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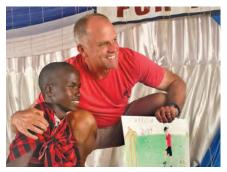
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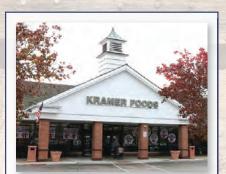
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NEWS

Village: Sober house violates zoning

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

A home for recovering alcoholics and addicts at 111 N. Grant St. violates Hinsdale's zoning code, contends Village President Tom Cauley, and is the subject of a complaint in DuPage County Circuit Court.

The R-4 residential district in which Trinity Sober House is located stipulates that no more than three unrelated people can live in one home.

"It's meant for families," Cauley told The Hinsdalean last week. "While they don't have more than three now, or at least the last time we checked, they told us their plan was to have 10."

Trinity Sober Living LLC bought the five-bedroom, four-bath, 3,898-square-foot home for \$801,000 in June. The Trinity House is a zero-tolerance facility staffed 24/7 with a dedicated house man-

ager, a full-time certified alcohol and drug counselor and a peer recovery coach, according to the website.

Cauley said no one from Trinity shared plans to open a recovery house with the village.

"They never approached the village proactively," he said.

Mike Owens, founder and executive director of Trinity Sober Living, has had conversations with the village, according to his attorney, Bradley Staubus of Esposito & Staubus in Burr Ridge.

"Prior to the lawsuit being filed, Mr. Owens reached out and met with the village to explain in detail his plans for TSL," Staubus wrote in an email.

Owens is a recovering alcoholic with more than 12 years of sobriety, Staubus wrote.

"More importantly, and like so many of TSL's clients, he is a husband, father, brother and son with family throughout our community," he wrote. "Mr. Owens understands what it takes to manage and successfully operate a business like TSL."

Staubus stressed the "overwhelming need for quality sober houses to serve the needs of the community" and cited research indicating an alcoholic or addict coming out of 30-day treatment is 70 percent more likely to stay sober transitioning through a sober house versus returning straight home. The company would like to accommodate the needs of 10 residents at the location and would offer a host of support services, Staubus wrote. He did not indicate how many individuals live there presently.

Cauley said if he learns more than three people are living in the house, the village could take further legal action.

"At that point I think I would try to fast-track this and get injunctive relief," he said.

Cauley said the zoning code

also prohibits the operation of a for-profit company in a residential district.

Rates for staying at the facility are listed at \$375 a week for a triple room, \$475 a week for a double room and \$625 a week for a single.

Staubus said he hopes the lawsuit can be resolved.

"We have reached out to the attorney representing the village to determine if the parties can reach an amicable resolution, including the request for a reasonable accommodation as is required under the Federal Fair Housing Act 42 U.S.C. §3604(f)(3)(B)," he wrote.

Cauley said discrimination is not at all the issue, a point he made at a recent meeting with several dozen concerned residents.

"As I told the residents, if we had 10 nuns living there we would have a problem under the zoning code," he said. "What we're really trying to do here is have compliance with the zoning code."

Hoop dreams raise money for The Community House



The annual 3-on-3 tournament was held at The Community House last month. The tournament drew almost 300 players from 12 nearby communities, who competed on 71 teams and played in 122 games. Katherine Skinner of Fuego Furioso passes the ball as Alli Linke of the Giannis puts on the pressure. Cameron Kasper from the Spartans makes his way around an opponent. Billy Tierney, Tommy Majchrowicz and Sean Hubeny from the PB Fam team watch some friends compete. (Jim Slonoff photos)





ONCE UPON A TIME



Scouts honor — Members of Hinsdale's Boy and Girl Scout troops gathered on the steps of the Memorial Building for this group portrait in 1942 or 1943. 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. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)

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Casten offers update on work at Capitol

Freshman congressman stops by The Hinsdalean to discuss first few months as legislator

By Pamela Lannom

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Sean Casten and his wife, Kara, have spent the past couple of weeks helping their daughters - Gwen, a high school sophomore, and Audrey, a sixth-grader acclimate to the new school year. Gwen has a full calendar as a member of the Downers Grove North High School marching band and JV tennis team.

"I'm not sure which of us has the busier schedule — Gwen or me," Casten quipped.

That's saying something, as Casten was pretty busy himself, traveling the 6th District before he returned to Washington for the final four months of his first year as a U.S. congressman.

Although Casten grew up in New York and attended college in Vermont and New Hampshire, his family is wellknown in Hinsdale, about half of which is in the 6th District. Casten and his parents, Tom and Judy, all moved to Illinois in 2007, with his parents settling in Hinsdale and he and his family in Downers Grove. At that time, he and his father started a company that became Recycled Energy Development, which they sold in 2016.

"It's really just by weird coincidences of luck that we all ended up living here," he

He spent part of his time in the district last month visiting local papers, including The Hinsdalean.

He said he's focused his efforts on the promises he made to voters during the 2018 election and pointed to his work on climate change.

"It was pretty flattering to get in and almost immediately get a call from Nancy Pelosi saying, 'We really want you to serve on the Select Committee on Climate Crisis,' " he said.

He's also the co-chair of the climate committee for the New Dems Caucus, a group of 102 pro-market, pro-business Democrats.

"Essentially almost any bill on climate and energy policy that's going to come to the floor, I have some vantage point to sit on and opine on and weigh in," he said. "We've brought a number of good ones forward and have a lot of work left to do.'

He believes his constituents are knowledgeable about the benefits of renewable energy and conservation, but many don't understand his call for swift action in the legislature.

"So many things that are happening with the climate are happening on a totally nonlinear basis," he said. "When people don't understand the urgency of the crisis, it makes it hard to get the political will to move as quickly as we need to if we're going to avert catastrophe."

He also has been working to address another issue important to Hinsdaleans, the \$10,000 cap on deductions for state and local taxes paid, or S.A.L.T. cap. The average family here pays \$45,000 in those taxes, Casten said, and now is being double-taxed by the federal government on \$35,000 a year of income.

He and U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-14, West Chicago) have proposed a bill to increase the cap to \$15,000 married couples.

"I would be happy to see the entire S.A.L.T. cap repealed, but we have to have a way to pay for it," he said.

Casten also promised voters to hold at least four town hall meetings a year. So far his office has held 12, gathering crowds ranging from 75 to 300. He appreciates hearing from constituents but would prefer the dialogue to focus less on partisan politics.

"If I could have one wish to change the way we talk about politics in this country, it's that we would talk about policies rather than breaking everything down into a Republican or a Democratic idea," he said.

He disavowed the notion that a particular party has a monopoly on a particular platform. When he voted for George H.W. Bush and Bob Dole in past presidential races, the Republican party believed in working for cleaner air and a more welcoming attitude toward immigrants.

Now the GOP is led by a president who attacks the World Trade Organization and NATO and boasts about sexual assault, he said.

"None of those are consistent with the views of the Republican party that I grew up with," he said.

The whole notion of defining everything by two parties is counterproductive, he

"To the extent we can say instead, 'What are you doing to ensure good policies become law?', that's a useful conversation," he said.

One of the challenges of his job is serving at a time when the public believes "governfor individuals and \$30,000 for ment is the problem" and



Sean Casten, who is serving his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives, said he's worked hard in the past year to stay in touch with his 6th District constituents, but he doesn't think he deserves praise for doing so. "I think that's the bare minimum of the job - being out there, being accountable, chatting with people on what's going on," he said. (Jim Slonoff photo)

has no interest in adequately funding the staff members who do much of the work in Congress.

He compared his \$1.3 million annual staff budget to the \$13 million he and opponent Peter Roskam spent during the 2018 campaign.

"We spent 10 times as much to elect our representatives as we do to make sure they have the resources to do their job," he said. "That's a huge problem. We need to find a way to talk about that that doesn't become an attack ad."

He also believes voters should stop applauding politicians for doing things that are "laughably trivial," like working across the aisle or basing their decisions on fact rather than public opinion. That sends the message that doing the bare minimum is acceptable.

"If we held our elected leaders to the same standards we hold everybody else in society. we'd be vastly better off," he

Tollway work to rebuild BNSF bridge underway

By Ken Knutson

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Advance work began last week on work to rebuild the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Bridge over Interstate 294 as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway widening project.

The Illinois Tollway is reconstructing the bridge, which carries the triple-track railroad over I-294 between Hinsdale and Western Springs, to

accommodate the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway. The new bridge will be a longer, wider, two-span steel beam structure that will accommodate four tracks, with the fourth track to be used for BNSF maintenance purposes.

According to the Tollway, a bypass bridge, or shoo-fly, will be constructed during 2019 and 2020 to allow railway operations to continue during bridge reconstruction. The bypass will be adjacent to Veeck and Peirce Parks in Hinsdale, as well as Spring Rock Park in Western Springs. As a result, a portion of each of the parks will be closed throughout the project to provide for a safe work zone while allowing park activities to continue throughout construction.

Once the bypass is complete, the existing bridge will be removed and rebuilt in 2021 and 2022.

"Reconstruction of the BNSF Railway

Bridge will allow for improvements on I-294, one of the busiest sections of the Tollway, and is a critical piece of the Tollway's \$4 billion Central Tri-State Project," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez in a press release.

The Tollway is expanding I-294 along a 23-mile stretch from 95th Street to Balmoral Avenue, includ-

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NEXT WEEK

Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 District office 115 W. 55th St., Clarendon Hills

On the draft agenda: LEAP teacher presentation (6 p.m.), public hearing and approval of 2019-20 budget, sixth-day enrollment report, HMS update, summer facilities update, MAP similar schools report

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12 Hinsdale Central High School 55th and Grant streets

On the draft agenda: cost analysis for new pools, master agreement with Pepper Construction, social media policy first read, FY2020 budget, Sterigenics update

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St.

Hinsdale Village Board

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: hire lawyer to negotiate IGA with tollway to lease and redevelop the Tollway Oasis, cannabis opt out

Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: public hearings on 11 W. Sixth St. and 400 S. Pamela Circle

Sen. Glowiak sponsors recycling event in CH

State Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton (D-24, Western Springs) is partnering with SCARCE, the village of Clarendon Hills and other organizations to sponsor a recycling event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 14, at Prospect School, 100 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills.

"Many of our unwanted and lightly used items can find a second life at SCARCE," Glowiak Hilton said. "Responsible recycling of barometers, water filters, batteries and paint can help keep these chemicals and plastics out of the natural environment. Together we can make DuPage a little bit greener."

Residents can recycle barometers, bicycles and bike

helmets, books, Brita and Pur water filters, CDs and DVDs (not cases), eye glasses, hearing aids, keys, mercury thermometers and thermostats, musical instruments, propane tanks, records and the SLA batteries found in cars, boats or sump pumps. Latex paint can also be recycled for \$2 per quart, \$4 per gallon and \$10 per 5-gallon bucket.

Shredding services will also be available, with a limit of three boxes per person. Please ensure documents are free of plastic, rubber bands, paper clips or any other non-paper materials.

To learn more, visit https://www.senatorsuzyglowiak.com

Correction

Michelle Linn's surname was misspelled in the Page 5 article on the parent volunteer design team from Hinsdale Middle School that ran Sept. 5.



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Judge paves way for Sterigenics to reopen

Durkin files bill to give home rule muncipalities power to ban ethylene oxide emissions

By Jerry Nowicki

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SPRINGFIELD — A DuPage County judge approved a consent order Friday that will allow Sterigenics, a medical supply sterilization company linked to increased cancer rates in the Willowbrook area, to reopen if it meets stringent new requirements.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin issued a statement saying their consent order with Sterigenics gives their offices "the tools to act quickly to protect the community and hold Sterigenics accountable for any future violations of Illinois' new ethylene oxide restrictions or other state environmental laws."

One state lawmaker, however, has filed a bill that would give certain local municipalities the authority to ban emitters of ethylene oxide, a known cancer-causing gas, from operating in their communities.

"Sterigenics continues to prove they cannot be trusted and have no place in our region," Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin said in a statement.

Durkin filed House Bill 3885 Friday to allow home rule municipalities — including Willowbrook — to "impose additional operating restrictions" or prohibitions above and beyond state law on companies that emit ethylene oxida

Home rule is a status state law confers to any municipality with more than 25,000 residents or other towns where voters have adopted it by referendum. Those municipalities have greater authority to control their own local affairs. According to the Illinois Municipal League, 217 of Illinois' 1,298 incorporated municipalities have home rule powers.

"If the Illinois (Environmental Protection Agency) continues moving forward in issuing permits, then we must do everything we can to empower our local municipalities in their fight to keep Sterigenics closed for good," Durkin said.

Sterigenics has been closed since February, when Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered the IEPA to issue a seal order on the company's use of ethylene oxide.

The consent order paves the way for Sterigenics to continue its use of the chemical if it installs new systems to capture and control emissions and submits plans for testing the new systems to be reviewed and approved by the IEPA.

The company also must prove it meets the stringent requirements set forth in the consent decree and Senate Bill 1852, a measure sponsored by Durkin and signed by Pritzker earlier this year. That law prevents sterilization facilities from operating in Illinois unless they capture 100 percent of all ethylene oxide emissions within the facility and reduce ambient ethylene oxide emissions to .2 parts per million.

"To be clear, nothing within the consent order guarantees that the Willowbrook facility will reopen in the immediate future — or that it will reopen at all," Raoul and Berlin said in their release. "Under the consent order, Sterigenics' Willowbrook facility is strictly prohibited from resuming sterilization operations until it constructs new emissions control systems that have been reviewed and approved by the Illinois EPA. The attorney general's office, the state's attorney's office and the court will be closely monitoring each step Sterigenics takes to potentially

Raoul and Berlin also said the new

requirements allow the company to emit just 85 pounds of ethylene oxide per year, a sharp decrease from previous permits issued by the IEPA that allowed the company's high level of emissions. From 2006-18, Sterigenics was permitted to emit 2,840 pounds to 7,340 pounds per year, depending on the year, the news release said.

While Raoul's office noted the process for Sterigenics to reopen could take several months, representatives of Sterigenics said in a release the company "has always operated safely" and "will continue to work to complete the permitting process."

"During today's proceedings, the court noted that the state has acknowledged that there is no uncertainty that Sterigenics has operated in compliance with federal standards regarding its ethylene oxide emissions," the statement read. "Further, the state indicated in its briefing that compliance with the consent order and the new Illinois law regarding EO sterilization 'will ensure that (EO) emissions from the (Willowbrook) site are negligible and not a public health hazard.'"

Sterigenics also called attention to the fact that the legal agreement resolves all litigation between the company and the state "with no finding of liability or fault against either side and with no imposition of penaltics"

Durkin, however, was joined by Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R-47, Elmhurst), co-sponsor of HB 3885, and state Sen. John Curran (R-41, Downers Grove) in calling for a special session to prevent Sterigenics' reopening.

Pritzker's office said in July he was "willing to sign any measure, up to and including a ban, on the use of ethylene oxide in the state of Illinois" and willing to call a special session "to allow for an immediate vote on a bill

that is constitutional and will fix the perceived shortcomings of the legislation (Durkin) previously sponsored."

On Friday, Emily Bittner, Pritzker's deputy chief of staff for communications, said the governor "is pleased" Durkin is "proposing a solution to strengthen" the original legislation, and said it could become a topic for discussion during the fall veto session in October and November.

"(Pritzker) looks forward to immediately reviewing the measure, and he will support it unless there are constitutional concerns," Bittner said in a statement. "To move quickly, he urges Leader Durkin to begin the legislative process on this new bill, including building consensus for this approach, holding hearings and scheduling votes for the relevant committees."

In August, an IEPA spokesperson said 26 facilities in Illinois are permitted to use or emit ethylene oxide.

Four lawsuits were recently filed in Cook County against two other ethylene oxide permit holders, chemical producer Vantage Specialty Chemicals in Gurnee and industrial medical sterilizer Medline Industries in Waukegan. Both municipalities have home rule powers, according to the Illinois Municipal League.

The four lawsuits, filed by individuals who were stricken with cancer while living near the facilities, allege that for many years, Vantage and Medline have "knowingly emitted dangerously high levels of ethylene oxide" into surrounding communities, and those living in the area "face some of the highest long-term cancer risks in the United States."

A spokesperson for Edelson PC and Tomasik Kotin Kasserman, the Chicago law firms representing the four plaintiffs in the lawsuits, said they anticipate "many more to come."



POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Sept. 10.

DUI arrests

• Justin S. Campagnolo, 24, 51 W. Monroe St., Villa Park, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08 at 8:11 p.m. Sept. 1 at KLM Park, 5901 S. County Line Road.

Police responded to a report of a car that had crashed into a light pole. Campagnolo was charged and released to appear in court.

- Ricardo R. Galarza, 49, 5505 W. 18th St., Cicero, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, stopping/standing/parking where prohibited, disobeying a stop sign, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and making an improper turn at 12:56 a.m. Sept. 8 at 55th Street and Route 83. He was charged and released to appear in court.
- Arthur M. Hernandez, 34, 1541 Bristol Ave., Westchester, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and resisting a peace officer at 10:03 p.m. Sept. 8 at Chicago Avenue and Washington Street. Police were dispatched to a report of an impaired driver. Hernandez was charged and released to appear in court.

Copper gutters taken

Two suspects were observed on video surveillance loading copper gutters, valued at \$2,300, into a silver pick-up truck between 4:30 and 4:44 a.m. Sept. 4 at RML Specialty Hospital, 5601 S. County Line Road. The gutters had been piled up on the ground, out of view of the street, before they were stolen.

Forgery reported

Two suspects paid their bill with 13 counterfeit \$20 bills at 8:15 p.m. Aug. 30 at Il Poggiolo, 8 E. First St. The incident was reported Sept. 3.

Work underway on BNSF bridge

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ing adding two lanes in each direction to the portion of the expressway adjacent to Hinsdale.

Residents who live near the project can expect to see installation of a temporary, eight-foot chain-link construction fencing with dark mesh for safety and to limit visibility of the I-294 from homes.

"The Illinois Tollway promotes safety of both workers and the public as we plan and implement roadway improvements. We will make every effort to minimize the impact of construction on our customers and ask drivers to please be patient and obey the work zone speed limits," Alvarez said.

The Tollway has acquired eight of the 10 Hinsdale homes that it identified for acquisition as part of the widening project, according to Hinsdale officials. The properties acquired are 417, 423, 427 and 439 Mills Street; and 621, 645, 655 and 703 Harding Road. Demolition permits have been issued.

Kathleen Gargano, Hinsdale's village manager, said village officials are keeping tabs on project activity. An intergovernmental agreement between the village and Tollway was finalized in the

"The village is monitoring the Tollway activities to ensure compliance with the intergovernmental agreement and regularly meets with the Tollway for updates and to address concerns raised to village staff by stakeholders," she stated.

Gargano directed residents to visit the village website, https:www.villageofhins-dale.org, and to click on the "Update on the Tri-State" tab for the latest information.





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Hinsdale woman never tires of giving back

Hinsdale's' Maureen Hegarty just returned from the National Assistance League Conference in Las Vegas. As a longtime member of the village's Assistance League Chicagoland West chapter, she enjoyed the fellowship with other volunteers from the organization's 110 chapters nationwide.

"It's really nice to network and share ideas with the different chapters and see how they do things," Hegarty said.

One idea that seems unique to ALCW is the New Start program providing kitchen essentials to those transitioning from homelessness to independent living.

"We haven't found any other chapter that does that," she said, with a modicum of pride.

Hegarty has served with ALCW since 2006. Previous volunteer endeavors included leading the Monroe School PTO — and the effort to pass a referendum to build Clarendon Hills Middle School — and as executive vice president for the Hinsdale Theater Foundation.

"Through the theater group and the referendum effort, I got to know a lot of the members of Assistance League," Hegarty said. "It was an enticing group that was focused on hands-on community service."

At that time New Start had just been launched.

"That really captured me. I just thought that was such a cool idea," she said of the initiative.

Over the years she's headed up nearly all of ALCW's committees. Most recently she's been co-chair of the annual Books & Brunch fundraiser held in November and helps to plan other outreach events, like last month's Sip & Shop event at J. McLaughlin.

"We feel it's nice if we can partner with the community that supports us. We want to support them," Hegarty commented.

Hegarty previously worked as a nurse supervisor and relishes caring for people in a different way through ALCW. The notion of living in poverty can feel like a distant concern to many in Hinsdale, she said, but the need is closer than many think.

"DuPage County has such a need. People are moving here

from Chicago looking for a better life," she said. "But now they need a car, they need a job and all of sudden they're homeless. I think people are shocked to hear that our community is in need. We've got people from Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South (high schools) that are homeless."

She said the recent referendum for a new Hinsdale Middle School brought back memories of the last ballot measure — but stirred no yearning to take an active role.

"Big-time memories," Hegarty remarked.

She also was a big-time proponent of it, even though she and her husband are now empty-nesters.

"It's just as important when your kids leave the school that you support our kids and education, very important," Hegarty said.

Supporting ALCW will continue to be an important facet of her life, as well

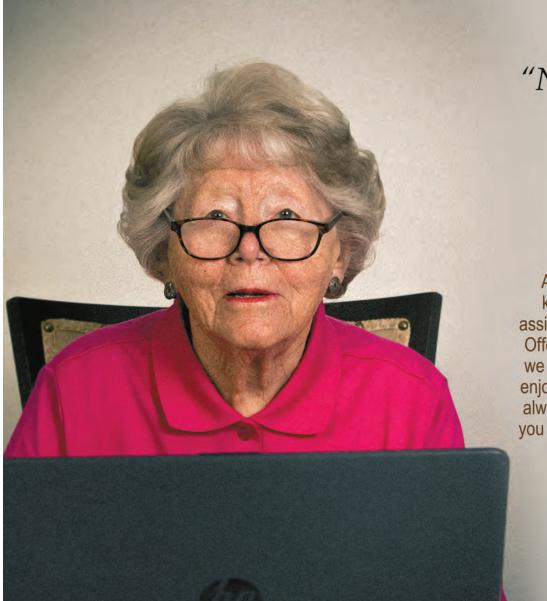
"I think as long as I can contribute, I can see myself being involved for a long time still," she said.

— story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Wanted: EDC members so body survives, thrives

Trustees are throwing the Hinsdale Economic Development Commission a lifeline.

The village board Tuesday is expected to approve changes designed to boost the commission's membership, making it easier to find members and setting a more convenient time for them to meet. Eight meetings already have been canceled this year due to lack of a quorum - and it's only September. Multiple meetings have been canceled each year since 2015 for the same reason.

When trustees discussed the proposed changes last week, they questioned whether there is a need for one village to have both an EDC and a chamber of commerce.

We believe there is.

The two groups certainly have worked closely together over the past several years and have related missions, but each has developed its own

The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce plans and organizes a jam-packed list of promotional events and civic activities throughout the year: the Fine Arts Festival, Uniquely Thursdays, the farmers market, the sidewalk sale, the merchants garage sale and the Christmas Walk. The chamber also works other agencies in town to host the Hinsdale Fall Festival and is partnering with the village to offer a Hinsdale Wine Walk next month.

In addition, the chamber holds quarterly meetings for members, mails welcome packets to new residents and publishes a community directory.

In contrast, the EDC's focus has been more on initiatives than events.

The group was created to help expand the tax base, maintain the charm and unique character of the village, encourage a healthy business mix, enhance the quality of life and conduct longterm strategic planning, according to the village's website.

While those assignments can be fulfilled in part through cooperative efforts with the chamber, we believe a stand-alone EDC still has merit.

Just consider what the EDC has accomplished working with the village's economic development staff member: new signs for the central business district highlighting its status on the National Register of Historic Places, a attractive stone wall in Burlington Park, and, in its longest running and most visible effort, the Distinctly Hinsdale campaign. That initiative was launched in 2007 to encourage local residents to support local businesses and to appeal to propective proprietors outside Hinsdale through advertising, a website and other promotional endeavors.

Distinctly Hinsdale for the Holidays took place in December of that first year, and has continued ever since (now known as Historic Holidays in Hinsdale). Holiday festivities in Burlington Park provide an excellent incentive for residents to visit the downtown and shop local on two consecutive Saturdays each December.

Expecting one agency to plan and execute everything the chamber and the EDC do seems ambitious at best. EDC members also weigh in on how the village should spend \$90,000 a year in marketing funds and \$60,000 in capital expenses. It is only prudent to have local residents - who help supply those tax dollars serve on a commission that meets in public to help decide how those dollars are spent.

Looking ahead, the near-term addition of a downtown parking deck and eventual loss of the Hinsdale Oasis overpass to 1-294 widening present profound opportunities and challenges to the economic landscape, warranting more thoughtful minds, not fewer.

We support the changes village staff have recommended to create a more vibrant EDC. We hope residents and members of the business community will recognize this opportunity to serve — and to keep an important advisory body in the village alive.

COMMENTARY

Unexpected visitor was an unexpected delight

We had a special guest take up residence outside our back door for several weeks this summer.

We didn't notice her at first. We simply woke one July morning to find a large, intricate spider web extending from the side of the house to a post outside our back

My husband grabbed a broom and cleared the web away so we wouldn't accidentally lean into it while tossing recyclables in our

The next day, when the web reappeared, we knocked it down again. On day three, the web returned. We admired the spider's persistence and decided to give her a break.

What a wonderful decision.

We spent the next several weeks admiring the creature's handiwork. Occasionally we'd catch a glimpse of the spider, too.

Sometimes, returning home from summer camp or getting ice cream, we'd spot her in the middle of the web. In the beginning, she typically would flee when we

approached, moving quickly and gracefully up the web. As she got used to our comings and goings, she was more likely to freeze, right where she was, as we passed quickly by and into the house. Other times, she was no where to be seen — until we found her hiding, tucked **Pamela Lannom** into the corner of the door frame.

Before long, we looked forward to seeing our spider friend — or at least her handiwork — when we left the house in the morning and returned home at night.

Although we never named our spider Charlotte, she certainly reminded us of the famous fictional arachnid who saved the life of a young pig by spinning words like "Some Pig" into her web.

I'm sure I read E.B. White's novel when I was a kid, but my most recent memories of the story are from the 2006 film starring Julia Roberts as Charlotte and



Dakota Fanning as Fern. I worried our spider's ultimate fate would upset Ainsley, who was very dismayed when Charlotte died in the film. (I also worried she would feel sympathy for the flies she saw caught in the web, but I was wrong!) But she didn't

seem too concerned. So, we watched for egg sacs and waited for the

day we would see the spiderlings carried away on the breeze by their long silks. At one point our spider got very fat, and we were certain an egg sac would appear at any moment.

But none did, and when we saw the spider next, she had returned to her normal size. We surmised she had simply overindulged in

We didn't document the spider's weaving or monitor her success in capturing a meal. We didn't go online to look up what kind of spider she was or learn

interesting facts about her. Our observations were of the casual. relaxed sort — better suited for spotting shapes in the clouds than preparing a report for science

Then all of the sudden, one day she was gone. She left no evidence of her visit, no words of farewell.

Charlotte's final message about Wilbur at the county fair earns the young pig a special award and saves his life. In the film version, farmer Homer Zuckerman makes a little speech after, noting everything has happened "at a time when we really don't see many miraculous things."
"Maybe we do," he adds

thoughtfully. "Maybe they're all right there around us every day. We just don't know where to look.'

Our friend reminded us to pay attention to Mother Nature's miracles. She was some spider.

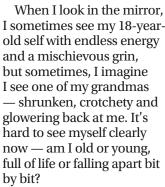
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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Old or young or in between?

My teenage son, who runs cross country, shrugs and cringes slightly when I invite him to run with me these days. Once a junior Olympian and collegiate runner myself, I'm no slouch, but there's no denying that my speed and my coolness have faded with time.



It's easy to bemoan what once was, wondering if now is when I ought to resign myself to extra pounds and lackluster hair. But who wants to see crotchety Granny in the mirror? Not me. The good news is that my other grandmother, Granny Rea, inspired me daily with her joie de vivre. Here's what I loved about how she lived life:

Granny Rea didn't sit still. She liked to "get up and go" and would ease herself into the bucket seat of Cousin Glo's Trans Am for a quick dinner at Jack in the Box or bingo at church. She loved to visit with people and see the world

Granny Rea would say, "Well, hello to you!" with a smile and a sweet southern accent when she greeted me at her door. She'd bake a cake frosted with fudge in



Carol Wittemann

honor of my visit, and then we'd eat it together, savoring each fudge-y bite, while we talked and laughed and enjoyed each other's company.

Few activities were off limits due to age according to Granny. When she'd come for a visit, she packed

an ugly rubber spider that she'd hide in the sheets of one of our beds for a laugh. She'd play badminton with my brothers and me in our backyard, lunging for the birdie and serving it up with confidence and style. We loved that she got in the game.

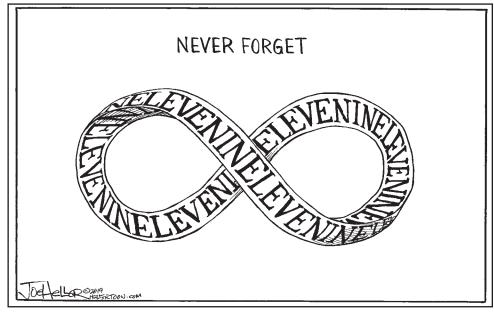
Granny had bronchitis often and when we'd play cards and make her laugh, she'd start a coughing fit. She'd smile while coughing, tears streaming as if we'd just told the best joke ever, and then, when the spell subsided, she'd carry on with her turn, as if her bronchitis was all just a part of the fun.

When I think of her, I know aging doesn't have to be my albatross. My son and I still set out together on a run occasionally, though we rarely stay together. I hold out hope that I might catch him sometime, so I push forward, defying gravity with each step.

I am a little bit old, and a little more young, but mostly I'm laughing and loving, exploring and relishing the road ahead.

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

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OBITUARIES

Anthony A. Bartkus

Anthony A. Bartkus, 80, of Hinsdale died peacefully at Amita Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale Sept. 10, 2019.

Tony was born in 1939 in Taurage, Lithuania. As a very young and mischievous child, he traveled with his parents and brother Al through war-torn Europe to seek safety in the American Zone in Germany. After several years there, his family arrived in Chicago, joining many relatives and friends.

He graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep and received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He was the manager of the engineering department of Material Service/General Dynamics Co.

He was also very active in Chicago's Lithuanian community for many years as captain of the Neris basketball team, president of the Nativity BVM Lithuanian School, president the of Lithuanian Ski Club, an active member of the tennis club, and a supporter of Nerija, the Lithuanian Sea Scouts. Tony was also a talented carpenter who

enthusiastically enjoyed life and always could be counted on to get things done.

His laughter, pranks and common sense will be missed.

He is survived by his wife, Dalia; his daughters, Lisa (Peter) Harwood and Lara (Robert) Barber; his granddaughters, Tessa, Vija, Gately, Lilia and Amelia; his brother, Al (Selma) Bartkus; his sisters-in-law, Rasa (Timothy) Dilger and Vida (Charles) Bartkus-Murray; his godsons, Alexas Bartkus and Peter Dilger; his nieces, Andrea Hayes, Alida (Nick) Coury and Karolin (Chris) Buhrmester; his nephews, Andrew (Lauren) Bartkus and Andy (Carrie) Dilger; and many other family members and friends.

A celebration of life will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Nerija, (checks payable to LSA-Nerija), Attn. Julie Stankaitis, 6910 Waterfall Place, Downers Grove, IL 60516; or Lithuanian World Center, 14911 127th St., Lemont, IL 60439.

George Hogrewe

George Hogrewe, 95, a longtime Hinsdale resident, died Sept. 1, 2019, in Naperville.

George was born in 1923 at his family's home on Clay Street in Hinsdale. He was a radioman in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving in the Pacific campaign. He reminisced about being in Tokyo Bay at the time of the Japanese surrender and about sailing in the rough waters of the Bering Sea on the light cruiser the USS Detroit.

After the war, he worked for Automatic Electric/ GTE in Northlake for almost 40 years. In retirement, he returned to his elementary school, Madison School, to work as a janitor and also volunteered there as a senior reader.

George was actively involved in Naperville VFW Post 3873, Hinsdale American Legion Post 250 and was a past commander of the Hinsdale VFW Post 4946 from 1999 to 2002. He is known for reciting the poem "In Flanders Fields" at the Hinsdale Memorial Day ceremony. He spoke to numerous



Hogrewe

school classes in Hinsdale and Naperville about World War II.

He was also well known for his holiday-themed pins, which he created and stitched and gave away to people just to see them smile. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, gardening and watching the birds that visited his bird feeders.

Pewe He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, nee Kavana; and his siblings, Carl (LaVera "Maudie") Hogrewe, William "Bill" (Rosemary "Dolly") Hogrewe, Alice (George) Goodlow and Elizabeth "Liz" (George) Klinke.

He is survived by his daughter, Laurie; his nieces and nephews, who called him "Uncle Pooty"; and many friends.

Interment is at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13.

Memorials may be made to the VFW National Home, Honor Flight Chicago, JourneyCare Hospice, Hinsdale American Legion Post 250 or a charity of choice.

Gerda Hoover

Gerda W. Hoover, 92, of Lombard, died Aug. 8, 2019, at her home.

Gerda was born in 1927 to Erich and Maria Wolff, landowners in East Prussia, Provice of Germany. An only child, Gerda grew up at a peaceful time in a beautiful farming area she described as a land of dark forests and crystal-like lakes, home to elk and the famous Trakehner pure breed horses.

At the end of World War II in the winter of 1945, she and her mother fled from advancing Russian troops. Her father had been called to dig ditches to stop the Soviet tanks. Despite a perilous and difficult journey, they managed to get to Hamburg where they had relatives and were reunited.

Gerda entered the University of Hamburg and graduated with a teaching degree. Before starting her career in Germany, she was part of a group chosen by the U.S. Department of Education to spend a year in America studying the education system.

In the U.S. she reconnected with Keith Hoover, an American student she had met when he was studying at the University of Hamburg. They mar-



Hoover

ried in 1952 and settled in the Chicago area.

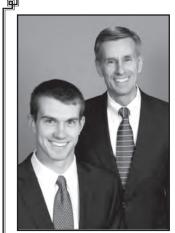
Gerda obtained her certification for teaching in the U.S. and later earned a master's in German literature from Northwestern University. She taught German at Hinsdale Central High School for 22 years and later at Elmhurst College. Gerda enjoyed having her students suc-

ceed — nine of her third- and fourth-level students earned all-expense-paid study trips to Germany from the American Association of Teachers of German.

In retirement she participated in community and church activities, but mostly devoted her time to writing, encouraged by her husband. After his death in 2003, she published four books of poems and stories. She continued writing until her death. She also enjoyed painting and gardening.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at York Center Church of the Brethen, 1S071 Luther Ave., Lombard.

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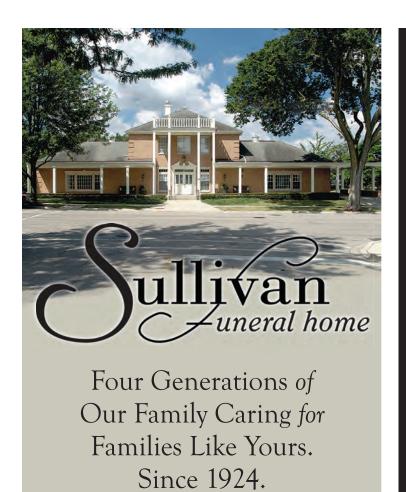
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The foundation has 55 locations in 19 states and serves more than 13,000 children per month who are going through cancer, providing each with a small toy to distract them from their pain.

For 14 years the Kelly kids have been hosting the event, which was started by Croston when he was 8. He then passed the baton to Mattigan, who later handed it off to Kiernan.

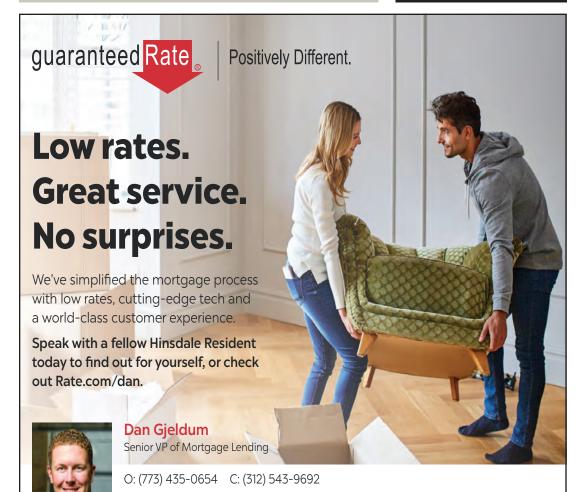
This was the final year of the fundraiser, which has raised more than \$80,000 for charity.

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Bella Cosa Jewelers, owned by Joe and Amy Molfese of Hinsdale, was accepted for retail firm membership in the American Gem Society.

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The American Gem Society has been dedicated to proven ethics, knowledge and consumer protection since 1934. Only one in 20 retail jewelers has chosen to meet the exacting standards required for membership. In addition to satisfying the American Gem Society's criteria, including recertification on a yearly basis, members have shown a proven commitment to their community and the highest standards of ethical practice.





ASK AN EXPERT

MIKE STONE, ORDAINED MINISTER

What is the goal or your new evening prayer group?

Mike Stone of Hinsdale is a chaplain and an ordained minister. But he doesn't believe that worship has to take place inside a church. As far as he's concerned, worship can take place any time and anywhere, including after hours in a bakery.

Throughout his adult life, Stone has gained support, inspiration and a deeper understanding of his faith through his involvement in men's prayer groups and Bible studies. When he recently decided to launch a new opportunity for men to gather in prayer and fellowship, his friend Paul Jepsen suggested his wife's bakery as a gathering space.

So at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, the New Covenant Men's Fellowship will begin its initial 12-week run at Kirsten's Danish Bakery in Burr Ridge (see Page 18 for details).

Stone said there are a couple of reasons behind his decision to form an evening prayer group. First, the semi-retired business owner really doesn't like getting up early in the

morning. Second, he hopes the evening meeting time will open up the opportunity to men of all ages, including those who are busy with jobs and families.

"We really want it to be for all ages," Stone said.

The nondenominational Christian group is open to all men. Like the Gospel they will study, Stone said, this group is for everyone.

Attendees will follow an established study guide as they read, exploring and examining the New Covenant of the Bible — the new relationship between and man and his Creator that resulted from Jesus' time on earth.

"It's a new agreement between God and man," Stone said.

Stone will use the study guide to lead discussions, but everyone will be encouraged to participate. No one will be required to talk or to answer questions they don't want to answer.

Of course, Stone has been a man even longer than he's been a minister. He knows firsthand that many men struggle to connect on a personal level with other men. Groups like this, he said, foster friendships and provide an opportunity for men to explore themselves while also learning about God.

Stone said some of his closest friendships are the result of groups like the New Covenant Men's Fellowship. By starting this new group, he hopes to provide that same opportunity for others.

"I know men are looking for that," he said.

Stone plans for the group to meet for 12 weeks, with hopes of continuing long after that initial three months is over.

"We will re-evaluate from there," Stone said.

Participants can RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-cov-enant-mens-fellowship-tick-ets-70448725033 or just drop in.

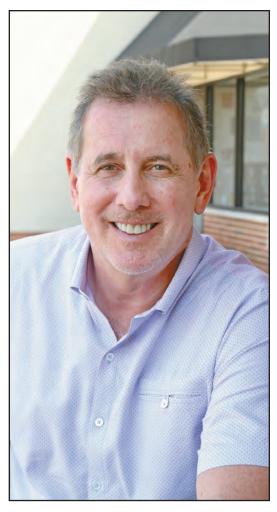
"If you have a Bible bring it. If not, that's OK," Stone said.

Stone has been part of groups like this one for more than 30 years. He said there's no mystery to why he finds so much joy in such groups.

"I found that small Bible study groups encourage transparency and honesty, which often leads to an outflow of love and acceptance," he said. "Since love comes from God, this all still makes total sense to me."

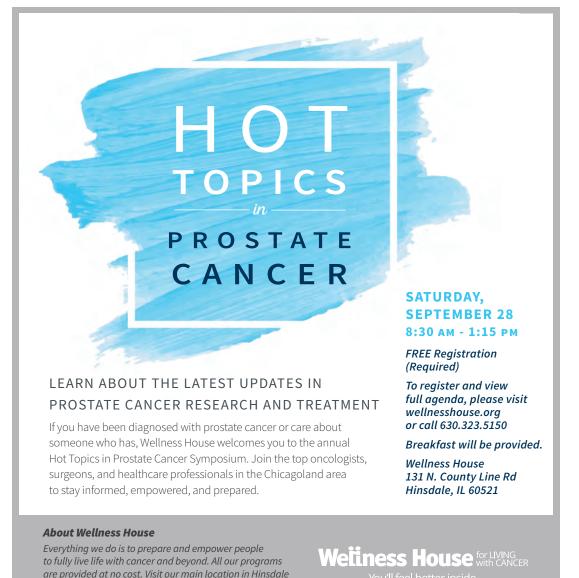
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— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Bakeries aren't just for cakes and cookies anymore. Kirsten's Danish Bakery in Burr Ridge is opening its doors to the New Covenant Men's Fellowship, a new bible study group started by Hinsdale resident Mike Stone. (Jim Slonoff photo)





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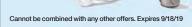
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Dogs of all sizes got a chance to take a dip in the pool Saturday in the park and recreation department's Dog Days of Summer event at the Hinsdale Pool. Luke Antinossi was amazed by the endless leaping of his dog, Cash. Chloe, a mini golden doodle, gives herself a quick shake to dry off. Zoey, a border terrier, took a few turns down the slide and easily was the best swimmer of the bunch. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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A thought for food

Food-insecure neighbors find nourishment at local pantries

By Ken Knutson

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The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that 31 percent of the country's food supply is thrown away. While the majority of that waste is from homes, one-third is from the retail sector.

Sadly, food waste is considered the single largest component of municipal landfills. But even more agonizing is wondering how much of a dent that food, if rescued, could make in helping the millions of Americans who struggle with hunger.

September is Hunger Action Month, and HCS Family Services in Hinsdale is taking action, making sure rescued food is a primary component of the roughly 600,000 pounds of food it distributes annually through its food pantries in Hinsdale's Memorial Hall and at Anne M. Jeans Elementary School in Willowbrook.

"Close to 70 percent of that food is rescued food," said Stan Cook, executive director of the Hinsdalebased agency. "We provide a real role in helping to rescue food that would otherwise be

Ways to help

Residents are invited to help fight hunger through several upcoming events.

This Saturday, Sept. 14, HCS Family Services' Junior Board has partnered with Kramer Foods, 16 Grant Square, to hold a food drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the store to stock the food pantry shelves.

Then on Thursday, Sept. 19, people are invited to stop by J. McLaughlin, 53 S. Washington St., Hinsdale, from 4 to 7 p.m. for "signature sips, light bites and fall shopping," with 15 percent of sales benefiting HCS.

And Cook is asking citizens to save the date of Sunday, Nov. 3, for the annual Blues, Brews & BBQ fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale.







The HCS Family

Services food pantry in Hinsdale is a busy place, welcoming dozens of guests four days a week and staff and volunteers restocking the shelves mostly with rescued retail products during down times. "Everybody recognizes that (hunger) is a problem, but they may not know what to do about it. That's why we feel like we're playing an important role in the community," said Stan Cook, the agency's executive director. "It's a great way for Hinsdale to be able to help its neighboring communities." (Jim Slonoff photos)

thrown into dumpsters."

DuPage County has the second highest hungry population in the state of Illinois, and HCS Family Services has developed a broad network of food rescue partnerships with different retailers, particularly large chain stores like Jewel, Mariano's, Target, Wal-Mart and Whole Foods Market. In collaboration with Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva, HCS was recently able to add the retailers Aldi, Costco and Brookhaven to that group.

Village residents are likely familiar with the red HCS delivery truck criss-crossing the community, retrieving the food.

"It drives around five days a week to pick up food, and we've got about nine or 10 volunteers that typically drive that truck," Cook said

Typically the food is something that is nearing expiration, he said, or items the merchant has decided for some reason to discontinue carrying.

"But it's all perfectly good food," he stressed. "So we can bring it in because we're open four times every week."

Scott Brechtel, manager of the

Hinsdale pantry, said the drivers record their activity.

"They leave the store a receipt for how many boxes they've picked up so the store can get credit," Brechtel said. "And then we also key those receipts into Northern Illinois Food Bank so the food bank can report to their corporate."

Nancy LaBreacht, marketing specialist at Whole Foods Market, said her company values responding to the social need.

"Since Whole Foods Market first opened our doors 40 years ago, caring for our environment has been a key part of our core purpose and values," LaBreacht said. "We're proud of our partnership with HCS Family Services. Together, we're bringing perishable and nonperishable food to those in need, and diverting food from the landfill." Businesses also host food drives or fundraisers to benefit the pantries.

"We're happy to have the food rescue, but then retailers find different ways to contribute and support us," Cook said.

Homeowners' gardens and local dairies are also vital sources of a pantry's bounty.

"We're always looking for ways to have more healthy, nutritious

options for our guests. So we have a produce section, we have a dairy section, and we've started offering milk and eggs to every visitor at every visit," Cook said. "A lot of those things have a limited shelf life, but we can bring it here and distribute it."

The 150 families coming through the two pantries represent 400 to 500 people in need of food. And Cook said pantry visits are up about 30 percent over the last six months.

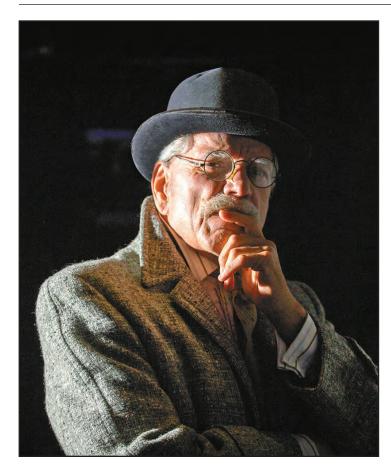
"It's been increasingly difficult for people to sign up for some of those programs. So we provide helpful access to food for people that may not be able to get into a government program," he said.

Even though Anne M. Jeans closed for the summer, the pantry did not, with so many children in that community depending on the breakfast and lunch programs during the school year.

Above all, Cook said, the volunteers want pantry patrons to feel welcome.

"We want to make sure that the guests who come to our pantry are treated with care and compassion," he said. "We can offer food, but we can also offer emotional reassurance to these people."

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Norm Woodel plays Watson in Buffalo Theatre Ensemble's production of "Holmes and Watson," a riveting adventure that takes place three years following the mysterious "death" of the famous detective. See Page 32 for details. (photo by Emergence See Photography provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Portrait Workshop Sept. 15

The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale (630) 323-7500 https://www.thecommunityhouse.org

From alla prima to more indirect ways of glazing and scumbling, learn the oil painting techniques of the old masters, including measuring facial structures, mixing accurate colors and creating value shifts while exploring the portrait. This class is open to beginners and advanced students age 16 and older. Time: 3 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$30. RR, MD

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FAMILY FUN

■ Pawsitive Storytime

Sept. 15 Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue and Resource Center 21 Salt Creek Lane (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Kids up to age 6, with an adult, can enjoy some animal-themed rhymes, stories and songs with a special Therapaws (pet therapy) guest. A waiver and release is required for all participants at time of program. Time: 1 to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per family.

FOR A CAUSE

■ ALCW Prospective Member Coffee

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Chicagoland West
120 E. Ogden Ave. Suite 100,
Hinsdale
https://www.alcw.org

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Assistance League
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its philanthropic programs,
and find out how you can be
part of it. Time: 9 a.m.

■ Uncorked: Pull a Cork for Cancer

Sept. 21 The Drake Hotel Oak Brook 2301 York Road https://e.givesmart.com/ events/don

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Wellness House embodies joy at upcoming ball

It can be defined as an exultation of spirit or quite plainly the joy of everything, but one agency is seeking to turn "joie de vivre" into an everyday philosophy for those living with can-

"We all have a need and right for joy in our lives and cancer can't stop the joy," said Elaine, a grandmother living with cancer who sought out Hinsdale's Wellness House to provide support and resources following her lymphoma cancer diagnosis.

Elaine began attending lymphoma support groups at the longtime cancer resource center, The Kay and Mike Birck Home of Hope. She found that it was helpful to meet others who shared the same diagnosis and to learn from

"I would say go for the positive environment and caring staff at (Wellness House)," Elaine added. "It will put a smile back on your face, at least part of

This year's Wellness House Ball, appropriately titled "Joie de Vivre -Finding Joy While Living With Cancer"

will take place Oct. 5 at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago from 6 p.m. to midnight.

When event chairs began planning October's fete, they knew they wanted to select a theme that reflected the overall sentiment of Wellness House. And much like the City of Lights — where the term "joie de vivre" was born — Wellness House provides a welcoming home filled with love and light to its guests daily.

"Everyone's journey with cancer is different, whether you are battling cancer yourself, you are a survivor, or you are a family member of someone fighting cancer," said Sarah Richardson, who is chairing the event with her husband, Sam, along with Christine and John Trainer and Anna and Nick Fiascone. "The lights are always on at the Wellness House. This is a welcoming, loving, nurturing light of hope for people."

Proceeds from the event will make it



Alexis Braden Society spotlight

possible for Wellness House to continue to provide vital resources for those seeking a joyful life while living with a cancer diagnosis — all free of charge. In addition to support groups, the nonprofit offers exercise and nutrition classes, stress management resources as well as child and family programming for all those affected.

Guests will enjoy dinner, dancing and an event pro-

gram that year after year celebrates life and commemorates those who have passed.

To purchase tickets to the event, which are \$400 per person, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx-?name=wellness&id=51.

Community buzz

The fifth annual Cherish the

Dream Gala benefiting Reclaim 13, a Downers Grove-based nonprofit that aims to help eliminate child exploitation and sex trafficking, will take place Oct. 5 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center.

Funds raised at this event will support Cherish House, the organization's safe haven home for victims of sex trafficking.

Opened in 2016, Cherish House is a specialized care facility for girls between the ages of 10 and 17 and is the only specialized care facility of its type in the state.

Gala guests will enjoy dinner and dancing, silent and live auctions as well as a paddle raise. To purchase tickets, which are \$200 per person, or to make a tax deductible donation, please visit https://e.givesmart.com/ events/cNe/.

— Alexis Braden of Hinsdale is the paper's society columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.

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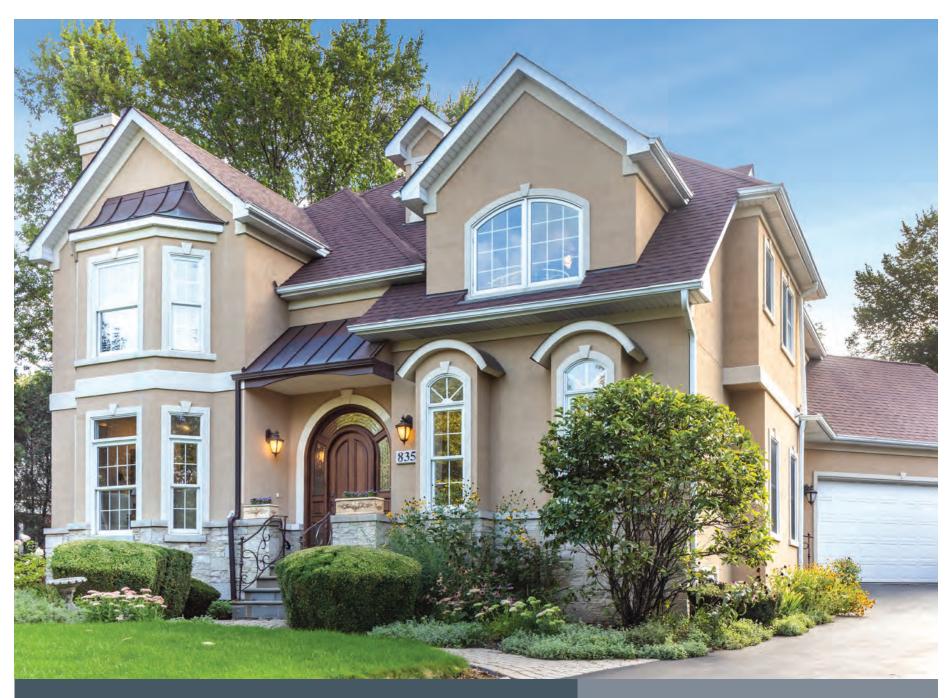












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sive pop-ups and boutiques, along with delicious bites, entertainment, fashion and presentations from Camp One Step and Robert H. Lurie's Comprehensive Cancer Center. Time: 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$150.

■ Oktoberfest: Prost to the Pets Sept. 28

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Resource Center 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale (630) 323-5630 https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

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GRAND GALAS

■ The Community House Patron Party

Sept. 19 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale akrug@thecommunityhouse.

https://www.thecommunityhouse.org

Help celebrate 20 years of Community Revue at this annual event, beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and culminating in a performance. Reservations are requested by Sept. 12. Time: 6:30 p.m. cocktails, 7:30 p.m. performance. Tickets: \$250 per person.

■ Wines in the Wild

Sept. 21 Brookfield Zoo 8400 31st St. (708) 688-8393 https://www.CZS.org/Wines This 18th annual fundraiser for the zoo, themed Staying Alive!, will allow guests to sample more than 100 wines and champagnes from around the world amidst suspended shimmering disco balls and night-club music. Individual bottles and cases will be available for purchase, with 10 percent of all proceeds donated to the zoo. Time: 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$120, \$275 for VIP ticket.

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■ Evergreen

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https://www.mortonarb.org

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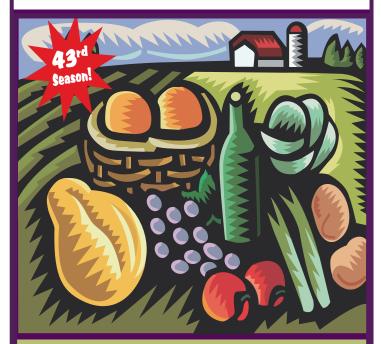
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■ Suburban Garden Club

Sept. 16 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale

Interested gardeners are invited to attend and enjoy speaker Veronica Stellmach's presentation, "My Visit to Claude Monet's Garden," and the tomato tasting event. Stellmach will share her photographs of the beautiful garden that was the focus of the last 14 years of Claude Monet's paintings. The mini flower show will continue, and refreshments will be served. Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Night of Healing

Sept. 19 Adolf Funeral Home 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook (630) 325-2300

The evening offers an educational and interactive experience focused on the ways in which the body stores emotions and trauma. A physical therapist, adjunctive practitioner, psychic/numerologist and licensed clinical social worker will address topics such as visceral manipulation and healing, guided meditation, eternal connections and developing inner resources. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. RR

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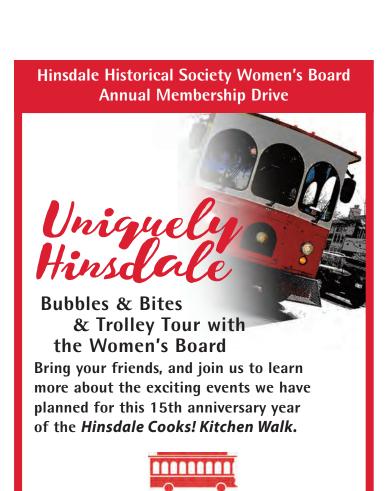
Sept. 19 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale (630) 323-7500 thecommunityhouse.org

This program is presented by Journey Care, a nonprofit agency that provides palliative, supportive and hospice care, as part of its Journey Life Educational Program series. Time: 2 p.m. RR

■ Hot Topics in Prostate Cancer

Sept. 28 Wellness House 131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale (630) 323-5150 https://www.wellnesshouse.

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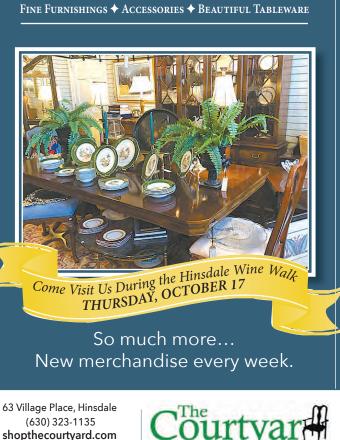
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Sept. 17 Westmont Public Library 428 N. Cass Ave. (630) 852-8633

mazzochi@ilhousegop.org State Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R-47, Elmhurst) will host this seminar to help district residents understand how to make smart, energy-efficient choices and responsibly reduce, reuse and recycle. Time: 10 to 11:30

NOTEWORTHY

■ Petra Van Nuis Concert

Sept. 13 Union Church of Hinsdale 137 S. Garfield Ave. https://www.hinsdale.church

Petra Van Nuis is a Chicagobased jazz vocalist who sings at all the finest jazz venues in town, including the Jazz Showcase, the Green Mill, Andy's Jazz Club, , Fitzgerald's and the Old Town School of Folk Music. The concert features Van Nuis accompanied by her husband, Andy Brown on guitar. The couple has been performing together for 17 years, and their romantic style

has been enjoyed in intimate club settings around the country. Time: 7:30 p.m.

■ Music at Mayslake: Elmhurst **Symphony Orchestra**

Sept. 20

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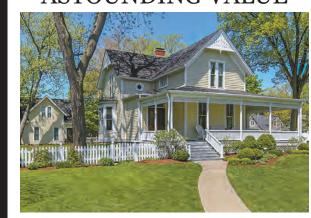
The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will host this evening of musical performances by three past Robert Stanger Young Artist Concerto Audition winners, followed by a festive wine reception. Featured on the program are flutist Mary Stolper and oboist Kathleen Golding, winners in 1971, and violinist Dylana Leung, the 1998 winner. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$40, \$25 for students age 18 and under.

ON STAGE

■ 'How I Learned to Drive' Sept. 26-Oct. 6 Theatre of Western Springs

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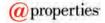


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This first Forum play of the season won playwright Paula Vogel the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1998. The story follows the strained, sexual relationship between Li'l Bit and her aunt's husband, Uncle Peck, from age 11 through

her teenage years, to college, and beyond. It addresses the mature themes of pedophilia, victim blaming and misogyny as well as the complications of love and family. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays & Saturday, Oct. 5; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. Tickets: \$22-\$24.

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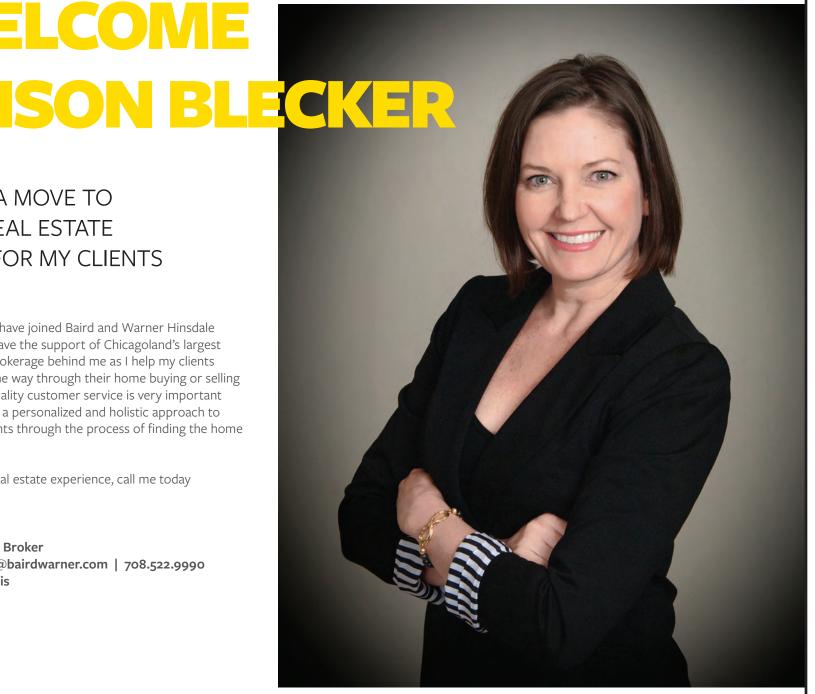
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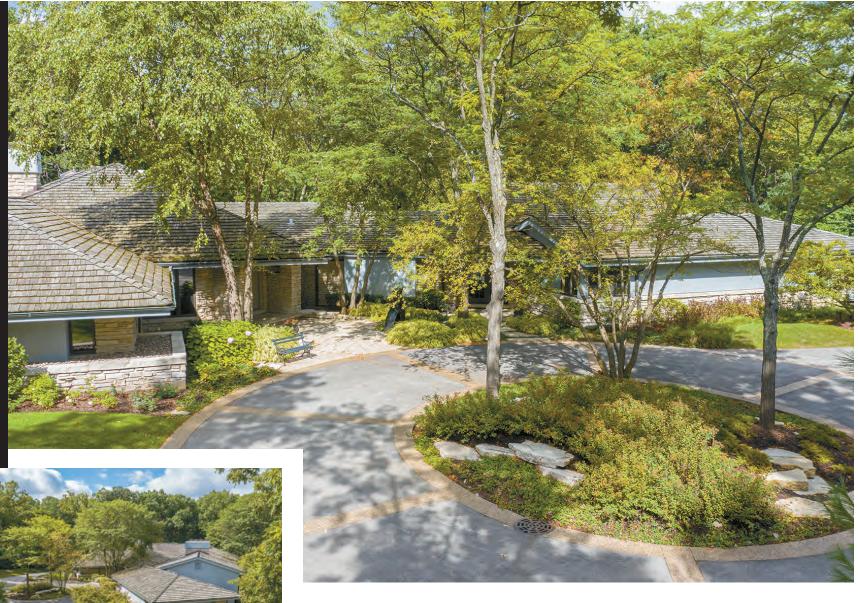




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Oct. 6
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
https://www.rotaryruncharityclassic.org

This 25th annual run/walk includes 3K, 5K and 10K runs, 3K and 5K walks, a Walk 'n' Roll and the Mutt Strut. The CARA-certified event winds through the historic streets of Hinsdale, ending back at The Community House, where post-race family activities will include vendor/sponsor booths, refreshments, music and more. Proceeds benefit leading community charities such as The Community House, District 181 Foundation, Hinsdale Hospital Foundation, Rotary Club of Hinsdale Foundation and Ray Graham Association-Hanson Center. Time: 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$25 for all events through Sept 27, Walk 'n' Roll and Mutt Strut are free. RR

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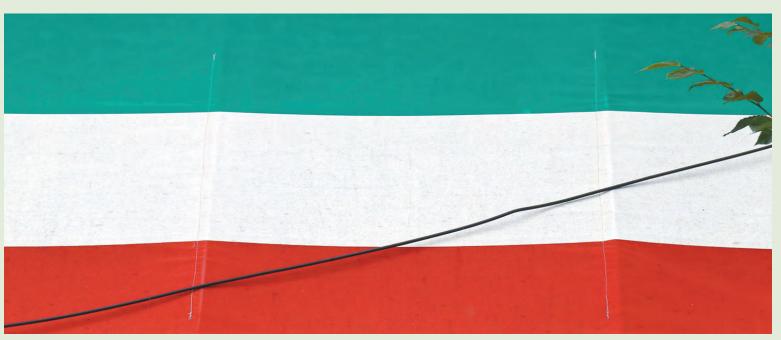


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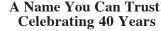
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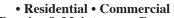
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Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns. George Eliot

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Percy Bysshe Shelley

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE **VILLAGE OF HINSDALE**

NOTICE OF HISTORIC **PRESERVATION** COMMISSION **PUBLIC HEARING**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, October 2 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois for the purpose of considering a Certification of Appropriateness application for the right to obtain a construction permit to construct a new house at 504 S. Oak Street. The application number is H-08-2019. The house is located in the Hinsdale Robbins Park Historic

The applicant is J Jordan Homes, LLC. Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois,

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SPORTS

'Wiggie' scores memorable summer gig

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the kids could see where the soccer balls are coming from and have an actual soccer coach come over and meet them and see them and coach them."

Wiggins taught five classes of soccer — or futbol, as the sport is known outside of the U.S. — during the day and coached the team after school. Brad, a high school senior, led a running club during the week and organized cool down runs after practice. Bonnie did a little bit of everything, getting kids from place to place and documenting the trip in photos and on video. "What was really cute was

"What was really cute was the kids would come out and they would be with their class, but then all of the sudden the class would grow in size and it was because kids would be doing anything they could to (sneak) out and learn soccer during the day," Wiggins said. "The kids would say, 'They are not in this class! They are not in the class!'

"The level of excitement, the level of enthusiasm, the eagerness to learn, the pure joy of seeing a soccer ball and seeing that they were about to learn something ... was unlike anything I've ever seen," he said.

And that enthusiasm persisted despite the tough conditions — dusty fields home to softball-sized rocks and an occasional thistle bush, and a lack of equipment, including shin guards. There was never a complaint.

"'Wiggie, it's no problem,'
" the students would tell their visiting coach.

"They never let that take away from their desire to play," Wiggins said. "When they fell down, they were quick to brush themselves off, gather themselves, pick the burrs off and get right up and they'd be back in the activity."

The kids loved the end of class, when Wiggins would teach them the trick of the day — like balancing the ball on their foot or their nose.

"They just loved it and they couldn't get my attention enough," he said, sharing a video of kids crowded around, yelling "Teacher, teacher! Look, teacher!"

"I would show them a skill and they would show fascination and that really, I think, describes literally every moment in time throughout the time I was there," he said. "They just couldn't get enough of the soccer, the interaction, the learning, the laughter, the excitement."

He enjoyed his work after school with the team as well.

"They were just exceptionally talented and very respectful and very disciplined and very creative and imaginative, hard-working," Wiggins recounted.

On his final day, a Saturday, he had planned for the kids to play a scrimmage game from 11 a.m. to noon. At the end of the game, he struggled to get his emotions in check and give his final address to the kids.

"As I'm getting ready to do this speech, they said, 'Wiggie, can we play again?' "

He agreed.

"They jumped for joy. They were all excited," he recalled.

The same request came at the end of the second game and Wiggins again acquiesced. The boys screamed and gave each other high fives, he said.

By the time the third game ended it was late afternoon, and Wiggins finally had the chance to tell the kids how proud he was of them.

"One of the boys, as they were walking away, he said, 'Wiggie, don't forget us,' " he said. "That was pretty special because that really caught me by surprise.

"They didn't realize the effect that they had on me," he related. "I said, 'You guys, never.'"

Wiggins said he plans to continue to work with one of their teachers, sending over videos and other materials so the students can keep learning more about the game.

O'Brien couldn't say enough about the work Wiggins did at the school, which opened in 2007.

"He's so good at what he does and he's so enthusiastic, everybody just loved him," she said. "You couldn't help but smile the whole time. The kids loved it and I know they'll never forget it."

Neither will Wiggins.

"They taught me more than I ever thought I could learn from working with a group of boys," he said.







Hinsdale Central boys soccer

coach Mike Wiggins spent a week this summer teaching the sport he loves to kids at the O'Brien School for the Maasai in Tanzania. He said he was humbled by the experience, especially when he learned some kids walked two to three hours to get to school. "You'd better believe I'm giving the best of what I've got," he said. His wife, Bonnie, and son, Brad, accompanied him on the trip. "I gave everything that I had, my wife gave everything that she had, my son gave everything that he had." (photos courtesy of Mike Wiggins)

SPORTS

LOMBARD SHUTS OUT 11U GOLD

The Hinsdale Falcons 11U Gold lost a tough game against the Lombard Falcons Sunday by a final score of 12-0.

After kicking off to Lombard, Hinsdale started out strong with defensive end Tommy Riordan forcing a fumble, which was recovered by safety Charlie Fox on the game's opening play from scrimmage. However, in a pattern that would repeat itself, the Hinsdale offense had a hard time moving the ball against a stout Lombard defense.

Special teams also proved challenging for Hinsdale, as Lombard was able to block two first-half punts, the second of which set Lombard up with a short field. Lombard was able to capitalize with a 14-yard touchdown run on the next play to take a 6-0 lead. A Hinsdale fumble on the ensuing drive, recovered by the defense, again gave Lombard outstanding field position deep in Hinsdale territory. Facing a fourth and long, a Lombard running back found a seam and scampered into the end zone to give Lombard a 12-0 halftime cushion. Hinsdale's offense had opportunities to cut into the lead in the second half but couldn't break a big play and failed on three fourth down conversion attempts. Defensively, despite giving up two short-field touchdowns, Hinsdale was solid, with big tackles by defensive end Jameson Hellenga, linebacker Nick Newmann and interior linemen Gene Riordan, Logan Schultz and Sam Newmann.

The team looks to even its record and put together a complete game on both sides of the ball against league newcomer Oswego at home Sunday.

11U SILVER SHOWING PROMISE

The Hinsdale Falcons 11U Silver dropped another tough one to a very physical Elk Grove football team 24-6.

The Falcons played hard and were in the game for three quarters before the Eagles pulled away in the fourth quarter

The Falcon defense was steady and disciplined throughout the first half, led by stout defense and steady tackling led by the linebacking corps of Michael McGowan, Owen Joyce and Luke Mellilo. They really set the tone of the defense. Ben Tiritilli, Alec Allegra and Timas Marchertas did a fine job protecting the outside and forcing the Eagles to work for every yard they got.

On offense the Falcons had strong contributions from the offensive line — which is starting to really gel as a unit — led by Corbin Camp, Tommy Willet, Luke Melillo, Logan Barrios, Charlie Hoyt and Liam Joyce.

In the second quarter, Owen Joyce took the ball off left tackle and followed the powerful block of brother Joyce while breaking away from the defense for a 40-yard touchdown. Allegra was a standout passing the ball as well hitting passes to multiple

receivers including Tiritilli, Owen Joyce and Connor McLaurin. It's going to be exciting seeing this passing game evolve over the season.

The Falcons were beaten but not defeated. The team has a bye this weekend and plays next Sept. 21 against the Bartlett Raiders.

COWBOYS EDGE OUT VARSITY BLACK

Three sweep plays by Arlington Heights Varsity Gold that turned into touchdowns proved to be too much Saturday for the Falcons Varsity Black Team, which lost 24-16.

Coaches gave the Hammer Award very deservedly to Luke Jurack. The Pancake Award was given to the entire offensive line (Max Deering, Brady Koschik, Marko Ivanisevic, Mark Ortiz, Alex Rivera and Ryan Schulz).

Jurack was on fire with an interception catch, a 60-yard touchdown catch and run, a 2-point conversion and with two kick returns. Mark Ortiz was effective on the line creating holes to give the offense running room. Jett Hilding connected to Carter Contreras for some long gains but holding calls and a controversial offensive pass interference call prevented the Falcons from adding to the scoreboard.

Kellen Tran made some nice tackles to keep the score low early in the game and Koschik prevented an interception from becoming a touchdown with a huge tackle. Talha Khan was recognized by the coaches for playing hard all day and making some key tackles. Deering was instrumental on the line with reading the offense and calling plays.

The team is preparing to take on a strong Oswego Varsity Gold at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, on home turf at Hinsdale Central's Dickinson Field.

VARSITY RED JUST MISSES THE W

The Varsity Red Team faced a sizable Oswego Varsity Silver team Saturday, ending regulation with a score of 12-12.

Extra time was added to the clock. Hinsdale scored first with a touchdown and decided to run the ball in for one extra point.

But Oswego also scored and chose wisely to kick through the uprights for the extra two points to win the game 20-19.

Coaches awarded the Pancake Award to Zach Kruse and the Hammer Award to Sammy Davino. Both executed great plays all game long to keep their team alive until the very end.

On defense, Davino, Dylan Elder, Noah McCurry and Anthony Tiritilli made several great tackles to keep Oswego from scoring on several occasions. Both the offense and defense as a whole did a tremendous job, considering they were a bit outsized.

Kruse also tore up the field with an interception and some great catches from quarterback Kevin Coan, one for

a touchdown and two just shy of the endzone. Coan also ran for several yards throughout the day, including the extra time touchdown and extra point. Dylan Elder came up big with a key fumble recovery early in the game but the team's valiant efforts were just short of bringing home the win.

The team takes on Wheaton Varsity Silver at 10 a.m. Sept. 15 at Hinsdale Central's Dickinson Field.

10U GOLD DOMINATES

The 10U gold Hinsdale Falcons started the scoring quickly Saturday against the Arlington Heights Cowboys, going up 6-0 on the first series of the game thanks to some great blocking by Frankie Chemmachel and a beautiful 50-yard run by Charles Calhoun. The defense played well as unit the entire game, only giving up six total points. Fantastic tackling by Orestas Bouckus, Miko Zecevic, Jupiter Pohlenz, Charles Calhoun, Charlie Heck and Owen Sunderson shut the Cowboys down all game long. Bockus had a 50-yard touchdown in the second half and Charles Calhoun took another hand off and ran a reverse into the end zone to punch in the third touchdown for the day! Quarterback Brian O'Malley threw a beautiful pass to Connor Cousineau for the two point conversion, making it 20-6 and putting the game away for good! The Falcons played together as a unit and are 3-0 on the season.

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SPORTS

LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM WINS STATE

The Hinsdale 11-year-old All-Star team captured the state championship for the second year in a row last month.

Hinsdale beat Homewood Heights 6-2 Aug. 2 in LaSalle for the title, going 10-1 in post-season play. Will Francis and Grant Cook each hit a big home run in the championship game. Pitcher Jack Thorington earned the win.

Hinsdale was led by outstanding fielding that backed strong pitching, giving up only six runs through the four game stretch at the state finals tournament. Getting to state wasn't easy, as Hinsdale had to navigate tough competition, including Clarendon Hills and Naperville in Districts as well as Clear Ridge and Western Springs in Sub-State. Hinsdale's road in LaSalle included four consecutive wins (10-3 over Moline, 11-0 over Champaign East, 14-1 over Horner Park and the title game) to complete the thrilling

"It's a long season and the kids can get pretty tired by late July," Coach Rich Garchar said. "The boys stayed tight as a group and won with strong fundamentals. They are a great group."

Coach Bill Main praised the boys for their dedication.

"I am so very proud of this group of boys — all of the late evening and early morning practices, as well as giving up much of their summer to represent Hinsdale. They will always remember the caravans to LaSalle," he said.

Last year as 10-year-olds the team beat Spring Valley 8-3 to win the state title and cap off a 9-1 post-season.

Team members are Cook,
Francis, Thorington, Jack
Aletmose, Charlie Fox, Alex
Garchar, Connor Hoddle,
Chase Jessopp, Dylan Kassab,
Gavin Klobach, Billy Main,
Benny Munoz and Jack
Treadwell. The team was
coached by Garchar, Main and
Jack Francis

Photos appear online at https://www.thehinsdalean.

BRUNS FAMILY RUNS TRIATHLONS

The Bruns women of Hinsdale competed in a vari-

ety of Illinois triathlons this summer. Fourteen-year-old Lindsey Bruns earned podium finishes in all three events in which she competed.

Lindsey took first place in the female age 13-15 division at the Manteno Triathlon July 27.

Her time of 1:14.55 was higher than winner of the female 16-18 category.

At the Naperville Sprint Triathlon, Lindsey placed second in the 13- to 15-yearold female age group with a time of 1:11.57.

Molly, 17, placed 8th in the 16- to 19-year old female age group with a time of 1:19.28.

The two along with their older sister, Allison, and their mom, Betsy, competed in the Chicago Sprint Triathlon Aug. 25. The swim portion was canceled due to the tumultuous condition of Lake Michigan.

Lindsey took first place in the 19 and under women's division in the run-bikerun duathlon with a time of 1:20.51.

Her race placed her 17th out of the 1,134 female athletes who competed and 200th overall out of 2,436 athletes.

Molly took second place in the category with a time of 1:29.27. She placed 136th among female athletes and 620th overall.

Allison placed 33rd in the 20-24 female division, 474 among female athletes and 1,351st overall with a time of 1:41.09.

Betsy was first in the 45-49-female division, 21st among female athletes and 219th overall with a time of 1:21.29.

SWIM TEAM RAISES MONEY FOR HCS

Members of the Hinsdale Central girls swim and dive team raised almost \$2,100 for HCS Family Services.

More than 70 swimmers and divers set up a car wash Aug. 24 in the student parking lot.

They presented the donation Sept. 6 to Stan Cook, executive director of the Hinsdale nonprofit, which works to prevent food insecurity

A photo appears online at https://www.thehinsdalean.

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SPORTS — END ZONE

BY THE QUARTER

HINSDALE CENTRAL 48 - MORTON 10

Hinsdale 20 Morton 3

Hinsdale 14 Morton 0

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Hinsdale Central's Carson Boggs sacks Morton's quarterback, knocking the ball loose. A vigilant Jonathan Hernandez spotted the loose ball and quickly recovered the fumble. (Jim Slonoff photos)

STATS

	Central	Morton
Rushing yards	132	73
Receiving yards	147	134
Total yards	279	207
Touchdowns	7	1
PATs	6	1
2-pt. conv.	0	0
Field goals	0	1

OFFENSE



Jaylen Laws 67 yards rushing 1 touchdown



Braden Contreras 44 yards receiving 2 touchdowns

DEFENSE

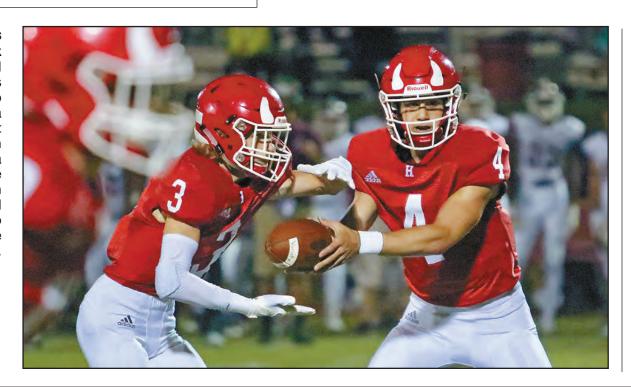


Dru Novatney 2 tackles, 2 assists 2 interceptions



Lucas Schwartz 1 tackle, 5 assists 1 sack

Central's quarterback Michael Brescia fakes a hand off to Mark Skokna Friday night at Dickinson Field. Brescia threw three touchdown passes and ran it into the endzone twice.



UP NEXT

@ Hinsdale South 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13

> Last year Central beat South 21-12

STANDINGS

West Suburban Silver

Downers North 0-0 0-2			
Central	0-0 2-0		
Glenbard West	0-0 2-0		
York	0-0 1-1		
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SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Chinmay Amin Year: senior Hometown: Westmont

What do you remember about your first cross country running experience?

I started running when I was in sixth grade. I played tennis, too, but I found that I was enjoying running a lot more that tennis. Once I got to high school I was fully committed to it year-round.

What makes it so enjoyable?

There's just something about running a lot of miles with a group of guys. You develop a bond that you don't get in other sports. It's really special.

What's the furthest you've run?

Over the summer, we did long runs at Waterfall Glen, about 14 miles. We do 12-milers once a week. Over this past summer, we were running close to 70 to 75 miles in a week.

How would your teammates describe you?

I guess I'm kind of different. I like to keep the mood light. I'll try to talk to guys during the run and lighten the mood because it can be really daunting to go out for a 12-mile run.

In what ways have you evolved as a runner?

I definitely feel like I can handle much more mileage-wise and intensity-wise. I also feel like as far as the mental aspect of it, I can better approach the race, and I've been able to approach those really daunting workouts and normalize them.

How are you hoping to finish your Central cross country career?

As a team we're taking it one step as a time. We just want to make sure that we are both being realistic and setting expectations high. I really hope to step up and run well for the team when I am most needed and when the team needs to do its best.

Do you have other talents?

I spend a lot of time practicing the euphonium and play with Central's wind ensemble.

What might you be doing in 10 years?

I'm interested in going the pre-med route in college. I'm definitely planning on running a marathon and I'll continue running recreationally.

Why does coach Jim Westphal like have Amin on the team?

Chinmay is a hard worker, conscientious and great role model for the younger athletes. He's resilient and always striving to make his team and teammates better people.

> profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Cross country, boys Sept. 7 Hornet-Red Devil Invite V places 6th with 174 points points McCarroll, 23rd, 15:55 Mekla, 26th, 16:01.2 Ley, 30th, 16:03.2 Amin, 45th, 16:26.7 Lu, 50th, 16:36.7 Cross country, girls

Sept. 7 Hornet-Red Devil Invite V places 1st with 78 points

Watcke, 4th, 18:15.1 Revord, 5th, 18:17.9 McCabe, 7th, 18:29.1 Wagner, 18th, 19:13.1 Brorson, 44th, 19:43

Golf, boys Sept. 7 @ Batavia Invite V places 2nd with 299 strokes Sept. 5 @ Proviso V wins 138-276 Cornell, 34 McClear, 34 Nacarratto, 34 Clark, 36 Steigbigel, 36

Golf, girls Sept. 10 vs. Willowbrook V wins 165-170 Chardhary, 37 DiTrani, 37 Burt, 42 Sharp, 45 Sept. 7 @ Waukegan Invite V places 5th Sept. 5 vs. Glenbard West V wins 157-193

Soccer, boys Sept. 10 @ OP-RF V loses 0-2 Sept. 6 @ Lincoln-Way East V wins 5-4 Gambla, goal Marquez, goal Martin, goal St. John. goal White, goal

Swimming, girls Sept. 10 vs. Naperville Central V wins 119-67 200-yard medley relay Pickering, Michaels, Gruvberger, Paarlberg 1st 1:51 27 Dynis, Kramer

Gruchala, Suliga, 3rd, 1:56.32 200-yard freestyle Quinones, 1st, 1:59.62 Pickering, 2nd, 2:00.93 Kramer, 3rd, 2:05.54 200-yard IM Gruvberger, 1st, 2:13.63 Schneider, 3rd, 2:17.22 Goebel, 5th, 2:21.81 Goebel, 5th, 2:21.81 50-yard freestyle Theoharous, 1st, 25.84 Paarlberg, 3rd, 26.24 Misiunas, 4th, 26.88 100-yard butterfly Schneider, 2nd, 1:02.35 1:02.35 Dynis, 3rd, 1:03.21 Goebel, 4th, 1:05.55 100-yard freestyle Biegel, 2nd, 55.97 Suliga, 3rd, 57.67

Dollens, 6-0, 6-0 Hu, 6-0, 6-0 Paarlberg, 5th, 58.52 500-yard freestyle Gruvberger, 1st, Attlan, 6-1, 6-0 Echoe/Limparis, 6-3, 5:30.67 Quinones, 2nd, Novatney/Singer, 6-3, 5:34.99 La Valle, 4th, 5:38.77 Biegansky/Sunkara, 200-yard freestyle 6-0, 6-1 Mehrhoff/Raslan, 6-1 Biegel, Theoharous, Quinones, Schneider, 1st, 1:41.76 Sullivan/Tallard, 6-0,

Paarlberg, Goebel,

Misiunas, La Valle,

100-yard backstroke

Pickering, 1st, 58.49 Dynis, 5th, 1:05.01 Hou, 6th, 1:05.97

100-yard breaststroke Kramer, 1st, 1:09.85 Michaels, 2nd, 1:10.98

relay Schneider, Pickering, Gruvberger, Quinones, 1st, 3:43.19

Goebel, Biegel, Dynis, Suliga, 3rd, 3:50.64

Tennis, girls Sept. 10 @ LT

V wins 8-1

Theoharous, 6th, 1:17.48 400-yard freestyle

3rd, 1:46.69

South Invite V places 1st vs. Neuqua Valley (final) V wins 3-2 Dollens, 6-0, 6-0 Kotarski/Shah, 6-1, 6-3 Mehrhoff/Sunkara, 6-0, 7-6 vs. Glenbard West V wins 4-1 vs. St. Charles North V wins 5-0 vs. Wheaton-Warrenville South V wins 4-1

Volleyball, girls Sept. 10 @ OP-RF V wins 25-20, 13-25, 25-23 Sept. 7 @ Jacobs Invite vs. Batavia V wins 17-25, 25-11, 25-20 vs. Wheaton North V wins 25-19, 25-18 vs. Marian Central Catholic V wins 25-20, 25-19 Sept. 4 vs. Whitney Young V loses 13-25, 23-25

Instant replay

relay





Hinsdale Central cross country runner Magness Naess looks to separate from the pack as teammate Piyush Mekla makes the uphill push just ahead of the finish line Saturday at KLM Park during the annual Hornet-Red Devil Invite. The co-host Red Devils placed sixth in the meet. (Jim Slonoff photos)

SPORTS

■ "I would show them a skill and they would show fascination and that really, I think, describes literally every moment in time throughout the time I was there."

- Mike Wiggins



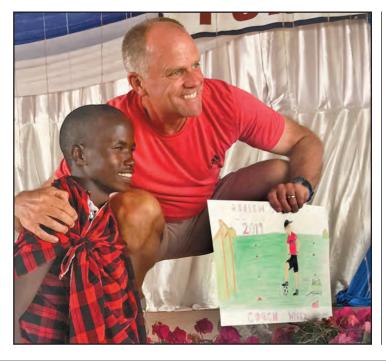
Despite the majestic Mt. Kilimanjaro in the background, the soccer fields at the O'Brien School for the Maasai in Tanzania bear little

resemblance to the beautifully groomed fields soccer coach Mike Wiggins is used to at Hinsdale Central High School.

'Wiggie' scores memorable summer gig

Central soccer coach travels to Africa to teach fùtbol at O'Brien School for the Maasai

School founder Kellie O'Brien said Wiggins' time at the school was a gift, as evidenced by this young boy's gratitude. She is grateful to many in the community who have made donations to the school. She hopes to recognize Wiggins at a fundraiser she is holding Saturday, Sept. 21, at her home. For details and to purchase tickets, visit https://www. obrienschool.org/ garden-party.



By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

For years, Hinsdale Central soccer coach Mike Wiggins had organized the donation of hundreds of soccer balls for kids at the O'Brien School for the Maasai in Tanzania, Africa.

Then Kellie O'Brien, the Hinsdale woman who founded the school, asked Wiggins to donate something else.

"You know, what we really could use is you," O'Brien remembers telling Wiggins. "You would be the best gift."

It would be his dream, he responded.

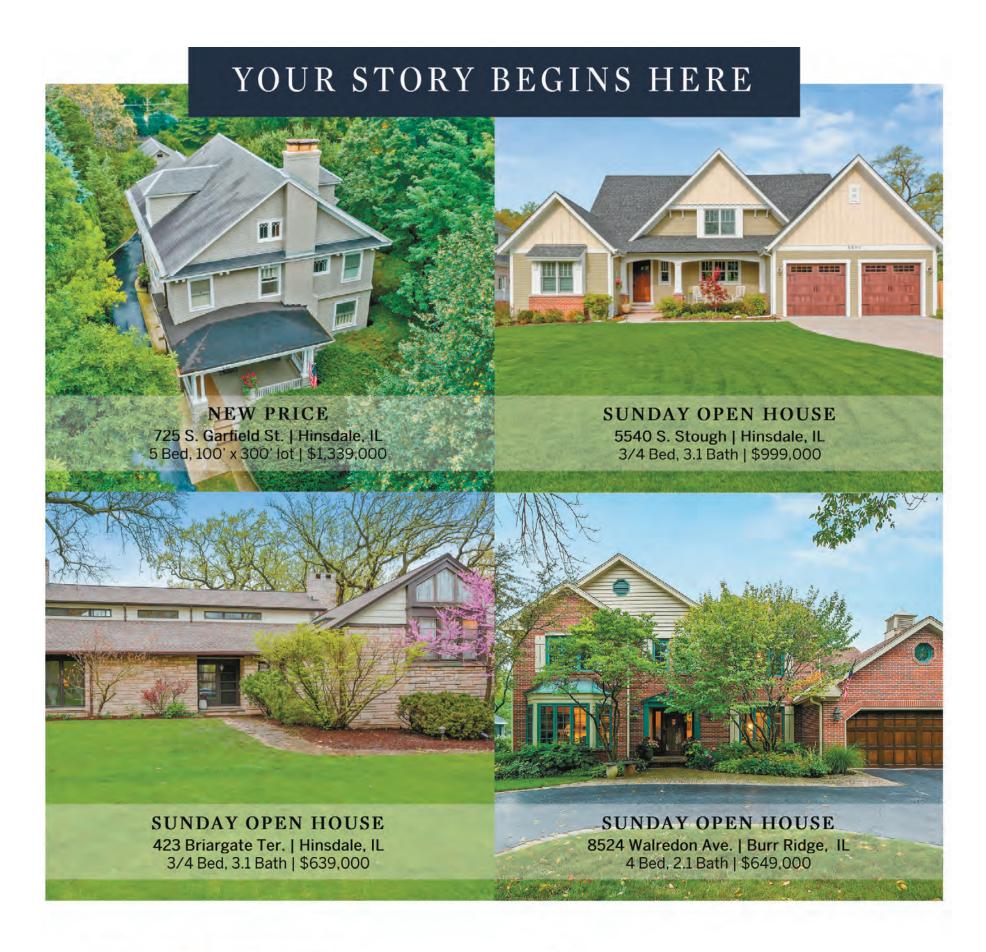
"I said, 'Let's make it happen,' " she said.

And so in July, Wiggins, his wife, Bonnie, and his son, Brad, made the 20-hour trip to reach the school, located just a few miles away from the Kilimanjaro International Airport in Eastern Africa.

"When they found out we were actually bringing a soccer coach from America, the whole school was so excited," O'Brien said.

"I did not see this coming," Wiggins said of the volunteer opportunity.
"Kellie had said a couple of times it would be great if

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