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With a theme of “Old Hollywood Glamour,” Hinsdale Central’s prom was held at Chicago’s iconic Union Station, a perfect backdrop. After dinner and dancing, students celebrated under the stars with a cruise aboard the Odyssey Cruise Ship. Haley Casey, Noah Levine, Brielle Lynch and Akram Alothman head toward their buses before departing Central. Please turn to Page 32 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



This old house

Classic revival subject of this week’s Hinsdale Legacies series.

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NEWS

D86 board prez vote suggests division

By Pamela Lannom
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For the third year in a row, Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members have disagreed about who should lead the board.

In 2021, board members spent 2 1/2 hours and took 10 votes before electing Terri Walker president. In 2022, Erik Held was elected president in a split 4-3 vote.

And last week, the board chose newly seated board member Cat Greenspon as its leader, with four members voting for her and three voting for Debbie Levinthal.

Board member Peggy James nominated Greenspon at the May 3 reorganization meeting. Kay Gallo, former board president who was re-elected to the board after a six-year hiatus, nominated Levinthal.

When it came time for the roll call vote, Gallo, Levinthal and Jeff Waters voted for Levinthal. Greenspon, James and Terri Walker voted for Greenspon. That left it all up to newly seated board member Asma Akras, who, after a pause, voted for Greenspon.

Greenspon pointed to her board experience with other organizations, her understanding of both campuses and her track record of building consensus in accepting the nomination.

"I fully respect that there are seven board members at this table and each board member has an equal vote and will encourage appropriate conversation, respectful conversation and data-driven discussions that benefit the student body, their growth and achievement," Greenspon said.

James will serve as vice president of the



Greenspon



Martin

board. She was the sole nominee after Levinthal declined Waters' nomination and Akras declined Levinthal's nomination.

Levinthal also declined a nomination for secretary, as did Waters, Gallo and Walker. That left only Akras eligible to accept the nomination, which she did, thereby earning the office.

Levinthal told The Hinsdalean Monday that while she knew Greenspon had been seeking the office, she was not aware that James would make the nomination.

"I look forward to continuing my board service for the next two years and remain committed to holding the superintendent accountable for strong academic performance, supporting the teachers, cabinet and building administrators, and working collaboratively on committees, both formal and ad hoc," she read from a prepared statement. "The board member oath states that board members will abide by the decisions of the majority. I respect that Ms. Greenspon was elected the board president by a majority of my fellow

board members and expect she will act within the boundaries of policy, protocol and good faith."

James, who would not say whether Greenspon had asked her for the nomination, said she had good intentions in making it.

"My hope is that this board can come together and move forward in the best interests of the district," she said.

Audience members, some of whom had talked about the hopes of a unified board during public comment at the beginning of the meeting, seemed stunned.

"Wow," said resident Yvonne Mayer, who during public comment at the start of the meeting had advocated for Levinthal to be president. "As I watched the officer election just play out, two phrases come to mind — 'et tu, Brutus' and 'burning down the house.' The house that in my earlier comment I thought had a solid foundation of trust and respect, collaboration, built over two years of working with Ms. Levinthal, and instead what I saw tonight, sadly, was an arrogant power play.

"Shame on you," Mayer added.

The room was silent. No one else stepped to the microphone to offer public comment, and the meeting was adjourned.

D181 officers

The Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board unanimously elected Michael Martin president, William Cotter vice president and Sinead Duffy secretary at its May 1 reorganization meeting.

High-speed chase results in felony arrests

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Two Chicago men were arrested May 5 on felony charges after leading Hinsdale police in a high-speed chase that ended in Oak Lawn.

Metrevell Hutchinson, 21, 713 N. Ada St., and Cobie Vaughn, 20, 7830 S. Oglesby Ave., were each arrested on one count of possession of a stolen motor vehicle, a Class 2 felony. Hutchinson also is charged with one count of aggravated fleeing and eluding a police officer, a Class 4 felony.

At about 1:25 a.m. May 5, a Hinsdale police officer saw a 2022 Jeep Compass that was reported stolen out of Glen Ellyn the day before on Lincoln Street near Center Street, according to Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King. As the officer approached the Jeep, a man later identified as Vaughn entered the front passenger seat

of the car and then the car drove away, according to a press release from DuPage County State's Attorney Bob Berlin's office. The officer began pursuit with lights and sirens activated and the Jeep, later determined to be driven by Hutchinson, continued to flee, reaching speeds in excess of 70 mph in a 35-mph zone.

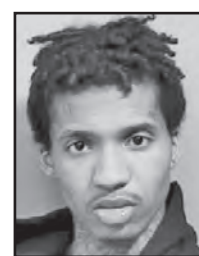
A Hinsdale officer was able to successfully spike the car at Ogden Avenue and Interstate 294, according to King.

"Officers continued to follow the vehicle, which was driving without the benefit of its front tire, southbound on I-294 until the Chicago police helicopter joined the pursuit," King said. "The car became disabled in the 9500 block of South Merton in Oak Lawn where two subjects were taken into custody." That occurred about 1:46 a.m. The suspects were charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

Hinsdale police located two additional offenders walking on foot in Hinsdale in the area of the original contact. They were left behind when the Jeep fled, King said. Those individuals have not been charged.

"There's a perception out there that the police don't pursue criminals," King said. "That's simply not true here. If you choose to commit crime in Hinsdale, we would purposefully seek your arrest. We will chase you by car, on foot, with a helicopter if necessary. We will seek charges in DuPage to the fullest extent of the law. The community's safety is of paramount importance."

King also thanked DuPage County State's Attorney Bob Berlin for his thorough review of the case and the filing of the appropriate charges and the Chicago, Oak Lawn and Chicago Ridge police departments for their assistance



Hutchinson



Vaughn

with the apprehension and arrests.

"I thank the Hinsdale Police Department for not only their work on this case, but also for their ongoing efforts in keeping our roadways safe as well as the Oak Lawn and Chicago Ridge Police Departments for their assistance and the Chicago Police Department for air support," Berlin stated in the release.

Judge Joshua Dieden set bond Friday at \$250,000 with 10 percent to apply for both suspects. Both men are scheduled to appear in court May 22.

ONCE UPON A TIME



Hinsdale legacies — The home at 222 E. Sixth St. was built as a Queen Anne in 1892 for John Charles Fremont Merrill but remodeled in the 1940s to its current classical revival style. The home was featured in “Hinsdale the Beautiful: Gem of Chicago Suburbs,” published by Campbell’s Illustrated Journal in November 1897. The home recently underwent its latest renovation under new owners Lael and Colin Falls. Learn more about the house in this week’s installment of the Hinsdale Legacies series on Page 5. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)

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Renovations to 130-year-old home preserve its history, make it livable for family of five

By Pamela Lannom

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John Charles Fremont Merrill probably wouldn't recognize today the house Adolph Froscher built for him in 1892 at 222 E. Sixth St.

Merrill, secretary of the Chicago Board of Trade, was a native New Yorker who moved to Illinois in 1873 as a grain buyer. After moving to Hinsdale with his family, he went on to serve as a village trustee from 1894-98 and village president from 1902-04. He was prominent in the grain market and a confidential advisor to Herbert Hoover.

Years later, the parents of a future village president, W.B. Martin Gross, changed the home from its Queen Anne appearance to a classical revival style.

"During the 1940s, the Gross family made several significant alterations to the home, removing the turret on the northeast corner and the porte cochere on the west, enclosing the back porch and tearing down the carriage house that was at the rear of the property," research from the Hinsdale Historical Society indicates. "Most of the features on the present house, including the front portico and entry, side sun porch, etc., would be considered historic alterations."

A rear addition, changes to the second-story sun porch and the addition of a one-story attached garage are among the nonhistoric alterations.

"While the structure has been altered beyond recognition, the original structure does exist beneath its modern interior," the research states.

Even with those significant alterations, the home has character that can't be found in new construction, said Lael Falls, who moved to the house with her husband, Colin, and their sons in 2019.

Lael, a native of Wichita, Kan., and Colin, who grew up in Park Ridge, had two boys and a third child on the way when they decided to move out of their Chicago condo. Lael's best friend had recently moved here, and she visited for the first time to attend her



Lael and Colin Falls love the character of their 1892 home, which is on the village's list of historically significant properties. They also love its functionality, including a screened-in porch and Colin's first-floor office. Original owner JFC Merrill bought the lot for \$6,000 in 1888, according to Hinsdale Historical Society records. (Jim Slonoff photos)



friend's daughter's birthday party.

"I just kind of fell in love with Hinsdale. Three months later we bought this house," she said. "I always knew I wanted an older home for my forever home."

She said she loves having 120-year old elm trees on her property, seeing old photos of the home and knowing that Herbert Hoover once dined in her living room.

"I think for me it's not necessarily the historical facts, it's just the feeling," she said. "I truly believe there is a warmth to this home because of how many stories must have (made) been here."

The Falls have added their own touches to the home, including turning the screened porch on the east side of the house into a four-season sunroom.

"They call it the locker room or the sports room," she said of her husband and sons — Jack, 6, Ryan, 5, and

Graham, 3 — who often can be found watching games on the big screen TV that dominates one wall.

A primary bedroom suite on the second floor and a new patio were part of the renovation as well. The previous owners, Steven and Amy Louis, added a kitchen and great room while they owned the home from 2000-19.

"This wonderful kitchen was here," Falls said. "It's such a great family house. It's so livable and cozy and functional."

The home also has been redecorated the interior from floor to ceiling. Falls pointed to the pattern painted on the dining room's original hardwood floors.

"This may be my favorite thing we did," she said.

Falls credits her decorator for helping her create a space with a timeless feel.

So when Falls was asked to have her home featured on the Hinsdale Historical



Society's Kitchen Walk Saturday — whose theme is Timeless Tradition — she agreed. She and her husband also requested and were granted inclusion on the village's Historically Significant Structures Property List.

Her goal is to show others that preserving an old home is worthwhile.

"I get so sad when I see all these new houses going up — that to me look all the same — when Hinsdale is so eclectic and beautiful and charming," she said. "I want to be part of anything I can to encourage other people to try."

In addition to being completely happy in her home, Falls enjoys living in the village in which it is located.

"I love Hinsdale so much," she said. "My husband and I drive through Hinsdale and say, 'This is the cutest town.' We're so lucky we're living the American dream."

And one day she hopes

HINSDALE LEGACIES

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

On the house

Year built: 1892

Style: Queen Anne (originally)

Original owner: John Charles Merrill and family

Recognitions: on Hinsdale's Historically Significant Structures Property List

Square footage: 9,500

another family will benefit from the investment she and her husband have made here.

"I'm really happy to save a house like this and keep passing it down," she said.

NEXT WEEK

Community Consolidated School Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, May 15
Hinsdale Middle School
100 S. Garfield Ave.
www.d181.org

On the draft agenda: kindergarten update, middle school language arts resource recommendation, approval of tentative budget, board committee assignments

Hinsdale Economic Development Commission

8:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 17
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, May 11
Hinsdale Central High School
55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

On the agenda: reports on instructional equity and instructional innovation for 2022-23 with recommendations for 2023-24, creative solutions for course access, potential formation of new board committees, board member committee assignments

Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 16
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: amend parking deck rules, approve amendment to village code relative to group homes

Everyone invited to march in July 4 parade

Community groups, families and businesses are invited to participate in the annual Hinsdale Independence Day Parade at 10 a.m. July 4 to help celebrate the village's 150th anniversary this year.

Parade participants are asked to consider floats, music or other pageantry for this year's parade.

There is no charge for com-

munity groups and nonprofit organizations to march. The entry fee for businesses is \$150.

To register, visit www.villageofhinsdale.org and find the 150th Anniversary Celebration tab under "Residents."

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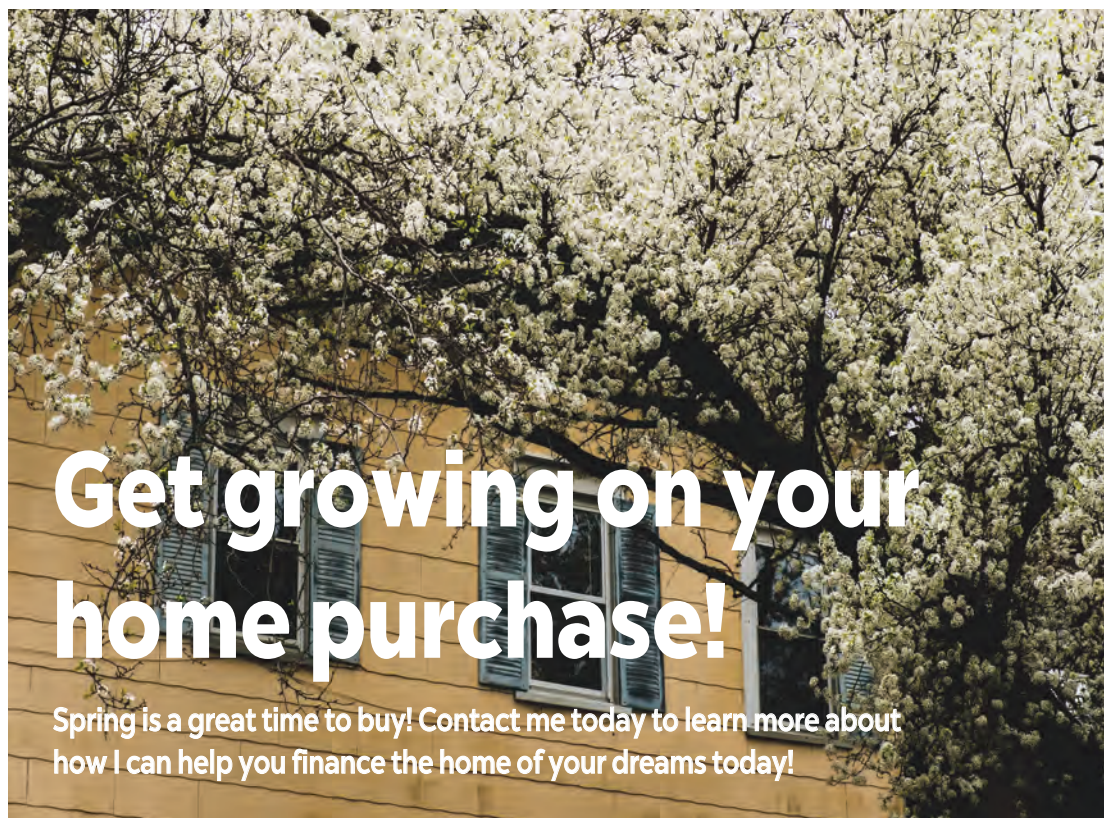
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Hinsdale gives rise to American Beauty

By Ken Knutson

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April's showers are resulting in a colorful yield of May flowers across the village. And no flower past or present is more associated with Hinsdale than the American Beauty Rose.

The rose was declared the village's official flower in a May 2 proclamation celebrating the village's 150th anniversary.

According to records in the Hinsdale Historical Society's archives, the brilliant bloom's local roots can be traced back to 1887, when printing company owner Orland Bassett and his son-in-law and lumber businessman Charles Washburn settled in town. The pastoral community was ideal for the horticultural hobbyists.

"They decided to build a dome-shaped greenhouse with a fish pond in the center on the south side of Sixth Street," chronicles Hugh Dugan in "Village on the County Line."

The pastime quickly became a professional pursuit.

"They added a wing to each end of the central building and imported manetti, a type of root, from Europe. To this root they grafted rose scions, and thus produced American Beauty roses," Dugan recounts.

When the roses were introduced commercially in 1888, they found a receptive clientele.



This postcard photo of workers inside a Bassett & Washburn greenhouse in Hinsdale is believed to have been taken around 1910. (photo courtesy of the Hinsdale Historical Society)

"To (Bassett's) pioneering is credited the fame of Chicago as for many years the world's great American Beauty market," reads Bassett's 1921 obituary.

Bassett had his family's residence built at 329 E. Sixth St. and even had canvas murals depicting the American Beauty painted on the ceiling of the home's double parlor. The house still stands, restored

after a devastating 2018 fire.

The Bassett & Washburn firm steadily added more greenhouses to its growing empire until the complex eventually covered 40 acres between Seventh and Eighth streets from Elm Street to County Line Road.

"The rose plant nurseries were constructed out of nine tons of glass molded around cypress wood frames," details one account.

Bassett "was regarded as one of the most prominent growers in the west" and "his establishment was visited by aspiring florists from all over the country," his obituary noted. The company was also Hinsdale's largest employer in its heyday with 85 staff. Products were shipped from Galveston to Winnipeg and Salt Lake City to New York, notes another newspaper clipping, and "(The greenhouses) consumed an average of 12,000 tons of coal annually."

Not surprisingly, flowers also featured prominently in Bassett's personal life. According to an account of the burial of first wife Betsy in January of 1897, "English violets completely hid the earth of the grave from view, while expensive floral pieces and the rarest of cut flowers diffused their fragrance through the large tent, which protected the mourners and friends from the intensely cold weather."

Bassett left the business to his son-in-law in 1907 and retired to California. But his legacy as a leader "not only in growing flowers, but in marketing them" lives on in Hinsdale's heritage.



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports May 9.

DUI arrest

Allen J. Olson, 44, 3316 S. Clinton Ave., Berwyn, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding at 2:01 a.m. May 7 in the 500 block of East Ogden Avenue. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Rental car driver arrested

Gretchen R. Billups, 58, PO Box 116, Wheaton, was arrested for criminal trespass to vehicle at 7:53 p.m. May 2 in the 500 block of West Ogden Avenue after a registration inquiry alerted police that the vehicle, a rental car that had not been returned, was reported stolen by the Glen Ellyn police department. She was charged and released to appear in court.

Robo-mower stolen

A robotic lawnmower valued at \$2,100 was stolen between May 7 and 8 from a yard in the 600 block of South Oak Street.

Purse stolen from hospital

A purse was stolen between 5 and 5:10 p.m. May 8 from a room at UChicago AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital, 120 N. Oak St., while the victim was visiting a patient. A fraudulent charge was later reported on a debit card that was taken with the purse.

Identity theft incidents

- A bank loan was opened using the identity of a resident of the 200 block of West 59th Street on April 11. The incident was reported May 1.
- Someone used the identity of a resident of the 900 block of South Quincy Street to obtain an auto loan for \$81,000 between April 1 and May 1.
- The identity of a resident of the 600 block of South Adams Street was used to open a fraudulent bank account on May 8.

Email hack reported

Someone accessed the email account belonging to an employee of the village of Hinsdale and changed the bank account information for the employee's direct deposit on April 28. The incident was reported May 2.

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 list initiative's results

Hinsdale police issued 74 citations for hands-free law violations, two for no valid drivers license, four for speeding, two for seatbelt noncompliance and nine citations for other violations to the Illinois Vehicle Code during April's Distracted Driving Awareness Month enforcement campaign.

"We strongly enforce traffic laws for one reason — to save lives," said Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie. "This increased enforcement was implement-

ed to help motorists avoid the often-deadly consequences of distracted driving with a simple reminder: Drop it and drive."

Hinsdale police joined forces with the Illinois State Police, local law enforcement and highway safety partners for this enforcement effort.

The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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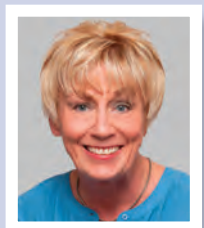
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Motherhood comes naturally for first-time mom

Carolyn and Chris Hart bought a house in Hinsdale in 2021, not knowing at the time that it would soon be home to a family of three.

After a lengthy renovation project during which the Harts lived in Carolyn’s brother’s basement just next door, they moved in in February 2022, leaving them several months to settle in and prepare for the next big event in their lives — the birth of baby Ashley.

Hart became a mother on June 29, 2022, and will celebrate her first Mother’s Day as a mom Sunday.

Prior to Ashley’s arrival, Hart said the thought of caring for an infant was scary and overwhelming. And although motherhood has its challenges, Hart said much of it has come naturally.

“Your mother’s instinct really kicks in,” she said.

What she wasn’t prepared for is the intense love she immediately felt for her daughter.

“I don’t know what I was expecting,” she said. “It’s a love like you’ve never experienced before. It’s a love I didn’t know I was capable of having.”

At 10 months, Ashley’s

personality is emerging, and she’s gearing up to take her first steps. Along with Ashley, Hart said she and her husband also are learning each day.

Being a new mom can be isolating, but the move to Hinsdale means Hart is surrounded by family. It also means she is part of a supportive and friendly community.

Ashley and her mom enjoy walks to Starbucks and a music class at The Community House, where Hart is building a network of other moms. She said the summer will come with even more opportunities to get to know her new hometown and the people in it.

“We’re really excited for Uniquely Thursdays to kick off this summer,” Hart said.

Soon, Ashley will begin forming her own friendships at Village Children’s Academy.

“We’re already building a network of kids who will be in her life for many years to come,” Hart said.

After a lengthy maternity leave, Hart returned to work early this year. At first, she said she wasn’t sure she liked working remotely, but she’s



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found the perks. On the one day a week when her mother-in-law comes to babysit, Hart enjoys popping out of her office for a quick snuggle with Ashley.

Hart’s first Mother’s Day will include a brunch with her family, including her sister and her new baby.

“It’s the first Mother’s Day for both of us,” she said.

Hart said her favorite thing

about being Ashley’s mom is watching the relationship grow between her husband and daughter.

“It’s made my love for my husband stronger, as well,” she said.

Hart said being a mom has also changed the way she feels about her own mother as she has developed a new appreciation for the stress and worry that she no doubt

caused her mother just by growing up.

“I look at her in a whole new light,” she said.

Still, Hart said motherhood so far has caused far less anxiety than she expected, largely due to the support of family and friends, old and new.

“It truly takes a village,” she said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Moms mean the world to their kids, at any age

Sunday we once again will celebrate the women we call Mom.

Moms, it seems, do it all. They can soothe a crying baby and quiet the tantrums of a toddler. They can bandage a scraped knee and cook up just the right comfort food to heal hurt feelings. They are our caretakers, teachers, mentors, cheerleaders, friends and confidants.

Mothers might work inside the home or outside the home or even find a way to do both at the same time when the need arises.

They hold every kind of job, from PTO volunteer to CEO.

Most moms are quick to give advice, whether or not we want to listen. And, as we sometimes discover too late, they often are right.

Some of us are lucky enough to have our moms well into adulthood. We can rely on

them for advice on parenting our own kids (and for spoiling those grandkids every now and then!)

Others lose their mothers to illness or accident long before they have the chance to truly know them. Hopefully other women in their lives were able to step in and help fill that void.

Some lament that being a mom (or a dad, but their day isn't until next month) can be heartbreaking, because if you do it right, you'll find you're out of a job.

But as these quotes from grown adults — including one former First Lady — illustrate, we never outgrow our moms.

"When someone asks you where you come from, the answer is your mother." — Anna Quindlen

"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the

bottom of which you will always find forgiveness." — Honore de Balzac

"A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity, it dates all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path." — Agatha Christie

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." — Erma Bombeck

"I think in a lot of ways unconditional love is a myth. My mom's the only reason I know it's a real thing." — Conor Oberst

"A mother's love liberates." — Maya Angelou

"A mom is like a teabag. You can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." — Eleanor Roosevelt

Happy Mother's Day!

COMMENTARY

Celebrating all women who have mothered me

Each of us had a mother.

Whether we knew that woman, loved — or even liked — her, still have her or lost her to death or estrangement, we all are born to a mother.

Those of us who are very, very fortunate have multiple women who have offered some kind of mothering to us in our lives. I feel lucky to count myself in this group.

First, of course, was my Mom. In a way, she was a study of opposites. She could be very emotional at times, but she also could be unbelievably strong. She was incredibly strict and yet ridiculously silly.

I was fairly sick as a child, with bouts of bronchitis-turned-pneumonia landing me in the hospital each year for much of elementary school. A well-wisher had given me a crocheted Raggedy Ann puppet, and on nights when I needed some cheering up, my mom would make her come to life.

I don't remember what Raggedy Ann said, but I can still see my Mom sitting on the edge of my bed, her right hand transformed into a

favorite friend. It's one of my treasured childhood memories of my mom, whom I lost in 2020.

Then there was my grandma Gladys, my dad's mom. She was a woman ahead of her time.

I had a wonderful collection of international dolls thanks to her work with a travel agency, which took her all over the world. She wrote pieces for the local paper and loved to cook. Among her specialties were a casserole she called "supper dish" and a molded lime Jello she filled with cottage cheese and pineapple and served with Miracle Whip. (Weird, but it was the '70s.) She connected me with her nephew, my cousin Peter, a successful Harvard grad whose encouragement was partly responsible for me going to college. My grandma was strong, too, living through a divorce and the loss of her son, my Uncle Don, when he was still a young man.



Pamela Lannom

While the role of godmother is ceremonial for many, mine did not approach it that way. My mom's childhood best friend, Betty, is my godmother — and is she a good one! I had the best-dressed Barbies on the block, donned in her handmade clothes, ready to serve as flight attendants on my Barbie airplane or perform in a ballet or lounge around in their PJs.

My daughter benefited from Betty's sewing prowess as well, with wonderful outfits for her American Girl dolls. The clothes were great, but it was the love with which she created them that made them so special.

My best friend, Michelle, might seem like an unlikely candidate to put on this list, but she belongs here. She became a mother more than a decade before I did. I learned so much from watching her care for her twin daughters, Elizabeth and Katie, who were born very early and

needed so much help for the first several months of their lives. And as I followed my own quite lengthy journey to become a mother, she was so gracious in allowing me to pour all the love I felt in my heart onto her baby girls. They are grown women now, and I can't wait to celebrate with them at Katie's wedding this summer.

My birth mom, Pat, took her place on this list after we first connected in 2020. I now know whom I look like and where my love of writing and The Rolling Stones comes from. She never knew me as a baby, but has offered me love and support and laughs as an adult that I will treasure forever.

I can't forget Ainsley, who made me a mom 14 years ago. Her love has enriched my life in ways she probably won't understand until she becomes a mother herself.

What an amazing group of women I have to celebrate on Sunday.

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Do you believe
in Kismet?

"When the student is ready the teacher appears. When the student is truly ready the teacher disappears."
— Lao Tzu



Lisa Seplak

I love that quote. Aren't we all students making discoveries about ourselves and the world throughout our lives? We are if we're awake. I know I've learned a lot since becoming a parent some 23 years ago. I don't normally get all philosophical, but I was trying to think of ideas for this essay when I passed by Peirce Park and saw Little League season has begun. Oh, I love the buzz of the players, the smell of cheeseburger smoke from the Pitchin' Kitchen, the sun on the outfield, the dads coaching kids. When I was a Little League mom, I remember parents serendipitously topping off a plastic cup with tasty libations from their car trunks. Wonder if they still do that?

Are you a student of baseball? Some people consider it an art form. The pitching, the fielding. That's great, but growing up as an ardent Cubs fan, I don't understand that. Games at Wrigley seemed more like a beer fest if my memory holds. "Beer an inning," was my friends' battle cry. Anyway, I haven't been to Wrigley in years. Married a White Sox fan, and my kid's a White Sox fan too. Seriously, that might be considered sacrilege in Chicago.

Which leads me to my favorite art form, writing. I've loved it for as long as I can remember, working on

school newspapers in high school and college. After graduating, I left it behind when my life moved in a different direction. Then one day years ago, after a Little League game, I rushed to the library to return books.

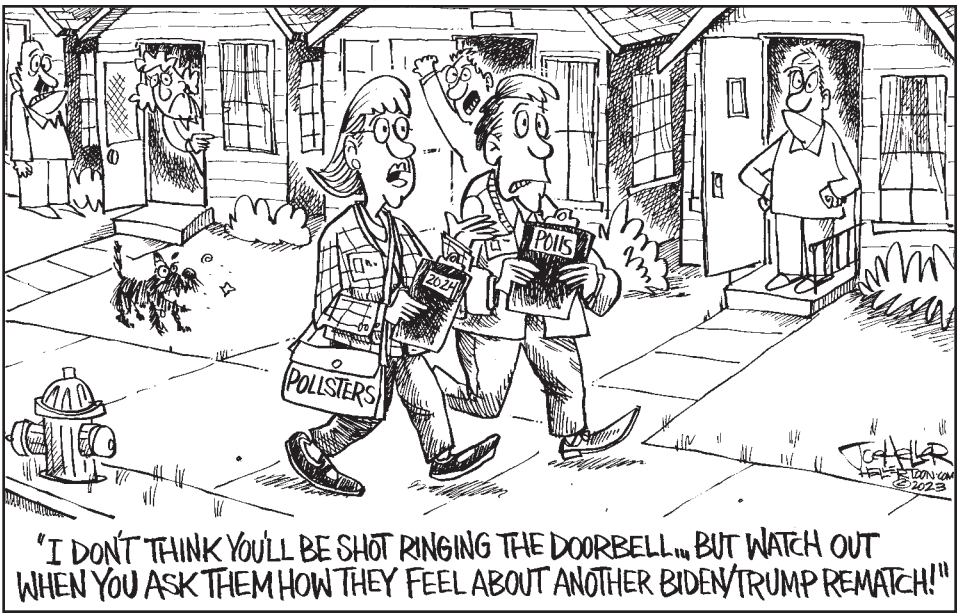
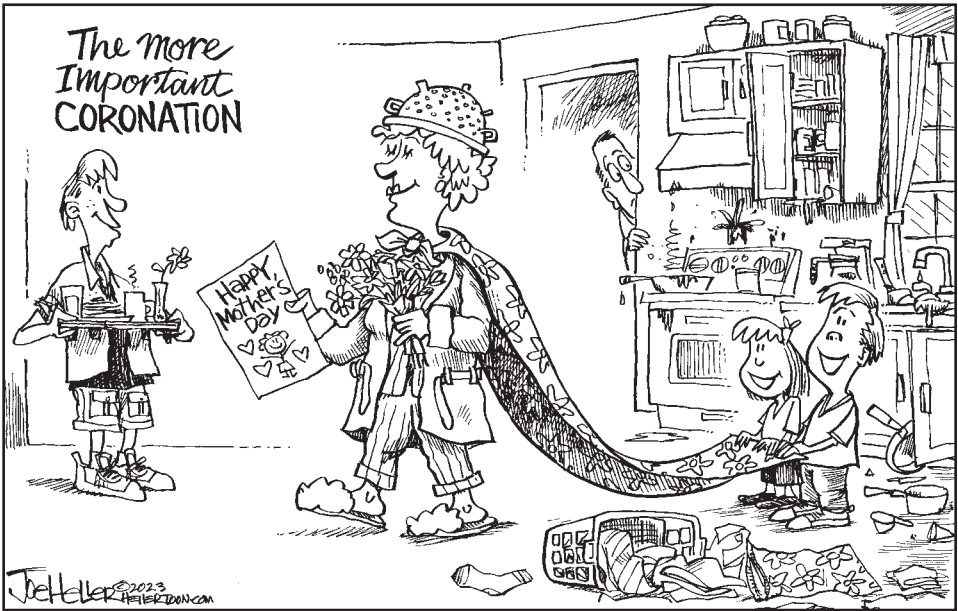
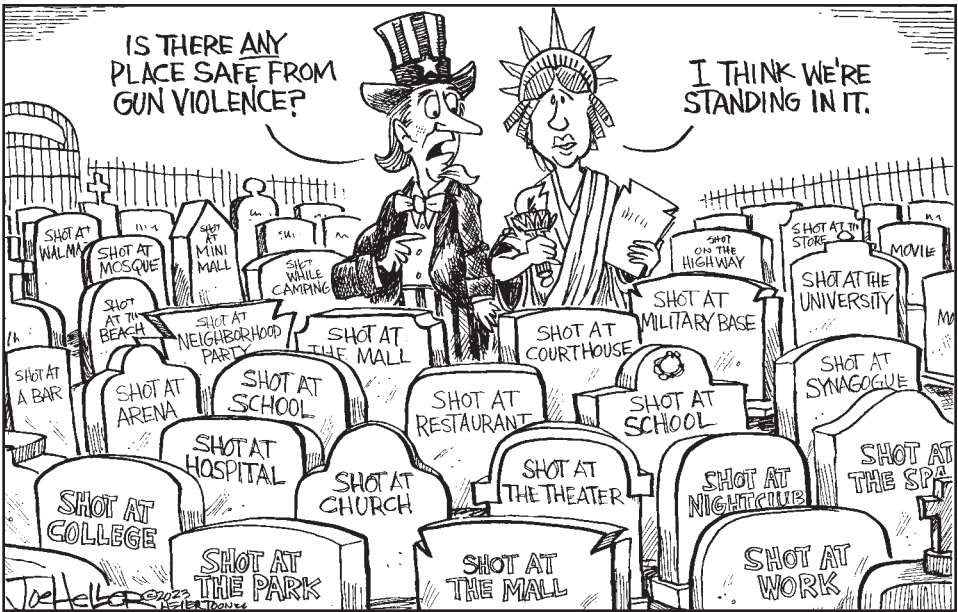
Tripping up the cement steps, opening the heavy wooden doors just before closing time. I wasn't looking for any new books that day, I was just minding my own business, trying not to get fined, when I discovered "Writer Mama" by Christina Katz and "How to Become a Famous Writer Before You're Dead" by Ariel Gore. Kismet? Maybe.

Since then, I've taken online classes, attended retreats with those writers. Before my first team call with Christina, I paced the house, wondering if my writing would be good enough? With shaking hands, I grabbed a bottle of white from the fridge, downed two glasses. The call went great. And that, as they say, was that. I identify as a writer now.

Thanks to Pam and The Hinsdalean for giving me the opportunity to be a contributing columnist. A final quote from a boss of mine who often said, "Grasshopper, there is no perfect world." Maybe, but Hinsdale comes pretty darn close.

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

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Harvey Drucker

Dr. Harvey Drucker, 82, a longtime resident of Clarendon Hills, passed away May 6, 2023, at his home in Downers Grove, surrounded by his loving family.

Above all else, Harvey's life was defined by love and by the nearly 58-year marriage he shared with his wife, Betty.

Harvey was born in Chicago in 1941. His childhood was spent with his parents, brother George and sister Dianne, and a large and loving extended family made up of his grandparents and many aunts, uncles and cousins. While studying for his PhD in biochemistry and microbiology at the University of Illinois, Harvey met the love of his life, Elizabeth "Betty," who he was wise enough to marry in 1965.

After graduation, Harvey and Betty relocated while he completed his post-doc at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center. The couple then moved to Richland, Wash., where Harvey worked as division director of the biology department at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. While in Richland, Harvey and Betty welcomed their two daughters, Debra (Jared Young) Drucker and Sheri (Dan) Drucker Davis of Hinsdale.

The young family enjoyed life along the Columbia River until they returned to the Chicago area, where Harvey served as associate laboratory director for energy, environmental and biological research at Argonne National Laboratory. After 9/11, Harvey also served as



Drucker

director of Argonne's research and development effort for national security. A true patriot, Harvey used his scientific ability and knowledge to develop and implement technologies aimed at protecting the country from bioterrorism.

Harvey will be remembered by all who knew him for his brilliant mind, quick wit, and highly tuned moral compass. Although Harvey's contributions to science were numerous, his greatest accomplishment was his family.

He was extremely proud of his grandsons, Matthew and Luke Davis and Athen Young, and his step-grandsons, Andrew and Rory Davis. Harvey enjoyed a special bond with his brother, George Drucker, and his niece and nephew, Lindsay Drucker Lynch and Andrew Drucker, as well as a love/hate relationship with the Chicago Cubs and Bears.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Fay Beezy Drucker; and his sister, Dianne Drucker.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13, at Hinsdale United Methodist Church, 945 S. Garfield Ave.

A service will follow at the church at 11 a.m.

Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

Memorials may be made online to the West Suburban Humane Society at www.wshs-dg.org.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Newenka DuMont

Newenka DuMont, 61, of Hinsdale passed away peacefully May 4, 2023, in Hinsdale with her husband, Yannis Arvanitis, and children, Zeph and Ethan, at her side. Her parents, Stephen and Barbara, and her sisters, Kevelyn Belden and Mischy, were able to be with her the night before to share their love and say goodbye.

Newenka was a friend, loving wife and



DuMont

life partner, outstanding mother, strong advocate and leader for gifted education, and general instigator of mirth and adventure. She will be sorely missed by all the family and friends who had the privilege of knowing her.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Dorothy Virginia Girgis

Dorothy Virginia Girgis, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away May 4, 2023, in her California home with family at her side.

Her romance with the love of her life never faded during her 63-year marriage to Dr. Tawfik F. Girgis. They met in 1957 when Dorothy took her mother to see Dr. Girgis for treatment and then ended up as his patient herself. Dorothy was the epitome of devotion and support for her marriage, their three children and her husband's medical practice.

Even so, Jesus was her first love. Her family takes comfort in her strong faith, love for Bible study and church and her longing to be with her parents, Adolf and Margaret Amundson, and her brother, Robert (Virginia) Amundson, in heaven.

She had a strong Norwegian Viking spirit that was lively, funny and tenacious. Dorothy was an accomplished pianist, had a love for cooking international dishes (especially Egyptian and Norwegian), hosting parties, fellowshiping with girlfriends in Bible study, antiquing, and in earlier years tennis and serving as a member of the Infant Welfare. She loved, appreciated and enjoyed the friends and staff at her golf clubs in California and Illinois. She was very proud of her putting when



Girgis

she rode in the golf cart with her hubby.

A high school graduate of Glenbard West, she attended McMurray College for Women and took secretarial classes. She went on to work for NBC for two years and then became an executive of Standard Oil Co.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Tawfik F. Girgis; her children Margaret (Eric) Umsted, Robert (Laura) Girgis and John (Michele) Girgis; her grandchildren, JT (Allie) Sandstedt, Alyssa Girgis, Ali (Brent) Phillip, Robert Girgis, Emily Girgis, Ellie Girgis, Madeleine Girgis, Mimi Girgis, Ashley (Brad) Stollberg, Kevin Umsted and Cara (Aaron) Foster; her great-grandchildren, Ezekiel Tawfik Phillip, James Ben and Madeline Stollberg, Eloise Foster; and her niece and nephews, Mary (Bryan) Hartman, Robert (Josie) Amundson and Steven (Amy) Amundson.

A family burial will take place at the end of May. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Christ Church of Oak Brook at www.christ-church.us or Alzheimer's Association at <https://act.alz.org>.

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OBITUARIES

Martin Leonard Gmeiner

Martin Leonard Gmeiner of Hinsdale passed away peacefully with his family by his side May 5, 2023.

Marty was born in Neenah, Wis., in 1941 to Janet and Seymore. He grew up in Highland Park and attended Highland Park High School where he met his lifelong golfing buddies, adventurers and dear friends Barry Golden, Bill Phillips, Bob Luckman, Charlie Dixon, Harry Vignocchi, John Scornavaco, Ronnie Foreman and Wayne Bellei.

After high school, Marty attended Miami of Ohio on a golf scholarship and joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. After college Marty worked for Shell Oil Co. and met his future wife, Nancy, while living in downtown Chicago. In 1978 Marty moved his family to Hinsdale when had an opportunity to purchase the Arco ampm on the corner of York and Ogden in Hinsdale. This would soon become the Shell Food Mart. As he continued to purchase other stations along the way, one of which he owned with his dear brother Tom, he formed DCT Inc. (Dream Come True Inc). Marty's entrepreneurial spirit never faded. In 1995 he helped found The Royal Buying Group with business partner and loyal friend, Bob Juckniess.

In 2008, John Archer and Robin Gabriel, Marty's 25-year trusted employees, purchased the Shell Food Mart from him and still run the store today.

Marty was a Hinsdale Rotarian and honored to serve as the club's president in 1985. He was an



Gmeiner

avid golfer and enjoyed many rounds at his favorite clubs and courses with family and friends. He also loved fly fishing and cast fishing at his family's cottage in White Lake, Wis. He cherished family time at the cottage, especially family jam sessions around the bonfire on the beach.

Marty was a true gentleman and mentor to many. He never left a stone unturned, and accomplished every dream he set his mind to in life. He will always be remembered for his generosity, drive and perseverance.

He always put family and friends before himself. He had many favorite expressions and mannerisms that all who knew him will never forget.

Marty is survived by his wife, Nancy Nelson Gmeiner; his two daughters, Kimberly Williams and Alicia Gmeiner; his son-in-law, Michael Williams; his two grandsons, Charlie and Max Williams; his sister, Susie Frost; his brother, Tom Gmeiner; his three nephews, Jeff Frost, Eric (Jessa Wallendal) Frost and Chris (Lindsay Hufford) Frost; and his niece, Carrie Gmeiner (Phil) Cole.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 22, at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S Madison St., Willowbrook.

Family and Friends will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave., for a celebration of life service.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Robert H. Jeffers Jr.

Robert H. Jeffers Jr., 74, of Hinsdale died May 5, 2023.

Bob was born in 1949 to Robert H. Jeffers Jr. and Ruth Mary Mahan Jeffers in Leominster, Mass. From age 9 he grew up in Glen Ellyn, where he had a picture-perfect childhood that included Boy Scouts, tennis, stamp collecting and a door-to-door egg sales route. He graduated from Glenbard West in 1967 and Marquette University in 1971, as a member of Alpha Delta Gamma Fraternity with a bachelor's in history.

He started his career in the credit department at Marshall Fields & Co., eventually landing a job at Illinois Bell. Illinois Bell transitioned into many divisions of AT&T, where he met and married Sara. Bob and Sara lived in Hinsdale for 34 years, raising Patrick & Maddie in their little red brick house with a white picket fence.

Bob was a great parent and volunteered with many of the kids' activities. His favorite clothing style was shirts and sweaters emblazoned with his kids' alma maters and schools where they taught: University of Tulsa, Montana State, Aaniiih Nakoda College, Indiana University, Pinon High School, and Plano High School. There was never a prouder dad.

Bob was an active participant in the Democratic Party of DuPage County for more than two decades. He served as precinct com-

mitteeman in both Milton and Downers Grove townships and was the treasurer of both townships as well. His experience enabled him to serve as the Democratic Party of DuPage County Treasurer for 24 years, stepping down in 2018. In recognition of his long-term commitment, he was awarded the Tinker Harvey Pioneer Award in 2012.

Bob retired from AT&T in 2015 after 37 years, avoiding 29 lay-offs and downsizings.

He was an often smiling, good, kind man that will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He died after a series of debilitating strokes.

He is survived by his wife, Sara Byron; his children, Patrick Jeffers and Madeleine Jeffers; his sister, Trisha (Peter) Pugal; his siblings-in-law, Peg Hershberger, Tom Byron, Trudy (Ned) Byron Fahy, Jeanne (John) Ferguson and Peter Pugal; 10 nieces and nephews; and 13 great-nieces and -nephews.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

Friends and family will gather at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 13, before proceeding to Saint Isaac Jogues Church, 306 West Fourth St., Hinsdale, for an 11 a.m. Mass. Interment will be private.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Wieslaw Wroblewski

Wieslaw Wroblewski, 61, of Clarendon Hills died May 6, 2023.

He is survived by his wife, Agnieszka Wroblewski, nee Razniewska; his two sons, Michael (Angela) Wroblewski and Paul Wroblewski; and his grandchildren, Sofia, Victoria.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Mia.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 today, May 11, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St.,

Hinsdale.

Friends and family will gather at 8:45 a.m. Friday, May 12, at the funeral home before proceeding to St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish Church, 3010 S. 48th Court, Cicero, for a 10 a.m. funeral Mass.

Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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BARBARA DAWES, FIRST-GRADE TEACHER

What has your teaching career taught you?

Growing up in Willowbrook, Barbara Dawes was familiar with many of the schools in neighboring Hinsdale. But her childhood bike rides never reached The Lane School, so getting there for a job interview in the pre-GPS era proved a challenging assignment.

"I almost passed it by," Dawes confessed.

That was 34 years ago. On June 2, Dawes will dismiss her first-grade class for the final time, thankful for her "hidden gem" of a workplace and the hundreds of lives she's come alongside during her tenure.

"I can't say enough about the wonderful kids that go here, the supportive parents and all my colleagues," she said. "It's been like a home away from home for me."

The second week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week, an especially poignant occasion this year for Dawes, who taught third grade her first 17 years at The Lane before moving to first grade. Leading a classroom was her

dream profession.

"I always wanted to be a teacher, since I was a kid," Dawes said. "I can name every one of my elementary school teachers and tell you something about them. They made such an impression on me."

Because school openings were less plentiful in the 1980s, however, Dawes earned a bachelor's degree in business finance as a fall-back.

"But I went right back to school and got my masters in teaching," she said.

She began at Gower West — her alma mater — followed by a year teaching in Villa Park before she found a permanent home with the Bulldogs.

Since Dawes started there, the school has shifted from the open-concept design of her early years and has doubled in size. And while curriculum and instructional methods have periodically changed, reading with the children — augmented with dramatic intonation and facial expressions — has been a constant.

"That's what I'm probably going to miss the most is reading every day to the children," she said.

By Dawes' calculation she's had

766 different pupils under her tutelage. Last fall she reached out to former students with a request that they update her on their journeys in life and share a favorite memory from their year in her class. The responses she's received (and still accepting at The Lane) have filled her with pride.

"When I look at these kids — who are in their 30's now — and what they're doing with their lives," Dawes said, becoming emotional, "it's amazing."

Worried that the announcement of her retirement at the start of the year would give families a false notion of her commitment level, she made clear it would be a farewell tour to remember.

"I told (Principal Brandon Todd) I was going to finish strong," Dawes said. "I like to think I'm going out at the top of my game,"

Travel and other plans await in retirement — but don't be surprised if that substitute next year looks familiar.

"Being a teacher is not just what I do, it is who I am, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked in education for all of these years," she said.

— by Ken Knutson



Barbara Dawes is enjoying the last few weeks in her first-grade classroom at The Lane School before her retirement. Dawes spent 34 of her 36 years teaching at The Lane, her "home away from home." (photo by Jim Slonoff)

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GOOD NEWS

SENIOR EARNS MERIT AWARD

Annika Geiersbach of Hinsdale, a senior at St. Ignatius College Prep, is one of 840 distinguished high school seniors who have won corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards. She has received the National Merit Boeig Scholarship.

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. recently released the names of the first group of winners in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholars were selected from students who advanced to the Finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and met criteria of their scholarship sponsors. Corporate sponsors provide scholarships for finalists who are children of their employees, who are residents of communities the company serves, or who plan to pursue college majors or careers the sponsor wishes to encourage.

CENTRAL STUDENTS ARE RECOGNIZED

- Tiffany Tu earned national honors from the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers in conjunction with its Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. She won a Silver Medal and American Visions Medal in the painting category for her piece titled "Conversation." She qualified for nationals after winning a Gold Key in the regional competition.

- Carly Hurst performed in the preliminaries for the Rooted & Radical Youth Poetry Festival. She was recognized as an All-Star Poet and her poem "Like a Girl" earned the 2023 Speak Award, which honors poets who "explore their identity and spark necessary conversation, exposing the changes that must be made." She performed the poem and received her award at an April 22 showcase.

- Senior Alysha Haverkos'

entry in the University of Illinois' FSHN Food Challenge Contest earned her a scholarship in food science for the 2023-24 academic year. Haverkos won the award for the Red Wheat Stroopwafel recipe she submitted for the food science category and its theme "2 Weeks on the Shelf."

COLLEGE STUDENT WINS AWARD

Lucia Battaglia of Hinsdale won the Bruin Award at this year's Belmont Student Leadership Awards, hosted by the Division of Student Formation April 12.

The Bruin Award represents the highest honor bestowed by the Division for Student Formation. The award recognizes junior and senior students who have exemplified Belmont's aspirational aims by consistently engaging in campus life and demonstrating outstanding service to the campus community through significant participation in campus leadership.

More than 72 student leaders, staff and faculty members were recognized for their leadership and service, with the event's "Everyday Champions" theme being inspired by the university's focus on being radical champions for all.

BARR HONORED FOR PHILANTHROPY

Hinsdale's Robert Barr was recently commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Gov. Andy Beshear, the highest title of honor bestowed by the Kentucky governor, in recognition of his work as founder and CEO of Operation Deployed supporting the military through care packages. The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels is a voluntary philanthropic organization, to which Barr was nominated for membership by Col. Thomas Mohler, a chaplain in the Texas Army National Guard.

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Teens take steps for mental health

Walk the Walk helps The Community House offer counseling on a sliding scale



Moira Hughes (from left), Kavya Ravi and Maya Menon, members of The Community House Junior Board, have been busy getting ready for the Walk the Walk for Mental Health spring fundraiser May 21. They hope the color walk will raise money for counseling services at The Community House and give families an opportunity to talk about mental health in a fun environment. (photo courtesy of Maya Menon, file photo)



By Pamela Lannom
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About 2.7 million youth are experiencing severe major depression.

Sixty percent of youth with major depression do not receive mental health treatment.

Some 1.2 million U.S. youth with private insurance do not have coverage for mental or emotional challenges.

Hinsdale Central juniors Maya Menon, Moria Hughes and Kavya Ravi are working to do what they can to change those statistics. The Junior Board members at The Community House have been helping to plan the Walk the Walk for Mental Health, set for May 21. (See Page 30 for details.)

High school is a challenging time, Menon said, especially for teens who went through the pandemic their freshman year.

"I've seen a lot of people struggle with mental health — people of all ages," Menon said. "It's really important to show that it's something we should be afraid to talk about because every person experiences it."

Seventy percent of people who receive counseling at The Community House are younger than 24, Menon said. And they are able to access those services on a sliding scale, Ravi noted.

"The other thing that's really cool about the services The Community House provides is that the cost isn't always the same, because a lot of people can't pay for the services they need," Ravi said. "It shouldn't just be the people who can afford it who have access."

The event itself can be a springboard for conversation about mental health, Hughes said, and a way to create community.

"I think Walk the Walk is a neat way for everyone to support their community members," she said. "I'm most looking forward to seeing all of the families and everyone come together to participate."

Following the one-mile color walk, participants can enjoy music, food trucks, games, vendors and face painters.

Menon is co-president of the

Junior Board this year and Hughes and Ravi are the event liaisons.

As they work on publicity, they've kept their target audience in mind.

"One big thing that we've been doing is making Tik Toks and using that to promote the walk because obviously that's really huge with teenagers, and so that's something that we've done that's a little bit different than year's past," Ravi said.

Their favorite features Forrest Gump running down the street with a "Walk, don't run" message.

"Something else that we've been doing is going and talking to the local schools at the elementary and middle schools and presenting it at their lunch periods about the walk and getting the students excited about signing up," Hughes said.

The District 181 elementary school with the most participants will win the Big Blue Shoe award. Ravi donned a Big Blue Shoe costume when she went to talk to kids at Elm School.

"It was cool how into it all the kids were and how much they knew about mental health," she said.

Dan Janowick, executive director at The Community House, said the junior board members have done a wonderful job planning the event.

"I think for me, as a parent of a high schooler, it's inspiring to see young people who want to give back to their community," he said. "For this group specifically, their willingness to talk about mental health in a way my generation probably never would have is an important part of what they are trying to accomplish."

Janowick said he expects almost 500 people will participate.

"There was a lot of excitement last year with it being a color walk. People really enjoyed it," he said. "The word has spread."

Last year the event raised \$30,000 to help pay for highly qualified therapists provide some 1,500 sessions a year of therapy. Janowick noted that the number of counselors who provide care on a sliding scale is dwindling. And demand is increasing.

"This is a need that is not going away," he said.



Spring will be in full bloom Saturday for the wine tasting at Morton Arboretum. See Page 34 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ **The Arf Gallery at HHS**
May 12
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/events/the-arf-gallery-at-hhs

Local artists of all ages will donate animal-themed artwork to be displayed and for sale at this event, with all proceeds going to help adoptable animals. There will also be a raffle for a family pack of six day passes to Brookfield Zoo. Artwork remaining after the event will be available for purchase online for one week. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5, \$3 for ages 12 and under.

■ **Figure Drawing with Live Model**
May 18
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Join this monthly class for figure drawing with a live, draped model and learn pro-

portion, shading and how to capture movement in a subject. Supplies are included, and all skill levels are welcome. Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$60. RR, MD

CENTRAL TIME

■ **HCHS Booster Board**
May 24
Grill 89
800 E. Ogden Ave.,
Westmont
www.theboosters.com

The public is invited to the 2022-23 school year's final Hinsdale Central High School Booster Board meeting. All HCHS parents interested in joining the board are welcome to stop by for food and drinks to learn more. Time: 6:30 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

■ **HPL Con**
May 13
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Come out to this library-wide event offering a welcoming,

social space for pop culture fans of all ages, including those passionate about films, books, video games, anime, music and more. Con-goers are encouraged to come dressed in costumes that pay homage to beloved characters. Visit the website above for a full list of detailed activities. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **Fishing: With Mom**
May 14
Hidden Lake
Route 53 south of Butterfield Road, Downers Grove
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Spend the morning by the lake with the mom in your life, creating memories and learning skills to increase your fishing successes. Hours: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$5. RR

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■ **Letter Carriers' Food Drive**
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Mixed Media Craft
July 3, 5, 6, 7, Paper Fan-Butterfly, Make Felt Bag, Paint on a T-shirt, Metallic Rock Paint

Art with Wood
July 10-13, 2D Wood Art, Bird House, Acrylic on Wood, 3D Wood Art

Mixed Art Technique
July 17- 20, Marble Mosaic Art, Water Marbling Paint, Oil Pastel, Screen Print

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Post Pet Parade Party to support humane society

The Hinsdale Humane Society has been giving its canine and feline residents a new lease on life for 70 years now.

Just look at the original Morris the Cat of the 9 Lives brand cat food. It was at the society that he embarked on his decade-long career as a nationally-recognized spokescat. The famous feline and his handler started a movement to encourage the hiring of shelter animals in television.

While Morris' show business story is unique, the end result for the society's four-legged friends is not. Whether they are placed in a forever home or foster care, the humane society is a lifeline for giving its dogs and cats a second chance at happiness.

The nonprofit relies on donors to help offset the cost of care, medication and training for the more than 2,000 animals who rely on the society annually.

"We are raising funds to help throughout the rest of the year," said Emily Sanders, marketing director. "We've had a lot of transports and an influx of pets coming in due to

the pandemic. People weren't spaying and neutering or vaccinating their pets. It wasn't considered important enough during the shutdown. And with a shortage of veterinarians, there is an overabundance of animals that need help and medical care."

The society works with 10 surrounding communities to help ensure the animals' needs are met. Sanders added that the society routinely works with law enforcement who bring animals in directly as well as with other shelters that are unable to accommodate the animals. According to Sanders, the nonprofit currently has 253 animals in its shelter and 32 in its care via foster families.

And this year, to help raise awareness for its fundraising goals, the Hinsdale Humane Society is partnering with organizers of the La Grange Pet Parade for an afterparty at the society's Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center in Hinsdale.

"This is actually the first time we



Alexis Braden
Society spotlight

are partnering with the La Grange Pet Parade," Sanders said. "We will be in the parade and then invite the communities back to the party. We are trying to include events and activities that will apply to everyone. This is a major fundraiser to help as many animals as we can."

The summer kick-off celebration, which will be the second fundraising event for the society this year, will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, and will feature free and ticketed activities for all ages (and pets) including a bounce house, food trucks, a beer stand, concession stations, live music and a whip cream pie eating contest for canine attendees. But most importantly, animals will be available for adoption onsite.

To purchase tickets at \$20 per person, which includes five activity tickets to use at the event, please visit www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/events/post-parade-pet-party. Children 5 and younger are free.

Scoreboard Charities

Scoreboard Charities will host its second annual Meet Me in Manhattan — An Old Fashioned Way to Beat Cancer fundraiser at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Ruth Lake County Club.

Funds raised will support Camp One Step and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

"We have raised and donated \$1.3 million in just six years," said Scoreboard Charities founder Rick Heinz. "But we need to do more. We can fund more cancer research and send more kids with cancer to camp with your help."

Guests will enjoy bourbon tastings paired with gourmet dishes and live music.

To purchase general admission tickets, which are \$150 per person, as well as other entry options, please visit www.scoreboardcharities.com/meet-me-in-manhattan-2023-2/.

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

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■ Sports supply drive

Through May 19
The Lane School
500 N. Elm St.

A group of Lane fourth-graders, in conjunction with a D181 Kids Grant, have teamed up to conduct a sports supply donation drive for new and used sports equipment to benefit They Often Cry Outreach, a U.S. based nonprofit organization that assists youth in the Caribbean through after school sports programming. Sporting supplies needed include soccer balls, cleats, shin guards, volleyballs and basketballs. A donation bucket will be placed at the school's front entrance.

■ Blood drive

May 22
Church of the Holy Nativity
275 S. Richmond Ave,
Clarendon Hills
www.versiti.org/IL
(847) 305-9998

Donors are invited to this blood drive. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Participants will be entered for a chance to win \$1,000 in waterpark resort gift cards. Hours: 2:30 to 7 p.m.

■ Ray Graham golf outing

May 22
River Forest Country Club
15W468 Grand Ave.,
Elmhurst
www.rgagolf.org

The Robert F. Spahn Memorial Golf Classic fundraiser promises a fun-filled day on the links with delicious food and drinks to benefit the Ray Graham Association, a non-profit organization committed to supporting people with disabilities. After the final putt drops, enjoy a reception with a buffet meal and open bar. Time: 8:30 a.m. check in, 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost: \$600, \$2,200 for a foursome.

■ Gallery fundraiser

Through May 26
Boulevard Fine Art
217 Burlington Ave.,
Clarendon Hills
(630) 468-5500

Boulevard Fine Art is closing its doors after 27 years and offering 10 percent of sales to the District 181 Foundation when customers mention District 181. The gallery's annual Art for Education sales have

raised more than \$30,000 to support enrichment programs for D181 schools. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays to Saturday.

GAME ON

■ Boys' youth volleyball clinic

May 20
Hinsdale Central main gym
5500 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalecentral.8to18.com/dashboard/catalog

Kids in first through eighth grade can learn the game of volleyball from current Red Devil varsity players, including proper techniques through strategy and teamwork exercises as well as fun games and competition. Register under "Volleyball-Boys/Youth Camp." Times: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for first-third grade, 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. for fourth-sixth grade, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for seventh- eighth grade. Cost: \$15-\$20. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Warbler Walk

May 14
West DuPage Woods
Route 59 north of Roosevelt Road, Winfield
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■ Bird Walk

May 17
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 West 111th St.,
Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Walk with a naturalist and learn to identify birds by field marks, behavior, sound and habitat. Binoculars will be available for loan. Time: 8:30 a.m.

■ Story Trail

May 17
Bernis Woods-South
Ogden Avenue west of Wolf Road near Western Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(312) 533-5751

Walk a short, looped trail and experience a story unfold with every step. A related craft will be available to take home. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Sunrise Walk

May 18
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Join in a "before hours" walk to experience the dawning of a new day. Time: 5:45 a.m. RR

■ Wildflower Walk

May 20
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
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■ Forest Hike

May 22
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Cass Avenue and Northgate Road, Darien
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Join an environmental interpreter on a quick-paced hike, getting some healthy exercise while enjoying the wonders of the forest preserve. Ages 18 and up. Time: 7 to 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Nature is Accessible

May 24
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Visitors of all abilities are invited to this drop-in event to celebrate nature through accessible activities. Hours: 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Archery: Adults

May 25
Churchill Woods
St. Charles Road just west of Route 53, Glen Ellyn
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Whether a newcomer to the sport or looking for a refresher, join this class to learn safety tips, proper shooting techniques and basic skills. Equipment will be provided. Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

GREEN THUMB

■ Annual Plant Sale

May 13
Hinsdale History Museum

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The Garden Study Club of Hinsdale will hold its annual plant sale, with perennials from members' gardens available for purchase along with English Garden Baskets. Proceeds help fund the club's ongoing maintenance of the Hinsdale History Museum Garden and other Garden Study Club community projects. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2

p.m.

■ Native Plant Sale

May 19-20
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org/native-plant-sale

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District will hold its annual plant sale featuring flowers, grasses, trees and shrubs, all originated from seed collected within 100 miles of

the county and free of insecticides containing neonicotinoids. District plant experts will be on hand to give gardening advice. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own boxes and wagons to transport purchases; cash, credit and checks will be accepted. A list of anticipated inventory is available at the website above. All proceeds from the sale go to support the district's educational programming. Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

May 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 20.

■ Free wood chips

May 20
Blackwell Forest Preserve
29W220 Mack Road, West Chicago
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 876-5920

DuPage Forest Preserve District is offering free wood chips to the public at its native

plant nursery. People should bring vehicles no larger than a pickup truck to load up. Contractors are not allowed. A district employee will help fill the trailers or truck beds. People should bring their own hand tools and containers for smaller amounts. Hours: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

■ Suburban Homesteading

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*Crafternoon:
DIY Birdseed Wreath*

**Thursday, May 18
3:00 pm–4:00 pm**

Make a mini wreath with common pantry items to take home for your wild feathered friends. Register at the Library, over the phone, or online.

Watch Party: On Being Fabulous with Jonathan Van Ness & Kristi Yamaguchi

**Wednesday, May 17
7:00 pm–8:00 pm**

Watch this virtual event while connecting with others and enjoying some pampering and a mocktail at the Library.

Summer Kick-Off Party

**Monday, June 5
2:00 pm–4:00 pm**

School's out for summer! Enjoy games and treats on the Library's lawn while signing up for our summer reading club. (Rain date: Tuesday, June 6)



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PULSE

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garden workshop

May 23
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Learn about the basics of seed starting, including how to start seeds indoors, where to buy starter plants, transplanting into the garden bed and companion planting. Also get tips on maintaining a garden through watering, weed prevention and overall plant health. The program is offered in person and online; advance registration includes free parking. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Chair Yoga

May 15
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Certified yoga instructor Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga will lead this experience of movement and relaxation to improve joint health, core strength, range of motion, balance and deep breathing in this virtual program. Participants do not need to get down on the floor. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. RR

■ Hustle for the House strength/conditioning class

May 16
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Experience a one-of-a-kind workout experience for a good cause, with all proceeds going to support The Community House programming. The Hustle Fitness-led class is a mix of strength training exercises and cardio conditioning, breaking down exercises to focus on form and muscular endurance. Beginners and intermediates are welcome, and refreshments will be served afterward. The registration deadline is May 14. Time: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$12. RR. MD

■ Self-Compassion and Cancer

May 18
www.wellnesshouse.org

In this online talk, Kristin Neff will present theory and research on self-compassion, shown to be powerfully associated with psychological and physical well-being as well as strength and resilience for those affected by cancer. The

session will include short practices to allow participants to give themselves compassion when needed in daily life, followed by time for questions.

Related programs on self-compassion are slated for May 25-June 30. See website listed above for details. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Music and the Mind

May 19
Marriott Naperville
1801 N. Naper Blvd.
www.eehealth.org/loh

Linden Oaks Behavioral Health is hosting this lecture and recital to bring attention and resources to mental health awareness and treatment. Psychiatrist and master pianist Dr. Richard Kogan will speak on mental health and perform a recital devoted to the music and mind of Leonard Bernstein. Proceeds from the evening will fund Linden Oaks' programs, services and capital needs for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses and substance abuse. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. cocktails, 6 to 6:45 p.m. dinner, 6:45 to 8:15

p.m. performance. Tickets: \$175.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Sculpture Vultures

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

Kids ages 6-12 will upcycle odds and ends from the Art Studio into whatever they imagine for a fun, crafty, three-dimensional, eco-conscious afternoon. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$25. RR

■ Storytime with Elsa!

May 16
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join this Snow Queen storytime full of singing and engaging storytelling, with a meet-and-greet session at the end. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. RR

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■ Code Your Name!

May 23
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids in grades three through eight can design a necklace or bracelet with their name using binary code and beads. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Scouts BSA Girl Troop Info meeting

May 21
Covenant Church
412 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale

Girls ages 11-17 and their parents are invited to learn about the adventure and life skills provided by the BSA program now open to girls. For more information, email marysatchwell@gmail.com or call (773) 751-9517. Time: 7:30 p.m.

NOTEWORTHY

■ Symphonic Song

May 13

Wentz Concert Hall
171 E. Chicago Ave.,
Naperville
www.dupagesymphony.org

Grammy Award-winning soprano Sarah Brailey will join the DuPage Symphony Orchestra for Samuel Barber's poignant "Knoxville: Summer of 1915" in the DSO's final concert of the season. The program will also feature Barber's high energy "Overture to The School for Scandal" and Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 1 in D, the first of the Mahler's so-called Wunderhorn symphonies. A free open dress rehearsal of the concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11 at Wentz Hall. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$43.

■ Glenn Miller Orchestra

May 14
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

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Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Pennsylvania 6-5000" and "Rhapsody in Blue." Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$37-\$48.

■ The Jolly Boys of Spring

May 16
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Listen to the sweet spring sounds of the one and only Jolly Boys. Time: 6 p.m. Tickets: \$20. MD

■ 'Pagliacci'

May 20 & 21
St. Paul's UCC
5739 Dunham Road,
Downers Grove
www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org
(630) 384-5007

Sinfonietta Bel Canto presents this Ruggiero Leoncavallo opera, which tells the tale of Canio, actor and theatrical company leader, who murders his wife Nedda and her lover Silvio on stage during a performance. Times: 7 p.m. May 20, 3 p.m. May 21. Tickets: \$22, \$20 for seniors, \$7 for students.

ON STAGE

■ 'Who Hijacked my Fairy Tale?'

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www.atthemac.org
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Join Kelly Swanson, award-winning storyteller, comedian, motivational speaker and author of "Who Hijacked My Fairy Tale?" as she covers everything from muffin tops to age spots to "the girls" gone wild in a laughter-filled evening about being a woman in today's world. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30-\$40.

■ Lewis Black

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The "King of Rant," is back with his all-new Off the Rails Tour. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$62-\$80.

■ 'Grease'

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RUNS & WALKS

■ Walk the Walk for Mental Health

May 21
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Raise money in support of equitable access to life-changing mental health services for children, youth, young adults and their families in this 17th annual event. This one-mile color walk celebrates mental and physical wellness, access to mental health services and ending the stigma associated with discussing mental health and will conclude with a Health Expo featuring local fitness and health vendors, food trucks, games, face painting, music and more. Supporters can also participate virtually. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$30, \$20 for students, \$35 for virtual participants.

SIGN UP NOW

■ **On Being Fabulous watch party**
May 17
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976
“Queer Eye” star Jonathan Van Ness and ice skating Olympic Gold Medalist Kristi

Yamaguchi will chat figure skating and fabulous style in this virtual program. Mocktails and pampering will be provided. The program can also be viewed from the comfort of home. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

■ **DIY Birdseed Wreath**
May 18
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn how to make a mini birdseed wreath for wild feathered friends with common pantry items. This is a make and take workshop for ages 18 and older. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Hinsdale Kitchen Walk**
May 12
Various locations
www.kitchen-walk.com
Timeless Tradition is the theme for this year’s tour of five Hinsdale homes of different styles and eras. Premium Preview ticket holders will be able to access the homes one hour earlier than the general

public. The walk will take place rain or shine, and tickets may be purchased online or day of at Immanuel Hall, 302 S. Grant St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for premium preview. Tickets: \$65, \$75 on the day, \$95 for premium preview.

■ **Kitchen Walk After Party**
May 12
Hinsdale Home Design Center
110 S. Washington St.
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

This event featuring special treats, sweets, wine, coffee and take-home goodies benefits the Hinsdale Humane Society. Canine ambassadors will be on hand to welcome guests. Time: 2:30 to 6 p.m. Tickets: \$50.

■ **Cantigny Spring Fling**
May 13
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
www.cantigny.org
Tour Cantigny’s greenhouse, enjoy live music and food trucks and play yard games like cornhole or giant Jenga at

this festival-like event. Guided garden tours, History Hikes and Tank Park tours will be offered throughout the day, and kids will enjoy garden-themed crafts and storytime sessions about the wonders of spring. A marketplace will feature goods from more than 30 independent vendors and locally owned businesses. Trams will be available to and from the greenhouse. Visit the website above for a full schedule. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$10 per car.

■ **Memorial Day Procession**
May 29
The village of Hinsdale and Hinsdale American Legion Post 250 will honor those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The procession will begin at Third Street and Garfield Avenue, head west to Washington Street, then north on Washington to Memorial Hall where a ceremony will be held. Time: 10 a.m.

■ **Post Pet Parade Party**
June 3
Pet Rescue and Resource

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

The Hinsdale Humane Society is inviting the community back to HHS for a party after the La Grange Pet Parade. This event for all ages features free and ticketed activities including a Kids Dash, live entertainment, food trucks, a beer stand, a small vendor mall, a cash raffle and raffle baskets, online auction (opens May 22), pet costume contest, cake walk, doggie kissing booth, kids tattoo parlor, pie eating contest for dogs, face painting, bounce house, dog agility course, yard sale with new and gently used pet items and more. Tickets include five activity tickets; additional activity tickets can be purchased at the gate or online prior to the event. Raffle tickets are also available online, even for those who are not attending. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20, free for age 5 and under.

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Great night for a Red Devil prom

Hinsdale Central held its prom April 29 at Union Station with post prom on the Odyssey Cruise ship. Students gathered at Central in classrooms before boarding their buses. Amelia McLaughlin and Marin O'Bryon share a hug, while other students spend their time playing cards. Emerson Eck, Daphne Venetsanopoulos and Regan Torsberg pose and Ryann Knapp has a quick snack. Owen Peterson checks out his flower, Ava Ciaradelli and Daniella McMahon stop before getting on their bus, and Carly Hurst, Kate Gleason, Claire Barnard and Hannah Preister pose for a picture. (Jim Slonoff photos)



Pet pic of the week

Pepper is a gentle soul and loves to cuddle with humans. She is dog friendly, house broken, loves walks, chasing squirrels and playing with her stuffies. She has been spayed and is up to date on her vaccinations. Her adoption fee is \$300. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org before arriving. Call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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TEENS & TWEENS

■ Drop-In Teen Game Time

May 12
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976
The library will supply the board games, snacks and a Nintendo Switch in the Teen Lounge — teens just have to show up. Hours: 3:30 to 6 p.m.

■ Dungeons & Dragons Demo

May 17 & 24
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500
Come watch a free demonstration followed by observing an hour of gameplay with currently enrolled students of the RPG Club. Receive a polyhedral dice and create, draw and build characters with original stories and backgrounds. Then act out the character by dressing up (if so desired) and fight the

BBEG (Big Bad Evil Guy) at the conclusion of a quest. Mature age 10 and older encouraged. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. RR

WINE & DINE

■ Spring Wine Tasting

May 13
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
More than 80 wine varieties will be available for sampling from booths spread out along Meadow Lake, the Gerart T. Donnelly Grand Garden and the Frost Hill and the Conifer walking paths. Each ticket includes 25 1-ounce pours and a souvenir tasting glass. Favorite wines will be available for purchase, with 10 percent of all sales coming back to the arboretum. Food also will be available for purchase, and various art vendors will be scattered along the event trail. Hours: noon to 3 p.m. Tickets: \$60, \$75 for VIP access. RR

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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
NOTICE OF HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN to all persons that the
Village of Hinsdale Historic
Preservation Commission
shall conduct a public hearing
on Wednesday, June 7, 2023,
at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial
Building, 19 East Chicago
Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois for
the purpose of considering
various properties for inclusion
on the Historically Significant
Structures Property List within
the Historic Overlay District
of the Village of Hinsdale, in
accordance with the regula-
tions listed in Section 14-7-3
of Title 14 of the Village Code.

Copies of documents relating
to the properties proposed
for inclusion, including legal
descriptions, are on file and
available for public inspection
during regular Village business
hours at the Village offices in
the Memorial Building, 19 East
Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale,
Illinois. Please email Village
Planner Bethany Salmon at
bsalmon@villageofhinsdale.
org for additional information.
This request is known as
HPC-7-2023.

The following properties, as
described below by their com-
mon addresses and property
index numbers, in Hinsdale,

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Illinois, 60521, are currently
located within the established
boundaries of the Village of
Hinsdale's Historic Overlay
District in Cook County,
Illinois and DuPage County,
Illinois, and are proposed to
be considered for inclusion
on the Village's Historically
Significant Structures Property
List:

Properties in
Cook County, IL
1. 707 E. Seventh Street in the
R-1 Single Family Residential
District (PINs: 18-07-300-049-
0000; 18-07-300-056-0000;
18-07-300-081-0000)

Properties in
DuPage County, IL
1. 228 S. Clay Street in the
R-4 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-12-103-015)
2. 142 E. First Street in the
R-1 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-12-207-026)
3. 220 N. Lincoln Street in the
R-4 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-01-318-011)
4. 125 E. Maple Street in the
R-4 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-01-414-030)
5. 516 W. Maple Street in the
R-2 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-02-424-003)
6. 136 N. Washington in the
R-4 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-01-325-007)
7. 223 S. Quincy Street in the
R-4 Single Family Residential
District (PIN: 09-11-221-019)

Inclusion on the Village's
Historically Significant
Structures Property List,
among other things, makes
a property eligible for cer-
tain incentives as detailed in
Chapter 14-7 of the Village
Code.

At said public hearing,
the Historic Preservation
Commission shall accept all
testimony and evidence per-
taining to the said applica-
tions, shall determine whether
each property proposed for
inclusion on the Historically
Significant Structures
Properties List possesses one
or more of the criteria set forth
in Subsection 14-7-3.B. of the
Village Code, and make a rec-
ommendation to the Board of
Trustees as to whether each
property should be included
on the Historically Significant
Structures Property List. The
public hearing may be contin-
ued as to one or more prop-
erties as deemed necessary by
the Commission. All interested
persons are invited to attend
and be heard.

Dated: May 5, 2023

Emily Tompkins,
Village Clerk

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shall conduct a public hear-
ing on Wednesday, June 7,
2023 at 6:30 p.m. to consid-
er a request for a Certificate
of Appropriateness applica-
tion to demolish an existing
single-family house and to
construct a new single-family
house located at 225 E. First
Street. The subject prop-
erty is located in the Hinsdale
Robbins Park Historic District.
The application number is
HPC-6-2022. The applicant is
Courtyard Builders.

Copies of documents relating
to the proposed request are
on file and available for pub-
lic inspection during regular
Village business hours in the
Memorial Building, 19 East
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Illinois.

The common address is 225
E. First Street, Hinsdale, IL
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THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF
SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38
NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST
OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL
MERIDIAN, IN DUPAGE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 09-12-203-016

At said public hearing, the
Hinsdale Historic Preservation
Commission shall accept all
testimony and evidence per-
taining to said applications. All
interested persons are invited
to attend and be heard.

Dated: May 1, 2023

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or names of the person or
persons owning the busi-
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istered; that the true or real
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son or persons owning the
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60502.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE EIGHTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Case No: 23MR283

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
(ADULT)

Public Notice is hereby given
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Center, 505 North County
Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois,
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the said Court for the change of
my name from: Isabella Marie
Krueger to that of Benjamin
Marie Krueger, pursuant to the
statute in such case made and
provided. Dated: May 3, 2023
at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Isabella
Marie Krueger, Petitioner.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE EIGHTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Case No: 23MR270

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(ADULT)

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Center, 505 North County
Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois,
I will have my petition heard in
the said Court for the change
of my name from: Kimberley
Ann Flowers to that of Kim
Andrew Flowers, pursuant
to the statute in such case made
and provided. Dated: April
26, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois
/s/ Kimberley Ann Flowers,
Petitioner.

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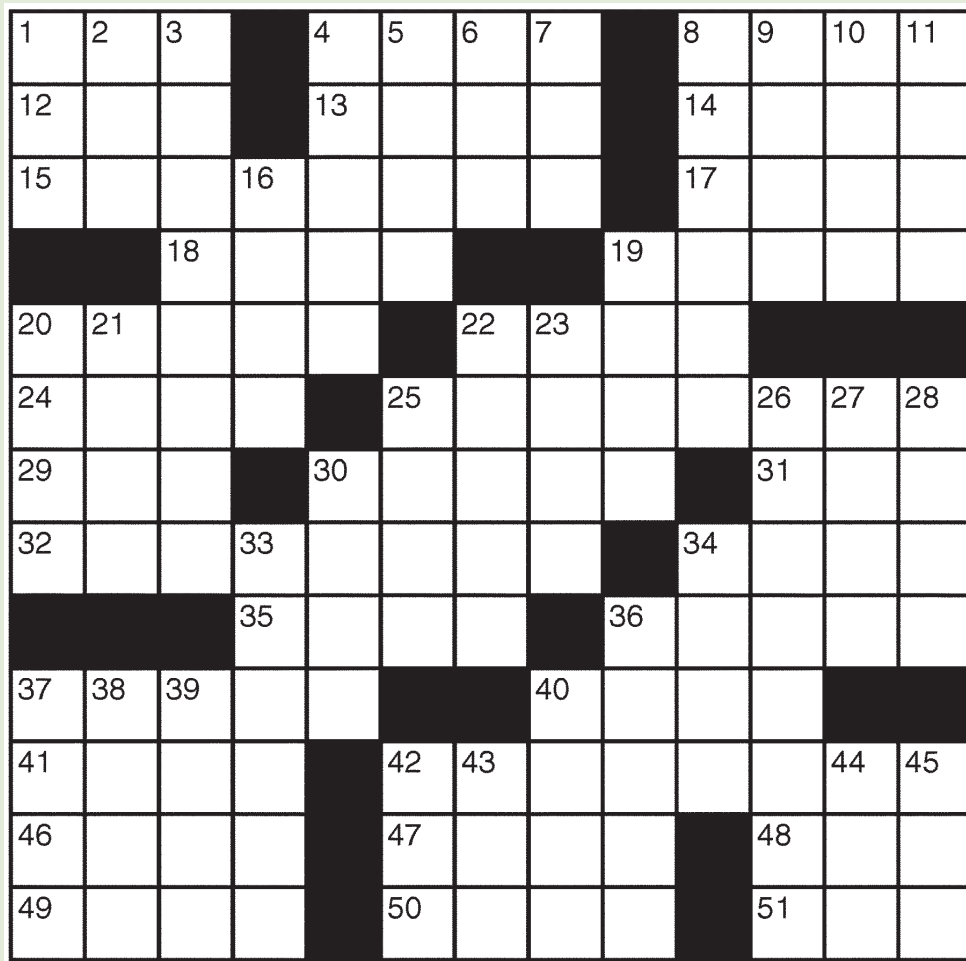
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was filed in the office of
the County Clerk of DuP-
age County on May 9, 2023
wherein the business firm of
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Located at 501 Duane Street,
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istered; that the true or real
name or names of the person
or persons owning the busi-
ness, with their respective
post office address(es), is/
are as follows: Shalvi Hirpara.
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IL. 60108; Sanam Bhala, 155
Michigan Drive, Bloomingdale,
IL. 60108.
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MIND GAMES

- ACROSS
- 1 STANDARD
4 LIKE CUSTARD
8 JUBILATION
12 CANDLE COUNT
13 CRIB CRY
14 VERDI OPERA
15 "YELLOW" BAND
17 ZORRO'S MARKS
18 TEENY BIT
19 LINCOLN'S COIN
20 LONG-LIMBED
22 WILD GUESS
24 "HOW SWEET -!"
25 "LIGHT MY FIRE" BAND
29 ROCK'S BRIAN
30 BERTH PLACES
31 QUICK SWIM
32 "JUMP" BAND
34 GREEK CHEESE
35 ALWAYS
36 GOURMAND
37 TASK
40 VIVACITY
41 SCI-FI PREFIX
42 "JEREMY" BAND
46 PRIVY TO
47 ROBUST
48 MINE YIELD
49 HONEY BUNCH?
50 HISTORIC SCOTT
51 EVERGREEN TYPE



- DOWN
- 1 LOBBYING ORG.
2 PREVIOUSLY
3 SEMINARY STUDY
4 VOID
5 FANCY PARTY
6 "TODAY" RIVAL,
BRIEFLY
"RAH!"
7 GARDEN PAVILION
8 PROPERTY CLAIM
9 GENESIS GARDEN
10 RELAXED
16 FEET, SLANGILY
19 CUSHIONS
20 SCHREIBER OF
"RAY DONOVAN"
21 SICILIAN VOLCANO
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23 SEABIRD
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26 SCHILLER POEM
USED BY BEETHOVEN
27 CEREMONY
28 MAST
30 MACADAMIZE
33 MARSH BIRDS
34 FLUNK
36 GOOFED
37 FIRST BED
38 SHARPEN
39 SLENDER WOODWIND
40 HAY BUNDLE
42 THIRD DEGREE?
43 CORN SERVING
44 EXIST
45 KITTEN'S CRY

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	5		7					8
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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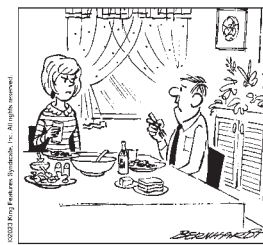
solution

1. Alive 2. Stupor;
3. Shove; 4. Amidst

Today's Word
SURVIVED

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"What I like about your leftovers is knowing that I already it once!"

Awake
A V E I L
Daze
S P R O U T
Thrust
H O V E S
Among
A D M I T S

TODAY'S WORD

S	9	8	9	1	8	6	2	7	2	A
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D	6	7	8	9	2	2	9	1	8	S
O	9	2	2	6	9	8	7	8	1	W
K	8	8	7	2	1	2	9	9	6	E
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HOROSCOPES

May 2023 Horoscopes • Week 3



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Others may be begging for your attention, Capricorn. But this week is all about self-healing for you. Focus inward to bring about any personal change you desire.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, try to rectify an imbalance in a relationship with another person close to you this week. It's never too late to make amends, and the rewards are fully worth it.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may have to change your way of thinking to get on the same wavelength as some others this week. Be open-minded to new experiences.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, your urge to take action comes on strong this week. Figure out a project you can put your efforts behind as soon as possible and then dive in with maximum effort.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You can accomplish a great deal when you happen to get moving, Aquarius. This week the struggle may be finding the motivation to take the first step.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, friction can be overcome with patience and perseverance. Take an even-keeled approach and give things time to simmer. Change will come.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Important lessons about balance could come your way soon, Leo. You need to find that happy medium between work and home responsibilities.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Use this week as an opportunity to tend to your own needs, Scorpio. Indulge in a spa treatment or play hooky and go on a road trip all by yourself.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, take a break from reality by reading a good fantasy book, watching a movie or enjoying a stage show. You can use the respite.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
The brighter you shine, the more things will come your way this week, Gemini. Wear a big smile on your face and get out into the thick of things.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Events this week could leave you a little dazed and bewildered, Virgo. Nothing seems to be going to plan and that could get on your nerves. Figure out a way to de-stress.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your desire to get ahead is very strong over the course of the next few days. Now you only need to figure out the venture that you will take on.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Angie Conley
Senior
Clarendon Hills

How did you start playing lacrosse?
I originally played lacrosse in third grade through the rec league. I just didn't love it, so I ended up quitting. I came back to it heading into eighth grade. I tried out for the club team (Lakeshore Lacrosse) and I now play on it and it just stuck.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?
The friendships and connections I've made over the years. Lacrosse is such a community because it's pretty new to the Midwest. You're making best friends for life.

What is the most challenging part of playing midfield?
Definitely the back and forth. You have to have a lot of endurance and speed.

How have you improved since your freshman year?
I think I've developed a better sense of what my strengths and weaknesses are on the field. I know how to capitalize on my strengths and continue to work on my weaknesses. I would also say in the time I've been here, I've learned a lot about the game and it's taught me a lot about how the game is played at higher levels.

What kind of example do

you try to set as captain?
The most important thing in my opinion is getting the players that might come off the bench or haven't contributed recently fired up and get them going. While you obviously want to have a great game for yourself, at the end of the day, it's a team sport.

What is your goal for the season?
As a team obviously after last year we want to bring home a state title. That's the end all, be all goal. As an individual goal, I just want to work on understanding every player. I want to be there for the whole team as a captain.

What are your plans for the fall?
I'm going to Notre Dame and I'm playing lacrosse there. As of right now I'm in the business school, but I don't have super distinct plans yet occupation wise.

Why does coach Matt McNiff like having Conley on the team?
We enjoy having her on the team due to her leadership skills along with her strong attitude to win. She is like having a coach on the field. She knows the game so well, but, more importantly, she loves the game.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

HEADED TO STATE

The Hinsdale Central badminton team will participate in the IHSA state final meet Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, at DeKalb High School.
Seniors Jessica Han and Ivy Shen will vie for singles honors, while the duos of juniors Rachele Cameli and Maria Jiao and sophomores Hannah Fang and Tiffany Tu will compete in the doubles bracket.
And members of the Central boys gymnastics team will participate in the IHSA state final meet Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, at Hoffman Estates High School.
Representing the program will be freshman Elias Argyris in the all-around, floor exercise, pommel horse and vault; junior Marc Cihlar in the all-around, still rings and high bar; and junior Nikolas Theotikos in the pommel horse. Good luck Devils!

RESULTS

Badminton May 4 vs. IHSA sectional V places 1st with 18 points Han, 1st, 22-24, 21-14, 21-17 Shen, 2nd Cameli/Jiao, 1st, 22-20, 21-16 Fang/Tu, 2nd	Lacrosse, girls May 9 vs. St. Ignatius College Prep V wins 13-4 May 8 vs. Lake Forest V wins 11-6 Napier, 3 goals, assist Brankin, 2 goals Kearney, 2 goals Conley, goal, 5 assists Venetsanopolous, goal, 2 assists Moncrief, goal, assist Matthews, goal Schultz, 5 saves May 6 vs. Wheaton Warrenville South V wins 18-2	Drew, run Mayer, run May 5 vs. OP-RF V loses 0-6 May 4 @ York V loses 6-8 May 3 vs. Proviso West V wins 17-2	High jump Burt, 1st, 6m McInerney, 6th, 5-7m Long jump McInerney, 13th, 18-1m Cheung, 15th, 15-7.75m Triple jump Burt, 3rd, 41-3m Eden, 13th, 36-3m Pole vault Bohlenbaugh, 4th, 12-1.75m Bystriansky, 13th, 7-1.75m Discus Marcet, 3rd, 133-4.5m Ortiz, 4th, 133-4.5m Shot put Koschik, 3rd, 45-8.5m Ortiz, 10th, 40-25m	100-meter hurdles Chandler, 1st, 16.03 Leech, 3rd, 16.88 300-meter hurdles Chandler, 1st, 45.86 Leech, 4th, 48.91 4x100 relay Dorris, Tresslar, A. Hodneland, Reed, 1st, 48.56 4x200 relay Dorris, A. Hodneland, Tresslar, L. Hodneland, 1st, 1:44.25 4x400 relay Chandler, L. Hodneland, Skora, McCabe, 1st, 3:59.73 4x800 relay Boyd, Griffin, Gilmartin, Sakho, 5th, 9:49.83 Shot put Veliz-Hernandez, 7th, 8-43m Willman, 11th, 7-43m Discus Johnson, 8th, 24-1m Kuznetsova, 12th, 18-24m High jump Chillo, 8th, 1-37m Pole vault Bischof, 7th, 2-59m Hamelka, 10th, 2-28m Long jump Reed, 1st, 5-44m Bonino, 3rd, 5-35m Triple jump Bonino, 2nd, 11-14m Moser, 3rd, 11m	V loses 15-25, 15-25 May 4 @ Hinsdale South V wins 24-26, 25-18, 25-20 May 3 @ Marist V loses 25-20, 23-25, 13-25 J. Ruth, 9 kills, ace, block, 3 digs M. Ruth, 8 kills, block, 4 digs Lange, 6 kills, 2 aces, 14 digs, 3 assists Furey, 3 kills, assist Erickson, kill, 2 blocks, dig Hughes, kill, 9 digs, 22 assists Bhavsar, ace, 4 digs Thakrar, 5 digs
Baseball May 6 vs. LT V wins 6-1 Boggs, 2 RBIs Merlo, RBI Pavlik, RBI Oosterbaan, win, 7 strikeouts May 5 @ Downers North V loses 7-10 May 4 @ Downers North V loses 2-4 May 3 @ Lemont V wins 5-4	Lacrosse, boys May 9 @ Fenwick V loses 7-9 May 6 vs. Wheaton Warrenville South V wins 11-10 Webster, 4 goals Collignon, 2 goals, assist Merz, 2 goals, assist Randell, 2 goals Cain, goal, assist Joyce, assist Walsh, assist May 3 vs. Huntley V loses 9-10	Soccer, girls May 9 @ Proviso West V wins 8-0 May 8 @ Nazareth V wins 3-1 Healy, 2 goals Edgewater, goal Knotts, assist Marinaccio, assist McDonnell, assist May 4 vs. Downers North V wins 3-0	Track, boys May 5 @ McCarthy Invite 100 meters Bots, 11th, 11.82 Lyne, 17th, 12.08 200 meters Tresslar, 15th, 24.17 Coan, 17th, 24.54 400 meters Skora, 5th, 51.17 Coan, 11th, 54.39 800 meters Watcke, 1st, 1:50.68 Q. Doorhy, 14th, 2:10.63 1,600 meters Smak, 8th, 4:32.9 Kurimay, 16th, 4:39.02 Wittmann, 23rd, 4:55.62 3,200 meters Bandukwala, 1st, 9:15.15 Matariyeh, 12th, 10:09.75 A. Doorhy, 20th, 10:39.79 110-meter hurdles Peterson, 5th, 16.98 300-meter hurdles Peterson, 3rd, 41.97 Namkung, 14th, 46.92 4x100 relay V, 7th, 44.73 4x200 relay V, 4th, 1:31.43 4x800 relay V, 1st, 7:55.97	Track, girls May 5 @ WSC Championships V places 2nd with 129 points 100 meters Reed, 3rd, 12.71 Dorris, 4th, 12.81 200 meters Dorris, 4th, 26.54 Tresslar, 5th, 26.9 400 meters Dygon, 6th, 1:00.41 800 meters McCabe, 1st, 2:12.03 Hughes, 8th, 2:24.39 1,600 meters Skora, 3rd, 5:07.73 Griffin, 11th, 5:37.66 3,200 meters Fischer, 4th, 11:19.63	Water polo, boys May 5 @ IHSA sectional vs. Lockport V wins 12-1 Halabi, 5 goals Driscoll, 4 goals Adamo, 3 goals Whittier, 9 saves Gatzulis, 2 saves
				Volleyball, boys May 9 @ Glenbard West	Water polo, girls May 9 @ IHSA sectional vs. Metea Valley (quarterfinal) V loses 7-12 May 3 vs. Hinsdale South V wins 13-0

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central senior infielder Sarah Brosius releases a throw while sophomore teammate Sophie DiPasquale readies to make a play during Central's home game against Oak Park-River Forest on Friday. The Red Devils lost to the conference rival Huskies 6-0. (Jim Slonoff photo)

SPORTS



Former and current Hinsdale Central softball players huddle up before Friday's home game to celebrate the program's 50th year, including class of 1982's Diane Bruess-Flynn who high-fived team members.



Head coach Brittany Zust relished the chance to connect past and present as part of the Alumni Day festivities. "It is moments like that where life truly comes full circle," Zust said. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Hinsdale Central softball turns 50

Red Devils from past eras revisit campus to reminisce about program's impact

By Ken Knutson

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Nicole Kubesh cherishes the camaraderie she had with her Hinsdale Central softball teammates before she graduated in 1991.

So she was excited when daughter Madeline, a Central freshman, followed in her Red Devil base-running footsteps.

"It's been really fun to watch her grow, and I'm just so proud of everything she's accomplishing," said Nicole, a right fielder back in the day and still in possession of her glove and varsity letters.

Madeline, a catcher playing for varsity head coach Brittany Zust, appreciates the connection that she and her mom have.

"I think it's kind of cool that we have a bond because she played when she was my age, and now I'm carrying on the legacy in high school," she said.

The two were among many celebrating the softball program's 50th anniversary Friday at Alumni Day in conjunction with a home varsity game against Oak Park-River Forest. The alums were honored at the game, part of half-century legacy that continues to have an impact on the Central community.

The event brought back a lot of fond memories for class of 1992's

Kathryn Sjolholm,

"Red Devil softball was everything to me between 1988 and 1992," she commented via email, recounting how weekends with friends revolved around softball activities and conditioning. "Being a Red Devil taught us commitment, pride in ourselves, pride in our school, a training ground for work ethic, and knowing what it felt like to be academically, physically and mentally strong."

Susan Parker, class of 1989, recalled lessons from head coach Ken Schreiner about teamwork and keeping one's composure.

"He was tough on us. He was also kind and recognized that we were kids, too," Parker shared via email.

Assistant coaches also played valuable roles.

"Coach (Bob) Daman could always make us laugh. He'd make sure we stayed focused but had fun," she related. "Coach (Sandy) Verdon taught me about stepping out of my comfort zone. I had never been a catcher and she believed in me."

Kristin McDaniel, whose daughter Maisie is on the team, helped organize the Alumni Day when she learned of the program's noteworthy year.

"I'm a big supporter of women's sports and advocacy for mental health for athletes," McDaniel said, citing how Title IX opened the door

for women's sports in 1972, when Central softball was launched. "I thought this 50th milestone was important to recognize and celebrate all season."

Central physics teacher Marv Breig's involvement with the team dates back to 1992, when he asked coaches if they needed a statistician and pseudo-archivist.

"(Coach Daman) found a drawer full of scorebooks and papers that dated back to Ken Schreiner's coaching days in 1978 and gave those to me," Breig recounted. "This began my quest to document what I could of the history of Red Devil softball from 1978 to today."

He was able to identify team MVPs back to 1973, but not much else from those first few seasons.

"We have essentially no data - no individual numbers, no game scores, no win-loss totals," said Breig, adding that Alumni Day was "a memory which I will treasure for years."

For Parker, stats were secondary to fun times with teammates.

"I remember screaming Bon Jovi songs at the top of our lungs in the locker room, calling (teammate) Carrie Iser off the mound to tell her a joke, fun bus rides with no AC," she detailed. "It was fun but we were always prepared to compete."

Sjolholm said experience strongly influenced her career path.

"I became a nationally board certified teacher and a coach directly because of my Red Devil softball commitment," she stated. "Four very formative years in the Red Devil program exponentially impacted many more young students and athletes by developing us into strong future community leaders."

Nicole Kubesh said she felt a wave of nostalgia on Friday.

"Being on the field again and high-fiving all the girls, and seeing Madeline's face, it was really a special moment," she remarked.

Madeline was also stirred by the multi-generational gathering.

"It was cool to hear some of the stories from when my mom was in high school and how things were different — bringing it back to the '90s!" said Madeline, eliciting a laugh from Mom.

Sjolholm expressed a desire to renew her commitment to Central softball.

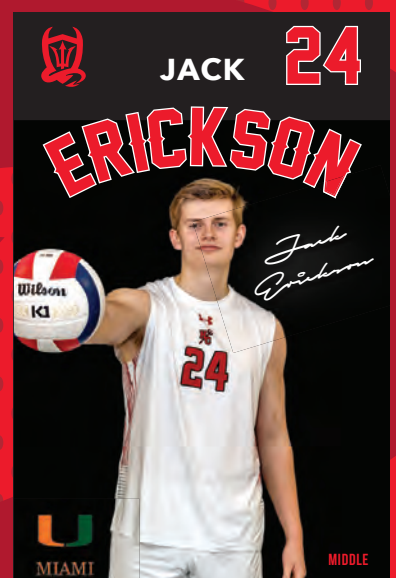
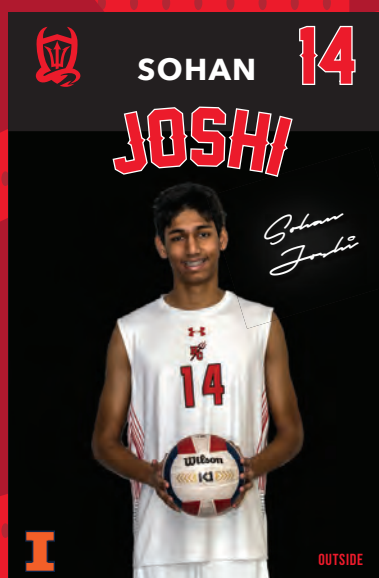
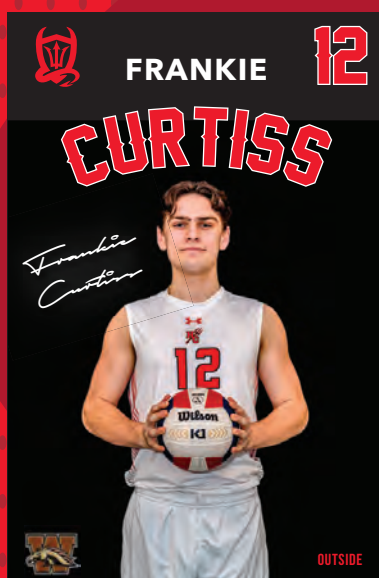
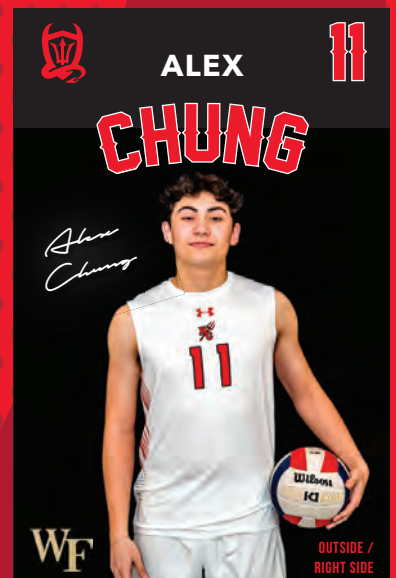
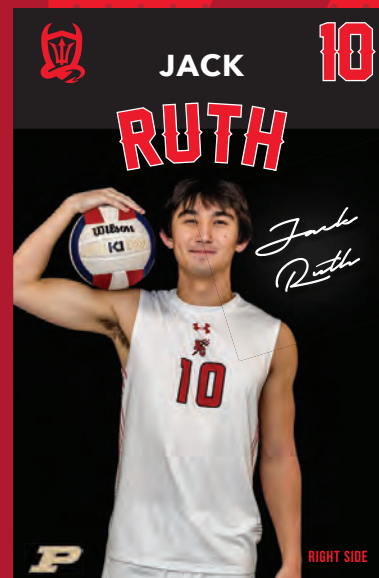
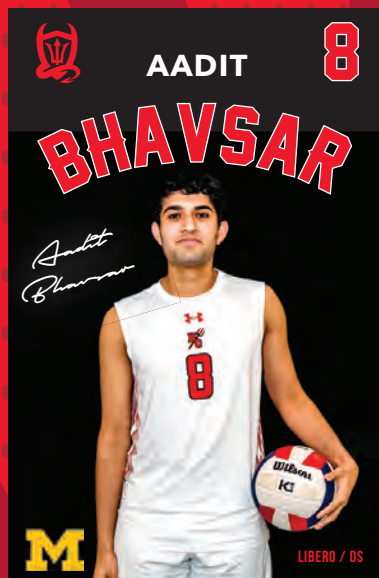
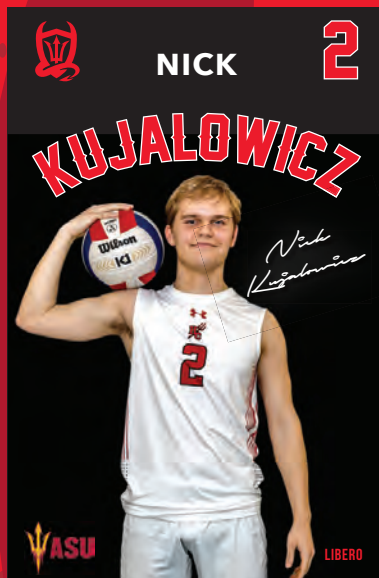
"I hope to help reach out to alumni and really grow our turnout next year. Thank you to Hinsdale Central Red Devil players, coaches and parents for inviting us and so warmly receiving us this past Friday," Sjolholm said. "It was heartwarming to say the very least. I knew I'd come back to my Red Devil softball home. It feels amazing to be a Red Devil forever."

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