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The Hinsdale Public Library is the perfect spot to take a break from the heat this summer. With plenty of programs and, of course, plenty of books, adventures can be found in every nook and corner. Sisters Saoirse and Kennedy Poewers along with Winnie Werich check out a couple of books while spending some time in the library last month. And speaking of library programs, please turn to Page 5 to see what was happening after dark over the weekend. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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D86 tries to slow TIF action in CH

By Ken Knutson

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The village of Clarendon Hills wants to establish a tax increment financing district along 55th Street to promote redevelopment and increase the area's value.

But board members of Hinsdale High School District 86 voted unanimously last week for a delay in the TIF process, questioning why a relatively prosperous neighborhood needs such intervention, which would divert some property tax revenue away from school districts for 23 years or more.

At a special board meeting July 24, the board requested a continuance on a vote by the joint review board, an advisory group made up of representatives from taxing bodies impacted by the proposed TIF that was due to meet last night, July 31. The review board can weigh in on the proposal but has no veto power over Clarendon Hills' ability to cre-

ate the TIF. District officials want more time to gather information and possibly work out an intergovernmental agreement with Clarendon Hills.

In a TIF district, as development happens and property values increase, property tax dollars generated from the growth that would otherwise be collected and used for school purposes would be used to pay for public improvements in the TIF district for up to 23 years.

The proposed area encompasses about 70 properties along the north and south sides of 55th Street between Western Avenue and the Jewel-Osco to the east, including the neighborhood south of 55th around Western and Bentley avenues. The area's current assessed value is about \$14 million, which generates about \$239,000 in taxes for the district.

Scott Ginsburg of the district's law firm, Robbins Schwartz, told board members that data indicated the area did not meet the typical TIF cri-

teria of a blighted or obsolete section with low or declining value.

"Not only is it growing, but it's exceeding the village (EAV) as a whole," Ginsburg said of the area, which Clarendon Hills estimates will increase to \$30 million to \$40 million in assessed value because of the TIF. "It was a major red flag for me to see them identify declining EAV as a basis for the TIF.

"It strikes me as somewhat pretextual," he added.

Board President Cat Greenspon expressed concern at the financial impact the measure would have on Maercker Elementary District 60.

"The vast majority of this TIF district proposal is almost wholly one of our sender districts and that bothers me tremendously," she said.

Greenspon also pointed out that District 86 taxpayers may see their tax rate increase more than it would have without a TIF, as properties in the TIF will not contribute toward taxes that can be levied for other new

growth in the district.

"The entirety of the D86 footprint outside of unincorporated Clarendon Hills will absorb this tax burden," she stated. "That is what everybody needs to understand."

If new development in the TIF area results in additional enrollment, the district would be able to receive an amount of dollars per student from TIF funds, Ginsburg said. Districts have been able to work out intergovernmental agreements with municipalities in some cases to share some of proceeds from a TIF, he noted.

The village of Clarendon Hills has scheduled a public hearing on the TIF proposal at its Aug. 19 board meeting, with TIF ordinances projected to be approved in the fall.

Robbins Schwartz attorney Neal Smith said there's little a district can do to halt the process.

"A village that's decided to pass a TIF can plow through all those barriers at the end of the day," he told board members.



Every day is a fun day

The Hinsdale Public Library is well known for creative programming. And their ice cream making event July 15 was a big hit. With a bag of ice, some salt and another bag filled with cream, vanilla and sugar, the recipe was complete. All that was needed was some shaking and a few toppings for the perfect sundae. Nathan Simcox, Anna Diorio, Matthew Campbell and Zeki Turba shake up the creamy mix. Augie Weitz enjoys his creation. (Jim Slonoff photos)



ONCE UPON A TIME



Pictures from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. Soukup’s True Value Hardware at 35 E. First St. was a staple to Hinsdale for decades. Today Fuller House is on First Street and Fuller’s Home and Hardware operates out of the back of the building with access off of Garfield Avenue. 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.



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Library heads outdoors to hear the blues

Sunday's 'After Dark' event featured performance by Bear Williams Trio, great weather

By Pamela Lannom
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The Hinsdale Public Library is a great place to check out a book, use the 3-D printer or pick up a DVD to watch over the weekend.

On Sunday night, it also was a great place to hear some blues. The Bear Williams Trio performed outside on the lawn for the library's After Dark event, which also celebrated the end of the summer reading program.

"I thought their musicianship was fantastic," Karen Keefe, the library's executive director, told The Hinsdalean this week. "I loved the variety that they provided. I think you can get kind of a hook in your head when you think about blues music and think it's a little repetitive."

The trio mixed things up, she noted, performing cover songs, original music and even a call-and-response

■ SUMMER DAYS

This is one in a series of stories featuring visits to summer events and activities in the village.

piece.

"It was really, really fun," said Keefe, who attended with her daughter, Lily.

Library supporter and Hinsdale author Cristina Henríquez also enjoyed the performance.

"They were amazing," she said Wednesday. "I actually didn't really know much about them. I don't usually listen to the blues, but I thought they were incredible. The crowd seemed into it, too. Everyone was clapping."

Henríquez and her husband, Ryan Kowalczyk, had an early dinner before grabbing their chairs and walking over to the library.

"We made it a date night," she said.

She said she noticed the



Bear Williams leads the audience in a call and response song during his concert on the lawn of the Hinsdale Public Library Sunday evening. The event attracted people of all ages, including Avery and Kinsley Namik. (Jim Slonoff photos)



Ryan Kowalczyk and Cristina Henriquez enjoy their "date night" at the concert, which was sponsored in part by the Friends of the Hinsdale Public Library.

concert while reading the library's newsletter, which she always reviews to see what's going on.

"It as a no-brainer. You're out on the lawn in the fresh air, in the honeyed sunlight, and you're getting free snacks and drinks and listening to good music," she said.

"The amazing thing about these is that they're free. As long as you sign up and get on the list, you can go and enjoy it. That's pretty incredible," she added.

Neale Byrnes decided to go after attending other enjoyable concerts at the library.

"It just sounded cool. Blues on the Memorial (Building) grass. I kind of like blues," he said.

The Bear Williams Trio was recommended by the Old Town School of Music in Chicago, which typically helps the library arrange its summer concerts, Keefe said.

"They have been fantastic

about recommending acts that will be family friendly," she said. "They've helped us book Hawaiian dancers and traditional folk musicians and, this summer, blues. We love the variety of contacts they have in the Chicago area."

Byrnes said he and his wife, Nickie, enjoyed the band along with the drinks and appetizers the library served to attendees. Byrnes, who is also a trustee, couldn't help thinking about how nice the area will be after the upcoming plaza renovation is complete.

"It's going to look really cool. I was pointing that out to my wife," he said.

The village and library are splitting the cost of the \$400,000 project, which will expand and repave the patio and add seating and landscaping.

"We are very excited to see what that project is going to

add to our outdoor events," Keefe said.

She encouraged residents to watch for the next After Dark event, which will be the 10th anniversary of Trivia Night, one of the library's most popular offerings.

"We have people calling us for the date so they can schedule other fall events around it," Keefe said.

Byrnes said he truly appreciates having the library in the community.

"When I moved here, I wasn't thinking about the library," Byrnes said. "I use the library way more than I thought I would."

Henríquez agreed.

"It's one of my favorite things about living in Hinsdale," she said. "I think every community would be lucky to have something like this. I think it's so great that we do."

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Foreign Fire Insurance Board

7:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5
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Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7
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On the draft agenda: public hearings on 133 S. Park (demo and new construction), properties for inclusion on Historically Significant Structures Property List, 326 E. Sixth (demo and new construction); sign permit review on 18 W. First St. (Caroline & Co.)

Deadline for columnist applicants extended

The deadline to apply for one of the open contributing columnist positions at The Hinsdalean has been extended to Thursday, Aug. 8

The paper once again is looking for volunteer writers who live in Hinsdale to contribute columns once every seven or eight weeks during the school year for a two-year term.

To apply, send a sample 450-word column to editor Pamela Lannom at plannom@thehinsdalean.com. Please provide ideas for three additional columns. The ideas don't need to be extremely detailed, but they are a factor in the selection process.

Applicants should include a name, address and cell number and a few sentences about why they are interesting in writing a column.

Student writers, ideally high school seniors, are welcome to apply as well.

These columns, which run on the paper's opinion pages, are designed to share residents' personal experiences or opinions on local issues. Individuals interested in writing to get publicity for a business, nonprofit organization, political agenda or other cause should not apply. Elected officials and employees of public bodies are not eligible.



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Citizen Police Academy returns Sept. 4

By Sandy Illian Bosch
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Hinsdale's Citizen Police Academy isn't about teaching people to be police officers. The free 11-week program is designed to give residents and citizens who work in the village a better understanding of law enforcement and the Hinsdale Police Department.

Officer Karen Kowal will facilitate the village's annual Citizen Police Academy for the third time when this year's series begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Open to people 18 and older who live or work in Hinsdale, the academy focuses each week on a specific area of law enforcement. Officers volunteer their time to share topics such as investigations, forensics, traffic stops, training, specialty teams and the handling of critical incidents through classroom instruction, interactive discussions and hands-on practical exercises.

Hinsdale resident Cindy Wills completed the academy in 2023. She said she enjoyed every lesson, but found the simulated traffic stops particularly interesting.

"It was fascinating," Wills said of learning what can lead to a police stop,

the precautions officers must take to protect themselves and how a driver should behave during the stop.

Wills said she and the rest of the class traveled to a laser gun range in Oak Brook to learn about various scenarios that officers might encounter and visited the DU-COMM call center to see how 911 calls are received and dispatched.

Wills lived in Hinsdale for more than three decades before enrolling in the academy. Others, like Dan Munsterman, signed up in order to learn more about their new hometown.

"I've always found police work interesting," said Munsterman, who moved to the village about three years ago.

Munsterman said the academy fed his curiosity about law enforcement while giving him a deepened appreciation for the stress involved with protecting the community.

"It's a hard job," Munsterman said.

He said his new familiarity with the people wearing the badge and the work they do is reassuring.

"It really makes me feel safer in the community," he said.

He even met a few fellow Hinsdaleans during the academy.

"I'm thankful that I got to do it. I'm grateful to Karen and I'm grateful to all of the police who volunteered," Munsterman said.

Hinsdalean Lino Hernandez said he had a lot to learn when he signed on to participate in the academy. Hernandez and his family moved to the United States from Venezuela several years ago and saw the Hinsdale Citizens Police Academy as a way to learn about his new country, his new town and his new neighborhood.

"When Officer Karen posted about the availability of this program for town residents, I didn't hesitate to sign up for this new adventure," Hernandez said. "The program is very comprehensive, and I am certain that it holds great value for people like me with limited knowledge in this field."

Hernandez said he and his fellow participants learned about the department's recruitment process, traffic accident investigations and even death investigations.

"Undoubtedly, learning about how the police operate daily made me reflect even more on the work ethic and admirable sense of service displayed by each of the officers we met," he said. "The



Officer Karen Kowal is facilitating the next installment of the Hinsdale Police Academy, which starts next month. (file photo)

work they perform is truly invaluable, and the connection that the Hinsdale police establish with each and every resident is commendable.

"I am very proud to live in this community," he added.

Applicants are being accepted now for the 2024 academy. All applicants must complete and return an application, waiver and photo release form.

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• Junior T. Mukendi, 30, 205 N. 15th St., St. Charles, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving the wrong way on a divided highway, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and possession of open alcohol by driver at 7:22 p.m. July 28 at Route 83 and Chicago Avenue after crashing into a wall in the wrong lane on Route 83. He failed to produce a breath sample to determine blood-alcohol content and was charged and released to appear in court.

Arrest for no license

Charles A. Fasano, 28, 441 Franklin St., Downers Grove, was arrested for driving without a valid license, improper display of license plates and operating an uninsured vehicle at 8:02 a.m. July 29 at Madison Street and Eighth Place. He was cited and released to appear in court.

Theft by deception

A resident of the 5800 block of South Madison Street received a call from an unknown suspect instructing her to deposit money into a Bitcoin account at 5:42 p.m. July 23. The victim recognized the scam after depositing the money.

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

Saturday DMV summer hours for teens to end

Only four Saturdays remain in the Illinois Secretary of State's office's extended summer hours for teen drivers.

The Teen Summer DMV initiative, which includes opening 12 facilities from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 24, caters exclusively to helping teens get their drivers licenses or permits quickly and conveniently.

Teen service hours are offered at the following locations: Addison, Aurora, Bethalto, Belvidere, Bridgeview, Chicago West, Des Plaines, Elgin, Joliet, Lake Zurich, Plano and St. Charles.

State law requires teen drivers and a parent or guardian to visit a DMV in person to complete testing and identi-

ty verification prior to receiving their first drivers license. Parents and teens can call (800) 252-8980 to schedule an appointment at any of the 12 DMV locations.

Teen drivers interested in obtaining their first license will be scheduled for 10-minute appointments if they have already completed the required behind-the-wheel driving tests through their high school or commercial driving facility.

If they need to complete a driving test at a DMV, they will be scheduled for a 30-minute appointment.

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60 SECONDS

■ For college students Ella Horstman and Jeremy Sramek, a summer internship with the Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department is giving them an opportunity to put what they've learned in the classroom to use in the real world.

Interns get inside look at parks and rec jobs

Studying a particular subject, like accounting or parks and recreation management, is one thing. Actually working in the field is something altogether different.

For college students Ella Horstman and Jeremy Sramek, a summer internship with the Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department is giving them an opportunity to put what they've learned in the classroom to use in the real world.

Horstman, who also was an intern for the department last summer, is gaining experience in her chosen field of accounting. She said she's appreciated the support of Mike Hayes, superintendent of parks and recreation for the village.

"Mike wanted me to work a lot more on things to do with my major," Horstman said. "He had me working on some of the budget things — projections, updates to the parks, all of that stuff."

Horstman also has been working on the department's strategic plan, helped plan the Independence Day parade and was one of the staffers at a Lunch on the Lawn event.

Sramek is required to have an internship in order to earn his degree in parks and rec management and was

intrigued by the Hinsdale position on the job listings at school.

"I saw the Hinsdale one so I applied, because I liked what I saw in the job description," he said.

His work has been focused more on parks and rec operations.

"I did a lot of the planning and contacting people for the Fourth of July parade," he said. "I did park inspections for all the parks — taking pictures, going through what needs to be redone within the parks, such as the playgrounds, the walkways, the courts."

He also completed an inventory of the park benches that have been donated in memory or honor of an individual and those that are still open.

"That took a big part of my summer," Sramek said.

The two agreed that learning to use WebTrac, the village's registration software, was one of the most challenging parts of the summer.

"I even used it last year and I still have lots of questions," Horstman said.

Acclimating to a full-time position — something Horstman did last year — was an adjustment for Sramek.

"It took a little bit to get used



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to that, too," he said.

They both enjoyed getting to know other village staff members and being out in the community.

"I enjoy driving around to the different parks because there are so many," Horstman said. "Even living in Hinsdale my whole life, I didn't realize how much work goes into it."

Sramek has enjoyed forming relationships with people out-

side of the village as well.

"Even the vendors that we work with, it's been nice getting to know them," he said.

Like Horstman, he enjoys traveling to the different parks and spending time outdoors.

"I love being outside and that the job is not (being) trapped in the office all day," he said.

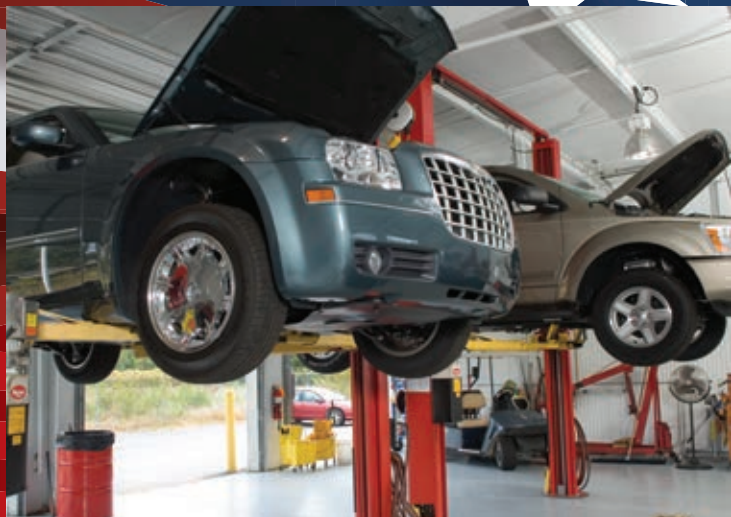
Both believe internships would benefit all college stu-

dents.

"It lets you interact with different people and it lets you get outside and see what your job would actually be like," Sramek said. "It unlocks certain skills you might now know you had."

"You definitely grow in maturity and responsibility," Horstman added.

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EDITORIAL

Board members' taco dinner gives us indigestion

Did three Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members discuss board business when they met for dinner at Taco Grill in Westmont a few weeks ago? We'll never know.

The three — board President Cat Greenspon and members Peggy James and Jeff Waters — contend that they were not discussing any board business. And we have no proof to counter their claim.

But we have attended meetings ourselves, at work or at church or somewhere else. And we've talked about them afterward. That seems to be the natural progression — you and others share an experience and then you rehash it. We find it hard to believe that absolutely nothing that transpired at the July 11 meeting was discussed when the three met 90 minutes later.

The Illinois Attorney General's office denied a complaint from another media outlet that alleged the three violated the Illinois Open Meetings

Act violation, citing lack of evidence. We're not surprised.

But the problem here is there is no way for board members to prove they were not talking about board business. Therefore, the sensible approach to avoid the appearance of impropriety is simply not going out to dinner together.

To deflect attention from the board members' behavior, some have turned the conversation toward the individual who spotted the three at the restaurant, Yvonne Mayer, a frequent critic of the board. But she is not the issue here.

The issue, as we see it, is the arrogance of Greenspon and Waters, who both asserted, in so many words, that they did not give up their rights as private citizens when they were elected to the board.

We did not give up our rights as private citizens, either, when we entered the field of journalism. But we recognize that there are certain activities

— from signing petitions for candidates running for office to going out for tacos with elected officials — that look bad. So we avoid them. As we've seen in politics at all levels, just because you can do something doesn't mean you should.

The D86 board has been riddled with division for many months now. Greenspon keeps telling residents that they are all working together to do a better job. Meeting for dinner with your allies on the board indicates the contrary, in our opinion.

Speaking of allies, were board members who disagree with Greenspon invited to the dinner? We suspect not. Or maybe they were and they knew better than to go.

If Greenspon truly wants to lead the board away from dysfunction, as she often proclaims at board meetings, she needs to set a better example. A couple of tacos and an hour of conversation isn't worth the unsavory optics.

COMMENTARY

Did I already know woman I met on Oval Beach?

One of my favorite episodes of *The X-Files* is called "The Field Where I Died." Usually the show is about aliens (which might or might not exist, depending on which season you're watching), but this one is about an investigation of a local cult that supposedly has a cache of weapons and is abusing children.

During the investigation, FBI special agent Fox Mulder experiences *deja vu*, which leads him to find the cult leader and his six wives, hiding under a trap door and preparing to drink a deadly liquid. He feels a strange connection to one of the wives, who talks to him as if she knows him. He begins to believe she is recalling a past life.

Regression hypnosis confirms his suspicions, and we learn the woman and Mulder have known each other in past lives. Mulder learns from hypnosis that he has also known his partner, special agent Dana Scully, in previous lives. In one life, Scully was his

father, and in another, she was his sergeant in the Confederate Army. Scully finds old photos of a man who appears to be Mulder that confirm the stories.

The episode's message? People who are important to each other in one life find each other in another, even if the relationships change. (If you believe in reincarnation, that is.)

I thought of the episode Thursday as we were packing up after our final day at Oval Beach during our annual summer vacation in Saugatuck. A woman sitting near the parking lot with her husband watched as Dan and I schlepped our stuff up the sand hill before complimenting us on a job well done.

"Most people have to stop half-way up," she observed.

I'm not sure how that one comment evolved into a full con-



Pamela Lannom

versation, but it did. We soon knew where each other lived, how long we've been coming to Saugatuck and our favorite places to eat. I introduced her to my husband and my daughter — who returned from the concession stand just in time to get in the car.

This woman had a huge smile and a contagious laugh. I thought I heard her husband call her Donna, and confirmed that was her name.

"That was my mother's name," I told her. She smiled.

We chatted for a few more minutes until it was clearly time for me to leave. We exchanged our good-byes and that was it.

"You're going to turn into Grandma Donna, making friends with random people," Ainsley told me as we headed to the car.

"I knew that woman in a past life," I told Ainsley, who gave me a rather strange look in response.

I proceeded to tell her about the "X Files" episode, which she listened to for about five seconds before something else caught her attention. No matter. I didn't need her to understand.

I'm not sure I really believe I knew Donna in a past life or that I've even had a past life — or lives, for that matter. I know I'm predisposed to talk with random people, since that's essentially what I do for a living. And because I enjoy talking to people and have been doing so for a long time, I often make a connection. But this one felt different.

Maybe it all can be attributed to the fact that we both love Saugatuck and Oval Beach. Maybe it had something to do with the fact that she and my mother have the same name. Or maybe we once worked together as FBI agents, investigating aliens.

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

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Up, up and away go my plans

This column was supposed to be about my epic hot air balloon ride. A beautiful, adventurous ride providing the perfect counter balance to the chaotic ugliness of traditional travel. A majestic, joyful ride helping me shed the bitter aftertaste of travel delays due to unpredictable summer storms, software malfunctions, missed connections and last-minute car rentals with flat tires.



Jen Dean

Truthfully, we all just wanted to be home. Now here I sit on my lovely but slightly neglected porch, in the rain, wondering what to do that doesn't involve a primal scream. (I already did that. It felt great.) My mind inevitably drifts back over my absurd week of

“planes, trains and automobiles.” I realize that amidst the chaos were unexpected moments of human connection and random acts of kindness.

Shout out to “Roadside Assistance Jake,” who repaired the afore-mentioned flat tire at a deserted gas station in rural Wisconsin long after his midnight shift had ended. We bonded over hot coffee, dark humor and irritation with “unpredictable” storms.

And my sweet grade school friend, Lois, now living in Florida. Her whirlwind Midwest visit conflicted with my crazy schedule, but we wrangled one afternoon together. We met at an old favorite neighborhood pizza joint. She surprised me with a pink-tastic Barbie mini-dreamhouse that she'd dragged through her entire seven state road trip.

So instead of an epic ride shifting my focus, some quiet meditation in the rain does the trick. The world is full of “Roadside Assistance Jakes” and “Barbie Dreamhouse Besties.” The perfect balance lies simply in acknowledging these unexpected connections and acts of kindness and paying them forward. Even the smallest of gestures have great power.

Of course, I'm still looking for an adventure — with one caveat. It can't be waylaid by “unpredictable” summer storms.

— Jen Dean of Hinsdale is a former contributing columnist.

Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

The ride got canceled due to an unpredictable summer storm.

How does one pivot from a planned humblebrag about an adventurous spirit and renewed positivity through a birds-eye view of the countryside?

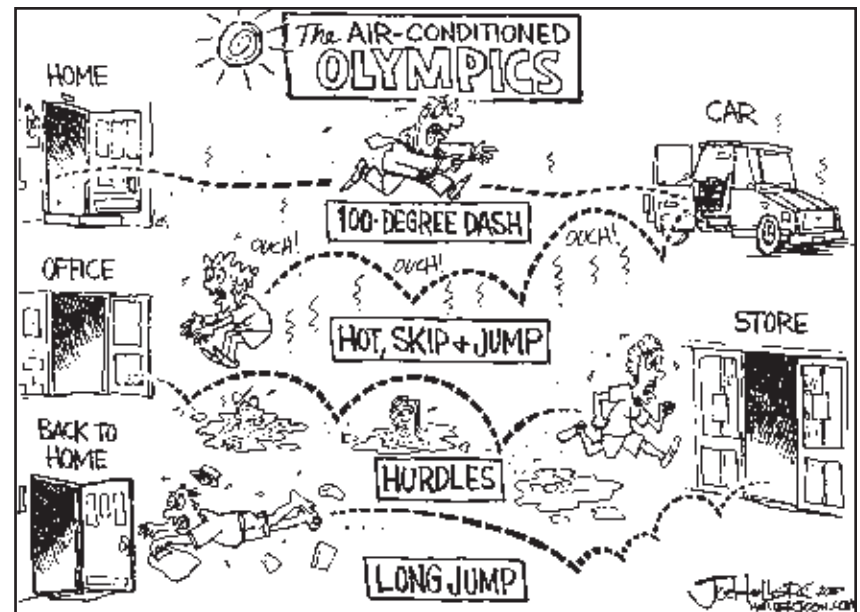
If you're me, you shop, clean and make lists. Our lovely but slightly neglected cottage in Galena was near the ride's origin, so I had planned to stay there after my escapade. I pivoted to completing some long-overdue upkeep. I had a productive, if less perspective shifting, evening. “Tomorrow,” I vowed, “I will seize the day!”

I arose with the roosters to get to the seizing. Three things happened immediately — the water shut off during my shower, my coffee maker broke and another unpredictable summer storm blew through.

Quick side note regarding meteorology's use of “unpredictable.” I am starting to feel like “The Princess Bride's” Indigo Montoya; “I do not think that word means what you think it means.”

Anyways, if I were feeling particularly paranoid, this is where I'd be convinced the world was out to get me. I saw plenty of people with this conviction during my travel woes as I watched frustrated, weary customers facing off against frazzled, exhausted staff.

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OBITUARIES

William F. Green

William F. Green, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully July 15, 2024, surrounded by the love of his family.

Bill, 91, was an all-around kind of a guy: entrepreneur of a gas station/food stop in Herbster, Wis.; union pipefitter and service expert; trustee in Willowbrook where he grew up and attended Hinsdale Township High School; and an avid craftsman (especially woodworking) and specialty cook, famous for deviled eggs and his home-brewed Good Old Boy's Cokee Patokee Juice.

He was the best father, father-in-law and grandfather anyone could ever have, always gifting loved ones with fire-burned Lazy Susans, bookshelves in the shape of airplanes, wine bottles cut to be planters, mugs and Yeti's colored and fired on his own homemade spit. He even made a numbered spin-



Green

ning wheel for the kids to spin and win prizes.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia (Zitzka).

He is survived by his four children, Susan, Bill Jr. (Marianne), Karen Erhart (Bill) and Tom (Pam); three stepchildren; his grandchildren, Brian (Lulu), William, Ashley (Mike), Nicole (Mike), Megan, Caitlin and Jordan; his great-grandchildren, Nancy, Michael, Steven, Liam, Adeline, Noah, Mila, Fiona, Cameron and Bennett; and his sister, Louise (Phil).

A visitation will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook, until a noon service at the funeral home.

Interment is private at Clarendon Hills Cemetery.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Joseph F. Schieszler Sr.

Joe Schieszler, 84, a longtime Hinsdale resident, passed unexpectedly July 29, 2024, after a long battle with both heart and lung disease.

Joe was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Gus and Mary Alice Schieszler. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in chemical engineering. After coming to Chicago to work for the Borden Chemical Co., he went on with partners to start Resco. With his "We Can Do It" attitude and acute business sense, he formed Rescar and grew it into the largest privately held railcar maintenance and repair company in North America.

"Alltranstek" started from his vision that car owners and lessees could benefit from fleet management that not only helped with logistics of maintaining their railcars but also providing data and analytics that would become essential to complying with a difficult regulatory environment. Today "Alltranstek" manages more than half of the U.S. fleet of tank cars.

Joe was blessed with incredible employees who shared his "Can Do It" attitude. He always thought of his employees as family, and they were one of his main focuses. Their safety was priority 1. He continually tried to educate and advance their careers. One way he tried to show his gratitude was to have summer picnics and Christmas parties among other events



Schieszler

around the different facilities, along with giving awards for service and time spent being with the Rescar family. Joe started the "Mr. Gus" sponsorship program for his employees and their families in honor of his father, Agustas Schieszler. Quite a success for a guy who started out recycling DF bars.

Joe always was enthusiastic about gardening and being out in the garden he created. Flowers were one of his many passions.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, LaVerne; his children, Joe (Monica), Susan (Bill Bowling), Jeffrey (Liza), David (Laurie Allen), Christopher and Jennifer Kois; his grandchildren, Christine (Eric) Ockrassa, Andrea, Leila, Lily and Makayla; and his brother, Agustas (Carole).

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael; and his brother, Jerry.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the funeral home.

Interment is at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humanitarian Service Project, 465 Randy Road, Carol Stream IL 60188 (please put Joe's name in the memo) or online at www.humanitarian-service.org.

Dr. James Edgar Kirk

Dr. James "Jim" Edgar Kirk, 79, a former Hinsdale resident, passed away July 27, 2024.

Jim was born in 1945 in Chicago. He graduated from Chesterton High School in 1963, Indiana University in Bloomington with a degree in zoology in 1968 (Phi Beta Kappa) and Loyola University of Chicago School of Dentistry in 1984 (Omicron Kappa Upsilon). He completed his master's specialty training in periodontics at Loyola in 1987.

Jim was a father who was truly larger than life. A man's man to the fullest, he was known for his motorcycles, strength and, most of all, being the ultimate family man. He loved his children and grandchildren with all his heart. There were no limits to what he would do to help them. He perpetually pushed his children and grandchildren to seek out higher education; his education spoke for itself. Jim was a skilled periodontist who treated people well and always did what was right. If he were still with us, he'd most likely be reminiscing about jet skiing in Florida with his children, asking how loved ones are doing or asking if he could help with anything.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Dewey Kirk, and his mother, June E. Crumpacker Kirk.



Kirk

Jim is survived by his six children, Dr. Jennifer (Dr. Eric) Trathen, James (Sarah), Margaret (Michael) Fisher, Emilee Kirk (Dr. George Sarkis) Caleel, Dr. Michael (Dr. Jenna), Cassadana (Dr. Mitchell) Weaver; his 20 grandchildren, Jack, Grace and Noah Trathen James, Charlotte, Theodora,

Winslet, Maybelle and August Kirk, Emma, Aidan, Carsen and Declan Fisher, Isabella, Elise and George "Jake" Caleel, Teagan and Connor Kirk, and Lyla and Landon Weaver; his three younger sisters, Patricia Anderson, Susan Cunningham and Judith Repay; and his former wife, Laura Kirk.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Edmonds and Evans Funeral Home, 517 Broadway, Chesterton, Ind.

A funeral service will follow at noon. Family and friends are invited to gather for food and drinks from 3 to 5 p.m. at Sand Creek Country Club (Marsh/Creek room), 1001 Sand Creek Dr., Chesterton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Ogden Dunes Community Fund online at <https://ogdendunes.in.gov/community-fund-committee/pages/donations>.

Offer online condolences at www.ee-fh.com.

Donna Lorenzini

Donna M. Janda Lorenzini passed away at her Hinsdale home July 29, 2024, surrounded by her family. Donna, 89, was born in 1934 and raised in Riverside, the sole daughter of Alice (Privoznik) Janda and Joseph Janda Sr., in a home built by her father. She graduated from St. Mary's Grammar School and Trinity High School.

Donna was accepted to St. Mary's College in South Bend and earned her bachelor's in nursing while also becoming the college nurse. She attended the University of Notre Dame football games accompanying the team's physician and, after one of the games, met her future husband, Ron. Love blossomed and they were married Aug. 9, 1958.

Ron finished medical school and a residency, but not before their first son, Ron Jr., was born. Two years later Donna gave birth to twin daughters, Nancy and Susan. Because of the escalation of the Vietnam War, Ron Sr. joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to northern Italy, where the family lived for three years. It was here that their son Thomas was born. The children attended the Italian Montessori School and the U.S. Army Grammar School, and the family made lifelong friends.

Returning stateside, the family moved to Riverside before settling in Hinsdale.



Lorenzini

Donna had a quiet strength about her which was respected and admired by all her family, and which provided the foundation for the family's mantra, "Sempre La Famiglia".

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald N. Lorenzini; and her brother Joseph Lewis Janda Jr.

She is survived by her children, Ronald (Colleen) Lorenzini Jr., Nancy (Kopec) Lorenzini, Susan (Lawrence deceased, Bill Gross) Dougherty and Thomas (Honore) Lorenzini; her grandchildren, Emily (Jake) Raeker, Gabrielle (Daniel) Cook, Brian (Pooja) Kopec, Thomas Dougherty, Caroline Lorenzini, John Kopec, Thomas J. Lorenzini Jr., Ronald N. Lorenzini III, Michael Lorenzini, Henry Lorenzini, Isabella Lorenzini, Anabella Dougherty and Francesca Lorenzini; and his three great-grandchildren.

A wake will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Modell Funeral Home, 7101 S. Cass Ave., Darien.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ministry of the Poor Development Office, St. Mary's College, 407 Bertrand Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5000.

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PATRICK BAIO, CHI GUNG/TAI CHI INSTRUCTOR

What are the benefits of chi gung and tai chi?

Serving cups of tea. Stepping on melting ice.

Gentle actions, but they can be keenly therapeutic when incorporated into the ancient practices of chi gung and tai chi.

This summer instructor Patrick Baio has been teaching a 90-minute Saturday morning course on these systems of movements and body postures at The Community House (see Page 17 for details).

Baio said the program is for all ages, but most students are seniors.

"A lot of this stuff has to do with building up your bone strength," he said of the transitions from one posture to another through coordinated motions, unlike the static poses of yoga.

Improved vertical skeletal alignment, breathing and blood circulation are also touted benefits.

Many people are familiar with tai chi — formerly called tai chi chuan — from popular media, but chi gung, sometimes rendered "qigong," is less known.

As the strains of a traditional Chinese folk melody play, students practice movements like extending their foot slowly and placing it down gingerly before following with the rest of the body.

"We use our toe, because that's delicate," he said, demonstrating another technique of shaping one's hand like a "crane's beak" to activate different muscles. "If you're doing these soft movements, you develop skill."

A 71-year-old himself, Baio began his martial arts journey more than a half-century ago to ward off neighborhood ruffians.

Aside from external defense, the effects had a more profound internal impact on the health issues from which he was suffering.

"I studied with (my kung fu master) for three years and then my blood condition went dormant, my heart condition went away," he said.

Baio would make annual trips to China for one- or two-month training programs that he would then leverage for his mostly adolescent students back home.

He related being troubled visiting his mom in a nursing home in 1990s due to the lack of activity among many residents. He saw a new

opportunity to use his skills.

"I knew all this stuff and that's how I started teaching seniors."

He said the aesthetic, slow-paced quality of the Chinese exercises make them attractive to the older set.

"They're art and they're a science," Baio said. "Instead of just doing push-ups and sit-ups, you're doing all these movements, shifting back and forth. If you do it slowly, you associate calmness with your moves."

Originally intended for combat, the practices can be deployed at higher speed for such use.

Baio said even those bedridden or in a chair can take advantage of the salutary effects.

"They can lie down and do the arm movements or sit on the edge of their hospital bed," he said. "Chair exercise is good because it still promotes vertical skeletal alignment. It develops your balance."

Baio soon will begin teaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays and encouraged the curious to check it out.

"I'll be able to make you get healthier — as long as you show up," he quipped.

— by Ken Knutson



Patrick Baio said many of his tai chi and chi gung students have trained under him for years, a testament to the benefits people experience from practicing these ancient forms of martial arts as exercise. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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BAM creates wonderland on stage

Disney classic sure to entertain with colorful sets, musical numbers — and magic

By Sandy Illian Bosch
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When BAMtheatre's Conservatory Ensemble was asked to introduce Disney's "Alice in Wonderland Jr." at the Junior Theater Festival in California earlier this year, the honor paid off for the entire BAM community. After being chosen as one of five ensembles to participate in the festival's New Works Showcase, the local theater education program earned the privilege of debuting the show as its Broadway Kids Summer Edition Production.

"That gave us the first little glimpse of what 'Alice in Wonderland Jr.' could be," BAM director Melanie Lamoureux said of the showcase performance.

The rest of the community will see what it can be when about 75 young performers bring Alice and all of Wonderland's colorful characters to life Aug. 1-3 in the performance space at Avenue Christian Church, 5750 Holmes Ave., Clarendon Hills.

"It's going to look like you've entered Wonderland," said Lamoureux.

Directed by BAM creative director Allyssa O'Donnell, with costumes designed by Cheryl Newman, Lamoureux said audiences can expect sparkles, color and even a bit of magic.

"We pull out all the stops with our summer shows," Lamoureux said.

A member of BAM since 2019, 12-year-old Veronica Gartner of Hinsdale plays Alice in her first leading role in a BAM summer mainstage production.

"There are a lot of songs and a lot of singing," Veronica said. She said Alice goes through many adventures — and just as many emotions as she con-



BAM's Broadway Kids Summer Edition production of Disney's "Alice in Wonderland Jr." takes place today, Aug. 1, through Saturday, Aug. 3, at Avenue Christian Church, 5750 Holmes Ave., Clarendon Hills. (Jim Slonoff photos)

siders who she is and who she wants to be. In the song "In a World of My Own," one of several featuring Veronica, Alice imagines an ideal place.

"I love everything about his show," Veronica said. That includes her fellow actors and the characters they portray.

Fourth-grader Owen Bugaj of Hinsdale portrays Dodo, the leader of the Queen of Heart's army. Owen said his character is a happy creature with

a lot of energy.

"Dodo Bird runs around a lot," he said, which requires Owen to perform some tricky choreography, some of which is done while singing.

Owen said he's excited to play such a likable character in his first summer mainstage show.

"It's just an amazing show," he said.

At age 11, Ethan Jeong is already a seasoned part of BAM's summer theater program, having appeared

in last summer's production of "Finding Nemo" and many other productions since joining BAM in 2019.

Ethan plays the King of Hearts, which requires him to sing and to perform a long monologue as he stops the queen's plan to chop off Alice's head.

"I feel like he's still evil, but he's not as evil as the Queen of Hearts," Ethan said.

Fourth-grader Grace Tuthill of Hinsdale plays Tweedle Dum to Stella

Horner's Tweedle Dee.

"They're silly, silly twins who confuse Alice," Grace said. The role requires a lot of physical humor, which Grace said has been a challenge to learn but fun to perform.

Performances of Alice in Wonderland Jr. will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 1 and 2, and at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3. Tickets range from \$24 to \$28 and can be purchased at www.bamtheatre.com.



Starlight City brings a mix of pop and dance music to the Uniquely Thursdays stage in Burlington Park tonight, Aug. 1. See Page 20 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Drawing Workshop

Aug. 10
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

This fun, half-day workshop for ages 14 and up will focus on fundamental concepts such as measurement and proportion, shading and value. Supplies are included, and no experience is necessary. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$60. RR, MD

■ Oil Painting Workshop

Aug. 11
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Ages 16 and up will create an oil painting from start to finish while discussing concepts like color mixing, color theory, preparing the ground and composition. Supplies are included, and students will learn how to safely use, store

and clean up after painting session. All experience levels are welcome. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$70. RR, MD

FAMILY FUN

■ Glow-in-the-Dark Storytime

Aug. 5
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Come to hear stories, sing songs and dance — in the dark! Time: 6 to 6:30 p.m. RR

■ Story Trail

Aug. 7
Bemis Woods-South
Ogden Avenue west of Wolf
Road near Western Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(312) 533-5751

Walk a short, looped trail and experience the story "I am Smart" by Erin Stevenson unfolding with every step. Onsite activities will be provided. Go to Grove 7. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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■ Party on The Patio

Aug. 9
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Enjoy a live DJ with interactive kids games for the August installment this monthly series. Bring a lunch and gather the family for a delightful afternoon filled with food, fun and entertainment. Time: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. RR

■ Gary Kantor Magic!

Aug. 14
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Have a picnic with free family entertainment as part of the Lunch on the Lawn series sponsored by the village and the Hinsdale Public Library. Pack a lunch, bring a blanket and enjoy the show. Time: 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

FOR A CAUSE

■ Carnivale!

Aug. 10
The Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com
(708) 246-3380

This fundraiser for TWS and the Children's Theatre of Western Springs begins with a daytime outdoor extravaganza for the entire family titled Carnival featuring live music, food trucks, non-alcoholic drinks, face painting, caricature artists, a dunk tank and prizes. In the evening, Carnivale! will move the party indoors at TWS with live music, dancing, tarot card readings, a paddle raise, food trucks, a cash bar and free desserts. Times: 4 to 6 p.m. family event, 7 to 10 p.m. adult event. Cost: \$10 wristbands for family event; \$50, \$75 and \$100 wristband price points for adult event. RR

GAME ON

■ Chicago Elite Youth Volleyball

Tuesdays, Aug. 6-27
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Ages 11-14 will be introduced to the game of volleyball and taught to improve individual skill development in the sport, such as passing, setting, attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided according to skill level and age. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$100. RR, MD

■ 3-on-3 Hoops Tourney

Aug. 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org/3on32024
(630) 323-7500

Ages third grade through adult are invited to participate in this annual fundraising event to compete and have fun while also raising critical resources for athletic

recreation services at The Community House. The rain date is Aug. 18. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$230. RR

GREEN THUMB

■ How to Save Your Seeds

Aug. 10
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

In conjunction with the library's new seed library, learn how to save and collect seeds from plants including tomatoes, beans, peas, squash and lettuce from Kasey Eaves, owner of Vivant Gardening. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Tai Chi Chuan & Chi Gung

Aug. 3, 10 or 24
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Practice how to be "still like

a mountain and powerful like thunder" through this introductory class on techniques for enhancing balance, developing posture and alignments, strengthening muscles and ligaments, improving mental equilibrium and transforming challenges into strength and wisdom. Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$11 per session. RR

■ Goat Yoga

Aug. 6
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org
(630) 323-5630

Enjoy 30 minutes of gentle flow yoga suitable for ages 12 and up and all skill levels on the front lawn along with 15 minutes of cuddle and photo time with the goats. Arrive early to fill out the waiver form, and bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle. And get a 15-minute mini-facial before or after the session. Proceeds support the humane society. Times: 5:30

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to 6:15 p.m. or 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$45 for yoga, \$15 for facial. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Take Home Packet: Back to School

Aug. 2
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Students in kindergarten through second grade can pick up an activity packet to begin working on writing, reading, math and more. RR

■ Artist Inspired Craft

Aug. 3
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Celebrate American Artist Appreciation Month with an artist inspired craft. Time: 10 to 11 a.m.

NOTEWORTHY

■ Cinema Classics

Aug. 3
First Division Museum
Military Park
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

The West Suburban Symphony presents an outdoor performance of hit movie music from the mid-20th century forward featuring composers John Williams, Erich Korngold, Mel Brooks and others and selections from popular films. The program also will include a salute to veterans with a sing-along to the anthems of the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Seating is on the lawn; folding chairs and/or blankets are recommended. Picnics are welcome and concessions also will be available for sale. Purchase a Concert Snack Tote for \$60 containing a hearty meal for two in an insulated tote; totes must be pre-ordered. Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission: Free with \$15 paid parking.

■ Elton Rohn

Aug. 9
Lakeside Pavilion
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Experience the look, feel,

and sound of an Elton John concert with this tribute artist. Blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic are permitted at this outdoor performance. Food and beverage vendors will also be available; outside alcohol is not permitted. The park opens 90 minutes prior to the performance. Guests are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food or paper goods item to donate to the Glen House Food Pantry and COD Student Fuel Pantry. Time: 7:30 p.m.

■ 'Cosi fan Tutte'

Aug. 10
First United Methodist Church
100 W. Cossitt Ave., La Grange
www.saltcreekchamber-orchestra.com

The Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra presents a concert version of this opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with English supertitles. Tickets can be purchased online and at the door. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$20 for seniors & students.

ON STAGE

■ 'Alice in Wonderland Jr.'

Aug. 1-3
Avenue Christian Church
5750 Holmes Ave.,
Clarendon Hills
www.bamtheatre.com/
box-office

BAMtheatre's Broadway Kids presents the story of young Alice, who finds herself in a strange world where everything seems upside down. Trying to find her way home, she encounters all of the iconic Wonderland characters that audiences have come to love: the ever tardy White Rabbit, the grinning Cheshire Cat, a cool Caterpillar, the wacky Mad Hatter, and the hot-tempered Queen of Hearts. Times: 7 p.m. Aug. 1-2, 2 and 7 p.m. Aug. 3. Tickets: \$24-\$28.

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■ Fencing Olympic Swordplay

Mondays, Aug. 5-26
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 678-0035

All ages from 7 and older will learn the basics of attack and defense as well as strategies that create the foun-

ation for fencing. Families are invited to learn together. Equipment is arranged with the fencing club; call the number listed above. Time: 7:15 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$46. RR, MD

■ Library Edition Book Club

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

Join this monthly group to discuss "His Only Wife" by Peace Adzo Medie. Copies of the book will be available on the library's Book Club Holds shelf. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Enchanté: French Fables and Garden Delights

Aug. 8
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Join this evening tour through Cantigny's French-inspired gardens featuring the displays of Jean de la Fontaine's fables and paired with small bites and two cocktails per person. The tour explores the themes of the French ballet "Les Animaux modèles" by Francis Poulenc inspired by the 17th century fables. Learn about the stories behind the fables and the gardens that bring them to life. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$90. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Destination Asia Festival

Aug. 3 & 4
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 968-0074

This fun-filled, family-friendly festival celebrates the diverse cultures of Asia through music, dance, food and more. Enjoy cultural performances and demonstrations, a bonsai exhibit, shopping and art vendors, and food trucks. Guests can also explore the arboretum's vast tree and shrub collections from China, Japan and Korea. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for ages 2-17.

■ Fall Expo at TCH

Aug. 13
The Community House
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org
(630) 323-7500

Join this inaugural free event to explore the variety of programs available at The Community House for all ages, including enrichment, athletics, arts and before and after school services. Hours: 6 to 8 p.m.

STEPPING BACK

■ Lilly Pulitzer

Aug. 12
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join historian and reenactor Leslie Goddard as she brings to life the 1960s entrepreneur and fashion designer Lilly Pulitzer who launched a design revolution through a line of lightweight tropical dresses that became synonymous with resort living. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

SUMMER SERIES

■ Uniquely Thursdays

Thursdays through Aug. 22
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
www.hinsdalechamber.com

The annual concert series sponsored by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce will feature Starlight City tonight, Aug. 1. Also enjoy food vendors and plenty of fun surprises. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Farmers Market


Mondays through Oct. 14
Chicago Avenue near
Burlington Park
www.hinsdalechamber.com

The 48th annual Hinsdale Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce, will feature farmers from near and far, with booths of fresh produce and unique finds from their farms and stores. Hours: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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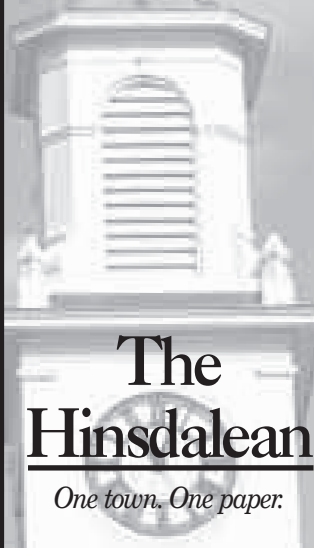
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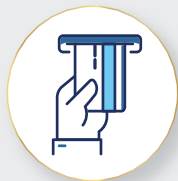


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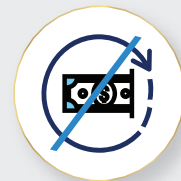
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SUMMER CAMPS

■ Summer Day Camp

Through Aug. 9
The Community House
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Kids entering first through eighth grade will enjoy a variety of creative learning experiences including sports, drama and environmental awareness, to name a few. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$375 a week, \$80 a day.

■ Animal Advocates

Aug. 5-8
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org
(630) 323-5630

Campers ages 10-12 who are passionate about animals will participate in animal care workshops, a small animal safari, crafts, humane education, animal advocacy and more. Time: 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$300 per session.

■ Critter Camp

Aug. 5-8
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org
(630) 323-5630

Kids ages 6-9 will enjoy outdoor adventures, time playing with dogs and cats, a small animal safari, crafts and more. Time: 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$300.

■ EV Fine Arts Fashion Design + Sewing Camp

Aug. 5-9
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Students ages 6-13 will learn to operate a sewing machine, sew garments from scratch and see their designs come to life. A different garment will be made each day. No sewing experience is necessary. The week ends with a fashion show on Friday. All materials are included. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$495.

■ Summer Arts Camp/Morning Drawing

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

Kids ages 5-13 can start their mornings this summer

free drawing or participating in a drawing exercise. This can be taken weekly in conjunction with Open Art Studio (below) at a cost of \$210. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. \$80 a week, \$18 a day.

■ Summer Arts Camp/Kids Open Art Studio

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

Kids Open Art Studio gives kids ages 5-13 the change to work with a different set of materials each day. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$135 a week, \$30 a day.

■ Mock Trial Summer Camp

Aug. 5-8
Hinsdale Central Library
5500 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalecentral.8to18.com

Hinsdale Central's camp is designed to introduce high school students, including rising freshmen, to the principles of law and procedures of a trial. Participants will get background on constructing a compelling case, understanding rules of evidence, making and responding to objections, speaking confidently and handling the space of a courtroom. Sessions will include seminars, active practice and collaborations with teams. The culminating activity will involve a full trial using materials from a previous Illinois state case. Students may be interested in trying out for the Mock Trial team or simply have an interest in law. Questions: Email Chris Freiler at cfreiler@hinsdale86.org. Time: 8:30 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$80.

■ SDFM Musical Theater Acting Camp

Aug. 5-9
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Campers ages 10-18 will develop a show, complete with song, dance, solo work an ensemble performance. The week will focus on famous shows, actors and composers, with the final performance including numbers from Broadway favorites. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$255.

■ Pre-Season Flag Football Camp

Aug. 5-9
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Prepare for the upcoming season by learning league rules, fundamentals and game play through drills and scrimmages. Players ages 6-12 will learn both sides of the ball, including passing, catching, defensive positioning and de-flagging. Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 9-12, 1 to 2:20 p.m. for ages 6-8. Cost: \$130 for 9-12, \$98 for 6-8.

■ All Abilities Animal Friends Camp

Aug. 9
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org
(630) 323-5630

This camp is designed for children with developmental and cognitive disabilities. Remaining spots can be filled by children without disabilities. Campers will be provided with an array of activities that will encourage them to express their creativity and share their emotions. Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

■ Pickleball & Tennis Camp

Aug. 12-16
Brook Park
Third and Columbia streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 7-12 will be introduced to stroke fundamentals such as forehand and backhand shots, serving, lobbing and drop shots, all of which are important in these two racquet sports. Through fun drills and recreational matches, players will learn game strategy, form, footwork and sportsmanship. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$130.

■ SDFM Musical Theater Acting Camp

Aug. 12-16
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
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GOOD NEWS

HEART SURGEON ON HINSDALE TEAM



Schlidt

A veteran heart surgeon renowned for performing “beating-heart surgery” has joined University of Chicago Medicine

AdventHealth as a leader and primary surgeon for the cardiovascular service line.

Dr. Scott Schlidt, a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon, assumed his new role July 1 and will work out of the Hinsdale hospital location. His leadership and expertise will further enhance the world-class cardiovascular services offered throughout UChicago Medicine AdventHealth’s community hospitals in Hinsdale, Bolingbrook, La Grange and Glendale Heights, as part of a cardiovascular partnership that grew out AdventHealth and the University of Chicago Medicine’s joint venture in January 2023.

Schlidt brings decades of experience to the job, having performed 150 to 200 open-heart surgeries a year for the last 20 years in the Milwaukee area.

Schlidt most recently worked at Ascension Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital Milwaukee, leading the consolidation of cardiovascular surgery services for Ascension’s southern Wisconsin service area at the hospital. He is an expert in beating-heart surgery, a way to perform surgery without stopping the heart. Also known as “off-pump surgery” because it’s performed without the use of a heart-lung bypass machine, beating-heart surgery reduces the risk of complications, shortens hospital stays and helps patients recover faster.

“I perform 100 percent of my coronary surgeries off-pump,” Schlidt said. “I have been a huge believer throughout my career that it is truly better for patients.

“Intuitively, it makes sense,” he continued. “The vast majority of complications that arise from coronary surgery are due to the body’s adverse reactions to the bypass circuit. By eliminating this one factor, the requirements for blood transfusion, along with stroke risk, renal failure rates, time to dis-

charge and recovery time, are all significantly reduced.”

HINSDALE STUDENTS EARN DEGREES

The following students from Hinsdale earned a bachelor’s degree at the end of the spring 2024 semester.

- Daisy Agne, Miami University
- Sean Allison, Drake

University

- Tommy Batina, economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Declan Callahan, Miami University
- Ryan Counts, bachelor’s and master’s, psychology/social work, Miami University
- Joseph Cunningham, Miami University
- Michael Dunphy, Miami University
- Sophia Elbrecht, account-

ing, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Luke Evans, Miami University
- Maddy Glasby, Miami University
- Jacqueline McMahon, Miami University
- Connor Phillips, computer/data science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Bennet Plucienik-Kapoun, computer sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison

• Lia Reichmann, Drake University

- Emil Riegger, Drake University
- Michael Ryan, information systems, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Khalid Shakir, biology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- John Walsh, Miami University
- Anthony Zayed, Miami University

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REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County between June 25 and July 15.

1. 532 W. North St., Igor Terletsky and Iryna Berketa to Marianne Coogan and J & M Hinsdale Real Estate Trust, June 25, \$3,500,000

2. 432 S. Grant St., Byron and Jennifer Matthews to Andrew and Natalie Long, June 25, \$1,450,000

3. 850 N. Washington St., Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Luke and Emily Mellens, June 25, \$1,200,000

4. 704 W. Chicago Ave., Susan Claffy to Courtney Sullivan, June 26, \$795,000

5. 224 S. Quincy St., Gail Fahey and Judith Zito to Edgar Barba and Gabriela Enkerlin, June 26, \$640,000

6. 930 S. Park Ave., Christopher M. and Carol F. Wittemann revocable trusts to Chenyi Liu and Shun Nagahisa, June 26, \$1,425,000

7. 514 S. Garfield St., Roland and Carolyn Winterfield to Sarah and Ivey London, June 26, \$1,650,000

8. 717 S. Stough St., Michael W. and Stacia S. Ryan trusts to Chenning Cao and Bin Fu, June 27, \$1,624,000

9. 4 Charleston Road, Domenico G. and Karen L. Pescara revocable trusts to John and Jessica Stewart, June 28, \$2,000,000

10. 160 The Lane, Jennifer Parkins to Daniel and Elise O'Brien, July 2, \$1,125,000

11. 119 N. Bruner St., Yanic Perreault and July Bergeron to Andy and Katherine Lin, July 2, \$2,040,000

12. 320 E. Claymoor Road, Antonetta, Michael and Patrino Esposito to Eduardo and Gladys Loya, July 3, \$260,000

13. 643 S. Lincoln St., Lisa Stoffer Exemption Trust to Alex and Julia Kruszewski, July 3, \$1,830,000

14. 442 S. Quincy St., James and Jill Dart to Jesus and Natalia Campos, July 3, \$749,000

15. 110 E. Seventh St., Courtyard Custom Builders Inc. to Zachary and Catherine Faase, July 3, \$3,426,354

16. 5840 S. Grant St.,

Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Jacquelyn M. Gonzalez Trust, July 3, \$1,440,000

17. 440 58th Place, Kathleen Peluso to Matthew E. and Kathryn M. Vertin trusts, July 3, \$335,000

18. 215 E. First St., Pamela DaValle Revocable Trust Agreement to Melanie G. Ronning Declaration Revocable Trust, July 3, \$1,850,000

19. 229 N. Oak St., Hayes Family Trust and John and Gina Hayes to William and Kathryn Staes, July 3, \$1,275,000

20. 4 S. Clay St., Ardelle M. Baroni Trust to Philip D. Lorenz Trust, July 8, \$1,100,000

21. 202 E. Fourth St., Samuel and Christina Eddins to Daniel and Phoebe McGue, July 9, \$2,900,000

22. 735 S. Park Ave., Chicago Title Land Trust Co. No. L3511 to Chicago Title Land Trust Co. No. 9002345867, July 9, \$4,050,000

23. 9 S. Bruner St., Brock and Kara Jenkins to Carlos and Maria Alarcon, July 9, \$1,025,000

24. 1140 Old Mill Road, James and Jane Hulbert to Thomas and Karen O'Keefe, July 9, \$625,000

25. 5518 S. Park Ave., Susan and Joseph Alfirevic to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., July 9, \$1,325,000

26. 820 S. Stough St., John and Suchinta Hakim to Matthew and Shannon Maxwell, July 10, \$625,000

27. 19 W. First St., John Schlamann to 19W1 LLC, July 10, \$810,000

28. 430 N. Adams St., Eric and Barbara Riegger to Katherine Fagan and Fagan Small Family Trust, July 11, \$2,395,000

29. 228 W. Grant Village, Lisa Huber to Yizhou Yin and Zhiyong Zhang, July 11, \$685,000

30. 546 N. Grant St., Marc Cella and Jane M. Cella Trust to Ken Tatebe, July 12, \$1,110,000

31. 207 N. Elm St., Maria L. Grillo Living Trust to Daniel and Sandra Goetzke, July 15, \$800,000

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- ACROSS**
- 1 SWEAR
 - 5 UNDERSTOOD
 - 8 SIX-PACK UNITS
 - 12 SLIGHTLY
 - 13 FRENCH ASSENT
 - 14 OCTOBER BIRTHSTONE
 - 15 SULTRY HORNE
 - 16 ANNOYING
 - 18 MICHELANGELO WORKS
 - 20 PUMPED (UP)
 - 21 MEDIT. NATION
 - 22 "- BLUE?"
 - 23 COOK IN THE OVEN
 - 26 SUN SPOT
 - 30 TAKE COURSES?
 - 31 PIE - MODE
 - 32 FELON'S FLIGHT
 - 33 FAKE ALLY
 - 36 CAVORTS
 - 38 MEL OF BASEBALL
 - 39 UFO CREW
 - 40 TOP FLOOR
 - 43 CARGO
 - 47 FIRST-TERMERS
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 - 55 HARBOR ARRIVAL

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 - 2 CAB ALTERNATIVE
 - 3 TRIG FUNCTION
 - 4 EQUILIBRIUM
 - 5 REALLY DIG
 - 6 BELONGING TO US
 - 7 DEAD HEAT
 - 8 UNIVERSAL
 - 9 PER PERSON
 - 10 HANDLE
 - 11 SANTA'S RIDE
 - 17 DOCILE
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 - 23 UMP
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 - 29 AMBULANCE INITIALS
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 - 34 LOUD SOUNDS
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 - 36 GPS SUGGESTION
 - 37 EGYPTIAN DEITY
 - 39 GOLFER ELS
 - 40 MILES AWAY
 - 41 HALF A SEXTET
 - 42 TURNER AND DANSON
 - 43 DISASTER AID ORG.
 - 44 GET
 - 45 OVEREMOTIONAL
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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 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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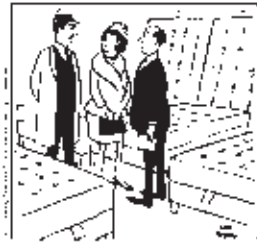
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3. Glare; 4. Green

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Blank **BEASTN**

Blank **SECURE**

Word **LAGER**

Young **GENRE**

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HOROSCOPES

August 2024 Horoscopes • Week 1



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Someone from the past could come back into your life, Capricorn. He or she could provide some answers you have been looking for. Stay tuned and be a good listener.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, keep moving forward when you find yourself in a tough situation. It's best not to linger, but to find a path forward. Wait for the dust to settle before getting involved.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Family matters may be causing you some strain this week, Cancer. While it is nice to get together, it also can cause some stress. Space out visits so you can recharge in between.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, when it comes to your personal passions, you are full speed ahead and very regimented in the path you take. Put those skills to the test this week with a new venture.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You soon get the opportunity to hang out with someone you haven't seen in awhile, Aquarius. You may stay up late catching up on all of the moments you have missed lately.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you have a tendency to go overboard at times. Perhaps take a more middle-of-the-road strategy this week when a task falls in your lap. Give it time before acting.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, don't worry if you can't see the path forward too clearly right now. Things will be revealed in due time and you'll have all the information you need to proceed.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if anyone assembled a crack team of experts to get through tough times, you certainly would be included. You'll help a loved one with a last-minute problem soon enough.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
A mistake that someone else made will be a learning experience for you, Pisces. This experience could serve as a cautionary tale of how to approach life or similar situations.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you have a lot going on in your life right now to keep you busy. With so much happening, try not to worry about what is going on with others. Stay in your lane.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, when a difficult arises, your first response is to get right in the middle of it and try to work things out or force it to go away. That isn't always the most effective approach.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
You have a natural curiosity and zeal for life, Sagittarius. These traits may cascade over others and inspire them to try new things this week. Join along in the fun.

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Clarendon Hills; Grayson Contreras of Burr Ridge; and Sawyer Hilding of Oak Brook.

Goeckel was assisted by coaches Jason Havens and Michelle Speziale.

10U All Stars shine

The Hinsdale Little League 10U boys All Star team may have been in Paris, Ill., not France, earlier this month, but the squad had its own gold-medal moment in capturing the state championship.

To get there, the boys mostly powered their way through the district tournament, outscoring their first three opponents 34-10 to set up a final against Clarendon Hills Little League. Fittingly, the close neighbors battled through a tight six-inning contest July 7 that ended in a thrilling 5-4 Hinsdale victory thanks to a Jack Rozum walk-off run-scoring single. Hinsdale head coach Bryan Rozum expressed admiration for both sides.

"They ended up being our closest game and toughest foe, a testament to how hard the boys have worked in both towns," he said.

In Paris, the boys again notched a series of one-sided victories, including 21-0 over South Holland, 10-0 over Paris and 15-0 over Warren Park.

William Kouri said the



The Hinsdale Little League 10U All Stars earned the mantle of Illinois state champions on July 16 with a 7-3 victory over Mendota in the title game. The team went undefeated in 10 games between the district and state tournaments, excelling in both offense and defense.

group already had a strong bond through playing travel baseball together this spring.

"We've always played well, and most of them are my Devils teammates," he said.

Bryan Rozum said that camaraderie was a key factor, as was their pitching prowess.

"Almost all of our kids were willing and able to throw hard strikes, get outs, coupled with really strong defense. I think a lot of teams downstate couldn't believe that

we could run that deep with our pitching, because you're playing six games in four or five days with pitch count limitations."

That sixth game on July 16 was for the state title against Mendota. Some of the players admitted to feeling nerves, but not Billy Jaqua.

"I knew we were going to win it before the game started," Billy said. "I was so confident. I knew we were best team in tournament."

The team took a four-run lead into the bottom of the sixth, but Mendota loaded the bases with no outs. Kouri struck out the next three batters to lock down a 7-3 win and the championship.

"Lot of pressure for 10-year-old boys with a successful ending," Bryan Rozum said. "Whenever we had our backs against the wall, someone stepped up and got a big hit or made a big defensive play in the field."

A post-game trip to the Paris Dairy Queen by all the players and their families made the achievement even sweeter.

The other state champion members are Enzo Allegra, Henry Appel, Thomas Kinzler, Drake Kryscio, Nate Morris, David Napleton, Max Urbanek, Luke Wanless and Nathan Yun, along with assistant coaches Bill Jaqua, Chase Morris and Jon Urbanek.



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Teams conquer state competition, with 12U softball players reaching new territory

By Ken Knutson

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It takes a village to raise a child, according to the proverb. To make a statement on the road to youth softball preeminence? Sometimes it takes five villages.

The Clarendon Hills Little League 12U Softball All Stars this month put on a show of resilience and unity in winning the state championship, then battling into the final four of the regional tournament in an effort to reach the Little League Softball World Series. The result marked the best performance ever for the 7-year-old program, authored by a 13-player roster featuring girls from Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills, Burr Ridge, Oak Brook and Willowbrook.

The team demonstrated its dominating form in overwhelming Plainfield twice June 25 and 26 by a combined score of 35-0 to qualify for the state tournament in Rushville July 6-10. There, an opening 9-6 loss to Beardstown in pool play only seemed to steel the girls' resolve as they turned in a spotless record the rest of the way — including an avenging 10-0 victory over Beardstown in the semifinal — to capture the title.

"It says so much about their determination and character that they reeled off five straight wins and convincingly defeated a talented and focused Brookfield team twice — both in the pouring rain and on a picture perfect Wednesday night in July

for the state championship," coach Rob Goeckel said.

Playing through the remnants of Hurricane Beryl — and some game rescheduling as a result — required focus, the girls said, as did enduring the daily 70-minute drive to the field from their hotel in Springfield. But at least they got to visit Abraham Lincoln's home.

In the final against Brookfield, the team scored six runs early and then relied on sharp pitching and rock-solid defense for a 6-1 triumph.

"It didn't really feel real that we won state until the morning after the game," said Kate Sunderson of Hinsdale.

"It was very uplifting and gave us a lot of confidence that we could win regionals," said Gia Sikorski of Clarendon Hills.

Many of the players had experienced a state title last year with the triumphant 11U team. But winning at 12U meant moving on to the Central Region tournament July 20-26 in Whitestown, Ind., with seven of their counterparts from other Midwest states.

Clarendon Hills opened with an impressive 5-0 win over the Kentucky team before a hard loss to Missouri. Goeckel said the girls demonstrated they were not content just to have made it to regionals with a bounce-back 4-0 victory over a tough Iowa contingent.

"The timely hitting and gold glove fielding was the epitome of 'team,' where all 13 girls contributed in



The Clarendon Hills Little League 12U Softball All Stars celebrate their Illinois state championship July 10 in Rushville. The team advanced to the Central Region tournament, where they came two wins short of qualifying for the Little League World Series. (photos provided)

a meaningful way up and down the lineup," he said. "The coaches were so proud of the heart and perseverance shown by making a positive adjustment from the Missouri game and regrouping to focus on the next play."

That set up a semifinal game against Ohio on July 25, a nail-biting pitchers' duel in which Clarendon Hills came up heartbreakingly short, 2-1. Ohio went on to defeat Missouri for the regional championship.

"The girls gave the eventual Central Region champion everything they could handle and fought

until the final out," Goeckel said. "This regional exposure and experience will go a long way to help them handle future pressure and adversity."

Despina Patos of Willowbrook said she and her teammates always felt well-prepared.

"We had practices like almost every day of the week, doing the same drills to improve our fielding, hitting and baserunning," she said.

Olivia McEwen of Clarendon Hills said teams were surprised at the quality of their defense.

"Our defense together can get a lot of outs. And

once we figure out how to hit off their pitcher, their defense falls apart," McEwen observed.

Sloane Breton of Hinsdale said great chemistry also was a key factor in the team's success.

"We all have a really good time with each other and work together well and try to do our best," she said.

Other members of the team were Charlotte Goeckel, Emmy Havens, Payton Kunitz and Abby Przyzycki of Hinsdale; Emme Campos and Meghan Wierzbicki of

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Path to Pennsylvania

The Hinsdale Little League 12U District team won the Illinois state tournament July 24 in Sterling with an 11-3 victory over Elmhurst. As champions the boys advanced to the Great Lakes Regional tournament in Whitestown, Ind., with an opening game against Team Indiana at 6 p.m. Saturday, which will be broadcast on ESPN+.

For a full tournament schedule, visit www.littleleague.org/world-series/2024/llbws/tournaments/great-lakes-region. The winner of the tournament will move on to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. Good luck Hinsdale!

Congratulations to the Hinsdale Little League Baseball 10u & 12u State Champions

10u



12u



Coaches

Brian Rozum
Bill Jaqua
Jon Urbanek

Players

William Kouri
Billy Jaqua
Nate Morris
Luke Wanless
Drake Kryscio
Max Urbanek
David Napleton
Jack Rozum
Henry Appel
Thomas Kinzler
Enzo Allegra
Nathan Yun

Coaches

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Damon Phelan
Greg Behar
Luke Goodwin

Players

Dillon Phelan
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