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NEWS

D86 hire looks to chart course to equity

By Ken Knutson

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Patrice Payne wants Hinsdale High School District 86 to be a “lighthouse” when it comes to creating a inclusive educational community.

“How we approach diversity will be so consequential of how we succeed as a district,” Payne said.

On May 13, board members approved Payne’s appointment as the district’s first director of instructional equity.

“I know that this is a wonderful environment for me to join forces with so I can equip our scholars to be able to collaborate, create and connect with this ever-changing world that we live in,” she said.

Expressing admiration for District 86’s tradition of excellence, Payne said a shifting demographic landscape requires the district to respond in a constructive way.

“Our schools are increasingly seeing a trend of students with backgrounds that are identifying as ethnically, culturally and linguistically diverse,” she said. “Our teachers and leaders are not necessarily representative of that growing trend.”

Superintendent Tammy Prentiss said Payne’s hiring was a important

step in the district’s effort to become a more welcoming place for all.

“This position was created, in part, to support the work and goals of our equity statement, which include designing and implementing a culturally responsive curriculum, helping our faculty develop culturally responsive teaching practices, and cultivating the social and emotional skills in our students so that they can grow into engaged global citizens,” Prentiss said in a statement. “Dr. Payne’s impressive background and qualifications, as well as her knowledge, leadership and passion for education, will enable us to advance this work, achieve these goals and help all of our students down the path toward their ideal future.”

For the last two years, Payne has worked as the multi-tiered systems of support coordinator in Rich Township High School District 227 in Matteson, directing academic planning and curriculum development, helping implement student interventions and supports, and coordinating a districtwide approach to discipline based on restorative practices and social and emotional learning. She



Payne

also has served as principal at Frazier Preparatory Academy in Chicago and Crenshaw Arts-Technology Charter High School in Los Angeles. Before that, she was a high school English teacher.

Payne said one of her priorities is to help not just staff but also parents and district residents pursue the promotion of “a learning environment where students feel seen, acknowledged, celebrated and empowered.”

Demystifying terms like “equity” and “diversity” will also be a focus.

“I want to make sure we’re all aware of what the intention is to ensure there are opportunities for us to all be on the same page,” she remarked. “Culture matters in education, and we need to see diverse backgrounds as assets to the learning proves so we can move forward with an asset-based lens.”

She is encouraged by the community’s positive response to the district’s strategic plan and equity statement and the work of the Culture and Equity Leadership Team.

“It is that strong belief in education and tireless commitment to our students that I will strive to build upon in my role as the director of instruc-

tional equity,” Payne said.

Payne embraces pioneering the position.

“Starting something form the ground up is an unusual opportunity, but it’s a great opportunity to make sure the vision fits our school community,” she related. “I’m really interested in learning to see exactly where the areas of need are and how we can serve.”

Payne earned a bachelor’s degree in English for secondary education from Pepperdine University, a master’s in education administration from Governors State University and a doctorate in education leadership from the University of Southern California.

She thanked the board and Prentiss for selecting her for this role.

“I look forward to working with them, as well as our faculty, staff and families, to help ensure that we continue to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of every student we serve,” she said. “It will be a proud moment for our district to look back at those decisions that provided greater opportunities for equity, diversity and inclusion.”

Payne received a one-year contract with an annual salary of \$115,000 that will begin on July 1.

Arbor Day includes clean up and tree plantings across the village



Hinsdale’s Forestry and Parks Superintendent John Finnell worked with the Cub Scouts from Pack 10 planting several white pines in KLM as part of Hinsdale’s park cleanup day last month. James Satchwell, Cade Wickramasinghe, Daniel Sorem and Julian Nemeth were part of a group of scouts that participated. Logan Albanese helps guide Satchwell and Wickramasinghe with their tree placement. Several dozen village residents pitched in for the event and worked at Robbins, Burns and Stough parks as well. (Jim Slonoff photos)



ONCE UPON A TIME



Farm livin' was the life for them — Walker's Farm was located near Ayres Street and Garfield Avenue and stretched to the county line. Sandy William's book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," describes the area at the time. "There were no houses to the south for eight miles, only prairie and a lone grove of trees. The street, 'The Lane,' was actually the lane that the cows used to reach the barn. Years later, the barn's foundation was broken down and used in paving Ravine Road."

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Couple falls in love with girl next door

Persicos buy, plan to renovate historic home after seeing it every day for six years

By Pamela Lannom
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Not many people would buy a house without setting foot inside.

But for Andrea and Mike Persico, the decision to purchase the historic Richardson Romanesque home at 306 E. First St. was an easy one.

"We were actually in Florida at the time and made an offer site unseen," Mike said, noting the home went on the market at the height of the first COVID-19 lockdown. "We just knew we wanted the home so much."

The Persicos were quite familiar with the home's exterior living next door at 121 S. Elm St. Andrea had been inside once, she said, in the six years they had lived in Hinsdale. They previously lived in a Chicago greystone.

"We loved having a house that had character and some interesting pieces to it," Andrea said of their former home. "When we moved here, we always loved this house. We always thought it was a beautiful house. It had such a presence in the neighborhood. When it became available, we felt we couldn't pass it up."

The home was built in 1890 for Elizabeth Grant, according to the first volume of Mary Sterling's "Hinsdale's Historic Homes and the People Who Lived in Them." Rumor had it she wanted to turn the home into a girls finishing school, but that never happened.

An early resident of the home was Mathias Rafftree, a well-known lawyer, who lived there five years. The Fetzers and Henry Regnerys owned the home from 1904-47 and 1947-66, respectively. In the 50-plus years since, it appears the home has had only four owners: R.A. Carlton, Irving and Pat Davis Fox, Patricia and Tom Murphy, and Rebecca and Joseph Varan, who sold the home to Mike and Andrea.

The Persicos, who just moved in a couple of weeks ago, are looking forward to raising their two children, Vincent, 10, and Lexi, almost 9, in the home. They also are anxious to begin renovations, once they have settled in. They anticipate the first phase of the project will take about 18 months.

"When you love something, it doesn't feel long, it doesn't feel arduous," Mike said. "It's exciting when we come downstairs and there is all this natural light pouring in through 8-foot windows. That's why you move into something like this."

They also are enchanted by the 14-foot ceilings, original woodwork, millwork and stained glass on the first floor and the porte cochere on the west side of the house.

"There are so many little features



Andrea and Mike Persico said they didn't even have to discuss it when the house at 306 E. First St. went on the market. "It's probably a little bit more house than we would be desiring," Andrea said. "We're only four people. It's a little grander than we need, but it's so beautiful, we couldn't say no." The Persicos said they will work with experienced designers and architects to preserve as much of the 1890 home's original features as possible during a planned renovation. (Jim Slonoff photos)

and details that aren't made any more," Andrea said.

They plan to preserve as many of the interior's historic elements as possible while making the home a comfortable place for their family.

"I think you can accept the eccentricities and beauties of a home but still make it modern, where it's interesting and fits today's lifestyle," Andrea said. "We're trying to bridge that gap."

The home already has many features that appeal to homeowners today, including a first-floor layout Mike describes as "very contemporary."

"You can't get a bigger family room than this (or) a wider open floor plan," he said.

And while an adult can't stand up straight in the first-floor powder room — something the Persicos plan to correct — the upstairs bathrooms are all en suite, Andrea said.

A second phase of improvements likely will involve restoring the three-car garage under the house

and adding a pool.

The Persicos already have received articles about the house and books in which it is featured, all unsolicited.

"People send us stuff all the time. This house evokes so much emotion," Mike said.

"I'll meet someone and they will say, 'Is the basketball court still on the third floor?'" Andrea said.

The Persicos have been saddened by the disappearance of historic homes in town, although Mike noted not every home should be preserved.

"You're always going to have some element of teardown, and I think that's healthy," he said. "It's kind of like pruning a tree."

He and Andrea hope their work on this home will inspire others.

"I think old homes can be restored and I think we are trying to provide a canvas," she said.

"A blueprint for what others can do," Mike chimed in, adding that he believes village incentives are critical in the preservation effort.

"I think more and more people will

■ HINSDALE LEGACIES

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

On the house

Year built: 1890

Style: Richardson Romanesque

Original owner: Elizabeth Grant

Square footage: 7,580

Recognition: Hinsdale Historical Society Historic Preservation Award, 1992

Other claim to fame: served as Alderman Marty Swayzak's house in the 1990 film "Backdraft"

hopefully follow our lead and preserve these homes," he said. "Once they're gone — no one builds homes like this any more."

NEXT WEEK

The Hinsdale Village Board, Community Consolidated District 181 Board and Hinsdale High School District 86 Board are not scheduled to meet the week of May 31 to June 4.

Hinsdale police have a busy day on Tuesday

Hinsdale detectives Tuesday seized a vehicle believed to have been used in last week's burglaries of luxury dealerships in Hinsdale and recovered two firearms that were modified to shoot in fully automatic mode with extended clip magazines.

The detectives were executing a search warrant in Cook County as part of an ongoing investigation into the May 17 burglaries at Continental Motor Sports and Land Rover/Jaguar of Hinsdale, both on Ogden Avenue. Police arrested a 24-year-old and an armed juvenile and hope to apprehend two additional offenders.

Police also are investigating two ruse burglaries that occurred near Garfield Avenue and The Lane Tuesday between 1 and 1:30 p.m. In one case, the suspects purported to be landscapers who wanted to show the homeowner their work at a neighboring property. The homeowner became suspicious and closed her door.

At the second address, the offenders claimed to be from the water department and asked to enter the home to check the water. As the homeowner was distracted, the subjects removed jewelry from the home. They are described as two white or Hispanic males

driving a white SUV.

Police want to remind residents that public utility workers do not make unannounced house calls. If someone shows up at the door for an inspection or service that has not been requested, call 911.

In light of the theft of a black Mercedes E300 early Tuesday morning (see Page 8 for details), police also are reminding residents to lock their vehicles and account for their keys.

Police shared a cautionary tale of a May 18 incident in which a Bolingbrook homeowner was shot by suspects rifling through unlocked vehicles in his driveway. Police advise residents to avoid confrontation and call 911.

"Investigating this pattern of overnight auto thefts and burglaries is a priority for the Hinsdale Police Department, and we have achieved a degree of success in the past identifying offenders and making arrests," Chief Brian King said. "We ask that residents reduce the opportunity for crime to occur by locking and securing their property.

"Hinsdale is a low-crime community; it is not a no crime community," he added.

Rise in COVID-19 cases drops to single digits

Nine Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported seven new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported two new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 1,802 up from 1,793 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had 11 confirmed COVID-19 patients and no patients awaiting test results on Wednesday, a spokesman said.

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 reported one new case in the last week, on May 20, involving a

student.

Hinsdale High School District 86 reported five current positive cases May 21, with 19 people in isolation and 54 in quarantine.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 4.4 percent on Sunday, compared to 3.8 percent a week prior.

Illinois has administered more than 11 million doses of vaccines. An average of about 71,215 vaccines are being administered daily, compared to about 62,884 last week. Almost 48 percent of DuPage County residents are fully vaccinated.

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YC2 teen participants find fun in giving

Community Memorial Foundation program teaches philanthropic basics to high schoolers

By Ken Knutson

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For many, the word “philanthropist” refers to a wealthy individual using his or her substantial resources to meet large-scale needs.

But financial benevolence does not depend on one’s tax bracket status, a lesson learned by teen members of the YC2 leadership development program — including rising Hinsdale Central senior Amar Gupta.

“Whenever you hear about philanthropy, it’s always about some billionaire with a lot of money,” Gupta said. “This time they were giving (the power) to actual students and normal people.”

YC2, short for Youth Community Changemakers, is an initiative of Community Memorial Foundation to educate and empower local youth to become the next generation of philanthropists. Since December, 60 juniors and seniors from Central, Lyons Township, Nazareth Academy and Riverside-Brookfield High School have been exploring local social needs, studying philanthropic theory and evaluating organizations to determine grant recipients.

John Rivera, a recent Hinsdale Central grad, said he signed on to YC2 after encouragement from a Central teacher.

“We got a lot of learning experience about being a philanthropist and a bit about entrepreneurial stuff, too,” he said. “We get to be a part of deciding

where this money goes.”

“This money” was \$15,000, which would be granted based on applicants’ proposals in the area of mental health counseling services. Central students were paired with counterparts from R-B in their 29-person cohort, and together they agreed the funds would benefit programs for ages 11-19 that did not exclude people on the basis of language, race/ethnicity, immigration status or ability to pay.

But before awarding any funds, rising Central junior Serene Safvi said the group, which met via Zoom, had a couple of sessions just to get their collective arms around the fundamentals of philanthropy.

“(We learned about) the difference between philanthropy and charity,” Safvi explained. “We spent a lot of time focusing on what we were actually going to be doing instead of just determining where we want to give our grant to.”

Rivera said they received requests from more than a dozen agencies and whittled them down.

“We each had to read through the applications, go on each organization’s website. Then we came back the next session and presented what we found to the group,” he said.

“We had to review (the requests) to find out which were the most consistent with our priorities,” Gupta added.

Two rounds of narrowing made clear two qualifying beneficiaries for \$7,500 grants: The Community House for an on-site social worker for



Rising Hinsdale Central juniors Serene Safvi (from left) and Amar Gupta, and recent Central grad John Rivera, were part of the Community Memorial Foundation’s YC2 leadership development cohort that earlier this month awarded two \$7,500 grants to local agencies to provide mental health counseling for adolescents. (Jim Slonoff photo)

students and families in the Willowbrook Corner neighborhood, and Metropolitan Family Services Southwest to support a behavioral health clinician to work with youth.

Beth Murin, program and communications officer for Community Memorial Foundation who helped shepherd the YC2 program, said the effort aligns with the foundation’s goal of creating a culture of philanthropy in the western suburbs.

“We believe that young people need opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of local communities and learn about the importance of the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors, so that they can become future leaders

and stewards,” she stated via email. “Program participants cite increased knowledge of asset-based community development and go on to embrace their own philanthropic identities, often engaging in volunteerism or additional ways of offering their time, treasure, talent and ties.”

Safvi said the virtual site visits students engaged in revealed to her the level of attention nonprofits give to the causes they serve.

“It was really nice to see that there are people that cared enough about other people and make that what they do as a livelihood,” said the Hinsdale resident, admitting surprise at the magnitude of need in just the surrounding area.

Gupta, who was attracted to YC2 by the idea of making a positive difference locally, shared Safvi’s sentiment.

“It was really cool to see how there were so many different organizations in our area that were trying to help people,” he said.

They agree the pandemic’s impact has revealed the issue of mental health in powerful way to them personally. Rivera said whatever the cause, all it takes is a willing heart to be a philanthropist.

“It’s a lot more accessible than you would think it is,” he said.

“Anyone can make a difference in their local community if they really want to put in the effort,” Gupta said.



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POLICE BEAT

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Vehicle stolen

A 2017 Mercedes Benz E300 was stolen from a driveway in the 900 block of South Madison Street between 10:30 p.m. May 24 and 2:24 a.m. May 25. The keys are believed to have been left inside the vehicle.

Apartment burglarized

A known suspect entered an apartment between 10:50 a.m. and 2:23 p.m. May 23 in the 5500 block of South Madison Street and stole a portable safe containing \$9,000. There were no signs of forced entry, and an unlocked bedroom window had been opened. The victim told police the suspect is a former acquaintance.

Little library vandalized

A book box for people to borrow or donate books was damaged between midnight and 8:26 a.m. May 25 in a front yard in the 700 block of South Vine Street.

Forgery reported

A \$495 check issued by a resident of the 10 block South Garfield Avenue \$495 was intercepted and the payee information altered between Dec. 27, 2019, and Jan. 1. The incident was reported May 18.

Identity theft incident

The identity of a resident of the 100 block of East Fifth Street was used to open a utility account in Houston, Texas, sometime before 1:11 p.m. May 20. The victim received a bill for \$408.43.

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

Police campaign focused on drivers on cell phones

The Hinsdale Police Department issued more than 125 citations during the April distracted driving enforcement period.

Police issued 115 hands-free law citations, 10 speeding citations, one child car seat citation and one other citation for a Illinois Vehicle Code violation. They also made one traffic arrest.

"We strongly enforce distracted driving laws for one reason — to save lives," said Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie. "Choose to drive distracted, and you'll have a phone in one

hand and a ticket in the other."

The Hinsdale Police Department joined forces with state and local law enforcement and highway safety partners for this enforcement effort.

Using a phone in anything other than hands-free mode in Illinois is not only dangerous, it is illegal. Break the cycle. Drop It and Drive.

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11:30 a.m.

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

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

The cemetery is also noted as a resting place for many of the area's Civil War soldiers, and in 1903, Confederate veteran John Andre was buried in an unmarked grave just south of the flag pole. A tree serves as an informal marker to his grave.



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Sullivan trading in Italian food for Italian song

Even before “Nomadland” was released in February, Clare Sullivan had plans to convert her van, named Margery (after her favorite Vulfpeck song), into a mobile home.

After spending two post-collegiate years living in her childhood home and working at Altamura Pizza, Sullivan is ready to embark on the next act of her life. Instead of making pizzas, she plans to support herself singing arias.

Music has always been part of her life.

“My mom put me in children’s choirs,” Sullivan said. “She is a costume designer, so she was always involved in musicals, so I was always around musicals. I didn’t really know it could be a job. I didn’t know you could go to school for it.”

That she did, earning a degree in music performance/voice from Washington State University in 2019. She returned home for gap year and found a job at Altamura after her mother ordered a charcuterie board there, met the owners and encouraged her to apply. “My mom loves the sisters

downstairs,” Sullivan said from The Hinsdalean’s office in the same building. “She was nagging me for weeks.”

When COVID-19 hit, Sullivan said she was relieved she had not gone straight to graduate school. Instead, she found a wonderful teacher here.

“I found out that I don’t have to go to grad school to be a professional opera singer,” she said.

In August, audition season will open for young artist programs, the equivalent of internships for opera singers. The programs range in length from two weeks to six months.

“You’re building your (curriculum vitae) and working with the teachers and coaches and directors in that opera house,” she said.

She hopes to string together a number of these programs across the country, she said, gaining experience and building a network.

“I figure I’ll just bring my house to my gigs, so I am going to live in a van,” she said.

Converting that van — with the help of her cousin, an electrical engineer — will be her focus this

summer. In order to have the time to do so, her last day at work will be Sunday.

She said she’ll miss her bosses and co-workers but is passionate about pursuing her dream. Singing opera, she said, is like competing in the Olympics.

“The mechanics of singing classical music are so fun to me because it’s like a sport,” she said. “You have to sing in a healthy way where you can be heard from 150 yards away at the back of an opera house.”

Sullivan doesn’t hesitate when asked about her ideal role.

“In a perfect world, I would love to sing Violetta in ‘La Traviata.’

“I would like to perform at the Staatsoper in Vienna,” she added. “It’s the first big opera house I went to overseas, and it is just gorgeous.”

The 24-year-old is much less certain when asked what her life will look like 10 years from now.

“I don’t know, which is exciting to me,” she said. “I’m happy not to know that.”

— story by Pamela Lannom,
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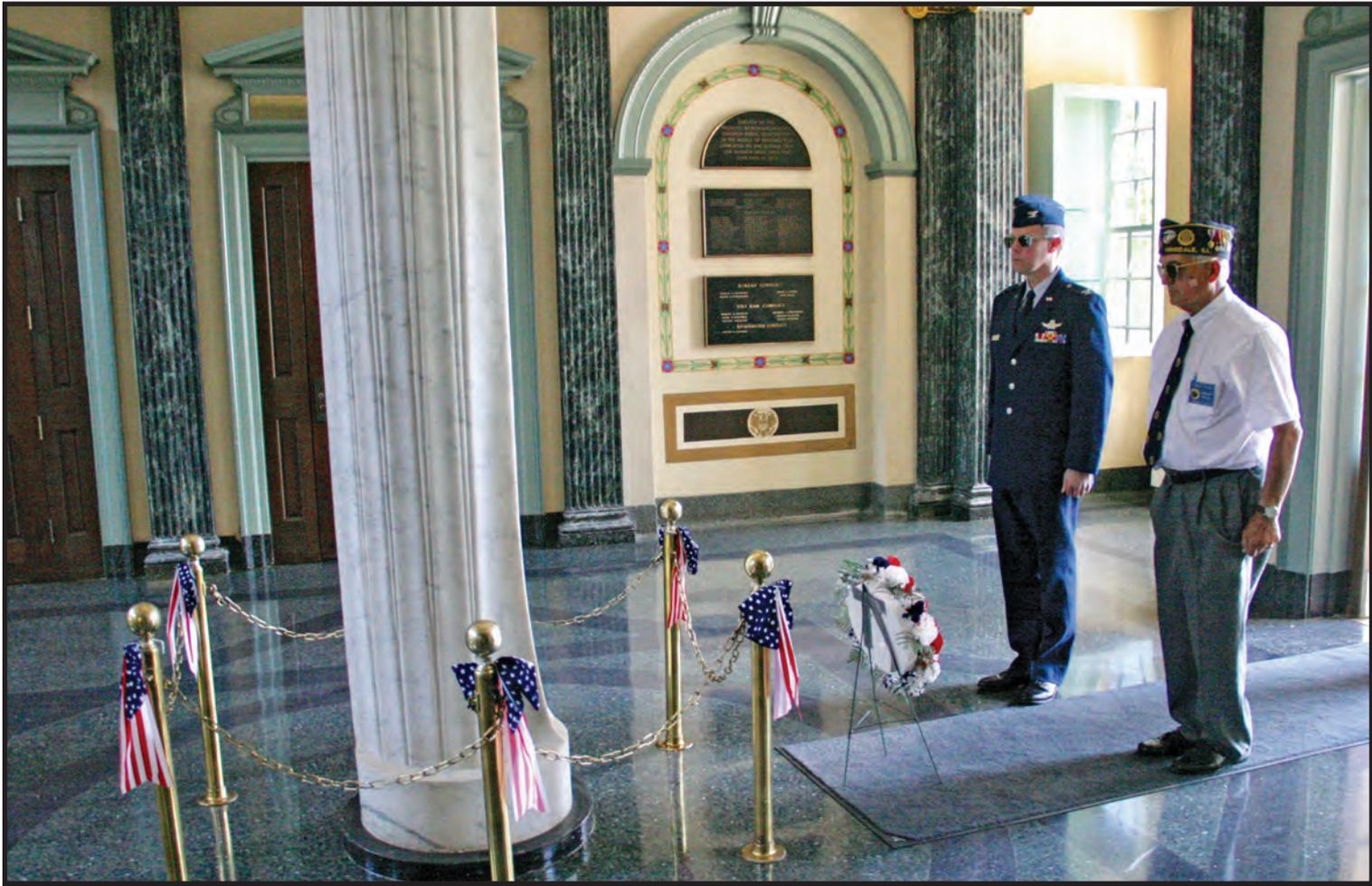
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Each year as a member of Hinsdale's American Legion Post 250 read off the names of Hinsdaleans who paid the ultimate sacrifice, a memorial wreath is placed at the base of the "Winged Victory" statue. The statue and the bronze plaques, listing service members who were killed, are in the foyer of the Memorial Building. The Memorial Day procession and ceremony has been canceled for the second year in a row because of COVID-19. (file photo)

Honoring those lost in effort to keep all free

In Flanders Fields

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

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
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Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

— John McCrae

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

On May 2, 1915, his friend, Lt. Alexis Helmer,

was killed by a direct hit from an 8-inch German shell when he left his dugout. He was 22 years old.

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

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the ceremonies on which we rely to mark observances like this, and the procession that typically travels from Third and Washington streets to the lawn of the Memorial Building will not take place. "In Flanders Fields" will not be read (rest in peace, George Hogrewe, who held that honor for three decades before passing in September 2019) and the Names of the Honored Dead will not be read.

Fortunately nothing prevents us from continuing our tradition of listing those names here.

World War I

Dietrich Andorf, Malcolm Brown, Leslie Chandler, Henry Colton, Fritz Engel, Charles Galavan, William Geffert Jr., Edwin Henderson, Harry

McAllister, Linus Ruth and Thomas Weddel

World War II

Alvin Berg, George Brcik, Robert Cassels, William Cassels, Kenton Clarke III, Densmore Collins, William Cook, John Crossan, James Dicken, Frederick Dyas Jr., Samuel Elia, Paul Goveia, James Gordon Jr., Oakave Griffin, Har-men de Haan, Martin Harnisch, James Hastings, John Hench, William Holch, John Lamson, John Loehman, James Mehaffey, Elmer Maves, John Minard, Ernst Moeller, Arthur Paulsen Jr., John Phelps, Charles Raymond, Martin Roth, Albert Ruzicka, Louis Seidcheck, Clayton Tal-fen, Gilbert Vetter, Kenneth Vix, Thomas Weber, Eugene Whitlow, Mark Whitman, Philip Wil-liams Jr., Kenneth Williams, Laddie Zeman and Carl Zitzka

Korean War

Robert Archibald, Allen Drallmeier, Irwin Eggert and Jack Welle

Vietnam War

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

Afghan War

Gunnar Hotchkin

GUEST COMMENTARY

Thoughts of peace under night sky

One of my favorite childhood memories is looking up at the night sky with my dad.

After pulling into the garage/tool shed following an evening outing, my four siblings and I would follow Dad across the gravel drive toward the back door of our farmhouse.

On clear, moonless nights, he would pause, tilt his head back and point out the Milky Way, the Big Dipper, the North Star.

Now I find myself wondering what was going through Dad's mind as he stood there, surrounded by kids and farmland.

A man of few words, my Dad, who died in 1983, never talked much about what he did as a pilot during World War II. I know he lost his best friend to the war, and flying plane loads of paratroopers into battle and wounded soldiers back into Allied territory surely took an emotional toll.

Perhaps that is what made him focus on what was in front of him after the war: a wife, five kids and crops that needed to be planted, tended and harvested.

Dad's reticence regarding his war experiences is why my siblings and I were surprised to hear in June 2015 about his key role on D-Day: As 1st Lt. Barney Blankenship, he was one of three pilots who flew That's All Brother, the C-47 that led the invasion over Normandy.

The plane had been



Denise Joyce

discovered in an aircraft boneyard, mere days away from being destroyed. But a nonprofit group called the Commemorative Air Force rescued the plane and launched a successful Kickstarter campaign to fund

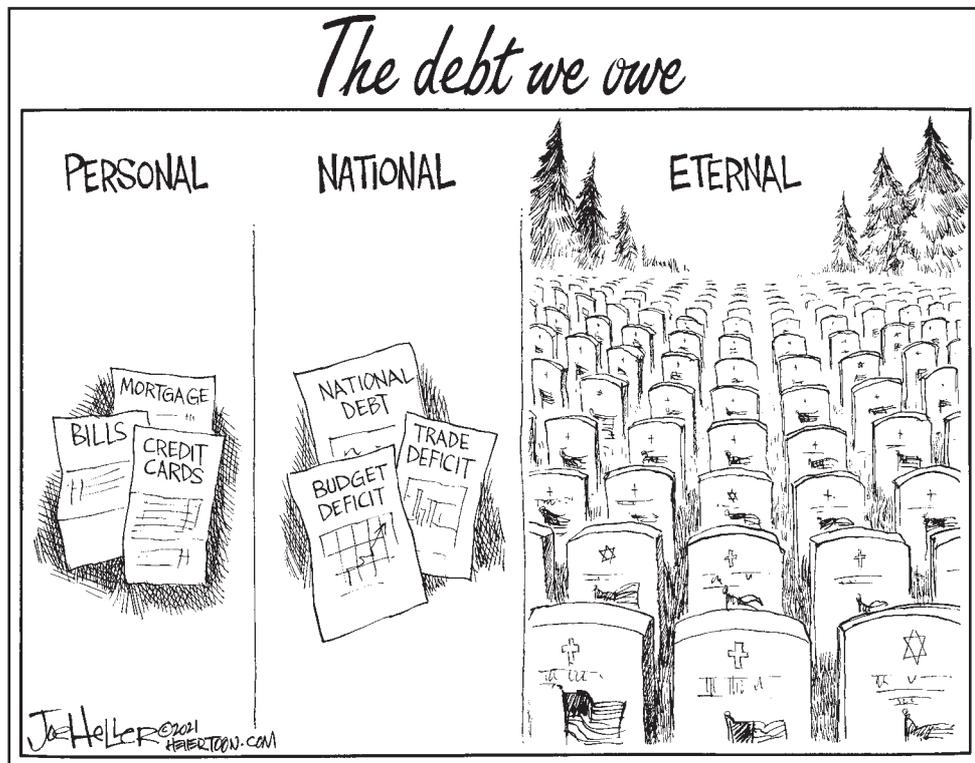
its restoration.

I've closely followed the plane's progress, including two visits to Basler Turbo Conversions in Oshkosh, where much of the plane's restoration took place. My husband and I got to fly in the plane earlier this year, when a trip to the Texas Hill Country coincided with the plane's location at its CAF hangar in San Marcos.

The plane and the flight resonated with emotion. In this very same space, my dad had carried a heavy responsibility, probably trying not to think too much about the paratroopers sitting on metal benches behind him, waiting to snap onto the static line before leaping out of the plane and into battle.

The confusion and terror of the night that led into D-Day had to be in high contrast to the night sky my dad gazed up at not so many years later. Perhaps his thoughts on those later evenings were about how he was one of the lucky ones, standing under a peaceful sky sheltering the people he loved most.

— Denise Joyce of Hinsdale is a former contributing columnist. This column was first published Aug. 23, 2018.



GUEST ESSAY

Vietnam vet shares story of a Hinsdale native, hero

Memorial Day: A tribute to those who gave everything in the line of duty. One such soldier was James W. Robinson Jr., born in 1940 in Hinsdale. He enlisted in the Marines in 1958, and gave his life in battle on April 11, 1966, in Vietnam.

I came about Sgt. Robinson's story when I encountered a framed photo of him at the Hines VA hospital. It spelled out a detailed description of his valor in the face of a fierce firefight with a Viet Cong battalion.

Sgt. Robinson moved among the men of his fire team, instructing and inspiring them. Enemy snipers, located in trees, were inflicting heavy casualties. Robinson used a grenade launcher to eliminate the threat. When the medic in his team was himself hit while administering aid, Robinson charged through a withering hail of fire and dragged his comrades to safety, where he rendered aid and saved their lives. With the firefight still raging, he collected weapons and ammunition from the wounded to distribute to those still able-bodied.

He continued to defy the enemy's fire and was himself wounded in the shoulder and leg. Despite his wounds, he rescued another of his wounded fight-

ers. While patching his own wounds, he spotted an enemy machine gun nest that had inflicted many casualties on the American force. His rifle ammo expended, he seized two grenades. He was hit in the leg again, with a tracer round that set his uniform on fire. He staggered indomitably toward enemy fire. Shot twice in the chest, but marshaling his last bit of physical strength, he hurled the grenades, destroying the enemy position.

Robinson was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

Who among those who serve in any war would be so self-sacrificial? Sgt. Robinson died, first and foremost, for the men in his unit. No doubt every skin color was represented in the members of his team. Sgt. Robinson was white. War may be inherently insane, but somehow, in its most dire moments of battle, it reveals a bonding. We all bleed the same color blood.

— Joe Harrington of Oak Park served in the 27th surgical hospital (M.A.S.H.) unit of the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He is currently an adjunct instructor in the communications arts department at Triton College.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Carl Davis Berry Jr.

Carl Davis Berry Jr., M.D., 97, a former resident of Hinsdale and Oak Brook, died May 14, 2021.

Dr. Berry was in practice for 40 years as a urologist, on staff at La Grange, Hinsdale and West Suburban Hospitals. Actively involved in many professional societies, Carl was past president of the Chicago Urological Society, past director of the Robert Crown Center for Health Education and an assistant professor at the University of Illinois School of Medicine. He graduated from the University of Illinois School of Medicine in 1948.

Carl proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and Air Force during World War II and the Korean War, respectively.

Carl lived an active and rewarding life outside of practicing medicine. An avid golfer with four holes-in-one, he was a longtime member and former president of the Hinsdale Golf Club. He also was on the board of governors at the Chicago District Golf Association and was a member and secretary-treasurer at the Illinois Senior Golf Association.

In addition to enjoying golf, Carl could often be found outdoors, fishing and hunting in Montana and the West, all passions discovered through spending summers at his grandfather's ranch in Montana. He was a proud Eagle Scout and charter member of the Helena Montana Wilderness Riders.

Carl was a longtime member of the Community



Berry

Presbyterian Church in Clarendon Hills.

Carl's greatest love was his family. He most loved spending time with and traveling with his wife of 73 years, Marion, his daughters and grandchildren. He will be fondly remembered and missed greatly by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He is survived by his wife, Marion Treadwell Berry; his daughters, Carolyn (Stephen) Swofford, Wendy (Daniel) Radakovich and Anne (Henry) Herschel; his grandchildren, William, Margaret, Beatrice, Mara, Anne, Peter, Carl, Leland, Morgan and Michael; his eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at Community Presbyterian Church, 39 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills. The church requests that people be fully vaccinated to attend the service.

Interment will be private at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Chicago District Golf Foundation, Sunshine Through Golf, 11855 Archer Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439 or online at <https://www.cdgaFOUNDATION.org>.

Support the Berry Family by signing the online guestbook and tribute page at <https://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com>.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Patrick J. Colombo

Patrick J. Colombo, 98, of Clarendon Hills died May 20, 2021.

Patrick earned a degree in chemical engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology and an MBA at the University of Chicago. He went on to become a longtime chemical engineer at Standard Oil/Amoco. He was a proud World War II veteran.

Patrick enjoyed traveling with his wife, Jeanne, and their lifelong friends, Phil and Kay Raleigh. He was a volunteer at the Clarendon Hills Library, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Notre Dame Parish Food Pantry.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne E. Colombo, nee Griffin; his children, Leah Bolek, Kevin Colombo, Janet (John) Lattmann and Valerie



Colombo

(Mike) Redlich; his grandchildren, Brian and Valerie (Jose Rangel) Bolek, Zachary (Amber), Patrick and Luke Lattmann, and Michael (Mika) Redlich; and his great-grandchildren, T.J. and Wesley Bolek and Patrick Lattmann.

He was preceded in death by his son, Rick (Pat) Colombo.

A funeral Mass was said May 26 at Notre Dame Church in Clarendon Hills. Entombment was private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Fisher House Foundation at <https://www.fisherhouse.org>.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

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SOPHIE LEKAS, MIDSHIPMAN

How did your Naval career intersect with Hinsdale Rotary?

A year ago in March, Sophie Lekas needed money. \$32,000 to be precise.

She was finishing her fourth and final year as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and was eager to pursue graduate studies, if the Navy would support it.

The master's program in engineering at Oxford University accepted her, but she would need to raise half of the two-year program's \$64,000 tuition herself.

"I thought it would be a good experience before beginning my naval career, she said. "I really wanted to go abroad, since I'd only gone abroad once in my life."

Lekas had a short fundraising window, and the emerging pandemic was not helping.

"I had two weeks to find all this money because I had to submit my request to the Navy," she said. "I thought, 'How am I going to find all this money in two weeks?'"

With the help of her mom, the Hinsdale Central alum identified organizations she hoped might help. Hinsdale Rotary was one of them.

"They were actually the only one that responded back," she said.

After doing its due diligence to verify her request, the club raised \$4,300 for her. Ultimately other benefactors emerged to fill the \$27,700 gap and her request was granted. She became one of only 20 in her class to be extended such an opportunity. She began her research focused on 3D printing last June and acclimated to British life.

"The Navy pays for my housing, so I found a nice flat to rent, which is really nice," Lekas said.

Lekas admitted she originally had her heart set on attending West Point until she learned of the Navy's highly regarded aerospace engineering program.

She said friends had trouble understanding that military academies provide college educations.

"But then, I think they knew I'd love it," she said.

And did she, even with the often grueling schedules?

"Looking back on it, I did. But I didn't get much sleep," said.

"Everybody who goes there was a

class president or captain of their high school team. Everyone's just very impressive."

Motivational to be sure, but Lekas also found a supportive community as they ground through adversity they all called "the Suck."

Summers were the payoff, as she was able to spend a week in a submarine and go backpacking in Alaska for 25 days.

"No showers or toilets — it was great!" she remarked.

In December, she married Matthew, a fellow Naval officer. They had to spend the next several months apart until Lekas' academic year finished this spring.

"It was weird seeing him in 3D instead of on FaceTime," she joked.

She'll head back across the Atlantic in a few weeks and looks forward to experiencing the culture in a less COVID-restrictive state of affairs.

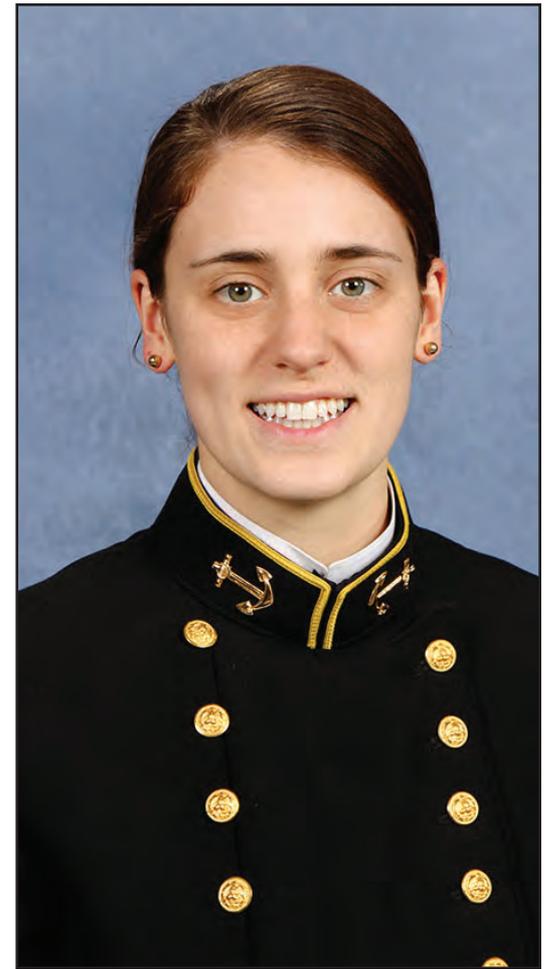
Once she earns her degree, it's back on duty.

"I'll be a submariner for 10 years."

After that?

"I'll definitely apply for the astronaut program," said Lekas, then alluded to her strong faith commitment. "Or I might want to do missions work."

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale Central and U.S. Naval Academy graduate Sophie will soon begin her second year in an Oxford University master's program, thanks in part to financial support from Hinsdale Rotary. (photo provided)





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OBITUARIES

Jean Madalin Lyons Tyska

Jean L. Tyska, 94, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully May 17, 2021, at home in DeKalb, surrounded in by family and friends.

Jean was born in 1926 in Chicago to Madalin and James Arthur Lyons. She lived off the 10th fairway of Midlothian Country Club, where she developed her talent and love for golf. She also resided in Beverly Hills, Ill., and spent a few winters in Delray Beach, Fla. She so loved spending summers water skiing, boating, fishing, and growing up at the family's summer home in the North Woods of Minocqua, Wis.

Jean graduated from Carleton College with a degree in foreign language and English. She earned a master's degree in Spanish and French from the University of Iowa. She taught Spanish, English, and French at Luther South High School in Chicago and at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park.

Jean met Richard "Dick" Tyska, thanks to Jean's brother Jim, in Beverly Hills, and they were married on Sept. 24, 1960. They settled in Oak Brook and then moved to Hinsdale where they enjoyed family life for almost 40 years, continuing a lifelong romance of love, laughter, support, and respect.

They spend most summers in Minocqua on Squirrel Lake, tuning into Cubs games whenever they could, and enjoyed winters off the fairway at The Plantation in Venice, Fla..

Jean and Dick enjoyed their passion for golf at Midlothian Country Club, Minocqua Country Club and The Plantation. Jean was devoted to the Chicago Women's District Golf Association for more than a decade, serving as president from 1985-87 and on the board of directors. She was a part of a hardworking core of women that pioneered hands-on golf course rating initiatives, walking every step of each golf course.

Jean and Dick moved from Hinsdale to DeKalb

in 2002 to be closer to their daughter, Pam, a coach. They supported the NIU Huskies women's golf team in person, both in DeKalb and during spring travels in Florida. Jean, with bowl-stirring help from Dick, would make homemade brownies for entire tournament fields which became much beloved among players and coaches. Jean, Dick and Pam were blessed to share many adventures together, traveling to U.S. golf destinations and beyond for many years. There was complete joy in sharing adventures of Florida travels and Squirrel Lake escapades from glorious sunrises to breathtaking sunset pontoon cruises and sometimes, unintentionally wild fireworks off the dock for the Fourth of July. Their family life was filled with laughter, love, humor, kindness, an abundance of happiness and Jean's contagious smile. Family visits were much enjoyed and so many close friends became like family throughout the years. Jean and family were blessed to have loving and devoted caregivers.

Jean is survived by her daughter, Pam Tyska (Barb Beck); her nieces, Terri Daley and Diane (Ed) Lyons-Mihok; her nephew James (Sherrie) Lyons; her granddaughter, Annie (Ryan) Severson; her great-granddaughter, Peyton; and her great-nieces and -nephews, Kyle and Ariana Daley and Scott and Chris (Becky) Lyons.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Tyska; and her brother, James Lyons.

Visitation is from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at Anderson Funeral Home, 2011 S. Fourth St., DeKalb.

A memorial service will follow at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Tyska Family Memorial Project, in care of Anderson Funeral Home Ltd., PO Box 605, 2011 S. Fourth St., DeKalb, IL 60115. Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Paul J. Weldon

Paul J. Weldon, 64, third generation owner of Van Bergen & Greener Inc., a Weldon Corporation, died peacefully in his home from complications of multiple myeloma May 24, 2021. He was surrounded by immediate family members.

The owner of the only U.S. manufacturer of starter drives and starter drives components, Weldon led the 102-year-old company with innovation, compassion, ambition and empathy. Known and respected in Catholic business leadership communities, he had been an active member of Lumen Institute's Chicago group.

A native of River Forest, where he was born the fifth of six children to Bill and the Patricia Weldon, he began working with his father at Van Bergen & Greener a few years after earning his bachelor's in business from Loyola University in Chicago in 1978. He later earned his master's in business administration at Roosevelt University.

He is a 1974 graduate of Fenwick High School in Oak Park, where he was remembered for his sense of humor. After graduation, he attended Georgetown University for his freshman year, transferring his sophomore year to Loyola in Chicago.

He was married in 1985 to Bernadette, nee Treacy, and they raised their three children Matthew, Treacy (Dan) O'Keefe, and Marirose in River Forest before moving to Oak Brook. His wife passed in 2004 as a result of an undiagnosed brain tumor.

He married Diane Schikora Tentler in 2015.

A generous supporter of Catholic charities and funds locally, nationally and internationally, Weldon was known as a modest and private man, honoring the responsibilities of family first, with deep commitment to his faith.

A well-known and popular resident of Oak Brook for more than 25 years, Weldon also had homes in New Buffalo, Mich. and Palm Harbor, Fla., where he spent weekends and vacations with his extended family.

Known for his generosity to family and his candid sense of humor, Weldon liked to pull pranks and surprise people with his jokes. He was recognized in his neighborhood for his 2000 red Corvette with the license plate, "Ooh Yah."

Running the manufacturing company as sole proprietor following his father's death in 1988 and working alongside his mother, who was chief financial officer at the company until her death in 2002, Weldon maintained a fervent commitment to his customers, suppliers and employees in the Maywood plant his father purchased in the 1980s. He often joked that the "E" in CEO stood for energy.

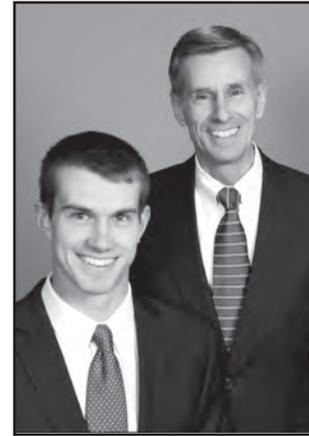
In addition to his wife and three children, Weldon is survived by his wife's three children, Robert, David and Julie Tentler; his five siblings, Mary Pat (Ken) Woitas, Maureen Weldon, Bill (the late Madonna) Weldon, Madeleine (Mike) Weldon-Linne and Michele Weldon; his siblings-in-law, William (Deborah) Treacy, Barbara Treacy, Rosemary Treacy, Mary Pat (Jeff) Sutter and Sharon Carroll; his 27 nieces and nephews, Megan (Alex) Rodriguez, Jaime (Joe) Doss, Kevin (Sherry) Woitas, Laura (Rob) Clark, Molly (Joe) Barber, Katie Fegan, Maggie Fegan, Bill Weldon, Erin (Bill) Wilton, Elizabeth (Brian) Freer, Conor (Caroline) Weldon, Caelan (Eric) Lampe, Aleksandra Weldon-Line (Evan) Shapiro; Mariel Reeves, Alyssa (Dustin) Jesberger, Weldon, Brendan and Colin Rogers, Patrick, Caitlin and Sean Treacy, Andrew and Scott Sutter and Nora Carroll.

Services are private.

Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Missionaries of Charity at <https://www.motherteresa.org/missionaries-of-charity.html> or Legionnaires of Christ.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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Coaches Jason Hayes (left) and Jim Kupres — with the help of wrestling and track athletes, their families and others — raised more than \$6,500 for St. Baldrick's to fund pediatric cancer research. The two had let their hair grow for more than a year during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Jim Slonoff photos)

A shave and a haircut raises quite a bit

Central coaches take advantage of corona hair to sponsor fundraiser for St. Baldrick's

By Pamela Lannom
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Family and friendship provided motivation for organizers of the St. Baldrick's fundraiser last week at Hinsdale Central High School.

Oh, and the coronavirus pandemic played a role as well.

"He had the long COVID hair," boys varsity track coach Jim Kupres said of boys varsity wrestling coach Jason Hayes. "I had the long COVID hair. We asked if we could do our own shaving event, our own fundraiser."

The organization they approached was St. Baldrick's, known to Kupres because his daughter, Rachel, had her head shaved for a school fundraiser a few years back when she was in third grade.

"She was the only girl from her class that did it and she just thought it was an important thing to do," Kupres said.

He also wanted to provide an opportunity for athletes to give back during the pandemic, since many of the ways they typically do so were canceled due to COVID-19.

Hayes said he was happy to help. "I think it was a great experience," he said. "It brought more awareness for some people who are not aware of the organization. It was a good event. It turned out very positive."

Molly Watcke, mom of senior runner Dan Watcke, was happy to help out, especially when she learned a charity that funds pediatric cancer research would be the beneficiary.

"I immediately jumped on it," she said. "I had a brother who died from leukemia when I was a young child. This organization pulls at my heart strings a little bit."

Her brother, Tim McClimon, died in 1977, when he was in fourth grade and she was in first.

"If he had been born a little later — he had the form of leukemia that is very treatable now," she said. "They were just starting to talk about bone marrow transplants at the time."

Although St. Baldrick's does not require fundraisers to shave their heads, Kupres and Hayes decided to do so May 20 after school. A host of wrestling and track athletes, their families and Central staff were in the cafeteria to witness the event.

"I feel like I'm in a frat initiation," Kupres said as staff members from White Buffalo were getting ready to shave his and Hayes' heads.

"Right now, show of hands, who wants me to keep my hair?" Kupres asked. "Thank you, Rachel. Thank you, Andrew. Two people? Is that it?"

The crowd came up with its own answer to his query.

"Shave it! Shave it! Shave it!" they chanted.

Michael Logan and Jessica Sheppard from White Buffalo were on hand to do the honors. Logan is a former Hinsdale Central student.

"He is the nicest young man in the world," Kupres said.

After the coaches lost their locks, about half a dozen athletes had their heads shaved, too, Watcke said.

"The exciting part about that is I

don't think any of them were planning on it ahead of time," she said. "They were having so much fun."

In addition to raising \$6,500 — about \$1,500 more than the goal, Watcke said the event was a lot of fun.

"I went to watch and take pictures," she said. "It just seemed like a normal event, finally. As a parent, I was so happy that the kids were cheering and screaming and high-fiving."

Watcke noted the sacrifices the kids have had to make over the past year.

"The timing couldn't have been better," she added. "It was almost like an end-of-the-year celebration doing this."

Hayes is happy to have a new cut after 16 months of growing his hair

out.

"I did enjoy the long hair for a little while, but I didn't realize how much work goes into it," he said.

Kupres was happy to get rid of his long hair, too, although he said it might have come in handy on Saturday.

"At our Saturday track meet, not realizing how hot the sun was, my forehead and head and neck all got fried," he said. "I was unaware of the lack of hair that I had."

He agreed with Watcke that the event provided a boost for all who attended.

"We did something great for St. Baldrick's and also, I think, when people come together to support someone or something, it's always a good thing."



"I'm a new human being," Hayes said after getting his head shaved May 20. Residents interested in contributing should visit <https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/age/131514/2021>.

PULSE



Start the Memorial Day weekend with a gratitude walk Saturday morning at Mayslake Peabody Estate. See Page 22 for details. (photo courtesy of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Hinsdale Fine Arts Show

June 5 & 6
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
<http://www.hinsdalechamber.com/fine-arts-festival>

The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce will hold this 48th annual event featuring dozens of artists displaying and selling their works, from ceramics to photography to jewelry. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Virtual Paint Night

June 5
<https://www.czs.org/events>
Pick up a paintbrush, put on a smock and check out this special Brookfield Zoo live virtual event in partnership with Pinot's Palette studio in Naperville. Registrants who can't participate on June 5 have up to seven days to watch the recorded video. The cost includes all supplies. Time: 3 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$35 plus shipping. RR

■ Paint Your Pet

Sundays, June 6-27

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

Instructor Gabrielle Tufano will teach students ages 16 and up to work from a photo of one's pet using acrylic paints and classic techniques. Time: 2 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$165. RR, MD

■ Botanical Drawing

June 6
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 West 111th St., Lemont
(630) 257-2045
<https://fpdccc.com>
Learn artistic techniques to draw plants with pencil. The program is for ages 12 & up; masks and physical distancing are required. Time: 1 p.m. RR

AUDITION CALL

■ American Youth Symphony Orchestra

May 30
<https://www.aysomusic.org/auditions>
The AYSO is holding virtual

auditions for all string, wind, brass, percussion and piano musicians ages 7-18. The auditions will be conducted via Dropbox. See the website listed above for more details. An additional audition date is set for June 27. Fee: \$25.

FAMILY FUN

■ 'The Mischief Makers' reading

June 14
Memorial Building lawn near Chicago Avenue

Author and former Hinsdale resident Christine Cuthbert will read from her new children's book on the Memorial Building lawn during the farmers market. Time: 11 a.m.

GAME ON

■ Chicago Elite Volleyball

Tuesdays, June 8-29
The Community House
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This program will both

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Titles inspired daily life during the pandemic

A silver lining from the chaotic last year was the complete reset of my personal schedule.

Waking up earlier and earlier became something I started to look forward to. It gave me the chance to get out of the house to exercise and return home to make a delicious breakfast from scratch plus brew a great cup of coffee. I found a lot of joy in these daily activities I could do not too far from home.

Here are some of the titles that inspired my adventures close-to-home.

• **“Water, Wood, and Wild Things” by Hannah Kirshner**

When you’re stuck at home, a great travelogue is like the overseas vacation you never got to take. Kirshner parlays an invitation to intern at a sake bar in Yamanaka, a small Japanese mountain village, into an opportunity to learn craft after craft — wood turning, paper making and killer highballs just to start. Around

town, she seeks out esoteric farming practices and traditional hunting methods as the elders of the small town soon will be unable to continue them. Kirshner and other young people she meets discover these old ways provide the connection to the land and their food that they crave.

• **“Exercised, Why Something We Never Evolved to do is Healthy and Rewarding” by Daniel Lieberman**

If you’re curious about what “the science” says about the very unnatural way that modern people approach exercise, this is the book for you. Lieberman takes down exercise myth after exercise myth in a comprehensive and very readable manner. Journeys with subsistence hunters, running for 50+ miles in the Mexican desert and other vivid



Ridgeway Burns
Check this out

experiences form the background for this title.

• **“Floret Farms: Cut Flower Garden” by Erin Benzakein**

The best way to bring nature inside is fresh flowers. With beautiful photography, Benzakein will show you what and how to plant so you can cut flowers from your own garden to brighten your home. My favorite part is that many of the

plants don’t require a lot of care to produce lots of blooms. Also covered is flower arranging, to help you create wonderful gifts to brighten a neighbor’s day.

• **“The World According to Jeff Goldblum” series**

I’d recommend this Disney Plus series if you’ve been missing the people-watching that comes with travel and being out-and-about. Jeff Goldblum takes you to places where

truly unusual people (denim hunters, Amish RV craftsmen) are doing unique work. It’s fascinating and a fun watch that’ll inspire future excursions.

• **“Smuggler’s Cove” by Bill James**

For the nights when you don’t have to get up early, I’d recommend this cocktail book. Great drink recipes and a fascinating deep dive into Tiki history, this book will transport you to a bygone era of going out. It doesn’t hurt that the cocktails are often very strong!

• **“The Joy of Cooking” by Irma Rombauer**

This book probably doesn’t need a recommendation, but the biscuit, pancake and waffle recipes were my pandemic go-tos. It’s a great feeling to be the “Breakfast Master” of the house.

— *Ridgeway Burns is the assistant director and youth and young adult services manager at the Hinsdale Public Library.*

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ing to both skill level and age and challenged accordingly. Times: 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 6-11, 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 11-14. Cost: \$80. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Hummingbird Watch

May 29
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs

(708) 839-6897
<https://www.fpdcc.com>

Watch for hummingbirds at nectar feeders and native flowers while strolling through the center's sensory garden with a naturalist. Masks and physical distancing are required. Time: 1 to 2 p.m. RR

■ Lantern-lit Night Hike

June 5
Fullersburg Woods
3609 Spring Road, Oak

Brook
(630) 933-7248
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

Take a self-guided lantern-lit 1.5-mile walk along the trails. Registrants will be assigned specific times every 20 minutes to observe social distancing. Participants should bring a flashlight and a mask. Times: 7 to 9:40 p.m. Cost: \$10. RR

GREEN THUMB

■ Composting 101

June 10
<http://hinsdalelibrary.info>
Learn about composting basics and different types of composters. Whether looking to reduce waste or feed the garden, composting is a great option and easier than one might think. Include an email address to receive the online meeting invitation. Time: 7 to 8

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■ Community Garden Plot Program

June 1-Oct. 31
Peirce Park
700 E. Walnut St., Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org>

Residents and nonresidents are invited to join Hinsdale's Community Garden Plot Program. Six raised garden plots measuring 4-by-6 feet each will be available to rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Plots include dirt only. Renters can keep whatever their plot produces. All gardeners must agree to follow the rules and guidelines of the garden plot manual. Renters must be at least age 18. Cost: \$25 per plot, \$40 for nonresidents.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Healthy & Easy Ingredient Swaps

June 5
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>

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This cooking class will focus on modifying one classic recipe to make it plant-based and will provide tips and tricks to improve one's intake while meeting dietary needs. Recipes may contain common food allergens. This program is for those on the cancer journey. Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. RR

■ Importance of Community and Connection During Cancer

June 8
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>

In this Wellness Evolving presentation, local community psychologists share their research and work on the importance of peer support and community building. Learn takeaways on how to build and contribute to a community that can promote mutual support and resiliency. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Fitness Hike

June 13
Bemis Woods-North (Grove 4)
Wolf Road south of 31st St.

(312) 533-5751
<https://fpdcc.com>

Get a workout while enjoying the benefits of hitting the trail. Fast walk and slower-paced options are available on this approximately 6.5-mile hike from Bemis Woods to Brezina Woods and back. Masks and physical distancing are required. Time: 8 a.m. RR.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Little Free Library Scavenger Hunt

June 1-30
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Get exercise and fresh air through this Hinsdale Public Library activity inviting kids to hunt around Hinsdale for all of the Little Free Library book sharing boxes within specified boundaries. Fill in the street names under photos of the boxes on the entry form and hand in the form to enter the contest and possibly receive a prize. Entry forms will be available to pick up in Youth Services beginning June 1; completed forms must be sub-

mitted by June 30.

■ Messy Art Labs

Saturdays, June 5-26
Burr Ridge Community Center
15W400 Harvester Drive
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Kids ages 5-8 can paint and have fun in a way not allowed at home. Be inspired to paint, stamp, cut, paste and collage works of art. Weekly themes from an award winning children's book will be used for inspiration. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$85. RR

■ In A Jar: Outdoor Storytime and Activity

June 8
Burns Field
320 N. Vine St., Hinsdale
<http://hinsdalelibrary.info>

Meet Hinsdale Public Library staff at Burns Field to read the picture book "In a Jar" by Deborah Marcero and create little personal jars of treasures. Registration opens May 31. Time: 10:30 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Creative Writing for Kids

Wednesdays, June 16-July 7
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

In this fun and interactive virtual class, kids ages 7-12 will use their own natural talent of creativity and imagination to learn how to effectively develop and write their own stories. Each session covers different activities and topics, taught live on Zoom by a Language in Action Inc. instructor. Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$106. RR

■ Future Economists of the World

June 18
Community Presbyterian Church
39 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills
(630) 703-9143
<https://www.tinyurl.com/5evhutxv>

Rising second- through fifth-graders are invited to learn about different economic systems, consumer impact on the economy, supply and demand,

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LISTEN & LEARN

■ **Virtual Coffee with the Curator: General Brooks Collection**
May 28

<https://www.FDMuseum.org>
This Zoom program, the first in a series presented by the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, will feature newly donated items from Gen. Vincent Brooks and the stories behind them. A 1980 West Point graduate, Brooks was the Academy's first African American cadet first captain,

the highest position a cadet can achieve. He commanded the 1st Infantry Division for two years beginning in 2009 when the "Big Red One" was deployed to Iraq. He retired as a 4-star general in 2019. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m. RR

MEMORIAL DAY

■ **Gratitude Walk**
May 29
Mayslake Peabody Estate

1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
(630) 206-9566
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

Mark Memorial Day by contemplating one's many freedoms on a leisurely guided walk. Bring pen and paper to jot down thoughts at four scheduled stops along the way. Masks are required. A Gratitude Walk will also be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. May 31 at York Woods on Harger Road near York Road in Oak Brook.

The program is for ages 12 and up; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 7:30 to 9 a.m. Cost: \$15. RR

■ **Flag Raising and Walking Tour**
May 31

Fullersburg Cemetery
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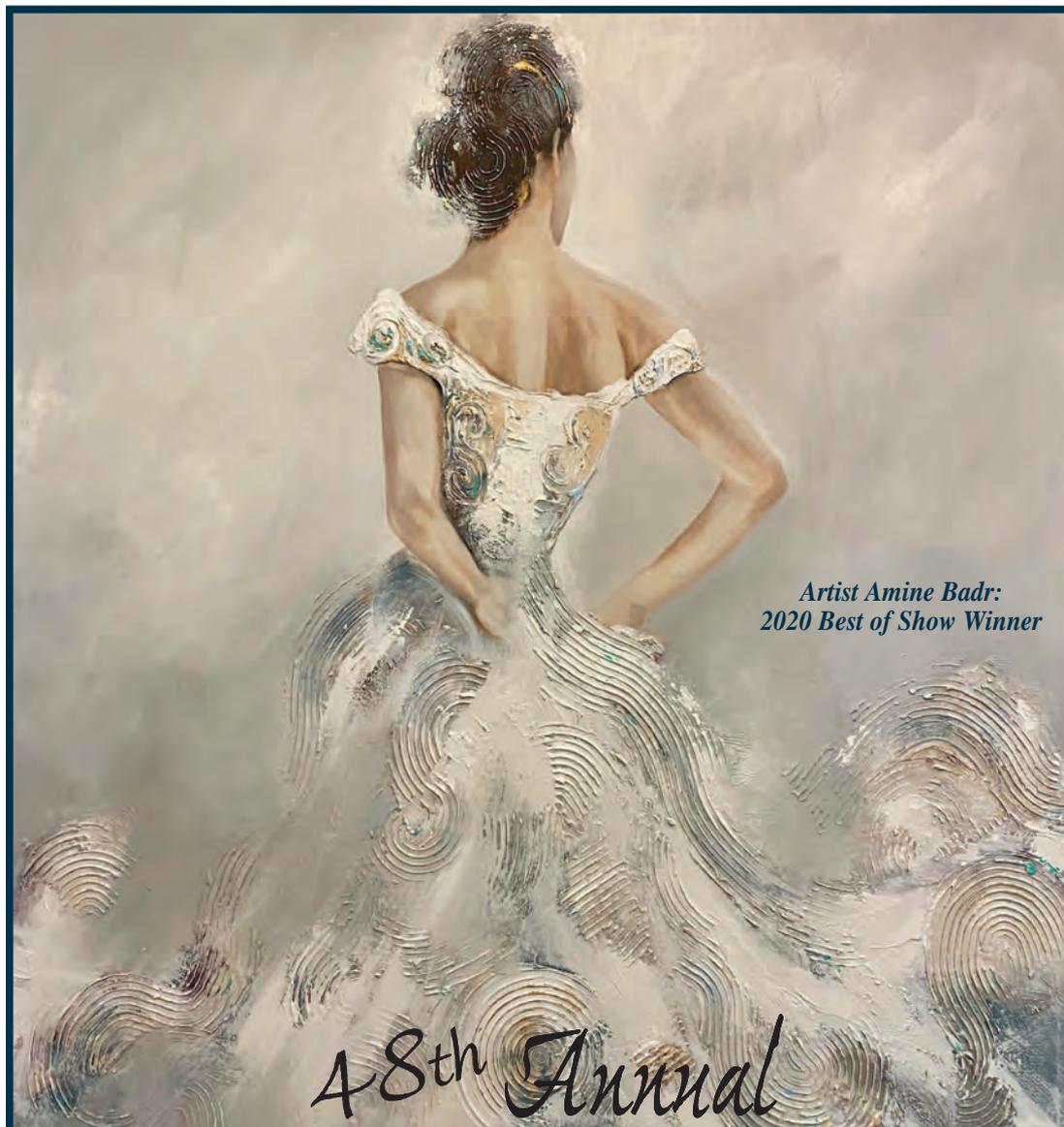
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and walking tour of this 1851 cemetery, the final resting spot of many of the founders of Fullersburg and Hinsdale as well as for many of the area's Civil War soldiers. Time: 11:30 a.m.

■ **Interactive Memorial Day**
<https://www.dupageco.org/memorial>

DuPage County will relaunch its interactive Memorial Day portal, allowing residents to "virtually" gather to share stories and photos honoring the memories of fallen heroes. The website portal, listed above, allows residents to share their Honor Posts highlighting their family member or friend, along with a photo and written tribute. The portal also features quotes poems, and videos offering historical information surrounding the Memorial Day holiday.

ON STAGE

■ **'EMMA! A Pop Musical'**
 June 4-6

The Community House
 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<http://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>

Stage Door Fine Arts presents this production introducing Emma, a senior at Highbury Prep, who is certain she knows what's best for her classmates' love lives and is determined to find the perfect boyfriend for shy sophomore Harriet by the end of the school year. Based on Jane Austen's classic novel, this adaptation features hit songs from The Supremes, Cyndi Lauper, Katy Perry, Sara Bareilles and more. Times: 7:30 p.m. June 4, 2 and 7:30 p.m. June 5, 2 p.m. June 6. Tickets: \$20.

■ **'A Midsummer Night's Dream'**
 June 10-12, 18-19
 Theatre of Western Springs
 4384 Hampton Ave.
<https://theatreofwesternsprings.com>

The CTWS High School Repertory program will perform one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, set in Athens and consisting of several subplots that revolve

around the marriage of Duke Theseus and Hippolyta and characters who find themselves in a forest inhabited by fairies that manipulate the humans and are engaged in their own domestic intrigue. The show will be performed on the theater's new outdoor stage and all performances are BYOC or "bring your own chair". Masks are required and seating will be limited and socially distanced. The play runs about 90 minutes with no intermission. Times: 7 p.m. June 10-11 and 18, 3 and 7 p.m. June 12, 3 p.m. June 13 and 19. Tickets: \$15.

RUNS & WALKS

■ **Spring 5k Run/Walk**
 Through May 30
<https://www.CZS.org/SpringRun2021>

Brookfield Zoo's first-ever Virtual Spring 5k Run/Walk allow participants to choose the time and place — through a forest preserve, along a waterfront trail or in a neighborhood — or, run the full 5K to compare times with other runners. Each participant receives a

beanie, virtual medal and completion certificate. Race materials will be mailed. Cost: \$30. RR

SEASONAL SERIES

■ **Hinsdale Farmers Market**
 Mondays, May 31-Oct. 25
 Burlington Park
 30 E. Chicago Ave.
<https://www.hinsdalechamber.com>
 (630) 323-3952

Shop the 45th annual market for the freshest in-season fruit, vegetables, eggs, honey, cheeses, meats, flowers and more. Weekly fitness classes will be held from 7 to 8 a.m. in the park in conjunction with the market, and there will be children's activities, too. Hours: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Ageing Well Month**
 Through May 31
<https://www.agingcareconnections.org/aging-well-month.html>

Ageing Care Connections is celebrating Older Adults Month by offering 45 free virtu-

al programs tailored for older adults that encourage learning, self-care and socialization. Topics include fitness, estate planning, real estate, music, art and history. Programs are hosted by local businesses and organizations that have an interest in the health and well-being of older adults. To access the Zoom links, visit the website listed above.

STEPPING BACK

■ **The First Code Talkers**
 June 3
<https://www.cantigny.org>

Author and teacher William Meadows will explore the origin of Native American code talking in World War I in this virtual presentation, including how the codes developed, their structure, use in combat, all groups presently known to have used them in the Great War and recognition to the present day. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

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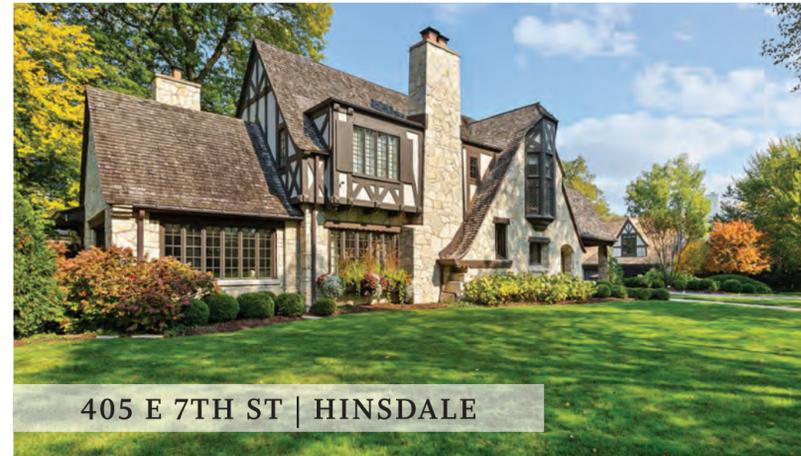


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Pet pic of the week

Ollie is a large mixed breed dog who is looking for his forever home. He would do well with kids 10 and older. He's a playful and smart 1-year-old whose adoption fee is \$200. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center will re-open to visitors Saturday, May 29. Temporary hours, available by appointment, are noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday this week. Then hours will be noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays and 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Capacity will be limited to about 20 visitors. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at <https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org> before arriving. (photo provided)



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WEE ONES

■ Teen JackBox Party Games

May 28
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

The Hinsdale Public Library invites teens to enjoy an action-packed afternoon of JackBox Party Games on Zoom. Include an email address when registering to receive an online meeting invitation. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Intro to the ACT

June 5 & 12
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Learn test format, question types and key strategies to for test day. Participants in this online two-class workshop hosted by the Hinsdale Public Library and led by Nurturing Wisdom tutors will take an online pre-test prior to the class. This program is only for students entering grades nine through 12. Include an email address when registering to receive an online meeting invitation. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Park Storytime

June 10
Burns Field
320 N. Vine St., Hinsdale
<http://hinsdalelibrary.info>

Join Hinsdale Public Library librarians for stories, finger-plays and music in the park. The program is recommended for ages 2-5. Time: 10:30 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Adult and Tot T-Ball

Tuesdays, June 15-Aug. 3 or Saturdays, June 12-Aug. 7
KLM Park
(630) 789-7090

<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Parents can enjoy America's favorite pastime with their children ages 2-3 as they develop motor skills while having fun throwing, catching, batting and base running. Time: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$72. RR

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SUMMER CAMPS

ANIMAL CAMPS

■ All Abilities Animal Friends Camp

Every other Friday, June 11-Aug. 6
Tuthill Family Pet Rescue and Resource Center
21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale
<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org>
(630) 323-5630

This Hinsdale Humane Society camp is designed for children ages 6 to 12, especially those with developmental and cognitive disabilities. Due to COVID-19 limitations, spots are reserved first for children with such disabilities. Any remaining spots can be filled by children without disabilities. Campers will be provided with an array of activities that will encourage them to get active, express their creativity and share their emotions. Register for all five sessions or pick and choose. Please send an email to lauren.link@hinsdalehumanesociety.org with questions about the camp, including cost, or to register. Masks are required if campers

are indoors due to inclement weather. Time: 10 a.m. to noon.

CODING CAMPS

■ Minecraft Builder

June 14-18
Code ninjas
842 E. Ogden Ave.,
Westmont
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Kids ages 7 to 14 will learn digital modeling processes and storytelling as they build scenes in Minecraft and produce stories in their digital world. They also will be introduced to recording, editing and mixing audio and visual. Another session is set for Aug. 9-13. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$299. RR

■ Roblox Game Builder

June 28-July 2
Code Ninjas
842 E. Ogden Ave.,
Westmont
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

This class is a fully guided experience for kids ages 7 to 14 to learn how to build their own Roblox game. Open to all levels of experience, kids will plan, design and build their own Roblox 3D world and invite friends to play in it. Another session is set for 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30. Time: 12:30 to 3:30. Cost: \$299. RR

■ Roblox Game Builder Advanced

July 5-9
Code Ninjas
842 E. Ogden Ave.,
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Kids ages 9-14 who are familiar with Roblox will take their skills to the next level with a scripting language called LUA. They will learn the fundamentals of scripting (coding) and dig into the game-making side of Roblox to move from being a player to being a developer. A second session will take place from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 16-30. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$299. RR

SPORTS CAMPS

■ Badminton & Pickleball

June 28-July 2
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets,
Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Kids 7 to 12 will be introduced to stroke fundamentals such as serving, receiving, smashing, volleying and dropping. Fun and challenging drills and recreational matches will help young players develop the hand-eye coordination, motor skills and mental abilities needed for successful pickleball and badminton groups. Equipment is provided. Time: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$115. RR

■ 5 Star Soccer Camp

June 14-18
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunityhouse.org>
(630) 323-7500
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■ Volleyball Camp

June 14-18
Burns Field
320 N. Vine St., Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
Players ages 7-12 of all skill levels will work on passing, serving, defense, setting, blocking and hitting along with technique, set location, play sets, footwork and overall knowledge of the game. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$115. RR

■ RISE Field Hockey Summer Camp

June 14-24
Robbins Park hockey field
Seventh and Vine streets,
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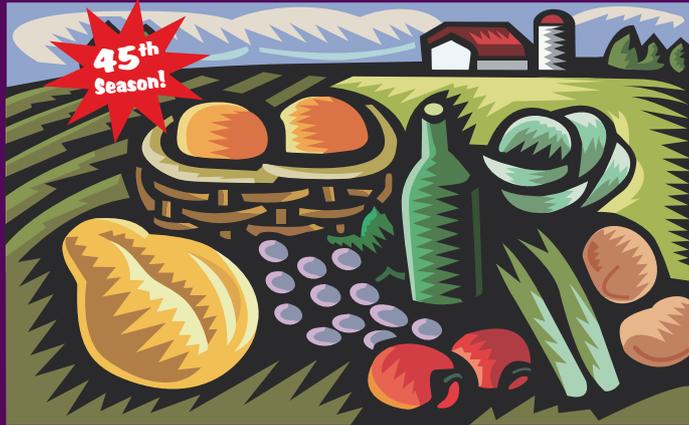
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■ Cheerleading Camp

June 21-25
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets,
Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Learn how to show spirit for the home team in this exciting camp for kids ages 7 to 12 who are new to cheerleading or preparing for the next season. Instruction will be provided on crowd and sideline cheers as well as arm motions, tumbling

and floor routines. Basic stunts and jumps will be incorporated throughout the week. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$115. RR

■ Soccer Made in America Training Camp

July 5-9
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets,
Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

The Aleks Mihailovic Soccer Made in America soccer training camp emphasizes psychological dimensions such as motivation, confidence, leadership and game smarts. Open to players ages 4 through 14, world-class professional clinicians will provide beginner, traveling and advanced levels. Extend the session to 3 p.m. for an addition \$100. A second camp will be offered July 26-30. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$159. RR

■ Lacrosse Camp

July 12-16
KLM Park
5901 S. County Line Road,

Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Players ages 7-12 will learn various lacrosse techniques such as cradling, scooping, passing, catching, shooting and goalie skills during drills and games in a fast-paced and safe environment. Offensive and defensive technique and positioning also will be taught. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$115. RR

S.T.E.M. CAMPS

■ Summer Science Camp

June 7-Aug. 13
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
<https://www.mortonarb.org/science-camps>
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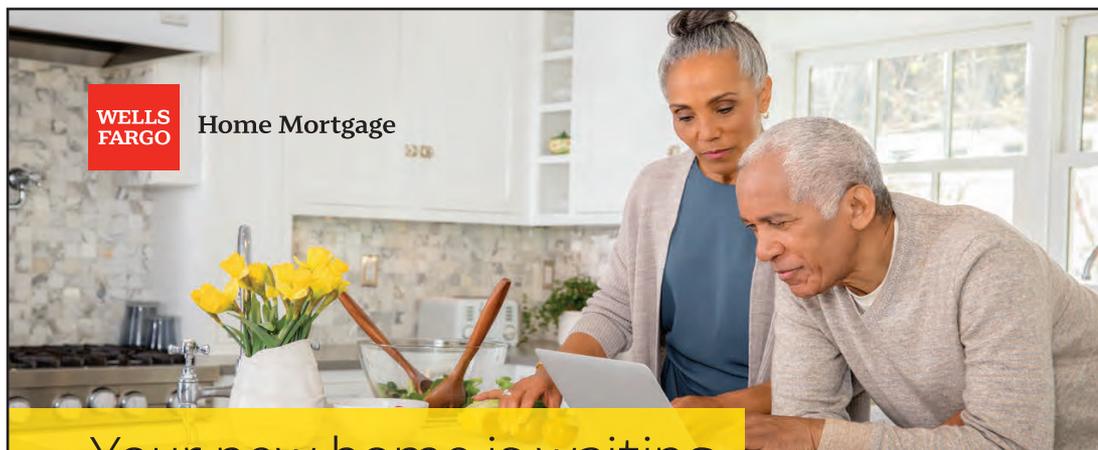


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a.m., supervised lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. and afternoon supervised play from 3 to 3:30 p.m. is available at an additional cost. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for full-day camps, 9 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 3:30 for half-days camps. Cost: \$410 full-day camps, \$245 half-day camps.

■ Harry Potter Science Camp

June 14-18

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

Kids ages 5 to 11 are invited to join the wizarding class at Hogwarts and learn how to cast spells and mix potions that actually work in this Whole Child Learning camp. Masks must be worn. An additional session will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 2-6. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$325, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Pokémon Master Engineering

June 21-25

Burr Ridge Park District
Community Center
15W400 Harvester Drive
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Campers ages 7 to 12 will start their training in Pallet Town and expand their Pokédex as they collect their favorite Pokémon with LEGO materials. Design and build as never before and explore crazy ideas while learning about STEM concepts. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$156. RR

■ Minecraft Camp

June 21-25

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

This Whole Child Learning camp for ages 5 to 11 will give kids — from beginners to advanced players — the chance to play games with their friends and make crafts. Masks must be worn. Additional sessions will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. July 26-30 and Aug. 16-20. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$325, with early bird and member discounts.

■ LEGO Engineering Camp

June 21-25

The Community House

415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5 to 10 will design moving assemblies, build bridges and robots, and explore programming with WeDo Robotics in this Whole Child Learning camp. Masks must be worn. Additional sessions are July 19-22 and Aug. 16-20 (9 a.m. to noon). Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$325, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Vet Science Camp

June 28 to July 1

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

In this Whole Child Learning camp, kids ages 5 to 11 will give pet exams, learn about caring for pets and have live encounters. Masks must be worn. Additional sessions will be offered July 12-16 (1 to 4 p.m.) and Aug. 9-13. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$260, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Spa Science Camp

June 28-July 1

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

Kids ages 5 to 11 will make lip gloss, bath bombs and more while learning the basics of facials, make-up and nutrition in this Whole Child Learning camp. Masks must be worn. Time: 1 to 4 p.m.. Cost: \$260, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Super Slime and Goopy Chemistry Camp

July 6-9

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

Become a mad scientist and brew up crazy concoctions — maybe even an explosion or two — in this Whole Child Learning camp for ages 5-11. An additional five-day session will take place Aug. 16-20 (\$325). Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$260, with early bird and member discounts.

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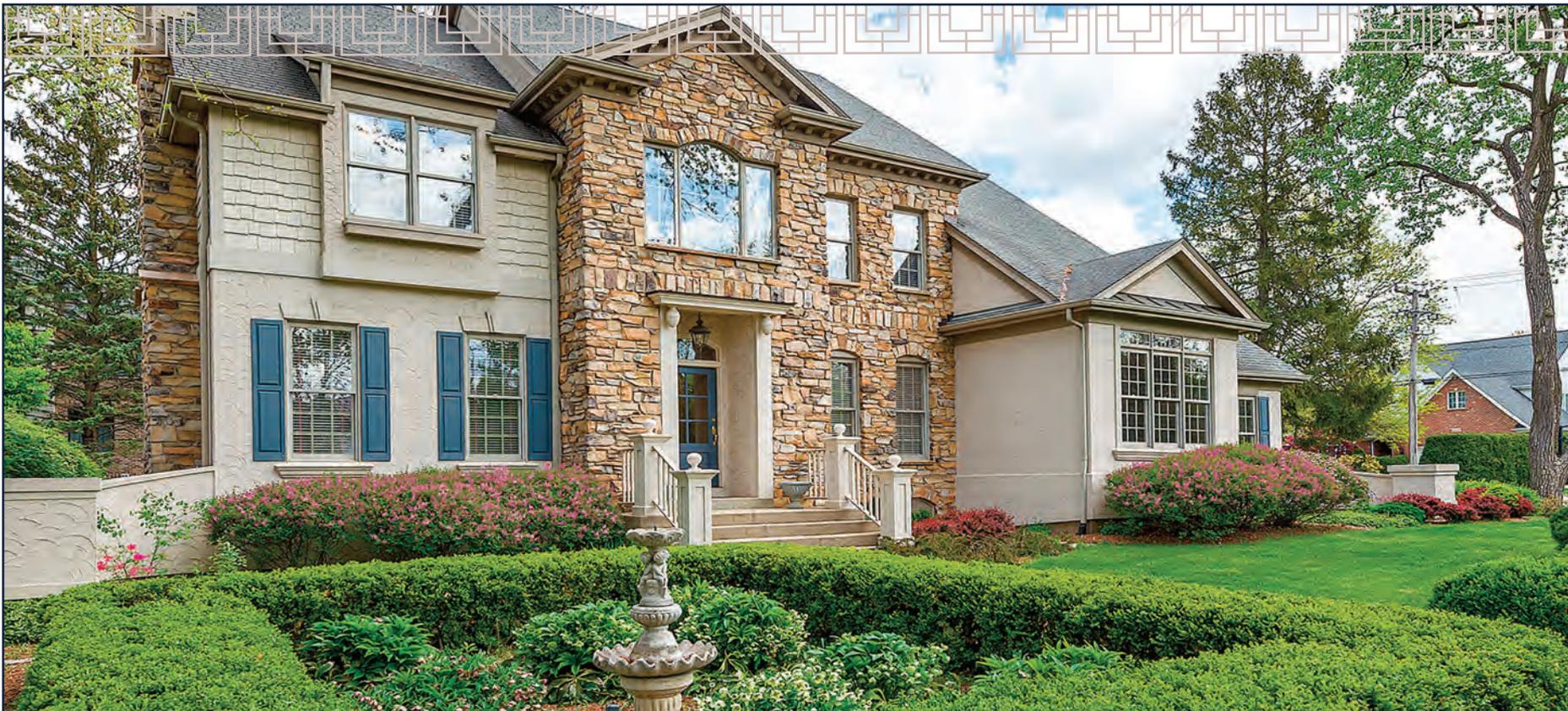


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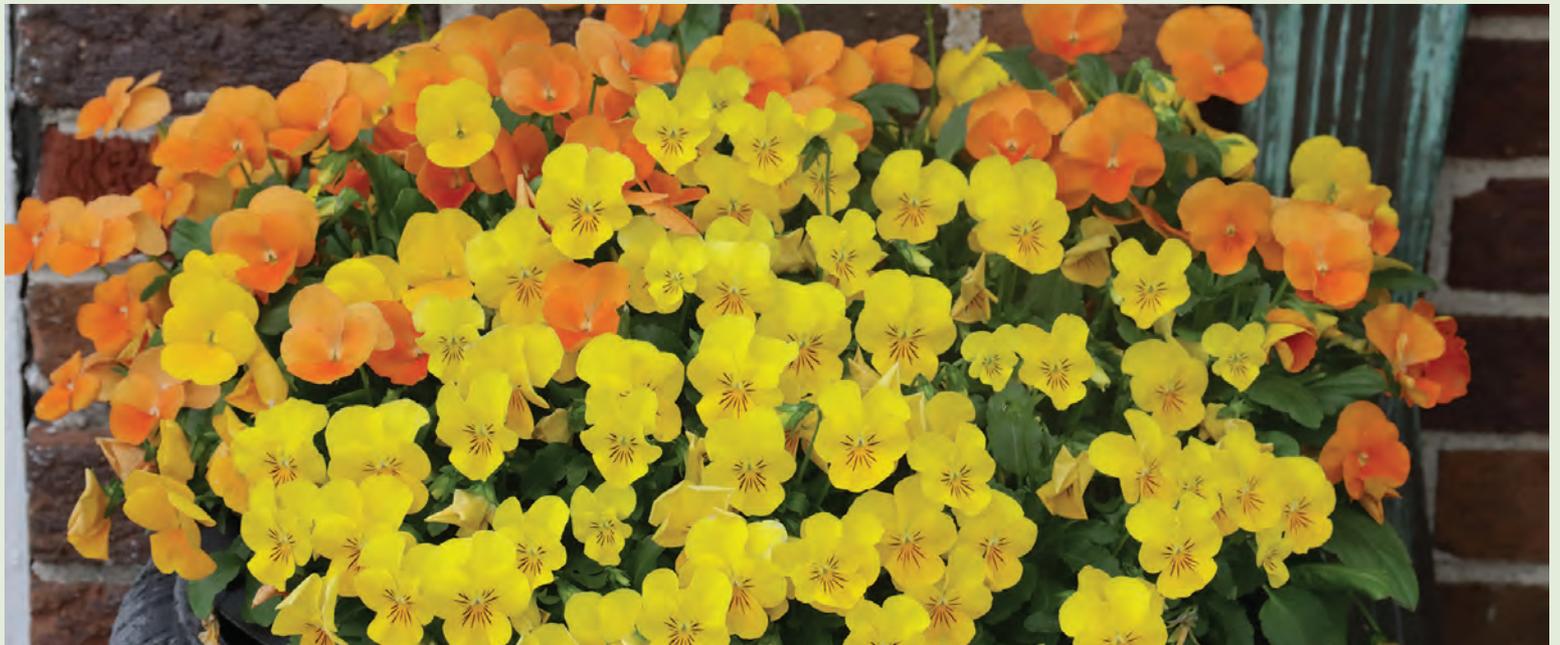
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SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Mary Grant
Year: senior
Hometown: Clarendon Hills

When did you first start playing softball?

First grade. My sister played and my dad coached, so I grew up watching it.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I just like being part of a team. It's really team-driven, and I like the game. I've always liked watching baseball and softball. Something has always drawn me to it, I guess.

Is it strange playing after graduation?

It's been kind of weird because normally we're done with the season, and girls who are doing travel are signed up again. It's been kind of nice. The softball season has been the one thing out of the school year that has been the most normal for me.

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

Just not to take every error or mistake too seriously. It's one thing — whether it's striking out or missing a throw or missing a pitch. There's always going to be a next one. You can't get in your head because getting in your head will make it worse. Just stay positive.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I'm a left-handed pitcher, which is not as common. That throws some people off. I've always been fairly proud of that.

What are your plans for summer and fall?

I am going to college at Miami University of Ohio (business major). My mom is part of a slow-pitch league with all of her friends. She wants me to play with them in the summer when our season is done, so I guess I'll be doing that for a little bit.

Why does coach Brittany Zust like having Grant on the team?

Mary attended our summer camps as a young kid learning the game and worked all through her senior year. Mary is a student of the game. She is constantly analyzing plays as if she was a coach. I think this is a large reason as to why Mary has found success in the game of softball. This mindset has assisted her in her pitching technique and ability to work the count as a hitter. As a teammate, Mary is always offering up advice to the underclassman on how to improve and understand the game. Mary has certainly left her mark on the HC softball program.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Baseball

May 25 vs. OP-RF
 V wins 13-2 (5 inn.)
 J. Adams, 3 RBIs, run
 Daker, 2 RBIs
 Chatterjee, RBI, run
 Jurack, RBI, 3 runs
 Edmonds, 3 runs
 Oosterbaan, win, 2 strikeouts
 May 24 vs. Glenbard West
 V wins 4-3
 Fandre, RBI
 Jurack, RBI
 Oosterbaan, RBI
 Randle, win, 9 strikeouts
 May 22 @ Downers North
 V wins 14-3
 Montesantos, home run
 May 21 vs. Morton
 V wins 4-2
 Schaub, win, 6 strikeouts
 May 20 vs. Downers North
 V wins 10-1
 Chatterjee, 2 RBIs
 Mulvihill, 2 RBIs, run
 Boggs, RBI, run
 Daker, RBI
 Jurack, RBI, run
 Montesantos, win, 8 strikeouts
 May 19 vs. LT
 V loses 4-7

Lacrosse, boys

May 24 vs. Benet
 V loses 5-8
 May 22 vs. LT
 V loses 10-14
 Salerno, 5 goals, 2 assists
 Little, 4 goals, 3 assists
 Joy, goal, assist
 Murphy, assist

Lacrosse, girls

May 24 @ Downers North
 V wins 18-2
 May 22 @ LT
 V wins 20-4
 May 20 @ New Trier
 V loses 7-19

Soccer, girls

May 21 vs. Proviso West
 V wins 12-0
 May 20 vs. York
 V wins 3-1

Softball

May 25 @ Willowbrook
 V loses 1-9
 May 22 vs. Hinsdale South
 V loses 3-5
 May 19 vs. Addison Trail
 V loses 8-10

Tennis, boys

May 24 vs. Downers North
 V wins
 May 22 vs. OP-RF
 V wins
 May 20 vs. York
 V wins 7-0
 Wafai, 6-0, 6-0
 Sahgai, 6-0, 6-4
 Hernandez, 6-0, 6-0
 Ali-Khan/Vallurupalli, 6-0, 6-3
 Fakouri/Amin, 6-0, 6-0
 Alden/Treiber, 6-1, 6-1
 Koranda/Tohani, 6-1, 6-0

Track, boys

May 22 @ Leyden Quad
 V places 1st with 233.51 points
 100 meters
 Morris, 1st, 11.66
 Walker, 4th, 12.2
 Callan, 9th, 13.15
 200 meters
 Anjarwala, 1st, 24.13
 Morris, 2nd, 24.96
 Luo, 11th, 30.03
 400 meters
 Mahajan, 5th, 56.64
 Gruber, 6th, 56.97
 Gambia, 7th, 58.57
 Dorris, 8th, 1:22.72
 800 meters
 Ley, 1st, 2:02.23
 Hill, 2nd, 2:02.86
 Doorhy, 3rd, 2:03.56
 1,600 meters
 Miller, 2nd, 4:35.72

Track, girls

May 23 @ Tiger Invite
 1,600 meters
 McCabe, 10th, 5:05.93
 May 19 @ York Girls Quad
 100 meters
 Griffin, 4th, 14.42
 Kinsey, 6th, 14.6
 Ciardelli, 9th, 15.46
 Reinhardt, 17th, 16.74
 Campione, 19th, 16.89
 Mikhael, 21st, 17.51
 200 meters
 Coffey, 4th, 30.56
 Risinger, 5th, 30.77
 Eshac, 10th, 32.69
 Kizior, 12th, 33.26
 Yopp, 13th, 33.73
 Zemblys, 18th, 35.15
 Butterbach, 19th, 35.21

Track, girls

Sabiki, 23rd, 37.61
 Bell, 24th, 38.11
 Shakir, 25th, 38.32
 400 meters
 Griffin, 1st, 1:03.78
 Dygon, 4th, 1:08.67
 Kinsey, 6th, 1:12.45
 Ciardelli, 8th, 1:15.53
 Salisbury, 10th, 1:16.53
 Campione, 11th, 1:19.86
 800 meters
 McCabe, 1st, 2:18.01
 Terry, 6th, 2:25.55
 Boyd, 8th, 2:32.65
 Sakho, 9th, 2:33.22
 Gilmartin, 10th, 2:38.94
 Skora, 11th, 2:51.52
 1,600 meters
 Fischer, 2nd, 5:31.09
 Lu, 7th, 5:57.86
 Angelopoulos, 9th, 6:27.11
 Fathima, 13th, 6:54.76
 Wang, 14th, 7:03.03
 Giannini, 15th, 7:19.09
 100-meter hurdles
 Leech, 1st, 20.42
 Monahan, 5th, 22.43
 Simmons, 6th, 23.06
 300-meter hurdles
 Leech, 2nd, 54.58
 Monahan, 5th, 1:02.85
 Simmons, 6th, 1:03.86
 4x100-meter relay
 McCoy, Shtogryn,
 Sommers, Milligan, 1st,
 52.21
 Cashman, Smith, Chandler,
 Dorris, 4th, 55.54
 Hannum, Huber, Kokoszka,
 Coffey, 5th, 56.17
 4x200-meter relay
 McCoy, Shtogryn,
 Sommers, Milligan, 1st,
 1:50.51
 4x400-meter relay
 McCabe, Terry, Lincoln,
 Dygon, 2nd, 4:15.82
 Sakho, Maxell, Gilmartin,
 Boyd, 3rd, 4:28.89
 Kokoszka, Smith, Salisbury,
 Tobia, 5th, 4:50.89
 Shot put
 Veliz-Hernandez, 8th, 23-6

Track, girls

Burt, 10th, 22-10
 Discus
 Schuurman, 1st, 84-01
 Veliz-Hernandez, 4th, 68-03
 Burt, 8th, 60-02
 Pole vault
 Sommers, 2nd, 9
 Huber, 5th, 6
 Chandler, 6th, 5
 Long jump
 Griffin, 2nd, 4.85
 Lincoln, 3rd, 4.54
 Moser, 4th, 4.5
 Kizior, 8th, 3.6
 Triple jump
 Lincoln, 1st, 9.75
 McInerney, 2nd, 9.66
 Moser, 3rd, 8.9

Volleyball, boys

May 25 @ Hinsdale South
 V wins 25-17, 25-16
 Lange, 14 kills, block
 Du, 3 kills, block
 Snyder, 2 kills, ace, 7
 assists, block
 May 22 @ Glenbard West
 V loses 14-25, 20-25
 Lange, 7 kills, 2 digs
 Bradley, 6 kills
 May 20 vs. OP-RF
 V wins 25-17, 25-19
 Bradley, 6 kills
 Jurineack, 4 blocks, kill
 May 19 @ LT
 V wins 25-17, 19-25, 27-25
 Lange, 18 kills, 3 digs
 Lyons, 10 kills, 2 blocks
 Snyder, 34 assists, 2 blocks,
 2 digs

Water polo, boys

May 20 @ IHSA sectional
 quarterfinal
 vs. Nequa Valley
 V loses 0-16

Water polo, girls

May 19 @ IHSA sectional
 quarterfinal
 vs. Waubonsie Valley
 V loses 9-22

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Maggie Sanders uses her footwork to elude a pursuing opponent during a home match May 20. The Red Devils defeated the rival Dukes 3-1. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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SPORTS

Local gymnasts flip onto big stage

Hinsdale teens parlay their talent and perseverance into prestigious meet opportunity

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale's Olivia Giunta figured her dreams of qualifying for USA Gymnastics Level 10 Women's Development Program National Championships had slipped away as her hands slipped from the uneven bars at the regional meet in Cincinnati last month.

"That was the point where I got really stressed out," she said. "I thought that was going to be the end."

But it wasn't. Giunta was still in contention, with only her balance beam routine remaining.

"If I fell or had a major wobble on beam, I wouldn't have made it," said the rising Hinsdale Central sophomore.

The routine was solid.

"I just tried to stay calm and do what I do in the gym, and show (the judges) what I know how to do," she said.

Even sweeter was that fact that good friend, fellow Hinsdalean and rising Central junior Hannah Milton also landed herself on the seven-member Region 5 squad from among the 22 vying for it. The team competed at nationals in Daytona Beach, Fla., earlier this month.

Milton said she tried to enjoy herself at regionals.

"I just wanted to have fun and show the judges everything I've been training," she said. "That was my main goal."

But she admitted nerves kicked in at the start, as she was anxious about executing her Gienger Catch on the uneven bars, her first event.

"I actually caught in my routine, so that made me feel a lot better," Milton said. "I had a lot more confidence."



Hinsdale gymnasts Hannah Milton (left) and Olivia Giunta

are close friends who got the chance to compete at the highest levels for their age when they qualified for the Region 5 meet in April, and there earned spots on the seven-member national team that competed earlier this month. (Jim Slonoff photo)

She performed well on beam, too, although she received an unwanted update that she was clinging to the seventh and final spot before her last vault.

"That was very nerve-wracking. It definitely threw me off," she said.

After some furious updating of the event's scoring app on their phones, the two learned they would be teammates. They had both trained at BIG Gymnastics before Giunta switched to Legacy Elite last year and were thrilled to be reunited to represent one of the country's eight regions. Region 5 covers Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio along with Illinois.

"We ran into each other and gave each other a hug, it was so fun," Milton said.

It was a joyful release following a disappointing 2020 in which postseason events were canceled due to the pandemic and gyms were

shut down for almost three months.

"Gymnasts don't take time off, ever. So having three months off was a big hit for everyone," Giunta said.

They each tried to stay in shape through group Zoom conditioning sessions until gyms reopened June 1. Summer is typically the season for acquiring new tricks.

"Last summer we didn't really get to do that because we were taking all that time just to get our old skills back," Giunta related.

They qualified for regionals through the state meet. Reaching nationals is the brass ring for every junior gymnast, they said, which ramps up the pressure.

"I would say it's more pressure than nationals," Milton remarked of regionals.

Earning a spot also entitles one to significant swag, from pajamas and bracelets

to a suitcase and umbrella.

"Region 5 gives a lot of stuff to us, like way more than any other region," Giunta said.

"Which is kind of nice," Milton chimed in, smiling.

During the regular season, the rivalry between gyms can be fierce. But once the regional team is established, those divisions tumble away.

"When you go to nationals, all different gyms are coming together to be one (regional) team," Giunta said.

"It's more like competing together to win as a region," Milton said.

Unfortunately, Milton injured her ankles on a vault landing, forcing her to sit out nationals.

"I was training to see if I could compete, but it just hurt too much," said Milton, who was replaced by an alternate. "I still got to go to Florida and supported

the team, and it was still a super-fun experience. And it's definitely motivation for next year."

Giunta said the so-called Region 5 "Dream Team" arrived at nationals May 13 and was able to bond by the pool and relax a little, since they didn't compete until May 16.

"Our group did pretty well considering we had to have two alternates come in," she said. "Our team got third among the regions. And one of our teammates got first, which was exciting for our team. It was just a really fun experience."

The validation of getting to nationals is a memory that will last, Milton noted.

"Everything that you worked for paid off, all the sacrifices and how hard it was," she said. "All the doubts go away because you're just so happy that you finally made it."



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