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A painter's portrait

Kristin Peng sets up a selfie with Leonardo Da Vinci, portrayed by her son, Asher, Friday morning at Oak School. Asher and his fellow first-graders were part of a living wax museum. Each student selected a famous historic figure, prepared a report and dressed for the part to set the stage for the museum. Parents were invited, along with students later in the day, to press the “on” button to wake up the figures to give their reports. Please turn to Page 28 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



New addition

Ninety-year-old home on Eighth slated to come down.

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NEWS

Fusing fees discussed in District 86

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To reduce year-to-year fluctuations in the student registration fee, Hinsdale High School District 86 officials have proposed instituting a comprehensive registration fee that consolidates individual charges into one universal amount.

The administration is proposing a \$475 comprehensive fee for the 2024-25 school year that would cover textbook purchases, course supplies, academic field trips, student ID, PE uniforms, graduation fees and technology fees. In presenting the concept at District 86 board's Feb. 8 meeting, Chief Information Officer Keith Bockwoldt told board members that current registration costs range from \$350 for freshman to upwards of \$700 for upperclass-

men, and does not include book costs.

"We feel that this is going to be a very streamlined process for parents and students to be able to get their course books, register and have a more comprehensive registration fee," Bockwoldt stated. "We feel that, as we looked at this, this really is going to be a cost-effective way for parents to be able to connect with the district and have a reasonably priced fee for registration."

"There are man labor hours that are saved by going to one comprehensive fee, as well," he added.

Staying under the \$500 mark was important, he added. The fee will be reviewed annually by the board's finance committee, which will make a recommendation to the board.

Bockwoldt said because the one-fee plan involves the district

ordering directly from publishers in bulk, pricing will be more competitive than if purchased through third-party vendors, as has been the practice. The growing availability of electronic resources, often a fraction of the hard-copy cost, will be advantageous, as well.

"The kids are rostered, they're able to go to a site, just log in and have access to that (electronic) book on day 1," he reported.

District 86 Chief Financial Officer Josh Stephenson said the motivating purpose behind the one-fee approach is ease of use.

"The district's not looking to increase any revenue from the change, just create a simpler process for the parents, students and the district as a whole," Stephenson said.

Costs for clubs, athletic par-

ticipation, driver's education and activity passes would not be included.

Board member Peggy James expressed support of the comprehensive fee but said she'd like activity passes to be included to promote student attendance at shows and sporting events.

Board President Cat Greenspon asked if families that want to utilize hand-me-down books can opt out of paying the fee.

Bockwoldt said allowing opt outs would undermine the plan.

"We're going to be right back where we were before," he replied. "That's why we have the comprehensive fee and they would just get a new textbook each year."

The board will vote on whether to approve the comprehensive fee at its meeting Thursday, Feb. 22.



Dance fever at Madison

Anna Claire Peters and her dad, Nick, had all the right moves at the recent Daughter Dance night at Madison School. The gym was filled with music and food at the PTO-sponsored event. And what dance night wouldn't be complete without a hula hoop contest? Needless to say, the kids lasted a lot longer than their dads. (Jim Slonoff photos)



ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, a Hinsdale Central graduate, moved to Hinsdale in 1971 and spent many years here in his youth. Having spent more than 40 years with the village, there isn’t a lot about Hinsdale he doesn’t know or hasn’t photographed. This photo from 1979 was taken of 6 E. Hinsdale Avenue in what appears to be a men’s clothing store called The Front Page and Vann’s Drugs was next door. It now is part of Starbucks. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslo-noff@thehinsdalean.com.



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HPC can't prevent post-modern home

No changes made to plans as commissioners air criticism of design in historic district

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale's historic preservation commission failed to meet its responsibility in December by refusing to vote on an application to tear down a 90-year-old home and build new, according to the village's legal counsel.

The Feb. 7 HPC meeting included a second public hearing on the application for 425 E. Eighth St., a procedural redo to allow commissioners to register a decision, which is something they were advised should have been done after the Dec. 6 hearing on the same matter. The first hearing ended with commission Chairman John Bohnen declining to hold a vote because of his objections to the new home's design.

At last week's meeting Marris underscored the commission's status as an advisory body only that has a duty to rule on applications that come before it.

"We really can't stop the demolition or make them change the design," Marris told commissioners. "Even if you vote no, they get a demolition permit if their other obligations to the village are satisfied, which I understand in this case they are."

"Your obligation is to provide feedback under the code to the applicant on their designs and their proposed demo," Marris continued. "And we brought this matter back to you specifically to give you the opportunity to provide that feedback



This rendering of the new residence to be constructed at 425 E. Eighth St. has elicited objections from both neighbors and the village's historical plan commissioners for bringing post-modern design into the Robbins Park Historic District. A 90-year-old home will be torn down to make way for it. (art provided)

before going to a vote."

Owners' Jeff and Nicole Cantalupo were seeking a certificate of appropriateness for their project from the commission because the property sits in the Robbins Park Historic District.

Bohnen was the most vocal member in opposition to the post-modern design at the December meeting, particularly a glass bridge component of the structure. After closing the hearing, he said a vote would not be held, with other commissioners signaling their concurrence.

"The plans, as they've been submitted, they can't be built in the historic district," Bohnen said.

At the Feb. 7 meeting, Marris

also acknowledged Bohnen's criticism that applications reach the commission too late for any modifications to be meaningfully discussed.

"We are working on some code changes to make adjustments to the process," Marris said, including earlier mandatory pre-application meetings for homeowners and design teams to address any problematic issues.

But Marris noted the current application is not subject to future revisions.

Bohnen admitted that the commission's "hands are relatively tied" and suggested his refusal to hold a vote came out of a desire to protect the village's architectural heritage.

"My concern with this particular house was deeper than just this house," Bohnen said. "By insisting on building the current design incorporating the glass bridge, this home has the potential of undermining the very existence of the historic district."

Commissioner Chris Elder said he didn't object to the home's look in general as long as it was built in a different place.

"It would look good somewhere, but just not in our historic district. It just doesn't fit," he said.

Commissioners Sarah Barclay and Frank Gonzales didn't hide their frustration with the proposal, with Barclay asserting the design pays "little respect to the his-

toric district," and Gonzales lamenting what he regarded as a "screw the rest of the neighborhood" attitude on the part of the owners.

Before the hearing was closed, resident and historic home owner Anne Acker advocated for stiffer preservation regulations.

"We're at this turning point now," she said. "If we don't do something about this one, there's going to be three in its place."

The four commissioners present voted unanimously against both the demolition and the construction applications. Officials stated the plan meets zoning requirements and can move forward regardless of the vote.

D181 board OK's \$2 million abatement in taxes

By Pamela Lannom

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Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 has too much money in reserves, so it's giving some back to taxpayers.

That's the simplified explanation of a decision the board made Monday night to abate \$2 million in taxes in connection with its 2023 property tax levy.

The abatement, which will save the owner of a \$500,000 home \$109 a year on taxes, will reduce the bond and interest levy from almost \$5.4 million to \$3.4 million.

"Really the amount of the abatement

was determined based on what we wanted the adjusted bond and interest levy to be, which is just a little under \$3.4 million," said Mindy Bradford, assistant superintendent of business and operations.

Abating from the bond and interest fund gives the board the most options with future levies.

"Essentially the bond and interest fund allows you to abate one year at a time, whereas if you abate out of the operating fund, that's a permanent abatement," Bradford said. "The bond and interest fund abatement gives you the flexibility to make a decision every year as to the right amount to rebate."

Because the bond and interest fund

is not subject to the tax cap, the abatement will not affect the base amount to which the tax cap is applied. The cap limits to the levy (5 percent or the previous year's consumer price index, whichever is lower) is based on the amount in taxes collected last year.

The district will use money from its operating fund, rather than property taxes, to cover the \$2 million in debt repayments.

In calculating the amount to abate, district officials kept in mind the upcoming costs for full-day kindergarten construction projects and retrofitting the new district office on Ogden Avenue, Bradford said.

Board policy calls for the district to

maintain fund balances of 30 to 50 percent of total expenditures — or about 90 to 100 days' worth — and to abate taxes if the percentage rises above 50. Unaudited fund balances were at 58 percent at the end of fiscal year 2023.

"This has been a longterm strategy for the board," Bradford said. "The fund balance strategy was approved at the Nov. 9, 2020, board meeting, so this has been part of the plan since then."

The district had larger bond and interest levies in 2023 and 2022, and so abated larger amounts to achieve the \$3.4 million target — \$5.9 million in 2023 and \$6.1 million in 2022.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Economic Development Commission

8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: holiday events recap, downtown directory map update, FY 2024 budget, outdoor dining update

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22
Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org



Hinsdale Police closed down First Street Monday afternoon and asked several businesses to shelter in place until they were able to contain a potentially dangerous situation. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Police find man with handgun downtown

A potentially dangerous situation that closed down First Street for a time Monday afternoon was resolved without incident.

Hinsdale police received a call about 4 p.m. Monday from a man saying his relative from St. Charles was in the central business district and had a firearm in his car, Chief Brian King said.

Police located the car in front of Egg Harbor and saw the man reclined in his seat, despondent. Officers immediately closed down First Street and asked some of the businesses to shelter in place. Six department members were on the scene — including King — holding riot shields

and with weapons drawn.

An attempt to talk to the man over the phone was unsuccessful, so an officer pulled a police car up next to him and started a conversation.

“He agreed to come out and they recovered the gun,” King said. “It really had nothing to do with anything related to Hinsdale. He couldn’t even intimate how he ended up in that location.”

The handgun was in the back of the car and not near the driver, King noted. The man has been sent to have a mental health evaluation.

“It resolved itself relatively quickly and safely,” King said. “It was just in a public place.”

Correction

Joanell Mangan is the correct name of the store identified in the “Once upon a time” photo that ran in the Feb. 8 issue.



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Family mourns loss of kind-hearted man

Doug Dussman, 45, remembered as chivalrous, adventurous, protective of those he loved

By Pamela Lannom
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■ IN MEMORIAM

Doug Dussman was a kind, caring, fun-loving person who loved animals and his family, those close to him said. And he had been that way since he was a small boy.

"Everybody loved Doug," his younger brother, Luke, said. "He was always laughing, always telling a joke. People enjoyed being around him."

Doug was never judgmental, so others found spending time with him a safe space.

"If you were with Doug, you were just present with him," Luke said.

Doug died in August at age 45 from anaphylactic shock and cardiac arrest after being stung by multiple bees while doing yard work.

He and his siblings — Luke, older brother John and younger sister Katherine — were all close in age, his mom, Judith Dussman said.

"They were very close and he was always central to that group," she said. "He was not somebody who strove to be the leader or first in anything. I don't know if that's because he was second-born, but we used to say about him he was second to none."

Doug had a sense of adventure that led him and his siblings to do things they weren't supposed to, Judith said, such as walking more than a mile to preschool when the bus didn't pick them up, and riding their bikes from Monroe School to Brookfield Zoo.

"He was fearless," Luke

said. "So as a kid growing up, there was nothing that Doug wouldn't do."

The family moved to Hinsdale in 1985 when Doug was 7. He loved all sports, from youth wrestling and Little League to playing ice hockey in the winter at Burns Field.

"He was a good athlete in every sport that he did," his mom said.

A 1995 graduate of Hinsdale Central, where he was co-captain of the wrestling team, Doug went on to attend the College of DuPage.

Katherine said he was the quintessential big brother, always looking out for people. She remembered one time her freshman year when a junior was giving her a hard time and suddenly a frightened look came across his face.

"They're like, 'Oh, no, it's little Dussman,'" she recalled. "For me, I wouldn't have been the little Dussman unless there was a big Dussman, and the big Dussman was Doug. He wasn't a big guy, but he was just a protector."

Doug caddied and then worked for many years at Butler National Golf Club. The golf course was a favorite place to spend time with Doug, Luke said.

"Some of our best memories were probably on the golf course caddying together," he said.

Even as adults, they loved golfing together. Luke remembers one day his 6-month-old



Doug Dussman loved spending time on the golf course and with his family, including kids Douglas and Lillian and brother John. (photos courtesy of Luke Dussman)

son was with him when he went to play with Doug.

"It's always what we could do was go play golf," he said. "If the temperature was above 40 and it wasn't raining, we'd go play golf."

Doug was a chivalrous partner, a caring father and invested family man, said Lara Barouski, with whom he had two children, Douglas, in 2008, and Lillian in 2011.

"He liked to take the train with our son. They would go to the zoo a lot. With him and Douglas, it would be father-son kind of time," Barouski said.

Bringing a smile to Lillian's

face meant buying her girly things, Barouski said. The whole family enjoyed visiting Doug's brother in Wisconsin or Barouski's family in Michigan.

Doug had two other children — Arianna Gonzalez and Emma Weeks — from a marriage when he was young. He also is survived by his three grandchildren, two nieces and three nephews.

He wasn't the kind of man who like to call attention to himself, Barouski said.

"In a smaller group setting where he could be more himself, he had a very magnetic personality for sure," she said

"People always had a good time around him."

Doug always wanted to help others, his family said.

"Doug was a giving person and he was a helpful person," Judith said. "People didn't have to ask for help for him to help them. He never expected anything in return from anybody."

Luke said he hopes people will remember his brother, no matter what they called him.

"Duss or Dougie or Doug — everybody loved him and everyone wanted to be present with him," Luke said. "Doug was a good guy that everybody really enjoyed being around."



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POLICE BEAT

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DUI arrest

Karen L. Lillard, 62, 313 Radcliffe Way, Hinsdale, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08 at 11:45 a.m. Feb. 12 at Maple and Lincoln streets after police were dispatched to a well-being check. The suspect was observed to be under the influence of alcohol, and testing indicated she was over the legal limit. She was charged and released to appear in court.

Fraud cases reported

- Someone made fraudulent purchases between Jan. 21 and Feb. 5 using credit card information belonging to a resident of the 800 block of South Park Avenue.
- A fraudulent purchase was made Feb. 4 at a retail store in Naperville using credit card information belonging to resident of the 100 block of West Eighth St. The incident was reported Feb. 12.

Identity theft incident

- Someone opened a debit card account on Jan. 25 using the identity of a resident of the 5600 block of Barton Lane. The incident was reported Feb. 8.

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

Hinsdale train station bomber gets 20 years

The man convicted of detonating a pipe bomb at the Hinsdale train station more than 17 years ago was sentenced last week to 20 years in prison, according to the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

Thomas Zajac, formerly of Oakbrook Terrace, placed the bomb in a trash can at station the morning of Sept. 1, 2006. The device exploded during the morning commute, injuring a station agent.

U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly imposed the sentence on Friday during a hearing in federal court in Chicago.

He ordered that the sentence be served after the completion of the federal sentence Zajac is currently serving for bombing a public library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In the Hinsdale case, Zajac was convicted last year in federal court of attempting to damage property with an explosive, possessing an unregistered destructive

device and willfully making a threat through the mail to kill or injure a person with an explosive.

The U.S. Attorney's office, in a press release, reported that evidence at the trial revealed that Zajac felt disrespected when a family member was arrested by Hinsdale police in the year before the bombing. About a month after the bombing, Zajac sent an anonymous letter to the police department stating that the police had "(expletive) with" the wrong person and that the writer had "fired a warning shot" with the bombing.

The letter indicated that police actions would "likely eventually lead to the death" of at least one person in Hinsdale, and that the writer wanted to see whether the department was "bright enough or possess(ed) the character to stop this death."

Hinsdale police were commended for their assistance with the investigation.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Try to protect Robbins Park before it's too late

The Robbins Park neighborhood in Hinsdale undoubtedly is a special place.

The northern half was platted in 1866 by Hinsdale founder William Robbins and contains some of the oldest housing in the village, according to the village's website. The southern half, the William Robbins Park Addition, was platted in 1870, with curved streets and landscaping designed by Horace Cleveland.

One hundred and thirty-nine homes were considered "significant" when the neighborhood was declared a National Register Historic District in 2008. The area contains a mix of architecture, including Italianate, Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Craftsman, Prairie School, Colonial Revival, Classic Revival, Tudor Revival, American Foursquare and more.

The district also is home to the William Whitney house at 142 E. First St., one of Hinsdale's four buildings listed on the National Register.

"The Robbins survey area is one of the most exclusive neighborhoods in Hinsdale," according to a summary of Robbins Survey Area Architectural Resources prepared in 2002. "Encompassing a residential area of larger, picturesque lots ... (t)he survey area contains some of the oldest homes

in the village, representing a wide range of architectural styles and some vernacular and popular types spanning over 130 years. The architectural legacy is rich, with grant architecturally significant buildings spread throughout the area."

That all sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

And then we get to this graph.

"Yet the popularity of the community, with its choice location, tree-lined streets and high quality housing has created strong pressure to demolish existing properties and build new, much larger, more elaborate homes. This 'tear-down' phenomenon has touched every part of Hinsdale and the survey area is no exception. In the last 10 years, 20 percent of the existing housing stock in the community was demolished and replaced with new construction."

That was in 2002. We wonder what the percentage is today?

And while the village's new preservation incentives seem to be gaining traction with homeowners, the fact of the matter remains that nothing — not even National Register recognition — protects any home in Hinsdale from demolition.

This point was painfully obvious in discussions about plans to tear down a 90-year-old home at

425 E. Eighth St. The post-modern home that will be built in its place has drawn the ire of historic preservation commissioners and neighbors.

We can see their point, and understand historic preservation Commissioner Frank Gonzales' characterization of a "screw the rest of the neighborhood" attitude of the property owners at last week's meeting.

In the owners' defense, they have every right to tear down any home in town and build anything in its place, so long as zoning restrictions are met. The village requires owners of properties in historic districts and of landmarked homes to submit an application and request a certificate of appropriateness, but there are no consequences if that commission does not grant the request. And let's face it, people are going to do what they want to do, if nothing stands in their way.

The village's hands are tied somewhat, too, because its powers are more limited than if it were a home-rule community.

But we hope village leaders will find a way to do more than just incentivize preservation. We hope they can find a way to better protect the character of the Robbins Park Historic District. Otherwise, that designation is going to be a joke.

COMMENTARY

Ads add a lot to fun of Super Bowl Sunday

Which Super Bowl commercials were your favorites on Sunday?

I loved Christopher Walken in BMW's "Talking Like Walken" ad, in which everyone from the valet to the guy at the drive through to his tailor offers their own impersonation of his unique voice.

"There's only one Christopher Walken and one ultimate driving machine. The rest are just imitations," the announcer says, in his own Walken-esque style.

The ad reminded me of one of my all-time favorite Saturday Night Live sketches about a Walken family reunion. Every single cast member walks in with his or her own Walken impersonation and it's hysterical.

Any husband and wife can identify with the "Dunkings" ad starring Jennifer Lopez and hubby Ben Affleck, from the eye rolls to the "We talked about this" comment from Jo Lo when Ben shows up at her work to perform. My favorite part? Matt Damon was there, too, unwillingly supporting his friend.

I missed Beyoncé's "Can't Be Broken" ad (probably while I was

in the kitchen refilling my plate). But I've seen it since and love the Beyoncé and BarBey puns.

NFL Sunday Ticket's "Migration" commercial with Ravens, Seahawks and Eagles flying through the air and perching in trees cracked me up for its sheer corniness. The Nerds "Flashdance" commercial, Kate McKinnon's talking cat in the "Mayo Cat" ad and the E-Trade babies playing pickleball amused me for the same reasons.

A couple of ads really pulled on the heartstrings — Budweiser's "Old School Delivery" commercial (who doesn't love Clydesdales and dogs — and did you know that lab belongs to Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell?) and Google's "Guided Frame," showing how a blind man can use the feature to take photos. (This did raise some questions for me.)

One of the best parts of watching



Pamela Lannom

the commercials was waiting to see which celebrities would have cameos and what they would do. I enjoyed Jelly Roll's bit in the Uber Eats ad, Jane Krakowski in Tina Fey's booking.com commercial, Jason Momoa dancing in T-Mobile's ad and Danny DeVito showing up in Arnold's State Farm commercial.

I didn't realize until this week that Super Bowl commercials really weren't a big deal prior to the mid-1980s. Saul Austerlitz, a writer for The New York Times, credits Apple's "1984" commercial in Super Bowl XVIII for starting the trend we see today.

The commercial was directed by Ridley Scott, who had just made "Blade Runner," and it introduced the new Macintosh computer without ever showing the product.

"It also helped to kick off — pun partially intended — the Super Bowl tradition of the big game serving as

an annual showcase for gilt-edged ads from Fortune 500 companies," Austerlitz writes.

At the time, according to his article, commercials sold for \$1 million a minute. Now it's up to \$7 million for 30 seconds.

The Apple ad made Entertainment's list of the 20 best Super Bowl commercials (No. 2) of all time.

My favorite ad of all time, a 1998 one for Tabasco, did not make the list. A guy's sitting on his porch, dousing his slice of pizza with hot sauce. A mosquito who gets past his bug zapper bites his leg and, as it flies off, explodes in a burst of flames, bringing a satisfied grin to the man's face.

To see if your favorites are on the list and to relive some Super Bowl memories (remember the Budweiser frogs?), go to www.ew.com/tv/best-super-bowl-commercials-of-all-time and watch them all.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Business trip a welcome respite

I used to think that business travel was glamorous. This was back when it was called taking a "business trip," when '80s TV shows featured beautiful, cosmopolitan people in power suits.

Before I chose medicine as my career, I imagined myself striding through the airport purposefully, designer briefcase in hand. I would do impressive and important paperwork on the plane, wow clients and colleagues at my destination, eat gourmet meals and stay at fabulous hotels courtesy of a generous expense account. Oh, and I'd also be able to take a few hours, or maybe even an extra day or two, to see the sites and soak up some local culture while I was away. I'd come home minty-fresh with gifts for my family.

I understand things differently now, after witnessing the real-life drama of my friends' careers involving travel. I understand the jet-lag, plane delays, bad weather, business dinners with strangers, lost luggage and missing the kids. And now, with the possibility of remote work and Zoom meetings, physically traveling for work can seem downright anguishing.

I do know that there can be perks of traveling and entertaining for business: airline miles, desirable locales, show tickets and fancy restaurants, for instance. But I remember gushing with jealousy to a woman who needed to travel overseas for client meetings. Imagine my surprise when she told me she "could just as easily be in a Ramada in



Kelly Abate

Schaumburg" for the amount of glamour the trips afforded her. I get it now.

So I'm not implying that the conference I attended last week was a business trip. It's just that "business," or in my case, medicine, allowed me to go somewhere else

and spend a few days with colleagues. It gave me license to relax and learn. Today I am sitting in gratitude for the good fortune that allowed me to put myself in a different location and learn in my field.

Florida was kind with its weather; it felt good to leave the fog and icy drizzle of Chicago behind. I traveled with a dear friend and colleague. I met up with past associates and mentors, learned from their career paths, laughed with them over wine, promised to send notes and keep in touch.

I rested. I did have the luxury of seeing the sites and soaking up some of the culture in between lectures. I ate well.

I hadn't wanted to go to this conference; I felt guilty for the indulgence of time off and fees paid. Somehow calling it a "business trip" made it seem less hedonistic to me — gave it more heft and credibility. But I understand the difficulty of a trip for business, and my trip was not that. Businesspeople live the exhausting reality of traveling for their livelihood.

In contrast, my trip was but a gift, inspired by my job, for me. I am very grateful.

— Kelly Abate is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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OBITUARIES

Walter C. Barber Jr.

Walter C. Barber Jr., 82, of Oak Brook, passed away peacefully Jan. 30, 2024, surrounded by close family.

He was born in 1941 in Manhattan in New York City. "Lucky" was known for his intelligence, kind personality and zest for life. He had a quick wit, infinite patience and enjoyed sharing stories about his life's many adventures.

His wife, Onny, stood proudly by his side throughout their journey together. Walt and Onny met in Bandung, Indonesia, and married there in 1972. Onny was a young widow of four boys that Walter promptly adopted and raised as his own. In 1974, they had their youngest son together in Falls Church, Va. Thus began a worldwide family adventure that brought them to many cities and countries throughout the years.

Walter was an exceptional student and attended Briarcliff High School. He furthered his education at Syracuse University (bachelor's, magna cum laude) and Catholic University (master's in civil engineering). He had a thirst for knowledge and was always eager to learn. He was a dedicated member of the crew team at Syracuse and later continued his passion through coaching.

Walter was employed by the EPA from 1974-82, culminating as the acting EPA



Barber

Administrator in 1981. He then furthered his career in many executive level civil engineering roles around the globe, including posts at Jacobs Engineering, Waste Management, Groundwater Technologies and Fluor Daniel. He retired after returning to a role at Jacobs Engineering.

Walter will be remembered for his generosity, kindness, patience, dry sense of humor and love for his family.

He leaves behind a legacy of cherished memories and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Walter is survived by his wife, Onny H. Barber, nee Winata; his five sons, Iwan (Intan), Budhy, Bakty (Tamazeen), Hari (Rika) and Robert (Lara); his grandchildren, Indy, Brant Danray, Roely, Kristian, Tessa, Davian, Vija, Raffi, Lilia, Jenna and Adrian; and his great-grandchildren, Bryson, Savannah, Luke, Liam, Wyatt, Kaleigh, Emmeline and Oliver.

A private ceremony will be held to honor Walter's life.

All are invited to celebrate his life by keeping his family in thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Mary Grace Burke

Mary Grace Burke of Hinsdale died Feb. 9, 2024.

She was born in 1947 in Black River Falls, Wis., to Glen and Phyllis Gearing. Growing up on a dairy farm as the eldest of seven children, Mary Grace quickly learned how to take charge and get things done. She was happy to tackle any project and had no problem letting people know the right way to do it. She attended the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, graduating with a degree in education. One day while waitressing at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, she met a customer with whom her life would be intertwined for the next 56 years. After finally succumbing to his incessant flirtations, Mary Grace married Kevin Burke in June of 1970.

Shortly thereafter, the two left Wisconsin and moved to Illinois, eventually settling in Hinsdale. It wasn't long before Mary Grace suspended her career as an elementary school teacher to focus her efforts on raising their three children. She was an active member of many civic and charitable groups and found great satisfaction in leading efforts to fundraise for organizations including The Community House, St. Ignatius College Prep and various gardening clubs. Her charitable mindset led her to become a founding member of Wellness House, an organization focused on supporting people with cancer.

Mary Grace was very sociable and always loved a good party. As much as she loved hosting parties, she also loved attending them — especially if there was good music. Known to shake a leg late into the night, her dance moves were legendary and, though many tried, few



Burke

could keep up with her on the dance floor.

She lived life to the fullest and always welcomed the next adventure. She spent much of her time traveling and exploring the world and visited countries throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas. As much as she loved visiting such places as Norway, Machu Picchu and Easter Island, she found particular joy spending time at her home in Telluride, Colo. An accomplished skier, she was often seen flying down the runs in Telluride and even Heli Skiing in Canada.

Beyond her prowess in winter sports, she had a knack for collecting. Over the years she amassed an impressive collection of antiques, shoes, wine, and most importantly friends. She touched many lives and will be missed by all.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin Burke; her children, Erin (John) Burke Harris, Ryan (Rosanna Gabriele) Burke and Nolan (Georgia) Burke; her 10 grandchildren, Jane and Kate Harris, Miles, Felix, Evelyn and Violet Gabriele-Burke and Ian, Declan, Liam and Rory Burke; and her six siblings, Tom Gearing, Lauri Severson, Rod Gearing, LuAnn Morrison, Dan Gearing and Glenda Gearing.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St. Hinsdale.

A funeral Mass will follow at the church at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wellness House, 131 N. County Line Rd, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

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OBITUARIES

Bette Jo Gorman

Bette Jo Gorman, nee Sitzberger, of Hinsdale, former longtime resident of Clarendon Hills, passed away peacefully Feb. 9, 2024.

Bette Jo was born in Chicago. She graduated from Trinity High School in River Forest and earned a bachelor's in history from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., with the class of 1961. She developed lifelong friendships with several of her college classmates. Frequent communication and multiple annual ski trips strengthened the bond.

Her fascination with the air travel industry, as part of Pan American Airways, took her around the world in her 20s. Destinations included Mount Kenya, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Paris, Tahiti, Hawaii and more.

She enjoyed playing bridge, yoga, dancing and "one" glass of chardonnay, and was a competitive club tennis player. Retiring from the travel business allowed her to dive into astrology. Family and friends smiled as she did their "chart." The next big move was starting Space Harmony Feng Shui, a consulting business. She loved spending hours explaining how to link the Chakras with the Bagua map. Among the positive results of that adventure, an author blossomed. The book title is "The Ch'i of Body and Place." Later in life Sudoku puzzles and Wordle were daily fun challenges.

She met her husband of 56 years, Earl, when their younger brothers arranged a rendezvous in the summer of 1964. Married in 1967, she lived in Concord, Calif., as a Marine offi-



Gorman

cer's wife. Later they moved to Clarendon Hills and raised three children.

Bette Jo is an irreplaceable treasure, a creator of dreams for her loved ones; a faithful, intelligent and loving woman. Her five grandchildren call her "Kshama". Echoes of laughter emanated from the grandchildren when she shared experiences in her archaic vernacular of terms such as kashiss, persnickety and kanorkin.

She is survived by her husband, Earl John Gorman Jr.; her children, E.J. (Annie) Gorman III, Elizabeth (Michael) Thornton and Lynn (Judah) Battista; her grandchildren, William, Landon, Colin, Dylan and Noah; and her sisters, Suzanne (Joseph Connolly) Williams, Sandy (Tim) Matts and Debbie (Neil Dorfman) Sitzberger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Bette Sitzberger; and her younger brothers, Bud and Ken Sitzberger.

Visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills.

A memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m. Inurnment will be at the U.S. Naval Academy Columbarium in Annapolis, Md., at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Raven Rock Ranch in Redmond, Wash. www.ravenrock-ranch.org.

Cappetta's West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services, in Downers Grove handled the arrangements.

Carolyn Genevieve Tweedie

Carolyn Genevieve Tweedie, 85, a longtime Hinsdale resident, has passed away.

Carolyn was born in 1938 in Chicago. Carolyn married David Tweedie in 1974 in Hometown, and the couple had two sons.

Carolyn was very kind and loving person, always willing to help those in need. This led her to volunteering to help her community. She was very giving of her time to a several area organizations, including AYSO, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and the Hinsdale Caucus. Carolyn was awarded the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of America council for her hard

work, dedication and many years of service.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, David Tweedie; her sons, Brett (Ashli) and Bart Tweedie; and her grandchildren, Henry, Layne, Jackson, Leila and Margot.

Visitation is at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook.

A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Fairmont Willow Hills Cemetery in Willow Springs.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Obituaries for Maria Malone and Vashti Johnson can be found online at www.thehinsdalean.com

Adriana Hebert

Adriana Hebert, nee Severino, 52, of Nesbit, Miss., formerly of Hinsdale, died Feb. 2, 2024.

She is survived by her son, Tristan Joseph Giovanni Hebert; her father, Victor Severino; and her siblings, John and Angela (Mike Wroblewski) Severino.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rocca Severino.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.



Hebert

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Society of the Little Flower, 1313 Frontage Rd. Darien, IL 60561 or online at www.littleflower.org.

Maribeth Zickert

Maribeth Zickert, nee Munson, 96 of Elmhurst, a former 52-year Hinsdale resident, passed away Feb. 1, 2024.

Maribeth, daughter of Donald and Miriam Munson of Anderson, Ind., graduated from Purdue University in 1949. A member of Alpha Chi Omega, Maribeth earned her degree in teaching physical education.

She worked as an educator for a year in Indiana before marrying her college sweetheart and moving to Washington, D.C., where she taught high school PE while her husband, Lloyd, got his law degree. After Lloyd graduated, the pair migrated to the Chicago area to start a family.

Maribeth was a devoted mother and was blessed with four children. She was the kind of person who put love into every action, especially when it came to caring for family. She lovingly prepared her home and meals for her children, and in time, her grandchildren, and she passed some treasured recipes down from previous generations.

An avid sports fan, Maribeth was the first to cheer, whether it was Little League or the Super Bowl. She lived to stay active. She loved riding bikes, water skiing, tennis and golf and especially enjoyed boating at Wonder Lake with family. For many years Maribeth would drive to Wonder Lake on Fridays and Lloyd would ride the train up. They would spend the weekend boating, golfing and relaxing. Monday Lloyd would take the train into Chicago to work and Maribeth would play golf with the women at McHenry Country Club on Tuesday mornings. She enjoyed golfing well into her 80s.

An amateur seamstress, Maribeth used to make dresses for her and



Zickert

her daughters, inspiring them to learn to create their own. For many years she was a dedicated volunteer for the Infant Welfare Society. Maribeth also was a 35-year member of P.E.O. sisterhood, Chapter JC Illinois, which is dedicated to helping women with their educational pursuits. Card games

were a passion of Maribeth's, and she played bridge with a couple's group for many years.

Another instrumental pillar of her life was Christ Church of Oak Brook. When her children were still young, Maribeth and Lloyd joined Christ Church, and Maribeth became deeply involved in the community and in women's groups at the church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Zickert.

Maribeth is survived by her children, Barry (Kerry) Zickert, Laurie (John) Fahey, Caren (Kevin) Hughs and Brad (Laura) Zickert; her grandchildren, Drew (Laura) Zickert, Jason (Lisa) Fahey, Lisa (Alex) Beal, Shannon Fahey, Joseph (Rachel) Hughs, Noah Hughs, Rachel Zickert, Brittany (Greg) Petorak, Eric Zickert and Chris Zickert; and her great-grandchildren, Ashlyn and Weston Fahey, Forrest Beal and Elise Hughs.

A funeral service will be held at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Christ Church of Oak Brook, 501 Oak Brook Road.

A luncheon will be held at the church following the service.

Interment is private at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to PEO at www.peointernational.org or www.my.christ-church-giving.org.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

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BUSINESS PROFILE

MEGAN BROTSCHUL, PROFESSIONAL STYLIST

Deciding what to wear can be a daily struggle for a lot of women, and even men. Professional stylist Megan Brotschul of Hinsdale said the problem often isn't a lack of clothing, but too much of it.

Doing business as Style Strategy, Brotschul helps customers find the outfits that are hidden amongst the clutter of their closet by helping them to see what they already have and offering new ways to put those items together.

"It's all in the way you style things," she said.

Brotschul said she starts a wardrobe overhaul with a few basic questions — What does daily life look like? What are your fashion goals and challenges?

What do you like to wear? — followed by an assessment of the customer's wardrobe. After sorting through what to keep and what to discard, Brotschul leaves the customer with a minimum of five intentional outfits derived from their once-cluttered closet. She might also suggest the purchase of a few other items to complete their

collection or to bring in a current trend.

"Trendier pieces are things that you don't want to spend a ton of money on," Brotschul said.

She often encourages clients to "dip their toe" into a new trend rather than to dive right in.

"Right now red is a huge trend," Brotschul said, but rather than start a full collection of scarlet clothing, she suggests adding earrings, a pair of shoes or lipstick in the shade to an existing wardrobe.

Keeping on top of style trends is key to Brotschul's business, and something she said she has long loved to do. To do so, she follows key influencers and works with local vendors who are going to market and buying items for their stores.

"They see things that are coming down the pipeline," she said of buyers at stores such as redE mas, Sweet William and Lepa in Hinsdale.

While trends are fun and fashionable, investment pieces are key to any wardrobe, Brotschul said. These are the items that

remain relevant despite changes in fashion and that can be worn over and over again. A basic blazer, a pair of black pumps or a white button-down shirt might fall into this category. Brotschul said it makes sense to put a little more money into these items.

Keeping up with fashion is important, but so is keeping up with one's own closet. Brotschul said a quarterly closet edit can accomplish both. While she offers the service, it also can be done by sorting items into three piles — keep, discard or "maybe." Brotschul suggests placing "maybe" items in another closet. This allows the owner to clearly see just how often she goes for these items and how important they are to her "keep" collection.

Whether performing a full wardrobe overhaul or choosing an outfit for a special occasion, Brotschul said what she often provides is confidence that a customer is making the right fashion decisions. All she really needs, Brotschul said, is a little validation.

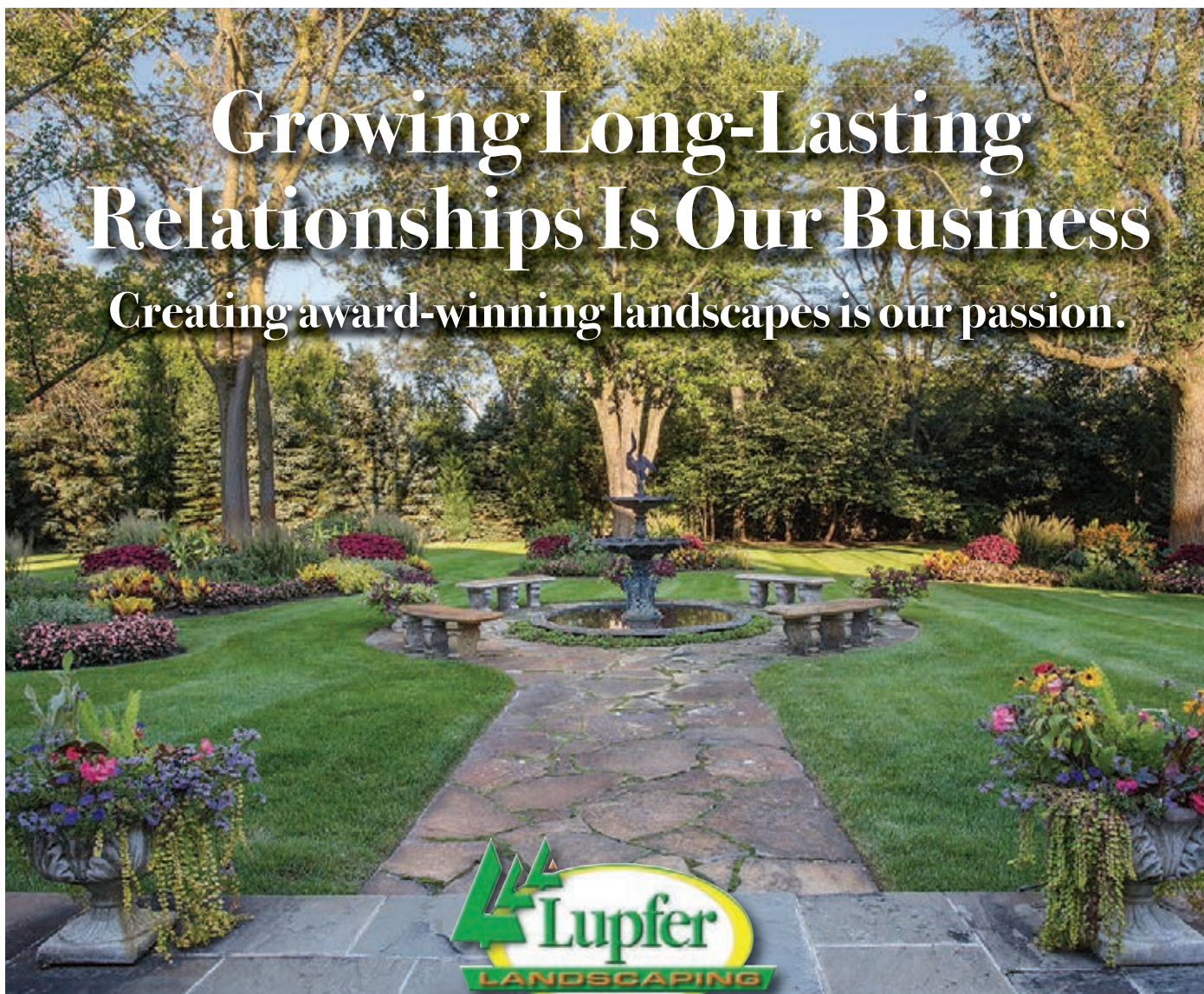
— story by Sandy Illian Bosch



Megan Brotschul describes her own style as "classic with an edge and said her outfits always include an element of surprise, such as an eye-catching purse or pair of shoes. "They can make an outfit pop and really make a statement," she said. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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Church celebrates man, his generosity

Longtime Hinsdale resident and Union Church member turns 100, supports new preschool

By Pamela Lannom
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Union Church of Hinsdale had plenty of reasons to celebrate Irv Clarke Sunday.

First, it was the day before Clarke, who has lived most of his life in Hinsdale, turned 100. Second, he is generously supporting the church's efforts to open an early childhood education center in Summit. He hopes to encourage others to contribute as well by matching donations up to a substantial amount.

"It's a real good project and I'm glad to be able to help," Clarke said Monday. "From what I've read, why, children that get help before they're 5 years old do better in longer life than the children that don't, and so that's why our people decided to do something in Summit where they need a lot of help."

The congregation decided to open a preschool after Mike Solberg, senior minister, challenged the church to take on a "long-term transformative whole



Irv Clarke shared the reasons why he's helping Union Church (where he has been a member since he was 14 years old) from his Hinsdale home on Monday, which was his 100th birthday. (Jim Slonoff photo)

church missions project" called "Before we Get to Mars," said Penny Davey, who is chairing the committee of the same name. Members also looked at several other possibilities

before deciding on a preschool.

"We have had a long-standing, highly regarded, high quality preschool here, so we know what do with early childhood, and it's when you can make the most difference in society," Davey said, pointing to research by University of Chicago economist James Heckman.

One of the preschool teachers who grew up in Summit suggested her hometown as a location, and church members spent three years searching for a property to lease.

"We were just about ready to give up on Summit when we learned of this preschool that was for sale," Davey said, noting that purchase negotiations are underway.

Preschools, day care and home care have openings for less than 6 percent of the 1,000 kids under age 5 in the community, Davey

said. As a result, a low percentage of students test as ready for kindergarten.

Families will be able to pay for the full-day year-round preschool using the state voucher system, Davey said. With support from grants, partnerships and other fundraising opportunities, the preschool is intended to be self-sustaining.

"Union Church, for 159 years we've always been mission-oriented, so this fits really nicely into our way of serving," Davey said.

And she's appreciative of Clarke's help.

"It's great that someone from his generation is looking forward to future generations," she said.

Who is Irv Clarke?

Clarke moved to Hinsdale with his family when he was 6 years old and still lives in the house his parents built in 1936,

their second in the village.

He graduated from Hinsdale Township High School and went on to earn a bachelor's at Williams College and his MBA from Harvard Business School. He spent his career managing pension fund investments and other funds for Swift and Co. (later named Esmark), Globe Life Insurance Co. and then Penmark Investments, where he served as president.

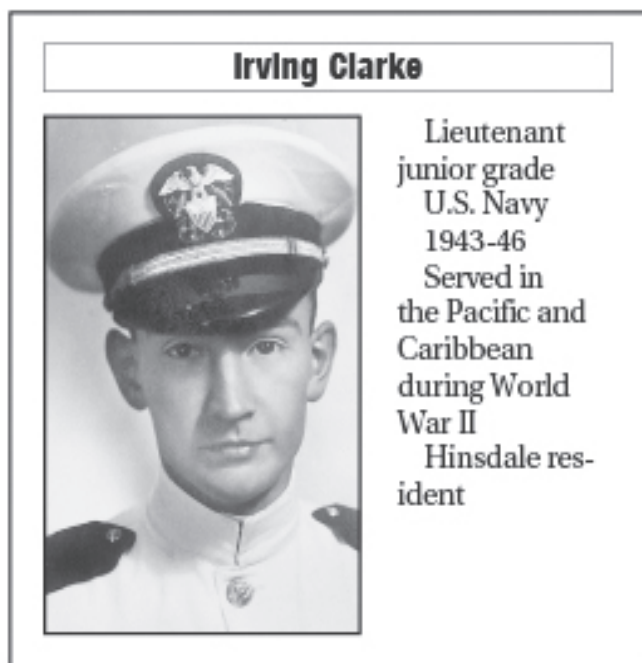
He became a member of Union Church when he was confirmed in his early teens.

"So 100 minus 14 is about right," he said when asked how long he's been a member of the church.

During that time the only periods Clarke lived elsewhere were his college years and while serving as a tactical radar officer in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

"I think my experience

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For many years Clarke has been part of The Hinsdalean's special pages honoring local vets in November.

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— Rev. Mike Solberg

Church celebrates man, his generosity

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in the Navy was probably the most important thing in my life,” he said. “I never married. That would have been the most important if I had, but I didn’t. So I enjoyed the Navy for the most part.

“I served on a destroyer in the Pacific during the last year of the war. We were fighting against Japan and involved in fighting off the suicide planes that they were sending.”

His destroyer was hit and 47 of his fellow crew members were killed.

“That was kind of a bad experience to go through. The ship did not sink and we went back to the states for repairs, and then the war ended while we were getting the ship repaired,” he said.

His older brother, Kenton, also fought in WWII. He was killed when his bomber was shot down over the Pacific.

Since retiring in 1979, Clarke has served on the board of the Robert Crown Center for Health Education (now Candor) and Washington Square (now Magnolia Senior Living). At Union Church, he has chaired the board of trustees and co-founded the church’s endowment fund.

He enjoys taking the newspaper to Honey Bee Cafe for lunch every weekday. Clarke is a regular at Sunday services, Davey said.

“One recent extremely cold and snowy day, when several younger church members made the fine choice of viewing the livestream of the worship service from home, Irv drove himself to church and was in his usual pew, on the right side,” Davey wrote in a piece about Clarke.

Clarke said he enjoyed his birthday celebration at the church, although his hearing aids made it difficult to hear some of his well-wishers.

“Union Church put on a big



Union Church held a birthday bash for Clarke Sunday, where he talked with Melissa Mann and Antonia Logan (clockwise from top left), Lolly McDonnell and senior minister Mike Solberg after blowing out his candles. (photos provided)

party for me,” he said. “We had coffee and tea and lots of food. It was a big affair.”

Many well-wishers

The folks who came out to celebrate Clarke’s birthday had wonderful things to say about the former naval officer.

“He’s the epitome of the greatest generation,” said Travis Hughes, who lives next door to Clarke and stopped by the party.

“When I think of someone

super inspirational and heroic, he’s the one that comes to mind,” said Hughes’ daughter, Moira.

“He’s such an amazing person,” added her sister, Marin.

“I’ve never seen him without a smile on his face,” remarked their mom, Courtney.

Fellow church member Virgil Oostendorp, who has known Clarke for 40 years, said he admires his service, savvy and sense of humor.

“His mind is sharp as a tack,” Oostendorp noted.

Ashley Logan was at the celebration with her three children, Antonia, 7, James, 5, and Samuel, 3 — all of whom were excited to be at the party.

“My daughter was really excited to give him the card she made,” Logan said.

She’s enjoyed getting to know Clarke since she met him four or five years ago and has appreciated learning more about his life.

“Those stories are so important to be told,” she said.

Solberg said that while churches are often focused on attracting young families, it’s important to remember churches are intergenerational. And supporting Clarke, who never married and has no children, is important.

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“**Bridgerton**” novelist Julia Quinn and bestselling historical romance author Sarah MacLean will discuss regency romance and more in a virtual Illinois Libraries Present program offered Feb. 20 through the Hinsdale Public Library. See Page 22 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Nature’s Ambiguities

Feb. 20-March 30
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 206-9566

Connect to nature through art through this exhibit of dozens of works presented by the Downers Grove Artists Guild. An artists’ reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, with signature non-alcoholic cocktails served. Hours: noon to 3 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

■ Needlecraft Night

Feb. 22
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Drop by with a needlecraft project to work on and enjoy some pleasant conversation with fellow crafting enthusiasts. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ UCECP fundraising event

Feb. 24
The Elm
23 W. Harris Ave., La Grange
www.ucecp.betterworld.org

Help raise funds for the Union Church Early Childhood Program at the “Merry on the Mountain” apres ski-themed benefit featuring an evening of live entertainment, food, drinks, bourbon tasting, silent auction, raffle and more. Proceeds will pay for building upgrades, staff development, winter and end-of-year carnivals and scholarships. Time: 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$125.

FAMILY FUN

■ Fencing Olympic Swordplay

Fridays, Feb. 23-April 5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Participants ages 7 and up will learn the basics of attack and defense as well as strategies that create the foundation for their fencing game. To arrange for equipment rental

(\$35 to \$42), call the Fencing Sports Club at (630) 678-0035. Time: 5 to 5:45 p.m. Cost: \$70. RR, MD

FILL YOUR PLATE

■ Pancake breakfast

Feb. 26
Hinsdale Adventist Academy
631 E. Hickory St.
(480) 309-8345

Enjoy pancakes, eggs and drinks, with proceeds supporting a schoolwide mission trip to the Dominican Republic and the HAA home and school. Tickets are available in the HAA office or at the door. Time: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$12, \$5 for ages 10 and under.

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Eat a balanced diet that aligns with your caloric needs to achieve and maintain a healthy weight for your body. You can connect with a health care professional or registered dietitian for personalized guidance. Be mindful of portion sizes and avoid overeating. You can try tricks such as using smaller plates, measuring food portions and listening to your body's hunger and fullness cues to know when enough is enough.

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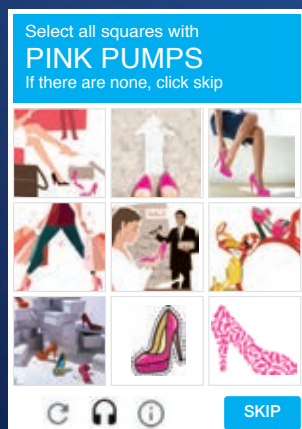
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■ Photography Walk

Feb. 21
Spears Woods
96th Avenue south of West 87th Street near Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(312) 533-5751

Join a naturalist for a walk around Spears Woods on a quest to capture some magical winter photos. Time: 9:30 a.m.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Morning of Beauty & Wellness

Feb. 24
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road
www.wellnesshouse.org
(630) 323-5150
Come to Wellness House's Unique Boutique for a morning of pampering to help those on the cancer journey feel refreshed and empowered. Participants will enjoy a variety of beauty and wellness activities during the event. Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Kids Safe at Home

Feb. 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

In this American Red Cross course, children ages 5-10 who stay at home alone occasionally, care for younger siblings for a short periods or are ready to accept responsibility will learn how to behave responsibly and handle themselves when confronted with a challenge, like answering the phone or the door when parents are away and other home safety topics. A workbook is included. Those who sign up for both Kids Safe at Home & First Aid for Kids receive a \$5 discount. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$50. RR, MD

■ First Aid for Kids

Feb. 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

In this American Red Cross course, children ages 5-10 will be introduced to first aid skills focusing on recognizing an

emergency, calling 911, dealing with cuts, burns, broken bones, poisoning, choking and exploring contents of a first aid kit. A workbook is included. Those who sign up for both Kids Safe at Home & First Aid for Kids receive a \$5 discount. Time: noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$50. RR, MD

■ Barbie and Friends

Feb. 22
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to bring their Barbies to experience a fabulous afternoon filled with crafts and activities. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Great Wolf Lodge trip

March 1
Leave from The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
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Kids in kindergarten through eighth grade can spend their day off from school enjoying this indoor water park. Extended care hours are available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for an additional \$30. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$100. RR, MD

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Romance & Regency With Bridgerton's Julia Quinn

Feb. 20
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1986

Join bestselling "Bridgerton" novelist Julia Quinn and bestselling historical romance author Sarah MacLean as they discuss regency romance and more in this virtual Illinois Libraries Present program. Quinn's popular series about the Bridgerton family was adapted into an Emmy-nominated series on Netflix. Her newest novel, "Queen Charlotte," is co-written with television pioneer Shonda Rhimes and tells of Queen Charlotte and King George III's great love story and how it sparked a societal shift. MacLean also is the romance columnist for The New York Times and The Washington Post, and co-host of the weekly romance novel podcast Fated Mates. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ The Barricade Boys

Feb. 18
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

From the emotion of "Les Misérables" to the raw energy of "West Side Story," these phenomenal artists lead a musical journey which includes melodies from the world's greatest songwriters, like Billy Joel, Elton John and Queen. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$60-\$70.

■ Elmhurst University Jazz Festival

Feb. 22-25
Elmhurst University
190 Prospect Ave.
www.elmhurst.edu/about/special-events/february-jazz-festival

This 57th annual event will feature well-known professional jazz musicians and groups as well as top college and high school jazz bands from near and far. Visit the website above for the full schedule and ticket prices; a livestream option also is available. Hours: performances from 12:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and from 11:30 a.m. Feb. 23-25.

ON STAGE

■ Three One-Act Plays

Feb. 23 & 24
Westview Hills Middle School
630 65th St., Willowbrook
www.westmontparks.org/wpa/

Westmont Performing Arts presents original one-act plays by Mike Levins. In "The Shaving Brush," Nelly, no longer able to live independently, must leave her home of 60 years, learning what is truly important in the process. "White Chocolate Moon" follows novelist Clayton Dinsmore, who has battled writer's block for 25 years after a wildly successful debut. "The Four Questions" asks what would happen if Elijah the Prophet actually showed up in the home of a very troubled family. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10.

■ 'The Other Place'

Through Feb. 25
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatrewesternsprings.com
(708) 246-3380

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logist Juliana Smithton seems to be coming unhinged as she faces divorce, a daughter's elopement with a much older man and personal health struggles. But there's more to the story as the elusive truth about Juliana boils to the surface. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$28, \$15 for children & students.

SENIOR SCENE

■ Bingo & Treats

Feb. 19
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Those age 50 and older are invited to enjoy games of Bingo and chocolate mint ice cream, coffee and tea — and bring additional treats to share if so inspired. Prizes will be awarded. Register by Friday, Feb. 16. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m.

SIGN UP NOW

■ Setbacks and children's success

Feb. 21
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Alisa Messina, clinical supervisor for The Counseling Center at The Community House, will facilitate this continuation of the conversation that began Jan. 31 with Michelle Icard's talk on her new book, "8 Setbacks That Can Make a Child a Success" at The Community House. Copies of the book are available for checkout on the library's Book Club Holds shelf. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ 'Miniature Rails, Massive Impact'

Feb. 17
Hinsdale History Museum
15 S. Clay St.
www.hinsdalehistory.org

The exhibit showcases miniature models of trains to tell the story of Hinsdale's railroad history. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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■ In the Belly of the Beast: King in Chicago

Feb. 28
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Chicago historian, musician and storyteller Clarence Goodman will discuss Martin Luther King Jr.'s work in Chicago, which he visited many times between 1956 and his life's end in pursuit of justice. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

WEE ONES

■ Fit 'n' Fun for Kids

Saturdays, Feb. 24-April 6
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 3-6 will have a blast as they run, jump, hop, skip, stretch and play to gain strength, flexibility and cardio awareness as well as improve motor development, spatial

awareness, cognitive ability and socialization skills through all sorts of fun activities. Participants should bring a labeled water bottle. Time: 9 to 9:45 a.m. Cost: \$90. RR, MD


WINE & DINE

■ Corks and Forks

Feb. 16
The Lodge at KLM Park
5901 S. County Line Road
www.villageofhinsdale.org/departments/parks_and_recreation/corks_forks.php
(630) 798-7090


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1. 541 Bonnie Brae Road, Robert and Julie Ludwig to Bonnie J. Brown Trust, Dec. 26, \$919,000

2. 447 N. Quincy St., Marci and James English to Shana Robinson Inheritance Trust, Jan. 5, \$1,275,000

3. 502 Burr Oak Place, Ronald and Diane Hamburger

to Brock and Jill Furlong revocable trusts and Catherine Furlong, Jan. 9, \$1,075,000

4. 14 S. Madison St., 14 South LLC to Paul Egel and Christine Murray, Jan. 11, \$375,000

5. 6 S. Elm St., Frank and Debra Heidler to Skos Properties LLC, Jan. 11, \$545,000

6. 215 N. Quincy St., Richard W. and Angela R. Crowley trusts to Michael and Leanne

Ross, Jan. 18, \$2,425,000

7. 322 W. Second St., Alba Development LLC to West Second Street Hinsdale Real Estate, Jan. 22, \$2,100,000

8. 360 Claymoor St., Mohammad Puri to Andjelija Bozovic, Jan. 23, \$215,000

9. 819 Jefferson St., Sustainabuild LLC to Dragan and Marina Gastevski revocable trusts, Jan. 22, \$1,882,500

10. 228 S. Adams St., John and Marie McGann and

McGann 1998 Family Trust to Whitney O'Brien Homes Inc., Jan. 23, \$415,000

11. 217 W. 55th St., Richard and Kathleen Phillips to Richard W. and Angela R. Crowley trusts, Jan. 23, \$3,384,000

12. 404 58th Place, Natalia Smak to Irina Sfirniaciuc, Jan. 25, \$365,000

Source: DuPage County Recorder of Deeds

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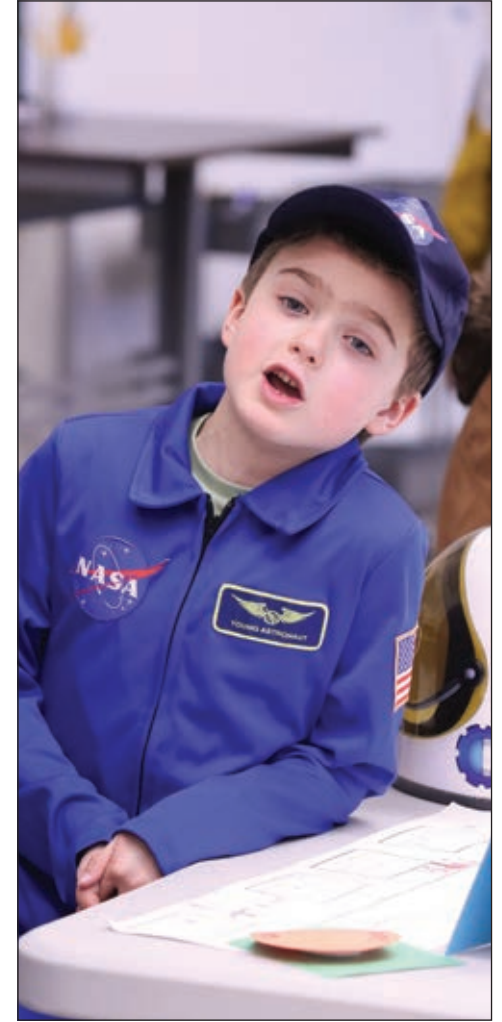
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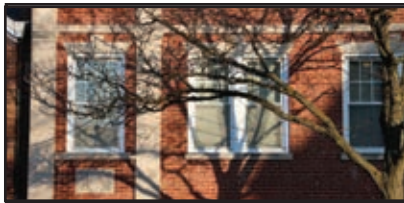
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LEGAL NOTICE BIDS NOTICE

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The Village of Hinsdale will
receive sealed Bids for the
2024 Resurfacing Program.
Bids will be opened at the
Village of Hinsdale Village
Hall, 19 East Chicago Avenue,
Hinsdale, Illinois 60521, on
Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

2024 Resurfacing Program
work includes the construc-
tion of approximately 0.6 miles
of asphalt milling and resur-
facing, concrete sidewalk,
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and replacement of curb and
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Bid documents may be
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documents.

The Village reserves the right
to reject any or all bids or any
part thereof, to waive any infor-
malities in the bidding, and to
accept the bids deemed most
favorable to the interest of the
Village after all bids have been
examined and evaluated.

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shall conduct a public hear-
ing at a special meeting on
March 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in
the Memorial Building, 19 East
Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale,
Illinois for the purpose of con-
sidering various properties for
inclusion on the Historically
Significant Structures Property
List within the Historic
Overlay District of the Village
of Hinsdale, in accordance
with the regulations listed in
Section 14-7-3 of Title 14 of
the Village Code.

Copies of documents relating
to the properties proposed
for inclusion, including legal
descriptions, are on file and
available for public inspection
during regular Village business
hours at the Village offices in
the Memorial Building, 19 East
Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale,
Illinois. Please email Village
Planner Bethany Salmon at
[bsalmon@villageofhinsdale.
org](mailto:bsalmon@villageofhinsdale.org) for additional information.
This request is known as
HPC-4-2024 (Round 7).

The following properties, as
described below by their com-
mon addresses and property
index numbers, in Hinsdale,
Illinois, 60521, are currently
located within the established
boundaries of the Village of
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List:

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09-01-220-017)
2. 4 E. Fifth Street in the R-1
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District (PIN: 09-12-133-001)
3. 122 N. Park Avenue in the
R-4 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-01-414-020)
4. 42 S. Quincy Street in the
R-4 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-11-201-023)
5. 200 Ravine Road in the
R-4 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-01-406-001)
6. 565 N. Washington Street
in the R-4 Single Family
Residential District
(PINs: 09-01-120-014; 09-01-
120-015)
7. 615 S. Washington in the
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Inclusion on the Village's
Historically Significant
Structures Property List,
among other things, makes
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Code.

At said public hearing,
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Commission shall accept all
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tions, shall determine whether
each property proposed for
inclusion on the Historically
Significant Structures
Properties List possesses one
or more of the criteria set forth
in Subsection 14-7-3.B. of the
Village Code, and make a rec-
ommendation to the Board of
Trustees as to whether each
property should be included
on the Historically Significant
Structures Property List. The
public hearing may be contin-
ued as to one or more prop-
erties as deemed necessary by
the Commission. All interested
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Dated: February 12, 2024

Emily Tompkins,
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ESTATE OF
DEBORAH L. OBIALA

CASE NUMBER
2024PR000064

Notice is given of the death of Deborah L. Obiala whose address was 10 North Washington St., Hinsdale, IL. 60521. Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2024 to Daniel E. Obiala, 613 North Noble St., Chicago, IL. 60642, as Independent Administrator whose attorney is Donatelli & Coules, Ltd.

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given to Daniel E. Obiala, Amy Brown and Michael Obiala and unknown heirs, who are heirs or legatees in this cause.

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Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of **CANDICE ADAMS**, Circuit Court Clerk, 505 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before *August 22, 2024 any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed with the Circuit Court Clerk.

Name: Donatelli & Coules, Ltd.
DuPage Attorney Number: 22064
Attorney For: Estate of Deborah L. Obiala
Address: 15 Salt Creek Lane, Suite 312
City/State/Zip: Hinsdale, IL. 60521
Telephone: 630-920-0406
Email: kathleen@donatellicoules.com

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79325 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on January 19, 2024 wherein the business firm of **AJ LIMITLESS**

Located at 6018 E. Lake Drive, Apt. 3D, Lisle, IL. 60532 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Anna Wildt, 6018 E. Lake Drive, Apt. 3D, Lisle, IL. 60532.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 19th day of January, A.D. 2024.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79331 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on January 24, 2024 wherein the business firm of **KINDA ARZON PHOTOGRAPHY**

Located at 2210 Midwest Road, Ste. 208, Oak Brook, IL. 60523 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Luis Arzon, 688 South Hawthorne Ave., Elmhurst, IL. 60126.
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CERTIFICATE NO. 79330 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on January 23, 2024 wherein the business firm of **GRACE CONNECTIONS HOME CARE**

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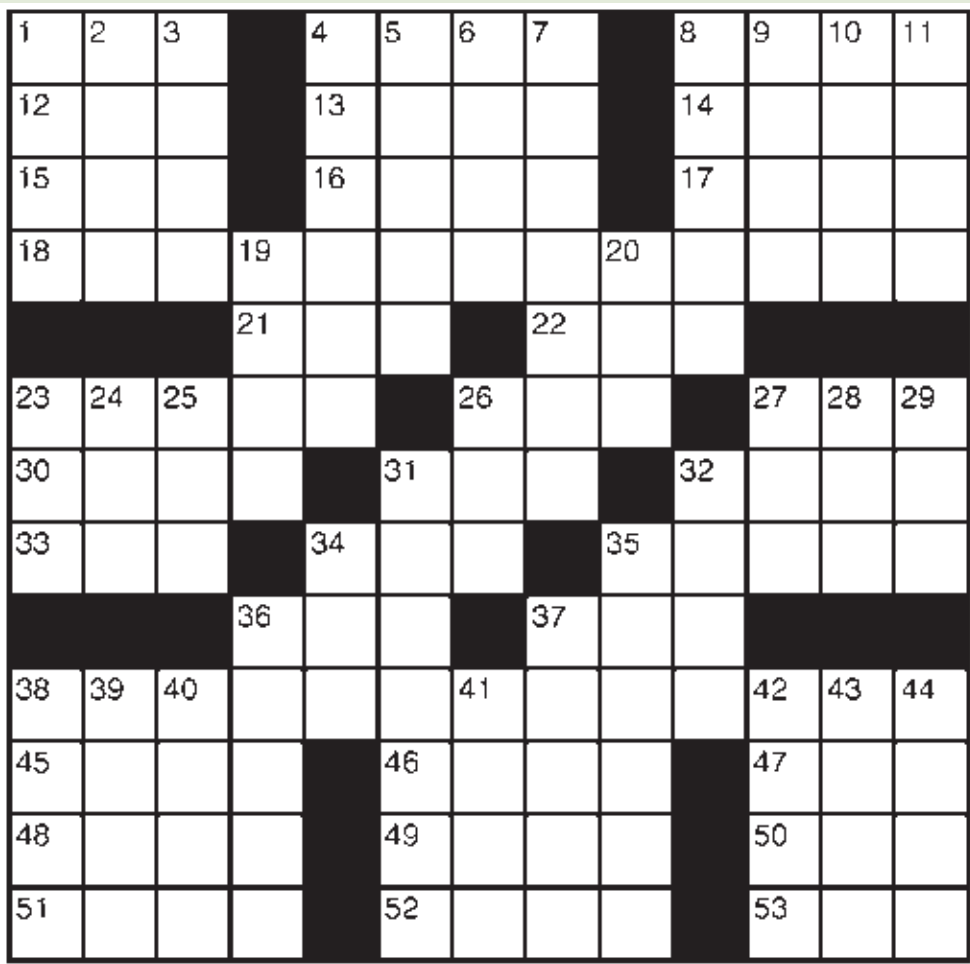
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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solution

1. Ethnic 2. Alarm;
3. Donate; 4. Impose

Today's Word
MOTHER

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word. Each puzzle contains the clue.



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HOROSCOPES

February 2024 Horoscopes • Week 3



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, a quiet and practical approach is the way to sort through a confusing situation that arises this week. Your detailed-oriented nature will help you go through all the facts.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, a measure of controversy has found its way into your life, but you may want to avoid letting others know your feelings. Keep conversations to trivial topics this week.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Setting boundaries right now could be difficult for you, Cancer. You are always caring for others and that may affect how involved you get in another person's issues.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, pursuing the truth about a situation may seem very important to you and even urgent. But will having all of the answers really change much right now?



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You may not be happy with the direction a family member, friend or even your larger community is moving at the current moment, Aquarius. Consider ways you can help.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Advice about how to handle a confusing financial matter may not be resonating right now, Taurus. You may need to review the data a few different times.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Share your light and vitality with another person this week, Leo. You can boost this person's mood or even change his or her perspective dramatically if you so desire.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, be careful not to take everything that people say to you at face value right now. You need to vet all information for yourself before you make decisions about anything.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
You may be feeling pulled by the demands of a few different people in your life right now, Pisces. It's probably best to give things more thought before making any decisions.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, consider another's perspective more closely in the days to come. A different point of view may help you to more clearly define your own outlook.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, heated emotions between you and a family member could drive a wedge in your relationship for some time. It is best to carefully weigh your words before speaking.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
You may be feeling sorry for someone even if they didn't ask you to weigh in on a situation, Sagittarius. You simply can't help getting involved, but remember to listen.

SPORTS

SPORTS SHORTS

ATHLETES COMMIT TO COLLEGE PLAY

The Hinsdale Central Athletic Department hosted and College Signing and Recognition Day event Feb. 7. The following athletes were recognized.

- Burley Bokos, swimming, University of Tampa
- Zari Dorris, track and field, University of Wisconsin — Whitewater
- Alexander Hernandez, lacrosse, Carthage College
- Adriana Hodneland, track and field, Washington and Lee University
- Marko Ivanisevic, wrestling, University of Illinois
- Emma Quast, volleyball, Washington University in St. Louis

• Siena Steines, volleyball, Wesleyan University
At Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park, John Hughes of Hinsdale has committed to play baseball at the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill.

HOCKEY PLAYERS EARN RECOGNITION

Seven members of the Hinsdale Central Red Devil hockey team have been recognized by Illinois West for

their performance and will represent the club in various games in March.

- Jack Crabb will play in the All Conference game at 8 p.m. Friday, March 8, at West Meadows Ice Arena
- Nate Anderson, Dylan Dwyer and Will Romberger and will play in the IL West Varsity All Stars game at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at Rocket Ice Arena
- Mason Baskel, Nate Conway and Noah Rzeppa will compete in the IL West JV All Stars game at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at Rocket Ice Arena

GUTMAN RELISHES MLS HOMECOMING

Major League Soccer player and Hinsdale native Andrew Gutman recently saw his journey come full circle when he was acquired by his hometown Chicago Fire FC.

Gutman, who played for Chicago Fire Academy in his youth, was traded by the Colorado Rapids to Chicago on Dec. 12. Prior to Colorado, the 2015 Hinsdale Central graduate had stints with FC Cincinnati, the New York Red Bulls and Atlanta United. In an interview with his new team, the 27-year-old defender said he envisioned

returning to the organization that had laid the foundation for his success. “I wanted the prime of my career to be with Chicago. I feel like these upcoming years are going to be probably the best level I’m going to be able to play at, and I wanted to be able to play for Chicago while doing that,” he said.

The Fire open the 2024 season Feb. 24 at Philadelphia Union before hosting FC Cincinnati March 2 at Soldier Field in the home opener.

COLLIGNON SNARES LAX LAURELS

Yale University women’s lacrosse player Jenna Collignon of Hinsdale has been named honorable mention Preseason All-America by both ILWomen and USA Lacrosse. Collignon enjoyed a breakout campaign in 2023, earning unanimous first team All-Ivy League recognition and second team IWLCA All-Northeast Region recognition. The 2020 Hinsdale Central graduate finished third in the Ivy League in goals with 53 and second in points with 65. Nationally she ranked 25th in goals per game with 3.12.

Yale opens the season on Feb. 17 at home against Stanford University.

RESULTS

Basketball, boys

Feb. 13 @ Glenbard West
V wins 52-47
Feb. 10 @ LT
V loses 52-57
Feb. 9 @ Proviso West
V wins 63-40
Buzelis, 17 points, 7 rebounds, assist, 2 steals
Daniel Orozco, 16 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, steal
Reddy, 10 points, rebound
Dillon Orozco, 9 points, rebound, 2 assists
Thick, 8 points, 4 rebounds, assist, block
Kozys, 5 points, rebound, assist, steal
Nordby, 3 points
Bilenko, 2 points, rebound, assist
Pohlenz, 2 points
Dell, point, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals
Kusak, 3 rebounds, assist
Deftos, 3 assists
Knaul, 2 rebounds, 2 assists

Stach, 2 rebounds
Howell, rebound, 2 assists

Basketball, girls

Feb. 13 @ IHSA regional
vs. Morton
V wins 49-41
Feb. 8 @ DeKalb
V wins 56-51

Bowling, girls

Feb. 10 @ IHSA sectional
Wu, 1,098

Wrestling, boys

Feb. 9-10 @ IHSA sectional
285 pounds
Ivanisevic, 1st, dec. 3-0
113 pounds
Murante, lost in consolation semis
175 pounds
Kruse, lost in consolation semis

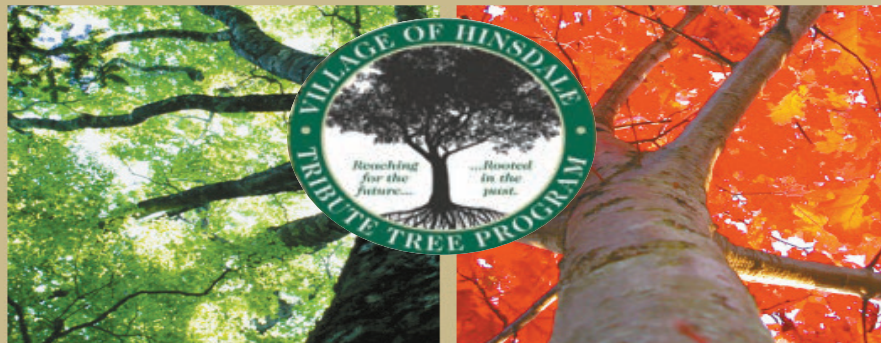
HEADED TO STATE

Two Hinsdale Central athletes will represent Red Devil Nation at IHSA state final events this weekend.

Senior gymnast Hazel Hamelka will compete in the vault at the girls gymnastics state tournament Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17, at Palatine High School.

Senior wrestler Marko Ivanisevic will compete in the 285-pound weight class at the boys wrestling individual state tournament Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 15-17, at the State Farm Center on the campus of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

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SPORTS



Cornell University swimmer Anna Gruvberger of Hinsdale powers her way to a winning time of 54.38 in the 100-yard butterfly event Nov. 18 at an away meet against Princeton and Penn. She was the sole

first-place finisher for the entire Big Red squad that day, a testament to the team leader's status in her senior season. (photo courtesy of Princeton University Athletics)

Gruvberger makes a Big Red splash

Former Central standout overcame initial adversity to excel on campus, in the pool

By Ken Knutson

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Anna Gruvberger's Cornell University swim career got off to an inauspicious start. No start, actually, as the pandemic washed away her entire 2020-21 freshman season.

So the Hinsdale product and her fellow first-year team members did the next best thing: they signed up for freshman swim class.

"They allowed the pool to be used for gym classes but not for the swim team. They let us use some special lanes, and we just had a lot of fun with each other," Gruvberger said.

Having that community of fellow student-athletes was a blessing during a time when social distancing protocols kept many isolated.

"I had a group and a built-in family with the swim team. Each of us helped each other get through it," she related.

The long-awaited kick-off to her Big Red career came sophomore year, and the 2020 Hinsdale Central grad made up for lost time becoming an integral part of the squad in individual events — specializing in butterfly and freestyle — and in relays.

Over the course of the season, she registered four individual top-3 finishes and three relay triumphs. Against St. Bonaventure she took third in the 200-yard butterfly and

first with the 200-yard freestyle relay. Then at Brown University, she finished third in the 100-yard freestyle, second in the 100-yard butterfly, first in the 400-yard freestyle relay and second in the 200-yard medley relay.

"It was great making an impact in that way. Being able to swim against the best in our league and just competing with teammates on those relays was really fun," Gruvberger said, crediting her veteran team captains of showing her the keys to success at the Division I level.

Not a simple task, of course, with long road trips to away meets and never enough time to prepare in between.

"It was lot less sleep than I'm used to," she remarked.

The season closed with the Ivy League Swimming Championship meet, an experience that left an indelible mark.

"It's definitely intimidating, but it's a transformative experience," she said. "It's hard to conceptualize how hard these girls work, and you're no different than any of them. It's so inspiring to watch all these women compete."

Setting aside nerves, Gruvberger and her 400-freestyle relay cohorts clocked the eighth-fastest time in Big Red history at the meet and emerged with a solid foundation of confidence upon which to build.

"I think I was coming to realize that I had more of myself that I wanted to explore. I wanted to see my full potential as a swimmer by the time I was done at Cornell," she said.

Gruvberger entered her junior campaign "very focused and very driven" to excel.

"I wanted to prove things to myself. I finally got used to being starstruck by these powerful women around me, and I wanted to be one myself," she said. "I trained with them, and I had a lot of faith in myself after all of my work." That self-assurance translated into dazzling results.

"I had one of the best seasons that I ever had," Gruvberger said, citing trips to the top of the podium several times, including an expectation-shattering sixth place in the 100-yard butterfly at the Ivy League meet.

The former Red Devil who saw her name go up on Central's record board a dozen times has gone on to rearrange Cornell's, too. Going into her senior year, Gruvberger owned the school's second best time in the 100 butterfly, third fastest time in the 50 butterfly and fifth best in the 200 butterfly.

"It was really rewarding to see that all of the work that I put in this year had accumulated and had all paid off," she said of her junior

campaign.

Gruvberger hasn't slowed down for her final tour, again etching her name in the school record books with a second best time ever for the Big Red in the 100 butterfly, 53.97, in November. She'll hit the water in her final Ivy League Championship meet this weekend.

"That's the last meet I'll ever swim, so it's very emotional," she said, adding that she's leaned more into her role as mentor this season. "I've been very focused on being the teammate that I've always wanted to be. I have learned a lot in my four years here, and I hope I've been able to teach them something."

Through the mentoring of others as well as a personal will to perseverance, Gruvberger said she's evolved in multiple ways.

"I grew as an athlete, and that shows through my times," she said. "I think I've learned what it means to be patient and hardworking and resilient, and I've made a lot of friends. I'm proud of myself for sticking with it."

The hotel administration and hospitality major is excited about her next chapter following spring graduation.

"I'm going to have to find new outlets for my energy," she said. "Those are challenges I'm looking forward to."



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