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School's got talent

Students from the Clarendon Hills Middle School had a huge reaction to the group of sumo wrestlers who played musical chairs during the annual talent show. The wrestlers (inset photo) were Bryce Erway, Benji Allanson, Colin Crowley and William Smith. The show was held in conjunction with Pizza Wars at the school on April 20. (Jim Slonoff photo)



This old house

Hinsdale Legacies series concludes this week.

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Remembering the fallen

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NEWS

New intervention model showing results

By Pamela Lannom
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A new model of intervention introduced at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South last year has helped struggling students.

At the May 11 Hinsdale High School District 86 Board meeting, Patrice Payne, director of instructional equity, told board members that students qualified for the intervention program if they met two of three criteria: two or more failing grades, less than 90 percent average daily attendance and below grade level scores on standardized tests.

Students who met the criteria (and others identified by the student services team) were assigned a

staff “champion” who worked with them for a 10-week cycle. Having a trusted staff member come alongside really made a difference to the students, she said.

“I think sometimes we have a fixed notion of what a struggling student is and what they care about,” she said. “There was not one student who had a desire to be unsuccessful. We had students who were happy to receive this additional support.”

In previous years, students received targeted or intensive interventions — known as Tier 2 or Tier 3 support — based solely on referrals, either from the students themselves or a parent. They then were assigned to a team to receive assistance.

Two of the 10-week cycles in the new model have been completed and the third is in process, Payne said. In the first cycle at Central, 16 students were championed and 15 improved. In the second, 43 were championed and 38 improved. Sixty-nine students are currently in the third cycle.

Payne also reported that of the 16 students in the first cycle, six did not need a second cycle. Of the 10 students in the second cycle, six did not require an additional cycle.

Typically the needs of 80 percent of students can be met in Tier 1, which Payne referred to as high quality instruction that has its own set of interventions. About 6 to 15 percent of students need Tier 2 support and 1 to 5 percent need

Tier 3 support.

“We are well within the norm when it comes to what our student populations look like in those tiers,” Payne said.

Board member Kay Gallo said she hopes the initiative will not lose momentum after Payne leaves this summer to become an assistant principal in another district.

Payne assured her that will not be the case.

“Shame on me if the work stops because I am not here,” she said. “True change is not person-centric.

“The work will continue,” she added. “I am personally committed to making sure that whomever my replacement is has a very clear understanding of the work we’re doing.”



Walk for Wellness House



The 2023 Walk for Wellness House May 7 raised \$750,000. Runners and walkers gathered in front of the Wellness House on Walnut Street before the start of the race. Jim Folliard takes a minute to take a selfie with his wife Laura. Before the walk, participants wrote messages to their loved ones on the Wall of Remembrance. A record breaking 3,150 registrants signed up for the walk this year. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Hinsdale legacies — This photo from the archives at the Hinsdale Historical Society is of the home built in 1925 at 518 S. Garfield Ave. The French eclectic home was described as “petite maison” in a 2004 real estate ad. The arbor vitae in the photo, which are about the same height as the wrought iron fence that surrounds the courtyard, now reach the roofline. Very little information is available about the home, including its original owner. To learn more about the home and its current owners, see the story on Page 5. (photo courtesy of the Hinsdale Historical Society)



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Couple finds house's charm irresistible

Hinsdale native and family settle in historic home not too far from where she grew up

By Pamela Lannom
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Sarah and Jack London weren't planning to move to Hinsdale, even though Sarah (then Swanson) grew up here.

"We were going to move somewhere trendy and cool, like California or Georgia," Jack said.

They left New York in November 2019 and were living temporarily at Sarah's parents' house at First Street and Orchard Avenue. While taking walks in the neighborhood, they noticed the home at 518 S. Garfield Ave.

"This is the only house that would get me to stay here," Jack said.

Then the pandemic hit. The home on Garfield wasn't for sale, so they bought one in Clarendon Hills. After completely renovating it, they got the call that their favorite Hinsdale house was listed on the private market — and they were booked for the first showing.

"We were in here 10 minutes, five minutes. We were like, 'Cancel your other showings,'" Jack recalled.

They moved in in October 2021.

"We knew when we saw this house," Jack said. "It's got so much character — and the windows are paper thin and its colder inside than it is outside in the winter, but it's so perfect and charming and we love having people over. Everything about this house we're obsessed with, even its little flaws."

"There's so much character," Sarah chimed in. "I don't ever see us in a new house."

After living in small apartment in Chelsea for five years, the couple doesn't mind being in a smaller home, at least by Hinsdale standards.

"Every square inch is used," Sarah said, pointing to the area off the galley kitchen that serves as a coffee bar in the morning and a cocktail bar at night.

With three bedrooms, there's enough room for their two kids — James, who will be 4 in July, and Ellie, who will be 2 in June. Jack, who works in advertising, and Sarah, who's in corporate event planning,



Sarah and Jack London fell in love with this home at 518 S. Garfield Ave. and said they think it will be their forever home. "It just transports you to another place," Jack said. The first floor living room is a cozy space to sit in front of the fire and read one of the many Jack London novels that adorn the bookshelves. The courtyard, home to this beautiful fountain, adds wonderful outdoor space for Sarah and Jack to entertain friends, chat with neighbors passing by or just hang out with their kids. (Jim Slonoff photos)



both work from home. He enjoys the back office/sunroom area, while she tends to occupy the living room. The renovated downstairs is home to a family room, laundry and storage area.

And when the weather cooperates, the courtyard off Sixth Street offers added space for recreation and relaxation.

"When it's nice enough, that's an extension of our house. Neighbors come by and come in the fence. Everything is safe for kids," Sarah said.

"The fountain and ambiance back there is pretty hard to beat," Jack said.

Former owner Mimi Collins completed many renovations to the home, which won a Hinsdale Historic Preservation Award in 2002.

"She brought it to its full potential. All the owners since have done a meticulous job

caring for it," Sarah said.

While the Londons appreciate the work that has been done to preserve the house, they also hope to find a way to make it their own.

"Everyone considers this Mimi's house," Jack said. "We've lived here almost two years now. Everyone's like, 'You live in Mimi's house.' We're trying to figure out how do we become 'The Londons' house?'"

One idea is to rebuild the garage, which doesn't fit with the character of the house, with a bonus space above. A second full bathroom on the second floor (the house has only one) also is a project planned for the future.

"I would love to find a way to add a bathroom upstairs, but that's a bit tricky," Sarah said.

Since they moved in, the couple's biggest projects have

been rebuilding the chimney and completing some needed sewer work.

"You know, all the sexy stuff that you want to spend your money on," Jack said with a laugh.

They've also painted the interior and replaced the kitchen countertops.

They love the landscaping (installed by Collins) and think it makes the house shine.

"We're going to hopefully become gardeners," Jack said.

They're looking forward to being on the Independence Day parade route July 4, just two days after James' birthday. They also enjoyed front-row seats to the Hinsdale Central Homecoming parade in the fall.

The Londons receive plenty of compliments on their house, including one from a teen who was in that homecoming parade.

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

On the house

Year built: 1925

Style: French eclectic

Recognitions: listed as "contributing" in the 1999 Reconnaissance Survey and "significant" in the 2001 Town of Hinsdale Survey, Hinsdale Historic Preservation Award winner in 2002

Square footage: 1,577

"It really is such a pleasure to hear how well received the house is," Jack said. "People are like, 'We love your house.' We love it, too."

NEXT WEEK

Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board special meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, May 25

Hinsdale Middle School, 100 S. Garfield Ave.

www.d181.org

On the agenda: closed session meeting, approval of assistant superintendent of business and operations employment agreement, personnel items

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, May 25

Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets

www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

On the agenda: hire assistant superintendent for academics, approve HTHSSA contract, security and strategic plan goal updates, referendum milestone report, create academic committee, social studies curriculum,

MEETING ROUNDUP

Community Consolidated District 181

Among other business May 15, board members:

- listened to a presentation on the tentative 2023-24 budget from Rick Engstrom, assistant superintendent of business and operations, who forecast expenses of \$73 million for the coming year, up from \$70.4 million in the 2023 fiscal year, against \$83.2 million in revenue. The budget includes \$4 million for the annual capital improvement plan, \$6.3 million for establishing a district office building and \$12.3 million for full-day kindergarten. The tentative budget is currently on public display at the district office. The board is expected to approve the budget at its June 26 meeting.

- heard Dana Bergthold, assistant superintendent of student services, recommend Satchel Pulse as the district's social-emotional screener for students in kindergarten through fifth grade next school year. The program, part of district's strategic goal to offer multi-tiered systems of support that consider student development and learning readiness and provide all students an appropriate level of academic challenge in a supportive environment, was piloted in February in one grade level at each elementary school. An IDEA grant will cover the cost of the screener resource, which is \$56,704.95 for three years.

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business May 16, trustees:

- held a first read on the exterior appearance and site plan for Mouse Automotive at 2 Salt Creek Lane. The McLaren car dealership's proposal calls for a two-story, 38,367-square-foot facility with interior showrooms, automobile repair services, offices, an interior parking garage and 46 exterior parking spaces. A representative for the dealership projected the facility would be completed by June 2025, but village officials discussed the possibility of partial occupancy before that point, such as opening the service garage early to accelerate revitalization of the site.

"I just think the building's really cool. It's going to be a head-turner as people drive down Ogden Avenue," said Trustee Luke Stifflear.

The board will vote on the matter at its June 13 meeting.

- held a first reading of an intergovernmental agreement with Clarendon Hills regarding the billing of ambulance calls when responding to each other's calls for service. The agreement places residents on equal footing, regardless of where the service is provided, so that when a Clarendon Hills ambulance transports a Hinsdale resident, the individual will not be "balance billed" for any expenses beyond what is covered by the individual's insurance coverage. The matter will be on the June 13 consent agenda.

- Received 13 properties for consideration for inclusion on the village's Historically Significant Structures Property list, including Immanuel Hall and the Hinsdale History Museum. Properties on the list may be eligible for various voluntary preservation incentives to help with exterior improvements, the construction of a building addition or other historic preservation projects. The board will vote to add the properties at the next board meeting.



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American Legion long a part of village

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Hinsdale American Legion Post 250, whose members will lead Memorial Day observations in town Monday, May, 29 (see Page 17 for details), has been part of the village since 1919.

The post was featured in The Hinsdalean's Making a Difference series in 2019 to mark its 100th anniversary. Following are excerpts from the series' introductory article, which ran April 18.

When Congress chartered the American Legion in 1919 and Hinsdale Post 250 was formed shortly after, the goals of the organization — as stated in the preamble to its constitution — were straightforward. And lofty.

"For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion



Each year as a Post 250 member reads off the names of Hinsdaleans who paid the ultimate sacrifice, a memorial wreath is placed at the base of the "Winged Victory" statue. (file photo)

to mutual helpfulness."

Post 250 had additional goals, according to a one-page article in the Memorial War Review it published in April 1920. The group was not looking for parades and recognition for its members, according to the article, but to serve as a "vital force shaping the future of our country and demanding a spirit of true Americanism from all its citizens and respect and admiration for all foreigners."

And the Legion has done so in many ways, said Joe Craig, a 20-year member who is a past commander and unofficial post historian.

Caring for veterans has been an ongoing theme since the end of World War I. Old post newsletters Craig has read discussed the benefits that should be provided to veterans of the Great War and the Civil War. Three decades later, the topic was supporting veterans of World War II.

"It's almost like the same discussion we're having today about how we're caring for the Gulf War veterans and the Vietnam veterans," he said. ...

At the local level, Post 250 found a variety of ways to support members of the Armed Forces while they were serving and once they returned home, first from World War I and then from World War II.

Post member Don Lindsey has enjoyed researching the many ways the post, with help from village residents, supported the war effort in the early 1940s. At age 90, he's in a position to remember much of what he's reading firsthand.

"I can recall collecting tin cans as a kid and going house to house, supplying bags for them to put the tin cans in," said Lindsey, who served in the Army in Korea. ...

The post's efforts help ensure students today are learning enough about history, geography and civics, Craig said.

"A big thing of the American Legion is to promote some sort of Americanism, to appreciate what the country is and how you can make it better."



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports May 24.

DUI arrest

Jose Soto, 31, 3102 Armitage Ave., Melrose Park, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at 11:10 p.m. May 17 after police observed a disabled vehicle near the intersection of 55th and Madison streets. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Fences vandalized

Fences in two yards in the 200 block of East Chicago Avenue were found damaged after police responded to a report of a loud party in the area at 9 p.m. May 20.

Catalytic converted stolen

The catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle while it was parked in the UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale parking garage, 120 N. Oak St., between 6:45 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. May 13. The incident was reported May 16.

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.



Hinsdale police say seven offenders entered Kelsey Resale Boutique in the early morning hours Wednesday and made off with a variety of merchandise. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Thieves hit Kelsey's in overnight burglary

Hinsdale police are investigating a burglary to Kelsey Resale Boutique, 49 S. Washington St., that occurred at 1:19 a.m. Wednesday, May 24.

A group of at least seven offenders used a sledge hammer to break through a glass door and target merchandise, according to Hinsdale Chief Brian King. The offenders arrived in two SUVs, which stopped on Washington in front of the store, and were in and out of the shop in less than two minutes. Hinsdale officers discovered the burglary after responding to an alarm call.

"These overnight burglaries with multiple offenders are typically planned events that target specific merchandise," King said. "They occur regionally."

The shop was closed Wednesday, a note on the door indicated, and planned to reopen today, May 25, for normal business hours.

Hinsdale experiences few business burglaries in any given year, King noted. The most recent burglaries to occur in the central business district were last year at the Hinsdale Barber Shop and Wild Ginger. That led to the petitioning of two juvenile offenders; those cases are still pending in court. The offender in an attempted auto burglary last month behind the Hinsdale Wine Shop was recently identified by Hinsdale police and charges are pending.

"We place a lot of resources in solving these cases, and the burglary at Kelsey's is no different," King said.

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

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

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

■ “The essence of the book is really teaching readers how to develop what I refer to as unique relationships — those that are difficult, if not impossible, to replace.” — **Joe Brocato**

Hinsdale author pens guide to relationships

Every relationship begins with a first impression, and without a good one, the chances of developing a successful friendship, business partnership or romance are greatly decreased, said Joe Brocato, Hinsdale resident and author of “Hit It Off: 21 Rules for Mastering the Art and Science of Relationships in Life and Business.”

“The essence of the book is really teaching readers how to develop what I refer to as unique relationships — those that are difficult, if not impossible, to replace,” said Brocato, who’s been a lawyer for 31 years.

The book coaches people in the roles that critical thinking and mindfulness play in the development of any relationship. That starts from the moment two people meet, Brocato said.

Each chapter explains one of Brocato’s 21 rules, which include lessons in the use of eye contact, listening skills and humor, among many other things. Throughout the book, Brocato uses real-life stories to illustrate when things work, when they don’t and what can go wrong. He calls the stories “train wrecks and Zen.” Train wrecks are

what happens when the rules aren’t followed; Zen occurs when they are.

Brocato regards the book as a roadmap for people to make good first impressions and build solid relationships that help them meet their goals, whatever those goals might be. The result, he said, is better relationships and a happier life.

Brocato studied hundreds of sources while researching his latest book, which already is gaining a lot of attention. Loyola University recently added the book to its leadership curriculum, Brocato said, and he’s talking to other universities, including some Ivy League institutions, about making “21 Rules” part of their required or suggested reading lists.

“I really want to create a movement around playing by these rules,” he said.

Inspiration for the book came when Brocato was just 10 years old. He accompanied his grandfather to buy a new muffler for his car. Brocato witnessed his grandfather’s first interaction with a man and how he instantly befriended him. The meeting left a lasting impression on Brocato, who said he became



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deeply interested in the whole concept of relationship development and first impressions as he entered the business world. It wasn’t until the pandemic began, when Brocato missed having day-to-day contact with people, that he finally sat down to research and write his book.

“Hit it Off” had its official launch at the Oak Brook

Barnes & Noble store on May 4. Brocato said the book sold out at its launch event and is doing well at Barnes & Noble, Amazon and other points of sale. But he’s not content to let the books sell themselves. Brocato is planning more book signings, speaking engagements and partnerships to get the book in the hands, ears and minds of as many people as possible.

He’s even launched a line of merchandise to remind people of the book’s principles.

“You have to be able to establish connections with people,” he said. “There’s a way to harness the rules in my book to establish these strong emotional bonds. I believe it can really make the world a better place.”

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION



Each year since Army Specialist Gunnar Hotchkin was killed in Afghanistan, his lifelong friend Preston Bokos and the Bokos family place flags, roses and a history of Hotchkin’s sacrifice at the tree planted in his honor in Burlington Park on Memorial Day. Bokos and Hotchkin were close friends, swimming together on age group teams and in high school. At Hinsdale Central, Hotchkin, Bokos, Vince Allegra and Bryan Bateman captured the 1996 state title in the 200-yard free relay.

“His time there (in Afghanistan) was short lived but valuable to every American for our freedom,” Bokos told The Hinsdalean in an email. “His dedication and leadership guided his peers to be tight, to serve our country during the difficult times of war. As Hinsdaleans, we all can respect and appreciate what this community has done for our upbringing and not forget those that have sacrificed to give us our freedom each and every day.” (Jim Slonoff photo)

EDITORIAL

Honoring those lost in effort to keep all free

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

— John McCrae

Canadian John McCrae was a military doctor serving in World War II when he found himself positioned on the west bank of the Ypres-Yser canal in France in April 1915.

On May 2, 1915, his friend, Lt. Alexis Helmer, was killed by a direct hit from an 8-inch German shell when he left his dugout. He was 22 years old.

Historians offer differing accounts of when McCrae penned the first draft of what would become “In Flanders Fields.” Whether he wrote the now-famous poem right after Helmer was buried or the next day, it has become a poignant part of Memorial Day remembrances in Hinsdale and across the country.

The poem, along with the names of Hinsdaleans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, will be read at a ceremony Monday, May 29, outside village hall. The event will follow the Memorial Day procession through town, which begins at 10 a.m.

We also have a tradition of honoring the lost by printing their names each year.

World War I

Dietrich Andorf, Malcolm Brown, Leslie Chandler, Henry Colton, Fritz Engel, Charles Galavan, William Geffert Jr., Edwin Henderson, Harry McAllister, Linus Ruth and Thomas Weddel

World War II

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Korean War

Robert Archibald, Allen Drallmeier, Irwin Eggert and Jack Welle

Vietnam War

Harvey Lofgren, John O’Connor, Thomas Peterson, Michael Spotswood, Thomas Utter and Lester Weber

Afghan War

Gunnar Hotchkin

GUEST COMMENTARY

Best souvenirs often tales worth telling

The question recently overhead in a Hinsdale boutique wasn't meant for me but I could have answered it.

"When do you leave for Europe?"

I didn't catch the answer because I was on a mission.

My implausible dream: Find chic attire that could lead to my being mistaken for someone fluent in something other than a Southeast Missouri drawl while traveling in — yes — Europe.

Given multiple news reports on the high demand for transatlantic flights, perhaps Hinsdale boutiques are packed with shoppers unencumbered with a drawl but nonetheless pursuing a similar goal.

For me and my husband, Joe, the summer itinerary includes revisiting some of our favorite/favourite places in London, as well as hiking new territory in northern England and Wales.

Then it's on to Sicily and Tuscany with an ever-changing group of friends and family. I'll post photos on Facebook, of course, but based on past experience, it will be the unexpected moments that will speak to the storyteller in me.

Disclaimer: Unexpected moments may need time before being deemed "entertaining."

On a 2016 trip to Ireland, the unsettling array of graves labeled JOYCE was noteworthy. But it was the ride on rough seas to the beautiful Aran Islands that warrants a recap. Picture a full boat rolling up, up, up and then sliding down, down, down as the tally of queasy passengers came



Denise Joyce

perilously close to exceeding the number of available barf bags.

As crew members frantically rounded up unused bags from passengers with stable stomachs, it occurred to me that the crew's commitment was not just to the pas-

sengers' comfort, but also to minimizing the post-trip cleanup.

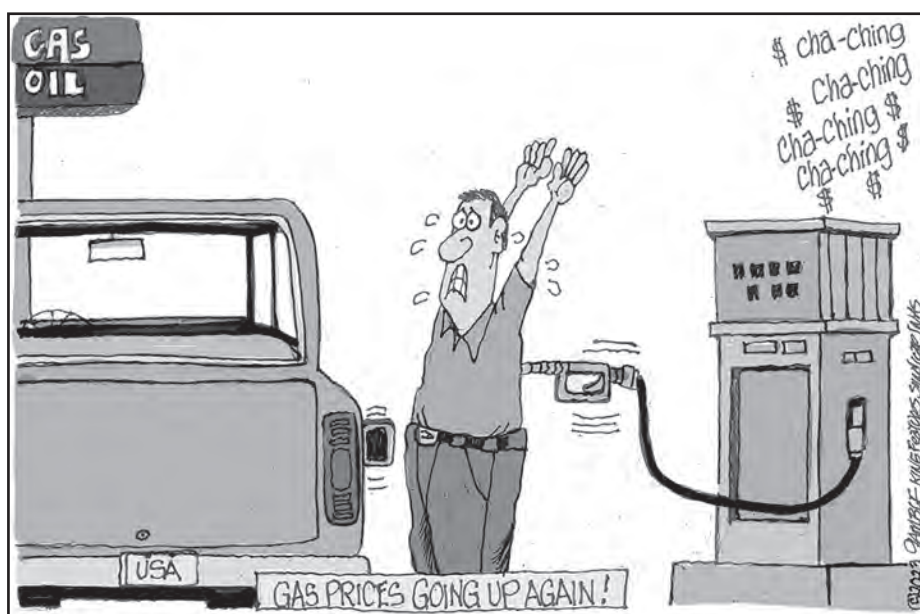
In June 2019, Monet's gardens in Giverny awaited about 50 miles outside Paris. But Joe and I along with two fellow travelers had doubts we would ever make it out of the Orly rental car area. After being told to load our bags into a waiting car, we were then told, "Wrong car." Then we waited 45 minutes before reloading everything into car No. 2. We headed out, only to circle back to the rental car area when the vehicle insisted there was no key detected, never mind what four pairs of eyes could clearly see.

We got a Gallic shrug regarding the key error and had to fight for a third car. On the plus side, we were sheltered from a pouring rain. An agent who was trying to help us was not so fortunate. He was soaked to the skin, his hair plastered to his scalp when he offered a third and final adieu.

So be open to all the moments, fellow travelers. Perhaps you'll have a story to share about being asked in Italian where you got that perfect outfit.

— Denise Joyce of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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OBITUARIES

Ann Marie Karstens

Ann Marie Karstens, nee Cronin, 94, of Hinsdale passed away peacefully May 23, 2023.

She was born in 1929 in Chicago to Arnold Cronin and Elizabeth Weise. She attended Amundsen High School before graduating from Wright Junior College and attending Northwestern night school. She went on to work for Joseph & Feiss Co. and was the first woman to receive the Cricketeer Salesman of the Year Award in 1985.

Ann will be forever remembered for her fierce independence, unconditional love and indefatigable humor. She was a true force and created a beautiful life against all odds. She was a pillar in her community of family and friends and will be deeply missed by those fortunate enough to know and love her.

Her family will always celebrate her by pouring

a glass of Piper-Heidsieck with a fresh raspberry, or as she would call it, "nectar of the gods!"

Ann, lovingly known as Mumma to her family and friends, was preceded in death by her daughter, Kimberli Petersen; and her son-in-law, William Snyder.

She is survived by her daughters, Kyle (Richard Kateley) Snyder and Kelly (Darryl) Awick; her son-in-law, Jeff Petersen; her grandchildren, Courtney (Aaron) Gale, Stephanie (Joseph) Pesa, Elizabeth (John) Salerno and Conor Awick (fiancé Laura Sue Jensen); and her eight great-grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Joe A. Simpson

Joe A. Simpson, AIA, 81, of Burr Ridge, passed away March 18, 2023, with his son and wife by his side at Northwestern Hospital after a yearlong battle with thyroid cancer.

He was born in 1941 in Kansas City, Kan., to Floy and Joe C. Simpson.

The many skyscrapers he built were in full view from his hospital bed window. He had an incredible desire to build the best buildings possible with his love and passion for the great city of Chicago. He built a successful career as project manager on the Cook County jail, RUSH University Hospital, The Fairmont Hotel, The Hyatt Hotel on Wabash, The Boulevard Towers and Presidential Towers. The market was changing, so he needed to pursue other avenues. He was offered a newly created position with an assignment something he had never accomplished before; it was to refurbish The Custom House, the offices of Eliot Ness and the Untouchables shortly before 9-11. He enjoyed this challenge immensely.

Many of his fascinations were with the planets, galaxies and the universe, always wanting to get closer and to even look deeper inside the center of the earth. He and another friend took classes at the Adler Planetarium, building their own telescopes. Joe's was so big and heavy he



Simpson

had to place it on a tripod in order to view his world.

Joe enjoyed paddling down the Kankakee River, Fox River, area creeks and waterways. He built a strip canoe for his own enjoyment from scrap pallets from old finished job sites. In his limited free time, he enjoyed golfing with his buddies and participating in shooting range tournaments. At the top of his list was riding his Harley 883 Sportster on winding wilderness roads. In his early years Joe flew Cessnas out of Midway Airport for pure enjoyment with the excitement of being up in the air with the clouds in full control of the throttle of the plane.

He met his future wife, Beverly, a registered medical assistant, while she was working at a medical office where FAA physicals for pilots were performed. As pilots were required to have a physical twice a year, Bev would see Joe twice a year never failing. They were married on Oct. 17, 1970.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; and his son, Joe M.

A funeral Mass was said May 20 at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Fourth and Clay St Hinsdale.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Erna Jean Zoberis

Erna Jean Zoberis, nee Rywniak, 83, of Burr Ridge passed away peacefully on May 14, 2023.

She was known for her exquisite eye for detail, unbounded creativity and designs, and strength and courage, particularly in overcoming an unexpected hearing loss as a young adult. Ever the supportive grandmother, Erna attended all of her eight grandchildren's games and activities as only a true fan could, donning logoed apparel and making far treks just to enjoy a glimpse of her grandchildren living their best lives.

She relished her quiet and reflective time alone, finding comfort in her faith and connection to nature, yet she loved being around people, never missed a party and was the last to leave one! Erna treasured holidays, especially her birthday and Christmas. Traditions



Zoberis

were cherished and lovingly embraced, and creating memories and ensuring precious moments were of the highest importance, bringing much comfort to her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of almost 62 years, Walter; her children, Laura (Ron) Plantz and Craig (Tracy) of Hinsdale; her grandchildren, Tyler (Jana), Zachary, Logan, Abrielle, Nicholas, Natalie, Gillian, Jacqueline; and her first great-grandchild making his appearance this July.

She received funeral rites at St. Mary's Catholic Church and was laid to rest at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Frankfort on May 18.

Tributes can be made in her memory and in honor of her grandson at The Zac Plantz Foundation at www.zacplantz.com.



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ASK AN EXPERT

ROSE MANNINA, REGISTERED NURSE

What does being a nurse mean to you?

Rose Mannina worked one year as a certified nursing assistant at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital before her first day as registered nurse — in March of 2020.

"I had a patient bleeding out in one room, and I had a patient in hospice," Mannina recalled, as the COVID-19 outbreak was threatening to overrun health systems. "I just remember feeling extremely overwhelmed. I was sitting there wondering, 'Why did I do this to myself?'"

Looking back, she finds that dark time helped her shine more brightly in her profession.

"I think it made me a better nurse, more compassionate, more resilient and thinking I can handle anything now," she said.

May is National Nurses Month, and while Mannina has always embraced the caregiving role, she struggled with which career path to take. She pursued psychology in college until a fortuitous pairing with a nursing student roommate gave her new direction.

"I found her homework more interesting than my own. I thought about what I wanted to do for a whole year and finally just felt pulled to do nursing," she related.

Initially eying the ER after graduation, Mannina was instead accepted into the hospital's medical oncology department. Now she can't imagine doing anything else.

"I really like the educational aspect that we get to have with our patients. They're very open to receiving education about how to live with their diagnosis," she said. "I think we can make the biggest difference in terms of quality of life."

Mannina, who was living at home when the pandemic hit, had to adjust her life to ensure her family's safety.

"My mom is older, and I was really scared that I would get her sick," she recounted. "So I wouldn't see her at home, just go straight into the shower and then to my room. It was definitely a burden that my friends and family had to take on as well."

Working with cancer patients has painful moments. Mannina finds solace in being a nurturing presence as they spend their final

days. And loved ones appreciate it, too.

"I had a hospice patient and we got him out of pain, and he passed peacefully with his family by his side," Mannina shared. "Later they brought us a gift basket, thanking us for making his last moments as peaceful as possible."

"They look to us for that strength and to help lift them up during that grieving process," she added.

The camaraderie with her coworkers is a "rock" she leans on during difficult days. Recently married, Mannina also has a spouse to journey with.

"I work weekends and holidays, and it's nice to have family that's very supportive," she said.

What does it take to thrive as a nurse? Heart, Mannina remarked.

"Compassion is a challenge," she said. "It's often the little things that matter."

Choosing this livelihood was a risk, Mannina said, but one worth taking.

"I've done more in the last four years than I ever thought was possible," she said. "I think this is what I was supposed to do with my life."

— by Ken Knutson



UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital's Rose Mannina, nurse and clinical coordinator for medical oncology, said her job allows her to get to know patients, and them her, on a personal basis. "It's nice to be able to form those relationships," she said. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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GOOD NEWS

PHYSICIANS NAMED 2023 TOP DOCS

Five UChicago Medicine AdventHealth physicians have been recognized as Top Cancer Doctors in the Chicago area according to a study conducted by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., a healthcare research and information company, and published in Chicago Magazine.

On staff and practicing at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale and UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Cancer Institute Hinsdale, the oncologists named to the list are doctors:

- Jay Dalal, medical oncology/hematology
- Rekha Harting, medical oncology/hematology
- Arti Lakhani, medical oncology/hematology
- Patrick Sweeney, radiation oncology
- Warren Wong, medical oncology/hematology

"We're so proud of our providers for being recognized," said Kim Schram, director of clinical operations at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Cancer Institute Hinsdale. "This recognition comes directly from each physicians' peers for their commitment to excellence. Together these physicians take a multi-disciplinary approach to deliver comprehensive state-of-the-art cancer care. Our oncologists have been instrumental in the ongoing growth and success of our oncology program, helping to set the program apart by treating the whole person and not just their cancer illness."

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A photo appears online at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean.

STUDENTS EARN THEIR DIPLOMAS

Thirteen students from Hinsdale graduated from Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park May 21.

They are Diana Anos, Grace Carstensen, Dylan Colbert, Emma Francis, Jack Francis, Harrison Gianares, Zachary Hayes, Kenna Hewitt, Caroline Kelly, Brady Linn, James Mercurio, Lucas Smith and Tate Vaughan.

COMMUNITY HOUSE NAMES TRUSTEES

Four new trustees have been named to the board of directors at The Community House in Hinsdale.

They are Sarah Charles, Kirstin Weaver Danzinger, Jeanne Hendrie and Tom Werle.

"Our board of trustees is comprised of a dedicated team of community leaders committed to upholding our mission and making The Community House a place where everyone can grow stronger in spirit, mind and

body," said Dan Janowick, executive director. "We are excited to channel Sarah, Kristin, Jeanne and Tom's expertise and energy into furthering our mission."

TEENS HONORED FOR SERVICE

Hinsdale Central students Samiksha Gupta, Nicole Hu and Meghna Mitra were recognized by the United Nations Association of the USA and InnerView Technologies in conjunction with their sixth Annual Community Service Awards.

All three earned an Ambassador Award for completing at least 100 hours of community service and 12 service activities.

Gupta volunteered for 145.5 hours, Hu for 101 hours and Mitra for 109.5 hours.

CENTRAL STAFF SET TO RETIRE

Eight Hinsdale Central staff members were congratulated on their retirements at the May 11 Hinsdale High School District 86 Board meeting.

They are:

- Gina Gagliano, math teacher, 31 years
- Lisa Hikes, counseling, 22 years
- Dan Jones, athletic director, 11 years
- Cynthia Kasten, counseling, 16 years
- Andrew Laux, social studies teacher, 25 years
- Brian Oriente, Excel paraprofessional, 34 years*
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Village, American Legion to honor fallen

Memorial Day events include sunrise service, procession, ceremony at Village Hall

By Pamela Lannom
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The village of Hinsdale and Hinsdale American Legion Post 250 will honor those who have served and sacrificed for our country Monday, May 29.

The post will start the day with a 7 a.m. sunrise service at Bronswood Cemetery, 3805 Madison St., Oak Brook. Community members will gather in downtown Hinsdale for a procession that steps off at 10 a.m. from Third Street and Garfield Avenue. The procession will head west to Washington Street, then north on Washington to the Memorial Building. Post members will be joined by the Hinsdale Central marching band, scouting troops and other community organizations.

Following the procession, at about 10:20 a.m., a ceremony will take place on the lawn outside the Memorial Building. The ceremony features a special guest speaker this year, said Joe Craig, past post commander who is currently serving as adjutant and judge advocate. Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col Ryan Yantis, a decorated survivor of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, will offer an address.

"Basically his story is he and another officer were arguing in a hallway about the location of a meeting, so they were delayed getting to the meeting," Craig said. "Had they been on time, they would have been killed."

Yantis was among the volunteer rescuers who spent much of the day carrying victims on stretchers to safety. He is now president of SilverLeaf Leadership Communication and a resident of Crystal Lake.

The Hinsdale Chorale and Hinsdale Central band will perform, and the cere-

mony will conclude with a rifle salute and the playing of Taps.

This is the first year the post and the village are working together on the observance.

"The village has been very, very accommodating and helpful this year," Craig said. "Just pray for good weather."

- The Fuller Historic

plex. The memorial commemorates DuPage County residents who lost their lives in military conflicts at home and abroad beginning with the Black Hawk War in 1832 and continuing to the most recent engagements overseas.

The event will include the laying of the wreath by Gold Star families, a weapons salute by DuPage Honor

Memorial Day hours are 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the whole facility. Daily admission is \$10, \$7 for seniors and \$8 after 5 p.m.

- Hinsdale in Lights — Celebrating 150 Years will re-open to the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Memorial Day at Immanuel Hall: 302 S. Grant St., Hinsdale. The exhibit tells the story of Hinsdale and its res-

people that "everything in life is derived from the same basic elements that form everything in nature, including ourselves. There is no separation." The artist created her work from reclaimed tree branches and other natural materials gathered from various locations throughout the arboretum's 1,700 acres.

The arboretum is open from 7 a.m. to sunset. Timed-entry admission is \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for children 2-17 and free for infants under 2. Visit www.mortonarb.org for more information.

- Fleetwood Mac tribute band Gold Dust Dreams will kick off Cantigny's Summer Concert Series with a performance Sunday, May 28, and local favorite 7th Heaven will perform Monday, May 29. The concerts, which are outdoors and feature lawn seating, take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets, and picnics are welcome. Concessions are available; pets and alcohol are prohibited. Admission is free with \$30 parking. Cantigny is at 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton. Visit www.cantigny.org for details.

- The Westmont Lions Club will hold its Spring Fling, an annual barbecue festival and competition with live music, crafters, food vendors, carnival rides and a fireworks finale, Friday to Sunday, May 26-28, at Ty Warner Park, 700 Blackhawk Drive, Westmont. All-you-can-ride carnival wristband specials are available from 1 to 5 p.m. May 27 and 28 for \$30. Hours are 4 to 10:30 p.m. May 26 and noon to 10:30 p.m. May 27 and 28. Visit www.westmontlionsfoundation.org for a complete schedule.



After marching through town Monday morning, Boy Scouts, veterans and residents will gather on the lawn of the Memorial Building for a ceremony featuring music, a guest speaker and a rifle salute. (file photo)

Foundation will hold its annual Memorial Day flag changing ceremony at noon Monday at the historic Fullersburg Cemetery between Maumell and Fuller Road at Garfield Avenue in Hinsdale. The cemetery is the final resting place of 13 local Civil War Union soldiers and one Confederate, who was given a new engraved headstone in 2016.

- DuPage County will host a ceremony in observance of Memorial Day at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 28, at the DuPage County Government Complex, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.

The ceremony will take place at the Veterans Memorial, located outside near the pond on the com-

Guard and the DuPage Honor Guard retiring the colors.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Atrium of the 421 JTK Administration Building.

Other activities

Memorial Day weekend, in addition to being a time to remember the fallen, has become the unofficial start of summer. One or more of these activities just might be the perfect way to kick the season off.

- The Hinsdale Community Pool opens for the season Saturday, May 27. Hours on May 27 and 28 are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the baby pool and 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the whole facility.

idents via an animated and immersive light show featuring outstanding Hinsdaleans, organizations, architecture and events. Distinctive historic objects from the Hinsdale Historical Society collections will also be showcased, shining light on how the village became what it is today. The exhibit is free, with a suggested donation of \$20 donation.

- Of the Earth, an exhibit of five large-scale sculptures by Polish American artist Olga Ziemsk, opens Friday, May 26, at the Morton Arboretum, 4100 Route 53, Lisle.

The exhibition will explore the artist's expression and philosophy that "We are nature." Ziemska said her aim is to remind

Hinsdale Library ready for summer fun to begin

Could the month of May be busier than December?

With a flurry of end-of-school-year activities and attempting to plan for long summer days, it sure seems possible. Ask a librarian and the answer is a definitive yes. While we were busy preparing for our inaugural HPL Con earlier this month, we were also juggling school visits, planning our Summer Reading Club and booking summer entertainment. No vacation for us — we are ready for the busy summer season at the library!

Starting on June 1, readers of all ages are challenged to track the time they spend reading to earn prizes. Challenge cards for adults can be picked up at the front desks. Completed cards will be entered into our grand prize drawing for a \$50 Fuller House or \$50 Gone Grazy (Hinsdale-based charcutier!) gift card.

Kids and teens can pick up reading logs downstairs in Youth Services. Just follow the spinning sound of our prize wheel coming out of hibernation! In

addition to spinning for prizes, you'll also be helping us give back to our community partners: Hinsdale Humane Society and HCS Family Services.

Join us the afternoon of June 5 to officially kick things off. We'll be outside on the south lawn with games, treats, and signing everyone up for summer reading (rain date is June 6).

A cool library building is a great place to be on those steamy days, but sometimes even we need to get outside. Find us at Burns Field beginning June 14 for Wednesday morning storytime. Pop over to the park for stories, fingerplays and music. (We'll head to the library in the event of rain.)

Bring your own lunch and blanket to Burlington Park for family friendly entertainment when we resume our Lunch on the Lawn series in partnership with Hinsdale Parks & Rec on



Molly Castor
Check this out

June 14, July 19, and August 2.

You'll also find us at the Farmers Market on the second Monday of each month with activities and giveaways. Chef Susan Maddox will highlight the fresh food of the summer in a Mediterranean-style cooking class from Memorial Hall's sunny south patio across from the market on Aug. 21.

Splashing around at the Hinsdale Community Pool? We're sending over extra copies of popular books when the bestseller buzz starts to fade and we need to make some space on our shelves. Grab one while you're lounging at the pool and then keep it, put it back or pass it on when you're done.

Alas, those endless summer days do come to an end. We're helping you and your school bound kiddo ease into fall with a Kindergarten

Bootcamp on Aug. 7. The fall season doesn't start without football. Take your tailgating up a notch when you learn about the essential tailgating tools at our Kitchen Tech program on Aug. 24.

This monthly column with rotating contributions from HPL staff will be on a summer break until August, but this will be my last time writing on behalf of the library. I am embracing the opportunity to spend more time with my daughters (2 and 5). To share all the library's offerings, events and resources with this community for the last 13 years has been a privilege. Please continue to follow along with our social media channels, look for our bimonthly newsletter in your mailbox and say hi when you see the library's outreach cart at community events. Have a great summer, Hinsdale!

— *Molly Castor is the marketing and outreach manager at the Hinsdale Public Library (until June 9).*

■ Starting on June 1, readers of all ages are challenged to track the time they spend reading to earn prizes.



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The procession will start at Third and Washington, proceed north to Chicago Avenue and head east to the Memorial Building lawn. Groups are invited to participate.

10:30 AM - Ceremonies at the Memorial Building – 19 E. Chicago Ave.

Public Service Announcement provided by The Hinsdalean.

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FAMILY FUN

■ Donuts with Dad

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

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

■ Family Archery

Saturdays, June 10-Aug. 5
KLM Park
5901 S. County Line Road,
Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 6-13 and their family can learn the parts of an arrow and recurve bow, the basics of using a recurve bow, a nationally recognized beginner's 9-step to the 10 ring progression method and fundamental shooting skills from an experienced instructor. Bows, arrows and targets will be furnished. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Cost: \$110. RR, MD

FOR A CAUSE

■ Wild Wild Western Springs Party

June 10
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com
(708) 246-4043

Enjoy food, drinks, music, games, dancing and raffles at this Western-themed fundraiser for the Theatre of Western Springs. Tickets include two drink tickets. Buy a Golden Horseshoe ticket for a chance to win a vacation package. The winner need not be present to win. Hours: 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door, \$60 for "Quick Draw" entry.

GAME ON

■ Beginner Pickleball Workshop

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

Join Coach Larry Bojak and co-teacher Nancy Paulson in this small-group workshop to learn the basics of pickleball and prepare to play with oth-

ers. Pickleball equipment is provided; participants should wear supportive shoes appropriate for court play. Safety glasses and a water bottle are recommended. Additional workshops will be offered June 17 and 18. Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$55. RR

■ Chicago Elite Youth Volleyball

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

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

■ Bubble Gum Summer Slime

June 7
Downers Grove Park District
4500 Belmont Road
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-13 will make a batch of amazing bubble gum slime in this drop-off Lisa Lombardi Coaching program, learning the history of the beloved chewy treat and why minty gums didn't sell well during the pandemic, but fruity ones did. Kids get to keep their slime and are offered gum as an optional treat. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$31. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Wednesday Wilderness Walk

May 31 & June 7
Lincoln Marsh
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www.dupageforest.org
(630) 942-6200

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

■ Walk and Talk

May 31
Spears Woods
96th Avenue south of West 87th Street, near Willow

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■ Bird Walk

June 2
Dunham Forest Preserve
Army Trail Road west of
Powis Road, Wayne
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Enjoy birding camaraderie and learn ID tips and tricks while looking for migrating birds on a casual 2-mile guided walk. Time: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Cost: \$5. RR

■ Moon Walk

June 3
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
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The full moon will guide this hike in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. Time: 9 p.m.

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■ Iris Society Show

May 29
Morton Arboretum
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www.mortonarb.org

Experience nearly 100 varieties of blooming irises and marvel at their unique colors at this event presented by the Northern Illinois Iris Society. This is a timed entry event. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Admission: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for ages 2-17.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ 'Fierce Self Compassion' discussion

Tuesdays, May 30-June 20
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road,
Hinsdale
www.wellnesshouse.org

Join this Book Club discussion of self-compassion pioneer Dr. Kristin Neff's book. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Free Hernia Screening

June 6
UChicago Medicine
AdventHealth Cancer Institute

1 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale
www.bit.ly/42yM7MS
(855) 206-1450

People 18 and older who have noticed bulges in the abdomen or experienced pubic region pain while bending, coughing or lifting objects are invited to join this free screening and education event. UChicago Medicine AdventHealth hernia repair specialists will be on-site to answer questions and perform the screenings. No insurance is required. Time: 5 p.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Take Home Flat Stanley Travel Journals

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

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

■ Summer Kick-Off Party

June 5
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

School's out and the library has fun, games and treats on the lawn — and an invitation to sign up for the library's Summer Reading Club. The rain date is Tuesday, June 6. Hours: 2 to 4 p.m.

ON STAGE

■ 'Clue'

May 25-June 4
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, Clue is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25, \$12 for children/students.

■ 'Disney's Frozen'

June 2-10
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.stagedoorfinearts.com/frozen

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

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■ A Conversation with Jesmyn Ward

June 6
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
Jesmyn Ward, two time winner of the National Book Award for Fiction, discusses how her literary vision and personal experiences address urgent questions about racism and social injustice in this online conversation. Tracie Hall, executive director of American Library Association, will join Ward in the program, made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Hinsdale Fine Arts Festival

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

Experience this 50th annual cherished event, featuring 85 to 100 artists showcasing their work — from paintings and photographs to ceramics and jewelry — in the heart of the village and just steps from the shopping district. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Post Pet Parade Party

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

The Hinsdale Humane Society is inviting the community back to HHS for a party after the La Grange Pet Parade. This event for all ages features

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• Hinsdale in Lights

Starting June 7
Immanuel Hall
302 S. Grant St., Hinsdale
Hinsdale in Lights — Celebrating 150 Years will be open every Wednesday this summer. The exhibit tells the story of Hinsdale and its residents via an animated and immersive light show featuring outstanding Hinsdaleans, organizations, architecture and events. Distinctive historic objects from the Hinsdale Historical Society collections will also be showcased, shining

light on how the village became what it is today. For a private showing for a group or family, please contact the Hinsdale Historical Society at society-manager@hinsdalehistory.org or (630) 789-2600. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: Free, \$20 donation suggested.

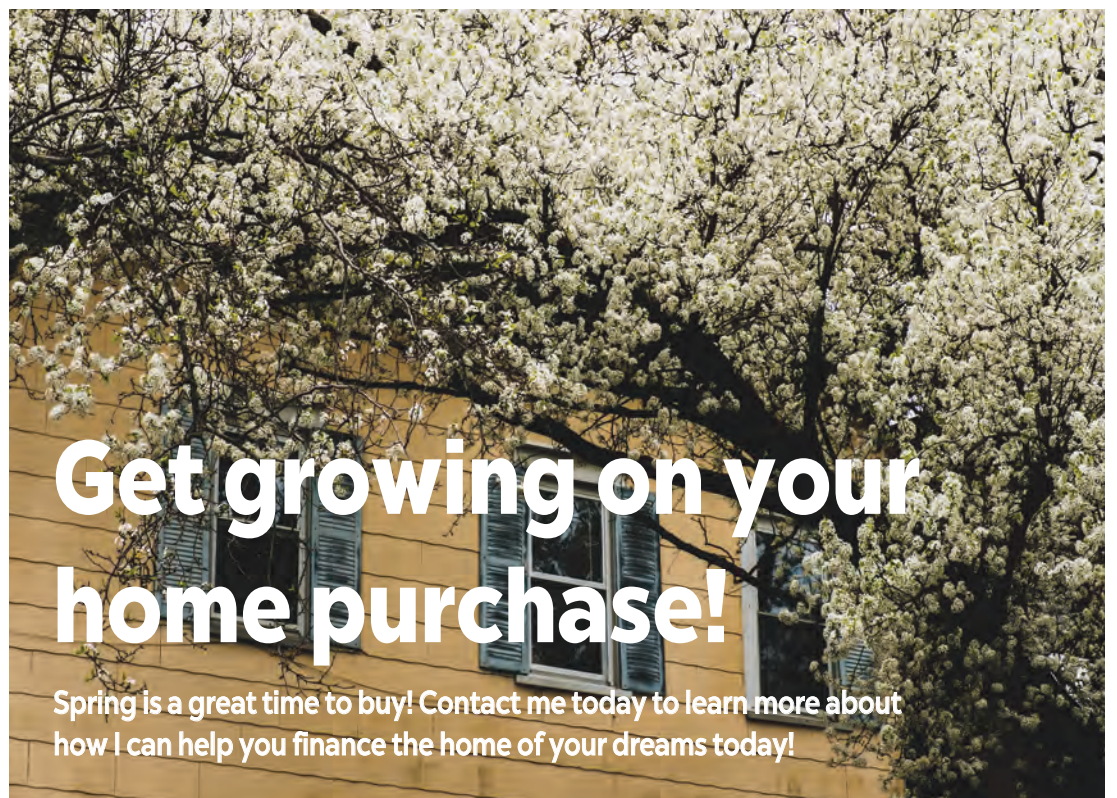
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June 3-8
Hinsdale Public Library
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■ Middle School Book Club: Eat and Chat

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

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

WEE ONES

■ Two with Me

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

This parent and child class for 2-year-olds focuses on having fun while engaging in hands-on experiences that aid in the development of a child's spatial awareness, motor skills,

language development and sensory integration. Children can explore with age-appropriate materials, art, rhyming, sensory and movement. Time: 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Cost: \$48. RR

■ Kid Rock I & II

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

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

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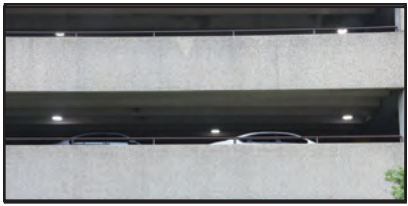
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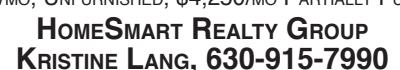
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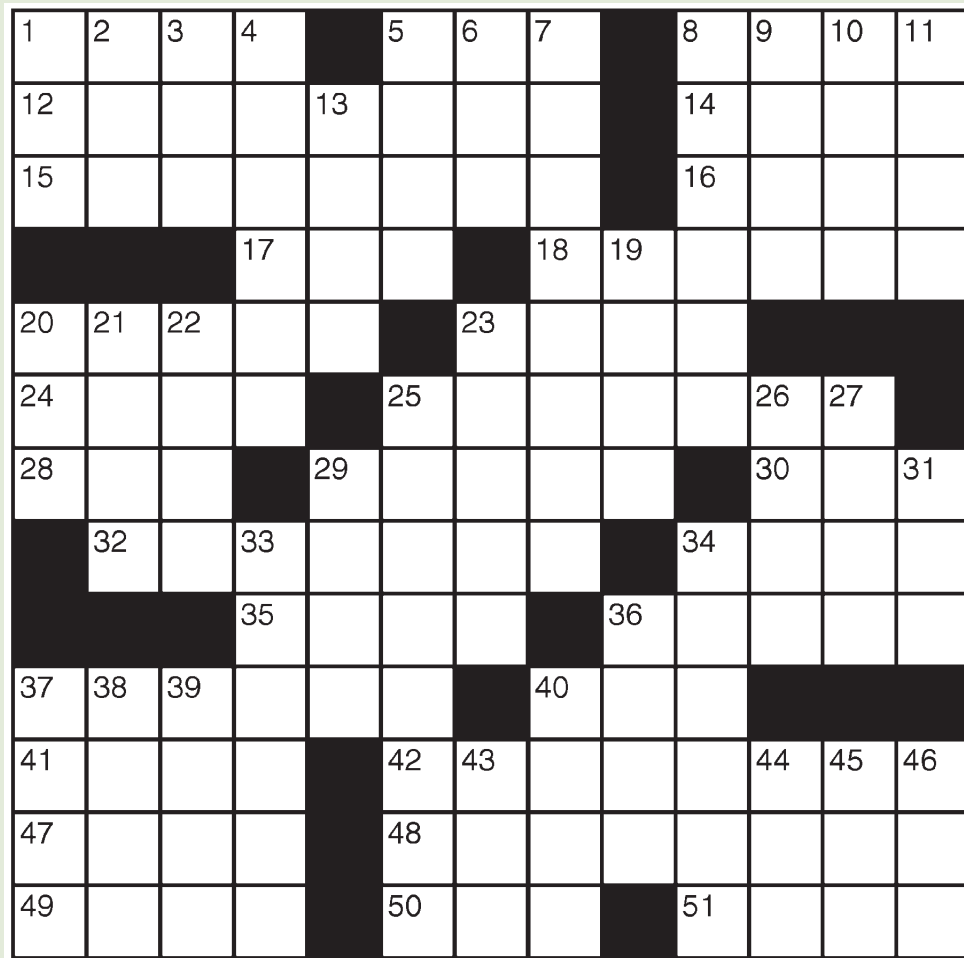


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by Linda Thistle

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HOROSCOPES

May 2023 Horoscopes • Week 5



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN — Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, rather than being light-hearted, conversations could take a turn to the more serious, especially as they pertain to a health condition for someone you love.



ARIES

ARIES — Mar 21/Apr 20
Being more selective can enhance your life in many different ways, Aries. You often are judged by the company you keep, so think about that when starting new relationships.



CANCER

CANCER — Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, this week you may find it easier to cut out superfluous spending or extravagant behavior than at other times. You may need to exert greater control and discipline.



LIBRA

LIBRA — Sept 23/Oct 23
You'll likely feel more at ease having a big group of people around you during the next few days rather than heading out alone. Put away that lone wolf mentality for now.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS — Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, don't try to take on too many things yourself. You need to know when to ask for help this week, especially as your schedule gets even more filled up.



TAURUS

TAURUS — Apr 21/May 21
Set up camp on the sofa for the next few days, Taurus. Enjoy the rest and relaxation. You don't have to be productive every minute of the day so don't feel guilty about your R&R.



LEO

LEO — Jul 23/Aug 23
There's a fresh cosmic wind blowing your sails, Leo. This gives you all the energy you need to tackle projects or get moving in other ways. Embrace all of this energy.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO — Oct 24/Nov 22
Ambitious career goals could have you reevaluating all of the choices you have made thus far, Scorpio. It might be time to venture off on new paths once you figure out the way.



PISCES

PISCES — Feb 19/Mar 20
This is the perfect time to get more organized, Pisces. Try to fit in time to sort and clean among all the other things on your itinerary.



GEMINI

GEMINI — May 22/Jun 21
Some interesting information could be coming your way, Gemini. You just need to keep your ear to the ground and open to receive it. Others may want to get in on the news.



VIRGO

VIRGO — Aug 24/Sept 22
Your romantic life is about to get even more exciting, Virgo. Date nights are happening with greater frequency and you're likely to enjoy all of the extra attention.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS — Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, the call of the wild is quite strong right now. This means you might be right at home on a hiking trip or a rafting trip. Make your plans and bring a friend.



Soccer clinic honors the memory of Julie Heidecke

The 25th annual Julie K. Heidecke tribute soccer clinic was held in March at Hinsdale Central. Hosted by Central's girls soccer players and staff the clinic was free to area children. Julie Heidecke graduated from Hinsdale Central in 1997. She was the captain of the soccer team and was an All-Conference selection her senior year. She went on to Illinois State University to continue her soccer career. Unfortunately, Julie died in 1998 at the age of 19 in a car accident. Julie's parents set up the Julie K. Heidecke Tribute Awards Foundation in her honor. The foundation provides scholarships for student-athletes at Hinsdale Central and Illinois State University who do their best to follow her path in commitment, spirit, determination, leadership, sportsmanship, academics, morality and concern and service for others. Sprints were on the agenda for those attending camp. Ava Elliott got a few smiles out of Jack Svitak. Adriana Giannini showed off her spinning skills. Julie's mom Debbie spent time visiting with each of the girls leading the camp. Senior captain Carter Knotts works with the campers on skills. Knotts was this year's award honoree. Central players talk soccer strategy. (Jim Slonoff photos)

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Grant Davis
Senior
Hinsdale

When did you first start playing baseball?
When I was about 3, 4 years old. I was in T-ball at Robbins Park.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?
I enjoy the relationships I make with my teammates. I just love the feeling of playing the sport in general. I'm always excited to be out on the field.

What position do you play?
First base. I love fielding ground balls, so I like being in the infield. I also am very good at scooping the ball when bad throws are made. I also have good height (6' 2"), which is needed at that position. I've been playing first based my entire life. I'm a leftie, so I can't play any other position on the infield.

What has been special about your senior year?
The team that I'm playing with is very good. We're capable of beating any team in the state. We've beaten really good teams in the past and kept close scores with top 10 teams. We've had a lot of really good wins this year. We've improved each game and we've gotten better from the start of the season to now.

What's the best advice

you've gotten from a coach?
Don't drop your hands because when my coach said that to me, I proceeded to take his instructions and I hit two home runs in a row.

What is your goal for the season?
Right now my main focus is on the playoffs and keeping my senior year alive as long as possible.

What are your plans for next year?
I'm going to Miami of Ohio. I'm studying management for business. I'm currently going to play for their club team. Walking on is definitely an option of mine, and I think it could be possible the way I'm playing this season.

Why does coach Jason Ziemer like having Davis on the team?
Grant Davis is a hard-nosed kid who plays the game at a very high speed. He really does everything well. He's hitting .400, he gets out of the box well, runs the bases hard, is aggressive and plays great defense. He plays with a sense of urgency, and does everything with a purpose. Those players are the most enjoyable to coach and also enjoyable to watch compete on an everyday basis.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

HEADED TO STATE

The Hinsdale Central boys tennis team and members of the boys track team will compete at their respective IHSA state finals May 25-27.

Representing Red Devils boys tennis at the final hosted by Palatine High School are junior Alex Kotarski and sophomore Winston Stangle in singles, and the doubles teams of sophomores Nathan Hernandez and Bodie Teuscher and senior James Theriault and junior Aidan Hernandez.

Representing Red Devils boys track at the final hosted by Eastern Illinois University are senior Michael Skora in the 800 meters, junior Aden Bandukwala in the 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters, senior Jesse Gamboa in the 3,200 meters, junior Michael Prieto in the high jump, and the 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams. Good luck Devils!

RESULTS

Baseball May 22 @ R-B V loses 4-5 May 18-20 @ Do it Stevie's Way Tourney vs. Mt. Carmel V wins 3-1 Merlo, RBI, run Davis, run Pavlik, win, 2 strikeouts May 18 vs. St. Laurence V loses 1-4 May 17 @ York V wins 10-0	Lacrosse, boys May 22 @ IHSA sectional vs. Batavia (quarterfinal) V wins 12-11 Webster, 4 goals, assist Bergin, 2 goals Merz, 2 goals Cain, goal Collignon, goal Pollard, goal Randell, goal Joyce, assist Backus, 7 saves May 17 @ St. Ignatius College Prep V loses 6-12	Lacrosse, girls May 22 @ IHSA sectional vs. Montini (quarterfinal) V wins 18-6 Matthews, 4 goals, 2 assists Napier, 4 goals, 3 assists Moncrief, 3 goals Brankin, 2 goals, assist Venetsanopolous, 2 goals Akers, goal, assist O'Connor, goal Parker-Briones, goal Tavoso, 2 assists Schultz, 3 saves	Soccer, girls May 23 @ IHSA sectional vs. York (semifinal) V wins 3-0 May 19 @ IHSA regional vs. R-B (final) V wins 4-1 McDonnell, 2 goals Healy, goal Rohn, goal Knotts, assist Krogstie, assist Sakalosky, assist Snodgrass, assist	Softball May 18 @ Willowbrook V wins 5-1 May 17 vs. York V loses 4-13	Tennis, boys May 19 vs. IHSA sectional V places 1st with 28 points Kotarski, 1st Stangle, 2nd N. Hernandez/Teuscher, 1st Theriault/A. Hernandez, 2nd	Track, boys May 17 @ IHSA sectional V places 2nd with 82 points 100 meters Lyne, 17th, 11.46 Tresslar, 23rd, 11.67 200 meters Bots, 4th, 22.56 Tresslar, 22nd, 23.92 400 meters Morrissey, 8th, 53.03 800 meters Watcke, 1st, 1:55.43 Skora, 4th, 1:57.19 1,600 meters Bandukwala, 2nd, 4:20.05	3,200 meters Bandukwala, 2nd, 9:15.65 Gamboa, 5th, 9:25.29 110-meter hurdles Peterson, 11th, 16.32 Segers, 19th, 17.4 300-meter hurdles Peterson, 7th, 41.43 Segers, 22nd, 45.63 4x100 relay Lyne, Bots, McInerney, Tresslar, 12th, 44.77 4x200 relay Maxwell, Anjarwala, Bots, McInerney, 5th, 1:30.57 4x400 relay Anjarwala, Maxwell, Miller, Watcke, 1st, 3:23.31 4x800 relay Doorhy, Miller, Skora, Watcke, 2nd, 7:56.21 Shot put Ortiz, 3rd, 14.71m Koschik, 5th, 14.28m Discus Marcet, 4th, 42.63m Koschik, 18th, 33.56m High jump Prieto, 1st, 1.9m Burt, 4th, 1.85m Pole vault Bolenbaugh, 10th, 3.56m	Khatau, 13th, 3.26m Triple jump Burt, 7th, 12.8m Track, girls May 18-20 @ IHSA state final V places 9th with 24 points (see story on Page 38 for full results) Volleyball, boys May 22-23 @ IHSA regional vs. Waubonsie Valley (semifinal) V wins 25-16, 25-16 Lange, 6 kills, ace, 3 digs, assist J. Ruth, 5 kills, 3 digs M. Ruth, 3 kills, ace Du, 2 kills Erickson, kill Hughes, block, 2 digs, 13 assists Kujalowicz, 8 digs, 2 assists vs. Nazareth (quarterfinal) V wins 25-8, 25-20 May 18 vs. Lincoln-Way East V wins 25-23, 25-21
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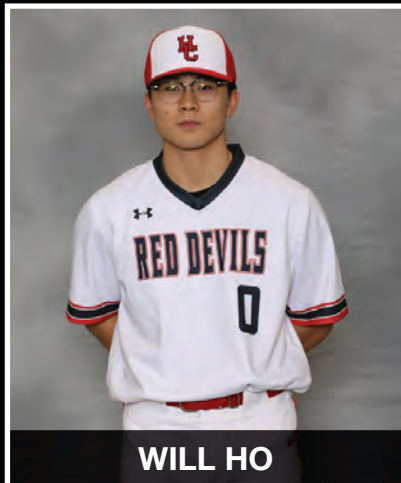
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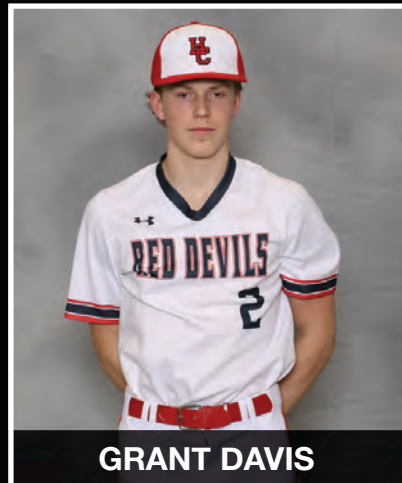
Hinsdale Central's Angie Conley is surrounded by opposing Rockford defenders and then fouled during the Red Devils May 13 match against the visiting side from Michigan. Conley scored on the ensuing penalty shot, helping propel Central to a 14-7 victory over the Rams. With the lacrosse postseason now underway, the Devils took on Neuqua Valley last night after press time in an IHSA sectional semifinal, aiming for a return to the state championship. (Jim Slonoff photos)



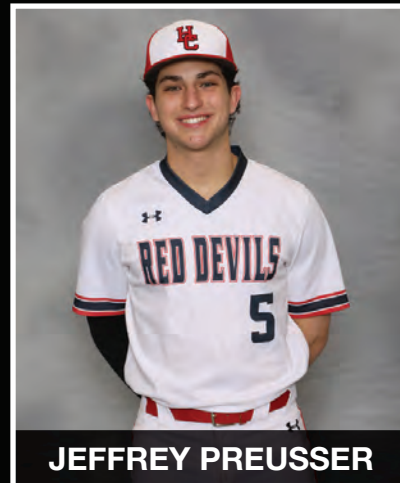
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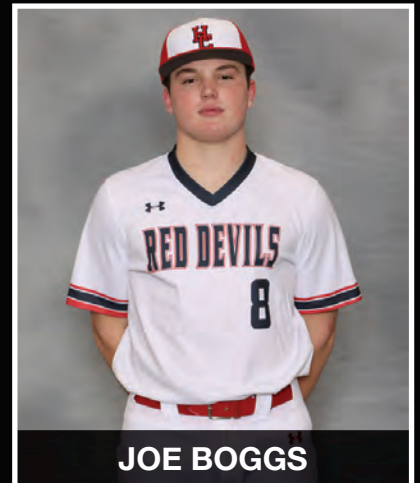
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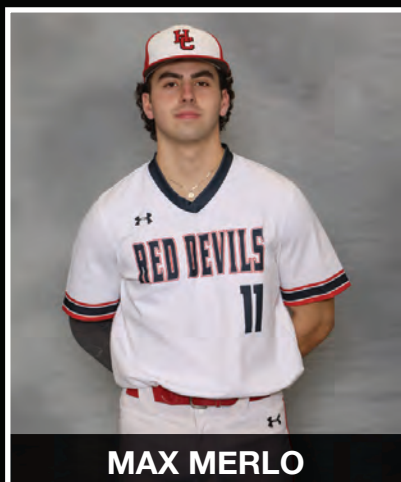
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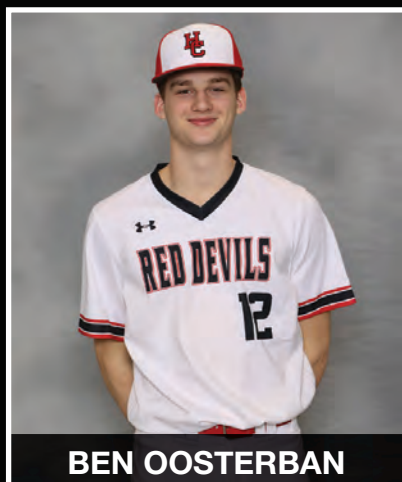
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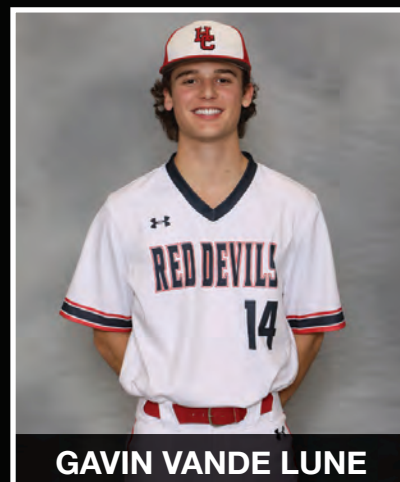
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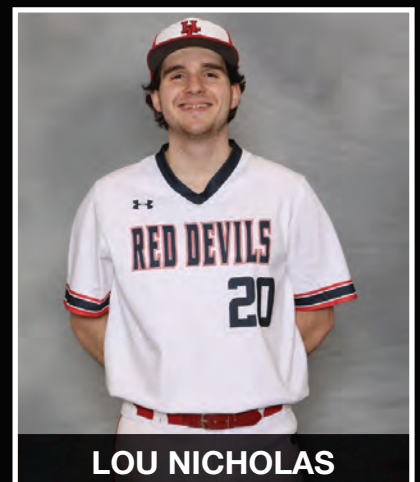
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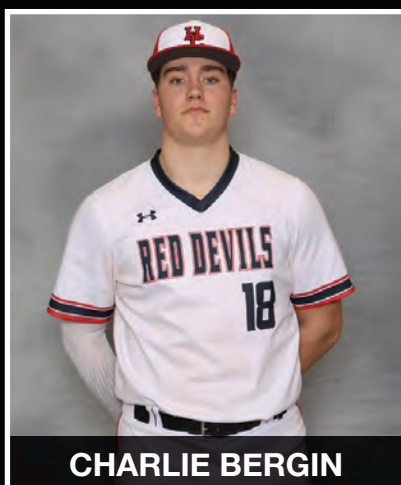
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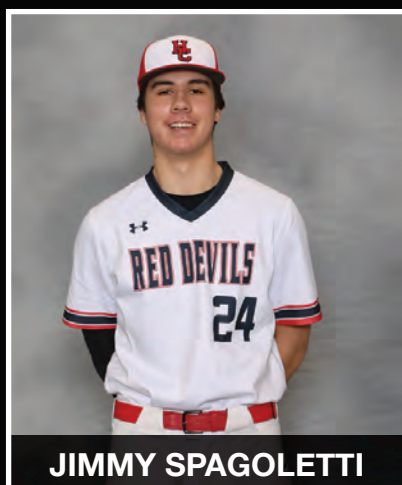
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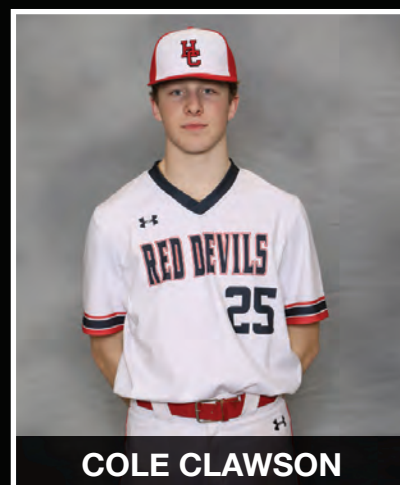
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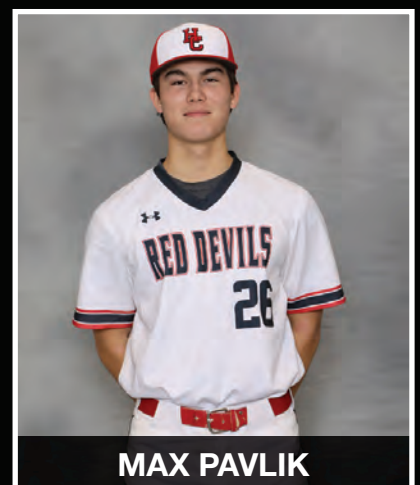
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SPORTS

Top-10 finish for Central girls track

Standout performances by seniors Chandler, McCabe help power Red Devils

By Ken Knutson

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Seniors Elyssa Chandler and Catie McCabe already shared a membership in Hinsdale Central's Class of 2023. After last weekend's IHSA girls track state meet, they have another identifier in common: four-time All-State honoree. Chandler, who earned All-State status last year with her seventh-place performance in the 300-meter hurdles last year, garnered three more nods in Saturday's final at Eastern Illinois University. Two were in hurdles, with Chandler improving her 300-meter hurdles result with a sixth-place finish (including a personal best 44.47 in the prelims), and capturing ninth in the 100-meter hurdles.

"It feels incredibly gratifying because I can see the culmination of all the work that I put into the sport since Day 1," Chandler said.

She expressed disappointment at not clocking as fast as she did in the heats, but was pleased to have competed in the 100-meter hurdles at all.

"I was kind of surprised that I made it to the state finals at all given some of my previous times," she said.

Chandler attributed her development over her Central career in part to better technique in the discipline.

"But also just better training, having more endurance," she related.

That allowed her to run full-steam the entire 300 meters.

"Before whenever I ran 300 hurdles, I thought I needed to pace myself to make sure I had enough left at the end," she said. "But going into this meet, I told myself I need to start

completely sprinting my heart out and hold nothing back. I think it worked."

The Red Devils placed ninth overall with 24 points (see sidebar for full results). Huntley High School was crowned state champs with 62.5 points.

Distance specialist McCabe came into the state meet with All-State accolades in the 1,600 meters and the 800 meters that last two years, respectively. She returned to the 1,600 for this meet to gauge her progress.

"I actually ran the 800 more during the season, but we did that to get ready for the mile (1,600), just looking to see what I could improve from what I did sophomore year," McCabe explained.

McCabe's time of 4:53.32 was her fastest of the season, and just a second slower than the school record time she set as a sophomore. McCabe is the Red Devil record holder in both the 800 and 1,600, indoor and outdoor. She said she felt a greater degree of confidence this time around.

"I just tried to be prepared and make sure that I was engaged for the whole race and sticking with the girls ahead of me," she said. "Our coaches do a good job of making sure we're not burned out by this time of year and come in strong to the state meet."

McCabe and Chandler then teamed up in the 4x400-meter relay, with Chandler leading off, McCabe anchoring and freshman Lily Hodneland and senior Sarah Skora running the middle legs. The combo captured second place, and All-State status, with 3:56.75.

Chandler said she relishes the team race.

"It's my favorite, partly because it feels like a cul-



Hinsdale Central seniors hurdler Elyssa Chandler and miler Grace McCabe each earned All-State honors in their individual events at last weekend's IHSA state final before joining forces with their 4x400-meter relay teammates to place second and garner another All-State prize. (photos provided)

mination of what we do in track, but you're doing it as a team. It's kind of like the perfect distance for me, and it's long enough where it's possible to catch up to and pass opponents," said Chandler, admitting she felt a little down after her 300-meter hurdles final. "My teammates really picked me up and got me ready for the race."

Skora said it's been a highlight of her track career.

"I love being part of the relay because we are all running for each other and have to work together," she said, describing the event as a sweet spot between speed and distance disciplines. "I am pushed to limits I never thought I could achieve."

McCabe said the quartet had high expectations and strong chemistry.

"Going into the final, we knew it would be tough, but we had been running well all season, so I think we were pretty confident," she said. "The relays are always the most fun because you're trying to do well for your teammates, not just you."

Chandler feels thankful for the support of teammates, coaches and family as she reflects on a Central track career she never would have predicted.

"I know that if I told my freshman self that going down this path would lead to as much success as it has, I don't think I would have believed myself," said the soon-to-be Carnegie Mellon University student. "I'm going to study computer science and I won't be running track, But I hope I find something to enrich my life the way that

Devils deliver

These athletes contributed to Central's ninth place state final finish:

800 meters
Sarah Skora, 12th,
2:24.59

1,600 meters
Catie McCabe, 2nd,
4:53.32

3,200 meters
Sarah Fischer, 21st,
11:14.75

100-meter hurdles
Elyssa Chandler,
12th, 15.96

300-meter hurdles
Chandler, 6th, 45.53

4x100 relay
Zari Dorris, Christina
Tresslar, Ana
Hodneland, Maya
Reed, 7th, 48.88

4x400 relay
Chandler, Lily
Hodneland, Skora,
McCabe, 2nd, 3:56.75

Long jump
Reed, 15th, 5.21m

track has."

McCabe, who will compete at Indiana University next year, said she'll take away memories for a lifetime.

"Being able to have the two-night stay at the state final with the team is where a lot of us make our best memories," McCabe said. "I'm definitely really happy with all four seasons. Throughout my time here I've learned a lot from my coaches and teammates."

"It has gone by fast, and I'll be sad to leave — but excited to start getting ready for college," she added.



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