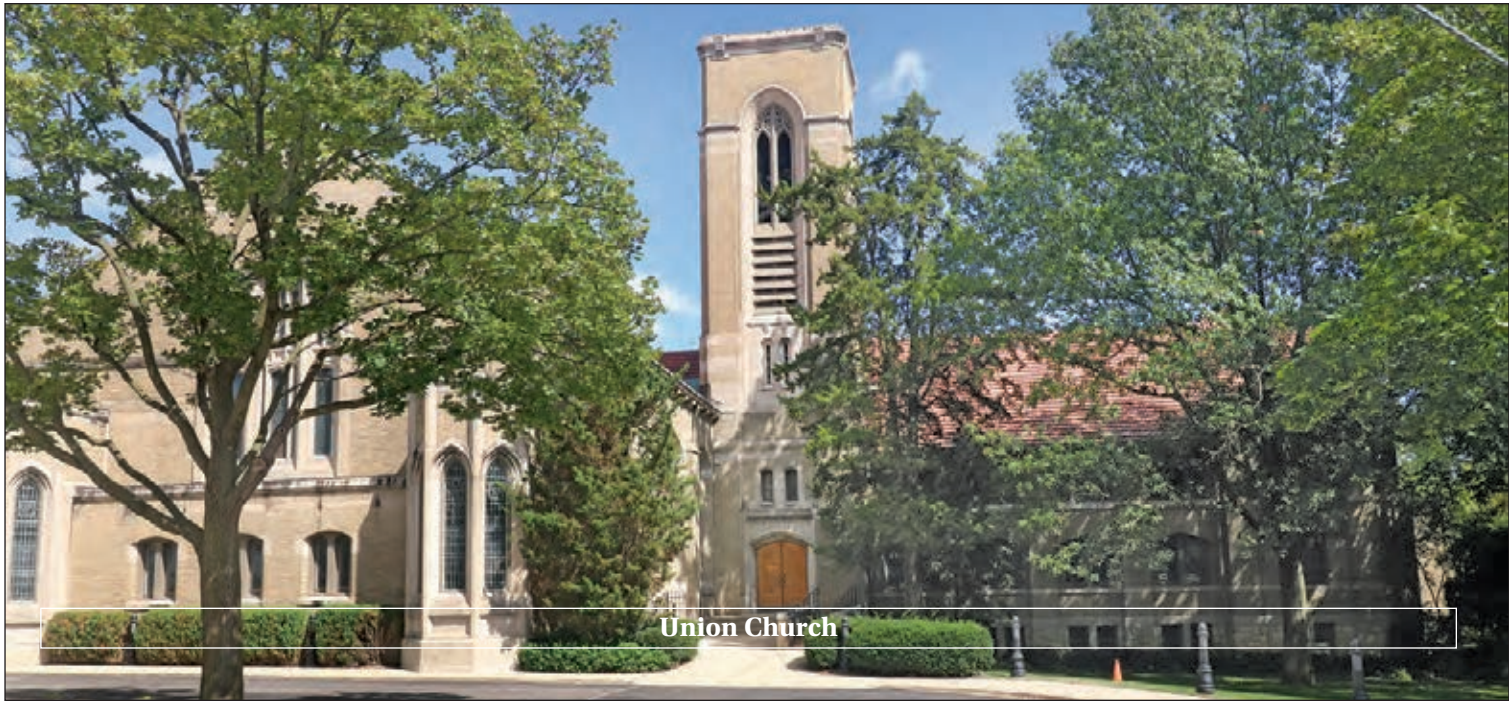


St. Isaac Jogues



Trinity Church





Union Church

**Union Church** truly is a “union” of several denominations — a coming together of Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Unitarians. Rev. Charles Barnes had founded a nondenominational church that held services in the 1860s in the train depot and was referred to as the Prairie Depot Church. In 1872 William Robbins donated land for a church on Third and Garfield. The Presbyterian Church was started in 1889. When Union Church was formed in 1918, a group of Unitarians also played a role. In 1961 the church aligned officially with The United Church of Christ. With early pastors speaking out against slavery and affirming the rights of women, Union Church declares itself “Church for Anybody + Everybody.”

**The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale** might have the most dramatic story of church buildings because the original 1870 structure burned to the ground in 1880. The property at the corner of Maple and Washington streets had been donated by village founder O.J. Stough. A new church building was dedicated in 1889. Philosophically, the church is known for its “openness” as the church welcomes people of all faiths and belief systems. This tradition was formalized in 1887 by Unitarian minister William Channing Gannett, one of the “Unity Men” who were considered intellectual radicals of the west.

**The first congregation of Zion Lutheran Church** was formed in 1888 with 21 members, and they dedicated their church, tower and bell that same year. A year later a cemetery plot for congregation members was purchased on land north of Hinsdale (now Oak Brook). Those grounds are still maintained by volunteer members of the church. In 1890, a school was added to educate students from kindergarten through eighth until 2008. The church continues to offer preschool in its Early Childhood Education Center.



Unitarian Church



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**The 1889 Italianate home** owned by Hinsdale's incorporation organizer William Whitney still stands at 142 E. First St. But the loss of other historic village properties to redevelopment over the years prompted calls for action. The demolition of the 1893 home at 244 E. First St. in 2020 catalyzed the creation of provisions to help preserve this heritage.



# Teardowns stirred preservation push

*New village program expected to be much more successful in saving historic homes*

**I**n August of 1981, Hinsdaleans watched as the home that had stood at 213 S. Lincoln St. for more than a century was moved by truck across the railroad tracks to 15 S. Clay St. to serve as the Hinsdale Historical Society's museum.

Since then, however, residents have seen far more of the village's architectural heritage razed than reinvigorated. Hinsdale was even cited by several national publications as the epicenter of the tear-down boom as the 20th century closed.

Growing consensus that housing redevelopment was damaging the towns' character and charm led the Hinsdale Historical Society to introduce a historic plaque program in 1986 to help draw attention to vintage homes. Downtown Hinsdale was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006, followed by the Robbins Park Subdivision in 2008, recognitions that gave greater gravitas to the idea of protecting this legacy.

In 2000 the village established a

historic preservation commission to oversee a voluntary landmarking program and weigh in on the appropriateness of exterior alterations to historic properties. While a handful of homeowners signed up for landmark designation, the restrictions on renovations imposed by the status compelled several to withdraw from the program. The most notable was in 2018 when the 1893 Victorian Renaissance home at 244 E. First St. was removed from the list of landmarks and subsequently torn down.

In 2020 a moratorium on tear-downs was proposed as a way of buying time for officials to develop new regulations on preservation. The village board rejected it in favor of private property rights.

"If somebody's not going to buy it and restore it, and the property owner wants to tear it down, I'm not sure there's much else we can do," Village President Tom Cauley said at the time.

Robb McGinnis, the village's director of community development, said his department was

"pushed to move the needle" on preservation and gathered with local builders, architects and real estate agents to figure out what could be done.

"The village has been trying for years to try to stem the tide on the number of teardowns," McGinnis said. "One of the comments was to create an environment where people are clamoring to get on a list rather than off of it."

"We needed to come up with something that you could get with old construction that you can't get with new construction."

In 2022, the village established a Historic Overlay District to assist property owners with the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historically significant properties throughout the village. Homes voluntarily added to a Historically Significant Structures Property List could be eligible for preservation incentives like flexible alternative zoning regulations to accommodate additions, permit and application fee waivers, a property tax rebate

and matching grant funding.

"We finally have a pallet of incentives where we could lure people to work with the existing house," McGinnis said

Village planner Bethany Salmon said the response has been better than expected, with several dozens of homes approved for the list and more in the pipeline.

"So far the response has been amazing," she said. "I talk to people every day about the program."

McGinnis said those buying a historic home now have a range of options.

"They can put in a big kitchen and addition on with a master suite," he said. "They can modernize them so they don't just feel like a museum."

Salmon said having the program coincide with the village's 150th anniversary is especially meaningful.

"It couldn't be a better time to bring this preservation program forward and be part of the celebration and help people preserve historic homes that are a key part of how this town developed," she said.

— by Ken Knutson —

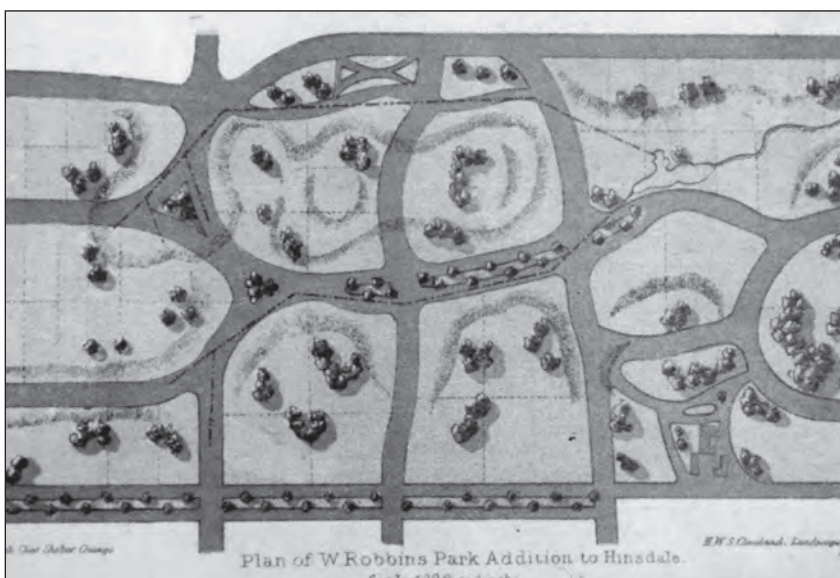


# Hinsdale history intact across village

Hinsdaleans are fortunate to have so much of the village's early history preserved, in the central business district, neighborhoods, public buildings and individual homes.



Historical downtown Hinsdale was platted by William Robbins, village founder, in 1865. The district began developing after Hinsdale became a stop on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad and today contains the oldest commercial buildings in the village, representing architectural styles and types spanning more than 130 years. Notable examples on First and Washington Streets date from the 1880s, with the works of prominent architects R. Harold Zook and William Gibson Barfield represented. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (drone photo courtesy of Yannis Arvanitis)



South of the railroad tracks between Garfield Avenue and County Line Road is the Robbins Park Subdivision, the historic neighborhood developed by village founding father William Robbins from 1866-71. Its winding streets, some featuring grassy medians, were designed by noted landscape architect Horace Cleveland to follow the natural topography and create a parklike setting distinct from the rest of the town. Many of its 475 homes have been preserved from the mid-18th century, and the area was declared a National Register Historic District in 2007. (HHS photo)



When International Harvester president Alexander Legge lost his wife, Katherine, in 1924, he turned their weekend retreat property along County Line Road in Hinsdale as a place devoted to rest, recreation and welfare for women employed by IH. The Lodge, built in 1927, was designed by Hinsdale architect R. Harold Zook. With a living room and dining room on the first floor and a large ballroom with fireplace on the second, it is the centerpiece of now village-owned Katherine Legge Memorial Park and a popular wedding venue. In 2005, Zook's 1924-built home and studio on South Oak Street was saved from demolition by the Hinsdale Historical Society and moved by truck two miles to KLM, bringing his creations together. (HHS photo)

— by Ken Knutson —





The Hinsdale train depot dates to 1899 after several years of local petitioning to replace the aging original station located west of Washington Avenue on the north side of the tracks. The railroad chose to locate the new depot farther east along Hinsdale Avenue, “the site of a milk-can pick-up stand,” according to “Hinsdale” author Timothy Bakken. The \$15,000 project provided two waiting rooms, an agent’s office and woodwork “finished in oil,” all under a Spanish tile roof. The old depot was ultimately torn down to make way for the commuter parking lot there today.



Hinsdale’s Memorial Building was completed in 1928, erected as a tribute to the veterans of World War I and today the village’s most recognizable landmark. The construction effort was led by the American Legion and its Auxiliary, with nearly 200 volunteers going door to door in the spring of 1927 collecting in excess of the \$150,000 goal (from all but two of the town’s 1,400 households). Inside its rotunda is the specially commissioned marble sculpture “The Victory of Hinsdale” by Oskar J.W. Hansen, dedicated on Armistice Day 1928.



The Hinsdale Post Office opened in 1942 at the corner of Garfield and Symonds on land once part of a coal yard. The village and the U.S. Postal Service each acquired a part of the land, according to Timothy Bakken’s account in his book “Hinsdale,” and “because of financial and ownership difficulties, William Regnery, village president, donated half of the funds necessary to buy the village’s portion.” The Federal Works Administration designed a facility compatible with the Memorial Building.





**F**ullersburg Cemetery was platted by early settler Ben Fuller in 1851 as he laid out the community around what is today York Road and Ogden Avenue. Located on the north end of Garfield Avenue between Maumell Street and Fuller Road, the cemetery is the final resting spot for many of the founders of Fullersburg and Hinsdale. The oldest stone dates to 1847 for Ben Fuller's mother, Candice. The grounds are also noted as the resting place for many of the area's Civil War soldiers. In 1903, Confederate veteran John Andre was buried in an unmarked grave just south of the cemetery's flag pole, and a tree serves as an informal marker. Don Fuller, Ben's great-great-grandson, serves as caretaker. (file photo)



**W**est Hinsdale has a station thanks to Oliver Stough, developer of that side of town, who wanted a stop closer to his neighborhood than downtown Hinsdale a mile away. The railroad agreed as long as Stough built it, which in 1874 he did — a two-story wooden Victorian-style structure with stationmaster living quarters upstairs. He named it after himself, but confusion over the pronunciation of Stough (“ow”) made West Hinsdale a more agreeable choice. The building was moved to an adjacent lot in 1895 to serve as an office for Stough's real estate interests and ultimately demolished in 1969, but not before becoming one of the oldest original stations on the line between Chicago and Aurora.



**T**he Burns Field Warming Shelter was built in 1936 as part of the park's creation, one of the village's Depression-era New Deal projects under U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Designed by celebrated local architect R. Harold Zook, the shelter's Colonial Revival style was intended to complement the Memorial Building. It was built by local unemployed laborers, who were paid a higher-than-normal 40-cents an hour. The door surrounds, windows, eaves and other details were exaggerated in size to make the structure visible from a distance. The Hinsdale Village Board designated the property as a Historic Landmark in 2001.





**I**mmanuel Hall was built in 1900 as Immanuel Evangelic Church for the enclave of German immigrants living west of Hinsdale's downtown. These faithful churchgoers had grown weary of having to walk north of what is now Ogden Avenue every Sunday to attend St. John Evangelical Church of Fullersburg and decided to establish their own congregation. They called upon Brookfield pastor Rev. Carl Luedeke to lead their flock and constructed their new place of worship on the southwest corner of Grant and Third streets. The building was acquired by the Hinsdale Historical Society in 2001 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



**T**he turn-of-the-century colonial revival Victorian home at 329 E. Sixth St. is often referred to as the American Beauty House for its association with the floral specimen developed by owner Orland Bassett and his son-in-law in their nearby greenhouse. Built in 1898 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the home suffered extensive damage from a fire in 2018 and required a two-year restoration effort.



**T**he Hinsdale History Museum at 15 S. Clay St. was once a residence at 213 S. Lincoln St. Built in 1874, the home was donated by District 181 after it purchased the land and moved by the Hinsdale Historical Society to its present location in 1981 to serve as the organization's main attraction, representing village life in the late 19th century. A front porch was added and furnishings brought in to give visitors an enriching experience, and an authentic Victorian garden was installed in back of the home.



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# Hinsdale the anchor for TV journalists

Village is or has been home to a surprising number of TV newscasters.



**Ben Bradley** is not only a member of The Hinsdalean's reader advisory board, he's an Emmy Award-winning investigative reporter who has been part of the WGN team since 2017, co-anchoring the evening news from 4 to 5 p.m. Previously he spent 14 years at ABC7 as a reporter and weekend morning anchor. Bradley has lived in Hinsdale since 2010 with his wife, Molly, and three sons, ages 12 to 16.



**Chuck Goudie** has been the chief investigative reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News since 1990 after joining the station as a general assignment news reporter in 1980. He has won many of broadcasting's top honors, including a national Emmy award. In 2018, he was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Chicago Silver Circle. He and his late wife, Teri, raised their five children in Hinsdale.



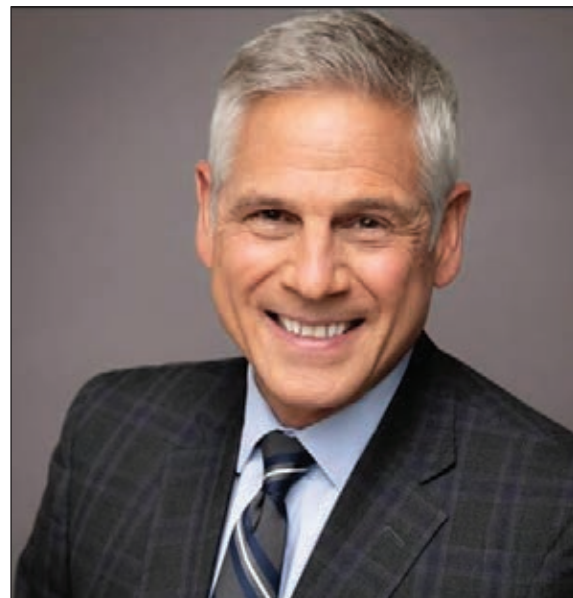
**Judy Hsu**, who started her career in TV news the day after graduating from college, currently anchors the 4 and 6 p.m. news at ABC7. A Hinsdale resident for 22 years, the Emmy Award-winning reporter is married to Tracy Leddy and a mom of four ages 14 to 22. Hsu made headlines herself when she gave birth to her son A.J. on the side of the Eisenhower expressway in October 2009.



The late **Dick Johnson** was a fixture in Chicago journalism, working for years at NBC5 and ABC7. But his true love was theater, as evidenced by his involvement in the Community Revue and The Community House Players at The Community House, where the stage was named in his honor in September 2021. A former Hinsdale resident, he passed away at age 66 from pulmonary fibrosis. He left behind his wife, Lauren, three children and two grandchildren.



Emmy award-winning **Rob Johnson**, president of Rob Johnson Communications, worked as a TV journalist for more than 25 years, at WLS-Channel 7 from 1998-2006 and CBS2 from 2006-19. He and his wife, Stacy, lived in Hinsdale for more than 20 years and have a son, Jaden. The host of a podcast and a former contributing columnist for The Hinsdalean, he now lives in Inverness.



**Rob Stafford**, a former correspondent for Dateline NBC, spent 13 years as the evening news anchor for NBC5 Chicago, delivering his final broadcast in December 2022. He won two national news Emmy awards, nine regional Emmy awards, four Associated Press awards and the Edward R. Murrow award for his Dateline investigation into racial profiling. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children, Addy, Amery and Trent. They recently moved to Chicago.

— by Pamela Lannom —



# All the news that fits, they've printed

*Hinsdale home to several newspapers, starting with The Hinsdale Index in 1872*

This area's first newspaper was published before the village was incorporated.

T.E. Lonergan launched his monthly periodical, The Hinsdale Index, on May 15, 1872. Lonergan, according to Timothy Bakken's book "Hinsdale," was an Irishman "whose fondness for witty stories shows through in the two surviving copies of his paper."

His family was known in Chicago, as his namesake uncle platted the ground on which the Merchandise Mart now stands.

The newspaper immediately fell on hard times, Bakken writes, likely because it cost 10 cents a copy at a time when many

daily publications were 1 cent. On Sept. 18, the fourth — and only other existing issue — was published, suggesting one month had been missed over the summer.

The Index was filled with political pieces, serial dramas, anecdotes, jokes and short stories, along with advertisements that cost 10 cents a line.

"Shop local" was a message even in the 19th century.

"Don't go away from home to trade, when you can do so much better at home. No use in carrying a market basket into Chicago when a Fullersburg of Hinsdale wagon will deliver the same goods for lower prices.

"Patronize home institutions. Read the advertising columns of The Index, and then interview the advertisers. They will do as they say every time."

The piece closed with a plug for the paper itself. "Subscribe to The Index; advertise in The Index; and be happy and prosperous," it stated.

Oliver Stough was one of the paper's advertisers, encouraging people to buy land here.

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The Hinsdale Index was the village's first — and one of its least successful — newspapers, printing only four issues.

unsurpassed in beauty of anything near Chicago." The village also offered "Two churches, good schools, no saloons and society equal to any," the ad read.

Stough was so confident he promised the land to double in value within four years or buyers would not have to pay.

## Other early publications

Not much information is available about the Hinsdale Herald, other than the fact that its publisher, Gabriel Wright, was opposed to plans for new taxes and bond issues to finance public improvements in the late 1800s.

"Gabriel's problem was that he paid more taxes than almost anybody else in Hinsdale, in 1893 paying more than the whole village

board combined, excepting only three members," Bakken writes.

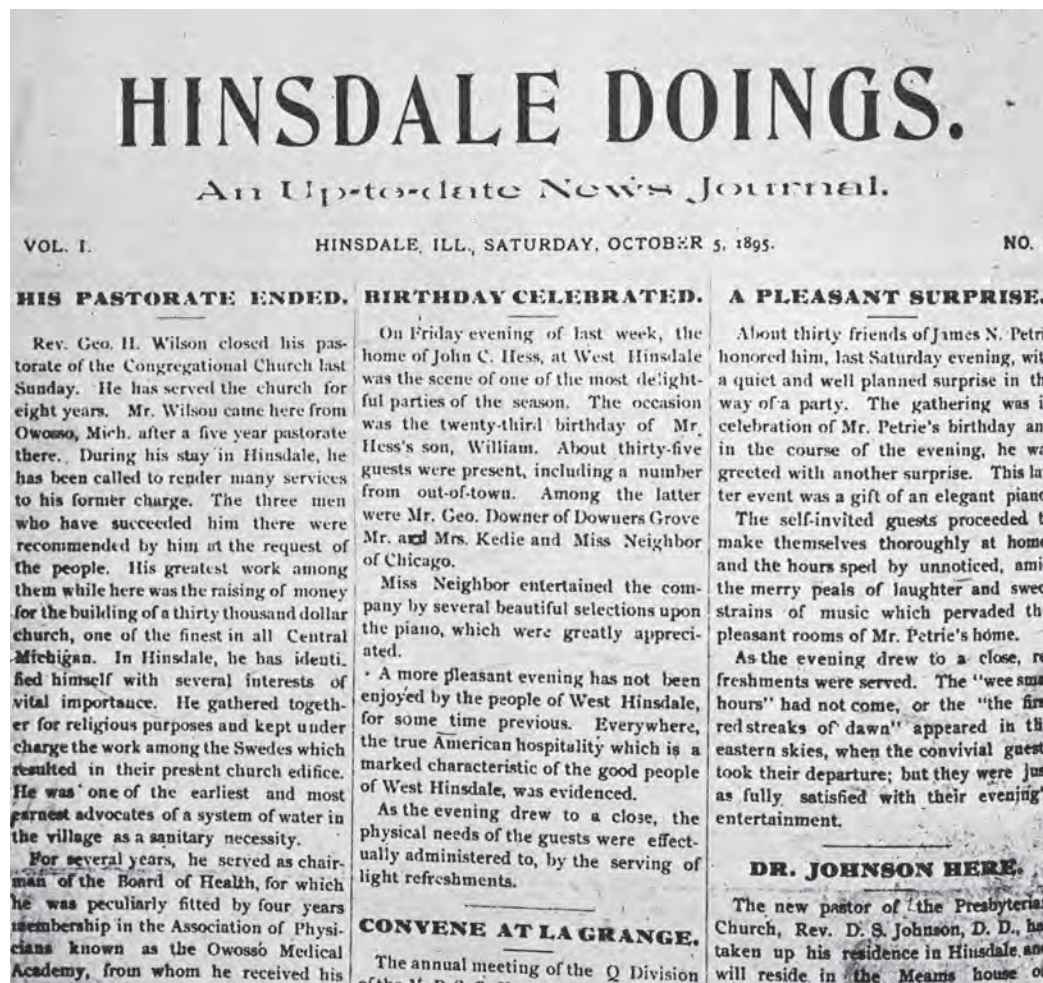
On the opposite side of the issue was Charles Cushing, founder of the Hinsdale Beacon. The two traded blows in print — and in person, with Cushing receiving a \$1,000 payment after suing Wright for assault and battery, according to Bakken.

Both papers came to their end about the turn of the century.

Two other early papers covered Hinsdale as well, although not for very long. The Community weekly newspaper was published for five months in 1923. The Hinsdale Times lasted only seven weeks in 1934.

## "All the doings"

Dan Merrill was just 16 years old when he started a weekly newspaper to report, so the story goes, "all the



On Oct. 5, 1895, 16-year-old Dan Merrill launched a new newspaper, the Hinsdale Doings. The paper was still family owned when it celebrated its centennial in 1995 and was sold to Hollinger International in 1999.

— by Pamela Lannom —





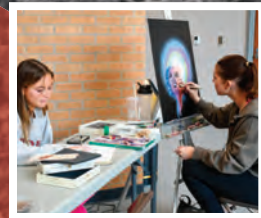




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# Many sources of entertainment in town

Hinsdale not only has found ways to keep its own residents entertained, it has served as the backdrop for major motion pictures.



The original Hinsdale Theatre opened in 1913 at 8 E. First St. in the building where Il Poggiolo restaurant is now. Four years later, the theater was forced to take a break as a result of offering a Saturday afternoon movie considered by some Hinsdale mothers to be too adult. Movies resumed after several months. A newer larger theater (800 main floor seats and 300 more in the balcony) opened in 1925 at 27-31 E. First St., the site now occupied by several businesses, including Egg Harbor and Levato Salon. The theater fare evolved through the times, from vaudeville to “talking pictures” to a weekly bathing beauty contest. The theater even presented plays featuring big-time Hollywood stars, who lodged with local families during the run of their show. Even so, the theater had its ups and downs, was closed and reopened several times in the 1970s, ’80s and ’90s and finally closed in 1999. A community initiative to reopen the theater ultimately was unsuccessful. The building was sold in 2004.



The house at 142 E. First St., which serves as the rectory for Grace Episcopal Church, has several claims to fame. In 1975, it set the scene for a Hallmark commercial and has been known as the “Hallmark House” ever since. In 1990, it became Hinsdale’s first entry into the National Register of Historic Places. At one point, the house also had a reputation as being haunted.



Of all the memorable stage productions presented by Hinsdale Central, the most ambitious may have been “Les Misérables” in 2012. The show, set in France in the early 19th century, is told all in song — with no spoken parts — and requires especially talented singers and musicians. The Hinsdale Central production involved 55 cast members, 45 orchestra members, 30 crew members, more than 20 parent volunteers, six school faculty and staff, six student assistant directors, two professional choreographers and a professional set and lighting designer.



The most famous “resident” of the house at 306 E. First St. didn’t really live there. In the 1991 film “Backdraft,” the house was the home of the movie’s villain, Alderman Marty Swayzak. Other films partially shot in Hinsdale include “Big Shots” and “Dennis the Menace,” in addition to memorable productions such as “Blast Off Girls” and the “WeatherTech Holiday Story.”



Considering all the untapped stage talent hidden in Hinsdale, it might be surprising that the Community Revue wasn’t started until 1997. Spearheaded by residents Jerry Sweeney and Dick Johnson, the show opened that year with original content focused on the people and happenings in Hinsdale. Three years later, entertainment at The Community House was expanded to include performances of professional shows by a local cast known as The Community House Players. The Community Revue has continued to entertain residents and guests with timely titles such as “Hinsdale Unmasked” in 2022. The Community House also now hosts Stage Door Fine Arts, an educational theater company presenting shows featuring children and young adults.

— by Cheryl Harbour —



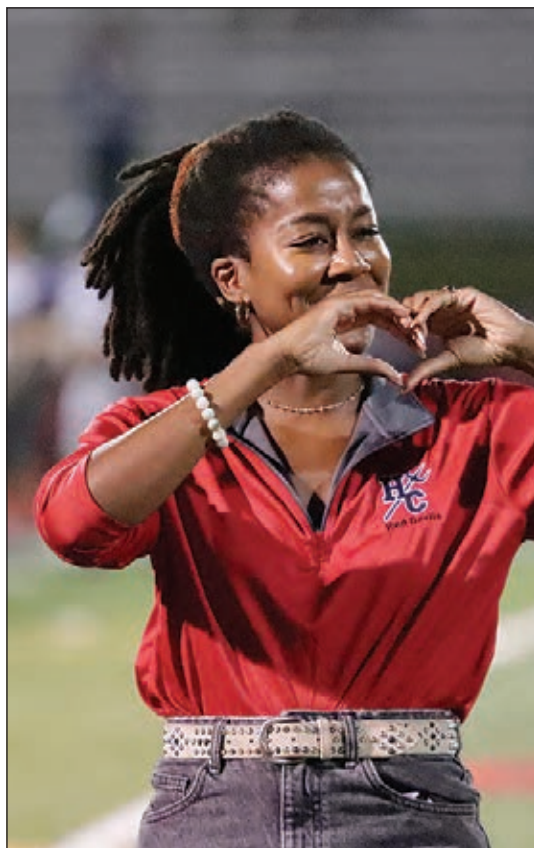
# Hinsdaleans in the spotlight

Hinsdale has been home to a host of celebrities, including a rescue cat, a movie star and two acclaimed novelists.



**M**orris the Cat is a Hinsdale Humane Society success story. Discovered there in 1966 by a talent scout/animal trainer looking for a cat to star in 9Lives cat food TV commercials, Morris — who in private life answered to the name “Lucky” — went on to star in more than 50 commercials. As Morris’ popularity grew, Del Monte Foods, the manufacturer of 9Lives, ran a Morris Million Cat Rescue campaign that resulted in 1 million cats being adopted. Morris also appeared in the movie “Shamus” with Burt Reynolds. He died in 1978 of old age.

**T**omi Adeyemi, whose parents emigrated from Nigeria, graduated from Hinsdale Central High School in 2011. While there, she participated in the Foundation’s Young Scholars Program and won the Young Scholars Scholarship in 2010-11. Her first novel, “Children of Blood and Bone,” won the 2018 Andre Norton Award for Young Adult Fiction. Paramount Pictures has movie rights to the book, and Adeyemi is writing the script and will serve as an executive producer. Her second novel, “Children of Virtue and Vengeance,” was published in late 2019, and her third, “Children of Anguish and Anarchy,” is expected this fall.



**C**ristina Henriquez has explained in interviews following the publication of her book, “The Book of Unknown Americans,” that she lives a rather ordinary life as the mother of young children. She admits she wrote much of the book sitting in the Hinsdale Public Library. She may see that as ordinary, but critics viewed her book as extraordinary. Among many awards, it was named a New York Times Notable Book. Henriquez wrote about the lives of immigrants partly from her own experience, as her father came to the U.S. from Panama to study chemical engineering at the University of Delaware. Henriquez landed in the Chicago area after attending Northwestern University and receiving an MFA from the University of Iowa Writer’s Workshop. She also is the author of “The World in Half” and “Come Together, Fall Apart: A Novella and Stories.”



**A**ctor D.B. Sweeney lived in Hinsdale from 2013 until 2022. He and his wife relocated their family from Los Angeles to give their children a “more Midwestern experience.” Sweeney had appeared in a long list of movies and TV shows, such as “The Cutting Edge,” “Lonesome Dove,” “Castle,” “Two and a Half Men” and “Life As We Know It.” While living in Hinsdale, he had a regular role as the voice of promos for the Oprah Winfrey network. In 2015, he starred in the major role of lighting the Christmas tree for the Hinsdale Christmas Walk.



— by Cheryl Harbour —





**L**oie Fuller began life in the early settlement of Fullersburg (later Hinsdale), but her artistic talents and drive took her much farther — to New York and eventually to Europe. She is recognized as an innovator in the fields of modern dance and theatrical lighting. Loie's performances, which included swirling movements with a silk skirt — called a "skirt dance" or a "serpentine dance" — took place in vaudeville theaters and circuses. She even performed 600 times in the Folies Bergère. Many of her experiments in stage lighting using chemical compounds and chemical salts to achieve colorful and luminescent effects were worthy of patents. Loie was the niece of Ben Fuller, one of Hinsdale's early settlers.



The films "Hidden Figures," "Borat" and "Legally Blonde 2" have something in common: They were edited by a native of Hinsdale, **Peter Teschner**. Teschner's first exposure to film was in cinema studies class at Hinsdale Central. After high school, he attended Columbia College in Chicago, spent several years editing commercials for Chicago ad agencies and then headed for Hollywood. He frequently edited films directed by Betty Thomas, whom he credits with giving him his big break. Those films include "The Brady Bunch Movie," "Private Parts," "Dr. Doolittle," and "I Spy."

**C**hef **Paul Virant**, well-known for creative recipes involving pickles and preserves — and for his appearance on the Food Network's show "Iron Chef" — continues to share his restaurant talents at Vistro Prime in Hinsdale, which opened in 2014. He is the co-author (with Kate Leahy) of "The Preservation Kitchen: The Craft of Making and Cooking with Pickles, Preserves and Aigre-doux." Virant's other restaurants are Vie in Western Springs (which earned a Michelin star in 2011) and Gaijin, a Chicago restaurant specializing in okonomiyaki (Japanese pancakes). He's been a finalist multiple times for the James Beard Foundation Award's Best Chef: Great Lakes.



**H**insdale Central alum and Grammy-nominated musician **Cathy Richardson** has performed on indie albums, commercial jingles, off-Broadway stage productions and as lead singer of Jefferson Starship since 2008. She and the band will finish up its Mother of the Sun tour this fall in Tennessee, California and South Dakota. She has won four DIY Music Awards and sold more than 30,000 copies of her seven solo albums. She also performs solo on the Chicago circuit and in 2017 brought her talents to the SpeakEasy Spiritual Community meetings Sunday mornings at Immanuel Hall.





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# Keeping Hinsdale's heartbeat humming

Female residents have made great contributions to the village over the past 15 decades, working in roles that range from volunteer to congresswoman.



One of the oldest and most beautiful properties in Hinsdale came to new life in the hands of the late Penny Bohnen. The three-story red brick Victorian home on First Street, built by Frank Butler in 1898, was where Penny lived with her husband, John, for almost 50 years and raised three daughters. The Bohnens founded their own real estate firm, County Line Properties, in 1992. She was one of the prime movers to preserve the historic charm of downtown Hinsdale. After an early career as a teacher in Evanston and Clarendon Hills, Bohnen devoted her time to organizations such as the Hinsdale Antique Show, Infant Welfare, Hinsdale Assembly Board, Hinsdale Humane Society and Hinsdale Historical Society.



During the three decades Jeannie Cella worked at Wellness House, the detection, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of cancer changed significantly. The nonprofit's mission has remained the same — to offer a community where all people affected by cancer can thrive. Cella joined the Wellness House staff as a student intern in 1990 and after serving in various roles, was promoted to executive director in 2000. She became president and CEO in 2016 and retired at the end of 2019. During her tenure, Wellness House became a leader in providing supportive care for cancer patients with programs focused on nutrition and exercise, support groups and stress management. Wellness House has become home base for programs offered at a variety of partner sites and online as well.

Jean Follett is a passionate advocate and consultant for preserving historic landmarks. She worked to help form the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission and was a member for five years before being elected to one term on the Hinsdale Village Board. With expertise and dedication that reaches beyond Hinsdale, Follett served three terms on the board of Landmarks Illinois, where she chaired the preservation issues committee and strategic planning working group and served as interim president in 2011. Follett and husband Doug Thompson pledged the first-ever major gift to LI's statewide advocacy program. Her background includes a bachelor's in the history of architecture and planning from Brown University and a Ph.D. in American and New England studies from Boston University.



Among the woman who have achieved "firsts" in Hinsdale is Kathleen Gargano, the first female village manager. In that role since 2013, she oversees village operations, including fire and police, public works, parks and recreation, community development and finance. Before coming to Hinsdale, she served as assistant village manager in Wilmette, putting her bachelor's degree in political science and her master's degree in public administration to good use. In Hinsdale, Gargano manages six department heads — who oversee a staff of more than 100 full- and part-time employees — and an annual operating budget of \$19 million.

— by Cheryl Harbour —





When Ann Grube left Manhattan and her corporate banking career to raise her family in Hinsdale, she committed her time and energy to organizations that had a mission she believed in. That led to charitable work for Brookfield Zoo and the Morton Arboretum and as well as her long-running involvement with The Community House. Beginning as a volunteer handling public relations for The Antique Show soon after moving to Hinsdale, Grube went on to serve in other roles and eventually became the first female chair of The Community House Board. She also led the successful \$10 million capital campaign to renovate the building and add the fieldhouse. She now serves as a life trustee for The Community House.



When Ly Hotchkin came to work at The Community House in 1956 as a bookkeeper, she probably didn't know she'd spend the next 37 years there — 32 of those as the organization's first executive director. In those early days, The Community House was mainly a space rented out to other organizations. Under Hotchkin's leadership, a social work component was added, starting with job placement and youth employment services before expanding to counseling and other services. One of her most successful additions was the Senior Center. She served on many other community boards, including the elementary and high school boards. To honor Hotchkin, who passed away in 2020, and her leadership, The Community House established the Ly Hotchkin Arts Program to provide opportunities for children, youth and adults to express themselves artistically.

Alice Mansell put her elegant touch on many areas of Hinsdale life, from founding the Wellness House Women's Board to serving as chair of the 2008 Fourth of July Committee to working to create the video celebrating Hinsdale's 125th Anniversary. She once admitted in an interview that volunteering was her "whole life." Mansell and her husband Jim moved from Houston to Hinsdale in 1976, and she applied her talents to many organizations, including the Hinsdale Assembly, Robert Crown Auxiliary, Salt Creek Ballet, Glorious Gardens, Hinsdale Sings holiday concerts, Immanuel Hall Auxiliary and more. One of Mansell's lasting achievements was working with Dorothe Ernest to organize the Wellness Community, which became the Wellness House. She passed away in 2009.



Mindy McMahon steered the ship of Madison School as principal from 1992 to 2015, making her one of (if not "the") the longest-serving school principals in Hinsdale history. For three years before becoming principal, she was social studies curriculum coordinator for District 181. As serious as she was about education, McMahon is remembered for her time at Madison as an administrator who believed students and teachers needed to have fun. Her contributions were honored by the village when she was asked, after retiring, to serve as the grand marshal of Hinsdale's Fourth of July Parade. Since retiring, McMahon has remained in the field of education as a consultant.





For many years, Kellie O'Brien was known around Hinsdale as the woman who created beautiful gardens. After going on a mission trip to Tanzania in 2006, O'Brien decided to grow something else. Plans for the "O'Brien School for the Maasai" took root on her way home, and in 2007 the first classrooms were opened. O'Brien called upon many of her Hinsdale friends to join in her effort. Local groups and individuals donated bikes for teachers to ride to school, school supplies, furniture, soccer balls and solar ovens. A water well, a generator, a paved road, a health clinic and other life-sustaining amenities followed, as well as economic and skills-building programs for Maasai women. The O'Brien School for the Maasai educates more than 400 children each year.



Joyce Skoog was the first woman elected as Hinsdale village president. Her 1993-97 term was preceded by almost two decades of service in other roles in village government as village trustee, police and fire commissioner, plan commissioner and the zoning board of appeals member. A resident of Hinsdale with husband Roy for 47 years and the mother of three daughters and a son, Skoog had seemingly unlimited energy for organizations, from Union Church to the United Way. She also applied her leadership skills to the College of DuPage, the Chicago Theological Seminary, the University of Illinois, Accenture and, finally, the Aspen Institute, where she served as senior vice president and from which she retired in 2002. Some of Skoog's most meaningful work was for Ounce of Prevention, an advocacy organization for at-risk children. She died in 2014.

Many people in Hinsdale knew Joanne Smith as a mom, wife, neighbor and friend. But she was also an accomplished physician who served as president and CEO of the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab from 2006 until her death in 2021. In 1998 she joined what was already a well-respected rehab facility as an attending physician and after earning her MBA, took on the top post. During that time, Smith is credited with creating a hospital where leading-edge science labs are side-by-side with the clinical environment for the benefit of patients and research. Her role involved everything from fundraising to overseeing the design of the hospital.



Sandy Williams is no newcomer to Hinsdale history. After volunteering with the Hinsdale Historical Society for more than 30 years, as both a board member and archivist, she had enough local knowledge to fill a book — so she wrote one. Her book "Hinsdale" — produced by Arcadia Publishing as one of its "Images of America" series — appeared in 2013. It chronicles area history starting in the 1830s, when the area was called Fullersburg. Although Williams had a good foundation of information for capturing Hinsdale history, the project required hours and hours — sometimes 12 a day — of writing, fact-checking and tracking down photographers to secure permission to use their photos.





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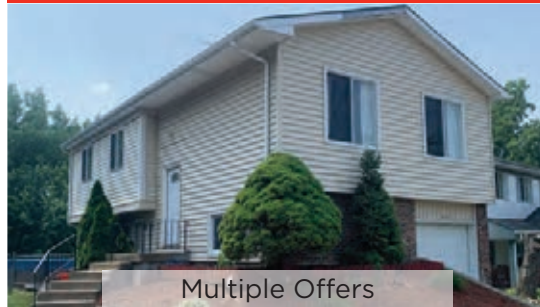
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# Hospital approaching 120th anniversary

UChicago Medicine AdventHeath Hinsdale Hospital, once known as 'The San,' has a long history in Hinsdale.



The Hinsdale Sanitarium, founded in 1904 by Drs. David and Mary Paulson, opened on the former Beckweth estate north of the railroad tracks near Oak Street in 1905. A 17-room addition had been added to the existing home. Its bylaws established it as a "Christian, but nonsectarian, philanthropic, charitable and benevolent" institution. The property was deeded to the Paulsons by Hinsdalean Charles Kimball, who became a supporter of sanitariums after being injured in the Civil War.



The Paulsons, who were Seventh-day Adventists, established a nursing school in 1908, and almost 1,200 registered nurses graduated before the program closed 60 years later. Its students were trained to do more than just treat illnesses. "No nurse is fulfilling her duty in caring for a sick patient who does not minister to the soul as well as the body of the patient," a 1923 publication about the school stated. One student, Jessie Susan Tupper, Class of 1921, went on to direct the school of nursing for 35 years. When a new dormitory and lecture hall was built in 1953 (mail area shown here), it was named after her.



Among the first babies born at the Hinsdale Sanitarium was Sarah Louise Shewell in November 1909. Ninety years later, Kay and Michael Birck kicked off a capital campaign for a new state-of-the-art women's and children's health center with a \$1 million donation. "The Birck Family Women's and Children's Center is an investment in our unborn, our newly born and our families for generations to come," hospital President Ron Sackett said when the Bircks announced the campaign.



In the mid-1950s, the emergency room was a small, 21-by-17-foot room, roughly the size of a large dining room. A 1972 renovation added beds, a nursing station, two minor surgery rooms and an X-ray room. That year, 24,414 patients came through the doors. Construction on the Koplin Emergency and Trauma Center began in 2001, lasting almost two years and running up a price tag of \$8 million. Ambulances have evolved over the past century as well, from horse-drawn carriages to the modern vehicles that cost in excess of \$200,000.

— by Pamela Lannom —

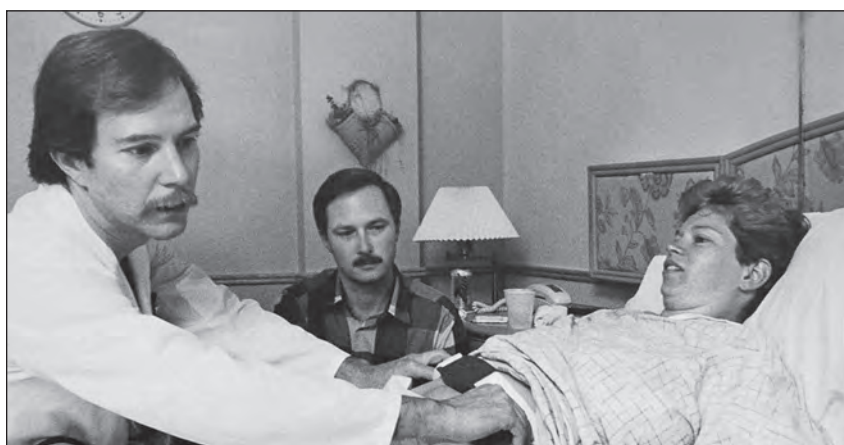




The pediatric department, shown here in the 1920s, faced its biggest challenge with the polio epidemic of the 1950s. With its end, the isolation rooms used to treat children were no longer needed. As part of the pediatric remodeling in 1996, walls were torn out to create a larger unit that would operate more efficiently. The department had another major renovation in 2001, with a flat-screen TV and PlayStation 2 installed at every bed.



Faith led the Paulsons to open the Hinsdale San, and faith remains at the foundation of the hospital today. A series of stained glass windows brings beauty to visitors and inspires a meditative mood. Six chaplains on staff at the hospital are on hand to address the spiritual needs of patients and their families.



Several of the hospital's doctors also have made Hinsdale their home, including retired obstetrician/gynecologist Lanny Wilson. Doctors from all over the world have been part of the hospital staff. Dr. Paul Immerwahr came to Hinsdale after Nazi storm troopers barred him from practicing medicine in his native Germany. From five doctors in 1904 to 963 today, the medical staff has been a source of pride for the hospital for more than a century.



This year the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation Junior Board hosted its 69th annual ice cream social, complete with ice cream, games, arts and crafts and other fun activities. The fundraiser for many years was hosted by the Medical Staff Auxiliary of Hinsdale Hospital, a group of volunteers that supported physicians and their families. Doctors called on their children in 1969 to help promote the event. The hospital considers the event a "friend-raiser" as much as a "fund-raiser."



Hinsdale Hospital celebrated its centennial in 2004. Since that time it opened a new patient pavilion at the hospital in 2011 and built a \$48 million, 54,000-square-foot cancer institute and outpatient center on Ogden Avenue in 2016. In 2023 the University of Chicago Medicine and AdventHealth announced a joint venture, called UChicago Medicine AdventHealth, giving UC Medicine controlling interest in the hospital and resulting in a name change. As the hospital approaches its 120th anniversary, work is underway on an upgraded neonatal intensive care unit expected to open in 2025.





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# Hinsdale has a rich political history

Hinsdale has been home to a variety of politicians over the years, two of whom sought the state's top office.



**T**om Cauley was elected to serve on the Hinsdale Village Board in 2007. His first four-year term was cut short by a successful run for village president in 2009, an office he has held since that time. In that election, he captured almost 60 percent of the vote to beat incumbent Mike Woerner. Cauley became the first village president to serve more than one term when he ran for re-election uncontested in 2013, and was re-elected again in 2017 and 2021. Cauley has lived in Hinsdale for more than 30 years with his wife, Sharon.



**A**dam Andrzejewski ran against six other candidates — including fellow Hinsdalean Kirk Dillard — in hopes of receiving the Republican party's nomination to run for governor in 2010. He worked in private business until January 2007, when he and his brother sold their company and he founded For the Good of Illinois. He frequently joked during the campaign that his difficult last name (pronounced And-gee-ef-ski) means “governor” in Polish. He currently is the CEO/founder of OpenTheBooks.com.



**J**udy Biggert began her political career as a board member and president in Hinsdale High School District 86. She went on to serve in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1993-99 and the U.S. House of Representatives from 1999-2013. The Republican credits Hinsdale residents for encouraging her ambitions. “We went to a Chicago Bears football party at somebody’s house and it was a ruse because they asked me to run for the General Assembly,” she told The Hinsdalean in 2015. “I said I would as long they helped me.”

— by Pamela Lannom —





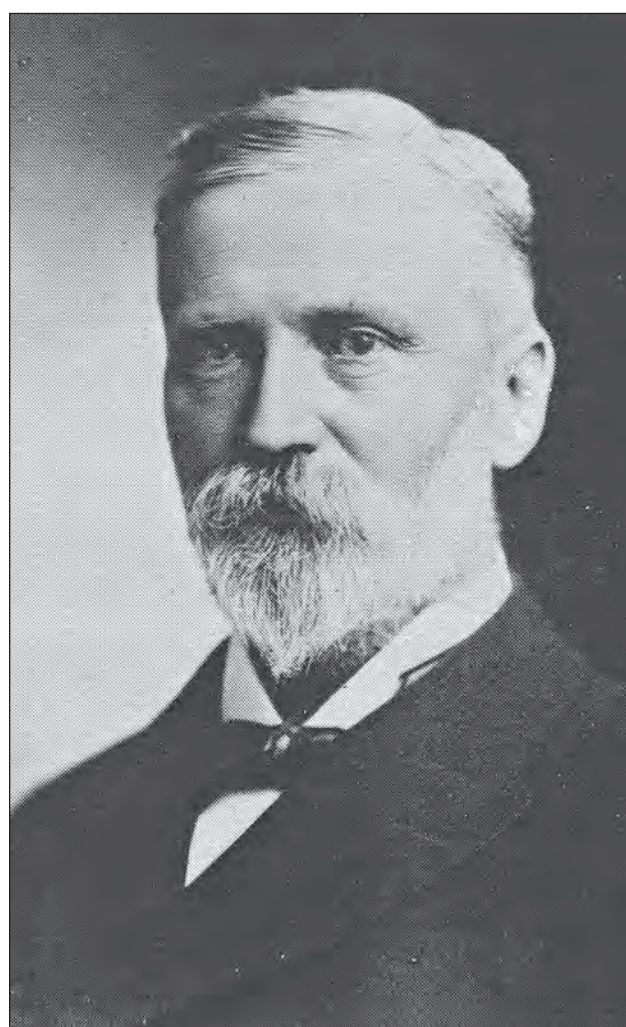
**P**atti Bellock spent 20 years in the Illinois House of Representatives representing residents of the 47th District before being tapped by then-Gov. Bruce Rauner to be director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, a post she held while he was in office. Among many state and national awards, in 2009 she was named legislator of the year by Women In Government, a national bipartisan organization comprised of every female legislator in the country. She currently sits on the board of the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation.



**F**ormer Illinois Gov. **Pat Quinn** spent his childhood in Hinsdale, growing up on the 200 block of West Seventh Steet and attending St. Isaac Jogues School from 1955-63. The Democrat served in office from 2009-15. He was elected lieutenant governor in 2002 and re-elected in 2006. He also served one term as state treasurer from 1991-95 and as a commissioner on the Cook County Board of (Property) Tax Appeals and as revenue director for the city of Chicago.



**R**epublican **Kirk Dillard** spent almost two decades serving as a state senator for the 24th District before stepping down in 2014 to become chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority. Born and raised in Hinsdale and in possession of a law degree from DePaul University, he served as legislative director for Gov. Jim Thompson and then as chief of staff for Gov. Jim Edgar. He also ran in the Republican primary for governor in 2010 and 2014.



**R**epublican **Robert Childs**, Hinsdale's first member of Congress, served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1893-95, representing the 8th Congressional District, of which Hinsdale was then a part. He did not seek renomination for his seat in 1894 and resumed practicing law in Chicago. He died in Hinsdale Dec. 19, 1915, and is buried in Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.





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# Coping with COVID

Vintage village comes to grips with worldwide pandemic as state locks down businesses and schools and Hinsdaleans adapt to the ‘new world.’



**March 14** — Being an “essential business” The Hinsdalean staff didn’t miss a day of work or a publication when the state closed businesses. With the lockdown beginning, Hinsdaleans flocked to Kramer’s, where it was all hands on deck. Soon the store offered personal shoppers.



**March 14** — Chuck Goudie began broadcasting from his Hinsdale home, a stint that would last for almost a year.



**March 16** — With most businesses closed, Hinsdale’s perennial parking problem disappeared.



**March 17** — Restaurants were quick to adapt to curbside delivery.



**March 20** — Drivers returned to the streets each evening to pick up food that was brought out to their cars, oftentimes delivered directly to the trunk.



**March 21** — Playgrounds across the village were officially locked down a week after the statewide lockdown went into effect.

— by Jim Slonoff —





**March 26** — HCS began a curbside delivery service to their clients, a practice that continues today.



**March 27** — messages of love began to pop up across Hinsdale.



**March 28** — The Hinsdale parks and rec department encouraged residents to display their favorite bears on their front porches and windows.



**March 31** — Sending food to the workers on the front lines became a common practice.



**April 2** — District 181 found much needed medical gear from their classrooms and schools to donate to Hinsdale Hospital.



**April 2** — Workers on the front lines were greeted with messages of support.



**April 3** — “Socially distanced” was the phrase of the day — and maintaining it was a challenge.



**April 3** — Sidewalk art became a perfect escape for students studying at home.



**April 5** — Gerrie “Gucci” Picchiatti’s birthday was celebrated with a drive-by party on her 90th.



**April 7** — The 3D printer at the Hinsdale Public Library was put in to use making protective gear for Hinsdale Hospital



**April 7** — Signs of hope and encouragement appeared across Hinsdale.



**April 10** — A caravan of cars traveled from La Grange Hospital to Hinsdale to support front-line workers.





**April 11** — Hinsdale parks and rec made a deal with the Easter Bunny for some socially distant visits across the village.



**April 19** — A socially distanced Bingo game on the 800 block of South Quincy was one way this group of friends were able to keep in touch.



**April 24** — Hinsdale Hospital ER medical director Dr. Herb Zerth was happy that testing had improved, as results began to be available in 24 hours instead of 10 days.



**May 6** — Preschool teachers at Union Church held a drive-by storytime for their students.



**May 7** — Members of BAM Theatre held a car concert for the staff at Hinsdale Hospital.



**May 11** — Graduation speakers at Hinsdale Central filmed their speeches for the at-home online graduation ceremony.



**May 12** — Hinsdale restaurants continued to perfect their curbside pickup systems.



**May 19** — Roberta Wentling held a drive-by concert for her students in the parking lot of The Community House.



**May 21** — With in-person graduation canceled, families went to Hinsdale Central to capture a photo of the name of their graduate as it flashed on the electronic sign in front of the school.



**May 21** — Drive-by graduation parades took the place of parties. The Virant family gathered to wave to the stream of traffic.



**May 24** — Fuelfed hosted a collection of donations for HCS. The driver of this Rolls Royce also showed off some very good aim with his toss.



**May 25** — A worldwide pandemic might have canceled the annual Memorial Day procession, but it didn't stop a small group of Hinsdale American Legion members from having a small ceremony at Bronswood Cemetery.





**May 26** — A Hinsdale Public Works employee power washes concrete barriers to be installed for outdoor dining. Hinsdale was one of the first suburbs in Chicago to start the trend.



**May 27** — Working in the middle of the night and early morning, crews install barricades for the first outdoor dining spots.



**May 28** — The owners of Page's took Gov. JB Pritzker to task for his dining out of state.



**June 1** — Teachers at Hinsdale Middle School gathered to host a drive-by graduation parade.



**June 1** — Students were able to wear graduation gowns to the event.



**June 19** — Hinsdale parks and rec hosted a drive in movie night at KLM.



**July 19** — DuPage County sponsored a drive-in testing site as more tests became available.



**August 3** — Parents and kids protested in hopes of returning to in-person school again.



**August 14** — Stage Door Fine Arts hosted a theater workshop at The Community House.



**August 26** — Students returned to school at St. Isaac Jogues.

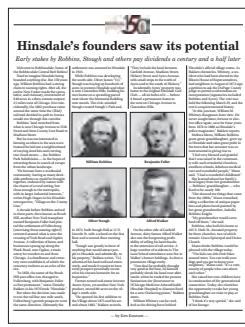


**September 18** — Band practice outdoors, and students walking around HMS for gym class and breaks, became a common sight at the school.



**October 5** — In-person classes resumed at Hinsdale Central, with students having to pass through a temperature check at the two entrances.

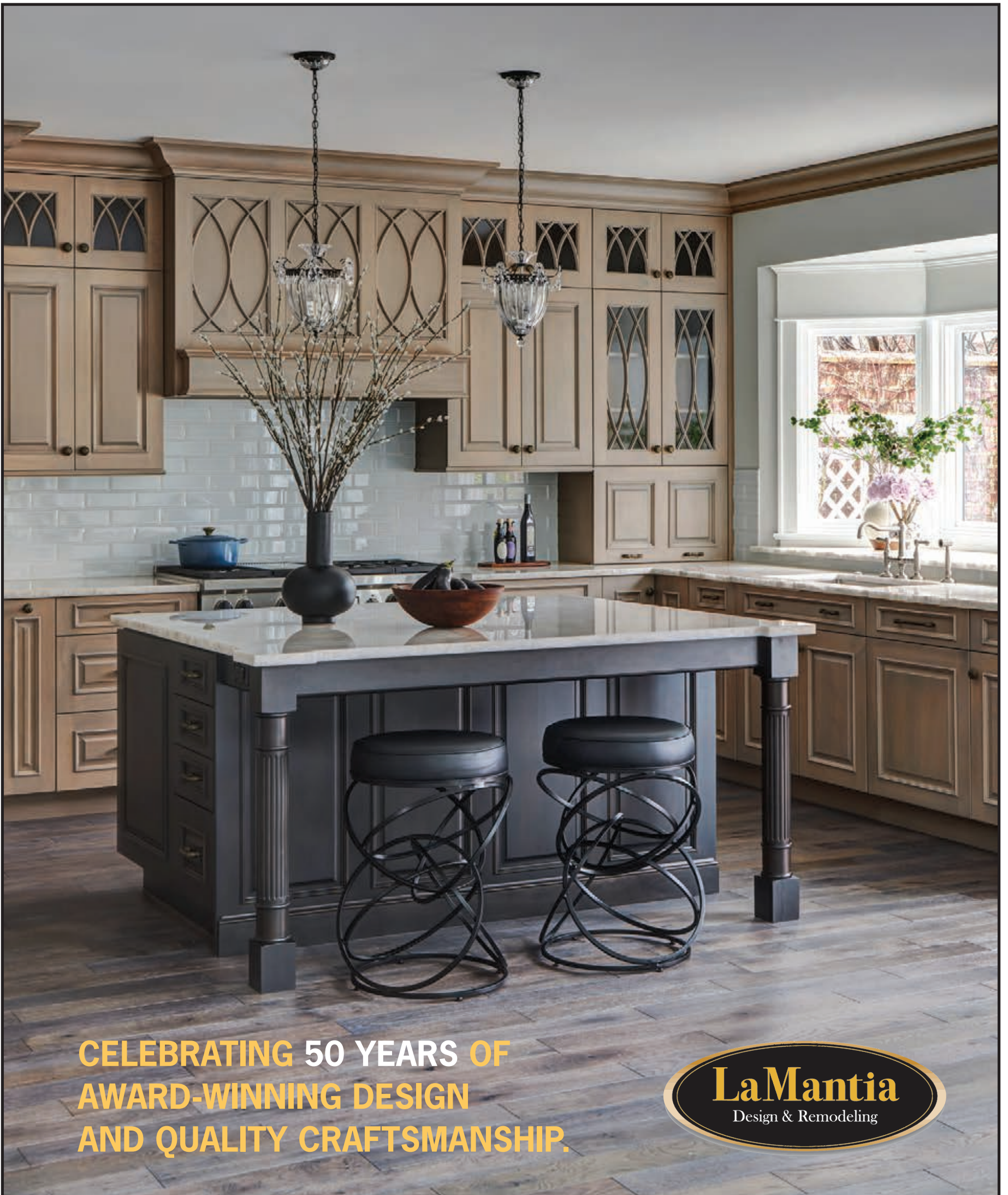




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