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Star power

Oak School wrapped up the school year recently with its annual talent show, "A Night Under the Stars." Dozens of students performed in the 34 acts that took the stage that evening. Among some of the kindergarten boys and girls who did the "Kindergarten Eras Dance" were Mattie Karstens, John Kourafas and Mason Weck. For more pictures of the performances, please go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean. (Jim Slonoff photo)





Beating the heat Summer series cools things off with a visit to the Hinsdale pool. Page 5



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NEWS

Board debates discrimination policy

By Ken Knutson

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The wording of a new discrimination policy was the subject of a protracted discussion at last week's Hinsdale High School District 86 Board meeting.

Policy 2:270 prohibiting discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color and national origin was on the board's consent agenda for approval at the June 27 meeting. The provision is in response to the Racism-Free Schools Law passed by the Illinois General Assembly last year, explained board member and policy committee Chair Peggy James, who said districts must enact such a policy by Aug. 1.

Board member Terri Walker asked that the policy be pulled to address her concerns that the measure being advanced deviated from the version recommended by the widely used Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) for policy revisions. Specifically Walker was concerned about the omission of the following examples of forbidden conduct related to high-level courses, extra-curricular activities and job-related advancement:

• disciplining students more harshly and frequently because of their race, color, or national origin

• denying students access to high-rigor academic courses, extracurricular activities or other educational opportunities based on their race, color or national origin

• denying language services or other educational opportunities to English learners and assigning students special education services based on a student's race, color, or national origin

"I think if that isn't in there, then it's really a material change to what the original language stated," Walker said.

James stated those portions were taken out on guidance from the district's law firm, Robbins Schwartz.

"We wanted to make sure that this was in alignment with our district goals and had some updates based on that as recommended by our attorneys," she said.

Board member Asma Akhras echoed Walker's misgivings, asking that the original PRESS version be restored.

"I am concerned why we've eliminated that whole description," she said. "I'm not sure I agree with legal advice. Why are we deciding to eliminate the language that PRESS themselves have suggested?"

Reading from the Robbins Schwartz' opinion, James said the amendments were an "attempt to focus on conduct that has the highest likelihood of meeting legal standards for discrimination or harassment not being protected by the First Amendment, and to better inform readers about a broader range of prohibited conduct, including conduct directed against employees, and make examples more concise and readable."

The policy was approved 5-1, with Walker abstaining and board member Jeff Waters absent, on the condition that Akhras' and Walker's concerns be considered when the policy committee next meets in August for possible subsequent board action on amendments.



School's out, crews are in

The second floor of Madison School offers a great perspective on work taking place on a three-story, two-classroom addition that is part of a \$19.2 million construction project to allow District 181 to offer fullday kindergarten in the fall of 2025. Playground improvements also are taking place at Madison as part of the district's summer improvement projects. The Oak School main office (shown) and classrooms also are undergoing renovations and four new classrooms will be built. Work is taking place at six of the district's seven elementary schools. (Jim Slonoff photos)





ONCE UPON A TIME



Pictures from the past — Hinsdale's building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. Littlest Offspring was a children's clothing store located at 9 E. First St. at the time. Today Karat Jewelry Group calls the space home. 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.



Happy Birthday! Leila Tuli turns 7 on July 5

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NEWS

Hinsdale pool a pretty cool place to be

From summer fun to fitness to employment, village-owned pool is an asset to the town

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

By mid-afternoon Tuesday, it was hard to believe rainy, gloomy weather had caused the Hinsdale Community Pool to close earlier that day.

The sun was shining from a brilliant blue sky adorned with fluffy white clouds. The crowd might have been smaller than usual, but there are still plenty of patrons — adults swimming laps, playing with their kids in the water or reading a book in the shade of one of the large umbrellas. Two-year-old Millie Jane Muskievicz was participating enthusiastically in her private swim lesson with instructor Finn Hamman, a rising junior at Hinsdale Central.

"She enjoys water. She loves it," her dad, Michael, said. "All we hear about is the pool."

Private lessons are one of many activities that go on at

the pool every week. It offers group parent-tot swimming lessons, group swimming lessons and a junior lifeguard program. It also is home to the Stingrays Town Team, which hosts meets at the pool and practices there four days a week in June and most of July. In addition, the pool rents space to other organizations and, as of this summer, for private birthday parties.

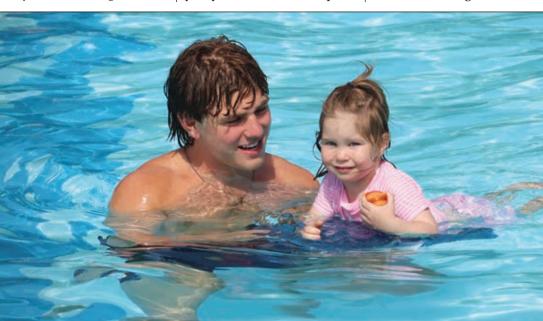
The pool also has long been a great place to get a summer job for high school and college students, like recent Central graduate Spencer Anderson. This is his third year working at the pool and his first as manager. He was responsible for the 10 guards on staff Tuesday afternoon.

"It's a good group of people to work with," Anderson said. "Everyone here — the guards, the staff, is very friendly. When you come back year after year you build relationships with people. That's one of the things that has been most endearing to me."

The pool has about 88 people on staff, from cashiers and guards to managers and coordinators, said Mike Hayes, parks and recreation superintendent for the village. He and Todd Linder, recreation supervisor, oversee all operations at the pool.

Like many other pool employees, Anderson had an older sibling who worked as a lifeguard before he did. Since the parks and recreation department provides Star Guard training for employees, he didn't have to be certified when he applied.

"We have staff that are trained as instructors and those staff train the guards," Hayes said, adding that four to six courses are offered between Jan. 1 and the first week of June, when kids return home from college.



Finn Hamman teaches a private swimming lesson to Millie Jane Muskievicz Tuesday afternoon at the Hinsdale Community Pool, after an earlier storm passed through and the pool re-opened. Lawson Kay and his sister, Winnie, enjoy a trip down the slide Monday morning. (Jim Slonoff photos)



SUMMER DAYS

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

The guards rotate among the eight stations every 15 minutes, carrying a red rescue tube and wearing a whistle and a fanny pack. The pack contains a Seal Rite mask for use if an individual needs help breathing and a pair of plastic gloves.

An occasional blast from a guard's whistle indicates some type of infraction, and the Metra trains that whiz by drown out the sounds of splashing and the tunes playing over the PA system.

The Callahan family was enjoying time at the diving well, where Grace, 7, had been jumping off the low and high boards. She's taking private diving lessons at the pool, working on her front and back dives.

"Mostly front," she clarified. Her 4-year-old sister, Isla,

made her first jump off the diving board that afternoon. She is sticking to the low board for now.

"The high dive is really high," Isla said.

In addition to jumping off both boards and going down the slide, Grace enjoys spending time in the main pool.

"I like doing tricks in the water, like flips and doing handstands," she said.

Mom Marsula was watching the girls from the side of the pool, but she's been known to jump off the high board and go down the slide.

"It's surprising how fast it shoots you out," she said.

Trips to the pool are a fun way for the girls to spend time this summer before they head to second grade and kindergarten at Madison School in August, their mom said.

"They enjoy it and we live very close by, so I like that we can walk over, even if it's for an hour or two," Callahan said.

Having a pool residents can walk to is a huge asset for the village, in Hayes' opinion. "I think just being around all the homes and within walking distance — you don't get that

in many towns," he said. "You



The Stingrays swim team practices four mornings a week at the pool.

see kids riding their bikes and moms walking with the strollers."

With June offering up a number of hot, sunny days, the pool has attracted good crowds — especially on Saturdays and Sundays.

"Weekends have been extremely well-received and busy," Hayes said.

He pointed to a number of special events taking place at the pool this summer, including today's Red, White and Blue day (\$5 admission for those who with a suit or towel with all three colors), Flick 'n' Float July 19 and the Back to School Bash Aug. 10. Hayes said the village works hard to support affiliate organizations, like the Stingrays Town Team, support partnerships with Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South high schools and meet whatever needs arise.

"We'll figure out a way to make it happen," he said.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

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

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: public hearing on landscaping and screening standards of the Hinsdale Zoning Ordinance; findings and recommendations on 5891-5911 S. County Line Road (Hinsdale Paddle Tennis Association) special-use permit and 120 N. Oak St. signs (UChicago Medicine AdventHealth); sign permit review for 8 Grant Square (White Buffalo)

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business June 27, board members:

• listened to Interim Superintendent Rebecca Nelson report that boys gymnastics programs will go ahead at both Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South tentatively for four years. The viability of the program will be evaluated in two years based on participation, availability of competition and finances to determine if the programs should be continued.

• approved the tentative FY 2025 budget. The proposed spending plan of \$136.8 million for the upcoming year is on display at the district office. The final budget is expected to be approved at the Sept. 26 board meeting.

• approved girls flag football as fall sport at Hinsdale South starting with the 2024-25 school year. Hinsdale South currently has 31 girls that are interested in playing flag football next year. The district had originally proposed a Hinsdale Central-Hinsdale South co-op team as the IHSA debuts the program, but strong interest led to the funding of teams at both schools. The cost of adding the programs is estimated to be between \$28,523 and \$38,120 at each school.

• heard Nelson give remarks at her final district board meeting expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community and work with people that she will always hold close to her heart. Michael Lach began work as the district's permanent superintendent July 1.

Hinsdalean looking for contributing writers

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

To apply, send a sample 450word 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.

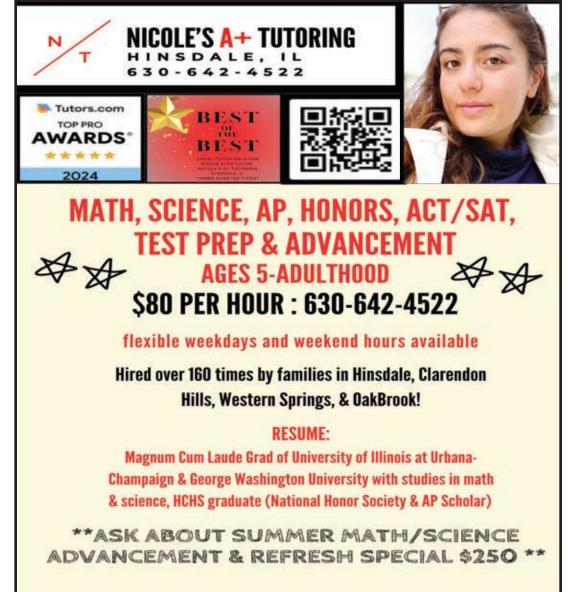
Applicants should include a name, address and cell number and a few sentences about

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.

Submissions are due Monday, July 29.

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NEWS DIGEST

Historic homes on and off the market

One of Hinsdale's most notable homes — the William Whitney house at 142 E. First St. - has been listed on the private market at \$2,399,000, according to listing agent Kris Berger of Compass.

The Italianate structure is owned by Grace Episcopal Church and has served as its rectory for years. Congregation members voted 161-8 in March to sell the house and obtained permission from the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago to do so.

The house was built in 1869 for the Stoddards and was later occupied by Whitney, one of the men responsible for incorporating the village of Hinsdale. The home was the first building in town to be added to the National Register of Historic Places (1989). It was a Hinsdale Historic Preservation Award winner in 1990 and was added to the village's Historically Significant Structures Property List last year. The home also was a possible residence for Berger's family. Her family moved to Hinsdale when she was 7, and her parents considered buying it before they found a



house in Fullersburg Woods. "I remember going through it,"

she said. Berger pointed to the home's prominent location and grand appearance as two of its assets.

"It's just an iconic, beautiful home. That's why Hallmark used it originally in one of its commercials, because it's so pretty," she said, noting that others might have different tastes. "It might not be everybody's style — but I think it is.'

Another historic home, Woodside, at 425 E. Sixth St., which originally belonged to village founder William Robbins, sold June 14 for \$6,050,000. Lisa Read, an agent with @properties Christie's International Real Estate's Hinsdale office, represented the buyer in the fifth-highest resale on record in DuPage County.

New D86 leader reported for duty this week

Michael Lach became the new superintendent in Hinsdale High School District 86 on Monday.

"It was great," he said of his first official day on the job. "There's a lot to do. I'm looking at my computer right now wanting to tell you how many emails I've received. It's been busy."

Lach spent 35 days working in District 86 prior to this week and already

had received emails on a variety of topics. "It got serious on Monday," he said.

"I've been trying to spend my time observing, listening, talking to people, trying to figure out where we're going to go,

how we're going to include everybody, tapping into all the passion people have here, build trust. That's what it's all about."

The board hired Lach in January as a permanent replacement for Tammy Prentiss, who has been on paid administrative leave. His three-year contract has a starting base salary of \$255,000. He spent

the past five years as assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment for Township High School District 113.

"I'm excited to be here and looking forward to digging in," he said.

Threepeat for Dillard in post as RTA chair

Hinsdale's Kirk Dillard has been elected to a third five-year term as chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

The board voted June 20 to keep Dillard, who has served as chairman since June 2014, at the helm. Dillard and the board oversee the nation's second-largest public transportation system,

which serves more than 8 million residents in collar counties. The authority is responsible for regional financial oversight, funding and transit planning for the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace suburban buses and ADA Paratransit.

Dillard represented Hinsdale and the 41st District in the Illinois Senate for almost 20

years. Before that, he served as chief of staff to former Gov. Jim Edgar and as legislative director to former Gov. Jim Thompson. He is a partner at Locke Lord LLP, one of Chicago's oldest and largest law firms.

He and his wife, Stephanie, are longtime Hinsdale residents and raised their two daughters here.





Lach

POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following report July 3.

Hit and run reported

A car parked on the lower level of the parking garage at 100 S. Garfield Ave. sustained damage to its rear driver side between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. June 25. Police identified a suspect in the incident via surveillance video.

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

Hinsdale Whole Foods receives bomb threat

Hinsdale's Whole Foods store was the target of a phoned-in bomb threat Tuesday, according to village police, with indications that the call originated outside the country. The threat was determined to be unfounded.

Police Chief Brian King reported that a call came in to the 500 E. Ogden Ave. store at 11:56 a.m. Tuesday.

"The caller, who spoke with an accent, purported to be from India, threatened to blow up the store. The initial indications are that the call originated outside the United States," King told The Hinsdalean via email.

He reported that responding officers conducted a walkthrough and did not find anything suspicious.

"The store was evacuated and a bomb sniffing dog from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Bomb Squad conducted a search with similar results — finding no suspicious items," King stated. The store was reopened for normal business at 1:20 p.m. King cited similar incidents around the country.

"We are aware that there were several bomb threats to Whole Foods last year in the U.S., with one occurring locally in Evanston last year," he commented, stopping short of linking this with other cases. "The police department has not made a connection between those incidents and the incident that occurred on Tuesday in Hinsdale."

The department is continuing its investigation.

"We are appreciative of the quick response by the Cook County Sheriff's police and the assistance that they provided. Our goal is to ensure the environment is safe and minimizing the disruption to the business," he stated. "We will pursue all investigative avenues available to us in an attempt to identify the source of the threat."

Did you know?

American flags that are no longer in good condition may be dropped off in the Hinsdale American Legion Post 250 box (next to library's book drop) in the circle drive off 20 E. Maple St.

The U.S. Flag Code states that when a flag is torn, tattered, frayed, faded or soiled, it should no longer be displayed.

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■ "As I begin my journey at Hinsdale United Methodist Church, I humbly invite everyone to walk alongside me, to join me in discovering the incredible work God has prepared for all of us." — **Rev. Dr. Grace Oh**

Hinsdale church quite a change for new pastor

Members of Hinsdale United Methodist Church will hear a new voice and see a new face when they arrive at church Sunday, July 7. That's when the church's new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Grace Oh, will deliver her first message at the church.

Oh, 63, was appointed to the church following the retirement of the Rev. Young-Mee Park and began her job as senior pastor on July 1.

Oh's new home in Hinsdale is just 25 miles in distance but a world away from her previous home in Chicago, where she led the congregation at Englewood-Rust United Methodist Church.

"The average income is about \$20,000," Oh said of her former church population, which was composed completely of people of color. Hinsdale, she said, is a stark contrast that likely will require her to change both her message and the focus of her work as pastor.

In Englewood, Oh said, her primary message was one of hope and a reminder that God loves everyone. In Hinsdale, Oh said she expects to offer lessons about the importance of sharing one's gifts while continuing the church's mission to honor Jesus in word and action and to follow His example of love and grace to all.

But first, she will take time to get to know her church members and the needs of her congregation and the entire Hinsdale community. Ultimately, Oh said, she hopes to help others experience the impact that Jesus has had on her life.

Oh said her life changed forever when she became a Christian at age 17. The victim of physical abuse and a broken family, Oh said she was severely depressed and even attempted suicide before welcoming Jesus into her life. She was a member of the Presbyterian faith and a Pentecostal church before finding her permanent faith home in the Methodist church.

Despite enjoying a deep faith from a young age and even studying religion in college, Oh said becoming a pastor was never a goal. When she enrolled in seminary school, it was to open up financial aid opportunities for her college-bound children rather than to pur-



GRACE OH

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sue a career. But God, Oh said, had other plans. During a mission trip to Jamaica, she felt the undeniable pull to help people through her faith.

"I decided to become a pastor to educate people," Oh said.

She graduated from Garrett Theological Seminary and went on to earn a doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, at age 60. In the 10 years since becoming a pastor, Oh has served at Evangelical United Methodist in Ottawa, Thornton United Methodist in Thornton, and in Englewood.

"As I begin my journey at Hinsdale United Methodist Church, I humbly invite everyone to walk alongside me, to join me in discovering the incredible work God has prepared for all of us," she said.

"God has surprises in your life," and coming to Hinsdale is a pleasant one for her, Oh said.

"I'm so excited," she said. "I think I'm in the best place."

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

"America the Beautiful"

"O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea! O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law! O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine! O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!"



Unofficial anthem asks us all to do better

Katherine Lee Bates, an English literature professor at Wellesley College, was inspired to write a poem she titled "Pikes Peak" after making a trip to Colorado in 1893. The stanzas describe the stunning landscape she saw both on her train trip west and from the 14,000-foot summit.

The poem first appeared in print July 4, 1895, in The Congregationalist, a weekly newspaper. Her work quickly gained in popularity. As was the custom at the time, people sang the words to "almost any popular air or folk tune with which the lyrics fit," according to the Library of Congress website. Today we sing the song known as "America the Beautiful" to a melody written in 1882 by church organist Samuel Augustus Ward.

Bates revised some of the lyrics in the early 1900s, and eventually gave permission for the song to appear for free in church hymnals, Sunday school song books, poetry readers, anthologies and countless periodicals.

'While Bates was initially surprised by the poem's success, she later reflected that its enduring 'hold as it has upon our people is clearly due to the fact that Americans are at heart idealists, with a fundamental faith in human brotherhood,' " according to an article on the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History website.

"America the Beautiful" has been sung by

Ray Charles, Mariah Carey, John Legend, Kelly Clarkson, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson and Aretha Franklin. It has been performed at events ranging from the NBA Finals to WrestleMania to the SuperBowl. A group of American soldiers known as the Yankee Division also sang it as they walked out of the trenches in Verdun, France, on Armistice Day in 1918, according to an episode of "All of Things Considered."

That episode was part of NPR's "American Anthem" series on music that challenges, unites and celebrates. (The episode goes into greater detail about Bates' life and her trip to Colorado for those who are interested).

"If 'The Star-Spangled Banner' boldly proclaims the country's greatness as fact, 'America the Beautiful' is more aspirational," correspondent Eric Westevelt reported. "Bates is not asking whether the flag has survived an artillery strike. Rather, this young feminist poet, who had just emerged from a deep depression, is asking if the nation, and perhaps the world, can ever live up to its high ideals.

That question seems especially pertinent at this moment, as we mark the country's 248th birthday today and prepare for a presidential election in November.

There are some moments — perhaps while watching the Independence Day parade or enjoying the gathering at Burlington Park that follows — when we feel more connected to our neighbors and our country. The pride we have in our country swells and the future looks bright.

At other times the view is much dimmer.

As we celebrate today what is still the greatest experiment in democracy in the world, let us remember that our nation has a history of overcoming seemingly insurmountable challenges. We fought for and won our freedom, we healed after a civil war and we've continued to make progress in granting rights once reserved for white male landowners to all citizens. And at one time, not too long ago, citizens and those who represented them in Washington were able to disagree without being disrespectful and to work with others who had different ideas to find the best solutions for the problems the nation faced.

We can lament that is no longer the case, but we cannot wait for others to model that behavior for us. We must take up the mantle ourselves and find a way to respect and even appreciate those who disagree with us. We must recognize that discussing our differences of opinion might lead us to a middle ground we all can support.

And maybe one day, in the not too distant future, the brotherhood Bates speaks of will extend from sea to shining sea.

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

It's tough to be a kid these days

When it comes to complaining about getting old, I'd like to think I have a corner on the market. No one bemoans the fact that he's not a teenager more than me. I don't need to say it out loud. I'm reminded of

it every morning when it takes me 10 minutes to get out of bed.

But I have to tell you, I think I'll take those aches and pains over being a youngster in today's world. I'm not sure I could handle being a kid in 2024. The schedules are packed from morning until night. If you're not part of a club, troupe or traveling sports team, you might as well be nonexistent. At least that's what it looks like on social media.

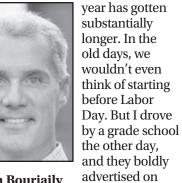
And that is part of problem. Back in the day, we weren't obsessed with recording every one of our movements or making sure our friends knew exactly what we were doing every moment of every day. Heck, most of the time our parents never even knew what we were doing until we came home for dinner. And somehow, we all survived.

Sadly, the pressures of being constantly engaged, winning at all costs and oversharing every thought and action have become engrained in the fabric of our children's lives. Honestly, I don't blame them. It's the only norm they've ever known.

I also feel like the school

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John Bourjaily

their display sign that back-to-school day is Aug. 26. Come on! It's the Fourth of July for crying out loud. Give these kids a break. They just barely finished cleaning out their lockers and its already time to start thinking about school supplies. I'm all for a full and productive education, but their brains need at least a little time away from the classroom. Isn't that the whole point of summer?

So, as an eternally childish 58-year-old, I feel it's my duty to set them straight. If you're a kid, here's my advice: Put your phone down and ride your bike. Go to the pool. Eat cold pizza for breakfast. Play cards with your friends. Go to a movie. If you can't afford it, ask your neighbor if you can mow their lawn or wash their car for a few bucks. Play tennis or hoops at the park when it's raining. Stay up late and call the boy or girl you've been thinking about (texts don't count).

And if you're a parent, here's my advice to you: Let your kids be kids.

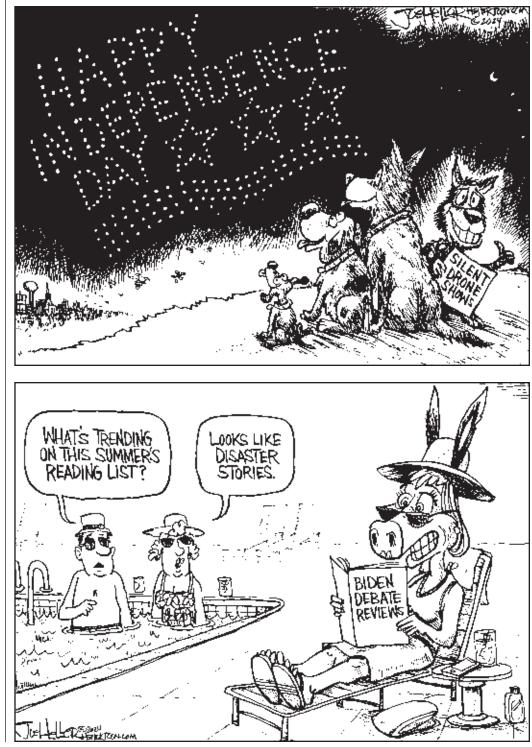
– John Bourjaily of Golfview Hills is a former contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help from neighbors, police enabled owners to find lost dog

Neighbors of Southeast Hinsdale thank you all so much for your kindness and for taking the time to locate and secure our Bernese mountain dog, Zoe, who left our property (with her shock collar on!) last Friday night, June 21. We were attending a local event and were completely unaware that she had left our house and was walking the streets alone. When we finally looked at our phones, we had texts and messages

from various friends and neighbors with her photo and description and were able to quickly piece together where she was and pick her up and bring her home. Without the incredible help of our kind neighbors and local police, it could have been a much different outcome. Thank you, thank you all so much! We feel very fortunate to live in such a caring community. - Linda Lozier and family, Hinsdale



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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Hubbell

Elizabeth Hubbell, 87, passed away June 29, 2024, in Downers Grove.

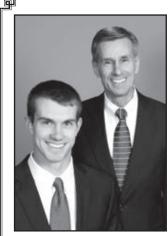
Elizabeth worked for almost 20 years in the Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 school system, where she was a dedicated and valued member. She loved traveling the world, sailing with her husband and cooking for her friends and family. Elizabeth's kindness and love will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Daniel V. Hubbell.

She is survived by her five children, David Hubbell, Elizabeth (Daniel) Pritchard, Sarah (Robert) Stein, Joseph Hubbell and Christopher (Anastasia) Hubbell; her four grandchildren, Samantha, Lindsay, Grayson and Ethan; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at St. Isaac Jogues, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

In lieu of flowers, memorialts may be made online to Advocate Hospice at www.donate. aahgiving.org/hospicegratitude.



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Sign up now for Citizen Police Academy, learn about department

Residents can apply now to be part of the 2024 Hinsdale Citizen Police Academy, which starts Sept. 4.

Classes meet for 11 weeks at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, each lasting from two to three hours.

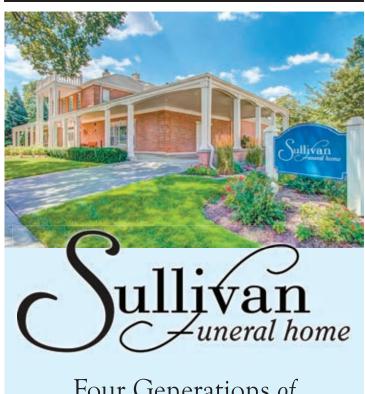
The free program is designed to give residents and citizens working in Hinsdale a better understanding of law enforcement and the Hinsdale Police Department.

Each week provides an in-depth view of different topics, including specialties and departments within the department. This course also provides citizens with an understanding of modern police procedures and an inside look at the challenges officers face while serving the community.

The course will include classroom instruction, interactive discussions and handson practical exercises with a focus on various aspects of police work. Course topics include investigations, forensics, traffic stops, training, specialty teams, critical incidents, law and more. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and must live or work within the village of Hinsdale. All applicants must complete and return an application, waiver and photo release form. The Hinsdale Police Department reserves the right to exclude any applicant from consideration or participation.

To apply online, visit https:// www.villageofhinsdale.org/ departments/police_department/citizen_police_academy_2017.php.





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GOOD NEWS

HINSDALE STUDENTS GRADUATE COLLEGE

The following Hinsdale students earned a degree at the conclusion of the spring 2024 term at their respective colleges and universities.

• Mitchell Anderson, bachelor's in finance, University of Iowa

• Benjamin Cosentino, bachelor's in finance, University of Iowa

• Hailey Donovan, bachelor's, Northern Illinois University

• Fiona Fitzsimons, bachelor's in marketing, University of Iowa

• Juliana Gee, bachelor's in communication studies, University of Iowa

• Elizabeth Klink, bachelor's in English, University of Iowa

 Macalister McClear, bachelor's in risk management and insurance, University of Iowa
 David Molfese, bachelor's

in marketing, University of Iowa • Charlotte Priester, University of WisconsinWhitewater • Alexandar Tistle, bache-

lor's in finance, University of Iowa

STUDENTS EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Medical staff of UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale and La Grange hospitals recently awarded \$2,500 scholarships to 12 high school students from the local community, including four from Hinsdale Central High School.

Those recipients are Olivia Chaidez, Aamena Farooqui, Esha Patel and Grace Scott.

The recipients were selected by their school counselors based on their exceptional academic achievements and dedication to pursuing careers in medicine. This initiative is part of UChicago Medicine AdventHealth's ongoing commitment to nurturing future leaders in health care.

"We are honored to be able to support students' education and their medical pursuits," said Dr. Maninder Kohli, medical staff president of UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale and La Grange. "These scholarships reflect our commitment to investing in the future of healthcare and recognizing the hard work and dedication of these young individuals. We are confident that they will make significant contributions to the field of medicine."

A photo appears online at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean.

HCS RECEIVES COUNTY GRANT

HCS Family Services was one of 13 food pantries to receive a portion of \$626,000 in grant money from the DuPage County Board's Local Food Pantry Infrastructure Investment Program.

HCS was given \$74,665 to purchase a refrigerated van. "Having spent time with

the staff at HCS, I knew that this cold storage van was a critical need," said District 3 board member Kari Galassi of Hinsdale. "Eighty-five percent of the families in the neighborhood near Anne M. Jeans Elementary School are living below the poverty level with limited access to healthy food. We hope this van can meet some of this critical demand."

Wendy Michalski, executive director for HCS, expressed the agency's gratitude.

"The van will help increase the supply of healthy and nutritious food and address hunger in the communities we serve," she said. "A cold storage van will be a game-changer, especially for the Willowbrook pantry."

DuPage County has provided more than \$7 million in the last two years to food pantries and nonprofits to assist in the fight against food insecurity.

NEW LAW SUPPORTS MANUFACTURERS

A new law sponsored by state Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton establishes incentives for microchip manufacturers in an effort to make the electronics industry more competitive in Illinois.

"Microchips and semiconductors are part of just about every piece of technology we use every day," said Glowiak Hilton (D-23, Western Springs). "By providing these new incentives, we are creating jobs, keeping Illinois at the forefront of a growing industry and making our community a hub for manufacturing."

House Bill 5005 brings new opportunities to the Manufacturing Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity Act, which offers incentives to companies that manufacture microchips and semiconductors in Illinois.

"This law paves the way for Illinois to be a leader in innovation," said Glowiak Hilton. "Expanding the MICRO Act allows our businesses to thrive and compete in the microchip market."

House Bill 5005 was signed into law June 26 and became effective immediately.

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ASK AN EXPERT

KATHARINE ANDREW, ARCHIVIST

What's cool about the Stars & Stripes exhibit?

The Fourth of July became a federal holiday in 1870, just a few years before Hinsdale's incorporation.

Soon residents of the nascent village were staging their own festivities, like the 1875 celebration that "started at 5 a.m. with the booming of a cannon, no one tells who owned it or where it was located, and it was fired intermittently until 9 a.m. that morning," according to preserved records.

"Can you imagine right after the Civil War, you're sleeping and at 5 a.m. the entire village is awoken by artillery fire?" exclaimed Katharine Andrew, Hinsdale Historical Society director.

Athletic contests featured prominently on Independence Day, from inter-community baseball games to family-friendly competitions — with era-specific rewards at stake.

"For men in the 'Wheelbarrow and Pipe Race,' the first prize was a pipe and the second prize was a cigar holder," said Andrew, citing a program from the 1908 celebration. These accounts and artifacts are among a trove of fascinating archival material featured in the historical society's online exhibit Stars & Stripes & Hinsdale at www.hinsdalehistory.org. The program covers the period from Hinsdale's inception to the 1920s, revealing how the occa-

sion evolved during those decades. The nation's post-Civil War

healing was marked by a surge in patriotism, and the summer holiday was a primary outlet. Speeches by local officials were a regular element, as was the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence in front of the old Hinsdale Club House on the southwest corner of First and Garfield streets. The parade would typically wind through the Robbins Subdivision as well as north of the tracks.

"There was a whole group of Potawatomi Native Americans that joined the parade one year," Andrew noted, referencing the tribe that once called this region home.

The raising of Old Glory by unchecked thrill-seekers, however, injected peril into the party.

"People got injured because they'd compete to see how far up on the flagpole they could climb. So they had to stop that," Andrew said. And there was no village-organized fireworks display, so residents were left to detonate their own devices with predictable results. The local paper even listed the casualties in the aftermath.

The exhibit took several weeks to curate, Andrew said, by scouring through documents and oral histories. She was struck by how many accounts seemed reflective of a freefor-all.

"The most surprising thing was just how chaotic some of the memories were," she said. "It was really cool to see just how many people remembered their childhood Fourth of Julys."

Vintage photos show revelers at recognizable spots in the village's downtown.

"The buildings are still there, but behind horse-drawn carriages," she said.

Andrew, who for the parade's 2023 edition portrayed her distant ancestor Loie Fuller, will be at Immanuel Hall this year to introduce families to another reincarnated figure from Hinsdale's past: Nettie the donkey.

"I want to help people connect with the history and also make it a little entertaining."

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale Historical Society director Katharine Andrew said she enjoyed putting together the Stars & Stripes & Hinsdale online exhibit. "Fourth of July here is big. It's interesting to see how it's always been such an event," she said. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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Central debaters compete at Nationals

Five students join almost 7,000 others at National Speech & Debate contest in Iowa

By Sandy Illian Bosch news@thehinsdalean.com

Runners get faster with conditioning and sprints and musicians perfect their skills with scales and breathing exercises. Rishikar Gandham hones his skills with speaking drills.

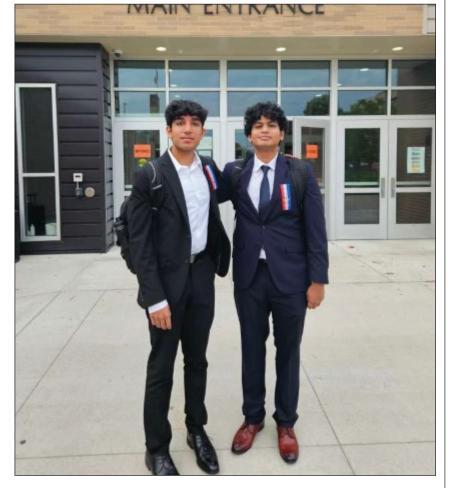
The Hinsdale Central junior is one of five Central students to compete in the 2024 National Speech & Debate Tournament in Des Moines June 16-21. The five students competed among 6,700 students representing 1,500 schools from across the country. The competition ultimately crowned 41 champions in events ranging from poetry to several styles of debate.

Representing Hinsdale Central was the public forum debate team of Finn Schmeltz and Eshan Doshi, Lincoln-Douglas debaters Akash Saini and Gandham, and Aidan Barbaran, who competed in humorous interpretation. Assistant coach Matthias Austin, who accompanied the competitors to Des Moines, said Central sends a handful of students to the national tournament nearly every summer. To qualify, students must place in the top three at a state district tournament, three of which are held in Illinois each year.

"It's a very, very competitive tournament," Austin said.

The public forum debate team of Schmeltz and Doshi had several weeks to research, prepare and practice their stance on whether the United States should form a bilateral trade agreement with the European Union. Likewise, Lincoln-Douglas debaters Saini and Gandham had their topic in hand well in advance, allowing them to carefully prepare their opinions and to consider their opponents' possible positions and responses.

"You debate both sides. You create an argument for both," said



Rishikar Gandham and Akash Saini participated in the Lincoln-Douglas debates, considering whether succession should be allowed in a democracy. (photos provided)





Akash Saini, Rishikar Gandham, Eshan Doshi, Finn Schmeltz, Will Schmeltz (judge and former debate captain) and Sebastian Attlan (judge and former debate captain) pose for a shot (top photo) at the 2024 National Speech & Debate Tournament last month in Iowa. Coach Matthias Austin, Finn Schmeltz, Doshi, Will Schmeltz, Attlan, Gandham and Saini were among 6,700 students at the event.

Gandham, who added Lincoln-Douglas to his personal debate arsenal just this year.

In this contest, Saini and Gandham were asked to consider whether a democracy should allow succession from their government.

While each team defends just one side of the argument, which side they will debate isn't determined until the competition begins. The team must come to each debate with the ability to defend and promote either side.

While none of Central's competitors went far in the competition this year, each gained experience and skill to take into the next speech and debate season and beyond, Austin said.

"There's a lot to be gained just from watching the final rounds," Austin said.

Before the eventual winners complete their final performances, students who do not advance in their primary event are invited to compete in a secondary, or supplemental, event.

"It gives all of the students extra opportunities," Austin said.

After completing his competition in humorous interpretation, Barbaran went on to compete in storytelling. The debaters chose to compete in extemporaneous debate — a style of debate that allows competitors less than an hour to prepare their arguments.

Gandham said debate is helping him to gain skills that will serve him well beyond high school.

"Before debate, I was not good at speaking at all," said Gandham, who will soon enter his third year on the debate team. He said debate helps him to think quickly and to respond with confidence, no matter the subject or audience.

"My dream goal is to become a corporate lawyer and start my own law firm," he said.

First he will put his speaking and debate skills to use as a congressional intern for U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-8, IL) this summer.



Enjoy a performance by Jeanie B! and the Jelly Beans at the July 17 installment of Lunch on the Lawn. Turn to Page 17 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

Nature Down the Road

Through Aug. 24 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook

www.dupageforest.org (630) 206-9566

Enjoy original works by local artists in this fotoMuses exhibit, which began as an artistic response to COVID and the challenges to find the beauty of nature all around. An artists reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. July 17. Hours: noon to 3 p.m. weekdays. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

CENTRAL TIME

Community Track Meet Nights

July 10 & 17 Hinsdale Central High School track 5500 S. Grant St. The Hinsdale Central track and field program is hosting these gatherings featuring events from the 100-meter dash to 800-meter run by age group. All ages are welcome. Registration is on site. Time: 6 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

Fossil Fun

July 7 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Become an amateur paleontologist and learn how to discover fossils in one's own backyard while learning about the past. The program is for ages 6 & up. Time: 10 a.m. RR

Storytime at Burns Field

July 10 & 17 Burns Field 320 N. Vine St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976 Join librarians for stories, fingerplays and music. In the event of rain, storytime will move to the library. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m. RR

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Story Trail

July 10 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 Strong" by Erin Stevenson unfolding with every step. Onsite activities will be provided. Go to Grove 7. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Party on The Patio

July 12 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse.

org (630) 323-7500 Bring a lunch and enjoy a

delightful outdoor gathering filled with food, fun and a magic show. Time: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. RR

■ Jeanie B! and the Jelly Beans

July 17 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. Bring a blanket, pack a lunch and enjoy the show. Time: 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

FOR A CAUSE

■ PupFlix & Chill

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UChicagoMedicine AdventHealth Hinsdale & the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Presents



Spend the evening on The Community House patio picnic-style to enjoy kids games, raffles, drinks, snacks and a movie for all ages. The Hinsdale Humane Society will bring adoptable dogs looking for a forever home so be prepared for community cuddles. All proceeds benefit the humane society. Bring a blanket, blow up mattress or camping chair. Register by July 12. Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$15. RR, MD

■ Sunsets in Santorini July 20

www.hjwc.us

Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club is celebrating its 75th year with an elegant Santoriniinspired cocktail party fundraiser to kick off its grant funding for the upcoming 2024-25 club year. The pool-side affair will include music, dancing, HJWC history, open bar, food, raffle, silent auction and more. All proceeds from ticket sales go to grants. The address of the private Willowbrook residence hosting the event will be shared with ticket holders prior to the event. Time: 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets: \$175.

■ Hinsdale Humane Society Golf Outing

July 31 Seven Bridges Golf Club 1 Mulligan Drive, Woodridge

www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org Enjoy 18 holes of golf, hole

Enjoy 18 noies of goir, noie contests, prizes and giveaways, a cash bar and a post-golf dinner while raising money for animals and programs in the this second annual event. Play will be in a scramble format with chances to compete for prizes in several competitions. Register by July 26. Time: Noon check-in, 1 p.m. shotgun start, 5:30 p.m. dinner. Cost: \$175, \$700 for foursome, \$60 for just dinner. RR

GAME ON

Tennis Lessons

Mondays & Wednesdays or Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 8-25 Burns Field 320 N. Vine St. www.villageofhinsdale.org/

(630) 789-7092

Beginning and advanced beginners ages 8-12 will concentrate on receiving skills,

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rallying skills, ball receiving and placement, play & score, court movement, agility, balance and coordination. Players will be divided into groups based on ability level. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$73 for Tuesdays & Thursdays, \$107 for Mondays & Wednesdays. RR

Basketball Training Camp Mondays July 8-22 Madison School 611 S. Madison St. www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr

(630) 887-1390

This class will help players ages 7-9 enhance the basics and advance their skills to improve teamwork and game strategies. Speed, agility, and jump training sessions are part of the program, and a scrimmage game will be played at the end of each class. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$50. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ The Unseen Prairie July 7

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont www.fpdcc.com (630) 257-2045 Join this walk to take a closer

look at Sagawau's tallgrass prairie, with a focus on plants. Time: 1 p.m.

Bats Under a Dark Sky

July 8 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897 Learn what species of bats live in the area using bat monitors to seek out these flying mammals while enjoying an evening walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place. Time:

Walk & Talk Hike July 10

8 p.m.

Bemis Woods-North Wolf Road south of 31st Street near Westchester www.fpdcc.com (312) 533-5751

This slower paced 2-mile hike is for those who want to know more about the forest preserves and natural areas, with frequent stopping and interpretation. Meet at Grove 4. Time: 10 a.m.

The Plant World

July 19 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook www.dupageforest.org

(630) 206-9566 Spend a day connecting

the present moment with the beauty of summer all around and awakening a new awareness of nature's subtle changes. Creative moments of art journaling, sketching and working with one's hands at a gentle pace will allow for relaxation, enjoyment and an opportunity to savor the experience. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$100. RR

GREEN THUMB

Community Garden Plot

Program Through Oct. 31 Peirce Park 700 E. Walnut St. (630) 789-7090 Discover the joys of gardening by cultivating a 4-by 6-foot plot to grow fresh fruits

and veggies and bond with fellow gardeners. For rules and guidelines, visit www. cms4files.revize.com/hinsdaleil/Garden-Plot-Manual.pdf and share garden progress on Facebook and Instagram @ HinsdaleParks. Cost: \$25. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Women's Wellness

July 6 Swallow Cliff Woods-North Route 83 west of La Grange Road near Palos Park www.fpdcc.com (312) 533-5751 Join The Do-Good Movement for a yoga class followed by a women's wellness discussion based around the 31 Days to Wellness. The discussion will focus on sleep

and gratitude. Time: 8 to 9:15

Meet author Jessica Lederhausen

am RR

July 13 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Meet Hinsdale author Jessica Lederhausen whose new book, "Oral: The Swedishinspired Secret to Full-Body Health Starting in Your Mouth," explores the mouth

and the mouth-body connection and discusses the benefits of creating small habits around the topics of moving, eating, sleeping and breathing. Copies will be available for sale and signing. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

Qigong in the Park July 15

Katherine Legge Park 5901 S. County Line Road www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Join Dancing Cranes instructor Tom Wilkens in this Hinsdale Public Library program to learn the ancient Chinese practice of Qigong, pronounced "chi gong," using exercises to optimize energy within the body, mind and spirit with the goal of improving and maintaining health and well-being. Meet in the south picnic shelter. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

Unicorn Celebration

July 9 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Kids in kindergarten through second grade will explore the magic of unicorns with crafts, sparkly snacks and activities. Teens grades six to 12 can sign up to volunteer at the event. Time: 1 to 2 p.m. RR

I Survived!

July 10 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976 Kids in grades three through five can travel back in time in this exploration of the "I Survived!" book series with hands-on activities about historic events and natural disasters. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

Parasitoids and Xenomorphs

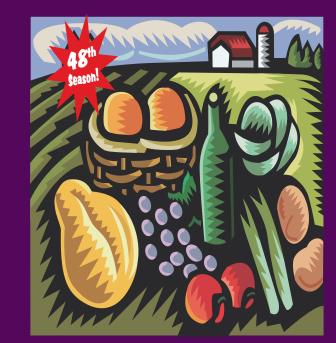
July 6 Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont www.fpdcc.com (630) 257-2045

Parasitoids inspired one of horror's greatest icons, the xenomorph from the "Alien" franchise. Learn how the ecology of these insects led to the

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iconic monster. Time: 1 p.m. RR

Tips for Multigenerational Vacations

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

Learn how to plan a vacation to make sure grandparents, parents and grandchildren all have a great time. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

Olmec Trails: Culture and Legacy

July 15 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Diana Martinez, director of the College of DuPage's McAninch Arts Center, will discuss the center's unique summer exhibition showcasing 33 artists' works painted on colossal stone head sculptures that are installed outdoors in several locations

 throughout DuPage County and offer a fascinating glimpse into ancient Mexican culture. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

New Philharmonic

July 12 Lakeside Pavilion College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

The professional orchestra in residence at College of DuPage will perform an outdoor pops concert conducted by Maestro Kirk Muspratt in two 45-minute sets with a 20-minute intermission. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio

July 18 Lakeside Pavilion College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000 The band features organist

Delvon Lamarr with a unique blend of guitarists and drum-

mers playing Motown, Stax Records, blues and other styles that stir the heart and soul. Time: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

ON STAGE

■ 'The Mystery of Edwin Drood' Thursdays to Sundays, July 5-14 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org

(630) 942-4000 Based on Charles Dickens' final unfinished novel, this hilarious, interactive whodunit mystery musical asks the audience to enter the action and become the ultimate detectives — and determine the ending of each performance. The performance contains adult themes and language. Times: 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for seniors and students.

■ 'Bibbidi-Bobbidi Doo-Wop' July 13–14 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

Step into the sock-hop sensation at Fairy-Tale High and join Cindy as she trades in her poodle skirt for a dazzling gown to wear at the Homecoming dance hosted by teen-celebrity Elvis Charming in this free College Theatre production. Can Cindy's star-studded night lead to a happily ever after? Discover the power of kindness in this '50s-inspired twist on the classic Cinderella tale. Time: 1 to 1:45 p.m.

■ 'House on Pooh Corner' Weekends July 13-Aug. 25

Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org Enjoy this family friendly outdoor play adapted for this arboretum performance in which the audience is led to each scene at several natural backdrop locations along a one- to two-mile hiking route. Bring water, a portable chair or blanket and bug spray. Time: 6 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$15 for ages 2-17, free for infants. MD

SENIOR SCENE

Myofascial Release & Balance 101

July 10 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org

(630) 323-7500

Learn simple balance drills and myofascial release techniques using just a tennis ball. The program, part of the free monthly Golden Brunch Club series, is both lecture and interactive; participants must be able to stand/move for 45 minutes. Seniors and those who are supporting, assisting or looking out for seniors are welcome. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Register by July 3. Time: 2:30 to 4 p.m. RR

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July 17 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Learn about the Downers Grove Township services and activities available to seniors in Hinsdale. A catered lunch will immediately follow. The program is open to ages 65 and older. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

SIGN UP NOW

■ Buddy's Place Picnic July 8 Spring Rock Park

4400 Central Ave., Western Springs https://forms.office.com/r/ Rbw8fH2G4S

Join this 24th annual event bringing together Buddy's Place families (current and alumni), volunteers and friends of the program. Enjoy a shared meal, socializing, games and a special grief-related activity. Dinner will be provided, but guests should bring a picnic blanket or chairs. Register by July 5 by visiting the website above or sending an email to buddysplace@pchcares.org. Time: 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

■ New Moms Book Group July 16

The Cube @ The Standard Market 333 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976 Moms with children under the age of 5 — and especially brand new moms — are invited to join this monthly gathering sponsored by the Hinsdale Public Library to discuss and relax. This month's title is "Heartstopper Volume 1" by Alice Oseman. Copies are available on the Book Club Holds shelf at the library.

Whiskey Wanderlust Tour & Pizza

Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

July 25 Pick up/drop off at The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org (630) 323-7500 Join this tour of Whiskey Acres Distilling Co. in DeKalk

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savoring the distinct flavors that define each unique blend. The fee includes coach bus transportation, the tour and three tastings, a souvenir shot glass and catered Dough Brothers pizza and salad. Registration ends July 11. Time: 5 to 9:15 p.m. Cost: \$94. RR, MD

SPECIAL EVENTS

Seasons Therapy Group grand opening

July 12 811 N. Elm St., Hinsdale www.seasonstherapygroup. com

Speech and language therapist Susie Thorpe of Hinsdale will hold a grand opening party for her multidisciplinary pediatric therapy practice providing speech and language, feeding and myofunctional therapy along with occupational and physical therapy services for children ages birth to 21. Guests can enjoy live music and a treat. Time: 4 to 6 p.m.

Voyage en France

July 20 Cantigny Park 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton www.cantigny.org

Enjoy this full-day cultural festival celebrating the sights, sounds and flavors of France. Experience demonstrations, live entertainment, special garden displays, children's activities, a French marketplace and a replica Eiffel Tower. A simulated Moulin Rouge at the South Grove Beer Garden promises an exciting evening for adult guests, and families can check out the Little Louvre Museum to learn about artists like Monet and Van Gogh while creating personal art. The French Food & Wine Experience is available for \$125 in the elegant Robert R. McCormick House and includes exquisite French selections paired with handpicked wines. Seatings are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. & or 2 to 4 p.m. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$15, free for ages 15 and under.

STEPPING BACK

At Home With Nature House Tour

Through Sept. 30 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak

Brook

www.dupageforest.org (630) 206-9566

Learn some of the surprising history of Mayslake Hall, the 1921 home of F.S. Peabody and a landmark and architectural gem that has been surrounded by an oasis of nature for more than 100 years. Ages 12 and up are welcome. Time: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$8.

Nothing But Victory Ongoing

First Division Museum 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton www.cantigny.org

This immersive outdoor exhibit commemorates the 80th anniversary of D-Day, fusing art and history and spanning across the grounds to recall the pivotal day of World War II: June 6, 1944. A complementary exhibit inside the museum highlights the D-Day service of seven wellknown personalities. Lectures, guided exhibit tours and dropin events for kids and families are also featured.

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 Reckless July 11. No concert tonight, July 4. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Cantigny Summer Concerts Sundays through Sept. 1 Cantigny Park Parade Field 1S151 Winfield Road,

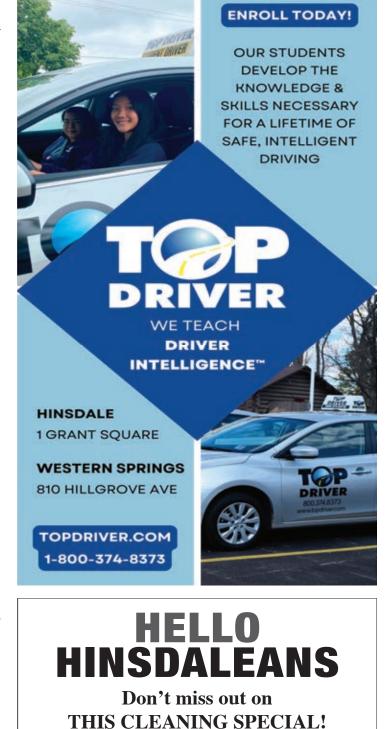
Wheaton www.cantigny.org The outdoor concert series continues July 7 with Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band Fortunate Sons. Seating is on the lawn, and guests are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets and picnics; an area will be reserved for guests with pop-up tents and canopies. Time: 3 to 5 p.m.

Arbor Evenings

Wednesdays through Aug. 21

Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org

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Enjoy this outdoor concert series against the backdrop of spectacular sunsets at the arboretum. Purchase drinks, ice cream, and menu items from a variety of food trucks and play lawn games. The series continues July 10 with the Trabuco Salsa Band play retro rock 'n' roll. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$5 for ages 2-12.

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, features farmers with booths of fresh produce and unique finds from. Hours: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen Game Time July 5 & 12 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Take some time to unwind by playing Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch or enjoy a classic board game. Hours: 3 to 5 p.m.

Teen Art Open Studio

Mondays, July 15-Aug. 26 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook www.dupageforest.org

(630) 206-9566

Work under the guidance of professional artist Rebecca Banasiak to enhance one's portfolio for school. Draw and paint from specimens and photographs or continue a current project. Students should bring their own supplies (no oil paints); some supplemental media will be available. The program is for ages 13-19. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$200. RR

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SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Day Camp

Through Aug. 9 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org

(630) 323-7500

Kids entering first through eighth grade will create memories and safely enjoy time with their peers. The camp offers a variety of creative learning experiences including sports, drama and environmental awareness to name a few. The camp is broken up into weekly themes, with the field trip, activities and projects for the week related to the theme. Before (7 to 9 a.m.) and after (3 to 6 p.m.) care is offered at an additional cost. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$375 a week, \$80 a day.

Animal Advocates

Through Aug. 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

Through Aug. 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 per session.

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.

Sculpture and Pottery Camp

July 8-11 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org (630) 323-7500

Campers ages 7-12 will use paper mache and all kinds of clay to create an object, from practical items like bowls and vases to wild sculptures made of unconventional materials. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$255.

Outdoor Dodgeball Camp

July 8-12 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr

(630) 789-7090 Campers develop throwing, catching and dodging skills as well as the agility and stamina needed to play dodgeball and other sports. Participants ages 7-12 will experience individual challenges and team competition. Soft balls are used. Time:

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1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$130.

+ Sewing Camp July 8-12 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. Additional sessions take place weekly through Aug. 9. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$495.

Track and Field Camp

July 8-12 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr

(630) 789-7090

Boys and girls ages 5-12 will learn the jumping, running and throwing skills involved in the sport of track and field, practicing sprints, relays, long-distance walking, running hurdles, long jump, discuss throw and other events. A meet will be held the last day of camp. Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 5-7, 10 a.m. to noon for ages 8-12. Cost: \$98/\$130.

■ All Abilities Animal Friends Camp

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July 12

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 from interacting with pets to making crafts — that will encourage them to express their creativity and share their emotions. Additional sessions will be offered July 26 and Aug. 9. Sign up for one or more. Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

Printmaking Camp

July 15-18 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org (630) 323-7500

Campers ages 9 to 16 will learn about the earliest forms of reproducible media and practice calligraphy and mono, relief and screen printing. Then they'll apply the techniques to various projects, including a Chicago skyline and pop art prints. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$235.

■ Archery & Pickleball Camp July 15-19

Brook Park Third and Columbia streets www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr

(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 7-12 will be introduced to a sport that has been around for centuries and one of the newest individual sports in the world with fun and challenging drills and games. . Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$130.

Basketball Camp

July 15-19 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr

. (630) 789-7090 Campers ages 7-12 will

develop fundamental offensive skills including footwork, ball handling, passing, setting screens and shooting along with defensive concepts such as stance work, man-toman, zone, boxing out and rebounding. Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 7-9, 10 a.m. to noon for ages 10-12. Cost:

\$98/\$130.

Elite Basketball Camp

July 15-19 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets www.villageofhinsdale.org/

(630) 789-7090

This camp for ages 8-13 focuses on individual skill sets on offense and defense, understanding offensive and defensive play within a team concept and learning proper conditioning for speed, strength and jumping using drill repetition and playing time in games. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$130.

Multi Sport Camp

July 22-26 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr

. (630) 789-7090

Participants will learn the fundamentals of basketball, soccer and T-ball is this camp for ages 4-6. Organized games will emphasize sportsmanship, sharing and teamwork in a relaxed and safe environment. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$65.

Baseball/softball camp July 29-Aug. 2

Veeck Park 701 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org/

(630) 789-7090

This camp for ages 7-12 will include instruction in skill development, fundamentals and games. Drills for defense, hitting, base running and throwing will be taught, and outfield, infield, pitching and catching segments will be included as well. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$130.

Chess Camp

July 29-Aug. 2 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org (630) 323-7500

This camp includes master level instruction, grand master moves, tournaments, speed chess and team games for beginners or experienced players ages 5-14. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$344.

Tennis Camp

July 29-Aug. 2 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets

www.villageofhinsdale.org/

(630) 789-7090

Young players ages 5-12 will learn the game in a fun, supportive and positive atmosphere. Tennis fundamentals such as ground strokes, volleying, serving and overhead shots along with agility, speed and coordination will be the focus of challenging and exciting drills and games. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 5-7, 10 a.m. to noon for ages 8-12. Cost: \$39/\$78.

■ SDFA 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.

Pickleball & Tennis Camp

Aug. 12-16 Brook Park Third and Columbia streets www.villageofhinsdale.org/

. (630) 789-7090

Kids ages 7-12 will be introduced to stroke fundamentals such as forehand and backhand shots, serving, lobbing and drop shots. Through 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.



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REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County from May 29 to June 21.

1. 107 N. Bruner St., David and Leslie List to Crystal Bowyer and Troy Pierce, May 29, \$1,825,000

2. 4 E. Fifth St., Dorothe T. Ernest Declaration Trust to Mimi Collins, May 30, \$1,050,000

3. 16 N. Grant St., Mark H. Waymack Trust to Christopher and Victoria Mangan, May 31, \$1,305,000

4. 813 W. 58th St., Barbara Bonertz and George C. Bonertz Trust to Aimee L. Katz Trust, May 31, \$1,050,000

5. 5760 S. Washington St., Bryan L. and Sandra J. Hamilton declaration trusts to Dalia Galinskiene and Saulius Galinskas, June 3, \$1,000,000

6. 5508 S. Quincy St., William M. Miller Declaration Trust to Salman Habibullah and Huma Alvi, June 3, \$549,000

7. 1431 Fox Lane, Wayne J. and Harriet I. Vergowe trusts to Juan and Elsa Asensio, June 3, \$845,000

8. 511 Burr Oak Place, James Ertle and Virginia M. Ertle 2008 Trust to JeanneMarie Garibotti Trust, June 3, \$777,000

9. 212 Chicago Ave., Michael Anthony and Curry Christy to Steven and Bridget Adamjee, June 5, \$999,000

10. 621 W. Maple St., Jacqueline M. Gupta Revocable Trust to James Schiavitti and Kelly Affetto, June 6, \$1,100,000

11. 430 S. Bruner St., Matt and Sarah Bey to Mario Vendraminetto and Vanessa Alcocer, June 6, \$1,299,000

12. 428 E. First St., Richard Parrilli to 428 East 1st Street LLC, June 10, \$2,937,500

13. 821 The Pines, Kevin and David West and Rita K. West Declaration Trust to FRL Investments LLC, June

10, \$1,125,000

14. 1409 Burr Oak Road, 15683 Villoresi LLC to Julie E. Skoda Trust, June 12, \$717,500

15.313 W. North St., Marisa Pigatti and Pigatti Revocable Declaration Trust to Andrew

Lawrence, June 13, \$1,656,250 **16. 519 Bruner Pace**, Luanne and David Kopp and Kopp Revocable Trust Agreement to Van and Elizabeth Ewing, June 18, \$1,400,000

17. 123 W. Third St., Amy Vanetten to Bridget Nord, June 18, \$740,000

18. 14 S. Thurlow St., Kathryn D. Maul Trust Agreement to Michele Nealon, June 20, \$1,495,000

19. 411 N. Monroe St., Chicago Trust Co. to Michael and Linda Flaherty, June 20, \$2,600,000

20. 418 E. Sixth St., Miriam and Ronald Hendrix to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., June 20, \$2,175,000

21. 619 S. Lincoln St., Christopher and Jodi Wilson to Dalia Galinskiene and Saulius Galinskas, June 20, \$725,000

22. 620 S. Garfield St., Robert and Lynn Ambrose to Michael and Corinne Halback, June 21, \$850,000

23. 424 S. Grant St., Robert C. Manion Trust Agreement and Sally G. Manion Declaration Trust to Alexandra and Michael Cooper, June 21, \$1,310,000

24. 108 S. Adams St., Rochelle Easton Declaration Trust to John A. Roberts Trust, June 21, \$900,000

25. 425 E. Sixth St., Robyn Eck Trust to Benjamin and Brenna Chapin, June 21, \$6,050,000

26. 312 Forest Road, Joellen B. Vanek Trust and James Vanek to Lesley and Zak Mirkowski, June 21, \$2,075,000

Source: DuPage County Recorder of Deeds



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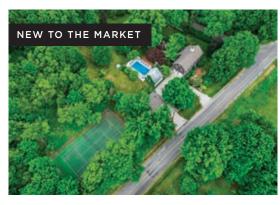
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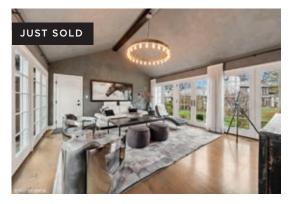
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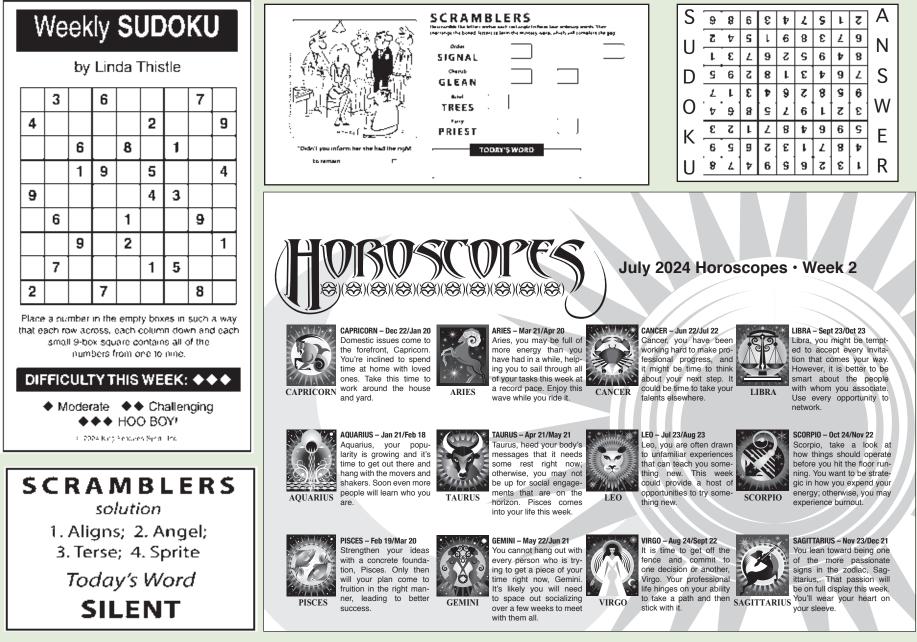
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Prep stars climb to next level

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the constant love and support from the girls, Coach Zust and Coach Duffy, no matter the wins or losses. I'm proud to be able to come from a community that was Hinsdale Central softball.

I'm looking forward to ... meeting people through softball, my major and school events. Being able to bond with others while experiencing new things will be very important to me as I'll be away from home for the first time.

Martin Montoya, Northern Illinois University, soccer

I will most remember ... all of the different obstacles I had to face throughout my four years, from COVID freshman year to my junior year being cut short due to my leg injury. I made sure to always stay positive and optimistic, making the most of every opportunity. I'm looking forward to ... the experiences I am going to get joining a new team and playing at such a high level and facing a new set of challenges that come with being a student-athlete in college, trying to excel in soccer as well as in the classroom.

Jack Mulligan, Northern Illinois University, golf

I will most remember ... the time I spent with my coaches and teammates both on and off the golf course. We had a great group of guys and it was amazing spending my four years of high school with them.

I'm looking forward to ... traveling to great places around the country and even internationally to compete with my college team. I've heard a lot of great things and I'm extremely excited to compete at the college level.

Caroline Owens,

University of Notre Dame, golf

I will most remember ... the experiences shared with my friends on the team, especially at all of the state tournaments, and Coach Latorre and Coach Jolicoeur for being such a great support system and helping us to achieve all that we did.

I'm looking forward to ... all that Notre Dame has to offer. I am so excited to meet everyone on the golf team and can't wait for the golf season to start in the fall.

Alex Rasmussen, Loyola University, golf

I will most remember ... the camaraderie among the teams I was on. How we performed I'll probably think of less in the coming years than the relationships I made. Creating that strong bond made the experience so much more fun.

I'm looking forward to ...

the independence. I've been very grateful to have many people to lean on in these past years, but now, I am excited to see what it's like to figure life out more on my own.

Elizabeth Sessa, Brown University, volleyball

I will most remember ... the bus rides to games and tournaments with my teammates, getting ready in the locker room and going to get food together.

I'm looking forward to ... meeting new people and competing for an Ivy League championship.

Luella Sheehan, Benedictine University, basketball

I will most remember... the relationships I formed with my teammates, coaches and our amazing athletic department and trainers. I have made so many lasting memories over the past four years!

I'm looking forward to ... continuing my basketball career while studying sports and exercise science in hopes to become a physical therapist or athletic trainer. Benedictine University is giving me the opportunity to play under a great coaching staff, surrounded by a great group of girls.

Carsten Viravec, Kenyon College, lacrosse

I will most remember ... the bus rides. It doesn't matter if it was a 30-minute bus ride in the short bus or a three-hour bus ride on a coach bus (from Blair Academy), we always found ways to make every bus ride a memorable one.

I'm looking forward to ... getting to work in an environment that is built around one thing and one thing only: winning a National Championship.

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Prep stars climb to next level

Local student-athletes reflect on journeys, look forward to next chapter

The collegiate athletic arena awaits a number of recent Hinsdale Central graduates, as well as Hinsdale residents who completed their studies at private schools. These sports standouts shared their fondest high school memories with The Hinsdalean, as well as what excites them as they head to their new campus homes.

This is the first of a twopart series. The second installment will run July 11.

Fiona Allen, University of Virgina, lacrosse

I will most remember ... playing alongside my sister my freshman and her senior year and sharing the field for the first time in our lives. Also, the bonds created not only with my teammates but also my coaches in an atmosphere where everyone is working to make each other better is truly an unforgettable aspect of Saint Ignatius lacrosse.

I am looking forward to ... being a part of the family environment UVA lacrosse prioritizes. I am excited to compete at the highest level and take advantage of all the opportunities UVA has to offer.

Aden Bandukwala, Duke University, cross country/track

I will most remember ... growing close with my team and having fun together.

I am looking forward to ... competing at a higher level and really applying everything I can, as well as meeting my new team.

Shannon Earley, University of Notre Dame, lacrosse

I will most remember ... this last season. Playing in the state championship my senior year could not



Hinsdale Central student-athletes pose for a group shot during last November's Signing Day at Hinsdale Central. The now rising college freshmen each donned sportswear from the campus where they'll be competing in the 2024-25 school year. (photo provided)

have been a better way to end my high school career. It was in honor to play with this team at Benet. I wouldn't have wanted to do it with anyone else!

I'm looking forward to ... the challenge of playing at the Division I level. I know that the rigor of athletics and academics will be intense, but the culture in the program at Notre Dame is super supportive.

Nate Harris, University of Wisconsin-Madison, swimming

I will most remember ... the bonds I've made with all people in the program and being able to win on the highest stage with those people.

I'm looking forward to ... meeting new teammates and being able to train for a top-tier program like Wisconsin.

Aidan Hernandez,

Davidson College, tennis I will most remember ... the day we won state.

I'm looking forward to... hopefully improving a ton and coming back a much better player.

John Hughes, University of North Carolina, baseball

I will most remember ... the back-to-back state championships (Nazareth) as well as the team activities we did off the diamond. The bonds created with not only the players but coaches, too, are something I will cherish forever.

I'm looking forward to... the baseball aspect of my college life and being able to compete for such an incredible school. I'm also looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends in this next step of my life.

Elizabeth Lahmann, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, swimming

I will most remember

I will most remember ... the tight knit relationships of HC swim. I have learned many life lessons I will carry onwards, such as accountability and perseverance. I owe almost all of who I am today to my teammates. A specific memory I cherish is when I earned my AAA shirt, which is very special to the team with a secret meaning.

I am looking forward to ... being in a mature and hardworking environment, where every single person is valued. UMass is also the No. 1 dining school in the country, so I look forward to being fed well!

Brody Marcet, Ohio State University, swimming

I will most remember ... how important it is to surround yourself with people who are better than you because of my high school sports experience. If there is no one to push you past your limit, then you won't be as good as you can become.

I'm looking forward to ... getting the opportunity to try to compete at the Big Ten and NCAA levels.

Maisie McDaniel, Davis & Elkins College, softball I will most remember ...

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