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# NEWS

## Greenspon retains D86 president's post

*Board members dismiss calls for fresh leadership by the teachers union, residents*

By Ken Knutson

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A call by Hinsdale High School District 86 teachers last week for new board leadership went unheeded as Cat Greenspon was unanimously reappointed as board president on Monday.

The 6-0 vote at the special meeting in Hinsdale South's cafeteria for the annual election of board officers took place before a considerably smaller audience than had gathered at the same location April 25 for the regular meeting. Members of the Hinsdale High School Teachers Association had turned out in force then, clad in blue shirts as a show of solidarity in their opposition to recent actions by the board under Greenspon's leadership. Their grievances included contentious decisions to override curriculum recommendations from the administration, allowing classes to run well below enrollment guidelines and the recent resignations



Only a handful of people attend the special District 86 board meeting Monday to elect board officers. The low turnout stood in contrast to the heavily attended April 25 board meeting, where board reorganization prompted numerous public comments from teachers and residents.

of several top district and school staffers.

Speaking during public comment at the April 25 meeting, HHSTA Co-President John Bowman spoke of the "toxic environment the board has fostered" and called for

an immediate reorganization of the board, including the appointment of a new board president. "The current board's recent actions and attitudes have created a pervasive feeling that our educators are not valued stakeholders in

District 86," Bowman said. "The board has made several unprecedented, non-collaborative decisions regarding teacher-led curriculum development for students in math, science and social studies.

"We are requesting our school board to reaffirm its commitment to upholding the tradition of excellence in our district, which is currently at risk," he continued. "We need you to do your jobs and let us do ours."

But unlike the last three years of board reorganization voting, Monday's was notably uneventful, with Greenspon garnering all six votes (board member Terri Walker was absent). Peggy James was unanimously chosen as vice-president, as was Asma Akhras as secretary.

In 2021, board members spent 2 1/2 hours and took 10 votes before electing Terri Walker president. In 2022, former Erik Held was elected president in a split 4-3 vote. Last year the board chose Greenspon to lead, with four members voting for her and three voting for

Debbie Levinthal. Levinthal and Kay Gallo, who had nominated her, both later resigned from the board.

Walker's husband Greg spoke in his wife's absence, testifying to a spirit of camaraderie on the board despite policy rifts and, reading his wife's prepared statement, expressing support for the teachers union's right to issue its statement.

"For the past year I've occasionally spoken to the board comments imploring us to demonstrate cohesion, alignment and trust. Now more than ever we need those to ensure we have a smooth transition to Dr. Lach," Walker wrote, referring to incoming superintendent Michael Lach.

A few audience members delivered remarks both in favor of and against Greenspon's reappointment. Board member Jeff Waters, acknowledging that he voted for Levinthal last year, praised Greenspon's tenure at the helm.

"Catherine's done an outstanding job," he said. "We are all fortunate to have her leadership."



**Cat Greenspon was** reappointed as board president by her colleagues on Monday despite a request by the Hinsdale High School Teachers Association to elect a new leader. (Jim Slonoff photos)

# ONCE UPON A TIME



**Places from the past** — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. This picture is of C. Foster Toys at 36 E. Hinsdale Ave. In 2010 the village named a portion of Hinsdale Avenue in front of the store “Chuck Foster Way” in honor of Foster. This is currently home of Salon Suites. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to [jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com).



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# Robbins Park infiltrated by new homes

*National Register Historic District not immune to ongoing teardown trend in Hinsdale*

By Pamela Lannom

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Drive down some streets in Robbins Park and only a closer look reveals homes have been torn down and rebuilt. On other blocks, new homes outnumber original ones. Some new construction blends in with the historic neighborhood. Other houses, due to size or design, clearly look out of place.

This is true of many residential neighborhoods in Hinsdale, but Robbins Park has been a National Register Historic District since 2008. At that time, 65 percent of its 475 homes were deemed

## Robbins demolitions

The Hinsdale Historic Preservation reviewed requests to demolish homes and/or build new homes at the following addresses in Robbins Park over the five years between 2019 and 2023.

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110 E. Seventh St.  
425 E. Seventh St.  
241 E. First St.\*  
430 E. Seventh St.  
720 S. Elm St.  
444 E. Fourth St.\*  
319 E. Third St.  
13 S. Elm St.  
448 E. Sixth St.  
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244 E. First St.  
417 S. Elm St.\*  
14 Orchard Place\*  
244 E. First St.\*  
504 S. Oak St.\*  
719 S. Park Ave.  
332 E. Chicago Ave.\*  
321 E. Seventh St.  
722 S. Park Ave.  
324 S. Elm St.

\* application for certificate of appropriateness for new construction only. The village now requires COAs for demolition and new construction to be brought forward at the same time.



Two large homes are under construction on the north side of the 200 block of East First Street. When they are finished, the block will have only four original homes left on both sides of the street. (drone photo courtesy of Yannis Arvanitis)

significant or contributing to the neighborhood's historic character, according to the village's application.

Today many of those homes are gone.

The trend of tearing down older homes to build new construction certainly is not new in Hinsdale — nor is it at its peak. Last year the village processed 26 permits for new homes the village as a whole, according to Robb McGinnis, community development director.

"My first year I think it was like 120," he said. "The environment has changed."

Village planner Bethany Salmon agreed.

"The number of demolition cases going to the historic preservation commission has dipped in the last couple of years," Salmon said.

That's good news to preservationists, but many lament the 30 or so homes in Robbins Park that already have been lost. Among those are homes designed by notable architects William Gibson Barfield (324 S. Elm St.), Philip Duke West (430 E. Seventh St.) and R. Harold Zook (444 E. Fourth St.) After quite a controversy, the Zook home was torn down and the 1.2-acre lot was sold

for \$2.5 million in December 2020. A 10,500-square-foot home currently is under construction at the site.

Some might think National Register designation would prohibit the demolition of homes, but that's not the case. "Being on the National Register is really important. It's really prestigious," Salmon acknowledged. "The National Register doesn't provide any historic protections anywhere."

In an attempt to save historic homes, the Hinsdale Village Board in 2020 considered implementing a six-month moratorium on the demolition of historic homes in the village. The move followed an outcry from preservationists after three homeowners submitted plans to demolish historic homes in Robbins Park. The Hinsdale Plan Commission listened to hours of public comment during three virtual hearings in June 2020 (during COVID) and voted 4-2 not to recommend the moratorium to the Hinsdale Village Board. Trustees ultimately voted 5-1 against it.

While homeowners who want to demolish a home that is landmarked or in a historic district must appear

before the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission, any opinions the group issues are nonbinding. So even if the certificate of appropriateness is denied, a homeowner can still tear down a home and build a new one.

Sarah Barclay, a preservation commission member, lives in a 100-year-old home on the 400 block of East Third Street between two houses that have been torn down and rebuilt.

"I have to say I do adore my neighbors on either side. I have to start with that," she said. "They are lovely, lovely people."

While she doesn't believe every home should be saved, she and her husband bought theirs with the intent to do so.

"It was really important to add our family's history to the timeline of the house and the neighborhood," Barclay said. "More important than a sports court in the basement."

Preserving an older home requires additional time and effort and often creative architectural solutions to meet the needs of a modern family in a century-old home.

"I think the problem with Hinsdale is that the knee-jerk reaction is to tear some-

**■ ROBBINS REMADE**  
*This is the first in a four-part series on changes in the National Register Historic District.*

thing down," she said. "If we could change the mentality of Hinsdale and how people view — especially the Robbins Park District — that would go a long way."

Salmon pointed to Oak Park as one Chicago suburb that has a strong preservation mindset. The village is home to Frank Lloyd Wright's first home and studio and the world's largest collection of buildings designed by the architect, according to the Chicago Architecture Center.

"Huge portions of Oak Park are not protected by any sort of historic district," Salmon said. "People choose to go there to have a historic home."

People voluntarily putting love and money into a home is a better way to promote preservation than having a municipality pass rules and regulations, she said.

"I haven't found a community that has solved the preservation issue," Salmon said. "If they are out there, I'd like to meet them."

# NEXT WEEK

## Hinsdale High School Dist. 86 Board special meeting

7 a.m. Friday, May 3  
Hinsdale South High School  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
[www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings](http://www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings)  
**On the agenda:** approve new Hinsdale South principal employment contract

## Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, May 9  
Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets  
[www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings](http://www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings)

## Hinsdale Plan Commission

6 p.m. Wednesday, May 8  
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org)  
**On the draft agenda:** short-term rental regulations, major adjustment to exterior appearance and site plan review at 2 Salt Creek Lane (Mouse Automotive/McClaren), Hinsdale Paddle Tennis Association special use permit, changes to landscaping and screening standard, sign permit reviews (Immanuel Hall, The Salon by David and William/Brow Paradiso, UChicago Medicine Advent Health,

## Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7  
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org)  
**On the draft agenda:** 2024 sidewalk program construction contract, temporary use permits for outdoor dining at Fuller House and Giuliano's Pizza, additions to Historically Significant Structures Property List

## Texting option now works for 211 Helpline

In addition to dialing or browsing for help, DuPage County residents seeking health and human services can now find assistance by texting the county's free 211 information and referral line.

Residents can text their ZIP code to 898211 to connect with a county operator, who can provide referrals to assistance available near them. Texting service will be available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to the texting option, residents seeking help can still dial 211 or visit [www.211dupage.gov](http://www.211dupage.gov) to find services near them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Texting 211 initiates a conversation with a live, specially trained operator who will efficiently connect you to the right resources," said human services Chairman Greg Schwarze. "By expanding the 211 Helpline to include texting, we're improving our ability to connect residents with resources and support, bridging the gap between struggle and solutions. We're very excited about this new feature

and the help it will provide our residents."

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DuPage County has compiled a database of more than 600 service providers offering thousands of services for DuPage County residents. Anyone interested in being included in the list can visit [www.211dupage.gov](http://www.211dupage.gov) for more information and to apply for inclusion.

211 is a confidential, information and referral service that connects residents to local health and social service resources. It is different from 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which provides free and confidential support for people in a mental health, suicidal or emotional crisis.

DuPage County launched 211 in November 2022, and to date, has connected more than 8,000 people to county social services.

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# Waters chafes at cost of transparency

By Ken Knutson

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Is a school district able to limit the number of Freedom of Information Act requests it processes?

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board member Jeff Waters posed that question at the April 25 board meeting as he expressed concern at the financial and human resources needed to maintain access to information the public is legally entitled to under the Freedom of Information Act.

“What do districts do, if anything, to combat excessive FOIA requests, both from the press and community members?” Waters asked administrators.

As at every regular meeting, the board had just received that month’s FOIA report, stating that there had been 14 requests for information between Feb. 22 and April 16.

Waters asked Deb Kedrowski, the district’s administrative chief of staff who is in charge of processing FOIA requests, for her thoughts on better managing

the amount of FOIA requests that “can burden capital in the building” and “can hurt taxpayers in the community, tremendously.” He said the press, in particular, was not being “held accountable” for such requests.

Kedrowski had remarked that she used to include the total associated legal costs in her report but has not done so since the board switched law firms.

“(The cost figure) does not reflect the time of district office staff for processing the FOIA requests and our tech services department and all of our departments in collecting documents,” she replied. “It does not track any of that time.”

In the 2021-22 fiscal year, the district responded to 178 requests at a cost of \$96,259.

Interim Superintendent Rebecca Nelson affirmed Waters’ observation.

“Your point is well taken. District 86 does receive a large number of FOIA requests, there’s no question about it,” Nelson said, adding the district could check with its law firm regarding possible legal recourse

options. “We have the responsibility for processing them.”

No other board member took up the issue. During public comment at the end of the meeting, resident Linda Burke took issue with Waters

“In a free society, we can’t say we’ve got too many FOIAs,” she said, speculating that the stabilizing force of incoming superintendent Michael Lach may settle people’s need to constantly scrutinize board actions.

Kedrowski defended the public’s right to obtain information.

“FOIA is a wonderful process,” she said, noting the district was rated highly by the Illinois Policy Institute for transparency. “Anything we can do to make information more accessible to our community, I feel like we try to do.

“My cell phone number is known by many people out there. I have answered FOIA requests on Christmas Eve,” she continued. “It’s not perfect process. We are bound by requirements.”

# Driver in Richards’ death receives sentence Friday

The teen employee of Fuller’s Car Wash who drove the Jeep the killed 14-year-old Sean Richards last summer appeared in the 18th Judicial Circuit Court Friday on three traffic offenses.

The 17-year-old boy, who was 16 at the time of he incident, was sentenced to two years of court supervision and a \$1,000 fine for failure to yield to a pedestrian on a sidewalk and for failure to reduce speed to avoid an acci-

dent, according to court documents. He was ordered to perform 300 hours of community service in Hinsdale and complete a driver improvement school. He also must pay \$226 in court fees.

The teen plead guilty to both counts. A charge of failure to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a pedestrian or person on a bike was dismissed as part of his plea deal. Sean’s parents read an impact statement at the hearing.



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# POLICE BEAT

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## Arrest warrant

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## Leaf blower taken

Someone took a leaf blower from the back of a pickup truck parked in a driveway in the 700 block of South Adams Street between 9:30 p.m. and midnight April 20.

## Unlawful use of credit card

A victim reported a fraudulent charge on her debit card at the Shell gas station, 210 E. Ogden Ave., at 12:54 p.m. April 25. She had previously reported losing the debit card at a grocery store.

## Forgery reported

A victim reported an unauthorized transaction using her account information took place at Huntington Bank, 500 W. Chestnut St., between 9 a.m. April 25 and 1:11 p.m. April 26.

## Identity theft

A resident of the 10 block of Spinning Wheel Road reported someone gained access to her bank accounts and made fraudulent transactions April 26.

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

## Hinsdale pool season passes available now

Hinsdale pool passes are on sale now, with the pool scheduled to open later this month.

Rates for 224 memberships are \$325 for a family, \$195 for an individual, \$90 for a senior and \$70 for a nanny pass, which can be purchased only with a family membership.

Daily admission rates are \$11, \$8 for seniors 60 and old and \$9 after 5 p.m.

The village also sells 10-visit passes for \$90.

Neighborly rates are available for residents of Goffview Hills, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Countryside, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove,

Indian Head Park, LaGrange Highlands, La Grange, LaGrange Park, Oak Brook, Western Springs, Westmont and Willowbrook.

Regular pool memberships can be renewed online for residents who are purchasing the same kind of pass. Visit [www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr). New memberships must be purchased in person because proof of residency is required.

All rates listed above are for Hinsdale residents.

The pool opens with preseason house Saturday, May 25. Visit the website for preseason and regular season hours.

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■ “If we use art education to teach kids about different cultures, then they will appreciate them more and will be more open to differences.” — **InJung Oh**

## Resident guides others in blooming through art

Artist InJung Oh finds commonality between creative exchanges and linguistic acquisition.

“I approach art as a language through which you get to learn different things and are exposed to different things,” the Hinsdale resident said.

Helping young people become proficient in understanding art — and, by extension, one another — led her to organize the Spirit of Life painting workshop this Saturday, May 4, at the Hinsdale Public Library (see Page 26 for details). The program will examine the work of celebrated Chicago-based Chinese artists the Zhou Brothers.

“If we use art education to teach kids about different cultures, then they will appreciate them more and will be more open to differences,” she said.

Oh immigrated to the U.S. from South Korea at age 13 without her immediate family or a command of English. She moved in with her aunt and uncle living in Chicago’s northern suburbs, seeking opportunities that seemed out of reach in her native land. Oh credits her high school

art teacher for giving her new communication tools.

“I didn’t really speak the language, but I developed a way to express myself through visual art,” she said,

In 2013 she founded the OH Art Foundation to promote such cross-cultural interactions. Oh said that represented a shift in her artistic vision.

“I believe in this energy that we carry, and I think it sparks when your wish or your desire, whatever you call it, manifests,” she said, explaining how she coined the term “Volossom” combining the prefix vol- with blossom to capture the concept. “If we just pause and think about what you want in your life, it doesn’t matter what age you are, how you can turn that (desire) into a floral shape.”

Oh said kids in her workshops have rendered their inner longings, and sometimes their struggles, into this form of art to help bring them to the surface. She confessed to using the programs as a way to also expand her social network.

“Just doing (my artwork) was taking all my time. I didn’t have any other social life,” she related. “I think it was a way for me to connect and make a



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difference and fulfill myself.”

Later this month the foundation will host its second annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Festival of the Arts, featuring music, dance and other performances, along with visual artists, to promote diversity. Oh hopes to add Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations to the schedule next year.

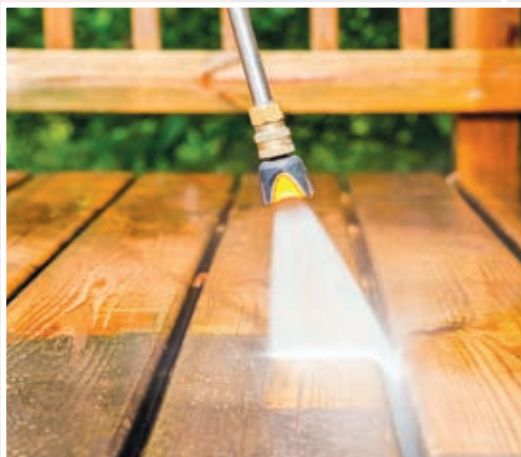
Two years ago Oh and her family of four moved to Hinsdale, drawn to their historic home by its positive feng shui energy. She said suburban serenity was a welcome change from the hectic, albeit stimulating, city pace.

“I love the energy here,” Oh said of village life. “I love just listening to the birds singing and looking out my window and relaxing with some milk

tea. What more can you ask?”

At last check, Oh’s May 4 program had experienced such demand that it was wait-listed. But take heart, as all are invited back to the library from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, when the Zhou Brothers themselves visit for a meet-and-greet and to sign copies of their book.

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# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## Greenspon wants more time, but clock in ticking

A lot has happened since Cat Greenspon was elected to her first term as president of the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board just one year ago.

Superintendent Tammy Prentiss was put on paid administrative leave. An interim superintendent resigned after working only 59 days in the district. Two board members resigned — one less than sixth months after she was elected. The assistant superintendent of human resources, the communications director and the Hinsdale South principal all resigned.

The board has been the subject of an Open Meetings Act complaint and a request for review. The board has lifted the pause on social studies curriculum work but can't agree on any substantive changes to said curriculum. And the board's discussion of staffing over recent meetings has been a disaster, resulting in more than one override of administrative recommendations.

Why this review of the past year?

On Monday, four days after 100 some teachers showed up demanding the board elect a new president, the board voted 6-0 (Terri Walker was absent) to give Greenspon another term. We are not surprised, based on the way board

members jumped to Greenspon's defense following a speaker's criticism at a recent meeting. We certainly hope her second try will be better than her first.

One thing that should work in her favor is the full-time presence of incoming Superintendent Michael Lach, whom the board hired in January and whom will start July 1. As current colleague of former D86 Superintendent Bruce Law and a man not bereft of observation skills, we imagine he knows what he is getting into. If the board, led by Greenspon as president, is willing to let him do his job, we believe — in time — he will be able to right the ship.

What do we mean by letting him do his job? We'll spell it out so there is no confusion.

Greenspon as president must set the example so:

1. Board members listen to administrative recommendations.

That doesn't mean they shouldn't ask questions or that they have to agree with everything. But rationales like "That just doesn't sound right to me" or "I'm not comfortable doing it that way" are not good reasons for voting no.

2. Board members respect administrators.

It's hard to believe we have to say this, but

board members cannot treat administrators like they are children. Greenspon can be the most condescending of all. If she can't figure out how to talk to other adults like adults, perhaps the board should invest in a communication coach for her. Otherwise more administrators will be headed out the door.

3. Board members stop doing everything people ask of them.

Band parents complain about the lack of early bird PE next year, and now there will be early bird PE next year. Three students want to take honors biology at South next year, and now there will be an honors biology class at South next year. The list goes on.

The board's responsibility is to set policy and direction for the superintendent and maintain fiduciary responsibility for the entire district, not to meet every single need of every single student. Nor is it to make the people who call or email them happy while extolling the value of serving students.

Greenspon has said repeatedly that board members are doing their best to work better together and has asked the community to give them more time. It's been a year. The time to start acting like a functioning board is now.

COMMENTARY

## Farewell to my godfather, aka Wee Wee the elf

I'll never forget a phone call I got one December when I was a kid. It was an elf calling from the North Pole!

My own personal elf, he told me. I asked his name and was surprised when he said "Wee Wee."

"Wee Wee?" I asked, wondering if he had a bed-wetting problem.

He explained that was his name because he was a wee little elf. He told me a bit about Santa's preparations for the big day and after a short talk, hung up.

I was too little to know that Santa's real elves don't have time to make phone calls. My godfather, Don, had made the call — and had not had the foresight to think of a name for the elf he was pretending to be. We had many laughs when I was older about his choice of moniker.

Don passed away April 21 at age 86 after battling cancer and dementia. He left behind his wife, Betty — my godmother — a son

and daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, three great-grandchildren, eight sisters and two brothers.

Don became my godfather somewhat by default, as he married my mom's best friend since junior high. He met Betty on a blind date, set up by his sister, Maria, after a suggestion from her co-worker Donna (my mom). Maria met Tom (my dad) at church and started dating his best friend, Warren. She and Warren set my parents up on a blind date as well.

All three couples married in 1962 and all three had just one child. I've always found it amusing that my dad's best friend's wife was the sister of my mom's best friend's husband.

I remember many visits to see Don and Betty when they lived in Oak Forest. The best visits were



Pamela Lannom

after they moved to Peotone, where they had several acres with a creek and a huge garden Don had planted. We would come home with zucchini and tomatoes that my mom would turn into a sort of ratatouille (although neither of us had heard of that dish at the time). We'd also bring home ears of popcorn — Don's favorite crop —

that we would twist off the cob and pop in a pan on the stove or in our air popper (this was before the days of microwaves).

His love of popcorn (and hatred of the squirrels with whom he battled for it) was evident at his funeral Friday, both in the giant bowl in the break room and the reference in a beautiful tribute written by Betty and read by the pastor who was officiating.

We'd seen Don and Betty only

three times since Ainsley was born. Distance and schedules, two things that seem so silly now, deterred additional visits for a time. Then Don fell ill with cancer.

More than once Friday I uttered the phrase heard at so many funerals: "It's good to see you. I wish it was under different circumstances." At one point Maria introduced me to a brother I had not met as "Tom and Donna's daughter." I can't remember the last time someone referred to me that way.

I am sad to lose Don and my heart goes out to Betty, who lost her partner of the past 62 years, and Mike, who feels the pain of losing a parent for the first time.

I also grieve for the loss of yet another person who was part of my childhood, who watched me grow up, who knew me as Tom and Donna's daughter.

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at [plannom@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:plannom@thehinsdalean.com).

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Georgia still on my mind

Six years ago, I started writing for The Hinsdalean. It was the first time I had ever written anything that wasn't for a grade. It was the first time one of my stories got published. I remember my first article was about how my older sister,



**Katie Hughes**

Sydney, for our fifth year in a row. She and I have always joked that she's like Monica and I'm like Rachel. Luckily, we're only in our first season of "Friends."

As I apply to jobs, I have a myriad of interests

to choose from — politics, fashion, food and drink and publishing — each stemming from a different part of myself developed throughout the years. All are inspired by the one part that unites them all: the writer.

I have always said that I write because I want to make others feel the way I feel when I read a favorite book or a captivating poem or a hauntingly beautiful quote. But there's more to it than that. I also write so that I can feel something — some connection to a person, to the world, to myself.

I am grateful to The Hinsdalean, and to Pam and Jim, who gave a young high schooler who liked to write the chance to let it be more. Throughout my years writing for this paper, I have seen myself change and grow as a writer as I became a woman, the two forever intertwined.

Above all, I hope my stories have made an impact. If my writing has made you — even for a moment — smile or think or hope or believe in something greater, then I think that would be enough.

— *Katie Hughes of Hinsdale, a senior at the University of Georgia, is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).*

Anna, was going away to college — to a school called the University of Georgia.

Two years later, I joined her, leaving my comfortable life in Hinsdale to study journalism at UGA. I didn't know much about journalism, only that it was a field you went into when you liked to write, and that it's why Sally heads to New York in "When Harry Met Sally." To be a journalist — not a gymnast.

Now, I'm graduating from UGA with a degree in journalism and a new skill set. Still I'm faced with the question everyone has to answer after a chapter of their life ends. Where do I go next?

Four years at UGA have given me more than I ever hoped for. Sometimes, I think it's given me more than I deserve: back-to-back national championships, a friend group who has taught me the strength and power of female friendships, a passion for a career that started out as a little girl's hobby and memories — perfect moments in time that I always carry with me.

Georgia has become a home to me — one that I'm not ready to leave behind.

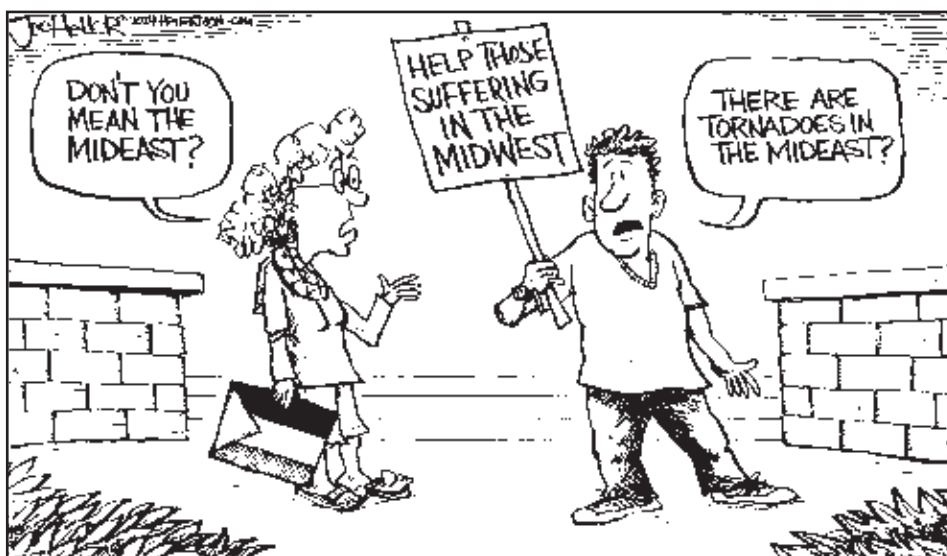
That's why, after one more summer in Hinsdale, I'm moving to Atlanta to live with my college best friend,

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### University student protesters deserve adult's support

Ever since the most recent conflict in the Middle East began, there has been a witch hunt against Ivy League universities, their students and their presidents. Numerous attempts have been made to silence students on these campuses, especially after most of the presidents succumbed to political pressure. Instead of providing a platform for exercising freedom of speech, protesting and engaging in debate, these students have been continuously insulted, labeled, ridiculed and threatened with expulsion and loss of promised jobs. Main media has been mounting smear campaign full of disinformation about violence and false accusations (read more at <https://zeteo.com/p/i-am-a-jewish-student-at-columbia>). When these methods of intimidation failed, the police and National Guard were called in.

However, politicians seem to forget that these students are our children. And we stand with our kids against bullies. They are our intelligent, forward-thinking, brave children who refuse to inherit a world full of hate and corruption. They are fighting for their future, for their right to call out wrongs and demand corrections. They are children of various religions and skin colors, belonging to different student organizations, united by the shared moral compass that we taught them. We have taught them to be honest, hardworking and to elevate themselves by helping others, and we are so proud of them for upholding these values. Because without them, we would have a generation of leaders lacking any integrity, just Orwellian 'yes' sayers. So, let's stand by our children and demand this madness to stop. — **Inga Haveric, Hinsdale**



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# OBITUARIES

## Peter J. Bokos

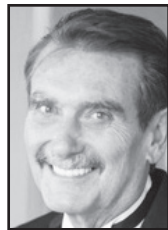
Peter J. Bokos, 76, of Hinsdale died April 19, 2024.

Peter was a devoted husband, father, Papou and brother. He was known for his gentle nature, compassion for those around him, generosity and his unique storytelling ability. Combined with his diverse achievements, love for the arts, boating and cars, Peter forged strong and meaningful relationships with many in his community both as a mentor and friend.

Peter was a thrill-seeker. He traveled the world with his wife, family and other car and boating enthusiasts in search of adventure. He built a high-speed cruising yacht for his family and friends, creating lasting memories in Florida and overseas.

Most summers, you could find Peter and his family vacationing in Twin Lakes, Wis., where he spent time with friends met through the Aquanuts and the Twin Lakes Sailing Club.

Over the years, Peter served on numerous boards, committees, and commissions and received several distinguished service awards in the field of behavioral health. Peter received his doctorate in public health and urban studies, was past president of the Illinois Association of Behavioral Health, and a board member of the Illinois Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency of the Department of Human Services. Peter lectured and was an associate professor at the University of Chicago Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neuroscience. He



**Bokos**

authored more than 50 publications encompassing science, social service, management and public systems files through his research and writing endeavors.

While he leaves behind notable contributions to research, education, and advocacy as well a decorated legacy of service in behavioral health, Peter will be more so remembered for his purpose and zest for life. He will truly be missed by all his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years to Michele Bokos, neé Kastner; his children, Nicole (Alex) Hart, Preston (Devyn) Bokos, Alexis (Nick) Gaughan and Sterling (fiancé Michael Chmielewski) Bokos; his brother, William (Susan and family) Bokos; and his grandchildren, Berenger and Phoenix Jeannides, Haley and Charlie Hart, Peter Braxton, Remingtyn and Burlingtyn Bokos, and Gunner and Skye Gaughan.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

Visitation will continue at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, at Saint Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills. A funeral service will follow at 10 a.m. at the church.

Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Philos Foundation at [www.philosfoundations.org](http://www.philosfoundations.org) are appreciated.

## Leslie Hodges

Leslie Hodges, 75, of Hinsdale passed away on April 29, 2024.

He recently learned that he had metastatic pancreatic cancer. The last two months were especially difficult, first Central DuPage hospital, then rehab, and then back to the hospital.

Leslie was the only son of Martha and Robert Hodges in Decatur. Grandma Moore lived with the family and helped raise Leslie while his mother worked in an insurance adjustment office.

Leslie Hodges was a quiet man with a kind heart. He loved to read and was knowledgeable on so very many facts, some useless but many fascinating. Car reviews were one of his favorite things to read and he could go on at length about the features of one car versus another. His master's degree from Northern Illinois University was in computer science and he loved taking machines apart and forever tinkering with them. In the contest between man vs. computer, he was determined to be the victor.

He was self-effacing and did not seek glory for himself, but he was a fierce defender if he thought someone he knew was not getting a fair deal. He was not bothered by, but rather supported, strong women — including wife Marlene, daughter Ann Wallin and his school principal, sister-in-law Rita Stasi. He thought pretty much everything Ann did was great, and



**Hodges**

he was ever proud of her three children Charlie, Grace and Ava.

After graduating from NIU he started in a computer position at CNA insurance in Chicago. Friends Karen and Dick Clark had a sailboat at Monroe Street harbor, and he loved joining his coworkers after work on the boat. He also was a film buff and met Marlene at a film festival at the Art Institute of Chicago in 1985.

Years later, Les joined the Illinois Housing Development Authority as a computer specialist. He was proud of the fact that IHDA developed affordable housing that his father was able to use.

Les also enjoyed singing in the church choir and volunteering with Peoples Resource Center. He was easy to love and will be missed.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 3, in the Fireplace Room at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

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

Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Orchard Village in Skokie, 7660 Gross Point Rd, Skokie, IL 60077 or online at [www.orchardvillage.org](http://www.orchardvillage.org).

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### QUE MISO NOW CALLE CANTINA

Qué Miso in Hinsdale has decided to embark on a new chapter and is transforming into Calle Cantina.

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The restaurant is diving headfirst into the rich tapestry of Mexican cuisine, bringing diners an array of modern Mexican and Latin flavors. Chef Rhea Brown and his talented team have perfected favorites, such as carne asada tacos, 1/2 pollo, crispy rice and more. A new beverage manager will work with owner Collin Ringelstetter-Ennis to elevate the cocktail, beer and wine program.

Updates to the restaurant's interior make the space feel fresh, vibrant and inviting.

### STUDENT COMPETES IN QUIZ BOWL

Abigail AuYeung, a Hinsdale Central High School student, placed 49th in the National Academic Quiz Tournaments' Individual Player National Championship Tournament April 7 in Rosemont.

The competition drew 260 students from 32 states, the District of Columbia and South Korea.

This quiz bowl event is extraordinary in that it is an individual competition, without the support of teammates. Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of students. Quiz bowl teams use buzzers and answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports and popular culture. Quiz bowl matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, since no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas.

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KRISTIN HAAG MATHEWS, LAY MINISTER

## Why is prayer important?

Kristin Haag Mathews was introduced to faith and prayer as a child. As an adult facing some of life's greatest challenges, she turned back to prayer for strength and guidance. In doing so, Haag Mathews said she found peace and a desire to share it.

As leader of the Caring Team ministry at Hinsdale Covenant Church, Haag Mathews introduces others to the power of prayer, helps people in their quest to strengthen their faith and leans on her own faith to support others through life's most troubling times.

"I've always been drawn to having a relationship with God and growing that relationship," Haag Mathews said.

That relationship grew stronger in the time surrounding the death of her husband in 2014. Haag Mathews said God didn't make her husband well again, as she had so fervently requested, but He answered her prayers in other ways.

"God put people in my life that really helped me and counseled me through that," she said.

She said her faith provided comfort, both during her husband's illness and after his passing.

"God spoke to me and told me that my husband would not be relieved of the suffering and illness here on earth but that it would happen when he got to heaven," said Haag Mathews, who said she and her son are now at peace knowing that their loved one is with God.

Several years after her husband's death and shortly after her retirement, Haag Mathews felt the need to share faith and prayer with others.

"I felt I would have the ability to draw on my life experience and challenges to help other people," Haag Mathews said.

She completed training through Stephen Ministries, a national organization that trains lay congregation members to care for people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Along with providing care for community members in need, the Caring Team at Hinsdale Covenant leads a drop-in prayer event for the entire community at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

People come to First Saturdays to pray together, to draw strength from one another, and even to introduce prayer into their lives.

"It's a great opportunity for people to get to know a community of believers," she said.

Haag Mathews believes in the power of prayer, perhaps especially in times when prayers seem to go unanswered. A job that falls through, a relationship that ends or even an illness that is never cured can all be steps toward God's ultimate plan for one's life, Haag Mathews said.

"That's where you have to have faith," she said, and prayer deepens that faith.

Prayer can take many forms, Haag Mathews said. She likes to begin each day by listening to or reading a daily devotional — a message that often includes a topic relevant to her life. The devotional, Haag Mathews said, lays a framework for her day. She follows the devotional with her intentions for the day, giving thanks and asking for help and guidance as she begins her day.

"It helps you live in a state that's very peaceful," she said.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



**Kristin Haag Mathews** of Hinsdale Covenant Church, encourages anyone who wants to explore prayer or grow their faith community to attend the First Saturday drop-in prayer event at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at Hinsdale Covenant Church, 412 S. Garfield Ave. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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# IN FOCUS



## Space traveler

**Don Thomas**, four-time space shuttle astronaut with a doctorate in materials science, visited with District 181 students last month. Thomas spoke of his quest for excellence from his early days as a student to his time at NASA and how education and perseverance helped him accomplish his goals. (Jim Slonoff photos, Don Thomas photos)

## MOTHER'S DAY

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## Walk the Walk for Mental Health

*Lace up for the annual benefit for The Community House's Counseling Center*

By Ken Knutson

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The calendar has strode into May, a month of cherished celebrations and events, including the 18th annual Walk the Walk for Mental Health on Sunday, May 19, at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St. in Hinsdale.

The one-mile color walk promotes mental and physical wellness and the availability of mental health services as well as ending the stigma associated with discussing mental health with friends, family and community. Dan Janowick, The Community House's executive director, said the organization devotes significant funds to defray counseling and therapy expenses for those in need.

"The Community House believes that mental health is just as important as physical health and access to services is vital to a healthy community," Janowick said. "The Walk provides nearly 25 percent of the annual revenues for the Counseling Center."

For the first time, this year's event will begin with a health expo featuring local fitness and health and wellness vendors. That will be followed by a colorful opening ceremony before the walk steps off at 8 a.m. Walkers will be greeted with splashes of color at "celebration stations" staged along the one-mile route through residential Hinsdale.

Sarah LeStrange, a member of the walk's organizing committee, said she's been busy recruiting neighbors and sharing the impact of the mental health services.

"We think the mission is so important, so I'm trying to spread the word about the mental health initiatives that The Community House has," she said. The Monroe School PTO president will be walking alongside her husband and two young daughters. LeStrange said she particularly enjoys the friendly battle between the District 181 schools over highest walk registration levels. The school with the most participants receives the Big Blue Shoe trophy and a donation to the D181 Foundation in the school's name.

"The competition is a lot of fun — I'm hoping Monroe wins," she



**Participants in last year's** Walk the Walk for Mental Health get the event started with flying colors, literally. This year's staging of the fundraiser for The Community House's Counseling Center on May 19 will feature the same vivid display and field of joyful walkers. (file photo)

said. "We've been hanging magnets for every student who participates. We hung 20 magnets just last week."

Afterwards participants and their supporters can enjoy a post-walk party with food trucks, games, face painting, music and more.

Shabana Sheikh, The Community House's director of social impact, said the funds generated by the festivities are helping deliver life-transforming care.

"Our clinicians provide much needed support for youth and their families with individual, family and group therapy along with offering parental education/support and care coordination to promote healthier families," Sheikh said.

The pioneering counseling center has been operating for more than 50 years, Janowick said. Today clients are welcomed at the main facility in Hinsdale, during the school day at Hinsdale South High School and Burr Ridge

Middle School, and during the Spark after school and summer camp programs in unincorporated Willowbrook, providing specialized support at a fraction of standard rates.

"Our licensed therapists are one of the few options in eastern DuPage County for families that are uninsured or under-insured, and all of our clients are charged a fee based on their income and for as low as \$1 per session," Janowick said. "In the first three months of 2024, our therapists saw 88 clients and provided more than 450 sessions of healing therapy, with an average per session fee of \$7. The actual cost to organization is more than \$100 per session and the Walk, foundation support, and individual donors make up the difference."

The cost to register is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children age 3 and older. Registration, including a custom tie-dye T-shirt is \$45 and

\$35, respectively. Participants are encouraged to form teams and raise money from supporters. Prizes for fundraising range from a Walk the Walk water bottle for \$100 to a Walk the Walk Heavy Tote Bag and a Community House Keys to the House membership for \$1,000 or more (along with all the other prizes).

LeStrange said she's proud to be involved in the cause and proud of the local spirit of giving.

"We're so lucky to have The Community House. When there's something like this, people really do like to participate," she said, marveling at the sliding scale need-based pricing at which mental health counseling is offered. "As a parent, I can tell you, kids are going through a lot of different things and sometimes need this help. I think it's really special."

Visit [www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org) to register or for more information.

# The sisterhood of the summer waffles

The best Mother's Day gift we ever gave my mom was a Belgian waffle maker. I feel certain she's the one who gave us the suggestion. However, it was really my sister Laura and I who loved it.

I was in middle school that year. When summer arrived, my sister and I spent all our time swimming. My mom would be at work when we came home from morning practice. As a result, the two of us were left in charge of making our own breakfast. We always came home starving with the kind of hunger that a bowl of cereal just couldn't fill. So that's when the waffle maker called to us from the depths of the kitchen cabinet.



**Amy McCauley**  
*Tales from the table*

Determined to make our own, we went looking for a waffle recipe. Thoughts of crispy waffles with sweet maple syrup filled my head as I suddenly remembered my mom's Cooking Light magazines. I specifically recalled seeing a recent issue with a stack of waffles covered in strawberries. On a mission, I climbed up the kitchen desk and searched through a tall tower of magazines until I found it.

Excited and famished, my sister and I pulled out the flour, sugar, eggs and milk and began measuring and mixing the batter. We poured it into the waffle maker and watched in amazement as it slowly puffed up. When it began to steam wildly, we bravely lifted the lid to find our treasure, golden waffles. We made a short stack and ate them together. Full and happy, we vowed to make waffles all summer long.

Summers have a way of flying by. Now my sister and I each have two daughters of our own. Laura lives in New Jersey, so we don't see each other quite as often as we would like. But some things don't change, my girls love Belgian waffles as much as my sister and I did. These days it's my daughters who are in the kitchen mixing up a batch of waffles and as I watch them, I am reminded of all those summers at the pool and waffles with my sister.

— Amy McCauley of Hinsdale is the paper's food columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

## Laura's Belgian Waffles



- Waffles**
- 2 cups flour
  - 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1 tablespoon sugar
  - ½ teaspoon salt
  - 2 eggs, beaten
  - 1 ½ cup milk
  - 4 tablespoons butter, melted

First, preheat the Belgian waffle maker. Next, in a medium bowl mix together the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Add the eggs, milk and melted butter. Whisk with a fork until most of the lumps are gone.

Then, when the waffle iron is hot, add the batter. Use a ladle or large spoon to spread about ½ cup of batter per each individual waffle. Since waffle iron shapes can vary, adjust the amount of batter so it just covers the waffle squares.

Now close the lid and cook for about 4 ½ minutes or a No. 4 setting on the waffle iron timer. You will know the waffles are done when the steam slows down and the top looks golden brown. Extra waffles can be saved and reheated in the waffle maker. Makes 6 waffles.

Finally, the best part of making waffles is adding the toppings. Add fresh berries, peaches or powdered sugar. In my house we love making a strawberry syrup.

### Strawberry Syrup

- ½ cup strawberry jam
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- ½ cup maple syrup
- 1 cup sliced strawberries

In a small saucepan heat the strawberry jam. Add the lemon zest and maple syrup and stir until well combined. Place the strawberries on top of the waffles and drizzle with syrup.

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**This kitchen at 511 S. Oak St.** is one of six on the Hinsdale Kitchen Walk May 10 sponsored by the Hinsdale Historical Society Women's Board. Limited tickets are available online and at Yankee Peddler. See Page 20 for details (photo provided)

## ARTFULLY DONE

### ■ Watercolor Painting

May 7  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

Learn how to paint poppies and peonies in the loose style with Audrey Ra of Audrey Ra Design. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

## CENTRAL TIME

### ■ Teacher Appreciation 2024

Through May 3  
[www.hinsdalecentralfoundation.org](http://www.hinsdalecentralfoundation.org)

The Hinsdale Central Foundation is inviting families to make a donation to honor a special teacher, coach, sponsor or staff member during Teacher Appreciation Week. Parents can nominate their own former teachers or coaches and donate in their name. The individual will receive a message from the donor and a special certificate to display. Donations will support

programs that benefit teachers, students and families. Donations may be made on the foundation's website listed above or pay by Venmo to @HCHS-Foundation. Include the individual to be honored, their department or position, the amount to be donated and a personal message.

### ■ Central Booster Board meeting

May 15  
Grill 89  
800 E. Ogden Ave.,  
Westmont  
[www.theboosters.com](http://www.theboosters.com)  
The final 2023-24 Hinsdale Central High School Booster Board meeting is open to the public. All HCHS parents interested in joining the board are welcome to stop by for food/drink and to learn more. Time: 6 p.m.

## FAMILY FUN

### ■ Mommy + Me Tea Party

May 8  
The Community House

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**■ Fishing: With Mom**

May 12  
Hidden Lake  
Route 53 south of Butterfield Road, Downers Grove  
www.dupageforest.org  
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Spend the morning by the lake with moms, creating memories and learning skills to increase fishing success. All ages are welcome. Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person. RR

**FOR A CAUSE**

**■ Hinsdale Kitchen Walk**

May 10  
Hinsdale homes  
www.kitchen-walk.com

The Hinsdale Historical Society Women's Board is sponsoring its annual event showcasing the kitchens of six different homes in the village, which are listed at the website above. Proceeds support the Hinsdale Historical Society and its mission to bridge the past, present and future by engaging the community with its history and architecture. A limited number of premium preview tickets are available. Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets: \$95.

**■ Bikes for Military Kids**

Through May 18  
www.tinyurl.com/4dawbc49

Help support Hinsdale Rotary's annual drive to provide new bikes and helmets to 80 kids of active Illinois military members. The presentation of the bikes will take place May 18 — Armed Forces Day — at The Community House.

**■ A Pint for Kim**

May 11  
Naperville North High School  
899 N. Mill St.  
www.apintforkim.com

This 5th annual blood drive honors former Naperville resident Kimberly Sandford, who required more than 40 blood transfusions in her final months battling a rare cancer. The event also will feature a huge car show, live music, raffles, games, food trucks, a kids' area and more. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**GAME ON**

**■ Chicago Elite Youth Volleyball**

Tuesdays, May 7-28  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr  
(630) 789-7090

Boys and girls ages 6-11 can learn and develop key fundamentals including ball

movements, hitting, serving, passing, setting and defense. Players will grow in confidence, assertiveness and sportsmanship in a competitive setting. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 6-11, 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 11-14. Cost: \$115.

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**■ Spring Birding**

May 4 & 8  
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center  
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont  
www.fpdcc.com  
(630) 257-2045

Join this guided walk to learn how to identify birds and appreciate their ecological significance. Binoculars will be available for loan. Time: 8:30 a.m.

**■ Early Morning Bird Walk**

May 4 & 11  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Join this search for migrating birds. Binoculars are recommended. Time: 8:30 a.m. RR

**■ Spring Sensory Walk**

May 4  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
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Enjoy a leisurely walk and appreciate the sights, smells and sounds of springtime in nature. Time: 1:30 to 3 p.m. RR

**■ Forest Hike**

May 6  
Meacham Grove  
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**■ Frog Talk**

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May 10  
Little Red Schoolhouse  
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Learn why frogs communi-  
cate while taking a walk along  
wetlands. Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
RR

■ **World Migratory Bird Day**

May 11  
Sagawau Environmental  
Learning Center  
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont  
www.fpdcc.com  
(630) 257-2045

Celebrate migratory birds  
and watch bird banding  
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■ **Learn to Kayak**

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paddles and necessary safety  
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Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

■ **GREEN THUMB**

■ **ABC's of Composting**

May 6  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
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of composting and learn about  
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■ **Grow a Low-Maintenance Garden**

May 9

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chooses when planting a low-  
maintenance garden, and  
learn why certain plants are  
easier to care for and how to  
select the right set of plants for  
a site. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30  
p.m. Cost: \$49. RR

■ **Annual Plant Sale**

May 11  
Hinsdale History Museum  
15 S. Clay St.

The Garden Study Club of  
Hinsdale will hold its annual  
plant sale featuring perennials  
from members' gardens as  
well as English garden baskets.  
Proceeds help fund the club's  
ongoing maintenance of the  
history museum garden and  
other projects. Hours: 8:30  
a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **Native Plant presale**

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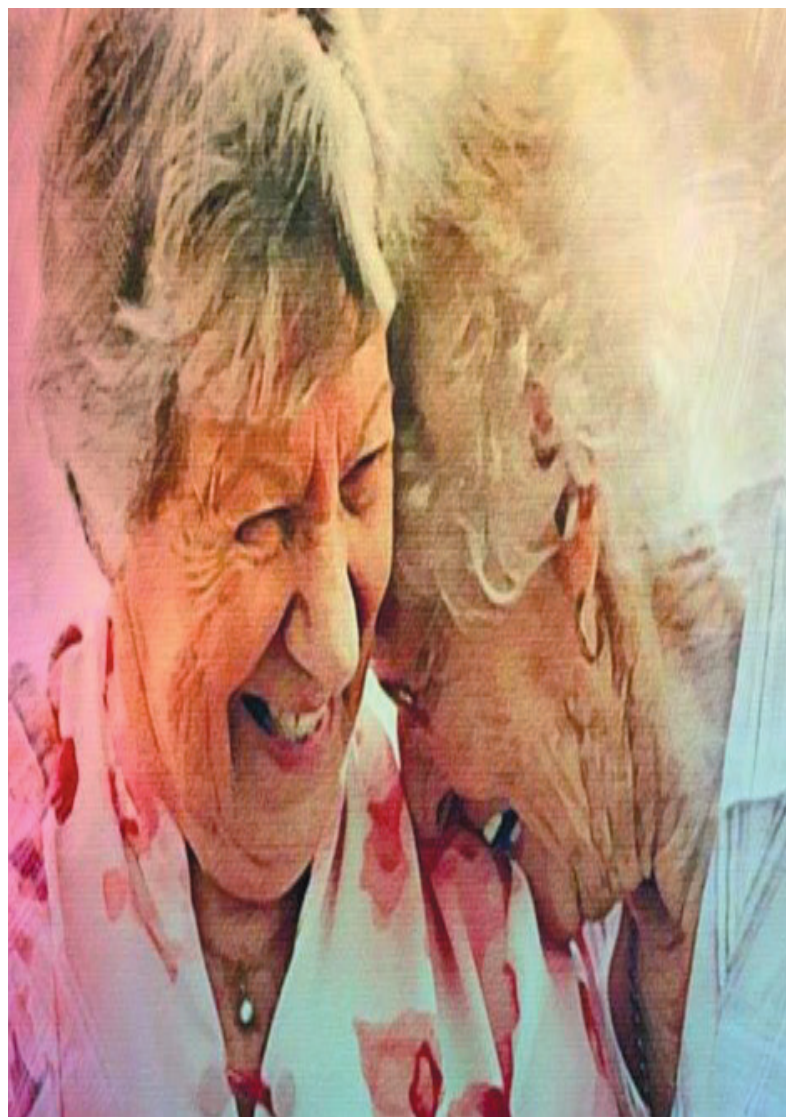
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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ **Learn to Meditate**  
May 8 & 15  
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20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Both novice and experienced meditators are invited to join Zelma Chamberlain for this two-part workshop on how to meditate in a focused, profound way. The second session will build upon the learning in the first session. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

■ **Self-Defense for Mental**

**Health**  
May 12 or 13  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

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It is unfortunate that recently their fees and who pays their fees have come under attack in a class action lawsuit in Missouri that just settled. It has been customary for many years that the seller pays the cooperating broker fee because it is the seller who has an asset to sell and in most situations the seller has the liquidity to pay the broker fees from the money that the buyer or buyer's lender brings to the table. As a result of the Missouri class action lawsuit and its settlement, there has been a shift in the real estate paradigm because no longer does the seller have to pay the cooperating broker fee. The seller can still pay the cooperating broker fee but it is now optional. The settlement has the preliminary approval of the court and is slated to become effective by the end of July 2024.

There have been rumors circulating that as a result of the settlement, sellers will no longer pay a cooperating broker fee. This is not what the settlement agreement states. It states that the cooperating broker's fee cannot be shown on the MLS (Multiple Listing Service). Sellers can still pay the cooperating broker fee and can advertise that it will pay the cooperating broker fee as it has in the past, but it cannot be shown on the MLS. It can be shown on the listing broker's website or some other media outlet or it can be confirmed by word of mouth from the listing broker but it will have to be memorialized in writing.

The other change that will take place as a result of the settlement agreement is that buyers will have to sign a buyer's broker agreement to pay the cooperating broker fee in the event the seller does not agree to pay the fee. Many real estate companies are already using buyer broker agreements and sellers are still paying a cooperating broker fee.

If the seller does not agree to pay a cooperating broker fee this will hurt many consumers like the FHA, VA and first time home buyers the most. They are already struggling to come up with enough funds to get mortgage approval and now they may have the additional expense of having to pay the cooperating broker fee. Unlike most class action lawsuits, this does not help the consumer buyer and will hurt them more.

These are the two big changes that will occur end of July 2024 that REALTORS® will face. The MLS will not be as comprehensive as it has in the past.

The purpose of the MLS is the orderly compilation and dissemination of listing information to participants so they may better serve the buying and selling public. How the removal of relevant information like who pays the cooperating broker fee from the MLS better serves the public is beyond me. This lacks transparency in my opinion. Now REALTORS® and consumers will have to dig rather than go to one source to determine if the seller will pay a cooperating broker fee.

Your local REALTOR® had nothing to do with these two rule changes that the National Association of Realtors (NAR) has agreed to but REALTORS® will have to follow them if they want to use the MLS. It is a little unsettling to REALTORS® because no one knows what the result of these two changes will be. Will fewer buyers be able to purchase a home? Will buyers be willing or able to pay the cooperating broker fee? Will lenders agree to finance a cooperating broker fee? It is anyone's guess right now what the effect will be. I am sure REALTORS® will find a way to make it work as they have in the past. They are a resilient and hard working group. They will figure it out in short time. REALTORS® provide great value to any real estate transaction and are entitled to their fee. They make my job as a closing attorney much easier and smoother because they keep things together and they keep their clients informed.

Purchasing a home is one of the largest investments people make in their lifetime. Do not attempt to go it alone. Hire a REALTOR® to guide you along the journey to make it a stress-free experience. Buyers and sellers have a much better closing experience when REALTORS® are involved. We in the legal community welcome REALTORS'® knowledge and expertise to keep our clients well informed and protected throughout the selling and buying process. REALTORS® and attorneys share the same purpose in helping and serving our clients to make the closing experience stress-free and enjoyable.

So let's keep the cooperating broker fee and the listing broker fee as a seller cost of sale. This will enable more people to reach the American dream of home ownership. Listing brokers, please remind your homeowners that their previous owner paid their cooperating broker fee when they bought.

Sincerely,

*Dominic Mancini, Attorney*



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## survey

Ongoing

[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District invites the public to share feedback on a conceptual master plan for Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook, aimed at enhancing the center's amenities and programming to ensure the site continues to serve as a vibrant cultural hub for generations to come. The conceptual plan details possible uses of the building, identifies specific areas for improvement and discusses how to preserve the mansion as a museum space while updating rooms. Visit the website above to take the survey.

## JUST FOR KIDS

### ■ Spirit of Life Painting Workshop

May 4

Hinsdale Public Library

20 E. Maple St.

[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)

(630) 986-1976

Kids from third to eighth grade can explore their creativity in this workshop inspired by the world renowned Chinese artists the Zhou Brothers, and led by Hinsdale artist InJung Oh, founder of OH Art Foundation. The Zhou Brothers will visit the library from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, for a meet-and-greet and to sign copies of their book. Time: 2 to 3:30 p.m. RR

## LISTEN & LEARN

### ■ The Many Lives of Kal Penn

May 7

[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)

(630) 986-1976

Actor, writer, producer and former associate director of the White House Office of Public Engagement Kal Penn will share his myriad accomplishments in a unique and fun game show-style experience in this Illinois Libraries Present Zoom program. Audience members can submit questions for Penn to answer when registering. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

### ■ Mastering Your Home Network

May 9

Hinsdale Public Library

20 E. Maple St.

[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)

(630) 986-1976

Unlock the secrets of the home network, including getting the best out of routers, modems, switches and more. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

### ■ Severe Weather 101

May 13

Clarendon Hills Public Library

7 N. Prospect Ave.

[www.clarendonhillslibrary.org](http://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org)

(630) 323-8188

Nick Bartholomew, owner of Storm Science, which explores the fundamentals of extreme weather, will discuss storm chasing, local climatology, previous tornado occurrences and storm safety. Time: 7 p.m. RR

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<b>\$1,402,060</b> Average Sales Price	<b>\$1,150,000</b> Median Sales Price
<b>25</b> Closed Sales	<b>61 Days</b> Average Market Time

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## ■ Billy Elton

May 3  
Theatre of Western Springs  
4384 Hampton Ave.  
www.theatreofwest-  
ernsprings.com  
(708) 246-3380

This vibrant eight-piece tribute band to the music of Billy Joel and Elton John will perform the legendary artists' biggest hits and hidden gems to create a thrilling and ever-evolving experience for fans of all ages as part of the TWS Performance Series. Time 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$40. RR, MD

## ■ La Mer

May 4  
Elmhurst Christian  
Reformed Church  
149 W. Brush Hill Road  
www.elmhurstsymphony.  
org/la-mer  
(630) 941-0202

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra presents this concert featuring Debussy's "Ibéria" (from Images pour

orchestre), Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor and Debussy's "La mer." A pre-concert discussion will be held at 5:45 p.m. in the church's upper gathering area. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$45.

## ■ A Night at the Opera

May 5  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

Join the DuPage Chorale and four vocal soloists for an evening of favorite opera choruses and arias, including Verdi's "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore," Purcell's "When I Am Laid in Earth" and Final Chorus from "Dido and Aeneas," "Habanera" from Bizet's "Carmen," and a little Gilbert and Sullivan to round out the program. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$7 for youth.

## ■ 'Feels Like Home'

May 7  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.

www.soundsgoodchoir.org  
(630) 395-9542

The Hinsdale Sounds Good! Choir, part of area's largest choral-music organization for adults 55 and older, presents this free program featuring hits from artists ranging from Nat "King" Cole and Crosby, Stills and Nash to Aaron Copland and Antonin Dvorak, as well as new songs by Kyle Pederson, PinkZebra and more. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

## ■ Guitar Ensemble

May 9  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

Come hear a lively mix of blues, jazz, funk and even classical arranged for a variety of guitarists, acoustic and electric. Time: 11 a.m.

## ■ Jazz/Pop Combos

May 10  
McAninch Arts Center  
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# PULSE

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425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

The student ensemble performance will feature a variety of types of jazz, ranging from classic to contemporary, instrumental as well as vocal. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

## ■ New Horizons Band of DuPage

May 11  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1310 Shepherd Drive, Naperville  
www.goodshepherd-naperville.org

The group of musicians from Chicago and surrounding suburbs will perform well-known selections and audience favorites, and feature the concert band, brass choir, German band, jazz band and woodwind consort. Light refreshments will follow the concert. Time: 3 p.m. Admission: Free, donations accepted.

## ■ Joe Jencks and Deidre McCalla

May 18  
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale  
11 W. Maple St.  
www.acousticren.com  
(630) 941-7797

A 25-year veteran of the international folk circuit, Joe Jencks is an award-winning songwriter and celebrated Chicago-based vocalist who merges conservatory training with his Irish roots and working-class upbringing in musical narratives filled with heart, soul, groove and grit. Singer-songwriter Deidre McCalla has long been at the forefront of redefining the understanding of how Black folk do folk. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

## ON STAGE

### ■ 'Into the Earth with You'

Thursdays to Sundays, May 2-June 2  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org

(630) 942-4000

The Buffalo Theatre Ensemble presents the world premiere of this Brian Watkins play, following three sisters — whose granddad has died — can't forget what's buried when an impossible discovery upends their notions of loss. A pre-show discussion with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. May 2; a post-show discussion with the director, cast and crew will be held May 10. The production contains adult themes and language. An ASL performance will be given Thursday, May 23. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$44, \$42 for seniors.

### ■ 'Guys and Dolls'

Through June 9  
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## RUNS & WALKS

### ■ Walk for Wellness House

May 5  
Wellness House  
131 N. County Line Road  
www.wellnesshouse.org

Walk, run or join in the fun remotely with this annual event to benefit Wellness House, which provides free programs (online and in-person) for people affected by cancer. Register as an individual or as a team, and help raise money from family and friends. Time: 8 a.m. program, 8:30 a.m. walk/run. Cost: \$30.

### ■ Pink 5K

May 11  
Central Park  
1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook  
www.obparks.org  
Help fight breast cancer by

participating in this 10th annual run/walk event Register as an individual or as a team of 15 members or more. Proceeds benefit Hinsdale Hospital Foundation's Open Arms breast cancer outreach fund. Time: 8 a.m. Cost: \$35, \$40 on race day.

### ■ Run for the Roses 5K

May 19  
Forest Road School  
901 Forest Road, LaGrange Park  
www.raceroster.com/events/2024/85145/run-for-the-roses

This LaGrange Park Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event benefits Pillars Health. The registration deadline is May 15. Time: 8 a.m. Cost: \$40.

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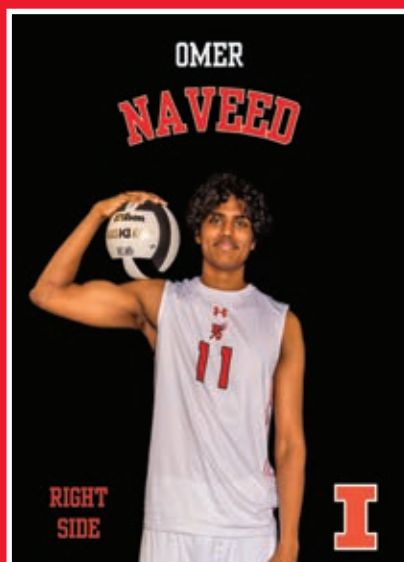
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### TEENS & TWEENS

■ **Make a Bracelet**  
May 6  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976  
Youth in middle and high school can make and wear a unique bracelet using beads and charms. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

### WEE ONES

■ **Toddler Art: Nature**  
May 10

Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

Little ones will enjoy a mini-storytime and craft all about living things and the great outdoors. Time: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. or 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. RR

### ■ Junior Firefighters

May 17  
Hinsdale Fire Department  
121 Symonds Drive  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 3-7 will learn from Hinsdale firefighters about important fire safety practices and get a tour of the Fire Safety house to see how to exit a home in the event of a fire and how to recognize potential fire hazards. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Time: 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$12. RR

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- Tom, Western Springs

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- Susie, Clarendon Hills

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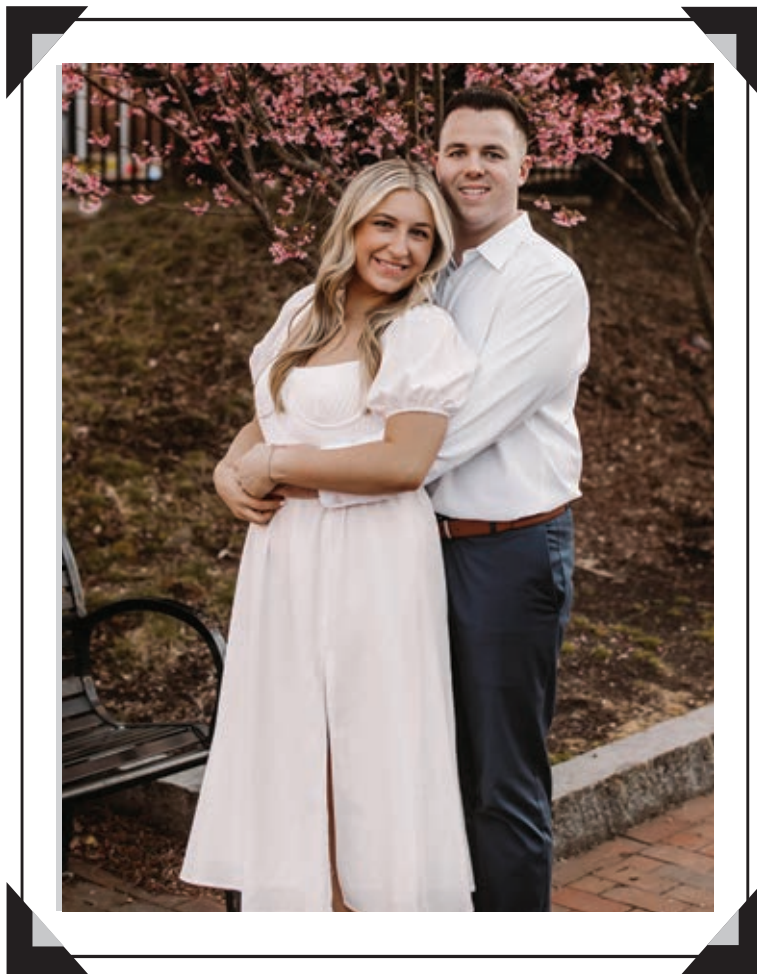
## *Serena Martinath and Connor Moroney*

Jeffrey and Sarah Martinath of Hinsdale have announced the engagement of their daughter, Serena Martinath, to Connor Moroney of North Attleboro, Mass.

The bride-to-be is a 2017 graduate of Hinsdale Central High School and a 2022 graduate of the University of New Hampshire. She is an emergency room nurse at South Shore Hospital.

The groom-to-be is the son of William and Eileen Moroney of Marshfield, Mass. He graduated from Oliver Ames High School in 2016 and the University of New Hampshire in 2020. He works as a teacher in the town of Norwood, Mass.

The two are planning a June 14, 2025, wedding in Massachusetts.



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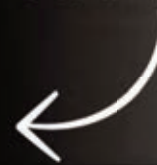


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## Bubble magic

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 12th day of April A.D. 2024.  
Jean Kaczmarek  
DuPage County Clerk

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It is the intent and goal of this newspaper to have each advertiser who wishes to place a covered advertisement in the newspaper comply with the Fair Housing laws. Any advertisement which is perceived to contain language contrary to these laws will be rejected or changed to remove the offending reference. There may be situations where it is not clear whether particular language is objectionable. Such advertisements should be referred to a supervisor for consideration and determination. Every housing advertisement published in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing laws.



**National  
Nurses  
Day  
May 6**

## So, you think you are a REAL HINSDALEAN – April photos



April 4, 2024  
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April 11, 2024  
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April 18, 2024  
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April 25, 2024  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 SCENE STEALER
  - 4 PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA
  - 8 AUCTION
  - 12 CARTE LEAD-IN
  - 13 PAKISTANI LANGUAGE
  - 14 CURRIER'S PARTNER
  - 15 FLORIDA CITY
  - 17 CLOTHING STORE SECTION
  - 18 INTIMIDATES, WITH "OUT"
  - 19 APPREHEND
  - 21 SHADE
  - 22 PICTURES
  - 26 THROAT AFFLICTION
  - 29 SAULT - MARIE
  - 30 FIB
  - 31 COBRA FEATURE
  - 32 IRS EMPLOYEE
  - 33 EXCEPTIONAL
  - 34 MORNINGS, BRIEFLY
  - 35 "OY -!"
  - 36 DUCK DOWN
  - 37 "POP GOES THE -"
  - 39 EVENING HRS.
  - 40 CHOPPING TOOL
  - 41 PORTUGAL'S PLACE
  - 45 APPLE COMPUTERS
  - 48 HIT SONG BY SHAWN MENDES AND CAMILA CABELLO
  - 50 "OOPS!"
  - 51 WALKED (ON)
  - 52 STANDARD
  - 53 INFATUATED
  - 54 BOHEMIAN
  - 55 SWISS PEAK

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- DOWN**
- 1 DOOR FASTENER
  - 2 REGRETTABLY
  - 3 CRECHE FIGURE
  - 4 "QUIET!"
  - 5 STOOD
  - 6 BANNED PESTICIDE
  - 7 "WALK ON THE WILD SIDE" ACTRESS MOORE
  - 8 "THE LION KING" LION
  - 9 "HAIL!"
  - 10 ACTOR CARIOU
  - 11 CURVED LETTER
  - 16 YEARNED
  - 20 SOUL, TO CAMUS
  - 23 PLEASED
  - 24 GREEN LAND
  - 25 CRYSTAL GAZER
  - 26 "CANDIDA"
  - 27 PLAYWRIGHT
  - 28 HEFTY BOOK
  - 29 ACTIVIST PARKS
  - 32 COVERT AGENT
  - 33 PIANO'S COUSIN
  - 35 PUZZLE
  - 36 REPRESENT
  - 38 MALIA'S SISTER
  - 39 WINE GRAPE
  - 42 TV HOST KELLY
  - 43 SLANTED TYPE (ABBR.)
  - 44 ORG. FOR SENIORS
  - 45 COFFEE HOLDER
  - 46 "CAUGHT YA!"
  - 47 GEAR TOOTH
  - 49 GOOF UP

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

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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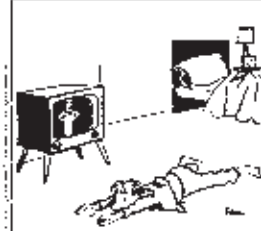
## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Utmost; 2. Scalp;
  3. Erupt; 4. Hint
- Today's Word*  
**PUSHUPS**

## SCRAMBLERS

Use the letters in the boxes to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the clue.



- As Out: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fence: \_\_\_\_\_
- CLASP: \_\_\_\_\_
- Blank: \_\_\_\_\_
- TRUPE: \_\_\_\_\_
- Tip: \_\_\_\_\_
- THIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD**

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O	5	1	4	9	2	8	6	3	2	W
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# HOROSCOPES

May 2024 Horoscopes • Week 2



**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, misinformation may be spreading around you and it can be tempting to add your own input to the discussions. Make sure your contributions can be backed up.



**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, it's challenging for you and a romantic partner to get together this week and that may lead to stress. Over time you will be able to reconnect and get things back in sync.



**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, you may feel like you don't want to get involved if a friend or colleague is in trouble. But this person can really use your help at the moment and you should step up.



**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, you may be inclined to protect loved ones from the truth this week, but they need to hear all of the details in this instance. Break any news to them gently.



**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
You are finally putting some of your longstanding plans in motion, Aquarius. However, this week you may receive some information that might delay progress.



**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, normally you are very open, but all of your communication channels seem to be blocked of late. Don't be too hard on yourself as things will return to normal soon enough.



**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
Don't let your career get sidetracked by gossip and office politics, Leo. You should stand up for yourself if others are speaking poorly about you. Avoid getting involved in gossip.



**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, you are a workaholic by nature, but when fatigue hits you this week, you'll need to step back and give yourself time to rest. There's a lot coming your way soon enough.



**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Someone may try to mislead you with some inaccurate information this week, Pisces. Conduct your own research and you'll get all of the details you need for to draw your own conclusion.



**GEMINI** – May 22/Jun 21  
Gemini, if a family member has been in a bad mood or is feeling unwell, it is up to you to get to the root of the situation. Provide whatever assistance you can.



**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, what seems to be bad news about your financial situation may not be as bad as it once appeared. Double-check the details before you become panicked.



**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
A person who is no longer in your life may be on your mind a lot these days, Sagittarius. Cherish the fond memories you have of this person and don't worry about being preoccupied.



# TRYOUTS



## 2024-2025 TRYOUT INFORMATION

### Boys & Girls Teams: U7-U19 (Ages 6-18)

Your child only needs to attend one of the tryout dates below, if unable to attend any of these dates, please call for an individual tryout.

#### EACH PLAYER NEEDS TO BRING:

Soccer Ball, Shin Guards and Water Bottle

#### OPEN TRYOUTS Boys and Girls Ages 6 & Up

Date	Time	Location
Sunday, April 28	6:00-7:00pm	Robbins Park • Hinsdale, IL
Saturday, May 4	6:00-7:00pm	Prospect Park • Clarendon Hills, IL
Tuesday, May 7	6:00-7:00pm	Ty Warner Park • Westmont, IL
Sunday, May 12	6:00-7:00pm	Robbins Park • Hinsdale, IL

#### HIGHLY COMPETITIVE Boys and Girls Ages 6 & Up

Date	Time	Location
Sunday, May 12	5:00-6:00pm	Centennial Park • Lemont, IL
Sunday, May 12	6:00-7:00pm	Robbins Park • Hinsdale, IL
Wednesday, May 15	6:00-7:00pm	Ty Warner Park • Westmont, IL
Sunday, May 19	6:00-7:00pm	Prospect Park • Clarendon Hills, IL

**Playing Facilities** - Oak Brook Park District • Romeoville Athletic Center  
Westmont Yard • Village of Hinsdale • Westmont Park District • Lemont

Academy Teams play games at Olympic Park, Schaumburg

## Welcome to the Chicago Blast Soccer Club

There is a significant difference in the way we develop players. Chicago Blast cognitive approach to training is designed to provide increased technical and tactical advancement and playing confidence for competitive levels between ages 6-18.

Chicago Blast Soccer Club is known for superb training and quality coaching in an enthusiastic environment.

Our club is a community based soccer club with practice and game locations in Hinsdale, Burr Ridge, Lemont, Oak Brook and Westmont. However, our training attracts players throughout the Chicagoland area.

We welcome families in search of a club that develops better athletes – both on and off the soccer field and prepares players for the next level. Every player in our club is treated as a family member regardless of ability and or levels.

#### Core Levels of Development in Teams

<b>Academy</b>	highest level of competition
<b>Pre-Academy</b>	highly competitive
<b>Select</b>	advanced competitive
<b>Gold</b>	more competitive
<b>Red</b>	competitive
<b>Blue</b>	developmental/competitive
<b>Silver</b>	beginning competitive

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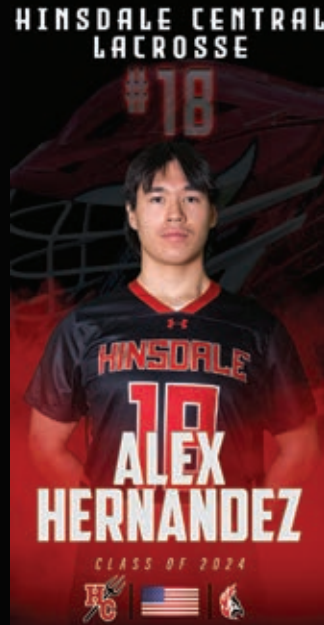
- US Soccer Federation "A" Licensed Coach
- US Adult Soccer Association National Coaching Director
- Former Professional Player Washington Diplomats and Jacksonville Tea Men NASL North American Soccer League
- NCAA Division I All American and East West Senior Bowl Selection
- Three Time Hall of Fame Inductee

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– Former Chicago Blast, Chicago Fire, CF Montreal  
MLS & AZ Alkmaar  
Dutch Premier League Player  
USMNT/Olympic Player  
Colorado Rapids  
MLS Player

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# HINSDALE CENTRAL BOYS LACROSSE

## CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!



## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Parker Matthews Hinsdale**

### How long have you played lacrosse?

I started playing lacrosse in fourth or fifth grade, and I've been playing ever since. My older sister (Riley) played, too. I did club lacrosse for a little, and then I stopped when I started playing high school. We have a lot of offseason activities, so I feel like it's just been pretty constant play, with just a couple months off.

### What do you enjoy about the sport?

I enjoy the teamwork aspect of it. I'm also a golfer, which is a more individual sport. I think when I come to lacrosse, I just like seeing my teammates, spending a lot of time together. I like the physicality, too, and just putting in the hard work.

### How have you evolved as a player?

I've become more physical as I've gotten older and also become more confident. I like to take it to the goal a lot. I've also become more of a leader.

### What are you excited for senior season?

I'm looking forward to growing closer as a team, working together and spending a lot of time together. In the offseason we started pretty early (in training), so I think we just have more of a winning mindset this year.

### How do you exercise leadership?

Their are four of us co-captains, and I think that that actually encourages the team more and helps pump everybody up when there are more of us speaking as leaders.

### How would your teammates describe you?

Determined. I never really miss an offseason workout. I'm ready to put in the hard work.

### Any secret talents?

I can wiggle my ears.

### Where are you heading next year?

I'm going to Indiana University. My sister's there, and I'm hoping to play club lacrosse.

### Why does coach Matt McNiff like having Matthews on the squad?

This is Parker's third full-time year on varsity and second year as a full-time starter. She is a resilient player on the field, demonstrating intelligence and toughness. Off the field, it is hard to find a better student-athlete. She is on the Central golf team and was part of a state championship team. Her grades are outstanding and her volunteer work is tremendous. Parker is the ideal student-athlete and a great person for younger kids to look up to.

— profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

## RESULTS

### Badminton

April 26 @ WSC  
Silver Meet  
V places 1st  
1st singles  
Sriparam, 1st  
2nd singles  
Cameli, 1st  
3rd singles  
Fang, 2nd  
4th singles  
Jiao, 1st  
5th singles  
Tu, 1st  
6th singles  
Gupta, 2nd  
7th singles  
Liu, 1st  
8th singles  
Graeb, 3rd  
9th singles  
Radziewski, 1st  
10th singles  
Shen, 1st  
1st doubles  
Jiao/Cameli, 1st  
2nd doubles  
Fang/Tu, 1st  
3rd doubles  
Sriparam/Liu, 2nd  
4th doubles  
Graeb/Shen, 2nd  
5th doubles  
Radziewski/  
Parvatneni, 2nd

### Baseball

April 30 vs. LT  
V loses 4-7  
April 29 @ LT  
V loses 1-2  
April 27 @ Morton  
V wins 11-2  
Contreras, home run,  
3 RBIs  
Leung, home run,  
3 RBIs  
Hernandez, 2 for 3  
Main, win, 8 strikeouts  
April 25 vs. OP-RF  
V loses 2-4  
April 24 @ Glenbard  
West  
V wins 4-2

### Gymnastics, boys

April 25 @ WSC  
Silver Meet  
V places 4th with

115.8 points  
Floor exercise  
Cihlar, 8th, 8.35  
McDaniel, 15th, 7.4  
Ahuja, 17th, 6.9  
Pommel horse  
Cihlar, 6th, 7.05  
Truong, 10th, 5.95  
Ashby, 16th, 2.25  
Still rings  
Cihlar, 7th, 7.75  
Ahuja, 13th, 6.25  
Ashby, 16th, 5.85  
Vault  
Cihlar, 4th, 8.8  
McDaniel, 12th  
(tie), 6.5  
Ravanasa, 14th (tie),  
6.45  
Parallel bars  
Cihlar, 8th, 8.05  
Ashby, 14th, 6.7  
Ravanasa, 17th, 5.4  
Horizontal bar  
Cihlar, 2nd, 8.3  
Ashby, 15th, 4.15  
Ravanasa, 16th, 3.7  
All around  
Cihlar, 6th, 48.3

### Lacrosse, boys

April 29 vs. Benet  
V loses 6-11  
April 26 vs. Downers  
North  
V loses 7-9  
April 25 vs. Lincoln-  
Way West  
V wins 10-3

### Lacrosse, girls

April 30 @ Loyola  
V loses 6-12  
April 26 vs. Downers  
North  
V wins 17-7  
Moncrief, 5 goals  
Brzozowski, 3 goals,  
2 assists  
Matthews, 3 goals  
Conley, 2 goals,  
assist  
Linn, 2 goals  
Kearney, goal assist  
Gatzulis, goal  
Schultz, 3 saves  
April 24 @ New Trier  
V loses 4-12

### Soccer, girls

April 30 vs. York  
V loses 0-2  
April 25, 27 & 29  
@ Naperville North  
Invite  
vs. Barrington (quar-  
terfinal)  
V wins 3-2 (shootout)  
vs. New Trier (semi-  
final)  
V loses 0-2

### Softball

April 25 vs. Morton  
V wins 17-2  
Mayer, 2 home runs,  
5 RBIs, 3 runs  
Cook, 3 RBIs, 2 runs  
DiPasquale, 3 RBIs,  
2 runs  
Koschik, 2 RBIs,  
3 runs  
Georganas, 2 RBIs,  
run  
McDaniel, RBI, 2 runs  
Kubesh, RBI  
Araujo, 2 runs  
Skay, run  
Willits, run  
Kinder, win, 7 strike-  
outs

### Tennis, boys

April 30 vs. York  
V wins 6-1  
N. Hernandez, 6-2,  
6-0  
Milton, 6-1, 6-0  
Wang, 6-0, 6-2  
Schloegel/A. Khan,  
6-0, 6-4  
I. Khan/McCain,  
6-0, 6-4  
Lin/Lynch, 6-4, 6-1  
April 29 vs. New Trier  
V wins 6-2  
April 26 & 27 @  
Hersey Invite  
V places 1st  
April 24 vs. Naperville  
Central  
V wins 7-0

### Track, boys

April 25 @ Eagle  
Classic  
100 meters  
McInerney, 4th, 11.34  
Tresslar, 17th, 11.77  
200 meters

Lyne, 9th, 23.99  
Bots, 12th, 24.18  
400 meters  
Tingler, 2nd, 51.48  
Maxwell, 3rd, 51.57  
800 meters  
Revord, 2nd, 1:59.78  
Garg, 23rd, 2:08.83  
1,600 meters  
Bandukwala, 1st,  
4:11.73  
Kurimay, 19th,  
4:32.71  
Lowe, 27th, 4:40.16  
3,200 meters  
DiCianni, 9th,  
10:05.38  
Mikaili, 17th, 10:34.11  
110-meter hurdles  
Segers, 9th, 16.14  
Moudgil, 23rd, 18.46  
300-meter hurdles  
Olaitan, 12th, 44.68  
Segers, 15th, 45.37  
4x100 relay  
Kurkowski, Tresslar,  
Korbus, Tingler, 9th,  
45.08  
4x200 relay  
Lyne, Bots, Parkins,  
McInerney, 5th,  
1:32.65  
4x400 relay  
Parkins, Maxwell,  
Tingler, Bandukwala,  
1st, 3:27.1  
4x800 relay  
Ferren, Garg, Cubbin,  
Rogers, 6th, 8:32.8  
Shot put  
Ortiz, 5th, 14.83m  
Discus  
Koschik, 10th,  
37.49m  
Stamer, 22nd, 29.4m  
High jump  
Prieto, 1st, 1.9m  
Long jump  
McInerney, 7th, 6.3m  
Parkins, 14th, 5.89m  
Triple jump  
Nedic, 27th, 10.73m

### Track, girls

April 26 @ Tiger  
Invite  
V places 6th, with 52  
points  
100 meters  
Tresslar, 9th, 12.97

Gilmartin, 16th, 13.21  
A. Hodneland, 22nd,  
13.32  
200 meters  
Dorris, 7th, 26.7  
Gilmartin, 10th, 27.03  
Lacayo, 17th, 27.46  
400 meters  
Gray, 3rd, 59.82  
Elsdon, 8th, 1:02.7  
A. Hodneland, 10th,  
1:02.84  
800 meters  
L. Hodneland, 3rd,  
2:16.17  
Gilmartin, 10th,  
2:23.72  
Boyd, 19th, 2:28.24  
1,600 meters  
Kohn, 45th, 5:54.99  
McCormick, 46th,  
6:01.75  
Gruber, 47th, 6:02.98  
3,200 meters  
Satre, 9th, 11:47.6  
Griffin, 18th, 12:08.22  
100-meter hurdles  
Leech, 15th, 17.23  
300-meter hurdles  
Leech, 13th, 50.25  
4x100 relay  
Dorris, Tresslar, A.  
Hodneland, Gilmartin,  
4th, 50.03  
4x200 relay  
Dorris, Tresslar,  
Lacayo, Gilmartin,  
4th, 1:46.1  
4x400 relay  
Gilmartin, L.  
Hodneland, Tresslar,  
Gray, 4th, 4:07.17  
Shot put  
Veliz-Hernandez,  
32nd, 8.07m  
Schaller, 38th, 7.83m  
Ford, 42nd, 7.67m  
Discus  
Veliz-Hernandez,  
41st, 1:46.1  
Woszczyk, 44th,  
18.6m  
Kawa, 48th, 17.56m  
High jump  
Chillo, 14th, 1.42m  
Pole vault  
Crisostomo, 14th,  
2.96m  
Long jump  
Bonino, 6th, 5m

Moser, 10th, 4.9m  
Reed, 18th, 4.67m  
Triple jump  
Moser, 4th, 10.56m  
Bonino, 7th, 10.49m  
Lacayo, 13th, 9.81m

### Volleyball, boys

April 30 vs. York  
V loses 19-25, 19-25  
April 29 vs.  
Bolingbrook  
V loses 23-25, 22-25  
April 26 & 27 @  
Lincoln-Way East  
Invite  
vs. St. Charles East  
V wins 25-22, 25-23  
vs. Downers South  
V loses 19-25, 21-25  
vs. Fishers  
V loses 18-25, 20-25  
vs. Lincoln-Way  
Central  
V wins 21-25, 25-23,  
15-13  
vs. Marist  
V loses 23-25, 17-25  
April 24 vs. Neuqua  
Valley  
V wins 25-23, 25-21

### Water polo, boys

April 30 vs. St.  
Charles North  
V wins 11-6  
April 24 vs. Metea  
Valley  
V wins 11-7

### Water polo, girls

April 29 @ Riverside-  
Brookfield  
V wins 14-8  
Van Houtte, 5 goals,  
assist  
Azeem, 4 goals, 2  
assists  
S. Warren, 3 goals, 2  
assists  
Gaytan, goal, 2  
assists  
Chang, goal, assist  
I. Warren, assist  
Tonjes, 12 saves  
April 24 @ Metea  
Valley  
V loses 2-13

## Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central's** Finn Hamman battles through a pair of Benet defenders Monday night during a home game on Dickinson Field. Despite their tenacity, the Red Devils came up short against the Redwings in an 11-6 loss. The team next takes on Whitney Young at home at 7 p.m. tonight. (Jim Slonoff photo)



# CALLING HINSDALE CENTRAL RED DEVILS FOOTBALL NATION!

Parents, players and all incoming freshman families are invited to the **SPRING HUDDLE MEETING** to hear from Head Coach Brian Griffin about the 2024 season, key dates, and player/parent expectations.

Learn about player registration, summer lifting and football camps, the HC Football Club, parent volunteer opportunities and other exciting initiatives!

**Sunday, May 5th at 2 p.m.**  
HINSDALE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



Interested in Red Devil Football?  
Join us at our  
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**SPRING HUDDLE**

MAY 5, 2024  
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[www.HCFootball.com](http://www.HCFootball.com)

<b>AUG 30</b> Naperville Central	<b>SEP 6</b> Bolingbrook	<b>SEP 13</b> Lyons Township
<b>SEP 20</b> Morton <i>Homecoming</i>	<b>SEP 27</b> York	<b>OCT 5</b> Glenbard West
<b>OCT 11</b> Proviso West	<b>OCT 18</b> OPRF	<b>SEP 25</b> DGN

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**2024**  
**Varsity Schedule**

For complete details, check out [www.HCFootball.com](http://www.HCFootball.com)

## JOIN US FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & DINNER MONDAY, JULY 15TH

WILLOWCREST GOLF CLUB at OAKBROOK HILLS RESORT

Register here for a great afternoon of golf followed by dinner, drinks, live music and raffle.





Koray Arslan



# Hinsdale Central Boys Track & Field Congratulations to our Seniors!



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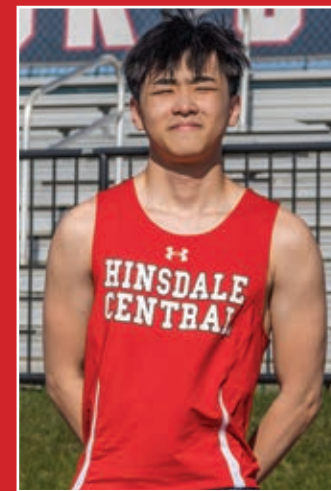
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# SPORTS

## Camps support athletes, programs

*High school and age-group camps will keep Central's gyms, fields busy this summer*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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Before the final IHSA state tournaments are held, some coaches and athletes at Hinsdale Central will start preparing for the fall season — and beyond.

The athletic department is offering summer camps in a dozen sports and one in strength and conditioning, with some holding sessions for athletes as young as first grade. Among the offerings will be one new one — girls flag football.

"It's starting from scratch, truly, because out of my 23 years of coaching, this is brand spanking new because normal male football, seven on seven, is still slightly different than what we are going to be participating in," head flag football coach Nick Gebhart said.

The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board voted last month to field a team at Central to be part of the Illinois High School Association's inaugural 2024-25 season.

Gebhart said the female version of the sport is played on a smaller field with different rules. Interested athletes will need to become acclimated to the sport quickly, he said.

"That's why I'm going to try to have open gyms now to at least get the ball rolling, where I'm doing a lot

of the front-load teaching," he said.

How those sessions go will determine the focus of summer camp, which could involve learning formations or focusing on speed and agility or skill development in throwing and catching.

"There's just so many different things that we could attack," Gebhart said. "Me and my assistant coach, Maria Cotter, are going to throw some ideas around, and I'm going to see what the girls can pick up in the open gyms."

While Gebhart is leading camps in a new sport, coach Brett Moore will be running a camp for a team new to him. He was hired last month to be the new girls varsity basketball coach.

"For me, a high school camp is a great opportunity to evaluate where we're at, what we need to do," said Moore, who has 12 years of previous experience as a varsity coach on the boys' side and served as assistant boys varsity coach this year.

"I think I'm pretty familiar with the team, but coming in, this is a brand new fresh start for everyone at the same time," he said.

In addition to the camps, high school players will compete in the Montini summer league and a couple of shootouts. The athletes will play 20 to 30 games over three

weeks in gyms that can be quite hot in June.

"That can be a grind, but it's also a really good time to bond as a team," he said. "There are a lot of positives that come out of it. It shows you where you can start off in November as a team."

Moore also enjoys working with the rising third- through eighth-graders in the youth camp.

"For the youth camps, it's great for getting to meet these young athletes early in the process," Moore said. "We have a lot of success in programs I've been in in getting kids in year after year."

Gebhart is offering a youth camp for girls flag football, too.

"We're going to try," he said.

"Some of the girls who have expressed interest, they were really adamant about 'I would have loved to start this as a youth.'"

Girls will learn basic skills and play games.

"At the end of the day, it's about getting girls active, developing self-confidence, improving their fitness level, working on teamwork, sportsmanship," Gebhart said.

Bobby Deftos is a Central basketball player who benefited from attending youth camp as a kid. After he graduates in May, Deftos will spend part of his summer coaching

the youth camp for the fourth year in a row. He said the youth camps he attended as a kid gave him the opportunity to hone his skills and play in front of high school coaches.

"Everyone gets super competitive, the level of play is pretty high and it definitely had an impact on my game," he said.

He praised varsity basketball coach Nick Latorre and the quality of instruction.

"The same stuff he's teaching these 11-year-olds is the same stuff he taught us at 17," he said.

Deftos runs his own basketball camp and enjoys making connections with kids who might be interested in signing up. But that's not the only thing that makes coaching summer camp special for him.

"There's 100, 200 kids there that all just love to play the game, and there's 15 to 20 Hinsdale Central players that also love the game and love teaching and love being around these young kids, and there are 10 coaches, adults, who have dedicated their entire life for this," he said. "There is a sense of community." The summer job also brings back wonderful memories for Deftos.

"It's nostalgic for me," he said. "I loved this camp. To see the joy and all the same stuff I felt when I was 9, 10, 11 is something."

### Central sports camps

Hinsdale Central is offering the following summer sports camps on its campus. Visit [www.schools.snap.app/hinsdalecentral](http://www.schools.snap.app/hinsdalecentral) for more details or to register.

#### Badminton, co-ed

Grades 6-12  
June 10-20, \$150  
Coach Katie Maley, [kamaley@hinsdale86.org](mailto:kamaley@hinsdale86.org)

#### Baseball, boys

Grades 4-7  
June 10-20, \$225  
Grades 8-9  
June 24-July 3, \$225  
Coach Jason Ziemer, [jziemer@hinsdale86.org](mailto:jziemer@hinsdale86.org)

#### Basketball, boys

Grades 4-8  
June 10-14, \$130  
Grades 9-12  
June 3-20, \$210-\$225  
Coach Nick Latorre, [nlatorre@hinsdale86.org](mailto:nlatorre@hinsdale86.org)

#### Basketball, girls

Grades 3-8

June 3-7, \$150

Grades 9-12

June 3-20, \$175

Coach Brett Moore, [bmoore@hinsdale86.org](mailto:bmoore@hinsdale86.org)

#### Cross country, boys

Grades 5-12  
June 10-July 26 (M-T-TH), \$170  
Coach Jim Westphal, [jwestpha@hinsdale86.org](mailto:jwestpha@hinsdale86.org)

#### Cross country, girls

Grades 6-12  
June 10-Aug. 2 (M-W-F), \$170  
Coach Mark McCabe, [mmcabe@hinsdale86.org](mailto:mmcabe@hinsdale86.org)

#### Flag football, girls

Grades 4-8  
June 3-7, \$74  
Grades 9-12  
June 3-13, \$125  
Coach Nick Gebhart, [ngebhart@hinsdale86.org](mailto:ngebhart@hinsdale86.org)

#### Football, boys

Grades 1-8  
June 10-20, \$200

Coach Max Gregor, [mgregor@hinsdale86.org](mailto:mgregor@hinsdale86.org)

Grades 9-12

July 8-26, \$250

Coach Brian Griffin, [bgriffin@hinsdale86.org](mailto:bgriffin@hinsdale86.org)

#### Lacrosse, boys

Grades 6-8  
July 22-25 \$125  
Grades 9-12  
July 8-16, \$125  
Coach Joe Battaglia, [jbattaglia@hinsdale86.org](mailto:jbattaglia@hinsdale86.org)

#### Lacrosse, girls

Grades 5-12  
July 8-26, \$200  
Coach Matt McNiff, [mmcniff@hinsdale86.org](mailto:mmcniff@hinsdale86.org)

#### Soccer, boys

Grades 5-8  
June 24-27, \$100  
Grades 9-12  
June 3-20, \$215  
Coach Mike Wiggins, [mwiggins@hinsdale86.org](mailto:mwiggins@hinsdale86.org)

#### Soccer, girls

Grades 5-8 & goalkeeper (grades 7-12)  
June 27-27, \$100  
Grades 9-12  
July 29-Aug. 2, \$180  
Coach Tony Madonia, [amadonia@hinsdale86.org](mailto:amadonia@hinsdale86.org)

#### Softball

Grades 4-9  
July 9-12, \$100  
Coach Brittany Zust, [bzust@hinsdale86.org](mailto:bzust@hinsdale86.org)

#### Strength & conditioning, boys

Grades 9-12  
June 3-28, \$125  
Coach Max Gregor, [mgregor@hinsdale86.org](mailto:mgregor@hinsdale86.org)

#### Track and field, co-ed

Grades 4-8  
June 10-20, \$75  
Coach Jim Westphal, [jwestpha@hinsdale86.org](mailto:jwestpha@hinsdale86.org)  
High jump camp, grades 6-9  
June 3-14, \$200  
Coach Mike Huseth, [mhuseth@hinsdale86.org](mailto:mhuseth@hinsdale86.org)

Grades 9-12

June 3-July 26 (M-W-TH), \$160

Coach James Conyers, [jconyers72@gmail.com](mailto:jconyers72@gmail.com)

#### Volleyball, boys

Clinics  
Grades 1-8  
May 18, \$20-40  
Camp  
Grades 5-12  
June 17-27, \$200-\$300  
Coach Tom Gilbert, [tgilbert@hinsdale86.org](mailto:tgilbert@hinsdale86.org)

#### Volleyball, girls

Grades 1-8  
July 8-19, \$190  
Grades 9-12  
July 8-25, \$325  
Coach Kelly Stapleton, [kstaplet@hinsdale86.org](mailto:kstaplet@hinsdale86.org)

#### Wrestling, boys

Grades 1-12  
June 4-20 (T-TH), \$150  
Coach Jason Hayes, [jhayes@hinsdale86.org](mailto:jhayes@hinsdale86.org)

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