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## A scoop a day

**The scoops on Sunday** did not keep the doctors, nurses, administrators and village residents away from Burlington Park. The Hinsdale Hospital Foundation Junior Board hosted the 69th annual ice cream social, which hasn't seen scooped ice cream since 2020 when the board pivoted and passed out ice cream bars to maintain social distancing. That practice went on for three years. Charley Prendergast and Ellie and Lucy Rozum take a break in the shade to enjoy their ice cream. Please turn to Page 24 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# NEWS

## Supt. search timeline comes into focus

By Ken Knutson

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Open forums, focus groups and an online survey are tools the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board will employ over the next several weeks as it seeks community input in the search for a new superintendent.

At the Aug. 24 meeting, representatives from search firm School Exec Connect laid out the timeline for hiring a top district administrator by the end of the year. The first phase, slated for late September, will involve two open forums — one for the public and another for school staff — and more targeted focus group sessions to collect input on desired qualifications. The survey will be available to everyone.

“The process over the next five or six weeks is gathering information as we prepare to put the profile together,” Brian Barnhart, superintendent of Western Springs

Elementary District 101 and School Exec Connect consultant, told board members. “The online survey will come out very soon — a date yet to be determined — and we’ll come out (Sept.) 27 and 28, tentatively, to speak with the focus groups and also the two open forums.”

The resulting profile will be presented at the board’s Oct. 12 meeting, and subsequently a slate of five to seven candidates will be brought forward for consideration in closed session at the board’s Nov. 16 meeting. After a round of interviews, the board will narrow down to two or three with a vision of finalizing a contract with the top choice at the Dec. 21 board meeting.

“You will have to designate some time so you can do the semifinalist and finalist interviews,” Barnhart said of the series of sessions required in the selection phase.

To help ensure a diverse representation in both the 10-12-person focus groups and possible candi-

date vetting committees, School Exec Connect’s Kevin O’Mara suggested the principals recruit volunteers.

“The less hands-on the board is with selecting focus group members and committees the better, because there could be a misconception that the board just wants its favorites on the committee,” he said.

Board member Debbie Levinthal agreed.

“I think (Hinsdale Central principal Bill Walsh and Hinsdale South principal Patrick Hardy) are both very well connected with their communities, and I think the board should be removed, so to speak, from the job so that there’s a wide variety of voices,” Levinthal said.

“I’ve found that the survey results and the focus group results often align very closely,” Interim Superintendent Linda Yonke said.

O’Mara said the board also will be equipped to evaluate the can-

didates when the semifinalists are presented Nov. 16.

“A second feature of that meeting is to do an interview workshop with you so you have all of our tools, including sample interview questions and rubrics that we have developed,” he said.

Barnhart said a list superintendent compensation packages from comparable districts will be provided.

“If your neighbor is paying ‘X’ amount of dollars, you’re probably going to be in that ballpark somewhere,” he said.

Yonke, following a recommendation by O’Mara, will serve as district liaison for the search firm, with whom she has worked before.

O’Mara encouraged the district to leverage its communication platforms to promote public engagement in the process.

“You want to make sure this is front and center for every day leading up to this,” he said.

## Practice makes perfect



**The Kids Open Art Studio** at The Community House — which encourages kids to avoid screens and engage in creative endeavors — was a hit with participants this summer. Offering a different set of materials for students to work with each day, the studio provides a perfect place to practice art of all kinds. Teddy Kocoras (clockwise from top), Claire Cundiff and Charlie Hipskind work on their projects. (Photos for The Hinsdalean by Sam Wheeler)



# ONCE UPON A TIME

**All aboard** — Hinsdale's Sean Chaudhry came across a box of old photos tucked in a corner of his store's basement. These photos, which back to 1939, show the crossing that use to be at Vine (top) and the Monroe Street crossing (bottom). 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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**Savannah Wood** shares a hug with her “favorite person in the world,” her grandfather, Steve Patzer, at a party celebrating the end of her treatment for osteosarcoma. At the event filled with friends and family, including Alani Foster and Nina Colbert, the Wood family shared their gratitude with all of those who supported them over the last year. From the outfits to the glow furniture that lit up after dusk, the patio outside The Community House was bathed in pink, Savannah’s favorite color, for the occasion. (photos by Steve Johnston for The Hinsdalean)

# Party celebrates teen’s win over cancer

*Year-long journey of chemo, surgery ends with night of rejoicing, thanking supporters*

By **Sandy Illian Bosch**  
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The patio outside The Community House was a cloud of pink Saturday night, as friends and family gathered to celebrate Hinsdale teenager Savannah Wood and her victory over osteosarcoma.

Clad in all shades of Savannah’s signature color, the crowd feasted on 13-year-old Savannah’s favorite food and danced to her favorite music, all under a canopy of pink lights.

Party planner Susan Cordogan, a Hinsdale resident and owner of Big City Events, decided the day before the event that more decor was needed. She headed to the Woods’ home just a few blocks away and took down the pink lights that had decorated their house throughout Savannah’s treatment.

“It was almost like a rite of passage,” Cordogan said.

With her battle behind her, Savannah didn’t need them anymore.

Savannah’s unexpected journey began last Labor Day when, while

inner tubing with her family, her right knee began to bother her. Not long after, an X-ray revealed what was later confirmed to be osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer that most commonly forms in children and young adults. Savannah started chemotherapy almost immediately.

After months of chemo, 100 nights spent in the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital and a major surgery to replace bones in her leg, Savannah rang the bell marking the end of her treatment on June 23.

Savannah didn’t take time to eat the tacos that she had requested for her end-of-treatment party. She was too busy dancing the night away. But she did take time to step to the microphone to offer thanks to all those in attendance and to recognize a few very special people for the support over the last year.

She thanked her mom and dad, brothers Torsten and Smith, grandpa Steve Patzer, nanny Julia Zaborowska and friends Kendall Miller and Laine Morris.

“Laine danced in the rain with me,”

she said, referring to a favorite quote from British writer Vivian Greene: “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass. It’s about learning to dance in the rain.”

Savannah and her parents, Stuart and Stacia, said the party was both a celebration and a gesture of thanks to everyone who helped them through the last year. Friends, family, neighbors, teachers, local businesses and organizations all came together to help in ways large and small to remind the whole family that Savannah was and is “Savannah Strong.”

“It was our way to recognize, celebrate and thank our friends and the entire community for rallying around her and being there for our family,” Stacia said.

After cannons filled the air and the dance floor with pink confetti, Savannah’s guests formed a large circle and danced the final song arm in arm in what Cordogan said felt like a collective sigh of relief.

Despite the many hard times endured over the last year, Savannah said she also made some lifelong

memories, like the last-minute trip to Florida when her surgery was unexpectedly postponed, and the spring break spent in Chicago with her dad. She said she’ll always remember watching the Christmas light parade from her window at Lurie and sharing her skincare regimen with her team of nurses. Her new bedroom, created in her favorite color by Special Spaces and Normandy Builders, is something Savannah said she’ll never forget. And of course, she’ll always remember the love and support she felt every step of the way.

Savannah is back in class at Hinsdale Middle School and she’s resumed her spot as a Falcon cheerleader. The eighth-grader said she appreciates every single day that she’s able to spend with the people she loves, doing the things she loves to do.

But she’s looking forward to one day in particular. Make a Wish is fulfilling Savannah’s wish to attend the Grammy awards.

“I love an excuse to get a new dress,” Savannah said.

Chances are, it will be pink.



# NEXT WEEK

## Hinsdale Firefighters Pension Board

9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

## Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** public hearing on properties to include on Historically Significant Structures Property List (round 5); public meetings on preservation incentives for 24 E. Eighth St., 132 E. Fifth St. and 136 N. Washington St.; signs for 22 W. First St. (Images Med Spa)

## Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Commission special meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7  
Memorial Building  
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## Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org)

**On the draft agenda:** extend contract with Republic Services, extend agreement for lobbying services, award holiday lighting and decorating bid, approve proposal to replace Memorial Hall carillon, add properties to Historically Significant Structures Property List, HCS Family Services move to 22 N. Elm St.

## Boosters announce proposed officer slate

The Hinsdale Central Booster Club has announced its proposed executive board slate for the 2023-24 school year.

The board is still seeking to fill the position of vice president. Anyone interested in the open position or in joining the club should attend the meeting or email Rob Tonn at [president@theboosters.com](mailto:president@theboosters.com).

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The slate will be voted on when the club meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Hinsdale Central, 5500 S. Grant St.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month throughout the school year.

The Booster Club is a non-profit service organization dedicated to supporting, encouraging and aiding all extra-curricular athletic and club activities at Hinsdale Central since 1949. Membership is comprised of parents, faculty and community members.

Membership packages range from \$75 to \$300. Visit [www.theboosters.com](http://www.theboosters.com).



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# All invited to join fundraising campaign

By Pamela Lannom  
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Almost a century ago, Hinsdale residents came together and raised almost \$150,000 in a single week to pay for a new building to honor those who fought in the first World War.

Village leaders hope residents will do the same this year to fund improvements to the Memorial Building in honor of the village's 150th anniversary.

"They had a committee 100 years ago for how to create a memorial and they wanted it to be something lasting and something that would serve the community going forward and really be a place where people could gather, and this building has done that," said former Trustee Laurel Haarlow, one of the campaign's organizers. "It continues to do that. That vision has taken us forward for 100 years.

"How great it is to have the opportunity to show our civic pride and honor what those people did in the past and honor our future by upgrading these areas around the building and basically taking that next step forward for the future of Hinsdale."

Creating a new patio at the building's south entrance, facing Burlington Park, and replacing the original Chippendale roof railing, were among several ideas discussed by the village's 150th anniversary committee, said Trustee Michelle Fisher, who is working with Haarlow on the campaign.



Village leaders hope to replace the roof railing and create a new patio at the Memorial Building. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)

"The village plaza and the roof railing was something that really resonated and hit home," Fisher said. "(The Memorial Building) truly is the centerpiece of our village and a place we all want folks to gather and enjoy."

The two are working with Trustee Alexis Braden and former Trustee Bill Haarlow (Laurel's husband) to raise \$350,000 to \$450,000 for both projects. A group is currently reviewing plans for the new patio and landscaping with an eye toward value engineering.

"This is a big deal for our village and we want to

make sure we get this right," Fisher said.

The village has created six different donation levels, ranging from \$249 or less to \$10,000 or more. All are tax deductible. Individuals, families and businesses are invited to participate, and donors will be recognized on a plaque placed near the patio. The village has sent emails to businesses and will include a slip with the September water bill residents receive in September. The goal is to complete fundraising by the end of the year and to break ground on the patio in the spring.

The sense of history and community are especially strong for Haarlow and her husband, who grew up here.

"I just love how vibrant our community is now with people who want to move here, who want to be a part of it, people who want to move back here because they remember how great it was," she said. "Part of what made it special is the community did come together for things like this."

All but two families in town, according to accounts, participated in the original building campaign in 1927. Haarlow and Fisher would love to see that level of engagement again.

"What a great way for our community to come together again for the 150th," Fisher said. "We're asking folks to be part of it, to be part of history."

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## Battery arrest

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## Arrest for suspended license

Victor A. Flores, 22, 7214 S. Wood St., Chicago, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 9:33 a.m. Aug. 25 at 55th and Oak streets. He was charged and released to appear in court.

## Fraud case reported

Someone gained access to the bank account of a resident of the 800 block of South Bodin Street and made \$7,000 in fraudulent transactions between 2:16 and 6:46 a.m. Aug. 1. The incident was reported Aug. 26.

## Tires vandalized

Two tires were punctured on a vehicle while it was parked in the Kramer Foods parking lot, 34 S. Vine St., between 11:10 a.m. and 8:10 p.m. Aug. 22.

## Hit and run reported

A vehicle was struck in the Hinsdale Central High School parking lot, 5500 S. Grant St., between 12:30 and 3:15 p.m. Aug. 21.

## Identity theft incidents

- The identity of a resident of the 400 block of South Elm Street was used to open a credit card account between Aug. 13 and 15. The incident was reported Aug. 23.
- Someone used the identity of a resident of the 100 block of East Seventh Street to open a credit card account on Aug. 2. The incident was reported Aug. 24.
- The identity of a resident of the 400 block of East Third Street was used to open fraudulent credit card accounts between Feb. 1 and Aug. 24.
- Some used the identity of a resident of the 400 block of West Fourth Street to attempt to open a credit card account between April 1 and Aug. 25.
- Credit card account information belonging to a resident of the 700 block of Mills Street was used to charge about \$5,000 in fraudulent transactions between June 1 and Aug. 22.
- The identity of a resident of the 800 block of Taft Road was used in a vehicle purchase application on Aug. 22, in which the suspect presented a fraudulent ID with the victim's information and an altered photo.

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■ “Don’t hold it within — that’s where the issue is. Kids are holding it within and trying to deal with it by themselves and then it blows up later on.”

— Jennifer Cave

## Central social worker receives volunteer award

Jennifer Cave could barely hear the voice on the other end of the line when she got the call that she had been named the 2023 Volunteer of the Year at The Community House.

“When they called it was over the summer and I literally was at Disney World,” she said. “It was so loud in the background.”

The Magic Kingdom was the perfect place to learn she had received the Katharine Van Duysen Sylvester Service Award for her work to “empower and support adolescents as they navigate the various changes and challenges they face,” according to The Community House announcement.

As a social worker at Hinsdale Central, she has helped coordinate the Walk the Walk for Mental Health, worked with TCH’s Junior Board and referred students to the TCH’s counseling center. The center offers counseling on a sliding scale for those who have trouble affording it.

“I’m pretty sure people are aware of their counseling,” Cave said of the service long offered by The Community House. “People aren’t aware of how we collaborate or refer

to them.”

The collaboration involved a donation from the Hinsdale Central PTO to make free counseling available to Central students in need.

“We couldn’t have done this without our PTO. They really did have such a generous donation,” Cave said. “Within the last 10 years, we have a great need of outside agencies to help counsel our students.

“Otherwise their mental health needs aren’t being taken care of,” she said.

She points to events of early 2020 as the reason why so many students — and parents — are having a hard time functioning.

“It just really comes down to the pandemic,” Cave said. “The kids just didn’t know what to do for two years.”

She also sees students of immigrants struggling and, as a first-generation Filipino American, can relate.

“You have students coming from whatever country and they just need support — or the parents just don’t know how to get accustomed to the norms,” she said.

Cave initially planned to pursue a career in accounting and came within three credits



### JENNIFER CAVE

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of earning her degree.

“Both my parents are accountants,” she said. “That’s all I knew. I just do my own taxes now for free,” she added with a laugh.

She felt the pull to social work and started out first in a hospital and then in an elementary special education cooperative before coming to Central. She said she enjoys working with students with such varied personalities.

“Everyone is different,”

she said. “That’s just really what I love about working in schools, especially high schools. The older kids can communicate. They will verbalize. They can tell you what’s going on.”

Communication is key, she said, and social workers try to teach students how to advocate for themselves by reaching out when they need help.

“Don’t hold it within — that’s where the issue is,” she said. “Kids are holding it

within and trying to deal with it by themselves and then it blows up later on.”

She praised her co-workers — Maggie Buoy, Peter Hutcheon, Jessica Kim, Jim Kupres and Kelly Rocks — and says they are deserving of the award as well.

“It’s not only me,” she said. “I work with a whole department that’s very supportive and helps through all of this.”

— story by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff



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# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## A reading assignment for drivers as school opens

As students get acclimated to their class schedules, locker combinations and homework, adults also have some adjusting to do now that school is back in session.

Traffic patterns have changed dramatically since the first day at Hinsdale Central Aug. 21 and District 181 schools Aug. 22. More students are heading to and from school on foot or on their bikes — or getting a ride from mom or dad or even a classmate. They might not be paying as much attention as they should be, so drivers need to be extra vigilant.

To that end, we offer this annual reminder of driving tips from the National Safety Council.

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you, as this could put them in the path of moving traffic.

- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.

- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.

- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.

- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.

- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

The council also offers these suggestions for drivers sharing the road with bicyclists, noting that children often create special problems for drivers because they are not capable of properly determining traffic conditions.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, keeping 3 feet between your car and the cyclist.

- When turning left when a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass.

- When turning right with a bicyclist approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use a turn signal.

- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially

have a tendency to do this.

- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods.

- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars.

- Check side mirrors before opening your door.

Finally, drivers who find themselves behind a bus should follow this advice.

- Never pass a bus from behind — or from either direction if you're on an undivided road — if it is stopped to load or unload children.

- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.

- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.

- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Let's all do our part to make sure we share the road safely with students heading back to school.

COMMENTARY

## Summer 2023 — in 585 words or fewer

Were it not for my summer sabbatical from column writing, each one of these probably would have been its own column. Instead, I offer an abbreviated look at summer 2023.

Since June, I ...

- saw my birth mom and birth dad reunite for the first time in more than 50 years when they traveled here for Ainsley's eighth-grade graduation. Not long after I connected with them in 2020, someone asked me if I ever thought they would meet. "I hope not!" I replied, thinking it would be, well, too much. Within a couple of years I had changed my mind and arrived at the conclusion that I would love to have a photo of the three of us. Now I do.

- spent a week in Saugatuck, this year in June instead of August due to conflicts with Ainsley's marching band camp. Seeing as it didn't make it out of the 70s and was 56 degrees on our dune ride (the driver gave us all blankets!), we will return in July

next year and hope for better beach weather.

- made up for our shortage of beach visits with a Hawaiian island cruise with my birth father, his wife, my sister and her husband. Waikiki Beach, Wailea Beach, Kalapaki Beach — all made us feel a little better about our shortage of time at Oval Beach.

- polished up my pickleball game at Lifetime, playing with the beginners on Mondays and Fridays and taking a couple of lessons from Bill Voigt, a familiar face at Brook Park in Hinsdale. I hope I'm good enough to try some Saturday morning games outside this fall.

- learned — or should I say re-learned? — more about Hinsdale history than most of you would ever want to know working on our special section celebrating the village's



Pamela Lannom

150th anniversary. Having also worked on The Doings' centennial issue in 1995 and the village's centennial issue in 1998, I'm grateful that I will retire before the village celebrates another major anniversary.

- celebrated my 30th wedding anniversary with Dan. We spent a lovely night in the city — and bought each other the exact same card.

- felt pride in Ainsley's decision to spend a week on church mission trip to Virginia through Appalachian Service Project. She had a tough first couple of days and some challenges throughout the trip, but she helped make a difference for someone in need and lived outside of her comfort zone.

- celebrated with my best friend, Michelle, at her daughter, Katie's, wedding, spending most of the night

on the dance floor. "I'm usually not much of a dancer," Ainsley confessed afterward. "But I realized at a wedding everyone is just out there doing whatever they want and no one cares." So true. I hope she will always dance like no one's watching.

- convinced Dan and Ainsley to go see the "Barbie" movie with me. It's brilliant. Go see it if you haven't.

- read 800 emails about the start of freshman year, covering everything from health exams to gym uniforms to the marching band rehearsal schedule. Am I ready for Ainsley to start high school? I suppose that question is irrelevant, seeing as she started last week. Now — as I've heard from many parents of high school graduates — I am about to experience the fastest four years of my life.

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

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# OPINION

## GUEST COMMENTARY

# Remembering my dad's Buncombe

You'd be hard pressed to find Buncombe, Illinois, on a map. Buncombe is a five-hour drive straight south from Hinsdale as the crow flies, as my dad would say.

I dreaded visiting Buncombe as a kid. In the early 1970s there was nothing there. Miles and miles of farmland interrupted by old farmhouses and grain silos. Maybe an occasional Stuckey's along the way. My paternal grandfather grew up near Buncombe before he made his way to Chicago in 1920. However, a few distant relatives remained deep-rooted there, like my Uncle Olan. I can still picture his weathered face and worn farmer overalls, but not much more beyond that.

My dad enjoyed the trips and always made a point to visit the grave sites of his relatives, including George Cook, a Civil War veteran. They were buried in a cemetery you couldn't find with modern satellite technology. The last time he visited it was overgrown with weeds and in complete disrepair. He was livid and raised holy hell with the county seat to ensure it was maintained. My dad rarely got worked up about anything, but the cemetery was a different story altogether.

My dad is 87 and in good health after suffering a major heart attack roughly eight years ago. He has many good years ahead of him, yet it's clear he's getting his affairs in order. He recently asked me to go to Buncombe with him one last time. "You need to know where the graves



**Kevin Cook**

are, Kevin." His face gets serious, almost wistful. This trip means more to him this time.

We made a plan to drive down and back in one day. He says he doesn't want to leave my mother alone overnight. This time,

I'm eager to go. We'll talk sports on the drive, wishing the Bears were competitive, how much we loathe the Packers and rage against a Cubs playoff run letdown. I'll ask him advice on things sons ask their fathers.

Old country music classics will be playing on the radio. I'll tell him I like Jim Reeves and Ferlin Husky. He will smile. He'll be comforted knowing his knowledge will be safely passed on.

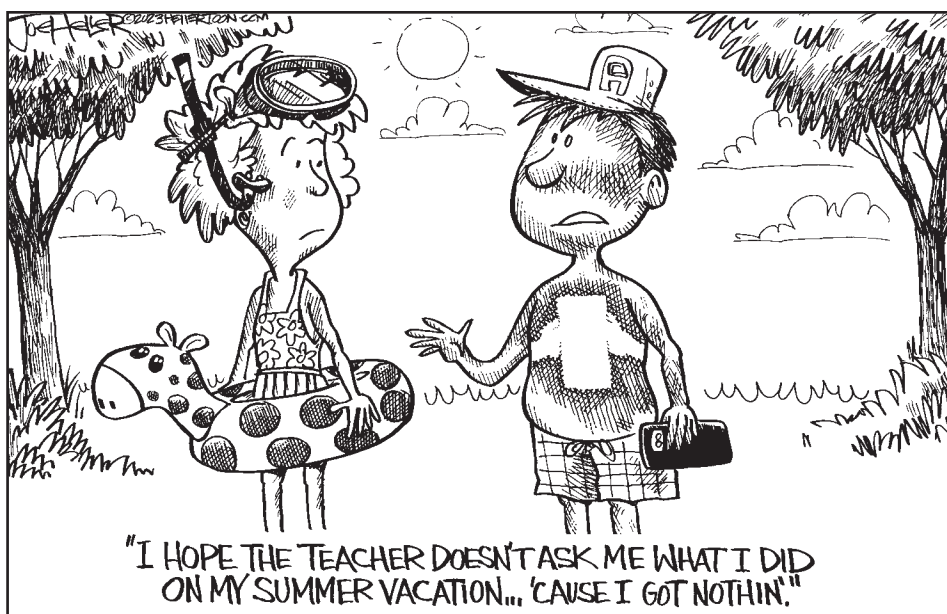
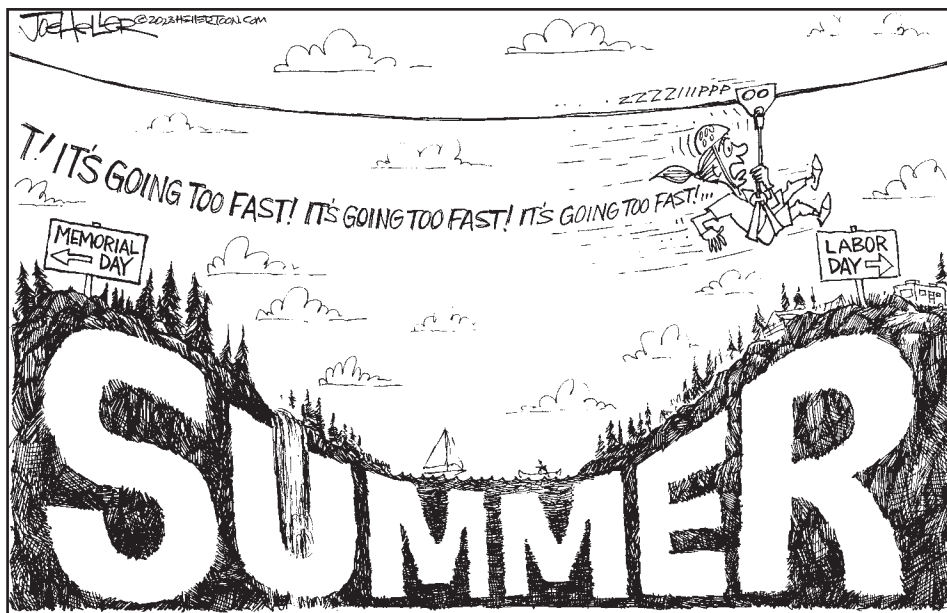
But this trip wasn't to be. He called and told me he just can't go. It's complicated, he says. His voice on the phone is sad and tempered. I suspect he doesn't want to leave my mother alone. But mostly, I think, she doesn't want him to go. She relies on him now in ways some aging couples do. I don't argue, tell him I understand and not to worry. I worry anyway, mostly about my mom.

It's funny how a nondescript spot on a map in southern Illinois that I haven't visited in nearly 50 years can mean so much to me now. The passing of time is beguiling.

Don't worry, Dad. I'll remember Buncombe.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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# OBITUARIES

## Mary A. Ozog

Mary A. Ozog, née Betinec, 96, formerly of Hinsdale, died Aug. 28, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Walter Ozog; and her sister, Lillian Lasek.

She is survived by her children, Edward J. (Jean) Ozog, Linda (John) Crookshank and Marten (Regina) Ozog; her grandchildren, Suzanne Crookshank, Nicholas (Kara) Ozog, Charles Crookshank, Katherine (Richard Brandon) Lester, Casey (Rachel) Ozog and Conor Ozog; and her great-grandchildren,



Zachary and Avery Ozog and Nora, Chase and Cormac Lester.

Visitation is at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale. A funeral Mass will follow at the church at 10 a.m.

Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at [www.ssvpusa.org](http://www.ssvpusa.org).

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## And they're off!

An adult pinewood derby fundraiser was held Aug. 19 in front of Fuller House in downtown Hinsdale. A small group gathered to watch and cheer on their designated cars. Jackson, Lucy and Michael Hibner were quick to root on any car in any race. Proceeds benefited the Boy Scouts of American Pathway to Adventure Council. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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# GOOD NEWS

## CENTRAL GRAD IN TIMES SQUARE

Jeremiah Adams, a Hinsdale Central graduate, will appear in the bright lights of Broadway on Saturday, Sept. 9, as part of the annual National Down Syndrome Society Times Square Video presentation. The one-hour video of roughly 500 photographs includes children, teens and adults with Down syndrome from all 50 states. These collective images promote the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome in a very visible way.

The photo of Jeremiah was selected from more than 2,400 entries in the NDSS worldwide call for photos. His photo will be shown on two JumboTron screens in the heart of Times Square. The presentation will be live streamed on the NDSS Facebook page from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Sept. 9.

The Times Square Video presentation kicks off the New York City Buddy Walk at the Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park.

The flagship Buddy Walk has taken place in New York City since 1995 as part of the National Buddy Walk Program. For more information about the New York City Buddy Walk or the National Buddy Walk Program, visit [www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org).

## HINSDALE WOMAN PUBLISHES BOOK

Rowan Tree Tales/Rowan Tree Press, owned by Phyllis Janik of Hinsdale, recently published "Constitution Quilt: Families" by Nana Chicago.

The book offers a lesson in kindness, compassion, diversity and inclusion for all. It is part of a series forming the Constitution Quilt Project, which visualizes the ecologies and languages living within that revolutionary, evolving document. Through lovely images and a gentle tone, readers hear and see how everyone can achieve the core aspiration of the document.

Six of the 12 translators read from the text at a July 20 reception in Lombard.

## OLER RECEIVES FULBRIGHT AWARD



Oler

Dawn Oler, a family and consumer sciences teacher at Hinsdale Central High School, was selected as a grant recipient for

the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program. Starting in January, she will spend five months in Finland working on her research at the University of Eastern Finland's Joensuu Campus.

## COLLEGE STUDENT EARNS DEGREE

Lucy Davis of Hinsdale

received her bachelor's degree in biology from Whitman College May 21, 2023.

## STUDENT WINS POSTER CONTEST

Clarendon Hills Middle School's Eliana Cuttica won the Quinlan & Fabish Music Company student poster contest.

Students from all across the Midwest created and submitted artwork centered on the theme, "Join the Band," and the community voted on their artwork.

Her artwork will be displayed in schools throughout the Midwest, and she received a pair of \$180 Yamaha headphones.

— photos appear online at [www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean](http://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean)

# JOIN THE CELEBRATION



The Hinsdalean will publish a special section Sept. 28, 2023, to commemorate the village of Hinsdale's 150th anniversary.

This keepsake publication will offer a unique look at the past century and a half in the village, featuring a combination of feature articles talking to people who live and work in Hinsdale today, historic photos and information gleaned from a variety of sources on topics ranging from the history of the Hinsdale school system to sports achievements to the village's wonderful business community.

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# ASK AN EXPERT

MARY FERGUSON, COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIRECTOR

## What's important to know about senior living?

"Most of us don't want to admit that we need help," said Mary Ferguson, community outreach director for The Birches assisted living and memory care in Clarendon Hills.

And the subject of moving into senior living can be a fraught one for adult children to broach with their parents. But better to address it earlier than too late, Ferguson advised.

"You do not want to start looking at senior living when you have a crisis," she said.

Ferguson will present her talk, Senior Living Guide, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Hinsdale Public Library (see Page 22 for details).

The industry has diversified since the days of nursing homes, so understanding all the options is important.

"We will talk about what is assisted living, memory care, what is a CCRC (continuing care retirement community) and other questions you should be asking," Ferguson

said. "We talk about the services that are offered, what are the amenities."

And the elephant in the room — the cost.

"If you're looking at a life care community, make sure you understand what that really means," she said. "There's a buy-in and you usually get a percentage back. But when is that? Is it when they sell it?"

Memory care typically runs in the \$8,000-a-month ballpark, although those numbers can be hard to ascertain without first going through some hoops.

"I would say most communities do not have their pricing on their websites," Ferguson said. "Some places will say they're not going to give you any information on pricing unless you tour."

When gathering intelligence online, discern whether you're giving your information to a community directly or to a referral service that may steer you in a certain direction.

"If you are choosing to use a referral source, they only refer to places that are going to pay them," Ferguson said. "You may be missing out on places to go that may be a better fit."

Visit the different facilities to experience the environment, and

attend programs where you can talk with residents.

"Not every community is going to be the best fit for you," she said. "If you don't get a good vibe, move on."

Staffing levels and employee longevity are data points that can speak volumes about a community.

"You want your staff to know your residents," Ferguson stressed.

Tread carefully with discount offers, which could be a red flag for service deficiencies.

"You get what you pay for," she said. "Be very wary when you have communities that are giving huge slashes in pricing."

Children may recognize the time has come to transition to senior living before parents, but broaching the subject can be difficult. Assure them that independent living means just that.

"You actually maintain your independence. You have people to help you now so you don't have to cook or do your housekeeping," Ferguson said. "It's just a different address."

And making new friends is one of the biggest benefits.

"They're with their peers so they have a lot of the same history and experiences," she said.

— by Ken Knutson



Mary Ferguson of The Birches will help people navigate the complexities of the transition to senior living in a presentation at the Hinsdale Public Library on Sept. 6. "There's a lot of communities out there, and you have to find the right fit," she said. (photo by Jim Slonoff)

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## Labor Day fun lasts all weekend long

*Host of activities will keep everyone busy as they mark the unofficial end of summer*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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Summer has flown by once again!

It seems we just presented a list of activities for a Memorial Day roundup, and Labor Day is already here. If you're looking for something fun to do, we've got some ideas for you.

- Kick off the weekend with a trip "Back to Hogwarts" from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St.

Families can bring kids for a fun night of playing with the adoptable pups in attendance at their first day of school. Each will be sorted into its house based on Penny Wars (bring change!). Enjoy Instagram-worthy photo ops and light appetizers. Tickets are \$23, \$15 for kids, and include drinks and refreshments and a drink ticket for ages 21 and up. A cash bar will be available.

Register online at [www.thecomunityhouse.org](http://www.thecomunityhouse.org). Questions? Call (630) 323-7500.

- With highs in the 90s forecast for this weekend, it's the perfect time for a final visit to the Hinsdale Community Pool, 500 W. Hinsdale Ave.

Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with a 5 p.m. closing on Monday. The baby pool also will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and lap swimming will be offered from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is \$10, \$7 for seniors 62 and older.

- Find out what going back to school was like in the 1890s at the Farmhouse Tour at Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago.

Tours begin on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, to Sunday, Sept. 3. All ages are welcome.

Kline Creek Farm features restored farmstead structures and historically costumed interpreters operating the living history farm using the tools and techniques of the past. The farmhouse contains original artifacts and reproductions that enhance its homelike atmosphere.

Inside the Timber Ridge Visitor Center, seasonal exhibits present



**Fireworks, a giant bounce house fest, a performance by Shining Star and a look at back-to-school days in the 1890s are among the activities residents can choose from for some Labor Day weekend fun. (photos provided)**

elements of the 1890s and the agricultural heritage of DuPage County. The center has modern restrooms, a drinking fountain and a center store where visitors can purchase beverages, snacks, farm-fresh eggs and unique gifts such as locally-produced honey and soaps, Victoriana, children's toys and games.

Admission is free, but a suggested donation of \$5 a person (ages 3 and older) is encouraged.

- Enjoy one or both of the final live concerts of the season this weekend at Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton.

R&B and jazz artist West End 40 will perform at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3.

Earth, Wind & Fire tribute band Shining Star takes the stage at 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4.

The concerts are outdoors and feature lawn seating. Guests are

encouraged to bring chairs or blankets, and picnics are welcome. Concessions are available; pets and alcohol are prohibited.

Admission is free; parking is \$30. For more information, visit [www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org).

- Bring the family to Bounce the City, the largest collection of touring inflatables, at the first stop its inaugural tour at Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg through Sept. 3.

This immersive family attraction contains eight different interactive inflatables, including a 600-foot long obstacle course, a bottomless ball pit, a silent disco dome with life DJs and more.

All-access tickets start at \$24 for a 90-minute pass. Events are expected to sell out, so advanced ticket purchases are encouraged.

Visit [www.bouncethecity.com](http://www.bouncethecity.com) for tickets and more information.

- Head into the city for the

Chicago Labor Day Parade & Eddie Fest, taking place for the first time in historic Pullman.

Organized by the Chicago Federation of Labor, the parade celebrates union pride, solidarity and community togetherness.

The parade will step off at noon Saturday, Sept. 2, at 108th Street and head south down Cottage Grove Avenue to 113th Street. Afterwards, stick around for Eddie Fest, featuring live music, food and family-friendly activities.

For more information, visit [www.chicagolaborparade.com](http://www.chicagolaborparade.com).

- Enjoy the final weekend of fireworks at Chicago's Navy Pier at 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2. Stunning views are available from the public spaces at the pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., or from nearby beaches and the Lakefront Trail. Questions? Visit [www.navy pier.org/eat-drink-and-play/fireworks](http://www.navy pier.org/eat-drink-and-play/fireworks).



# September is Library Card Signup Month

As kids, we learn to associate fall with changes. We change our routine, meet new classmates and learn new things about the world.

That tradition doesn't need to end when we graduate (or, for those of us still in school, after that last bell rings). This year, your library is embracing the spirit of change that autumn brings with new opportunities to meet your neighbors and new twists on classic offerings.

Everyone should set aside time this fall to make new friends before the long nights and cold days of winter arrive. The library's newest discussion groups are a great chance to do just that.

- The New Moms Book Group is a chance for mothers of kids under 5 to grab some food and drinks and take an hour to relax.

- The Hinsdale Memory Café (sponsored by the Birches and Independence 4 Seniors) offers a way for people living with dementia and those who care for them to connect

over prepared activities.

- The Next Chapter Social Club for people 16 and up with intellectual and developmental disabilities is back.

If a group gathering is too much, our HPL My Way adaptive hour offers additional opportunities to engage with the library.

- Our French Conversation Group and Beginner Crochet Club present fun opportunities to work on polishing your skills.

- If you don't fit into the groups above, just come by on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. to sip coffee from Café La Fortuna, nibble on donut holes from Kramer Foods and get to know other library patrons. These weekly Coffee and Conversation events are a great way to meet your neighbors.

If discussion groups aren't for you, there are plenty of other reasons to come to the library this fall.



**John Kokoris**  
Check this out

- Our Mid-Autumn Festival (Oct. 1) will introduce Hinsdale families to a cherished Chinese tradition with delicacies, crafts, games and calligraphy. Families can also learn together (and win prizes) later in the season through our Fall Family Reading challenge (starting Oct. 14). Over 1,700 Hinsdaleans participated in Summer Reading this year — let's keep up those good habits!

- For kids, our popular Donuts with Dad program (Sept. 2) will be joined by the new My Special Person Day (Sept. 30) so that moms, grandparents, aunts, uncles and everyone else can get in on the fun.

The popular 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is also getting a "spinoff:" Middle schoolers can now log 100 Books Before High School to practice reading and earn prizes.

- For adults, the always-popular HPL After Dark Trivia Night returns Oct. 13. Register your team online to ensure there are snacks, drinks — and, if you're good, prizes for your team. In the meantime, brush up on your knowledge of all subjects by attending our other fall programs.

Finally, if you're hunkering down at home this September, don't worry, we've got you covered. Our popular digital and virtual offerings are better than ever. We have virtual storytimes, author talks and more streaming all season long. And once you've finished with the "Mind Games" section at the back of this paper, visit [hinsdalelibrary.info/nyt](http://hinsdalelibrary.info/nyt) to learn how to access the New York Times crossword, games, recipes and stories from The Athletic and Wirecutter for free.

— John Kokoris is the new marketing and outreach manager at Hinsdale Public Library. Email him at [jkokoris@hinsdalelibrary.info](mailto:jkokoris@hinsdalelibrary.info) to say hello!

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# PULSE



The North West Territory Alliance visits Cantigny Park for a Revolutionary War reenactment Sept. 9-10. See Page 22 for details. (photo provided)

## ARTFULLY DONE

### West Branch Diary opening reception

Sept. 7  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 206-9566

For two years, artist Joel Sheesley crisscrossed DuPage with his easel and paints, breathing in the scope and details of the DuPage River watershed as it rolls through numerous forest preserves and putting that life to canvas. Meet the artist and hear about his experiences at this special evening reception. Hours: 6 to 8 p.m.

## CLASS REUNIONS

### Hinsdale Central Class of 1968

Sept. 23  
Tierra Distillery Co. & Cafe  
211 Burlington Ave.,  
Clarendon Hills  
Hinsdale Central class of 1968 will hold its 55th reunion. For more information, email David Stone at ddstone40@gmail.com. Hours: 7 to 11 p.m.

## FAITH COMMUNITIES

### Women's Bible Study

Sept. 14-Nov. 16  
Western Springs Baptist Church  
4475 Wolf Road  
www.wsbc.info/womenslife  
(708) 246-1530

This 10-week Women's Life Bible Study of Romans will use Max Lucado's book "Life Lessons from Romans" to explore the book's themes and guidance for those who feel like they're traveling along the wrong road. Coffee and treats will be served. RR

## FAMILY FUN

### Back to School Scavenger Hunt

Sept. 1-30  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Visit the library for a back-to-school themed scavenger hunt around the youth services department. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, closed Labor Day.

## FOR A CAUSE

■ **Craig Kruse Scholarship Fundraiser**  
Sept. 9

The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.hinsdalefalcons.com

This event will raise money for a scholarship in memory of Craig Kruse, a former member of the Falcon Football Board who coached Falcon Football, Falcon Wrestling and was also a Hinsdale Central football coach. Kruse lost his battle with brain cancer in 2022. The scholarship will go to a student-athlete who demonstrates good sportsmanship and good citizenship and is involved in extra curricular activities and community service outside of sports. Tickets include food, dessert and drinks. There also will be a silent auction, and T-shirts will be available for sale at the event. Time: 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets: \$50 adults, \$25 for 21 and younger.

### Sports Ball

Sept. 15  
Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse  
The Westin Chicago Lombard  
70 Yorktown Shopping Center  
www.AgingCareConnections.org

La Grange's Aging Care Connections will hold its 22nd

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# PULSE

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annual fundraiser, featuring dinner, a silent auction and raffle. Speaking at the event will be Chicago Bears Chairman George Halas McCaskey, and Juan Curiel, CEO of the American Boxing Organization, along with an Aging Care Connections client whose story of perseverance and caring will touch and inspire. Dionne Miller, ABC-7 weekend sports

anchor, will serve as emcee, and Chicago comedian Jim Flannigan will perform. Event proceeds support Aging Care Connections' programs and services to help the area's older adults live vital, independent lives as they age. Time: 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner & program. Tickets: \$175

■ **Rescue Fest**  
Sept. 16  
The Community House

415 W. Eighth St.  
[www.midwestrescue.org](http://www.midwestrescue.org)  
Midwest Rescue of Illinois will host this second annual event where attendees can meet adoptable pets and talk to shelter personnel about fostering, adopting and volunteer opportunities. Unique items will be available for purchase from local craftsmen and small businesses, including pet-friendly essential oils,

jewelry, tumblers, pre-packed meals and pet accessories. A food truck also will be onsite. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$1 donation, free for kids under 12.

## GAME ON

■ **Chicago Elite Volleyball**  
Tuesdays, Sept. 5-26  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale

[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

This youth academy will introduce children to the game of volleyball and continue to improve their individual skill development in passing, setting, attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided by skill level and age and challenged accordingly. Times: 5 to 6 p.m. for grades one through five, 6 to 7 p.m. for grades six through eight. Cost: \$120. RR, MD

■ **Youth Karate**  
Tuesdays, Sept. 5-Dec. 19  
Clarendon Hills Community Center  
315 Chicago Ave.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Children can develop flexibility, strength and coordination in fun, yet disciplined activities. Pre-karate classes are for ages 4-6, and other classes are for ages 7 and up. Times: 4:10 to 4:55 p.m. for beginner pre-karate; 5 to 5:45 p.m. for novice/intermediate pre-karate; 5:50 to 6:45 p.m. for beginner/continuing (white belt); 6:50 to 7:45 p.m. for novice/intermediate (red-green belts); 7:50 to 8:45 p.m. for advanced (purple-black belts) Cost: \$206. RR

■ **Outdoor Recreational Basketball**  
Saturdays, Sept 9-Oct. 14  
Robbins Park  
Seventh and Vine streets  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

Boys and girls ages 7-12 of all skill levels will develop their dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding and defensive skills and then play games to apply those skills. Participants will be assigned to different teams each week, and games will be played with an emphasis on equal participation, teamwork and sportsmanship. Please bring a labeled water bottle. Time: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$117. RR, MD

## GREAT OUTDOORS

■ **Dolomite Prairie Hike**  
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prairie. The program is for ages 14 & up. Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ **Dark Sky Walk**

Sept. 14  
Little Red Schoolhouse  
Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place during the darkest night of the month. Time: 8:30 p.m. RR

**LISTEN & LEARN**

■ **The Power of Story with Colson Whitehead**

Sept. 6  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author Colson Whitehead will discuss his new book, "Crook Manifesto," in this virtual Illinois Libraries Present program. Whitehead is only the fourth writer to win two Pulitzers in the fiction category, for "Underground Railroad" in 2018 and "The Nickel Boys" in 2020. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ **Senior Living Guide**

Sept. 6  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Mary Ferguson from The Birches will talk about the range of different senior living arrangements and how to determine which is the right one by addressing all the different considerations. The program is also offered online. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

■ **A Look Inside India**

Sept. 7  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Travel along with Hinsdalean Vicky Bush-Joseph via planes, trains, automobiles, tuk tuks and bicycle rickshaws through old Delhi and Rajasthan, and learn about the history and culture through photos and video of local people, historic sites, food and dance. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

■ **Book Buzz**

Sept. 12  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.

www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

A representative from Sourcebooks will give readers the buzz on exciting new and forthcoming titles. Attendees also will receive a free tote bag and go home with a new book. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

**ON STAGE**

■ **'Dial "M" for Murder'**

Sept. 7-17  
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www.theatreofwesternsprings.com  
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■ **Beginner's Crochet Club**

Sept. 11  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Learn to crochet step by step at this biweekly crochet club starting in September with a project to complete at every meeting. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

■ **Spice Club**

Sept. 11  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Sign up for the club and pick up a monthly spice kit containing a featured spice, information about the spice and two recipes highlighting it. Return the box with the spice jar to pick new selections Oct. 9 & Nov. 13. RR

■ **Citizen Police Academy**

Wednesdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 29  
Hinsdale Police Department  
121 Symonds Drive  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/CPA

Adults 18 and older who live or work in Hinsdale are invited to take this 11-week program designed to provide a better understanding of law enforcement and the Hinsdale Police Department, insight into modern police procedures and an inside look at the challenges

officers face while serving the community. Each class runs two to three hours; no class Nov. 22. Applications are available on the website above. For more information, contact officer Karen Kowal at kowal@villageofhinsdale.org or (630) 789-7084. Time: 6:30 p.m. start. RR

■ **Buddy's Place 8-week support group**

Tuesdays Sept. 12-Nov. 7  
Presbyterian Church of Western Springs  
5250 Wolf Road  
www.pillarscommunityhealth.org

Children and teens experiencing grief will engage in goal-oriented activities based on their age/grade. Parents and adult caregivers will concurrently meet in their own group to better understand children's grief and how to help them work through it. Registration closes Sept. 7. Time: 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. RR

■ **Women's Self-Defense Workshop**

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

Participants will learn from a Premier Martial Arts sensei about the benefits of self-defense and engage in hands-on self-defense drills and techniques in a fun atmosphere. Time: 9 to 9:45 a.m. Cost: \$58.

**STEPPING BACK**

■ **At Home With Nature Tour**

Sept. 1-30  
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1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
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■ **Revolutionary War Reenactment**

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■ **A River Thru History**

Sept. 9-10  
 Columbia Woods  
 Willow Springs & Corcoran roads, Willow Springs  
[www.ariverthruhistory.com](http://www.ariverthruhistory.com)  
 (312) 533-5751

Celebrate the history of when explorers and voyageurs paddled waterways and trappers and hunters lived near the river systems at the Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Cost: \$5-\$25. RR

**SUMMER SERIES**

■ **Farmers Market**  
 Mondays through Oct. 9

Chicago Avenue Burlington Park  
[www.hinsdalechamber.com/farmers-market](http://www.hinsdalechamber.com/farmers-market)

The 47th annual Hinsdale Farmer's Market will feature farmers from around the Midwest lining Chicago Avenue between Garfield & Washington streets, with booths of fresh produce and unique finds from farms and stores. Hours; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**TEENS & TWEENS**

■ **Practice ACT Exam**

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[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
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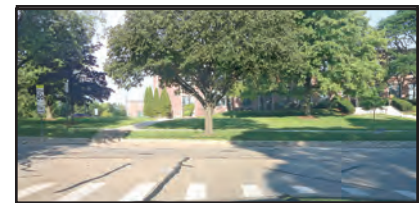
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "WATERLOO" GROUP
  - 5 DIRECTOR CRAVEN
  - 8 KILT WEARER
  - 12 BORSCHT BASE
  - 13 CHOP
  - 14 GINORMOUS
  - 15 BALTIMORE SEAFOOD TREAT
  - 17 CONGERS
  - 18 "- LITTLE" (FILM)
  - 19 SWEET-SOUNDING
  - 21 TOE COUNT
  - 22 JAZZY FITZGERALD
  - 23 LOBBYING ORG.
  - 26 STIR-FRY PAN
  - 28 SUCCINCT
  - 31 "AMERICAN --"
  - 33 PERUKE
  - 35 JUNE 6, 1944
  - 36 CASUAL SHIRTS
  - 38 RAN INTO
  - 40 FR. HOLY WOMAN
  - 41 UNHAPPY DESTINY
  - 43 ARREST
  - 45 YELL, "YOU'RE NOT FUNNY!"
  - 47 BELIEVES (IN)
  - 51 REGRETTABLY
  - 52 UNAMBIGUOUS
  - 54 MARATHON FRACTION
  - 55 BEE FOLLOWER
  - 56 JUDICIAL GARB
  - 57 SHOPPER'S DELIGHT
  - 58 BE SICK
  - 59 "CLOSER" ACTOR CLIVE

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- DOWN**
- 1 GRADE-SCHOOL BASICS
  - 2 ERNIE'S PAL BOYFRIEND
  - 3 FACING THE PITCHER
  - 4 IMPATIENT INQUIRY "A SPIDER!"
  - 5 BJORN BORG, FOR ONE
  - 6 LIKE READY-TO-EAT WALNUTS
  - 7 ACTOR'S VISUAL AIDS
  - 8 LEER AT
  - 9 TRY OUT
  - 10 SHIP'S STAFF LAST (ABBR.)
  - 11 "GREAT EXPECTATIONS" LAD FUSS
  - 12 TELEMARKETER'S TACTIC
  - 13 KIPLING HERO
  - 14 PERCHED
  - 15 NEEDLE HOLE
  - 16 QUICK GLANCE
  - 17 REFINED
  - 18 COSTA DEL --
  - 19 O'HARA ESTATE
  - 20 PILGRIMAGE SITE
  - 21 SMALL PACK ANIMAL
  - 22 EASTER ENTREES
  - 23 DIRECTOR KAZAN
  - 24 GARBAGE BARGE
  - 25 TOOTHPASTE HOLDER
  - 26 BRITISH GUN
  - 27 FLORAL NECKLACE

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

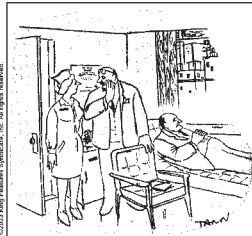
solution

- 1. Close
- 2. Sneak;
- 3. Anchor;
- 4. Secure

Today's Word  
**SHOCK**

## SCRAMBLERS

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



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**SCOLE**   

Creep  
**ASKEN**   

Ballast  
**RANCHO**   

Fasten  
**RECUSE**   

**TODAY'S WORD**

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O	1	9	7	8	3	9	6	2	4	W
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# HOROSCOPES

September 2023 Horoscopes • Week 1



**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Take stock of where you want to go in the future and start putting those plans together, Capricorn. You don't have to figure everything out, but try to map out a rough outline.



**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
Get outside and enjoy as much fresh air and exercise as possible this week, Aries. A weekly outdoors excursion can recharge the batteries and provide some time to reflect.



**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, start conversations with all of the people you meet so you can learn about different backgrounds or cultures. You might learn something you didn't know or try a new food.



**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, after a whirlwind adventure, you may be glad to be back home. Vacations are nice and relaxing, but soon enough you may crave the familiarity of your own space.



**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
You can quickly see when someone is putting on an act, Aquarius. They may say one thing but mean another. This duplicity can be off-putting, but try to get along with others right now.



**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, it's not possible to have everyone like you all of the time. Emotionally it can be difficult to accept that not everyone agrees with your point of view. Be who you are.



**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
Leo, try to work the room when you are thrust into a social situation. You need to be a diplomat or politician if you want to be in good standing with as many people as possible. Put your best face forward.



**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, you a calm energy around you this week. You can rest assured that the people you are dealing with have everything handled. They take care of business.



**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, you are in no danger of not being popular right now, so continue to enjoy all of the invitations you receive. You also can be proactive and throw your own party for friends.



**GEMINI** – May 22/June 21  
Someone from your past might come back into your life, Gemini. Keep a lookout for someone who seems familiar, as it can be a way to reminisce for a bit.



**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
You know who you can trust, Virgo. Stay close to those people for the time being. Some difficulties with family members will arise and you may need to pick sides.



**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
There is a great opportunity knocking at your door, Sagittarius, so why not seize it? New things can be scary, but you have to dive in right now.



## 8U WINS FIRST CONTEST

The 8U Hinsdale Falcons opened the season in convincing fashion with a 31-0 victory over the Naperville Saints 8U White.

The Falcons got things going on the first series after Cole Sherwood scampered for 50 yards on third and 10 and the Falcons never looked back. Connor Pauley capped off the first drive with a 20-yard touchdown run — his first of two on the day. Sherwood also scored two touchdowns, running one in and catching one from Luke Schroeder. Schroeder was also responsible for scrambling for a 40-yard touchdown on the ground in the third quarter. The coaches were extremely impressed by the dominant blocking on the line led by Wyland Holmes, Teddy O'Toole, Keats Caruso, Parker Brey and Michael Cannizaro.

The defense turned in a ferocious effort, holding Naperville to only one first down on the day. Max Cantin, Charlie Hillegass, RT Kouba and Dan Campbell were responsible for several stifling tackles throughout the afternoon.

The Falcons are set to take on Tri City 8U Gray this week at Hinsdale Central High School at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

## 9U VICTORY A TEAM EFFORT

It was a cool, cloudy Saturday in Palatine for the 2023 9U Falcons first game — a stark contrast to the sweltering week leading up to the inaugural game for 12 of the 22 Falcons.

The young Falcons started slowly, giving up a long touchdown run on their first defensive possession. Trailing 7-0 the Falcons came back out on offense. Coach Wes Breton's impassioned speech woke the team up. Luke Wanless broke free up the middle for

a 53-yard TD run. A missed extra point had the Falcons trailing 7-6.

Tackles for loss by Quinn Houser, John Dunn, Billy Jaqua and Cooper Milburn gave the ball back to Hinsdale with great field position. Following key blocks by Max Breton, Dean Windfelder, Enzo Allegra, Julian Tabuena and Brody Soberiaj, Owen Moon slithered his way in for 6-yard TD run. A Nate Morris to Will Jones pass gave the Falcons a 14-7 lead. The defense ended the half on strong plays by Elijah Trombley, Grant Garber, Massimo Buttitta, Kanas Zitkevicius and JP Rago.

Clinging to a 14-13 lead, Wanless followed big blocks by AJ Siepker and Jack Slavik, breaking tackles along the way in for a 30-yard TD run. A Morris pass to Moon for 2 more points gave the Falcons a 22-13 lead. Henry Appel would later score with a tackle breaking 35-yard TD run with Tate Pitts leading the way. A late Panther touchdown ended the game, a Falcon 28-19 victory. The win was nice, but more importantly every Falcon player was able to contribute and start what hopefully will be a long, fun Falcon career.

## 10U SILVER WINS A NAILBITER

The Falcons came in hungry to take on their crosstown rival, Lyons Township. Their preparation showed as they never lost their nerve during the defensive struggle, with the Falcons coming away with a 7-0 win.

On offense, the line powered by Luke Hanson, Joey Hillegass, Hayden Sobieraj, Carter Cox and Parker Otzen provided lanes for Jacob Zager, Danny McFarland, Jack O'Malley and Luca Striltschuk to run through. However, the Lyons' defense was equal to the task until the late game heroics of Luca Striltschuk in the form of a 25-yard touchdown run around the left end

to seal the game. Jacob Zager punched in the extra point to make it a two-score game.

Although the passing game was limited, it did show flashes of promise with crisp routes and solid quarterback play. The offense was in command with new quarterback Sawyer Myhra, who remained calm during the tense contest. On defense, the Falcons stood tall series after series and held Lyons to minimum gains. Key contributions by Marco Oliverio, Rohn Ramani and Nico Will helped pave the way for the shutout.

A late game punt return of 55 yards by Danny McFarland flipped momentum in the Falcons' favor, which ultimately led to the only score of the game.

In the end the stingy Falcon defense was called upon to keep Lyons out of the endzone. The tenacious team defense allowed the Falcons to wrap this one up.

The Falcons travel to OST Field in Palatine to take on Palatine Silver Black Saturday at 1 p.m.

## 10U GOLD TAKES DOWN OSWEGO

It had been 28 days since the 10U Gold team gathered for the first time to kick off the 2023 football season. There were a handful of returning players, but a lot of new faces to this team. Coach Nate Brown knew he had his work cut out for him to get his team prepared against a much larger Oswego team.

Oswego struck first with a touchdown to open the game. The Falcons' offense wasn't going to be outshined. On its opening drive, Kellen Brown broke the third play for a 40-yard scamper down the sidelines, with key blocks from Grant Omiecinski, Lukasz Gewont and Keerthan Tucke. Ben Murphy capped the drive with an excellent throw, finding Soren Carlson in the back of the endzone for a successful 2-point conversion to give the

Falcons an 8-6 lead.

The defense was able to buckle down the rest of the first half and provide a lot of pressure up front, led by Sebastian Christensen, Killian Byrne, Jasper Maggio and Owen Parry. The offense wasn't done as Topher Allanson provided the exclamation point on a well played first half with a 50-yard touchdown run, led by key blocks from Christian Gernot, Keegan McKoskey, Ivan Burt and Harrison. The defense didn't let up in the second half with Christian Kirchev forcing and recovering a fumble, while Marcello Salamone, Nate Thangamani and Bo Cuculich continued to provide the hard hits. Teddy Ouimette danced circles around the Oswego defense late in the game to help drain the clock and the Falcons walked away from their season opener victorious, 14-6.

Next up is the home opener against Bloomingtondale.

## 11U SILVER FALLS BY POINT

The Falcons kicked off the first game of the 2023 season against the Arlington Heights Cowboys.

Hinsdale struggled to find its footing in the first half. Early miscommunications led to busted containment and an Arlington touchdown. A costly Falcons' fumble in the endzone later led to another six for the Cowboys. The first half ended 0-13 in favor of Arlington Heights.

The Falcon's to put it together on all fronts in the second half. The defense, anchored by Bennett Zeikus in the middle, held Arlington on fourth down and secured the ball for the Falcons first drive of the half. The offense, commanded by quarterback James West, reassembled and put together a dominant scoring drive. Dane Graham gashed the Cowboys for big chunks on the edge, culminating in a 40-yard scamper up the side-

line for the Falcons' first score of the game.

The Falcons held containment and forced Arlington to run into the arms of the linebackers. Inside linebacker Burke Brotschul stepped up for a key interception, setting up a short field for the Falcons' offense. A Yebby Diedrich touchdown catch was followed by a conversion that knotted the score at 13-13.

In overtime, Hinsdale struck first on another Dane Graham foot race to the pylon. A quick 1-point conversion and the Falcons held the lead. Arlington countered with an end around run to put the game in striking distance. The Cowboys elected to go for two and ultimately converted on the last play of the game, handing Hinsdale in a heartbreaking overtime loss, 21-20.

## 11U GOLD SHOWS STRONG DEFENSE

The Hinsdale Falcons came into the home opener at Dickinson Field against Glen Ellyn Eagles on Sunday ready for a battle. The game turned into a defensive contest while the Falcons offense turned the ball over multiple times, failing to score.

The Falcons were able to move the ball with strong runs by Matt Wiskowski and Gavin Shuler and some crafty passing by Brady Madden, but weren't able to crack the endzone. On defense, the Falcons were led by Brady Madden, Nick Carbonara, Rayan Sheik, Danek Grayson and Leo Yankolowiz. The defensive front stood up to two 2 goal line stands — one of which went on for six plays — to keep the Falcons in it. In the end, the early season miscues led to a 12-0 loss for the Falcons.

But there are lots of good things to come this season from this bunch.

The Falcons' next contest will be at Bartlett this Sunday at 1 p.m.

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# SPORTS — END ZONE

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**1**  
Hinsdale 7  
Naperville 7

**2**  
Hinsdale 3  
Naperville 0

**3**  
Hinsdale 0  
Naperville 7

**4**  
Hinsdale 0  
Naperville 0

## HINSDALE CENTRAL 10 — NAPERVILLE CENTRAL 14



Central quarterback Riley Contreras works to break free of a tackler and gain yards. In a tough defensive battle, the Red Devils fell to the Redhawks 14-10. (photos by Mike Prepelica for The Hinsdalean)

### STATS

	Central	Naperville
Passing yards	72	111
Rushing yards	142	145
Total yards	214	256
Touchdowns	1	2
PATs	1	2
Field goals	1	0
Turnovers	2	0

### OFFENSE



**Joseph Morrissey**  
21 carries, 78 yds  
1 catch, 6 yards  
1 TD

### DEFENSE



**Kellen Tran**  
3 tackles  
1 assist



**Zach Kruse**  
3 tackles  
1 assist

### SPECIAL TEAMS



**Ardit Abdullai**  
1 field goal  
1 PAT

**Hinsdale Central** defenders Austin Segers and Finn Boggs wrap up the Naperville Central ball carrier as part of an energizing goal line stand during Friday night's home opener at Dickinson Field.



### UP NEXT

**This Friday**  
@ Bolingbrook  
6 p.m. kickoff

Last year  
Teams did not play

### STANDINGS

#### West Suburban Silver

Glenbard West.....	0-0.....	1-0
Downers North.....	0-0.....	1-0
York.....	0-0.....	1-0
Proviso West.....	0-0.....	0-1
<b>Central.....</b>	<b>0-0.....</b>	<b>0-1</b>
LT.....	0-0.....	0-1
OP-RF.....	0-0.....	0-1

*conference/overall*



# SPORTS — ROUNDUP

## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Carter Contreras Hinsdale**

### What are you feeling as the football season begins?

Obviously I'm super excited. The most important thing for me as a senior and team captain is leading my team.

### How do you try and lead as captain?

I think it's important to teach the younger guys and the guys who haven't played in big games how to keep yourself calm and controlled in tense situations. I looked up to my team captains, and they definitely helped me push through the challenges and that was so helpful when I joined varsity as a sophomore.

### How have you evolved as a player since freshman year?

Over the offseason I've worked on everything. I've really improved my route running and my hands, and I've definitely put on weight and improved my speed.

### How would your teammates describe you?

As someone who loves to play and always keeping my energy high — just being a leader and the captain they voted for.

### What do they call you?

C-Con.

### Do you have any pre-game routines?

I like listen to music by Lil Baby, Nardo Wick and 21 Savage to pump me up.

### What's your goal for the season?

For me everything is just about winning. I want to do anything I can do to put my team in a situation to win.

### Have you been involved in other activities at Central?

I ran track last year.

### Any other talents?

I can solve Rubik's Cube.

### What shows are you watching?

Right now I'm binge watching "Ozark" and "The Sopranos."

### What was the highlight of your summer?

I went to Country Thunder and listened to some great music with my friends. And going to friends' lake houses was a great time.

### Why does head coach Brian Griffin like having Contreras on the squad?

He's just a great leader and a great team guy. His whole family has been involved with the football program, and they've consistently been kids who care about the team and about making the team better. He does a great job as a leader that way.

— profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

## RESULTS

### Golf, boys

Aug. 28 @ Conway Farms Invite  
V places 1st with 217 strokes  
Swoyer, 67  
Devata, 72  
Mulligan, 73  
Rasmussen, 77  
Wesolowski, 77  
Aug. 26 @ St. Viator Invite  
V places 1st with 289 strokes

### Golf, girls

Aug. 29 vs. OP-RF  
V wins 147-192  
Owens, 33  
Abdullah, 35  
Han, 39  
Bhatt, 40

### Soccer, boys

Aug. 29 vs. Downers South  
V wins 5-1  
Davies, 3 goals  
Montoya, goal, assist  
B. Zamalaitis, goal, assist  
Rocque, assist

Tingler, assist  
Aug. 26 @ Timothy Christian  
V wins 3-0  
Aug. 25 @ Whitney Young  
V loses 0-4

### Swimming, girls

Aug. 26 @ Kendall Pickering Invite  
V places 4th with 330 points  
1-meter diving  
Martell, 4th, 205.65  
Hamelka, 10th, 174  
Klobach, 13th, 166.7  
200-yard medley relay  
Miller, Zinis, Bokos, L. Barber, 2nd, 1:47.35  
Hawk, Allegra, Rocca, S. Warren, 13th, 1:54.08  
200-yard freestyle  
Lahmann, 2nd, 1:57.15  
V. Barber, 3rd, 1:57.74  
Pelinkovic, 15th, 2:03.78

200-yard IM  
Bokos, 5th, 2:12.28  
Allegra, 16th, 2:18.54  
Tobolski, 28th, 2:25.93  
50-yard freestyle  
Zinis, 1st, 24.14  
Miller, 6th, 24.72  
S. Warren, 25th, 26.46  
100-yard butterfly  
Lahmann, 6th, 59.45  
Gambla, 13th, 1:01.51  
Rocca, 20th, 1:03.16  
100-yard freestyle  
L. Barber, 3rd, 52.83  
Joneikis, 15th, 56.58  
I. Warren, 24th, 58.04  
500-yard freestyle  
Bokos, 1st, 5:11.45  
V. Barber, 11th, 5:24.91  
Pelinkovic, 13th, 5:27.7  
200-yard freestyle relay

Miller, Lahmann, L. Barber, Zinis, 1st, 1:36.86  
S. Warren, Rocca, Ojiako, V. Barber, 9th, 1:43.08  
100-yard backstroke  
Hawk, 11th, 1:02.48  
Matricaria, 25th, 1:06.59  
Tornabene, 27th, 1:07.45  
100-yard breaststroke  
Allegra, 18th, 1:11.17  
Joneikis, 22nd, 1:12.21  
Ukoha, 28th, 1:14.95  
400-yard freestyle relay  
Miller, Lahmann, L. Barber, Zinis, 1st, 3:32.44  
Gambla, Bokos, Hawk, Rocca, 14th, 3:50.1

### Volleyball, girls

Aug. 25 & 26 @ Plainfield North Invite

vs. Geneva  
V wins 25-15, 12-25, 15-11  
E. Quast, 6 kills, ace, assist  
Peterson, 5 kills, 2 assists  
Steines, 5 kills, 2 blocks  
Leddy, kill, ace, block, 5 assists  
Nieman, ace, block  
Peterson, ace  
K. Quast, ace  
Scott, 2 blocks  
Chen, 4 assists  
Bergin, assist  
Garchar, assist  
vs. Maine South  
V loses 24-26, 21-25  
vs. Lincoln-Way West  
V wins 25-21, 17-25, 15-7  
vs. Lincoln-Way Central  
V loses 25-17, 22-25, 13-15  
vs. Normal Community  
V loses 16-25, 22-25

## Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central junior** Toral Bhatt pitches up to the green on the third hole while sophomore teammate Lilly Riegger tracks her drive from the third tee as Central hosted conference rival Oak Park-River Forest Tuesday at Ruth Lake Country Club. The Red Devils won the match 147-192. (Jim Slonoff photos)



# SPORTS

## Time to run, pass and kick off fall

*Hinsdale Central cross country and football teams lead off season preview series*

**By Ken Knutson**

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For the first installment in our preview series of Hinsdale Central's fall sports squads, we look at the boys and girls cross country squads and the football teams. Both running programs are relying on younger team members to pick up the pace to continue their state-level success. The Red Devil gridiron gang, meanwhile, eyes a return to the playoffs after missing out last season.

The series will continue in the Sept. 7 and 14 issues.

Here's what each of the head coaches had to say.

### Boys cross country

**First meet:** Aug. 31 vs. OP-RF

**Last year:** team — 1st at regional, 2nd at sectional, 2nd at state; individual — champion Aden Bandukwala, 3rd place Dan Watcke

**Head coach:** Jim Westphal

**Seasons as head coach:** 19

**No. of varsity members:** 24

**Strengths:** It's a new season with new personnel. We lost a good amount (to graduation), so it's a much different makeup this year. I hope what is going to develop is a pack of five runners and keep them as close as bunched as possible and work on that pack mentality.

**Areas for growth:** We're going to need four or five guys to really work together through some difficult workouts and the grind of practice. The irony of distance running is to do well, you've got to have the lowest score, so you need five individuals to run well. We want you to do well as an individual while also cultivating that team culture. You're only as strong as your weakest link.

**Who to watch:** Senior Aden Bandukwala is going to be pretty far ahead of the rest of our top four. Senior Max Lowe was in our top five last year as a junior, so we need him to continue to step up. Junior Nikita Kamenev was in our top seven as a sophomore. We're hoping senior Evan Kurimay and junior Cooper Revord can kind of fill some of the gaps and step up.

**Outlook:** We'll probably be better in October and November than we are in September. Everything kind of has to come together. We're not focusing on finishing a certain place at the state meet, just taking it meet to meet and trying not to get ahead of ourselves. Our conference is among the toughest in the state. Downers North is loaded and other teams are strong as well.

### Girls cross country

**First meet:** Aug. 29 @ OP-RF

**Last year:** 1st at regionals, 6th at sectionals, 8th at state

**Head coach:** Mark McCabe

**Seasons as head coach:** 23

**No. of varsity members:** 11

**Strengths:** This is going to be a very fun but different season. It's the first year since 2003 that we've entered the season without one sure-fire All-State runner. I'm really happy with the way this team has developed. The consistency and the improvement of all 11 of the girls has been really something. We have a good group of newcomers, both freshmen and newcomer sophomores. They've really stepped up and are going to see the breakthroughs.

**Areas for growth:** This year more than ever we're going to see bigger improvements from beginning to

end. When we put everything together, you're going to see a very different team than in the first couple of weeks when they're split up into different races. There are always younger kids that have learned from the upperclassmen and step up and fill those shoes. I'm looking for continued leadership and consistency with training.

**Who to watch:** Seniors Pola Dygon and Camden Griffin both of whom ran at the state meet last year. The others are senior Kennedy Boyd, juniors Gabby Thanos and Katie Gilmartin, sophomores Lily Hodneland, Addie Krogstie and Sam Guereca, and freshmen Evelyn Skay, Ella Satre and Ally Furey.

**Outlook:** The philosophy with a younger group is the same, but the goal times are adjusted. But in terms of the expectations, those don't change. The girls know they need to step up and assume the roles of those who graduated. They know Central is the second most successful program in the state, and they want to keep the ball rolling. Our conference is the toughest in the state, and every week you're facing the top teams in the state. So we're not surprised when it comes time for the postseason.

### Football

**First game:** Aug. 25 vs. Naperville Central (V lost 10-14)

**Last year:** 4-5 (2-4 in conference)

**Head coach:** Brian Griffin

**Seasons as head coach:** 5

**No. varsity members:** 68

**Strengths:** This group is a lot of fun. They have a lot of fun together, and they come with a great attitude. That's just made it really enjoyable to be a part of. It always seems to be a mystery as to how the season



The Hinsdale Central boys and girls cross country teams and Red Devil football have begun their 2023 campaigns, with the goal of building on strong regular season performances to realize postseason success. (file photos)

will unfold, but through working hard and using our talent, it seems to be coming together. Our strength is with our offensive line. They're kids who have a lot of experience, and they're a really close-knit group who trust each other and work well together.

**Areas for growth:** We have 10 new starters on defense. That whole group will be trying to grow through game experience. Until you get into true game-type situations, it's hard to find out who and what you can be. Getting them that experience is something that we're trying to replicate in practice. We'll be young and have to grow since we have a lot of people doing new things right now.

**Who to watch:** Senior middle linebacker Magnus Kumksis is our only returning defensive starter from last year. Senior Carter Contreras has been a two-year starter at wide receiver.

er. His younger brother, sophomore Riley Contreras, is going to be our quarterback, and he's shown a lot of promise. We're watching junior Kelan McInernery and how he grows into his role as a wide receiver. Seniors Kellen Tran, safety, and Austin Segers, cornerback, are other ones who are stepping into starting roles this season.

**Outlook:** We play six top-20 teams this year. Our conference top to bottom is one of the premier conferences in the state and has just gotten really difficult, so it's a challenge when you're trying to string wins together. But we're excited for the challenge and to see how we do. Our first goal is try to get back to the playoffs after not making it last year. Then our goal is competing for the conference championship, and it's always a tough road to get there. This group is all in and believe in who we can be — we've just got to put it all together.





# HINSDALE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



## There's still time to register for the upcoming class!

**Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM at the Police Department, beginning on September 13, 2023.**

**From *The Hinsdalean* on 12/22/2022**

Last week, I had the good fortune of completing the Hinsdale Citizen's Police Academy. Officer Karen Kowal, who was the primary instructor, guided the class through the 10-session, once-a-week evening program that gave us a "soup to nuts" look at the day-to-day challenges of being a law enforcement officer.

While the course is not intended to land us a job on the force, almost every matter that a police officer could face each day was covered by members of the department, from the police chief to the newest members of the department, in fascinating detail.

For many of us, the most impactful part of the program had to be when we were given opportunities to test our responses to role play situations such as traffic stop encounters or computer simulations related to hypothetical 911 calls in which lives might be at risk.

When you experience a glimpse of what police officers may face today, you realize how much you value and count on levelheaded, well-trained and competent police men and women to make split-second decisions to protect our community.

Having had a taste of our village's Citizens Police Academy, I feel that we are privileged to have such a fine department in our town. Next time the village offers this program, I highly recommend it as time well spent.

— Richard Ciccarone, Hinsdale

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