Celebrating the Arts

Second place winners in the Daily Herald and District 214 arts contest

On Thursday, we presented the Suburban High School District 214, ited District 214/Daily Herald Com- of visual art, poetry and prose. munity Arts and Writing Contest.

adults residing within Northwest place winners will run Tuesday.

first-place winners of the Arts Unlim- judges submissions in the categories

Today, we are proud to present the The contest, open to teens and second-place winners. The third-

Second place, Prose — 'We are His'

BY LINDA SINARD Arlington Heights

He lands with a thump and a sigh, off the living room chair, his old bones tired, the sounds of his nails announcing his nightly journey. Clickity clack towards the kitchen doorway. Stop. All is well, night light is on. Clickity clack down the long expanse of the hard wood hallway. Stop. Mom's closed door. Listen for her breathing. Clickity clack. Stop. John's closed door. Listen for his breathing. Clickity clack all the way into Susannah's open room. Stop. Listen

by the foot of her bed for her down that long stretch and into the living room. Stop. Chin on Bay window still. All seems well outside. Clickity clack back to Susannah's room and his pile of quilts on the floor. Stop. He lands with a thump and a sigh. Job done. His watch is over, as We are

Our Alpha dog Clark sits snoring at his post in the den, where he sits sentry over his watch who is still up with the nightly news. For Paul is His.

At night this sounds age of 15. We are still His.

soothes me. During wakbreathing. Clickity clack back ing hours, the Clickity clack annoys me, wrecks my nerves. He follows me everywhere. We have names for him: Mr. Clickity, Mr. Click-Clack, Mr. Bo-Jangles. When I'm in a good mood, I'll yell out "Dance!" to the tune of that old song. When I'm tired, I'll yell "Stop it with the nails already!" Knowing even before these words are out for my mouth, I will miss those nails, maybe someday soon, for he is 12, old for a Lab, and We are His.

Louie passed way at the

Second place, Poetry — 'Two Erasers'

Judge's comment: This poem uses language in a way that really amplifies and clarifies the speaker's feelings. Whether or not we share this speaker's particular anxiety of perfectionism, we can easily relate to how that anxiety has become an uncomfortable trap for the speaker. I love the contrasts in the final line — it IS "imperfect" to push "horrible" next to "amazing" and the free feeling it gives the reader to know that the speaker of the poem has finally released themselves from that cage.

BY JULIA PEDERSEN

Arlington Heights

I never wrote in pen. It was always a perfectly sharpened pencil, and two be the same. erasers,

just in case.

A fear gripped to me, that there would be a mistake I couldn't fix, a mistake no one could fix.

I ripped out pages of my pink frilly notebook if the writing

wasn't pristine.

I quit hobbies when the yarn wouldn't loop, or the needle

wouldn't thread.

I couldn't understand why nausea creeped up my leg when my room wasn't clean, or the books were out of place.

If a good day was a good day why couldn't tomorrow

I was infatuated with one word, one lonely and solemn

I didn't want to be lonely. So I attempted to let go of it letter by letter:

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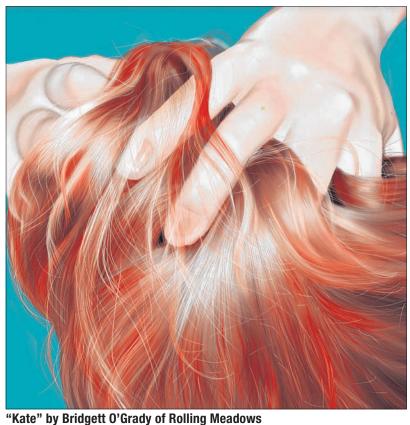
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E.

It seeped out my hands like syrup sticking to the carpet and paper, and pen.

I grasped the tacky, gummy, pen and began to

I began to write an imperfect, horrible, amazing story.



Second place, **Visual Art** — 'Kate'

Judge's ment: The simple beauty of this fleeting moment is reinforced with complimentary colors and intricate details. This digital piece is a striking example of rendering hair and skin to look realistic while engaging the viewer with motion and texture.

Easter egg hunts, **bunny brunches** and more **April 8**

It's Bunny Photo Time: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Woodfield Mall, Grand Court, Schaumburg. Reserve your spot by visiting simon.com/bunny.

Bunny Bar Hop Bar Crawl: 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 8, Rosemont. Participating venues offer drink specials include Adobe Gila's, Bub City, Crust Brewing, Five Roses Pub, Kings Dining & Entertainment, Park Tavern and Sugar Factory. Revelers who visit all seven bars during the four-hour event can be entered to win an overnight stay at Aloft Chicago O'Hare and dinner for two at Fogo de Chão. Tickets include access to the bar crawl drink specials, two complimentary ticket vouchers for Zanies Comedy Club and a bunny swag item. Tickets are \$10 at ParkwayBankPark.com; \$15 at Parkway Bank Park during the event.

April 9

Bunny Bash at Viking Park: 8-9 a.m. or 9:15-10:15 a.m. Saturday, April 9, Village of Gurnee, 325 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee. Includes an outdoor egg hunt, craft, continental breakfast and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Advance registration required. www. gurnee.il.us.

Egg-Citing Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast: 8-11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, Lakefront Park, 71 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake. The Bunny Breakfast will serve pancakes, eggs, sausage links, coffee, milk and juice, and is \$9 per person, \$8 for ages 62 and older, \$6 for ages 4-10, free for ages 3 and under. The



Many Easter egg hunts are divided by age group so everyone has a chance at finding eggs.

Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. is free for resident children and \$2 for nonresident children. www. foxlake.org.

Egg Hunt at Hawthorn Mall: 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9, Hawthorn Mall, 122 Hawthorn Center, Vernon Hills. Children ages 2-7 can participate in the egg hunt, face painting. balloon twisting and petting zoo. Special appearance from the Bunny around 10 a.m. Registration required. www. shophawthornmall.com.

Avon Township Easter Egg Hunt and Resource Fair: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9, Avon Township, 433 E. Washington St., Round Lake Park. Egg hunt for ages 10 and younger. Learn about the local agencies that provide services to residents by visiting the resource fair. The Easter Bunny will be there. Free. Ilrchamber.com.

Community Egg Hunt Extravaganza: Beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at The Arlington Heights Historical Museum, 110 W. Fremont, Arlington Heights. Community Egg Hunt will be held on the museum grounds for children ages 10 and younger. Race around the grounds for treat-filled eggs starting promptly at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or noon. Following

the egg hunt, families are invited to stay and explore the museum with a scavenger hunt. Registration required. www.ahpd.org.

Egg Hunt Walkthrough: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Brother's Field, 344 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove. This year, families will hop from station to station through the Egg Hunt experience area. Event includes egg hunt, bring your own basket; photos with the Easter Bunny; DJ; firetruck and more. Registration suggested. longgrove.org/ festivals/egg-hunt.

Wildwood Easter Egg Hunt: 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, Rule Park, 33325 N. Sears Blvd., Grayslake. One lucky golden egg will be hidden in each area. Free. A Dog Egg Hunt begins at 11:30 a.m. www. wildwoodparkdistrict.com.

Paulus Park Egg Hunt: 11:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9, Paulus Park, 200 S. Rand Road, Lake Zurich. For ages 2-10. Each age group will go into their area to hunt for eggs. Free. (847) 438-5146 or lakezurich.org.

Skate with Bunny: 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Triphahn Ice Arena, 1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman

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Legislators formally honor Mr. D for leadership, service to nation

Inside Northwest

Reporting from around the Northwest Suburbs

State legislators formally commended ard Duchossois for his service to the nation, state and sport of horse racing in a resolution that mourns his recent

passing. Resolution 712, approved last week during the spring session in Springfield, was filed by House Republican Leader Jim Durkin. Chief co-sponsors included state Rep. Martin McLaughlin, a Barrington Hills Republican who represents the area where Duchossois lived, and state Rep. Jonathan Carroll, a Northbrook Democrat whose district includes a portion of

Arlington Heights. The resolution remembers Duchossois, who died Jan. 28 at age 100, for his "leadership, humility, generosity, tenacity, patriotism, philanthropy and kindness to others."

Recalling the role of "Mr. D" in leadership and management of Arlington Park, the resolution highlights the businessman's fearlessness in rallying the track to host its signature event, the Arlington Million, just days



DAILY HERALD FILE PHOTO, 2009

Richard Duchossois, the chairman emeritus of Arlington Park who died in January, was honored recently by state legislators with a resolution that recognized his contributions as a businessman, philanthropist and veteran.

destroyed the grandstand and clubhouse.

"An iconic image that hung in Arlington Park is of the park's grandstand after the 1985 fire saying: 'QUIT? HELL NO!" said state Rep. Brad Stephens, a Rosemont Republican and the town's mayor, who also was a co-sponsor on the resolution. "Dick Duchossois embodied this spirit in his life."

The resolution also recognizes Duchossois' decorated military service, including his command of a Tank Destroyer Company during five European campaigns in World War

after a devastating fire that II, and award of two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

The House and Senate adopted similar resolutions in honor of Duchossois in February.

- Christopher Placek, cplacek@dailyherald.com

Congressional art contest returns

Members of Congress across Illinois and the nation are holding annual art competitions this spring — and U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider of Highland Park is no exception.

Schneider, who represents the suburban 10th District, is encouraging local high school students to submit pieces for the contest.

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This piece by Kate Salinas from Waukegan High School won the 2021 high school art competition hosted by U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider and is hanging in the U.S. Capitol. The deadline for submissions to the 2022 contest is April 20.

Get home improvement ideas at Home and Garden Show

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Home improvement projects will be highlighted this weekend at the Home and Garden Show, which returns to the Schaumburg Convention Center at the Renaissance Convention Schaumburg Center and Hotel, 1551 Thoreau Drive North. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10. Admission and parking are free.

This great event will offer a vast array of exhibits and displays, highlighting the latest home improvement products and services with thousands of the freshest ideas in

remodeling, repairing and beautifying your homes. At the same time, you'll find an opportunity to meet and speak with local and national experts who can help you with home improvement projects and questions.

Explore ways to replace or remodel windows, siding, roofing, kitchens, baths, basements and additions. Spruce things up with new flooring, painting, window treatments and decor. Enhance your outdoor space at the By the Yard and Amish Craftsmen Guild booths where you'll see maintenance-free furniture,

flooring and custom garage cabinetry. Platinum Cuisine will offer

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systems. Meet vendors sell-

ing adjustable beds, luxury

sheets, walk-in tubs and other

home accessibility products.

Deck out your garage with a

new door and opener, epoxy

free live cooking shows. The accessories and accents made from 100% recycled materials. shows start at 10:30 a.m., 1 Save big on energy costs and 3:15 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and seating is limited, with solar power systems,

There is a paid parking lot at the northeast of the building, but free parking is available on the west and northwest sides of the building.

For more information, visit www.SchaumburgHome-Show.com or call (630) 953-2500.

Platinum Cuisine will offer live cooking shows Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10, at the Schaumburg Home Show.



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Easter egg hunts, bunny brunches and more

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Estates. All ages can skate with the Bunny. Admission \$5: skate rental is \$3. Registration required. (847) 885-7500 or heparks.org.

Easter Jam — Family Fun: 3-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at First United Methodist Church Palatine, 123 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine. Sing songs, play games and more. Hear the Easter story told in a way that engages every age. Registration required. (630) 825-9435 or www.fumcp.org.

April 10

Palm Sunday Pancake Brunch: 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 10, at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, 600 E. Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove Village. Pancake Brunch. (847) 437-2878.

Bach's Easter Oratorio: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Dame Jane Glover leads the Music of the Baroque Chorus, orchestra, and four soloists — Yulia Van Doren, Elizabeth DeShong, James Gilchrist and Michael Sumuel — in Bach's Easter Oratorio. \$35-\$95. www. baroque.org.

Inside: Theme is 'Liberty and Justice for All'

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This year's theme is "Liberty and Justice for All."

The winning submission will be exhibited in the U.S. Capitol for one year. Secondand third-place pieces will be displayed in the Schneider's offices in Lincolnshire and Washington, D.C.

"The congressional art competition decorates the halls of Congress each year with representation from every corner of the United States," Schneider said in a news release. "Students' works will serve to lift up our workplace and our politics."

Submissions will be judged by a panel of local educators and artists.

"I'm looking forward to reviewing the many remarkable entries interpreting this year's theme," said Schneider, whose district includes parts of Cook, Lake and McHenry counties.

Artwork cannot be larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide and 4 inches deep. Pieces should be framed, or at least matted, to protect them and make transportation easier.

The submission deadline is 5 p.m. April 20.

Winners will be announced May 5. A reception is planned for May 7 at the College of

Lake County in **Grayslake**. For more details on the contest and the submission process, visit schneider.house. gov/services/art-competition.

— Russell Lissau, rlissau@dailyherald.com

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April 14

Flashlight Egg Hunt in Winthrop Harbor: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Schadler Building, 830 Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor. Ages 9-17. Bring a flashlight. Free. winthropharbor.com.

April 15

Bunny Brunch at Lambs Farm: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, Lambs Farm, 14245 W. Rockland Road, Libertyville. Enjoy a buffet at the Magnolia Cafe & Bakery then go to the Bunny Patch to meet the Easter Bunny. Includes a goody bag and a gift. Reservations required; call (847) 362-5050. lambsfarm.org.

Pool Egg Hunt: 1-3:45 p.m. Friday, April 15, at Arlington Ridge Center, 660 N. Ridge, Arlington Heights. Plastic eggs are filled with surprises and float in the pool. Bags are provided. Stay after the event to meet the bunny and swim in the Family Activity Pool. For children ages 2-8. www. ahpd.org.

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April 16

Egg Hunt with the Bunny: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Fabbrini Park, 1704 Glen Lake Road, Hoffman Estates. Children will be divided into age groups to hunt for eggs, beginning with the youngest age group (infant to 3 years old) and working up. Hunts will begin promptly at the starting time. Event will run rain or shine outside. Bring a basket. (847) 285-5419 or www. heparks.org.

Eggstravaganza Trail: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, Corrine J. Rose Park, 412 S. Lewis Ave., Waukegan. Children from 2-13 will have the opportunity to hop along the bunny trail and collect eggs from the Easter Bunny and friends, while supplies last. Free, family-friendly entertainment including pony rides and a petting zoo, and vendors will be available starting at 9 a.m.; the trail opens at 10 a.m. waukeganparks.org/eggstravaganza.

Wauconda Bunny Hop: 9 a.m. Saturday, April 16, Wauconda Park District, 600 N. Main St., Wauconda. A 4-mile run around Bangs

Lake or 2-mile fun run/ walk. Proceeds benefit the Wauconda High School Future **Business Leaders of America** and the Wauconda Historical Society. www.wauconda bunnyhop.com.

Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny: 9:45 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Pine Park, 1675 Nicholson Drive, Hoffman Estates, or 11 a.m. at Cannon Crossings Park, 1675 Nicholson Drive, Hoffman Estates. Bring your baskets and your cameras. It will be divided into age groups to hunt for eggs; beginning with the youngest age group (infant to 3 years old) and working up. Hunts will begin promptly and take place rain or shine. (847) 285-5419 or www.heparks.org.

Palatine Jaycees Egg Hunt: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Falcon Park, 2195 N. Hicks Road, Palatine. Children up to 9 years old can hunt for eggs to exchange for prizes. For a small fee, photos can be taken with the Easter Bunny; bring your camera. Arts and crafts for children will be available. Preregistration is suggested at www.

attendees are welcome. **Easter Extravaganza:**

Noon Saturday, April 16, Wheeling Town Center, 375 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling. From noon to 2 p.m. photos with the Easter Bunny in the plaza, as well as face painters, balloon twisters, and tattoo artists located within each of the Wheeling Town Center restaurants. At 2 p.m., the Easter egg hunt begins, divided by age. Up to 6,000 eggs filled with candy and other prizes will be scattered throughout the plaza. Register at www. eventbrite.com/e/easterfun-at-wheeling-town-center-tickets-311468981107.

Easter egg hunt on the Farm at Susanna Farms: 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 16, Susanna Farms, 24153 W. Town Line Road, Lake Villa. Toddler Egg Hunt is at 2:15 p.m. with the older kid hunt at 2:30 p.m. Space is limited so register in advance. Pony rides will be available. General admission for adults and children not

participating in the Egg Hunt are available at the gate for \$5 per person. www.susanna farms.net.

April 17

Easter Brunch at Chessie's Restaurant: Seatings at noon and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at Chessie's Restaurant, 200 Applebee St., Barrington. Call for reservations at (847) 382-5020. facebook.com/ ChessiesRestaurant.

Easter Brunch at Marriott Lincolnshire Resort: 10 a.m. Sunday, April 17, at Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. Celebrate Easter with family and friends at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort. Join the Easter Bunny for a selection of entrees, carving stations, seafood, breakfast items, salads, sweets, a children's section, and bottomless champagne and mimosas. Reservations required. (847) 634-0100 or ThreeEmbers Restaurant.com.



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Deadline to submit a nomination is April 15

Submit a nomination online at www.villageofschaumburg.com (search Volunteer of the Year)

Awards Luncheon Wednesday, May 4

11:30 am Cash Bar 12 pm Luncheon

Chandler's 401 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL

Admission: \$35 per person Reserve your seats now through April 24. www.villageofschaumburg.com (search Volunteer of the Year)

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