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Middle school bands fall in — Hinsdale Central drum major Deona Julary (clockwise from top left) looks back to check on Hinsdale Middle School's Stephen Esposito as he gets a chance to help direct the band during Bandamonium Friday in Hinsdale Central's gym. Central's Travis Marringa of Hinsdale plays her saxophone for the middle schoolers in attendance. Hinsdale Middle School's Aria Greenwald gets a chance to lead the band and Clarendon Hills Middle School's Rahul Devulapally and Lucas Will meet with Central marching band members (photos by Steve Johnston for The Hinsdalean)



County board, state house races surveyed.

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NEWS

D181 to spend down fund balances

Permanent administrative office space top target, pension paydown considered

By Ken Knutson

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The Community Consolidated District 181 Board affirmed its fund balance strategy this week, directing money to shore up medical self-insurance reserves and for a new administrative center.

At Monday's board meeting, Rick Engstrom, assistant superintendent of business and operations, reviewed the strategy, which seeks to maintain a reasonable fund balance to mitigate current and future financial risks, pursue projects and abate property taxes.

"We look at the possible revenue reductions and district initiatives in October, and then we come back in February with projections," stated Engstrom, detailing the two-phase review process. "Anything greater than 50 percent (of total expenditures) in our funds, we make adjustments to that levy

abatement amount."

District 181 and other local taxing districts are required to file a levy, or request for property tax revenue, with the county each December. In the spring, the board can instruct the county clerk to abate, or not collect, any portion of its taxes.

In January the board decided to allot \$7 million in surplus funds for a new administrative center. The board reiterated that vote Monday, setting aside \$5.5 million in the current budget and \$1.5 million in next year's fiscal plan. Officials are in the process of identifying potential sites for the center.

Members also approved putting \$1.3 million toward restricted medical self-insurance and \$234,000 toward the restricted activity account.

Engstrom noted some potential threats to future revenue, including state-level proposals for a property

tax freeze and the shift of teacher pension costs to local districts. But Engstrom did not expect those to be factors in the coming year.

Superintendent Hector Garcia said revisiting the matter is important for transparency.

"We wanted to make sure that we continued to bring up this abatement strategy so that we keep everyone informed of the progress that we're making," Garcia said.

Later in the meeting the board heard a presentation on using fund balances to pay down the district's unfunded liability with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, the pension fund for noncertified district staff including administrative assistants, custodians, nurses and instructional assistants. As of the end of last year, the district's unfunded liability was \$4.6 million.

Caitlin Norton, the district's director of financial services, said paying down the unfunded

amount would reduce the district's contribution rate while also earning interest on IMRF assets.

"The amount fluctuates based on actuarial assumptions, demographics of employees and earnings from the value of D181 IMRF assets," she reported.

Engstrom said urgent action was not required but that the district could realize savings with the measure, from about \$18,000 for a \$250,000 contribution to \$71,000 for a \$1 million contribution.

"This probably is a viable option to utilize our fund balances to offset our unfunded portion," he said, adding it would be part of the annual fund balance review.

Board President Michael Martin praised the overall approach to use of district reserves.

"I think the fund balance strategy that past boards put us on several years ago has been a model to emulate," he said.

Central golf teams hold drive for HCS Family Services



Members of the Hinsdale Central boys and girls golf teams worked together to collect almost 1,000 pounds of food and paper products last month. Representatives from HCS Family Services helped load up their van with the donations after school Sept. 22 to help feed the 300 to 325 families who rely on the agency's food pantries each week. Luke Chung and Alex Rasmussen were among the volunteers helping out. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Prairie perfect — This photo in Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," shows "an excellent example" of Prairie School design. "(T)his home at 231 E. Third was designed by noted architect E.E. Roberts. Built for lumber executive A.W. True in 1908, the home features a low-pitched roof with broad eaves and bands of windows characteristic of the Prairie style."



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Six vie for three seats on county board

DuPage County Board District 2 - Democrats

Who is Elizabeth "Liz" Chaplin?



The Downers Grove resident was elected to the county board in 2012

after serving on the DuPage Water Commission from 2002-10. She serves as county board chairwoman pro-tem and chairwoman of the board's finance committee. She is past president of Citizens Advisory Group as well as Midwest Ballet Theatre and served as second vice president of the Indian Trail School PTA.

Why is she running?

County government needs to be fiscally responsible and run efficiently and effectively and, as finance chairwoman, she has worked to ensure prudent use of tax dollars while providing important services the people of DuPage County rely on. When tax dollars are spent recklessly, the county cannot afford to do what needs to be done.

Most important issue

Mental health is the biggest issue the county is facing.

Steps to address it

Earlier this year the county board allocated \$10.6 million in ARPA funding toward the Transformational Grant program, which includes funding for nonprofits that address mental health. A planned mental health intake center would be an alternative to jail for someone suffering with mental health issues and would be an important and significant step in addressing mental health.

Other top priorities

Prudent use of tax dollars, keeping the county healthy and safe, addressing the mental health and opioid crisis, making sure all residents have access to safe water and clean air, making sure DuPage is a just and fair community and that everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Who is Paula Deacon Garcia?



The Lisle resident has served on the DuPage County Board since

2020. She holds a bachelor's degree in communication and public relations from Illinois State University. A retired village of Lisle staff member, she serves as chair of the Lisle Township Food Pantry Vegetable Garden and also volunteers for PADs and Community Kitchens.

Why is she running?

She is a solution finder who likes to research facts and make the best decisions accordingly. Over the last two years she has begun to help implement many projects that will help DuPage County residents' lives, and she would like to see them all completed and see the change for people.

Most important issue

People struggling with mental health issues. The stigma around mental health needs to be removed in order to treat people with mental health needs the same as if they had any other illnesses. She has seen so many families hurting due to this issue and hopes to bring solutions to the county to help.

Steps to address it

Divert individuals having a mental health crisis from the correctional center to a planned Central Receiving Center, where they can be evaluated and transitioned to a place where appropriate care can occur. This will also help individuals who are using opioids to help with their symptoms.

Other top priorities

Public safety, which includes safe roads, storm-water solutions, food insecurity, affordable housing, creating jobs and full staffing at the sheriff's office. She also wants to find solutions to combat climate change and promote sustainability.

Who is Yeena Yoo?



The Elmhurst resident holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wellesley

College and a law degree and master's in social work from Washington University in St. Louis. She is senior attorney for Catholic Charities Legal Assistance, a committeeman for York Township's 83rd Precinct and serves on the Elmhurst Senior Citizens Commission and the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation board.

Why is she running?

Yoo cares about leveling the playing field for everyone and wants to advocate for under-resourced communities. She also believes DuPage can be a leader in reducing gun violence by addressing issues such as gun suicide, mental health and unintentional shootings by children.

Most important issue

Mental health has been linked to rising opioid deaths and can be a precursor to gun violence. When people are experiencing mental illness, such as anxiety, depression or other disorders, they have higher health costs and are at an increased risk of experiencing poverty.

Steps to address it

Expand outpatient services through community health centers, residential services for people with severe mental illness or wraparound substance abuse treatment programs. This should be done in coordination with schools, homeless centers and in the criminal and judicial system.

Other top priorities

- manage and direct the county budget to cut waste and increase revenue
- enact common-sense policies to reduce gun violence and increase public safety
- enhance county services for people facing food insecurity or needing affordable housing
- advance diversity initiatives to create more opportunities for all residents

DuPage County Board District 2 - Republicans

Who is Nicole Giannini?



The Republican from Villa Park is a real estate/property manager assistant with Willow

Heights Association/HomeSmart

Why is she running?

The Hinsdalean was not able to reach the candidate to request information.

Who is Daniel Kordik



The Villa Park resident holds a bachelor's in accountancy and a

law degree, both from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He is a self-employed attorney and is a past member of the Villa Park Elementary District 45 Board. He is a former planning and zoning commissioner for the village of Villa Park and was York Township clerk from 2005-21.

Why is he running?

Kordik is concerned about public safety and felt called to run after the Dec. 23 shooting at Oakbrook Center. He intends to use his extensive experience in public service and community involvement to address all issues that come before the county board.

Most important issue

Inflation/economy

Steps to address it

He will use his accounting and business background to make sure tax dollars are spent wisely and will make the tough decisions to balance county budgets. He will oppose all new tax increases, like the current county board's vote to double the gasoline tax.

Other top priorities

Public safety. He strongly opposes the so-called SAFE-T Act as is currently written, which requires the release of detainees for serious crimes back on the streets without having to post cash bail.

Who is Sean Noonan?



Noonan is an Elmhurst resident who holds a bachelor's in criminal social justice

and a master's in public safety administration. He was a DuPage County Board Member for District 2 from 2012-20 and is a patrol sergeant for the Bloomingdale Police Department. He is a York Township Republican Organization Precinct Committeeman, has coached youth football and is active with the Elmhurst Knights of Columbus.

Why is he running

Politics is an extension of his public service, and his 20 years in law enforcement gives him a unique perspective as a county board member. He is concerned about public safety in DuPage County and the impact that Chicago policies have here. He believes residents deserve to feel safe in their communities.

Most important issue

Public safety. There has been an obvious increase in crime in DuPage County as a direct result of the failed leadership by counterparts to the east. The DuPage County state's attorney does his job. He supports law enforcement and appropriately charges criminals for crimes they've committed. Without consequences, criminals will continue to seek opportunities.

Steps to address it

He will continue to support law enforcement, the DuPage County state's attorney and all other related departments to ensure residents' quality of life remains intact. He will also continue to support programs to help combat the opioid crisis in DuPage County.

Other top priorities

Public safety, low taxes and economic development.

Complete election coverage is posted online at thehinsdalean.com

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org>

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25
Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

On the draft agenda: FY23 budget review, motor replacement proposal, 2023 closing and meeting dates, internal controls review, executive session minutes semi-annual review

Homeowners object to new landscape plan

By Pamela Lannom

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Hinsdale trustees voted unanimously Tuesday to approve changes to the landscape and site plan for a two-story medical office building at 110 E. Ogden Ave., despite objections from adjacent homeowners.

The plan calls for 21 15-foot arbor vitae and two 9-foot Douglas firs to be planted along the property line to provide screening for Dr. Cara VanWormer-Hartman's new chiropractic clinic.

"Our code says clearly that the only screening that is required is 6-foot trees," Village President Tom Cauley said. "What the owner has done here goes above and beyond what they did in the first proposal. It goes above and beyond what our code requires and, in my mind, provides what the Stavers have asked for."

Jarod and Kelly Staver, whose residence on Fuller Road abuts the property to the south, both spoke in opposition to the plan.

Jarod Staver said the meeting was held in violation of the Open Meetings Act due to lack of notice to neighbors and questioned why the revised plan did not go before the plan commis-

sion. He also said Cauley broke a promise he made to him and his wife.

"President Cauley assured us he would not even hear the owner of 110 E. Ogden until they presented a plan that was satisfactory to us and our neighbors," he said.

Due to bad blood between the property owner and the Stavers, Cauley said he instead went to two independent landscaping companies for ideas on a design plan. He showed those two proposals to VanWormer-Hartman, who then presented a similar plan.

The Stavers said they want a row of eight to 10 maple or elm trees in addition to the row of arbor vitae to compensate for existing mature trees the developer cut down. The Stavers contend the removed trees were on their property, while VanWormer-Hartman claims they were on hers.

Village attorney Michael Mars said the village met all legal requirements to approve the plan.

Trustees voted 6-0 to waive a series of requirements and approve the second major adjustment to an exterior appearance and site plan review.

COVID case counts are similar to last week's

The DuPage County Health Department reported 15 new cases of COVID-19 in Hinsdale over the past week, bringing the total number of cases in the DuPage County portion of Hinsdale to 4,228, up from 4,213 last week. The Cook County Health Department no longer reports on cases specific to Hinsdale.

The number of cases

per 100,000 population in DuPage was 13.8 on Oct. 19, compared to 13.1 on Oct. 11. The community level remains at low.

District 181 reported seven positive cases from Oct. 12-17, including six students and one staff member.

District 86 reported no positive cases at Hinsdale Central as of Oct. 14.

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Illinois Senate, House seats contested

Illinois Senate 23rd District

Illinois House 45th District

Who is Suzy Glowiak Hilton?



The Western Springs Democrat has been a state senator since 2019. She is an engineer who holds a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology and a master's in manufacturing engineering from Northwestern University. She is an active member of the First Congregational Church of Western Springs, a former village trustee and has volunteered in her kids' schools and with Moms Demand Action.

Why is she running?

Since she was sworn in, the Senate has achieved a lot, including protecting women's right to choose, cracking down on organized retail crime and securing six credit upgrades for the state. She will continue to fight to protect women's reproductive health rights, crack down on gun violence and hold the line on taxes.

Most important issue

Gun violence is one of the most important issues facing the state and country, with tragic mass shootings across the U.S. and here in Highland Park. State must enact common-sense gun laws, as a federal solution might never come.

Steps to address it

Legislature has taken some steps, such as banning untraceable ghost guns and passing a law to educate public on safe gun storage, but there's more to do. She is co-sponsoring a bill to ban assault weapons frequently used in mass shootings.

Other top priorities

- find ways to bring manufacturing and good-paying jobs back to Illinois. Sponsored bill aimed at attracting makers of microchips and semiconductors to state.
- continue to better state's fiscal health with bipartisan efforts to balance budgets, reduce unfunded pension liabilities

Who is Dennis Reboletti?



Reboletti has served as Addison Township Supervisor since 2017. Prior to that, the Elmhurst resident represented the 46th House district from 2007-15. He was the Republican spokesperson for the Judiciary

II-Criminal Law, Health Care Availability Access and Special Investigating committees and sits on the environment and energy, transportation, vehicles and safety, tollway oversight, corrections, drugs, and sex crime committees. He has a bachelor's in political science from Eastern Illinois University and a JD from Valparaiso University School of Law.

Why is he running?

Reboletti did not respond to requests for information from The Hinsdalean.

Most important issue

Did not respond

Steps to address it

Did not respond

Other top priorities

Did not respond

Who is Jenn Ladisch Douglass



The Elmhurst resident and Democrat is an attorney who has a dual bachelor's in anthropology and classical civilization with a minor in political science and a JD, both from University of Pittsburgh. She is a precinct commit-

teeperson who has helped draft and advocate for bills, including HB 1466, with the American Diabetes Association. She has done pro bono legal work, served on health and housing committees for the DuPage County NAACP and volunteered with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and other agencies.

Why is she running?

As a cancer survivor with Type 1 diabetes, she has seen too many suffer from lack of access to health care and affordable prescription drugs. She will bring her advocacy and 23 years of legal experience negotiating contracts and litigating to Springfield to work on issues important to residents.

Most important issue

1. Improving the state's finances.
2. Protecting women's reproductive health care rights.

Steps to address it

1. State must remain vigilant and committed to spend only what it takes in. Pass balance budgets that fund only needed services, passing savings down to taxpayers. Make gas tax freeze and grocery tax cuts permanent. Provide direct property tax relief to homeowners. 2. Oppose legislation that takes health care decisions away from women.

Other top priorities

- make health care more affordable and accessible with lower prescription drug costs
- invest in vocational education and expand access to skilled trades training and apprenticeships to prepare next generation for high-wage jobs
- enact common-sense gun laws

Who is Deanne Marie Mazzochi?



The Republican patent attorney and founding partner of her firm was appointed then elected in 2018 to the House, where she has served on the judiciary, housing and other committees. The Elmhurst resident also served as a trustee and

vice chair of the College of DuPage Board and on several nonprofit boards. She has a bachelor's in political science and chemistry from Boston University and a JD with honors from George Washington University.

Why is she running?

She entered politics to fight corruption and her work in Springfield led, in part, to the ouster of Mike Madigan as speaker. She stands for property tax reform, safe streets, excellence in education and infrastructure investment.

Most important issue

Unchecked supermajority power in Springfield, which generates procedural dysfunction and bad legislation, as exemplified by the SAFE-T Act, which was passed during a lame-duck session with truncated debate.

Steps to address it

Simple start is to postpone SAFE-T Act's Jan. 1 effective date to provide time to assess public's views on pretrial detention philosophy and to repair problematic provisions, including inability of officers to arrest trespassers.

Other top priorities

Key issues district residents have identified include property taxes not commensurate in value with services received, crime and public safety, public corruption, excellence in education, pension reform, infrastructure, health care, inflation, abortion, gun control, and jobs and economic growth along with local issues such as 5G infrastructure encroachments, Cass Avenue traffic backups, airplane noise, red light cameras and tollway expansion disruptions, among others.

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Oct. 19.

DUI arrest

Juan C. Mackan, 40, 1134 Bramble Court, Bolingbrook, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane use and an illegal flashing light at 2:05 a.m. Oct. 14 at Elm and 55th streets. He was charged and released to appear in court.

SUV stolen

Someone stole a Volkswagen Atlas parked on the 400 block of South Thurlow Street at 4:29 a.m. Oct. 11. A credit card that was inside the vehicle was used fraudulently at a mini mart in Chicago. The vehicle was recovered by Riverdale police in the 14000 block of South Stewart Street.

Vehicle burglary spree

Police reported seven incidents of burglaries to vehicles in town during the overnight hours Oct. 10-11.

- Golf clubs valued at \$1,000 and credit cards were taken from three vehicles parked in the driveway and on the street in the 400 block of South Thurlow Street Oct. 11.

- About \$80 was taken from the center consoles of two unlocked vehicles parked in a driveway in the 400 block of West 58th Place at 3:30 a.m. Oct. 11.

- A garage door opener, backpack and miscellaneous clothing were taken from a vehicle parked in a garage and a vehicle parked in the driveway in the 400 block of West 58th Place.

- Unknown suspects were observed on surveillance video entering two unlocked vehicles parked in a driveway in the 10 block of North Monroe Street at 4:30 a.m. Oct. 11 and taking a gym bag and garage door opener. The suspects used a garage door opener from one of the vehicles to open the garage. The gym bag and garage door opener were later found in the 600 block of West Maple Street.

- Someone rummaged through the interiors of unlocked vehicles parked in driveways in the 800 block of South Vine Street between 5:30 p.m. Oct. 10 and 7:45 a.m. Oct. 11.

- Two unlocked vehicles parked in a driveway in the 400 block of West Second Street were rummaged through between 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10 and 8:42 a.m. Oct. 11.

- Someone rummaged through the interior of a vehicle parked in a driveway in the 10 block of South Monroe Street between 4 and 10 a.m. Oct. 11.

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 spot two stolen cars used in burglaries

Hinsdale police officers conducting enhanced patrols due to burglaries and auto thefts occurring in neighboring jurisdictions observed two stolen vehicles in the area of Ninth and Madison streets at 3:30 a.m. Oct. 19, the department reported. Both vehicles fled from officers eastbound on 55th Street, and the pursuit was terminated due to speed.

A residential video from the 200 block of West Ninth shows multiple offenders exiting vehicles and checking car

doors, and a resident in the 400 block of East Ninth reported that a wallet was removed from a vehicle.

This is second such incident in as many weeks after thieves hit the village in the overnight hours of Oct. 10-11 (see details above).

In a statement, the police department said proactive overnight patrols would continue and urged residents to help deter the crime pattern by locking vehicles and removing fobs every night.



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HMS principal is embracing her intro to Hinsdale

New Hinsdale Middle School principal Cory Burke got an assist from a veteran District 181 school leader when the post became available.

“(The Lane principal) Brandon Todd was someone I worked with back in Schaumburg, and he actually rang my phone one day, kind of out of the blue, and said, ‘There’s this opportunity in Hinsdale we think you’d be great for,’” Burke related.

After looking into it, she agreed.

“I was really impressed with the high achievement and the dedicated staff and community,” she said of the school. “I knew that this was the right direction for my career path.”

This is Principal Appreciation Week — with tomorrow, Oct 21, designated Principal Appreciation Day — and Burke said she is finding much to appreciate about the job.

“Being in classrooms, being in hallways, being with kids, I make it point to interact in the hallways with kids and stop in the lunchroom just so I can be a part of the action,” Burke said.

That opportunity to pour

into young lives is what drew her to teaching originally, starting out in eighth-grade language arts in Schaumburg District 54. Nine years ago she felt led to transition to building leadership and became an assistant principal in the district at both elementary and middle schools.

“I wanted to have the biggest impact I could have on the most amount of students, and I felt I could do that from this seat much better than just my classroom seat,” Burke said of the move, motivated by a desire for ongoing professional development. “When you realize the gravity of the role and how important that role is in the lives of children, I think it comes very naturally to want to continue to grow as an educator.”

In a sense, the principal serves as relationship-builder-in-chief, with students, staff, families and the larger community, Burke offered.

“Until you have those relationships in place, it’s really difficult to move things in the direction you want to them to,” she said.

Being on the other side of COVID certainly aids in that endeavor.

“Everybody’s really excited



CORY BURKE

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to be back and to get some of the normal practices back in place.”

At home she finds cooking a healthy way to decompress after a full day.

“A lot of people that come home at the end of the day don’t necessarily want to cook dinner. That’s actually something that’s relaxing to me,” Burke said. “It’s also serving a really important

purpose for my family.”

Her experience in the classroom equips her to be a valuable resource for the teaching staff.

“I’d like for my teachers to know that they can depend on one another and they can also depend on me,” Burke said. “The most important thing that we do is ensure that students learn and grow. And the only way that hap-

pens is if all the adults are working in the right direction for kids. That will be my goal this year, that will be my goal every year.”

And the early feedback has been affirming.

“There’s nothing like walking down the hall and hearing everyone say ‘Hey Ms. Burke!’ It kind of fuels you,” she said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Citizens called to show faith in democracy

The Nov. 8 election is less than three weeks away. Some of you may have already cast ballots through early voting. Well done, and today, as in election years past, we take the opportunity to use this space to encourage the rest of the electorate to exercise their Constitutional right to select their government representatives.

We have provided charts outlining the candidates and their positions in races at the county, state and Congressional levels. See Pages 5 and 7 in this issue for the latest installments. All of our stories also can be found on our website at <https://www.thehinsdalean.com>. That's also where you'll be able to check out articles from our partner, Capitol News Illinois, on statewide races and issues as well as its 2022 Voter's Guide.

The race for Illinois governor is, of course, the marquis event. But there are many races further down the ticket, the outcome of which could very well affect decision-making on issues at the community level.

Just in case you need additional motivation to head to the polls, here are some reasons why Americans need to cherish and exercise their most precious civil liberty (with an assist from <https://www.civics-online.org>).

- Those who don't vote relinquish any right to complain about the failures of elected leadership or flawed governmental policy. If you want responsible representation, take your responsibility to vote seriously.

- It's no secret that those with a particular agenda, often self-interested, are going to vote. When others who are not so narrowly driven stay home, it leads to a disproportionate amount of power going into the hands of just a small slice of the population. That's when "representative" democracy begins to break down.

- Democracy should never be taken for granted. It needs considerable nourishment and encouragement from citizens to reach full-scale dimensions. Nonprofit organizations are much more likely to survive and thrive where public esteem and confidence in government is exceptionally high. Participation and trust breeds more participation and trust.

- Elected officials are fully aware of who votes as well as who does not vote. All voter demographics and election information is contained in public records. Armed with that insight, politicians then act accordingly.

Locations with high levels of non-voters will



naturally be ignored, which typically spawns resentment and anger and may cause even more disengagement and lower voting rates. While a community's residents are not going to agree on every issue, they should all be of the same mind that showing up to vote means officials will be much more likely to show up for their challenges and concerns.

- While people may believe — particularly in a presidential race — that their individual votes may not matter, just remember that elections are made of solely individual votes. And remember those individuals who gave their lives defending the country so that we could continue to enjoy that right.

"We do not have government by the majority," said Thomas Jefferson. "We have government by the majority who participate."

See you at the polls.

COMMENTARY

That frown will just bring everybody down

"Don't worry, be happy."
You can still hear it, can't you?
"Ooh, ooh, ooh ooh oo-oo ooh
oo-oo, don't worry
Ooh, ooh, ooh ooh oo-oo ooh
oo-oo, be happy."
Ah, Bobby McFerrin, so much
easier said — or sang — than done.
Which is why authors like Dr.
Norman Vincent Peale, who
penned "The Power of Positive
Thinking," and Dale Carnegie,
author of "How to Stop Worrying
and Start Living" have sold millions
of copies.

And why magazines like Real
Simple publish special editions
titled "The Power of Positivity: A
Simple Outlook Can Change Your
Life."

I happened to have a copy
lying around and on a cold, gray,
October Monday, its cover of bright
orange flowers against a cerulean
blue sky called to me.

The magazine is filled with the
kind of full-page photos that could
make you cringe: yellow smiley
faces, multi-colored confetti fall-
ing in front of a pink backdrop, an
adorable black and white dog run-
ning through the grass.

Even I found myself wondering

how bad of a mood I
must have been in to buy
a publication with arti-
cles titled "The Science
of Smiling" and "10
Reasons for Optimism."
How cliché.

So I was surprised
to see the first article
mention "toxic positiv-
ity" — the "good vibes
only" messages that fill
Facebook and reportedly
Instagram.

What we should be doing, rath-
er than trying to be happy all the
time, the article states, is working
to accept all our emotions with-
out judging them. Author Ginny
Graves cited a series of studies
by researchers at the University
of Toronto and the University of
California, Berkeley that showed
participants who had high levels of
acceptance also had higher levels
of well-being and life satisfaction
and lower symptoms of depression
and anxiety.

"In other words, they were more
emotionally healthy than those
who were less able to accept their
circumstances," she wrote.

In between the cheesy photos



Pamela Lannom

and corny headlines, I
actually found a lot of
good advice in the mag-
azine — some of which
I had heard before but
needed a reminder.

I gleaned the following
list of tips to be more
upbeat, boost your luck
and find some peace.

1. Create a playlist of
songs with positive lyrics
and a tempo of about 150
beats per minute

2. Schedule a time to stress each
day, allowing yourself 10 minutes
to worry. Then, when that time
comes, write down your worries.

3. Keep a gratitude journal and
write down three things for which
you're grateful at the end of every
day. (I like to do five.)

4. Surround yourself with resil-
ient people.

5. Focus on communicating your
successes instead of just talking
about things that went wrong.

6. Seek out awe by enjoying a
star-studded night sky, a beautiful
piece of art or the changing leaves
in a forest preserve.

7. Think about how you're going
to feel in the future when an expe-

rience you're struggling with (like
the sleepless nights that come with
a new baby) are over.

8. Tell yourself a different
story. I've written about this one
before. Our thoughts are just that,
thoughts — and not necessarily the
truth.

9. Install a birdbath or bird feed-
er outside your window.

We all have a negativity bias,
which dates back to the days when
paying attention to dangers meant
we might avoid being eaten by a
saber-toothed tiger. Our fight-or-
flight response pumps our body
with cortisol so we can cope with
the danger until it has passed. The
problem now is that the dangers
we perceive are not life-threatening
and our bodies don't reset them-
selves.

Or, as McFerrin phrases it:
"In every life, we have some trou-
ble
When you worry you make it
double."

Sing along with me. "Don't
worry. Be happy."

— Pamela Lannom is editor of
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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Drowning in a dive into fashion

One would think that a stint in the Chicago Tribune's fashion section with experts who covered runway shows in New York and Paris would have put me on a path to confident fashion choices.

But no. Or to add a touch of faux sophistication: "Mais non."

I have studied Pinterest posts on "7 easy pieces that will take you through Europe for 10 days" and still ended up filling a suitcase the size of a steamer trunk.

More recently, an online fashion dive led me to "coastal grandmother" chic. (Think Jane Fonda as the classically tailored Grace in "Grace and Frankie.")

Going deeper, I read that all I have to do to ensure fashion savviness is define my personal style with three words. After hitting a wall with "comfy" and looking for inspiration, I asked a few friends for their three magic words.

Diane, an architecture and home design writer in Houston, was the first answer my query with "classic, polished and monochromatic."

She added, "I thought about 'comfortable,' but I realize that what I wear probably isn't anyone's version of comfortable."

Which brings me to Chris, an artsy free spirit in Seattle, who needed only two words borrowed from the great Gilda Radner: Not itchy.

Suzy, a fun-loving food editor and columnist down in Florida, nailed it with "whimsical, goofy and vintage."

Lastly, Ann, a New Orleans native/former New Yorker/now Washington Post recipes editor, made me laugh when she said, "Sometimes when I



Denise Joyce

catch my reflection I think, 'You dress like a nun.' " Maybe that's all the black she opts for in her self-described style of "understated, classic and comfortable."

So now I'm leaning toward "tailored, traditional and (definitely) comfortable," because this grand-

mother likes sitting on the floor and playing with Legos and Barbie dolls.

I didn't bother asking my in-house focus group of one lone male if I was overthinking this. My husband, Joe, could speak for many when it comes to fashion.

For instance: In March 2020, just as Covid was shutting down virtually everything, including Costco's optical department, Joe stood before one of the department's employees, pleading for a chance to replace his glasses, which had just gone missing.

The woman manning the counter said there was no way he could order new frames, since the samples were now under wraps and couldn't be touched and how could he decide on what frames suited him if he couldn't try them on?

Joe sighed and, pointing to his baggy jeans, worn flannel shirt and tattered ball cap, said, "Lady, do I look like I care about style? I just want the same frames I had before."

The woman laughed. And ordered his glasses, featuring classic, understated, monochromatic frames.

— Denise Joyce of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist.

Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hinsdale doc supports Hart, Galassi for DPCB seats

Tuesday, Nov. 8, is Election Day and I hope that you are planning to vote. In case you are undecided about the race for DuPage County Board chair or the DuPage County board member who will represent you, maybe I can help. As the late, great Speaker of the House, Tip O'Neill, was quoted to have said: "all politics is local". The two candidates I am recommending live out strong family values and are dedicated to the safety, education and lifetime well-being of you and your family in DuPage County.

In my opinion, Greg Hart is the stellar candidate for the DuPage County Board chair position. Remember this: "Hart has heart!" I have had the privilege of co-chairing, with Greg, DuPage County's Heroin and Opioid Prevention

and Education (HOPE) Taskforce. He is a man of integrity, grace and honor. He has been endorsed by almost every township mayor throughout DuPage County and every former DuPage County board chair. I plan to vote for Greg because he is the best person for this job.

Likewise, Kari Galassi is my recommended choice to fill Greg's soon-to-be-vacated seat on the DuPage County Board. After serving with Kari on Hinsdale Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit's renovation project, I know that she is a compassionate leader. Kari is respected and trusted by people of influence because she is a can-do person. Our vote is safe with her. — **Lanny Wilson, Hinsdale**

Former D181 board member encourages others to run

One of my pastimes during the fall is armchair quarterbacking my favorite football teams. If only I was able to make the calls, my teams for sure would win.

During COVID, many of us became armchair quarterbacks-of-sorts around topics such as school opening, masks and in-person/virtual learning. I know hundreds and hundreds of you in our community were doing more than just armchair quarterbacking. You were getting involved, writing letters to the school board, to the administration, organizing groups.

I know because I received those hundreds of letters when I served on the D181 school board from 2017-21. And I think this involvement is great. However, in the end, it was the seven board members that ultimately voted on the path forward around in-person/virtual school.

My vote was 1 of 7.

I believe one of the great things about local elections is the ability to make immediate and visible impact on the community. I believe that is particularly true with school boards. During my term we managed through a budget deficit, hired a new superintendent, oversaw the building of HMS, negotiated new contracts with two unions in D181, oversaw the building of a new parking deck, levied and abated taxes and directed D181 through COVID.

Speaking from experience, it is a big job, it does take a lot of time, and it is worth it. If you are level-headed and open-minded, I encourage you to run for D181 or D86 school board. Our community needs you guiding our school districts forward. — **Nathan Lucht, Hinsdale**

Basic freedoms are on the ballot in November election

Basic freedoms are on the ballot this November. It's abhorrent to me that candidates like Republican gubernatorial nominee Darren Bailey have compared abortion to the Holocaust and would make no exceptions, even in cases of rape or incest. It is not the role of government to force women to remain pregnant and go through labor against their will in accordance with a religious belief held by some but not all citizens in a free society. Similarly, our schools and community should have

the freedom to be safe from shootings like the tragedies in Highland Park and Uvalde. Sadly, candidates including Republican congressional candidate Keith Pekau refuse to support common sense gun laws, such as universal background checks, red flag laws and assault weapons bans. I refuse to support candidates who want to regulate my daughters' bodies but not weapons of war that have murdered school children in tragedy after tragedy. — **Reid McCollum, Hinsdale**

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OBITUARIES

Maureen Kilty

Maureen Kilty, 76, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away Sept. 17, 2022, at Meadowbrook Manor in Naperville.

Maureen and her husband, Jeffrey D. Marthon, were devoted to one another throughout their almost 36 years of marriage before he passed away May 25, 2022.

She was born to Jack and Betty Kilty in 1946 in Evergreen Park.

Maureen embodied grace, dignity, kindness, love and joy. Bilingual in Spanish, she taught at Queen of Peace, Hinsdale Central and Lake Park high schools; North Central College, Loyola University, Columbia College, Mt. Olivet University and All Saints Academy (Naperville). Maureen delighted in the growth of her students. Maureen's rich life included spending a year in Spain and in Bogota, travel and presenting at national teacher conferences. Maureen strongly believed we are all one family. She taught English to young Vietnamese children arriving in the Chicago area and participated in a government-sponsored summer program working with children of migrant workers. She tutored students and



Kilty

adults.

During the past six years at Meadowbrook Manor Nursing Home in Naperville, she welcomed and comforted new residents who spoke little or no English.

Maureen is survived by her sister, Pat (Ray) Mehler of Hinsdale; her nephews Raymond (Suzette), Jack (Marquerite) and Michael (Sara); her great-nieces and -nephews, Annaliesa, Patrick, Ben, Katherine, Josh, Madelyn and Genevieve; her brother-in-law Roy (Cornelia); and many cousins and friends, especially Merrilyn, Marilyn, Janet and Lorena.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills.

A memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Parkinson Foundation, Parkinson Research Foundation, PMD Alliance or any humanitarian organizations serving here or abroad.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Norma Larson

Norma Beuter Larson, 93, of Rockford, formerly of Hinsdale, died Sept. 5, 2022.

She was born in 1929 in Chicago to John and Hermine Beuter. She spent a year in Germany with her mother at age 4 and routinely navigated two streetcars alone after moving back to Chicago for weekly piano lessons by age 6.

After high school, she wanted to be a newspaper reporter, but instead bowed to the customs of the times and enrolled at Northern Illinois State Teachers College. There she joined the Tri Sigma sorority and also met the love of her life, Ralph Larson.

After marriage in 1950 and teaching, Norma raised her three boys as a full-time mother in Elmhurst and Hinsdale, and then went back to teaching at Walker School in Clarendon Hills in the 1970s. Her boys recall her daily reading aloud to them after lunch before they walked back to The Lane School.

Always a writer, she later became editor-in-chief of her sorority's national magazine, The Triangle, and also wrote a sorority history. For decades, she wrote weekly columns: Fireside Tete-a-Tete for The Doings, The Chalk Line for The Lake Mills Leader and in her 80s, Under the Door for residents of Wesley Willows Castle Towne Center.

Before computers, her boys were the only kids in college who received weekly typed letters because Mom was always in front of her trusty Underwood banging out copy.

She retired in 1990 as Walker's learning cen-



Larson

ter director where she strived to foster a love of reading in every child. The couple moved to Rock Lake in Lake Mills, Wis. and volunteered, traveled, and cherished time with friends and family, especially being the very best Nana and Papa "Lake" to their grandchildren.

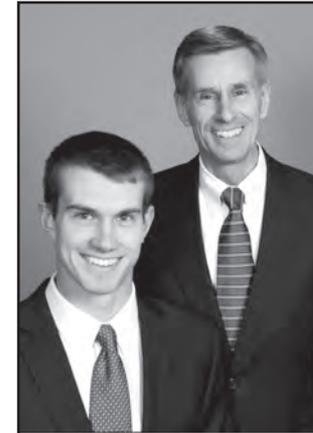
In 2010, they moved to Wesley Willows senior living in Rockford. Ralph passed shortly after the move, so she spent 10 good years as an independent widow. After surviving breast cancer and a radical mastectomy performed by her family doctor in 1969, she was on no prescription medications until near the very end. Sadly, she had lost her "fire" by the time things opened back up from the COVID pandemic, but her attitude about life remained rosy. Just like her blood type, she always said to Be Positive!

Norma is survived by her sons, Jay, Kent (Kathleen) and Ned (Elizabeth); her grandchildren, Stephanie, Amanda, Isabel, Brian and Peter; her great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Solomon and Sidney; her sister, Nada Geddes; her sister-in-law, Jill Beuter; and her in-laws, Raymond and Carol; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and her brother, John.

No local services are planned at this time.

She always expected herself, her students and her family to make a difference in this world, and people are invited give in her honor to an organization that is doing just that.



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Kathy Ann Mitacek

Kathy Ann (Yurth) Mitacek, nee Yurth, 64, passed away at her home in Hinsdale Oct. 3, 2022, surrounded by family after a long battle with thyroid cancer.

A 30-year resident of Hinsdale, she was born in Fort Madison, Iowa, in 1958. She grew up with her siblings in and around Burlington, Iowa, and attended Oak Park Academy in Nevada, Iowa. Kathy had a passion for learning, and attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and completed her degree in medical technologies in 1983. Later she earned a master's in health care administration from University of St. Francis in 2000.

She had a long career in the medical field in the Chicagoland area and always enjoyed giving back to her coworkers.

For holidays and special events, she would go above and beyond to celebrate with little gifts and make memories with those she worked with. Her attention to detail, thoughtfulness, fearlessness, curiosity and generous spirit will long be remembered.

Kathy was a loving and involved mother. She always helped with whatever her daughters were into — Pathfinders, school events, camping, ski trips, driving to and from Great Lakes Adventist Academy and so much more. She encouraged her children's interest and always found a way to make things possible even if funds were limited.

Her home was open to all who needed a place to go on holidays and Home Leave. She was



Mitacek

a grandmother of seven and loved to see each of her grandchildren grow and learn. When visiting, she loved to go on day trips with them.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Wilma Coleman Yurth Krishinger, and her father, Martin Yurth.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Mitacek; her daughters, Patricia (Ovidiu) Halip, Kristiana Mitacek, Kasandra (Joseph) Vacek, Jacqueline Mitacek; her grandchildren, Darius, Daniel, Ezra, Olivia, Stella, Charlotte and Desmond; her siblings, Bruce Yurth, Stanley (Mirian) Yurth and Patricia (Mark) Battenburg; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, 201 N Oak St., with a visitation to follow.

All expressions of sympathy including flowers are welcome. Donations to the Mitacek family for end-of-life care expenses are greatly appreciated and can be made in person or through her memorial page online at <https://EverLoved.com/life-of/kathy-mitacek/donate/>. Charitable donations may be made to the HSDA Worthy Student fund, which helped support the education of her daughters at Hinsdale Adventist Academy in person at the HSDA Church or online at <https://www.hsdac.org>.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Eleanor Kyker Patterson

Eleanor Kyker Patterson, 94, a 50-year Hinsdale resident, passed away Oct. 2, 2022.

She graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1949 and taught English for two years. In 1951 she married Dee Purifoy Patterson of Camden, Ark. They raised a family of six while moving about the country for his work at General Electric.

She was a member of the Union Church of Hinsdale and on the board of directors of Washington Square retirement community in Hinsdale for 16 years.

She is survived by her children, Jane (Randy)



Patterson

Craig, Bob (Mary Kay), Julie (Jonathan) Griffiths, Dan, John (Darla) and Lolly (Steve) McDonnell; her 15 grandchildren; her five great-grandchildren; and her longtime friend, Irving Clarke.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dee, in 1976.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield St.

Her obituary was published in full on Oct. 6 and is available online at <https://www.thehindsean.com>.

Adolf Funeral Home and Cremation Services Ltd. in Willowbrook handled the arrangements.

Michael A. Pesoli

Michael A. Pesoli, 68, of Chicago died Oct. 17, 2022, after battling leukemia for the second time.

He survived his first bout with the disease in 2017 and in 2019 received an award from Northwestern Memorial Hospital for his fundraising work in the Campaign 2 Save Lives.

Mike was born in the Little Italy neighborhood of Chicago, where generations of his family resided. He then lived with his family in Oak Brook for 26 years. He had been a member of the Chicago Board of Trade since 1981, and later started a commercial property business in Little Italy, where his life began.

He ran the Chicago Marathon twice and was an avid golfer and hiker. He split his time between Chicago, Michigan and Palm Springs. He was a champion of his sons and grandsons,



Pesoli

a doting son and loving husband of 44 years.

He is survived by his mother, Mary (the late Samuel); his wife, Nancy; his sons, Samuel of Hinsdale and Michael Jr.; his daughter-in-law, Kathleen; his grandsons, Sam and Ben; and his sisters, Maria Mazza and Michele Amabile.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

A funeral will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at the funeral home.

Entombment is at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, at <https://www.lls.org>.



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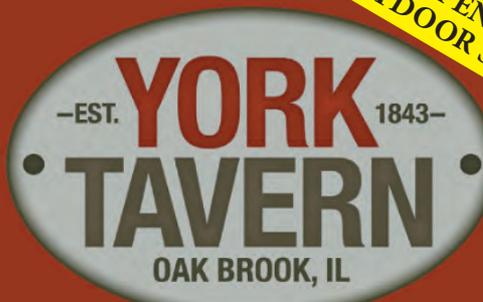
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JERI LAU, ONCOLOGY EXERCISE SPECIALIST

How does exercise help cancer patients?

Jeri Lau had several certifications and a successful personal training business when she added cancer exercise to her fitness arsenal. Encouraged by a friend, Lau approached Wellness House with the idea of a class for women with breast cancer.

Seventeen years later, Lau is the oncology exercise specialist at Wellness House, where she leads 22 classes a week, each designed to help people with cancer gain physical and emotional strength for their cancer journey.

Three of those 22 classes cater directly to women with breast cancer.

"Breast cancer is the No. 1 cancer in women," Lau said, and the Pink Ribbon Fitness classes are among the most highly attended at Wellness House. Held in person each Monday and Tuesday and online on Saturday, the classes offer women 45 minutes of cardiovascular exercise, strength training, stretching and more.

Women attending the classes are at varying places in their cancer

experiences. Some are still awaiting surgeries, while others are regaining strength and flexibility following a procedure. Some have had reconstruction after mastectomy, while others had a lumpectomy or lymph node removal. The classes offer modifications and options for everyone.

"Slowly but surely, we're bringing them back," she said of those recovering from treatment.

For women anticipating future surgeries and treatments, exercise can help them build strength to ease their recovery. Prior to attending a fitness class, new Wellness House guests must obtain a release from their doctor before taking part in assessments to determine their current fitness level, their goals and their limitations.

"We assess where they're at," Lau said, and together determine the best way to get each person where they want to go.

For some women, the goal might be as simple as holding a hair dryer or fastening her own bra.

As with all forms of exercise, the benefits of Pink Ribbon Fitness go beyond the physical, Lau said. Exercise releases endorphins, which help to decrease stress. Women are encouraged by one another as they

share their experiences, ask questions

and slowly regain their own physical and mental strength. In some ways, Lau said, the Pink Ribbon class doubles as an informal support group. Women leave the class empowered, not only by their own physical abilities, but by one another.

"That's huge," she said. "They need each other."

Lau likes to play upbeat music, creating a fun and lively atmosphere.

"I think music is a big tool," she said.

Sometimes, she slows things down, dims the lights and adds yoga or another mind-body experience.

The move to online offerings due to COVID has broadened the reach of programs like her fitness classes. Women now can go on vacation or head south for the winter without missing a class.

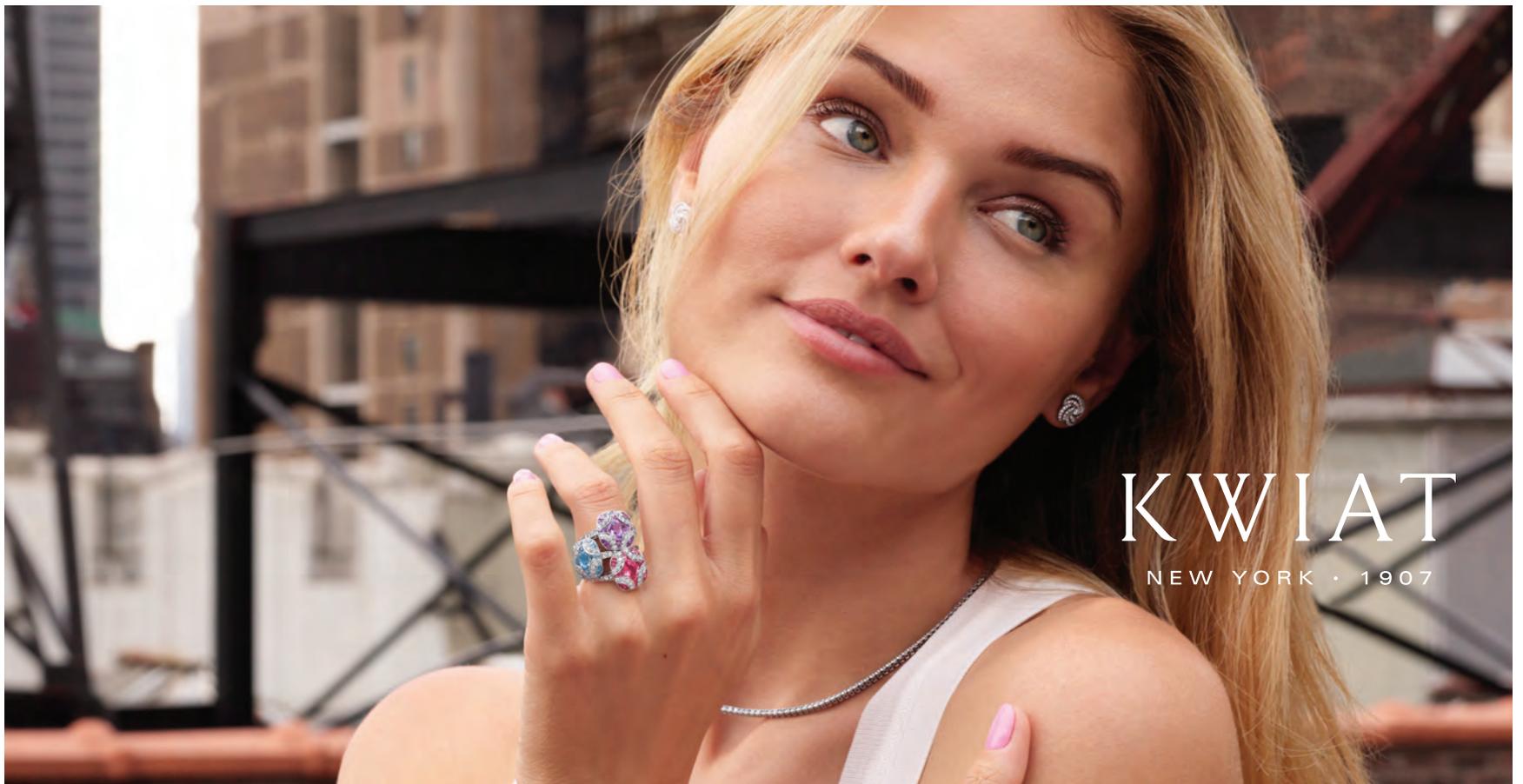
"It's a blessing," she said.

Those who want to exercise but prefer not to attend a class also can benefit from Lau's expertise. With permission from a woman's doctor, Lau and other Wellness House instructors can design free, personalized workout routines that help women at all stages of their cancer experience reach their goals and feel better along the way.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Fitness was part of Jeri Lau's life even before she made it a career. Since 2005, Lau has shared her expertise in exercise to help cancer patients at Wellness House. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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Parting is such sweet sorrow

First Folio lifts curtain on final season, celebrates rich legacy

By Ken Knutson

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All the world may be a stage, but eastern DuPage County had never seen a stage like this.

It was the summer of 1997 and First Folio Shakespeare Festival had taken up residence at Mayslake in Oak Brook to perform theater in the preserve. “The Tempest” was the maiden production under the moonlight. Unfortunately, a starry night wasn’t great for acoustics.

“We didn’t have a sound system yet, so the audience was up close,” said First Folio co-founder David Rice.

A generous benefactor quickly came to the rescue.

“An audience member said, ‘You need a sound system and I’m going to donate it,’” Rice related.

It was the launch of an improbable run for the company, now called First Folio Theatre, which opens its final season Nov. 2 with “Jeeves Intervenes” in the Great Hall of the historic Peabody Mansion at Mayslake, 1717 W. 31st St.

Rice said the time to bow out had come.

“The decision was arrived at after much discussion over close to two years,” he related, saying those



First Folio co-founder David Rice takes pride in the company’s original mission — to make Shakespeare accessible and fun for all. (photo provided)

talks began before the pandemic.

Rice’s wife Alison Vesely was the creative force behind the summer Shakespeare concept.

“She came up with the idea, and then she sat down with the right people and worked out a business plan and created the non-for-profit,” he said of Vesely, who passed away in 2016. “She was the guiding force.”

Drawing just a few dozen per show that inaugural summer, First Folio would soon become a summer must-do event for many and pack in more than 400 a night, Rice said. First Folio had brought the Bard to the masses, sometimes changing the setting but never the celebrated poetry of his words.

“People would come up to me and say, ‘I’m so glad you made the changes you made to Shakespeare’s language,’” Rice recounted. “But we didn’t change anything. That’s just what happens when you have really talented actors and directors and designers who know how to do Shakespeare.”

He cited the Chicago Tribune’s praise for First Folio’s rendering of “Much Ado About Nothing” as nice affirmation. And the theater has collected 45 Jeff Award nominations over the years (including one for original music in 2022), winning seven.

In 2004 First Folio began staging shows year-round inside the mansion, which took some adjustment, Rice admitted.

“The outdoor shows were done on a huge raised stage,” he said. “When we moved inside, we were in a playing space inside the formal library. It was a postage stamp stage.”

Moving into more spacious Great Hall, also called the Chapel, has worked out better, according to Michael Goldberg, director of “Jeeves Intervenes.”

“It really has been a gem for them to be at the Peabody Estate, and they’ve used the mansion in a really unique way,” said Goldberg, who added he got choked up walking through the mansion recently for the first time in several years.

Goldberg worked as a fight choreographer with First Folio two decades ago, performed as a



Actors Jim McCance (left) as Jeeves and **Christian Gray** as Bertie Wooster, here seen in First Folio’s 2020 production of “Jeeves Saves the Day,” will reprise their roles for “Jeeves Intervenes” Nov. 2 to Dec. 4, the opening show of the theater company’s final season. (photo courtesy of Tom McGrath)

cast member and later directed “Midsummer’s Night’s Dream.” He said the company’s longevity testifies to its quality and positive work environment.

“For an equity theater to last 26 years in Chicago is remarkable,” he said. “Outdoor Shakespeare is such a special offering and that has been a gift to the Chicago area.”

Although the sun has already set on that dimension of First Folio, Goldberg said people will be enamored with the distinctly British characters of “Jeeves” from the mind of author P.G. Wodehouse.

“I’m thrilled that I get to kick off the season,” he said. “Jeeves is the quintessential butler and manservant. I love the show because it’s fun and it’s entertaining and it gives audience members a chance to enjoy theater and be taken away from daily life for a couple hours.”

Goldberg said he relishes working with old friends as well as younger members of the production.

“For those of us who have worked here for years, it’s a nice way to be part of the send off,” he commented. “For new artists working with me and other vet-

erans, they get to see how a good theater environment operates.

“I will dearly miss it,” Goldberg added.

As if the season wasn’t poignant enough, Rice and his daughter Hayley will share the stage later this season in “Neither Have I Wings to Fly.”

“That was one of my goals for the final season, to find the just the right show for us,” Rice said.

Hayley will then direct First Folio’s final offering, fittingly Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night,” in April. Looking back, Rice is thankful for the leap of faith he and Alison took a quarter-century ago.

“If we had really known what we were getting ourselves into, we never would have had the courage to do it,” he said. “But we were able to compete on an even playing surface with the other major theaters in the city.”

For many, the curtain’s close will leave a void — so don’t wait.

“People say, ‘I can’t imagine the western suburbs without you,’” he related. “Now is the time to come see us!”

For tickets or more information, visit <https://www.firstfolio.org>.



Enjoy the final days of Boo! at the Zoo this weekend at Brookfield Zoo. For details, turn to the Fallapalooza listing on Page 34. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Henna Workshop for Diwali

Oct. 24
Clarendon Hills Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.
<https://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org>

Henna artist Asma Bohra of Colorful Smiles will present two workshops to learn about the ancient art of henna body art and how it is related to Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Participants will be able to create their own design and receive a design from the artist. All supplies are provided. Times: 4 p.m. for grades 6-12, 6:30 p.m. for adults. RR

■ Art Reception: Eve Ozer

Oct. 27
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Eve Ozer's exhibit "Three Faces of Eve" is on display in the library's Quiet Reading Room through November. Meet the artist and view her work during this open house.

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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How to recognize, respond when teens are depressed

Simply deciphering teen behavior on a daily basis is tricky at best, so recognizing whether your adolescent is experiencing depression can be confusing.

The screen staring, hormone surging, easily annoyed with you child-adult who inhabits your home may not be the most forward about how he/she is feeling.

Or perhaps you have a teen who errs on the dramatic side and ALWAYS lets you know how terrible their Day. Life. Existence is. Adolescence is also a developmental stage filled with positive moments during which parents get positive glimpses of the young adult their child is evolving into.

So, what does depression look like in teenagers? For starters, it's important to distinguish between a depressed mood and depression the disorder. Depressed mood is something that most people experience at some point. It is typically due to some sort of stressor related to family, social relationships or school/work.

Adolescents are more susceptible to this type of mood (which can also

present as irritability) due to hormone changes, poor eating or sleeping habits and the many social stressors that can occur.

Teens naturally experience ups and downs. Your child may burst into tears on occasion for no reason or be really grumpy for a few days.

There may be a night or two your child cannot fall asleep well or has difficulty rising in the morning. This doesn't necessarily mean there is depression at hand.

There are two types of depressive disorders, persistent depressive disorder and major depressive disorder. According to DSM-5 (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fifth Edition), PDD is a chronic milder form of depression characterized by two or more of the following: changes in eating/weight, sleeping, lack of energy, low self-esteem, poor concentration and feelings of hopelessness with depressed or irritable mood most of the day over a period of one year.



Alis Messana
On mental health

Major depression is characterized by depressed or irritable mood and five or more of the above symptoms within a two week period that can also include markedly diminished interest in daily activities, feelings of being slowed down, feelings of worthlessness and/or guilt as well as recurrent thoughts of death and/or suicidal ideation, plan or attempt.

Signs of depression aren't always straightforward. Use of substances, problems with school, acting out at home or an increase in risky behaviors are also signs something is amiss.

Commonly, teens who are depressed can also present with anxiety. Depression doesn't discriminate and can affect any adolescent no matter the circumstances. Teens sometimes don't have the language to articulate what they are feeling and may not realize they are depressed.

What should you do if you suspect your teen is depressed? Keep a

journal of signs you notice and their duration to help you understand whether your teen is experiencing depressed mood or a depressive disorder. Familiarize yourself with any family history of depression. Talk with your child about what you've observed. Remember to let your teen guide if he/she is ready to talk. Bedtime and when you are together in the car are good opportunities to approach conversation. Let your child know you care. Be a good listener. Seek the help of a therapist or contact your pediatrician to recommend one.

Lastly, remain calm and have hope. Depression is a disorder of the brain — not a character weakness — and is very treatable. For additional information, Erika's Lighthouse offers a free parent handbook on depression at <https://www.erikaslighthouse.org>. It can be found by clicking on "Family Engagement" from their main webpage.

— Alisa Messana of Hinsdale is a licensed clinical social worker and mental health consultant. An earlier version of this column was published April 6, 2017.

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■ Pajama Storytime

Nov. 2
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Put on cozy pajamas, grab a favorite stuffed animal and join this night of stories and family fun. Time: 7 to 7:30 p.m. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ Red White & Blues

Nov. 5
Pinstripes
7 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook
<https://www.redwhiteandblues.org>

Be part of this patriotic evening of fun, food and music from the Chicago Blues All-Stars to support the military community, with former Chicago Bear Gary Fencik as master of ceremonies. Proceeds benefit Operation Support Our Troops — America. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$150.

■ Books & Brunch

Nov. 15
The Abbington
3S002 Route 53, Glen Ellyn
<https://www.alcw.org>

Assistance League Chicagoland West will hold its annual fundraiser luncheon, featuring authors Betsy Bird, Bill Taylor and Jill Wine-Banks talking with moderator Andrea Thome about their writing experiences. Bid on distinctive silent auction packages, win raffle prizes and shop for the perfect gift in the boutique. Time: 10 a.m. doors open. Tickets: \$100.

GAME ON

■ Jodie Harrison Basketball League

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

Registration is open for this popular league for boys and girls in second through eighth

grades that focuses on participation, sportsmanship, learning the fundamentals of the game and creating an atmosphere for all players to succeed. Teams have a 10-player max and will have one practice and one game per week; each team is guaranteed seven games (including play-offs). Practices and games are held at The Community House and District 181 schools. The league starts in mid-January and ends before spring break.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Dip Netting and Telescopes

Oct. 22
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Search the pond for invertebrates, amphibians and other aquatic organisms and join Adler Planetarium Scopes in the City to view the night sky with their telescopes. Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

■ S'more Fullersburg Fun

Oct. 23
Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center
3609 Spring Rd, Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 850-8110

Make s'mores in the fireplace outside the nature education center. Reserve a kit for a group of four; all supplies will be provided. Hours: 2:30 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$5 per four-person kit. RR

■ Flashlight Discoveries

Oct. 29
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Flashlights will be used to investigate the woodland's nooks and crannies in search of creepy crawlies in this family-friendly program. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ 'Winnie the Pooh'

Weekends through Oct. 30
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
<https://www.mortonarb.org>

The October Walking Play will feature a family friendly adaptation of the first book

in the famous series by A.A. Milne. Meet Christopher Robin, Pooh and his forest companions in the arboretum's version of the 100 Acre Wood as they find friendship, mischief and honey. The play is performed by professional local actors, runs about 90 minutes long and will not exceed two miles in hiking distance. Times: 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$15 for children. RR, MD

GREEN THUMB

■ Houseplants 101

Oct. 25
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Learn the basics to care for most common houseplants — including gauging how much light, water and fertilizer they need — from Jean Berg of Phillip's Interior Plants & Displays. See samples of easy-care plants and bring in houseplants or photos to help diagnose problems or answer other questions. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Survivorship Series: Moving Forward

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 25-Dec. 22
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale
enieman@wellnesshouse.org
(630) 654-5198

This eight-week experiential series is for those who have completed treatment within the past year and includes commitment to weekly exercise classes, a weekly support group and healthy cooking classes designed to explore the range of emotions, physical concerns and questions that may arise following cancer treatment. Register with Ellen Nieman using the contact information above. Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. RR

■ Yoga for Strength

Tuesdays through Nov. 29
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Both beginning and returning students can challenge their minds and bodies with traditional yoga poses to build muscular endurance along with other movements to build strength. Modifications will be provided as participants advance slowly and safely. Bring a yoga mat and towel. Time: 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per class, 10-class punch card (which can be used for other classes) required. RR, MD

■ Qi-gong

Mondays & Fridays through Dec. 30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Use exercises to optimize energy within the body, mind and spirit and improve well-being. Participants will practice qi-gong/tai chi, meditation, breath work and therapeutic movement. Bring a yoga mat and meditation cushion/blanket. A 10-class punch card (which can be used for other classes) is required. Times: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, 8 to 9 a.m. Fridays. Cost: \$15 per class. RR, MD

HELP WANTED

■ **Wellness House volunteers**
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>
(630) 323-5150

Hinsdale-based Wellness House, supporting those on the cancer journey, is looking for volunteers to help at the front desk, at The Courtyard consignment shop in downtown Hinsdale on Saturdays,

as cosmetologists/coordinator at the salon, in database support, and as a professional photographer for events.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Comedy Improv

Thursdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 15
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Learn the basics of acting and how to express emotions and communicate by using one's body, gestures and facial expressions in the Stage Door Fine Arts class for kids 7 to 16 years old. Through games and improv scenes the students will gain confidence and skills to create characters and situations of all shapes and sizes. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$230. RR, MD

■ House Band: Beatles vs. Rolling Stones

Nov. 10
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 10 and up are invited to be the band, focusing on four songs from the two famed groups. Participants will receive the chord charts in advance and then practice the songs one at a time at the gathering before playing them together as a set. Afterwards, perform a song fitting the theme of the evening at an open mic session. No musical experience is necessary, but bring along a guitar, ukulele or any other instrument and see how it goes. Small percussion instruments will be avail-

able to accompany and sing along. The program is led by Roberta Wentling of Tiny Toes Music. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ IEP, 504 plans & high school

Oct. 24
Hinsdale Central auditorium
5500 S. Grant St.

Administrators from District 86 and Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South invites families and students with IEP or 504 plans for a presentation on transitioning to high school, independence and expectations, classes and placement options, and the supports available. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

■ Training to Save Wildlife

Oct. 25
CZS.org/LectureSeries

In this online lecture, training expert Ken Ramirez will share why applied behavior analysis is an exciting and expanding direction for enhancing success in wildlife conservation, including the increased use of husbandry training for conservation research, remote training projects and introduction of species to the wild. A Q&A session will follow the lecture. Time: 7 p.m. Cost: a \$10 donation is suggested. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ 'Breathtaking'

Nov. 6
Christ Church of Oak Brook
501 31st St.
<https://www.westsubsymphony.org>
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The West Suburban Symphony Orchestra will perform works of Ludwig van Beethoven, including his Symphony 6 ("Pastoral"), the "Egmont" and "Consecration of the House" overtures, and the "Ah! Perfido" aria featuring soprano Ann McMann. Time: 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$23 for seniors, \$5 for teens, free for ages 12 and under.

■ **Neiman Plays Brahms**

Nov. 13
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 W Brush Hill Road
<https://www.elmhurstsymphony.org>
(630) 941-0202

Pianist Adam Neiman will perform with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra in this Dale Clevenger Memorial Concert in honor of the former ESO music director and Chicago Symphony principal horn. The program features Brahms' Third Symphony and his Piano Concerto No. 1. Ted Hatmaker will present a pre-concert lecture at 2:45 p.m. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$35, \$32 for seniors, \$12 for students.

ON STAGE

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Thursdays to Sundays through Oct. 23
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■ **'Murder on the Orient Express'**

Through Oct. 23
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
<https://drurylanetheatre.com>
(630) 530-0111

Enjoy this production of the classic Agatha Christie whodunit. Just after midnight, a snowdrift stopped the Orient Express in its tracks. The next morning, an American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed, his door locked from the inside. Isolated with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on famed detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer before they strike again. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$69-\$84, \$5 senior discount for Wednesday and Thursday matinees.

■ **'The Government Inspector'**

Oct. 27-Nov. 6
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
<https://www.theatrewesternsprings.com>
(708) 246-3380

This farcical drama by Nikolay Gogol is a comedy of errors, satirizing human greed, stupidity and extensive political corruption as the mayor of an awful Russian town gathers his officials and tells them that a government inspector is traveling incognito from town to town. Worried that their malfeasance might be discovered and mistaking a worthless clerk for the actual inspector, they fall all over themselves trying to impress him. Tickets: \$25, \$12 for children and students.

■ **'Harvey'**

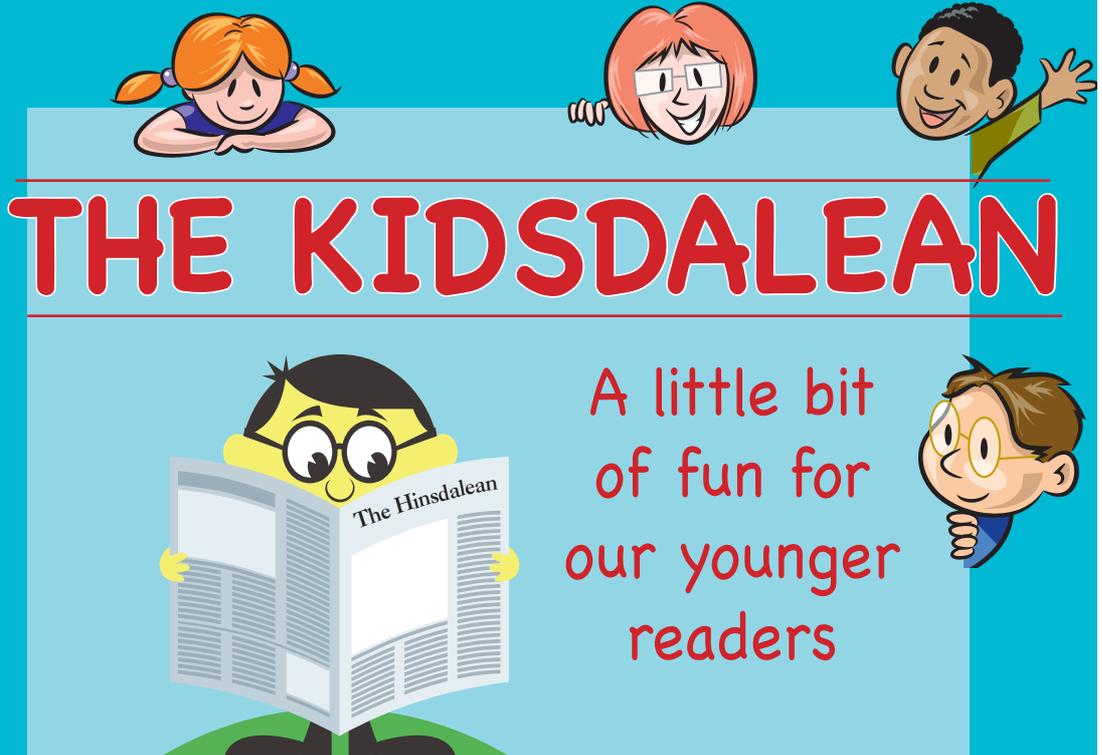
Nov. 3-5
Nazareth Academy
1209 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park
<https://www.nazarethacademy.com>

Enjoy this Pulitzer Prize-winning play about an imaginary six-foot rabbit which delivers laughs while offering a lesson about how important friendship really is and how loyalty must withstand every single challenge. The cast includes Hinsdaleans Harrison Gianares and Sarah Prisby. Tickets go on sale Oct. 24. Time: 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15.

■ **Pat Tomasulo**

Nov. 5
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■ Tube Talk: Fantasy

Oct. 26
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Adults are invited to take a close look at wizards, monsters and the eternal fight between good and evil, exploring HBO's long anticipated series "House of the Dragon" as well as other fantasy series on the horizon. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Moveable Feast Party and Potluck

Nov. 1
 Hinsdale Public Library
 20 E. Maple St.
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Share experiences with the books, films and food at this culmination of the program. Attendees are also invited to bring a homemade dish to share that the experience inspired. and there will be a drawing for the prize winner. Time 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Tales From the Tombstone

Nov. 2
 Bronswood Cemetery
 3805 Madison St., Oak Brook
https://www.flipcause.com/hosted_widget/event_step2/MTYxNTQ2/181241

Come explore the lives of the residents of Bronswood Cemetery, hearing stories that shine a light on the people who made the area what it is today. The evening includes light bites, beverages and readings by Meredyth. Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m., with tours at 7 and 8 p.m. Cost: \$40. RR

■ Next Chapter Book Club Author Event

Nov. 3
 Hinsdale Public Library
 20 E. Maple St.

<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
 (630) 986-1976

Author Elizabeth Neal will visit the book club to discuss her book "The Game." When Marcus chokes in a basketball game and is given a chance for a do-over, is it worth it? She'll also talk about her inspiration and writing process. Next Chapter Book Club is for those age 16 and up with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Sidewalk Sale

Oct. 22
 Downtown Hinsdale
<https://www.hinsdalechamber.com>

Shop special deals on the sidewalks of the village's downtown business district — rain or shine — at this Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce event. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 pm.

STEPPING BACK

■ Dawning of the Atomic Age

Oct 23
 Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
 (630) 257-2045

Former Argonne scientist Dave Dolak will give a presentation, followed by a drive to Red Gate Woods for a guided walk to the site of the world's first nuclear reactor. The program is for ages 16 & up. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. RR

■ 'A Century of Headlines'

Oct. 27
 Cantigny Park
 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
 (630) 668-5161
<https://www.cantigny.org>

In commemoration of the Chicago Tribune's 175th anniversary year, enjoy this program exploring the some of the newspaper's most famous headlines through its first century from Jeffrey Anderson, one of Cantigny's resident historians. Most of the Tribune's first 100 years were under the leadership of Joseph Medill, who once lived at Cantigny, and his grandson, Robert McCormick, on whose former estate Cantigny

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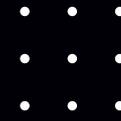
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Pet pic of the week

HeiHei is a handsome 3-year-old Siberian husky. He is very sweet and enjoys going on walks and is adoptable to families with children 8 years and older. He has been neutered and is up to date on his vaccinations. His adoption fee is \$300. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public from noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at <https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org> before arriving. Call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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sits. The program will be presented in person and online via Zoom; registration is required for Zoom participants. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. Cost: Free with \$5 parking.

■ WWII Radio Show

Nov. 14
Leave from The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Take a motor coach to the Starved Rock Lodge for this blast from the past program featuring favorites like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "In the Mood" and "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" as a costumed trio reenact a 1940s radio hour. The cost includes transportation and a buffet lunch. Time: 9:30 a.m. departure, 4:30 p.m. return. Cost: \$127. RR, MD

TEENS & TWEENS

■ DIY Watercolor Silhouette Kit

Nov. 4
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Pick up a take-home kit to paint a beautiful nature silhouette scene. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. RR

WEE ONES

■ **Adult and Tot Sports Stop**
Saturdays, Oct. 22-Dec. 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Parents can help their children ages 2-3 experience basic sports movement and motor skills through activities focusing on hand/eye coordination and hand/foot coordination. Equipment and instruction are provided; parent or caregiver participation is required. Time: 10 to 10:45 a.m. Cost: \$110. RR, MD

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■ Trunk or Treat

Oct. 20
Zion Lutheran ECEC
204 S. Grant St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-0065

Join the Zion early childhood education program for costumes, chili and candy at this annual event. Time: 5 to 7 p.m.

■ Howlin' at the Moon

Oct. 21-22
Naper Settlement
523 S. Webster St. Naperville
(630) 420-6010
<https://www.napersettlement.org>

Come dressed in costume and enjoy thrilling performances and attractions at this annual event for adults 21 and older. Howl along with live music, feast your fangs into local cuisine from the Food Truck Graveyard and quench your undying thirst at the Booze Bar. Other attractions include a Moonlight Market, Dark Art Gallery, costume contest, fire dancers, liquid lights show, contortionist, magician and more. Time: 5 to 10 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR, MD

■ Fall Color Walk

Oct. 22
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(630) 257-2045

Enjoy a leisurely nature walk with the family to see fall colors. Time: 1 p.m. RR

■ Cider and Ale Festival

Oct. 22
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 968-0074
<https://www.mortonarb.org>
Savor 20 3-ounces samples of hard cider and seasonal beers selected from more than 30 local breweries and cideries. Breathe in the fresh autumn air and stroll among the trees while sipping and enjoying live music from the AD3 Trio from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Ticket purchasers must be 21 or older. Time: 1 to 4 p.m., noon to 4 p.m. for VIP guests. Tickets: \$60, \$70 for VIP. RR, MD

■ Pumpkin Night Hike for Families

Oct. 22

Fullersburg Woods
3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook
(630) 933-7248
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

Use jack-o-lanterns to light the way on a self-guided night hike, with a Halloween-themed scavenger hunt for kids to complete and a treat at the end. Hikes leave every 15 minutes. The program is for all ages; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 5:30 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$10, free for 3 and younger. RR

■ Halloween Spooktacular

Oct. 22-23
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
(630) 942-4000
<https://www.atthemac.org>

This bewitching New Philharmonic performance features classic musical treats — from Bach, Stokowskis, Berlioz, Wanger and Offenbach and popular films — and ghoulishly fun costumes. Audience members are welcome to wear their own spooky costumes. Time: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22, 3 p.m. Oct. 23. Tickets: \$53.

■ Corn Harvest

Oct. 22-23 & 29-30
Kline Creek Farm
1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago
(630) 876-5900
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

Experience life as a field hand while helping to harvest this year's corn crop, which will feed the farm's livestock throughout the year and provide seed for next year's plantings. Learn about the importance of this crop to farmers in the 1890s and today. The program is for all ages; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

■ Halloween Party

Oct. 23
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Different stations will be set up around the children's department with Halloween-themed games and crafts. Costumes are encouraged at this party for all ages. Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

■ Boo! at the Zoo

Weekends through Oct. 23
Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Road
(708) 688-8400
www.czs.org/booaathezoo

Zoogoers of all ages can enjoy creatures, memorable photo opportunities, sweet treats and fall fun at this annual event. Enjoy the "Crazed Maize" corn maze or take a spin on the carousel with its Halloween-themed decorations. Seasonal fall food and drinks are on sale at carts around the zoo. Watch animals play with and eat pumpkin treats and enjoy special zoo chats. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. activities, zoo open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$24.95, \$17.95 for kids 3-11, \$19.95 for seniors plus \$15 parking.

■ Thrills and Chills Book Club

Oct. 25
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

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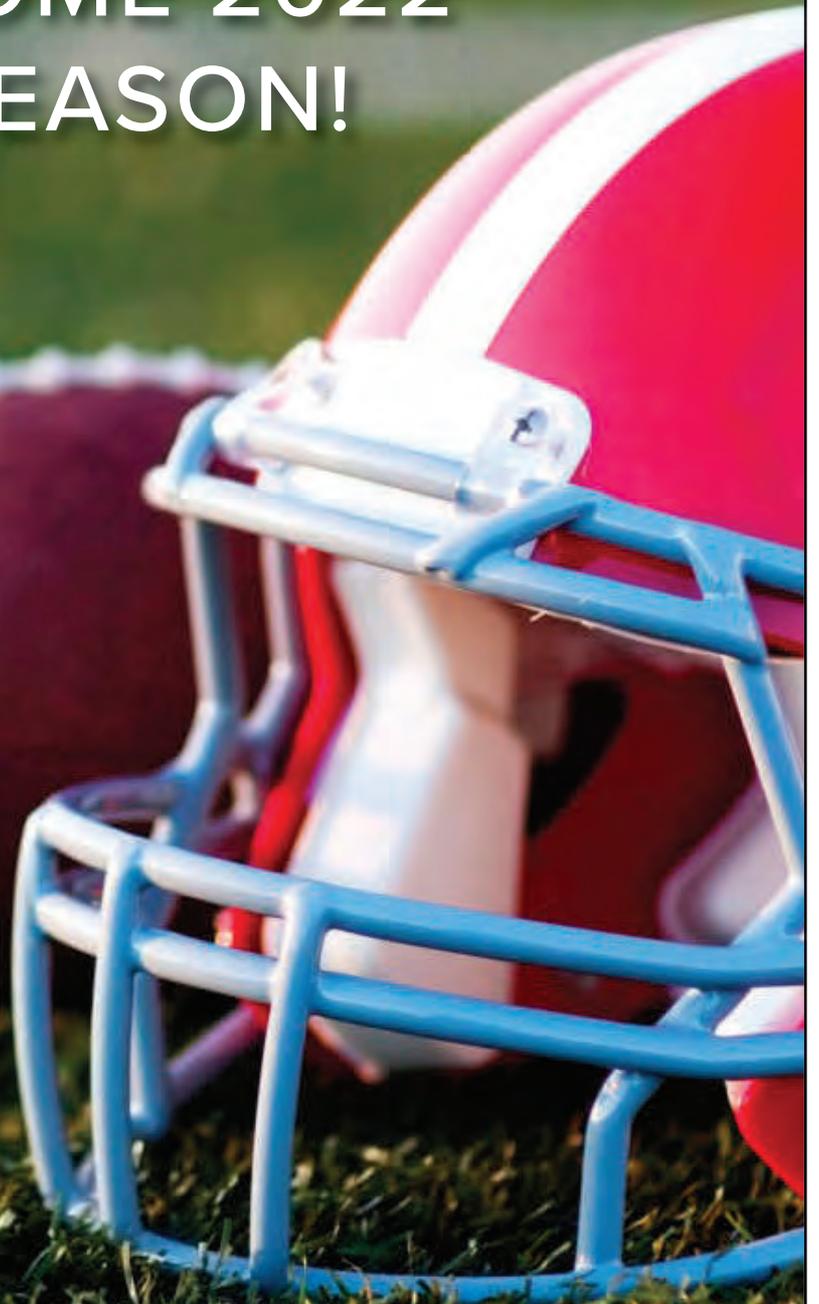
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Readers who dare are invited to read "City of Ghosts" by Victoria Schwab. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ A Hollywood Halloween

Oct. 27
Clarendon Hills Public Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.
(630) 323-8188
<https://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org>

Film historian Annette Bochenek will lead the way into the spooky side of classic Hollywood with a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips and captivating stories. From beloved classic horror films to lesser-known gems, she will explore the variety of classic horror films and characters as well as how the genre was developed to entertain audiences of all ages. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Fright Fest

Oct. 28
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
(630) 323-5630
<https://www.hinsdalehumane-society.org>

Dress up and trick or treat through the haunted cat lodge and dog kennels, enjoy fall flavored treats, participate in Halloween-themed games and more at the event sponsored by the HHS Junior Board. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$10 for kids. RR

■ Lantern-Lit Halloween Hike

Oct. 28-29
St. James Farm
2S541 Winfield Road,
Warrenville
(630) 933-7248
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

Experience a 2-mile self-guided lantern-lit walk along the trails, ending with haunted conversation around the fire and decorated buildings. The program is for ages 12 and up; those under 18 must be with an adult. Hikes leave every 15 minutes. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. RR

■ OAKtober Walk

Oct. 30
St. James Farm
2S541 Winfield Road,
Warrenville
(630) 933-7248
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
Enjoy the fall colors and

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

■ Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt

Oct. 30
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Find all the hidden pumpkins during this fun scavenger hunt. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. RR

■ Day of the Dead Celebration

Oct. 30
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Attend the unveiling of the animal altar dedicated to endangered and extinct species, take a night walk and enjoy stories at the campfire. This program for all ages also will be offered in Spanish. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Boo Bash

Oct. 31
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
(630) 668-5161
<https://www.cantigny.org>
Little ones ages 3-5 and grown-ups are encouraged to come dressed in costume to enjoy Halloween stories, crafts and a special treat. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$12 per child. RR, MD

■ Scarecrow Trail

Daily in October
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 719-2468
<https://www.mortonarb.org>
Take a stroll around Meadow Lake to view scarecrows created by local scout troops and school groups. After the walk, vote for your favorite scarecrow. Cost: free with timed admission of \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$11 for kids ages 2-17 and free for those 2 and younger.

Key

RR — registration required

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Question: What is the Average Sale Price for a Single-Family home in District 181 in 2022?

Answer: The Averages for a Single-Family home in District 181 this year are... The Lane (Cook County) 800,000; The Lane (DuPage) 1.1M; Monroe 1.2M; Madison 1.2M; Elm 1.4M; Oak (Cook) 1.5M; Oak (DuPage) 2.3M.

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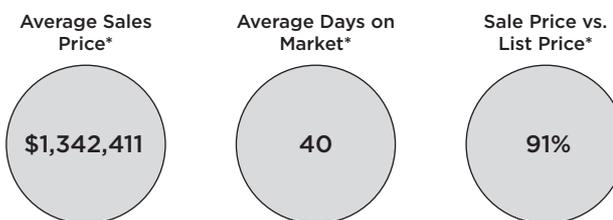
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Central boys soccer marks 50th anniversary

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who now has a general surgery practice in Seattle, said the fact that three former Hinsdale Central soccer players were in his class in med school at the U of I says something about the program.

"Really you learn some very crucial life lessons about how to persevere, how to put your head down and work hard and how to keep your head up when things are rough," said Haque, who went from Central to West Point and a career in military medicine and surgery. He retired as a colonel after 21 years in the Army in 2019.

"They are really irreplaceable in terms of experiences you benefit from during those formative years in life," he said.

Haque, who also was a gymnast at Central, pointed to the importance of commitment demonstrated by all of his coaches. He recalls meeting Flesher, who also had been a goalkeeper, before school for one-on-one training sessions.

"He would literally just pummel me for 45 minutes," Haque recalled. "That's how you got better. You saw shot after shot after shot. It was super helpful."

The trio of coaches

Flesher also remembers those early-morning sessions with Haque. He, of course, sees them not as a testament to the quality of coaches in the program, but to the quality of student-athletes.

"Those are the kinds of players and experiences that stand out for me," Flesher said.

Flesher was working at LT in 1979 when Harvey Dickinson let him know about an opening at Central. It was already August, and Flesher decided not to pursue the position.

"Harvey found out that I did not even interview and he was all upset. He said, 'Well, you'll never come over here. Anyone who turns down working at Hinsdale Central, blah, blah, blah,'" Flesher recalled.

The following year there was another opening, which Flesher obtained. He became the assistant boys soccer coach under Dick Ohl, who started the program in 1973. Ohl had been battling cancer

for 27 years.

"The following year his condition got worse and I became head coach in 1981. He passed away that fall," Flesher said.

The highlight of his career was simply getting to know the boys on the team not only as athletes, but as individuals.

"For me coaching and teaching were basically one in the same, just trying to make connections with young people," he said, noting the lessons on the field are no different than those in the classroom.

"If there's a loss, they have to learn from it, just like a coach does, and make adjustments. I think that's exactly what happens in the classroom," Flesher said. "Say a student gets a 'D' on a paper and the student and teacher make adjustments so there is improved performance the next time. It's the same on the soccer field or the basketball court."

Flesher noted there have been only four coaches in the program's 50 years.

"That stability, I think, has served the players and the program well," he said.

He also pointed to the investment made prior to players arriving at Central.

"There have been lots of traveling team coaches, lots of AYSO coaches and lots of parents and players that put in a lot of time to get to Hinsdale Central," he said.

Begley has the shortest tenure of boys varsity head coaches, serving for only five years from 1996-2001. After he had a heart attack in 2000, administrators suggested coaching the boys and girls soccer teams and serving as PE department chair might be a bit much. He agreed to give up just one head coaching position.

"I'll stay with either program and you find what you think is the best fit for the teaching openings you have," he said. "That's when they brought Mike in."

He remembers first visiting Central and noticing all the banners hanging in the gym.

"You go to a lot of gyms and see a lot of banners," said Begley, who coached at three other high schools before coming to Central.



Current head coach Mike Wiggins and former head coaches Dick Flesher and Skip Begley have led the Hinsdale Central varsity boys soccer program for 42 of its 50 years. Wiggins and Flesher account for 35 of those 42 years. (photo courtesy of Mike Wiggins)

Boys varsity soccer dates to remember

1973 — Dick Ohl begins his first of eight seasons as head coach

1974 — property along Madison Street that will become Centennial Field is donated to District 86 by the Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills Kiwanis Club

1975 — the varsity boys soccer team wins its first state championship

1981 — Dick Flesher begins his first of 15 seasons as head coach

1994 — Flesher and the U.S. Soccer Federation host the German DFB as an official training facility for the 1994 World Cup

1996 — Skip Begley begins his first of six seasons as head coach

2002 — Mike Wiggins hired as head coach

2004 — the varsity boys soccer team, with a 20-0-1 record, is ranked No. 3 in the NSCAA National Top 25 Ranking and No. 1 in the Student Sports FAB 50 National Ranking

2008 — Centennial Field gets a facelift that restores its surface

2014 — the team, coached by Mike Wiggins, wins its second state championship in program history and helps Central set a state record with eight IHSA state championships

2016 — the program finishes undefeated on Centennial Field for another year, with the last home loss on Oct. 11, 2011

2022 — Centennial Field is renovated, with improvements to the team benches and press box

Then he noticed they were all for state championships.

"I've taught in a couple of schools that have never got a state championship," he said.

Begley has nothing but praise for his successor and the program. He retired from teaching in 2012 but came back to coach the freshman boys soccer team seven years ago.

"To be around Wiggins and the rest of the coaches, he's got a great staff and it's a lot of fun to be part of that," Begley said.

The September celebration illustrated the kind of coach Wiggins is, Begley said, with his efforts to get so many alumni back and having a throwback uniform for the team and a packet outlining 50 years of history to distribute.

"You probably don't find a lot of high school programs that have built that kind of tradition, and Mike has been a real keeper of the traditions and establishing traditions to make Hinsdale Central soccer be a program that has been celebrated for 50 years."

Wiggins said he thoroughly enjoyed the event.

"It's special to me because we're at a special place and we've got so many neat stories and so many successful student athletes that have come through and gone on to do so many different things," he said.

Another historic event just might occur before the season ends. Victories in the Proviso East regional Wednesday night (after press time) and Saturday would mark career wins 399 and 400 for Wiggins,

now in his 21st year of coaching at Central. He registered his first 97 at Downers Grove South.

"Pretty amazing," he said on Tuesday. "I've been doing this for a while. When you do it for a while, you can get those numbers because you have good players and you have players who are coachable and hard-working and committed."

Sperry said he hopes Wiggins will continue coaching for a while longer, as his oldest will arrive at Central in seven years. No matter how long he stays, Wiggins is grateful for his time with the storied program.

"If I haven't just been the most blessed coach to have the players I've had over the years," he said. "It's just amazing."

SPORTS

9U SILVER ON TO PLAYOFFS

The Falcons closed out the regular season with a tough 12-0 victory over Lyons. The win gave them a regular season record of 7-1 and a tie for first.

The scoring was handled by Teddy Ouimette, who busted out a 45-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Following a trend, great blocking was provided by Luke Hanson, AJ Siepker, Keegan McCoskey, Jasper Maggio, Harrison Kuzniar and Grant Garber. Billy Jaqua pounced on the quarterback for a fourth-down sack. This gave the ball back to the Falcons just before half. Nate Morris was able to get the ball off right as the half time clock expired, and Ouimette took it home for the 12-0 halftime lead.

The Falcons defense took it from there as JP Rago, John Dunn, Rocco Majeta, Jake Stanton, Will Jones, Mas Buttitta, Max Breton, Carter Pearson and Cooper Milburn with a touchdown-saving tackle secured the shutout. The hard work the team has put in has produced fantastic results. But these young gridiron guys are hungry for greatness. More work awaits, which is fine by them.

SHORTHANDED 9U GOLD FALLS SHORT

Between missing players and in-game injuries, 9U Gold was out-manned Sunday, ultimately falling 22-0 to the undefeated Lyons.

The offense moved the ball very well, racking up yards behind Lukasz Gewont, Jacob Zager, Joey Hillegas, Ivan Burt and Miles Perucki. Running backs Kellen Brown, Nathan Thangamani and Marcello Salamone pushed the attack, and quarterback Ben Murphy delivered some unforgettable hits at the end of his runs. Soren Carlson caught everything thrown his way to lead a strong passing attack, but the Falcons were held out of the end zone.

On defense, Marco Oliverio, Luke Gray and Carter Cox fought hard up front against much bigger

opponents. Reid Jacobsen and Lucas Zayed shut down the Lyons passing attacks, and Nico Will and Sebastian Christensen stepped up to play almost every position on the field. A few long rushing touchdowns up the middle were unfortunately the difference.

10U SILVER SHUTS OUT TIGERS

The mighty Falcons traveled down the road to match up with the Lyons Township Tigers Sunday. They were focused on finishing the regular season strong with an eye toward the playoffs!

The Falcons defense was simply too much for the Tigers. The ferocious pass rush was led by Jaxon Uthe, who accounted for four sacks on the day, and Faiz Mossani, who had two sacks. They also were dominant against the run, bottling up the Tigers running attack all game. Shane Behar, Lucas Herrick, Ryan Pieczkowski and Burke Broschul were flying all over the field.

The offense was dynamic with Brady Madden tossing the ball to all of his receivers, including Gavin Shuler, Lucas Spatara, Faiz Moosani, Leo Yankowitz and JJ Natarelli. The offense put together a cohesive drive after the half led by powerful running from Jaxon Uthe and Gavin Shuler delivering the ball to the 1-yard line where Madden smashed through the line led by Alex Vivanco's punishing block to open the hole.

The Falcons win 8-0 in a game that seemed much more one sided.

The Falcons roll into the playoffs this weekend at Home against Arlington Heights.

10U GOLD TEAM TIES IN OT

With an epic fall day as the backdrop, the Falcons 10U Gold (3-3-1) played an epic game against Lyons Football Club, ending in a 26-26 tie.

The offense got on the board early with a 38-yard strike from Dillon Phelan to Spencer Marnell, but Hinsdale trailed 20-6 at the break. Inspired halftime adjustments led to a domi-

nant second half.

The defense set the tone behind monster efforts from Charlie Lynch (7 tackles, 1 fumble recovery), Torsten Wood (5 tackles), Logan Sullivan (2 tackles) and George Beatty (2 tackles). After a 45-yard kick return by Ryder McLaurin, Sullivan Camp got the second half scoring going with a 2-yard plunge, making it 20-12. That remained the score until the middle of the fourth and an LFC punt, which led to some serious fireworks. Michael Kipnis fielded the punt at the Falcon 45-yard line, cut left to find the entire LFC squad waiting for him, spun, juke and came out the right side to the open field leading to paydirt 55 yards away. A bullet from Phelan to Lynch tied it up 20-20.

The Falcons scored first in overtime with yet another Phelan dime to McLaurin, but the Falcons failed to convert the extra point. LFC was able to score in their possession, but the Falcon D held strong to force the 26-26 final.

The Falcons head to the playoffs next week.

11U SILVER TEAM UNDEFEATED

The Falcons' final match-up vs the Chargers was Hinsdale's biggest challenge this season.

The Falcon defense dominated once again, forcing multiple stops. Defensive linemen Bryce Kinder, Leo Rivera, Teddy Hunley and Felix Michelini controlled the front. Hinsdale's offense was held in check, however. The Charger defense, led by defensive end No. 17 Jimbo Bosa-Slyce, disrupted Hinsdale's attack. The defensive bout would go for four quarters, with both teams unable to reach the endzone.

In overtime, Hinsdale played defense first. Through three downs, Willy Smith, Alex Schaeffer and Knox Apple produced clutch tackles and pass break-ups.

On 4th-and-goal, Gavin Carlevato and Benjamin Allanson recognized the Charger trick play, covering it perfectly, and forcing the incompleteness. With the Falcons fired up in position to win, offense took the field. On second down, Bosa-Slyce

was baited as Hinsdale lined up trips right. A quick pre-snap shift into unbalanced left threw the Charger coaches and defenders into disarray. Following perfect blocks from legitimately every offensive player, Allanson took the quarterback sweep 10 yards for the walk-off touchdown, finalizing a Falcon victory and undefeated season.

JV GOLD TACKLES NAPERVILLE SAINTS

The JV 12U Gold team ended the regular season on a high Sunday with a tough 30-8 win against Naperville. Strong defense was a consistent theme as both teams traded turnovers throughout a hard-fought encounter.

The Falcons opened up an early lead when Mikey Menza completed an acrobatic 18-yard touchdown catch from quarterback Caleb Brady. The Saints struggled to advance the ball early, with defensive ends Sean Stirlen and Benny Maxwell bringing pressure and intent. Maxwell ensured the Falcons entered half-time with a healthy lead by blocking a punt deep in Saints territory, then recovering the loose ball in the endzone himself for the score.

The Saints started the second half strong and a rushing touchdown narrowed the score to 14-8. The game remained in the balance until Falcons defensive back John Phillips snagged an interception from mid-field and outpaced the cover defenders to the endzone. This defensive touchdown and the subsequent PAT reception from Joey Deftos proved to be the back breaker for the Saints. Menza then put the game beyond doubt by rushing for his second touchdown from short range.

PLAYOFFS NEXT FOR VARSITY RED

The Falcons Varsity Red squad finished the regular season undefeated at 8-0 after an impressive 28-0 victory over Carol Stream Sunday at Hinsdale Central.

The Falcons scored on each of their four offensive possessions. Quarterback Owen Sunderson put in quite a

performance, rushing for 154 yards and three touchdowns on nine carries. He went 5 for 6 throwing the ball and added a 30-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Beau Knapp. John Breton and Brian Willoughby added two catches a piece. The Falcons offensive line of Tommy Riordan, Luke Zajicek, Michael Sharples, Zaher Akbar and Mutaz Alshahrour made all of the above possible blocking to the whistle every play.

The Falcons defense snagged two interceptions, recovered a fumble and tallied several tackles for loss in what was a solid day. Luke McLaughlin grabbed the first interception and Amaan Moosani would snatch the other. Tommy Riordan terrorized the Carol Stream Offensive front on his way to four tackles for loss.

The Falcons will host their first round playoff game this weekend at Hinsdale Central.

VARSIITY SILVER CLOSES SEASON

Despite a challenging season for these boys, they showed steadfast perseverance with marked improvement on fundamentals week over week.

The defense got off to slow start but closing in to half-time, Isiah Shin blocked a pass by the Wheaton quarterback, which flipped momentum. The Falcons dominated the second half on both sides of the ball and kept Wheaton off the board. Evan

had a breakout game, sacking the quarterback for a 4-yard loss plus landing two great tackles. The Falcons put together a 47-yard drive led by quarterback Alex Sclabassi rushing for 30 yards and linebacker Alex Tafoya rushing for 17 but unfortunately unable to find the end zone. Wheaton turned the ball over on fourth down three times as the defense led by Lias Katz, Hendrix Katsoulis and Max Penaloza held their ground. In the final minutes with Wheaton on their 3-yard line, Andrew Nield spun through the defense, knocked the ball out of the quarterback's hands for a safety.

Coaches and parents look forward to seeing these boys continue to play in high school.



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HINSDALE CENTRAL 43 — PROVISO WEST 6



Charlie Paulman gets a hand on the ball and blocks a Proviso West punt in the second quarter of the game Friday night in Hillside. (Jim Slonoff photos)

STATS

	Central	Proviso
Rushing yards	178	158
Receiving yards	167	19
Total yards	345	177
Touchdowns	6	1
PATs	3	0
2-pt. conv.	2	0
Turnovers	1	3

OFFENSE



Riley Contreras
8 passes, 167 yards
4 carries, 10 yards
2 touchdown passes

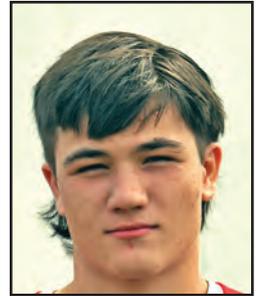


Patrick Graham
3 catches, 78 yards
touchdown
2-pt. conversion

DEFENSE



Andrew Sheldon
3 tackles, assist
intercept, fumble rec.
touchdown



Michael Gallagher
6 tackles, five assists
2 tackles for loss
fumble recovery

Reece Kolke grabs a 44-yard pass from Riley Contreras to score the Devils first touchdown. Contreras went 8/17 for 167 yards passing in the game.



UP NEXT

Glenbard West
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Last year
Central won 6-0

STANDINGS

West Suburban Silver

York5-0.....	8-0
Glenbard West4-1.....	7-1
Downers North	.....3-2.....	6-2
LT	.....3-2.....	6-2
Central	.....2-3....	4-4
OP-RF	.....1-3.....	4-3
Proviso West	.....0-6.....	2-6

conference/overall

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Kit Schneider
Clarendon Hills
Senior

How is your senior season going?

We're all working really hard and we have big goals. High school goes by much faster than you think.

What do you enjoy about swimming?

I've always been a huge fan of being in water, and the whole idea of swimming and competing. I remember coming home from school one day and saying, "Mom, I want to compete in swimming."

How have your skills developed since freshman year?

I've improved on my practicing skills and on relying on my teammates. This is a team sport, and it's almost like we're family at this point. Having that support is super important.

What do you need to excel?

It takes a lot of strong will and discipline, because there are the days you don't want to practice. But pushing through those days is what sets a successful athlete apart from the others.

How would your teammates describe you?

I think as hardworking and, hopefully, as a leader of the team, someone who they can always go to.

What's been the season highlight?

Probably the Red-White meet because I got to step into the coaching role and choose my own team and set my own lineup. There's always a lot of team spirit, and it's such a good bonding event.

Any pre-meet rituals?

The team usually dances to the song "Cotton Eye Joe" to get us hyped up.

What's your goal for the rest of the season?

Swim super hard at state but also have fun. It's not really about the times, it's about the memories.

Next year's plan?

I've verbally committed to swim and study at UW Madison.

Why does coach Bob Barber like having Schneider on the squad?

Kit is a remarkable athlete that represents Hinsdale Central swim and dive program exceptionally well. Her talent is unmatched in the pool by most if not all of our competitors. As a returning state champion in the 50 free, Kit has and continues to lead our team to a high level of success. Within our storied history, she is one of the most versatile members of our team, leading the program in 10 of the 14 potential events.

— profile by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

HEADED TO STATE

The Hinsdale Central girls tennis team will compete at the IHSA state final today through Saturday, Oct. 20-22, at Buffalo Grove High School and surrounding area courts.

Representing Red Devil Nation will be seniors Sophia Kim and Prachi Shah in singles, and the doubles teams of seniors Bridget Novatney/Nicole Hu and senior Shannon Stover/sophomore Abigail Gambla.

Senior Diana Anos of Hinsdale will represent Nazareth Academy at its Class 1A state competition, also at Buffalo Grove this weekend.

Good luck athletes!

RESULTS

Cross country, boys

Oct. 15 @ WSC Silver meet
V places 1st with 49 points

Watcke, 1st, 14:34.5
Bandukwala, 3d, 14:46.1
Skora, 8th, 15:13.6
Gamboa, 13th, 15:36.7
Lowe, 24th, 16:00.9
Smak, 28th, 16:21.9
Miller, 36th, 16:58.7

Cross country, girls

Oct. 15 vs. WSC Silver meet
V places 5th with 132 points

Fischer, 6th, 17:58.7
Skora, 16th, 18:39.4
Kusak, 35th, 19:58.2
Griffin, 37th, 20:11.4
Dygon, 38th, 20:29.3
Krogstie, 39th, 21:08.2

Hockey

Oct. 18 vs. Evanston
V wins 5-4
Oct. 16 @ Oswego
V wins 6-3
Oct. 15 vs. Plainfield
V wins 10-3
Cook, 2 goals
Dufort, 2 goals
Martirano, 2 goals
Devine, goal
Barbara, goal

Sullivan, goal
Weller, goal

Soccer, boys

Oct. 13 vs. Addison Trail
V wins 2-0

Tennis, girls

Oct. 14-15 @ IHSA sectional
V places 1st with 35 points
Singles
Kim, 1st
Shah, 3rd
Doubles
Novatney/Hu, 1st
Stover/Gambla, 2nd

Volleyball, girls

Oct. 18 @ Montini
V loses 16-25, 14-25
Oct. 14-15 @ Plainfield Central Invite vs. York
V wins 11-25, 25-19, 15-13
Sessa, 12 kills, 3 blocks, 3 digs
Kalman, 5 kills, block, 8 digs
Quast, 4 kills, 2 blocks, dig
Thick, 3 kills, ace, 2 blocks, 3 digs
Jones Shah, 2 kills, 2 blocks

A. Young, kill, 14 digs
Pelton, ace, 3 digs, 18 assists
Scott, 2 blocks, dig
Ellithorpe, 12 digs
S. Young, 5 digs, 9 assists
Gallwas, 2 digs vs. Nazareth
V wins 25-11, 27-25 vs. Waunakee
V wins 25-22, 25-23 vs. Minooka
V wins 25-20, 25-22 vs. Genoa-Kingston
V loses 19-25, 13-25

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Luca Davies battles for the ball with an Addison Trail opponent during a varsity soccer match Oct. 13 on Centennial Field. The Red Devils defeated the Blazers 2-0. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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Boys soccer marks 50th anniversary

Coaches, former players reflect on half a century of successes on and off the field

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Mike Wiggins' first introduction to the Hinsdale Central soccer program was at an Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association Banquet at the Starlight Inn off Interstate 294 near Rosemont.

Wiggins was a high school senior, there to be honored, and his own coach was busy organizing the event. Coach Dick Flesher approached him with an invitation.

"I'm pretty sure you're Mike Wiggins. We've got a couple of seats over here. Why don't you come and join us?" Wiggins remembers him saying. "I'm not even in his program and that's the kind of guy that he is."

After being hired at Hinsdale Middle School in 1993, Wiggins reconnected with Flesher and volunteered to be an assistant coach for the boys soccer program. He remembers one game in particular from that season.

"I sat with Coach Flesher as an assistant coach for the very first night game that this program ever played here at Hinsdale Central in the boys soccer program," he said. "It's just fun to know those things and to know that's part of the history of the program."

That history has been important to Wiggins since his first days as head coach in 2002.

"I got every yearbook I could get my hands on out of the library and I started collecting data," he said. "It's not just X's and O's. It's not just you win games, you lose games. It's not just the annual timeline of go to summer camp, go through tryouts, have your season and come back all over again."

"What are the things that come into what a program is about — and a big piece of that in my mind is making a connection from the present to the past," he said.

He's made a point of sharing that information with his players, not always sure how it would be received.

"I really didn't think that players were paying attention to it," he said. "There would be times when I would hear the players talking about a consecutive streak of this or number of goals scored for that. I realized it held a special place in the



Varsity head coach Mike Wiggins said he was thrilled to see so many former players return to Central last month to celebrate the program's 50th anniversary. "It was just fun. It was fun to reconnect and it was fun to share stories." (Jim Slonoff photo)

eyes of the players just as much as it did to me."

While Wiggins never started gathering history with a specific anniversary in mind, it came in handy this year as the program celebrates its 50th year at Central. A host of players came back to campus for the Sept. 23 game homecoming weekend, some from as far away as California, Arizona and Washington.

Former players look back

Among the attendees at the 50th anniversary celebration was Matt Sperry, who played at Central from 2000-03 and now lives in Clarendon Hills. He said Wiggins started texting him about the event almost a year in advance.

"When he is passionate about something and wants to do something, he always follows through," Sperry said.

Sperry helped reach out to former players and was pleased with the turnout, especially from a number of old teammates.

"Seeing those guys and Wiggins kind of taking us through stories

and all the stuff he remembers on his 20 years at Central, it was really well done and it was good to see everyone," he said.

Sperry said as cliché as it might sound, what he enjoyed most about the soccer program were the friendships and relationships he built while playing his "favorite sport in the world."

"I still keep in close touch with Coach Wiggins at age 37. I still text him all the time," Sperry said. "I text him pictures and videos of my 5- and 7-year-old sons when they are playing AYSO and score a cool goal."

The lessons Sperry learned as a team captain have benefited him as a coach for his boys' soccer, basketball and baseball teams.

"A lot of the stuff that I got from Coach Begley and Coach Wiggins really helped me develop into a good father, a good coach, a good mentor," said Sperry, who works in software technology sales. "I think it's helped all different parts of my life. I'm very thankful to both of them."

Jim Walker, who was part of the 2014 state championship team, also

50 years of achievement

- 14 West Suburban Conference championships
- 12 IHSA regional championships
- 2 IHSA state championships
- 1 NSCAA/USC Top 25 Finish (2004)
- 3 IHSA state finals
- 1 Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year
- 1 IHSSCA Player of the Year
- 4 NSCAA/USC All-Americans
- 6 NSCAA/USC All-Midwest players
- 18 IHSSCA All-State players
- 70 IHSSCA All-Sectional players
- 4 High School All-American Game players/coaches
- 16 NSCAA/USC team academic awards
- 10 IHSA team academic Awards

pointed to the program's culture and environment. Over four years he created bonds with many different classes, from the seniors who played when he was a freshman to the freshmen in the program when he was a senior.

"I got to see seven years' worth of players go through the program, and there was a continuity of culture that was maintained despite many differences in the actual individuals themselves," Walker said.

Wiggins always had words of wisdom for players about being on time, being prepared and where to focus.

"Only worry about the things you can control. That was one of the best life lessons I've received from anybody," Walker said.

And those lessons are still benefiting him 10 years later as a student in a combined MD/MBA program at Northwestern University. He said he learned much about life through soccer.

"Which I am only beginning to appreciate the further I get from the field," he said.

Imad Haque, a 1990 graduate

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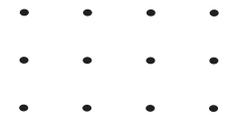
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