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Poppy Worthley (left) and Mia Bollhofer — with Brandon Jimenez in the background — are clearly enjoying their time at the Stage Door Fine Arts Musical Theater Camp this week at The Community House. The group of young actors is busy preparing to perform three Broadway songs for their parents on Friday — and having a lot of fun along the way. For a story on the camp and more photos, please turn to Page 5. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

Swim season starts, pool is still closed

Deck replacement problems changed timeline, forcing girls swim team to other sites

By Pamela Lannom
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Practice for the Hinsdale Central girls swim and dive team didn't start out the way athletes or their coaches hoped on Monday.

Instead of meeting at the school's Don Watson Aquatic Center, they were at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont. Crews are still working to replace the tile deck at the 3-year-old pool at Central, which has been closed since May 1. Work is expected to continue into early October.

Hinsdale High School District 86 Superintendent Mike Lach offered an update at the Aug. 8 school board meeting.

"It's not good news," Lach said. "I ask the team every day, 'What can we do to make this go faster?' I think we're doing everything we can."

Varsity girls head coach Bob Barber told The Hinsdalean Tuesday that almost 80 girls are trying out for the team.

"I'm very pleased we didn't scare them away with our new potential calendar," he said.

The team will practice in the mornings in Westmont this week and next and then move to evening practices from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hinsdale South.

When students return to class for

a full day Friday, morning practices will start at 5:30 a.m. for the junior varsity team and occasionally for varsity swimmers.

"The school is very supportive on offering transportation and trying to help kids drive to school, if they can, because parking is such a limited thing around here," Barber said.

Divers might need to practice at Downers Grove North or South high schools.

"We're probably using, I think, three to four pools to fulfill our needs," he said.

Barber, who has two daughters on the team this year, said he feels for the athletes who are losing their senior year experience at their home pool.

"I'm hoping that we get back to the pool for a senior night (scheduled for Oct. 11) and hopefully for taper meets," he said. "They deserve that."

But the girls are doing their best to make the most of a situation that is out of their control. They're trying to find new ways to bond, their coach said.

"They're jokingly thinking about doing carpool karaoke competitions," Barber said. "I just require that the car is parked when they do it."

Central will hold its Kendall Pickering Invite Aug. 31 at the

FMC in Westmont, with diving at Hinsdale South. The team's dual meets have been moved to opponents' pools, according to the district's FAQ webpage at www.hinsdale86.org/our-district/future-ready-facilities/pool-faq.

Teachers of physical education classes that typically use the pool will modify their curriculums to focus on classroom instruction. "No licensure or certification will be affected," the FAQ states.

One parent of a Hinsdale Central senior on the team expressed his frustration at the board meeting that the pool will not be open until two full months into a three-month season. And if additional delays occur, the team will have to hold its senior night at another school.

"This is ridiculous," Wayne Driscoll said.

Facilities committee member Jeff Waters sympathized with parents and offered reassurance that officials have been trying to solve the problem.

"I absolutely recognize the frustration of the community and swim families, but I also wanted to acknowledge the hard work the administration has done with the cohorts supporting the projects," Waters said.

When the pool closed May 1 to address tented and cracked tiles and rebuild the Dectron dehumid-

ification unit, officials expected the work would be finished before the start of school. But after multiple attempts to repair the deck, the district hired a company to investigate and was told the deck required a full replacement. Work began before school ended in May, but difficulties arose when crews tried to bond the concrete overlay to the structural slab.

"Several attempts during summer 2024 to chemically bond the new layer of concrete failed, which resulted in a shift to mechanically bond the new layer," the webpage states.

That work began Aug. 7, and construction teams are working six days a week to meet the new Oct. 7 deadline, the page states. The costs to replace the deck, including the investigation and legal fees, will be paid for by the architect, construction manager and contractor. The district will have to pay for time at the FMC Natatorium and will lose rental fees from outside groups that had reserved the Central pool.

Facilities committee members will discuss the concrete pour schedule and overall schedule when they meet tomorrow, Aug. 16. Meanwhile, the team will continue to focus on its upcoming season.

"No pool, no problem," Barber quipped. "We'll get it done."



Beyond books

Crosstown Exotics provided a hands-on experience for kids last month, bringing reptiles and bugs to the Hinsdale Public Library. Farrah Foster pets a lizard while Madison and Kennedy DeLacey volunteer for the next chance. (photo for The Hinsdalean by Kennedy Hannah)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Pictures from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. Hinsdale Interiors was located in the space now occupied by Sweet William at 15 W. First St. 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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Campers transform into Broadway cast

Stage Door Fine Arts camp teaches kids popular song and dance numbers in just a week

By Pamela Lannom

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Thirteen kids of different ages and levels of experience and talent started the Stage Door Fine Arts musical theater camp at The Community House Monday. By Friday, director Madi Moran will have the group ready to perform Broadway musicals.

"This is my fourth year doing the camp," said Moran, Stage Door's education director. "Every year it's a completely different group, completely different skills. That's always kind of the fun part for me, because that keeps it fresh, too."

On Monday, campers started to learn some easy choreography and did some improv with the goal of making each other laugh.

"That actually provided a lot harder for them than they thought it would be," Moran said.

On Tuesday afternoon, the class is spending part of their time playing charades. Each kid has the chance to act out one or two animals, with their choices ranging from an electric eel to a chicken.

Moran offers some assists when the actors' fellow campers were stumped.

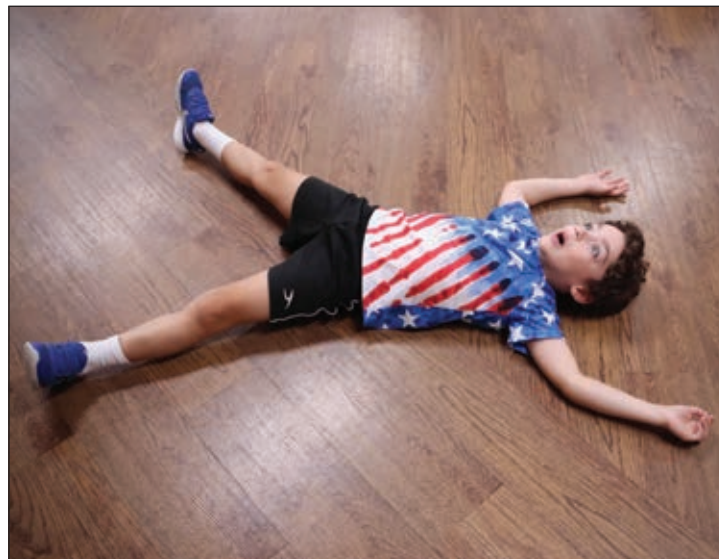
"Are you big or little?" "How would you eat?" she asks.

Soon the game is over and it's time to work on the dance routine to "You Can't Stop the Beat" from the musical "Hairspray."

All of the sudden the kids are in position, the music is playing. Moran yells "Five, six, seven, eight" and the twisting begins.

Moran and Hinsdale's Maddie Miller, who is helping with the camp, do the dance along with the campers so they can follow. Moran also calls out the steps to remind the campers what comes next in the routine.

After practicing the steps they already knew and learning some new ones, they play a game of mystery speeds. Moran plays the song once at a super slow speed and then again, very, very fast. The kids are laughing as they try to keep up with a speedier tempo of an already



Madi Moran (left) and Maddie Miller lead students in the Stage Door Fine Arts musical theater camp — including Grace Worthley — in their dance to "You Can't Stop the Beat" from "Hairspray." Brandon Jimenez pretends to be a bug (possibly dead) during a game of silent museum Tuesday afternoon. (Jim Slonoff photos)

quick song.

"On YouTube, you can speed things up, so sometimes I'll have them do things faster than they need to after they've learned it so they can get it in their bones," she said. "It definitely gets the energy of a 6-year-old out."

Dealing with students of different ages is one of the most difficult parts of leading the camp.

"It's quite the spectrum of ages," she said. "I would say the age range is one of the biggest challenges, just because you want to make sure you are challenging those kids who are closer to 9 and 10 to keep them entertained."

The games help with that and also teach them how to use their bodies and facial expressions.

"Some of them are very

chatty and some of them are very quiet. The more that we can get their bodies involved, the better."

At one point the kids break out into a high-pitched sound that resembles wolves howling. It's a constant balance for Moran and Miller to let the kids be silly and have fun while teaching them what they need to learn.

A game of silent museum helps lower the volume in the room and offers another chance to practice acting skills. Campers pretend they get lost at Disneyland, attend a concert, are bugs in a field and more. Moran offers encouragement.

"Grace is really committed," she says. "She can't believe she's seeing Olivia Rodrigo."

"Brandon looks like an ant

that got one of those magnifying glasses on him."

A few rounds of freeze dance follow before it's back to work on another of the three numbers the campers will perform, "Put on a Happy Face" from "Bye, Bye Birdie."

The third song the group will perform is "We're All in This Together" from "High School Musical."

In addition to learning the music and choreography, campers this week will learn basic stage directions and how to listen to instruction. In five short days, they make a lot of progress, Moran said.

"I think my favorite part is seeing the kids get on the stage in front of their parents and put on, as far as they know, a full show in just a week — especially the kids

SUMMER DAYS

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

that are too nervous to do a lot of big things at the beginning of the week. Usually by the end they are on the same page as everyone else because it's so much fun," she related.

Miller, who got involved in Stage Door in seventh grade when her family moved to Hinsdale, is enjoying a bit of nostalgia before she heads off to her freshman year at the School of Visual Arts in New York.

"I think it's fun working with kids who get to experience a level of theater that I did," she said.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business at their Aug. 8 meeting, board members:

- heard a report on how the district will transition from using the SAT to the ACT as the state-required accountability test. Juniors will be required to take the ACT in the spring of 2025. Freshmen and sophomores will take pre-ACT assessments. All tests will be online.

The district plans to continue to offer the fall PSAT/NMSQT and spring SAT during this transition year.

"Depending on what we learn and take from this exam, we certainly will present a plan for the 25-26 school year moving forward," said Jason Markey, assistant superintendent for academics.

- learned from Superintendent Mike Lach that the district received 1,313 applications for 16 new teaching/certified staff positions and that all openings have been filled.

"All classrooms are fully staffed and ready to go," Lach said.

- listened as Markey discussed the new Illinois PaCE (Postsecondary and Career Expectations) Framework, which the district must begin to implement or opt out of by July 1, 2025. The framework identifies what students should be supported to do and know in order to plan for life after high school. Board members agreed administrators should begin working on the framework. Markey noted the district already is meeting many of the requirements.

"It's a great way to systemize what we already are doing," board member Asma Akhras said.

- expressed their appreciation for Kari Smith, assistant superintendent of student services, as they approved a one-time \$6,000 increase to her base salary for the 2024-25 contract year. Lach said it was a contractual market adjustment.

"She's great. It's clear that her position is underfunded when compared to comparable districts," Lach said, noting that Smith recently received her superintendent's endorsement.

"It's important to me that she keeps working here, as satisfied as she can, because the work she has to do is really challenging," he added.

Consolidated School District 181 Board

Among other business at their meeting Monday, board members:

- received an update from facilities director Mike Duggan about construction work that took place this summer, much of which was related to the move to full-day kindergarten in the fall of 2025. Almost 40,000 square feet of new classrooms and other spaces were added to six schools in 57 working days. All schools will be ready for students to arrive Tuesday, Aug. 20, Duggan said.

"We recognize we have a lot more to do over the upcoming year and next summer," he told board members.

- learned the district increased the number of safety officers from one to three to provide increase surveillance and presence on school properties. The individuals are active or retired officers from Hinsdale, Burr Ridge and Clarendon Hills.

Corrections

- Hinsdale Community Pool manager Faith Benson's first name was spelled incorrectly in a Page 7 story in the Aug. 8 issue.

- Books referenced in a Page 3 article Aug. 8 were found in the SWAN Catalog. The Suburban Library System was incorrectly cited in the story.



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D181, joint review board oppose 55th Street TIF

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Citing many unanswered questions, Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board members officially registered their opposition Monday to a proposed tax increment financing district in Clarendon Hills.

The joint review board, comprised of a member of each affected taxing body and one member of the public, followed up with its own vote to recommend rejection of the

TIF Wednesday afternoon. Without the board's support, the Clarendon Hills Village Board needs a supermajority vote, or 60 percent, to enact the TIF.

Hinsdale High School District 86, whose board also opposes the TIF, sent out a release Wednesday afternoon about the review board's decision.

"District 86 believes the JRB decision reflects the broader community's concerns and emphasizes the necessity of ensuring that any redevelop-

ment plan serves the best interests of our schools and taxpayers," the release states.

District 181 Superintendent Hector Garcia said Monday the district had recently received an intergovernmental agreement from Clarendon Hills that would provide them with some of the TIF's proceeds. The district's attorney was still reviewing it as of Monday's meeting.

"We're really at a point in the situation where I don't have anything tangible to offer the board that would get me

to recommend any other way than to vote against the TIF at this time," Garcia told board members prior to their 7-0 vote to oppose the TIF.

Clarendon Hills this summer notified the districts of its proposed TIF, which runs along 55th Street from Western Avenue and Route 83. During the 23-year TIF period, taxes on any increase in assessed value in the district are funneled to TIF projects and not received by local taxing bodies. District 181 estimates it would lose \$1 million to \$3.2

million in tax revenue over the life of the TIF.

TIF districts are typically used in areas that are considered blighted to promote redevelopment. The village's proposal states the TIF is needed "to overcome a variety of redevelopment barriers."

The Clarendon Hills Village Board will hold a public hearing on the TIF at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19. The board then must wait at least 14 days before holding the final vote to establish the TIF, according to the D86 release.

Village still has to work out a deal with humane society

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The impasse remains between Hinsdale Humane Society and the village over the terms for taking in stray dogs, but officials on both sides hope a deal can be reached.

At Tuesday's village board meeting, Village President Tom Cauley opened discussion on the dispute, which came

to public light last month when the humane society notified Hinsdale police that it would no longer accept dogs picked up by the department. Cauley said he was unable to accept the non-profit's new fees to house dogs from partner municipalities for either \$100 per day per dog for seven days or a flat \$375 payment.

"\$100 a day just seems too steep to me," said Cauley, noting that it only

cost \$15 daily at DuPage County Animal Services in Wheaton, where stray dogs have been taken in the last several weeks.

The police department has purchased two cages to hold dogs until they can either be reunited with their owners or transported to the shelter.

Cauley also balked at the stipulation that if the dog is claimed, the village is responsible for collecting those fees from the resident.

"We just don't have the manpower to collect fees," Cauley said.

Until now the humane society had not charged a fee for taking in animals. Officials said the village has provided grants to support shelter operations.

The police department reported that it took 27 dogs to the humane society in 2023, about one-quarter of which were

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Vehicles entered

Hinsdale police received reports of six vehicles being entered between 6 p.m. Aug. 10 and 9:45 a.m. Aug. 11. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicles.

- Three unlocked vehicles were entered and rummaged through in the 100 block of Maumell Street.
- A vehicle was entered and rummaged through in the 700 block of West Chicago Avenue.
- An unknown suspect was observed on surveillance video entering a vehicle and rummaging through the interior in the 10 block of South Adams Street.
- An unlocked vehicle was entered and rummaged through between in the 500 block of North Bruner Street.

Cash missing

Cash went missing from a patient's purse while it was in her room at The Pearl of Hinsdale, 600 W. Ogden Ave., between 11 p.m. Aug. 8 and noon Aug. 9.

Identity theft reported

A resident of the 5500 block of South Madison Street discovered a fraudulent charge on his business credit card account made on July 28. The incident was reported Aug. 8.

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.

Humane society deal

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were never claimed. But JoAnn McGuinness, president of the humane society, said that 70 animals on average are brought to the shelter each year from police and residents and that the financial burden has become unsustainable.

"Our cost on average is about \$1,500 per animal to feed, vaccinate, medicate, care for those animals," McGuinness told trustees. "So on average that means what Hinsdale is costing us as a nonprofit is almost \$80,000 per year."

McGuinness said the humane society does not need to euthanize animals for space needs as DuPage County may have to, even though it's a no-kill facility with a 92-percent live release rate. That means there's a risk that a resident's pet could be put down there if not claimed

within a certain time, she said.

Other towns that partner with the humane society, including Oak Brook, have agreed to the terms, McGuinness reported, and they've all chosen to pay the \$375 flat fee per dog.

"I wanted you to know how this happened," McGuinness said of the stalemate. "It is our mission to save lives, especially for the surrounding communities."

"We want this to be a positive outcome," she added.

While the discussion focused on dogs, McGuinness said the agency also shelters feral cats.

Cauley said the village will continue to negotiate with the humane society and echoed McGuinness' hope that the two sides can work out a contract.

"I'd like to see them prosper and I'd like to see them partner with us," he said. "But it's just a lot of money."

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Musician hopes busy summer sparks long career

Not many guitarists can say they played their first show with Dave Grohl and the Foo Fighters. Eighteen-year-old Lauren Hunter of Hinsdale can.

"That day completely changed my life," said Hunter, who started playing guitar in 2020, just a year before her parents surprised her with tickets to see her favorite band. Having seen videos of Grohl inviting fans on stage to play with the band, Hunter carried a sign asking for the honor.

"It went crazy viral," Hunter said of the resulting video showing her playing "Monkey Wrench" with the band. It was then that Hunter set her sights on a music career.

Life changed dramatically for Hunter during her freshman year at Benet Academy in Lisle. She was looking forward to taking her volleyball skills to the next level as a member of the varsity team, but injuries soon forced her to put those dreams aside.

"The doctors said I couldn't play anymore," Hunter said.

Things took yet another dramatic turn when the pandemic happened months later. Faced with endless time and little to do, Hunter put

her empty hours to work discovering the guitar and a new passion for music. A classmate from Hinsdale Middle School, Will Merz, taught her over Facetime.

"He was my first teacher," she said.

The Foo Fighters concert changed Hunter's life even before she was chosen to come on stage. She recalls a fellow fan telling her about the Gibson Generation Group, a two-year mentorship offered by the Gibson guitar company that supports promising young guitar players, songwriters and music creators across the globe in their pursuit of a music career.

"I looked up the program and I applied," said Hunter, who is one of nine guitarists chosen from around the world for the Class of 2025.

A highlight of the two-year program came in June, when Hunter participated in the Gibson Garage Fest. Held in Nashville during the Country Music Association Fest, Hunter performed her original music, played with legendary Nashville guitarists and met Peter Frampton.

Just a few weeks later, Hunter headed to GRAMMY Camp in Los Angeles as one



LAUREN HUNTER

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of 83 students chosen from across the country. Hunter spent the week writing, recording and performing her own music while learning about the business from celebrities including GRAMMY-winning artist Maren Morris; producer, singer and songwriter Jeremy Zucker; and singer, songwriter and bassist Blu DeTiger.

"One of the days I got

to have lunch with Jordin Sparks," Hunter said of the actress and singer who won American Idol in 2007 at age 17.

As a recent high school graduate, Hunter is pursuing music full time and dreams of one day playing her own music to an arena full of fans. She said her summer experiences have fueled her desire and ability to continue writ-

ing for what will be her first album. She's putting together a band and working to book their first shows as initial steps toward what she hopes will become a career in music.

"We're still getting everything ready, but I'm working on booking stuff as we speak," Hunter said. "It's very new, but very exciting."

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Evan Dunn



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Back-to-school quotes to inspire, entertain

Some approach heading back to school with a sense of anticipation and excitement. They've already color coded their school supplies, picked out their outfit for the first day and gotten up early for a week to make sure they are ready for classes to begin.

Others are a little less enthusiastic. Their school supplies are still in the Target bag, they have no idea what they will wear the first day of school and they're still sleeping in until 11 a.m.

But heading back to school is an amazing time, whether students are able to recognize it or not. It offers a fresh start each year that most of us don't get to enjoy once we complete our education. New classes, new clubs and new sports offer opportunities to learn new things and make new friends.

Many of us who don't have letters after our name attended school for only 18 years of our lives. And yet those years leave a huge impression on us all.

We've enjoyed reading what others have had to say about learning — and teaching — and thought you would, too.

"School is a building which has four walls with

tomorrow inside." — Lon Watters

"If you would thoroughly know anything, teach it to others." — Tryon Edwards

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." — Aristotle

"Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself." — Chinese proverb

"The highest result of education is tolerance." — Helen Keller

"That is what learning is. You suddenly understand something you've understood all your life, but in a new way." — Doris Lessing

"An education isn't how much you have committed to memory or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't." — Anatole France

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." — Malcolm Forbes

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." — Mahatma Gandhi

"We all learn by experience, but some of us have to go to summer school." — Peter DeVries

"If your plan is for one year, plant rice. If your plan is for 10 years, plant trees. If you plan is for 100 years, education children." — Confucius

"Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence." — Abigail Adams

"You can never be overdressed or overeducated." — Oscar Wilde

"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery." — Mark Van Doren

"Respect your parents. They passed school without Google." — unknown

"A No. 2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere." — Joyce Meyer

COMMENTARY

Gold medal moments not limited to podium

Every two years I, like so many others across the country and around the world, love watching the Olympics.

Two seasons of basketball poms were the extent of my athletic endeavors, so it's not an affinity with the athletes that draws me to the television set each night for 17 days. I do love watching people perform at their absolute best — and hearing so many inspiring stories about the athletes.

NBC broadcasters and TV personalities (mainly Jimmy Fallon) seem to agree that these were the best Summer Games in quite some time. (Especially when compared to the last Summer Games in Tokyo in 2021, which took place during the pandemic.) I think the view of the Eiffel tower from the broadcast area might have had something to do with it. But I will say I really enjoyed these games, too.

So, in homage to David Letterman (sorry Jimmy!), I present my top 10 list of things I love about the 2024 Paris Olympics. Plus three. It's a gold medal effort, here.

13. Discovering new sports I knew absolutely nothing about

kayak cross, but thanks to one late night of viewing, now I do.

12. Matching outfits

I have been mocked mercilessly for wearing matching outfits with my sorority sisters in college during membership drives. And what do all the athletes wear when their teams go up on the podium to get their medals? Matching outfits. Hah!

11. Athlete karaoke

Queen's "We are the Champions" was a great choice for this somewhat corny — but fun — closing ceremony segment.

10. New perspectives

Imane Khelif, who won the gold medal in women's boxing, taught many Americans something about jumping to conclusions.

9. Gratitude

Watching the excitement of athletes who never thought they'd be on the podium receive a bronze medal was a great reminder that winning really isn't everything.

8. 'Caeleb and the Critic'



Pamela Lannom

Caeleb Dressel opened up in one segment about how strong his self-critic was after he earned five gold medals in Tokyo. He and other athletes like Simone Biles and Michael Phelps are helping to reduce the stigma that still surrounds mental health issues.

7. Superbowl-quality commercials

From Leslie Jones using AI to come up with training routines to cute little Riley learning she made the team, the commercials were almost as much fun as the competitions.

6. So much jumping

Watching the athletes jump for joy after nailing a performance or winning a medal made me want to get up off the couch and jump around, too.

5. So much hugging

Athletes hugged their teammates, their coaches, their families and even their opponents. I think we all could use more hugs.

4. The Olympic rings on the Eiffel Tower

These two iconic symbols were dynamite together.

3. Snoop

I had not expected to be so entertained by a 52-year-old rapper from the '90s, but I couldn't get enough of him — from his gold shoes to his Olympic ring glasses. My favorite moment was when he crowned Caeleb Dressel's son "Augie Dogg."

2. We're not worthy

Floor exercise gold medalist Rebeca Andrade from Brazil received the best congratulations from opponents when Simone Biles (silver) and teammate Jordan Chiles (fifth) bowed down to her in Wayne and Garth fashion.

1. Parting message

International Olympic Committee President Tom Bach offered this wonderful sentiment during his speech at the closing ceremonies.

"The Olympics cannot create peace. But they can create a culture of peace that inspires the world."

Let's hope the world responds. — Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

The calm before the storm

The clock just clicked over to 7:54 a.m. and I sit alone at the kitchen counter planning my day. It's a pretty average Monday (tennis carpool, grocery store for basics, Costco for bulk items, Kramer's for special stuff, play-date/thunderdome followed by family dinner) but something feels off.



Lex Silberberg

It's now 8 a.m.. I kick into a higher gear — answering emails, preparing breakfast and sharing a few memes with my mom bruhs — but the silence is unusual. Deafening, even. I'm sliding scrambled eggs and waffles onto plates when I finally hear stirring on the second floor. I flick my wrist to reveal the time: It's 8:11.

Did my kids REALLY decide to start sleeping in RIGHT before school starts? They sure as heck did — which can only mean all heck is about to break loose.

I've been a parent for just shy of eight years but a quick call to my own mother confirms my suspicions: This is the calm before the storm. I remember it from my own childhood: Final vacation days were always simultaneously slow and fast, lazy pool mornings and popsicle-fueled afternoons juxtaposed with evenings of frantic storehopping for the last TrapperKeeper. The vital questions in my life then (Which neon windsuit is first-day worthy? Are we one-strapping or two-strapping backpacks this year? Will my brother and I be allowed to get the laser backdrop for our school portraits?) have now been replaced with the more pressing thoughts I'm sure plagued my parents. (Will there be enough time to make

two healthyish lunches every morning? Is this my day for soccer carpool? Just how unhinged will we look running down the street to beat the late bell?)

"Have kids," they said.

This year is going to be A LOT but to be perfectly honest,

I'm pumped for the changes ahead. Yes, our fall schedule is straight-up bananas. Sure, we have some marathon days ahead. Indeed, we'll be having dinner at either 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. This reality may take some getting used to but with kindergarten behind us, this marks a new era: Both of my boys will be in school all day every day. They can't wait to reconnect with friends, learn new things and dominate the gaga ball pits and I can't wait for, well, diving into everything years of choppy half-day schedules have prevented me from accomplishing.

Friends have asked what I'll do with my reacquired time and my answer has been perhaps an overconfident, "What won't I do?"

Whether it's completing long-shelved home improvement projects, ramping up freelance work, increased PTO participation, travel paddle or the relative self-care of a dental appointment, I'm here for it — but in this moment, I'll savor the fleeting calm while I sip my still-hot tea. Ahhhhh.

Well, that was short-lived: Brush those teeth and find your shoes, dudes. We're wheels up in five!

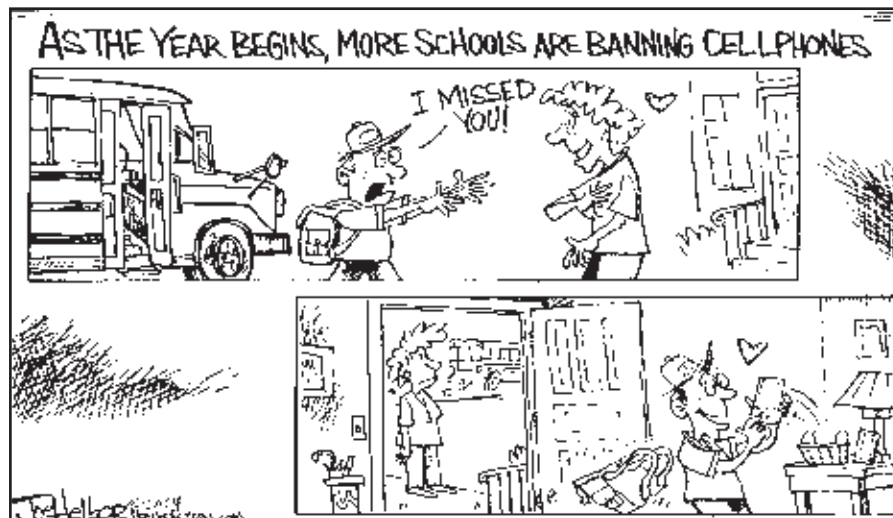
— Lex Silberberg of Hinsdale is a former contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parents really interested in banning books in D181

Make no mistake. The Hinsdalean's Page 3 article (Aug. 8) about criticism of library books is about banning books. Do you want Kristina McCloy and Concerned Parents of Hinsdale

deciding what your kids read? As a father of two in D181 with a third joining in a year, I don't. — Jeff Schieber, Hinsdale



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OBITUARIES

Francesca Arquilla

Francesca Arquilla, nee Agostinelli, 88, of Hinsdale and Naples, Fla., passed away peacefully Aug. 8, 2024, surrounded her family.

Francesca was born in Pacentro, Italy, in 1936 to Paolo and Bambina Agostinelli. She immigrated to the United States in 1956 and first settled in the U.S. with her family in Coraopolis, Penn. She married Primo Arquilla, who would become her beloved husband of 50 years, in Caracas, Venezuela, in December 1958. Francesca and Primo initially lived in Coraopolis, Penn. and then Denver before settling in Chicago where they raised their two sons.

Francesca (at the age of 7) and her family survived the Sfolamento (homelessness) which impacted her village of Pacentro starting on November 11, 1943. The Nazi military took over several strategically positioned villages, including Pacentro, and removed all of the residents from their homes in the middle of winter season. Francesca remembered and spoke of the Sfolamento for most of her life.

Francesca went to work for a toy company in Pittsburgh almost immediately after arriving in the USA in 1956. Over the following 44 years, she worked in a variety of industries including manufacturing, retail, education, healthcare and senior living. She valued a strong work ethic as well as building strong relationships and along with her husband Primo, she passed on these values to their sons. Francesca made friends easily and she nurtured numerous long term friendships.

Francesca was very proud of her Italian heritage and she was also very proud to be an American, often uttering the phrase, "God Bless America!" She was a great cook of both



Arquilla

native Italian dishes that she learned to make from her mother as well as the American dishes she learned here.

Francesca was a longtime member of the Raiano Women's Club as well as the Younger Than Ever Seniors Club of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Darien, where she lived for 42 years.

She was a long time parishioner of Our Lady of Peace and most recently was a parishioner of St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale as well as St. John the Evangelist in Naples.

Francesca enjoyed reading, crochet, going to church and watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. She prayed the Holy Rosary every day and she had an encyclopedic memory.

Francesca is survived by her sons, Dr. Paul (Danielle) Arquilla and Venanzio (Shannon) Arquilla of Hinsdale; her four grandchildren, Isabella, Primo, Giorgio and Paul Luciano Arquilla; her siblings, Lina (the late Rocco) Zavatti and Donato (Tonina) Agostinelli; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Primo; and her sister, Elia Maria (the late Giovanni) Ramunno.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Aug. 15, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

Family and friends will meet for a 10 a.m. funeral Mass Friday, Aug. 16, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Entombment is at Queen of Heaven, Christ the King Mausoleum in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials maybe be made online to the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation at www.uchicagomedicineadventhealth.org/foundations/hinsdale-hospital-foundation-donation-form.

Karen Dombrowski

Karen Dombrowski, 65, of Burr Ridge passed away on July 29, 2024.

Karen was born in 1959 to Charles and Joan Dolezal. Karen married the love of her life, Don Dombrowski, in 1982. Together they enjoyed a life filled with laughter, adventure and love.

An exceptional student, Karen's thirst for knowledge made her a life-long learner. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Elmhurst College in 1986, a master's degree in nursing from Benedictine University in 1996 and a doctorate in organizational development from Benedictine University in 2021. Her skills led her to a successful business career, allowing her to travel extensively throughout the United States and Europe. She was a long-time member of St Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale.

Karen was a classy lady, with many passions, one of which was photography. Framed pictures, taken by her, of sunsets and scenery fill the walls of her home. She loved to travel and enjoyed documenting special moments.



Dombrowski

Karen loved the outdoors. She was an avid gardener and fond of her family's annual tomato harvest and finding a home for the plethora of tomatoes.

For many years, Karen could be found on weekends swimming, boating, fishing, playing cards and creating memories with family and friends in Delavan, Wis.

Karen lived for Christmas. She found pleasure in baking cookies, hosting family parties and the over-the-top Christmas decorations (inside and outside). From the classical Nutcracker to each Christmas tree and ornament, Karen found joy in it all.

Karen is survived by her husband, Don; her siblings, Dr. Edward (Carolyn Faehling) Dolezal and Laura (Ron) Bolanowski; and 21 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles (Melinda Smith) Dolezal.

A funeral Mass took place Aug. 7 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale.

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GOOD NEWS

HUMMINGBIRD OPENS THIRD CENTER

Hummingbird Pediatric Therapies, owned by Hinsdale's Christina Scalise-Morrissey, opened a new center in Elmhurst in July. The 11,000-square-foot pediatric therapy center is equipped with two state-of-the-art gyms complete with rock-climbing walls, slides, ball pits and much more.

"Elmhurst is a vibrant community, and we are thrilled to be able to help serve kids and families here and in the surrounding area," Scalise-Morrissey said. "We offer the most comprehensive pediatric therapy services in the Chicagoland area, from infant feeding to aquatic therapy and everything in between. Partnering with educators, doctors and families, our Elmhurst center allows us the opportunity to provide even greater access to care for more children and families across the suburbs and Chicago."

Hummingbird has more

than 70 employees at its offices in Elmhurst, Westmont and Woodridge.

LOCAL AUTHOR WINS AWARD



Cristina Henríquez of Hinsdale has received the 21st Century Award from the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

Henríquez

Henríquez's latest work is "The Great Divide," which was named a March 2024 Read with Jenna pick. She also is the author of the acclaimed novel "The Book of Unknown Americans," which was named a New York Times Notable Book of 2014; "The World in Half;" and "Come Together, Fall Apart: A Novella and Stories."

Her writing has appeared in The New Yorker, The Atlantic, The New York Times Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, Real Simple,

The Oxford American, The American Scholar and elsewhere.

Other winners are Ann Patchett and Chance the Rapper.

The awards presentation will be Oct. 30, and a video of the presentation will be released Nov. 2.

HOSPITAL DONATES MACHINES TO ZOO

UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale has donated two blood washers to Brookfield Zoo to support a research project that could lead to the establishment of a national frozen red blood cell bank for zoos across the country.

The two IBM 2991 Blood Cell Processors are still in good working condition but were seldom used due to changes in the blood supply industry, explained Shelly Gilland, regional lab director for UChicago Medicine AdventHealth.

"We used to wash units of

blood regularly, but now we rely more on our blood suppliers for those units when needed," Gillan said.

UChicago Medicine AdventHealth has a strong relationship with Brookfield Zoo and has previously donated equipment to support its veterinary team.

"It's gratifying to know the zoo will make use of them rather than seeing them sit unused or end up in a dumpster," Gilland said.

Brookfield clinical veterinarian Dr. Lily Parkinson plans to use the machines for a research project to determine if animal red blood cells can withstand freezing, thawing and machine washing (to remove specialized freezing solutions) and still remain viable for transfusion into another animal of the same species.

"If thawed red blood cells survive the cleansing by the donated blood washers, we will have the necessary evidence to seek funding for a modern blood processing machine," Parkinson said.

"This machine could prepare, freeze, thaw, wash and prepare red blood cells for transfusion."

If successful, the zoo could establish a frozen red blood cell bank, benefiting both its own animals and potentially many others across various locations.

Parkinson expressed gratitude to UChicago Medicine AdventHealth.

"They are always generous and helpful, willing to hear what we need and provide assistance if possible," she said.

"We are strongly committed to being a good community partner," said Adam Maycock, president and chief executive officer of UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale and La Grange. "We want the community to know they can rely on us for personal healthcare and for the care and support necessary to keep our communities healthy and vibrant."

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What's important for brain and body well-being?

According to the Alzheimer's Association, nearly 7 million Americans are living with the disease. By 2050, that number is projected to rise to nearly 13 million. In 2021, Alzheimer's disease was the fifth-leading cause of death among people age 65 and older.

Those are alarming figures, to be sure. But statistics should not steal people's hope in measures to stave off the effects of Alzheimer's, said Hadi Finerty, senior manager of education and community volunteers for Alzheimer's Association's Illinois Chapter.

"There are things that we can do now, at any age, to reduce our risk factors," she said.

Finerty will present the Lunch and Learn program Healthy Living for Brain and Body at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Hinsdale Public Library (the program is currently waitlisted; visit www.hinsdalelibrary.info for details). She'll offer attendees age 65 and older tips on healthy aging.

"We'll talk about our diet and nutrition. We'll talk about social engagement. We'll talk about cognitive activity and exercise," Finerty explained.

She'll discuss the latest research in these areas and provide some hands-on tools and strategies to help incorporate those habits into an aging plan.

Finerty cited the landmark Pointer Study, which followed 2,000 senior adults at increased risk for cognitive decline for two years to evaluate the impact of lifestyle interventions on their condition. While the full results are expected to be released next spring, Finerty said it's clear from the data reviewed thus far that healthy habits can have significant benefits.

"My presentation just goes through what this research is telling us and what we know," Finerty said. "It actually gives people hope when you can say, 'If you follow these modifications, you're able to lower your risk factor and delay the onset of Alzheimer's or dementia.'"

Diet-wise, experts have long touted the salutary properties of eating more lean meats, whole grains and berries and eliminating processed food, she said. But make sure to have your physician weigh in.

"I always encourage people to talk to their doctor before starting a diet and nutrition plan," Finerty said, cautioning against short-term fad diets. "Find what works."

She said people's concern for their memory and physical health naturally increases as they age but that everyone should be taking steps to cultivate good habits and not wait. Even those recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's should be motivated to stay the course.

"There are therapies out there for people in the early stages of the disease that is giving people more time to live," Finerty remarked. "To me this is an exciting time when we have these modifiers to be able to counteract risk factors."

Avoiding the sedentary life is certainly a central component.

"If there's one thing that you can do, it's to have physical exercise," she said.

And don't forget the cerebral side.

"Keep your mind active. Play bridge. Do jigsaw puzzles. Find a hobby like building furniture," Finerty advised, recognizing the desire for preventative measures that still remain out of reach. "These are all wonderful things to do."

— by Ken Knutson



Hadi Finerty of the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter will share the latest research-based tips for promoting brain and body health in seniors in an Aug. 21 program at the Hinsdale Public Library. (photo provided)



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Hinsdale well-represented at Olympics

2024 Paris Games awe and inspire those who had the chance to watch in person

By Sandy Illian Bosch
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Isabella Walls-Rodriguez returned home from the Paris Olympics with life-long memories, a renewed enthusiasm for soccer and a voice hoarse from cheering.

Walls-Rodriguez and her family spend time with relatives in France every summer, so taking the train to Paris from their home near Bordeaux was an obvious choice for the family of sports fans. After taking in a quarterfinals soccer match near Bordeaux, Walls-Rodriguez and her family traveled to Paris in time to see France defeat Spain in the soccer final. That, Walls-Rodriguez said, is likely where she lost her voice.

"My whole family sounds like this now," she said.

"It was huge for our whole family," Walls-Rodriguez said of the opportunity to visit the Olympics and to take in the highlights of Paris.

"We took the opportunity to visit all of the touristy sights," she said, most of which were free and open to the public during the games.

Conor and Cameron Dunne had just finished their master's degrees at Lynn University in Boca Raton when their parents, Susan and J.D., surprised them with a trip to the Paris Olympics, where they watched tennis, beach volleyball, basketball and badminton.

"We were pretty lucky. We got a great overview of a lot of different sports," Cameron said. But the highlight for both former

members of the Hinsdale Central swim team was the chance to see some of the best swimmers in the world earn gold medals.

They saw France's Léon Marchand win back-to-back races and watched as American Bobby Finke won a gold medal in the men's 1,500-meter freestyle.

"Getting to see him race was pretty insane," said Conor, who swam distance events in college.

That same night, the brothers saw U.S. swimmer Katie Ledecky win gold.

"It was the loudest swim meet I've ever been to," Conor said, with fans from all over the world cheering Ledecky on.

Cameron said beach volleyball was surprisingly entertaining, and Burr Ridge resident Judy Toland agrees. Played at the base of the Eiffel Tower, the game gained new fans in Cameron and Toland.

"The energy is so much fun," said Toland, who traveled to the games with husband Alex and their daughter, 6-year-old Zuri.

Whether it was at track and field, soccer, swimming or basketball, Toland said she enjoyed the positive energy and mutual respect shown by athletes and fans.

"It's high-quality sportsmanship," she said, echoing an observation made by others who attended the Paris games, including Hinsdalean Patty Brand Nalepa.

Brand Nalepa said she chokes up thinking of the encouragement one swimmer received as she lagged far behind the rest in a women's swimming event.

"The whole auditorium cheered her on. They cheered just as much as they were for their own teams," she said.

Jacob Dannhausen-Brun attended the Olympics as an admirer of another



Alex, Zuri and Judy Toland missed the gymnastics competition but kept an eye out for Simone Biles and other top athletes as they toured Paris while visiting the 2024 Olympic Games.

water sport. A sailor himself, Dannhausen-Brun was there to watch and support the sister of a college friend, who was competing on the Romanian sailing team.

Sailing events were held in Marseille, a three-hour train ride from Paris. But following the sailing events, Dannhausen-Brun traveled to the epicenter of the Olympic Games, just to be part of it all. There, he spotted world-class athletes admiring other world-class athletes as they excelled in their own sports of choice.

"These are incredible athletes who have done incredible things," he said.

As a cyclist and tri-athlete, Dannhausen-Brun said he would like to watch those events when the games come to Los Angeles in 2028. He's not alone in his desire to repeat his Olympic experience. Brand Nalepa said she's already thinking of attending the 2028 games in LA.

"It was definitely a bucket-list item," she said — and one that she wouldn't mind experiencing again.



Twins Conor and Cameron Dunne celebrated graduation and their 24th birthday while visiting Paris for the Olympic Games. (photos provided)

PULSE



Semple Band will bring its high-energy show featuring music from '70s rock to modern pop and everything in between to Uniquely Thursdays tonight, Aug. 15. See Page 46 for more information. (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. Hours: noon to 3 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

■ Landscapes in Glass

Sept. 3
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 206-9566

Create a fused glass tray with images from nature, then pick up the kiln-fired project the following week. Participants will receive instruction from design through lay-up. The program is for ages 12 and older; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 5 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$135.

CASTING CALL

■ 'Calendar Girls'

Aug. 26 & 27
Westmont Community Center
75 E. Richmond St.
www.westmontparks.org/wpa

Westmont Performing Arts is seeking cast members for its upcoming production. Callbacks will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 29. Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 1-11, at Westview Hills Middle School in Willowbrook. Appointments strongly suggested; walk-ins will be seen as openings free up. Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

CENTRAL TIME

■ Red and White Community Night

Aug. 23
Hinsdale Central High School
55th and Grant streets

All fall sports teams, band, color guard, cheer and poms

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HINSDALE WATER POLO CLUB



FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN Season Starts September 3rd

- Ages 8-18, players of all skill levels welcome!
- Introduces competitive team skills to prepare for competition.
- Practices held at Hinsdale Central High School and Five Seasons Family Sports Club

Join us for free clinic at Five Seasons

8/12, 8/14, 8/26, 8/28

7-8pm – outdoor pool

See website/QR code to learn more and register

To register and for more information go to:


HinsdaleWaterPolo.com

Contact HinsdaleWPC@gmail.com with any questions.

Follow us on Instagram! @hinsdalewaterpoloclub

For more info



A photograph of a baseball field. In the foreground, a white baseball with red stitching is on the left, and a wooden baseball bat is on the right, both resting on a light-colored wooden base. The background shows the reddish-brown dirt of the field, a line of green trees, and a tall stadium light pole under a blue sky with light clouds.

“ Baseball was, is,
and always will be
the best game in the
world to me.”

– Babe Ruth

Join us in saluting our
Hinsdale Little League
12U District Team

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WORLD SERIES GAME!**

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CONGRATULATIONS

to the coaches, players,
parents, and the community
on reaching Williamsport.

IT TRULY TAKES A VILLAGE!

We look forward to watching
you this week and into the
future at Hinsdale Central!



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Way To Go, Hinsdale Little League!

We're proud of your team and making it to the World Series.
Never stop striving to be the best you can be.

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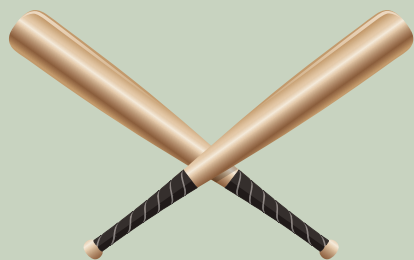
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104 West Chestnut
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Congratulations to the
12U Hinsdale Little League team on
your state and regional championship.
Best of luck at the LL World Series!

CONGRATULATIONS
Hinsdale Little League Team!!!

You've made the community
and yourselves proud!



GO JIMMY!

Love -
Grandma Lynn and
Papa Rich





Congratulations
on your incredible season
and best of luck in the
Little League World Series!

**The entire Hinsdale Community
is cheering you on!**

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Congratulations



**to Jimmy Macri and to the entire
Hinsdale Little League team!
WHAT A GREAT SEASON!!!**

*Love,
Grandma and Grandpa Macri*



**Congratulations to the Hinsdale Little League
12-U Great Lakes Regional Champions!**
Good luck & have fun at the 2024 Little League World Series!



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to the 12U Hinsdale Little League District ALL Star Team!



So proud of my nephew [#12 Freddie Sackley](#) and to the 12U Hinsdale Little League District All Star Team! They are the first Hinsdale team ever to secure a spot in the Little League World Series, representing the Great Lakes Region!

★ **GAME TIME - Friday, August 16th @2pm CST on ESPN**

TEAM ROSTER

**#4 Kellan Goodwin, #5 Dane Graham III, #6 Michael Kipnis,
#7 Dillon Phelan, #8 Shane Behar, #9 Colin Boots,
#10 Emiliano Nepomuceno, #12 Freddie Sackley, #14 Jimmy Macri,
#17 Ethan Chan, #13 Alex Vivanco, #22 Grant Wanless**

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**Congrats Colin & the Hinsdale Team
on an unforgettable journey to the LLWS!
We love you! Mom, Dad, Eli & Josie**

CONGRATULATIONS ALEX



We are so incredibly proud of you!
We're extremely happy that your dream of
making it to the Little League World Series
has become a reality for you and your team!

Your hard work and dedication has truly paid off,
you deserve it all & so much more sweetheart!

I know you're making amazing memories in Williamsport
with your team and hope you're having so much fun.

Keep crushing your goals buddy!

Let's go VIV!

*We love you so much –
Mom, Dad, Vince and Haley*

Congratulations to the 12U Hinsdale Little League Team!
Keep shining and smiling!

– Dr. Carrie, Dr. Ami
and the entire CHT Orthodontics Team



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Congratulations!



For clinching The Great Lakes Regional Championship
for an automatic trip to Williamsport!

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~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

to Dane and the entire Hinsdale Little League team
on your Great Lakes Region Championship and your
trip to the Little League World Series!



**WE ARE SO PROUD AND CHEERING
FOR YOU AND THE TEAM!**

Love,

GG, Grandma and Papaw, Grammy and Poppy!

LET'S GO HINSDALE!

MICHAEL KIPNIS
Enjoy the journey!



We love you!

**Mom, Dad, Lea,
family and friends**



Hinsdale Little League
You are already champions!
GOOD LUCK!





**Fenwick High School congratulates
the Hinsdale Little League on winning the
Great Lakes Regional Championship!**

“Friar Nation looks forward to watching Hinsdale
compete for a Little League World Series title!

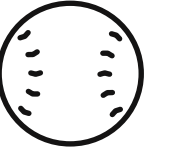
Good luck in Williamsport!”

— Kyle Kmiecik

Fenwick Varsity Baseball Coach



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GO BIG AND BRING IT HOME!



From one baseball mom to another, nothing beats a night at Peirce Park – except a trip to **WILLIAMSPORT!**

I fondly remember the Hinsdale Little League days and can only imagine the excitement all the players and parents are feeling right now.

Congratulations to the 2024 Hinsdale Little League World Series Team—we're all behind you and so proud.

Go BIG and bring a World Championship home to Hinsdale!



DAWN MCKENNA
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WE ARE PROUD OF YOU! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

**CONGRATULATIONS Hinsdale Little League on your trip
to the 2024 Little League World Series.**

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home team cheering section!**

GO HINSDALE! GO ILLINOIS! GO GREAT LAKES!



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CONGRATULATIONS HINSDALE LITTLE LEAGUE!

You're truly an inspiration to our community,
and we're all cheering you on!



CONGRATULATIONS Hinsdale Little League Players, Coaches and Families!



John Botti
Hinsdale Little Leaguer
1985-1990

Michael Botti
Hinsdale Little Leaguer
1975-1980

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On behalf of the Hinsdale business community,
we're so proud to see the Hinsdale Little League team
make it to the World Series.
You are already champions to us.

We wish you all the best as you head towards your
'Grand Slam' for this season.
KNOCK 'EM OUT OF THE PARK, KEEP SWINGING!



As a former proud HLL mom,
I'm sending my congratulations
to the HLL 12yo team!

Thank you for representing
our great town of Hinsdale
in an AMAZING way!

NOW GO WIN THIS THING!

Kari Galassi,
DuPage County Board Member



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Good luck to Hinsdale Little League in
your World Series quest!



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STOREFRONT COMING OCTOBER 2024!

A photograph of a wooden baseball bat and a white baseball with red stitching resting on a light-colored wooden surface. The bat is positioned diagonally on the left side of the frame, and the ball is in the lower-left quadrant. The background is a blurred wooden surface.

**HINSDALE LITTLE
LEAGUE
BRING HOME
THE WIN!**



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Congratulations

Alex Vivanco and the Hinsdale team for making it this far!

We are so happy to see that your dreams on the field are coming true.

Wishing you the best of luck in the Little League World Series Tournament and we are SO proud of you!

We will all be rooting for you from California, Wisconsin, Illinois, and in the stands come game day!

Love your whole family,

Uncle Bob, Ciocia Kryz, Rachel, Ryan, Megan, Art, Ciocia Gosi, Mike, Skylar, Brandon, Stephanie, Ciocia Liz, Uncle Andy, Amberly, Aidan, Ashley, Dom, Ciocia Amber, Uncle Tony, Riley, Nathan, Ciocia Cathy, Uncle Dan, Jessica, Daniel, and Dylan

CONGRATULATIONS

**Kellan Goodwin
and the Hinsdale/Illinois team!**

We are excited to celebrate Kellan Goodwin and the entire Hinsdale/Illinois team on your remarkable achievement of making it to the Little League world series!

Your hardwork, dedication and teamwork have truly paid off.



**KELLAN, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND
ALL THAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED.**

GOOD LUCK, AND GO GREAT LAKES!

*With love and pride,
Grandma Kathy and Papa Harry
Aunt Shaina and Uncle Matt
Aunt Marcella and Uncle Marc*

Congratulations!

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Congratulations to Jimmy Macri and the entire Hinsdale Little League team
on doing the impossible!

We are so very proud of you. Good luck in Williamsport!

GO JIMMY! GO HINSDALE! GO ILLINOIS! GO GREAT LAKES!

Love,
Grandma Kathleen and Grandpa Marvin

GREAT LAKES

Hinsdale, Illinois



★ ★ Show your Little Leaguer how proud you are! ★ ★

The **WILLIAMSPORT SUN-GAZETTE** will publish a Special Tribute!

Send or bring in a picture of your Little leaguer (T-ball through Majors) and we will publish it in our Little League Extra sections.

Photos can also be submitted online to **BIT.LY/sgbaseballphotos24**



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

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All proceeds will benefit The Community House, your local non-profit since 1941.

The Community House

415 W. Eighth Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521

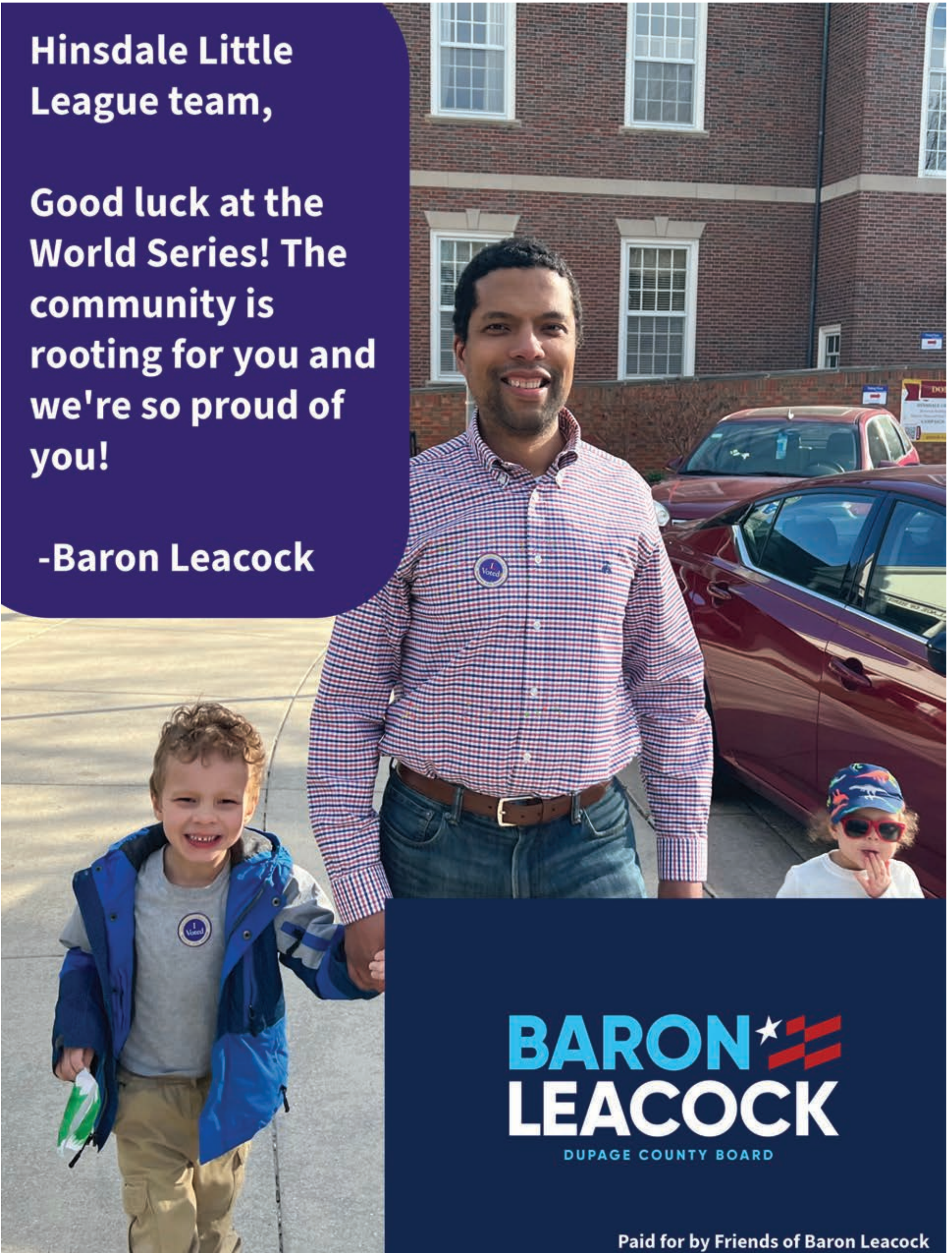
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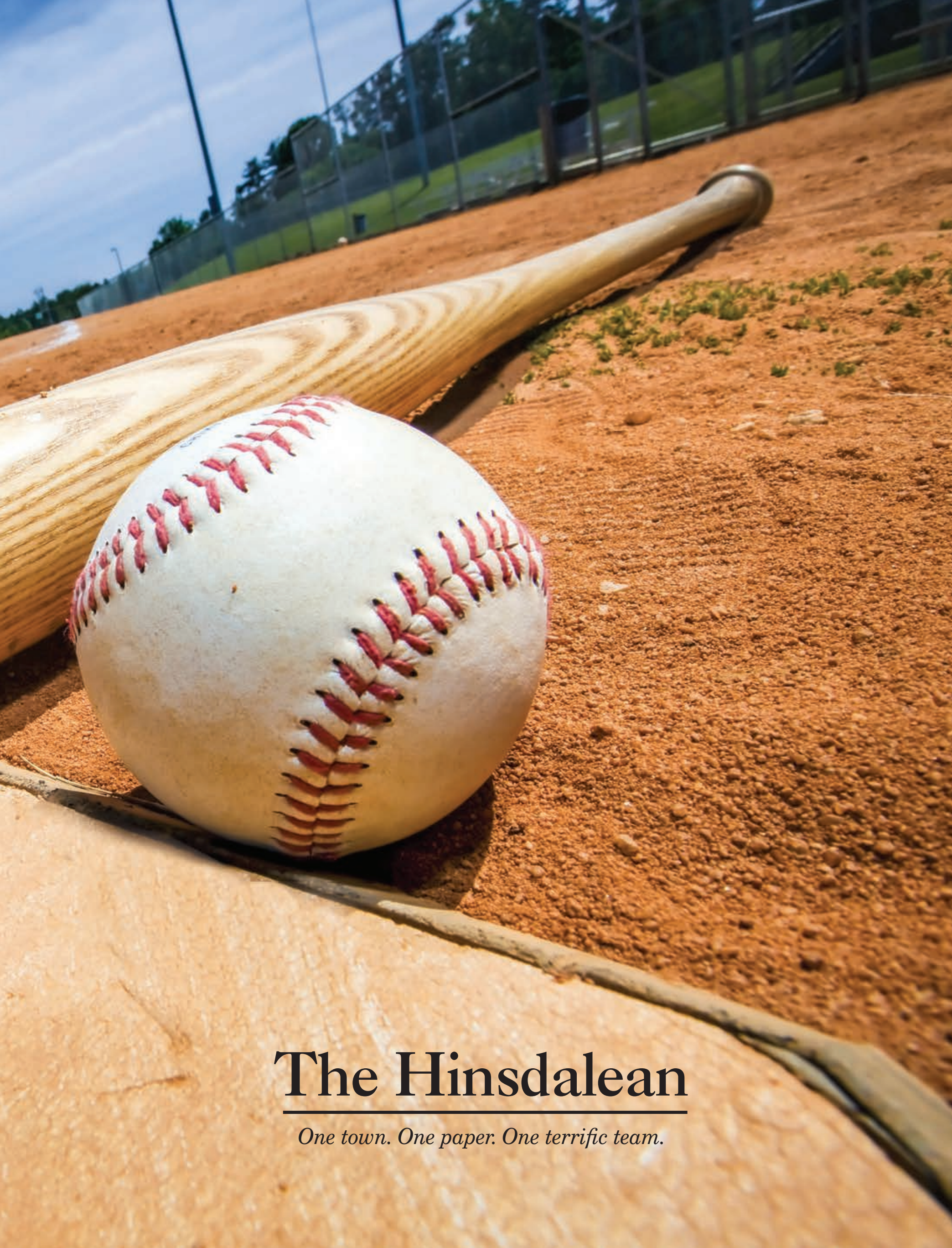
Call 630-323-7500 thecommunityhouse.org

Hinsdale Little League team,

Good luck at the World Series! The community is rooting for you and we're so proud of you!

-Baron Leacock





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will compete in intrasquad competitions. Food trucks also will be on site, and a red and white dance for all current Central students will follow from 7 to 8 p.m. Time: 4 to 8 p.m.

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■ **Brasi's Pizzeria**
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Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday

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Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday & Monday.

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FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ **Neighborhood Block Party**
Aug. 25
Trinity Church
201 N. Oak St.
www.trinityhinsdale.com/blockparty
The whole community is invited to enjoy award-winning barbecue, a great DJ, a bouncy house and more hosted by Trinity Church on the lawn of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Hours: 5 to 8 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

■ **Ice Cream Social**
Aug. 25
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
The Hinsdale Hospital Foundation Junior Board will host its annual event featuring of ice cream, face painting, games, arts and crafts, bouncies and more. Hours: 1 to 4 p.m.

■ **Dad & Me Fun With Football**
Tuesdays, Sept. 3-Oct. 8
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090
Dads can enjoy Nerf football with their son or daughter ages

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3-5 with coaches helping the little athlete learn the proper form and technique of catching, throwing, center skills, hand-offs, kick-offs and more. Time: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$81. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ Blood drive

Aug. 20
Avenue Christian Church
5750 Holmes Ave., Clarendon Hills
www.redcrossblood.org
(800) 733-2767

The Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage, with supplies down 25 percent as extreme heat and travel plans have threatened already low blood levels. Those who donate in August will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card. To make an appointment or to find other nearby drives, use the contract information listed above and enter "60521" in the "find a blood drive box." Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

GAME ON

■ Chicago Elite Volleyball

Sept. 3-24
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-14, whether new to volleyball or continuing players, will develop important volleyball skills such as passing, setting, stacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided according to skill level and age. For details email Steve Dowjotas at stevedowjotas@chicagoelitevolleyball.com. Times: 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 6-10, 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 11-14. Cost: \$120. RR

■ Beginner Tennis

Wednesdays or Saturdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 12
Robbins Park
Eighth and South Clay streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Young players ages 8-12 will concentrate on stroke development, rallying skills and learning to play matches at a faster pace in these beginner/advanced beginner lessons. Players will focus on their power and accuracy to improve their performance through challenging and exciting drills and matches. Players will be divided into groups based on

ability level. Participants must bring a water bottle, tennis shoes and a racket. Times: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays or 11 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Cost: \$114. RR

■ Boys & Girls Lacrosse

Wednesdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 23
Veck Park
701 E. Chicago Ave.
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This fun and fast-paced program for grades one to eight is open to players of all skill levels. Boys must bring a stick, mouth guard, helmet, gloves, shoulder pads, elbow pads, and athletic clothing and footwear. Girls must bring a stick, mouth guard, goggles, athletic clothing and footwear. Times: 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 6-10, 7 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 10-14. Cost: \$140 for ages 6-10, \$175 for ages

10-14. RR

■ Youth Pickleball

Fridays, Sept. 6-Oct. 11
Brook Park
Third Street & Columbia Road
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-13 will learn pickleball basics such as grip, shots, serving and court positioning. Players also will learn scoring and pickleball rules as

well as have plenty of time for game play. Equipment will be provided. Times: 4 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 6-7, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. for ages 8-10, 5:15 to 6 p.m. for ages 11-13. Cost: \$54 for ages 6-7. \$81 for ages 8-13. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Hummingbird Fest

Aug. 17

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August 1 – Starlight City

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Join this program for activities, viewing and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research purposes.
Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Kayaking: Basics

Aug. 18
Mallard Lake
Lawrence and Cloverdale roads, Hanover Park
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Ages 12 and up can learn paddling strokes and safety tips in a one-person kayak. Equipment will be provided. Those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 10 a.m. to noon.
Cost: \$20. RR

■ Telescope Party

Aug. 22
Swallow Cliff Woods-South
South La Grange Road south of 119th Street near Palos Park
www.fpdcc.com
(312) 533-5751

Amateur astronomers and night sky enthusiasts can bring their telescope or borrow one for an evening of stargazing.
Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m.

GREEN THUMB

■ Nifty Plants for Shady Sites

Aug. 19
Indian Head Park
Administration Building
201 Acacia Drive

All are welcome at this Suburban Garden Club program to hear horticulturist Heather Prince share tips from her work at the Morton Arboretum, Chicago Botanic Garden, The Growing Place and elsewhere. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Tai Chi Chuan & Chi Gung

Aug. 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. RR

■ Yoga

Aug. 25
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy an all-levels yoga class indoors with a certified instructor, then stay for a self-guided walk after the program. The program is for adults 18 and older. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Youth Track & Field

Tuesdays, Sept. 3-Oct. 8
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-10 will learn the fundamentals and fitness concepts related to the jumping, running and throwing skills involved in the sport of track and field. Games like Sharks and Minnows and Capture the Cones will be combined with sprints, relays, long-distance walking, running hurdles, long jump, discus throw and other track and field events, culminating in a track and field meet on the last day of class. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$108. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Your Online Privacy Blueprint

Aug. 21
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn tips to maximize privacy at home and in public while web browsing, using email and sending messages. Explore VPNs, private DNS services, trustworthy email providers and more. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ Proud Tina

Sept. 7
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Enjoy an electrifying concert experience of Tina Turner in this energetic tribute produc-

tion, including her greatest hits performed with powerful vocals, high-intensity dancing, a high-octane band and sensational backing singers/dancers. A free pre-show season kickoff party will begin at 6:30 p.m. Time: 7:30 p.m. concert. Tickets: \$51-\$72

ON SCREEN

■ ‘Migration’

Aug. 23
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Enjoy this outdoor screening and follow the Mallard family, who decides to break out of their rut and make their way south for the winter for a new adventure. Their well-laid plans quickly go awry but the experience teaches them more about each other — and themselves — than they ever imagined. Time: 7:30 p.m., movie begins at dusk.

ON STAGE

■ ‘House on Pooh Corner’

Weekends through 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

■ ‘The Mousetrap’

Thursdays to Sundays, Sept. 5-15
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com
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This beloved Agatha Christie murder mystery follows young couple Mollie and Giles Ralston after they open a new hotel in the renovated Monkswell Manor and are subsequently snowed in with four guests and another traveler. Det. Sgt. Trotter arrives on skis to inform the group he believes a murderer is on his way to the hotel. When one of the guests is found dead, they realize the murderer is already there. An American Sign Language-interpreted performance will

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PULSE

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be held at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 14. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Fridays, 2:30 & 8 p.m. Saturdays & 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$28, \$15 for children and students.

SENIOR SCENE

■ Transportation Options for Seniors & Adults

Aug. 19
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Join the monthly Golden Brunch Club to learn about programs including Dial-A-Ride and Interfaith Community Partners. There will be time for questions or to register after the talk. Snacks or treats and refreshments will be provided. Registration is required at least one week before the meeting date. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Memory Cafe

Aug. 28
Hinsdale Public Library

20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

This gathering of individuals living with dementia and their care partners offers a place to socialize and connect with others in similar situations using prepared activities. Activities may include education, music, games and arts. The program is sponsored by The Birches and Independence-4-Seniors Home Care. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

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■ Virtual encore: How to Stay Safe Online

Aug. 29
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
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Learn about common scams and how to avoid them, and get tips to stay safe online, including how to spot phishing and other threats in this online session. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

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■ Needlecraft Night

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20 E. Maple St.
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Bring needlecraft projects to work on and enjoy pleasant conversation with fellow crafting enthusiasts. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ ZooBrew

Aug. 17
Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Road
www.BrookfieldZoo.org/
ZooBrew

Beer novices and aficionados can sample more than 80 beers, ales, pilsners, IPAs, canned cocktails and seltzers while also taking in wildlife at this annual event. Guests can stroll the park at their leisure, dance to a DJ and try their skill at lawn games. Bar-themed snacks and entrée items will be available for purchase,

and each guest will receive a commemorative koozie to take home. Tickets include all-day zoo admission and parking. The VIP experience offers early access beginning at noon, the chance to meet some of the zoo's animal ambassadors, complimentary snacks and an entrée ticket. The event is for adults 21 and older. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Admission: \$65, \$100 for VIP experience, \$45/\$60 for designated drivers.

■ CAMBr Meltdown

Aug. 25
Pulaski Woods
Wolf Road south of 95th
Street near Willow Springs
www.cambr.org

The Palos Meltdown is Chicagoland's premier mountain bike event, with racing for all ages and abilities and open to spectators. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$25 to race, free for spectators.

STEPPING BACK

■ Three Generals and the 1st Infantry

Aug. 19
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Jessica Waszak, curator at the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, will discuss the distinctive leadership styles of the generals who commanded on D-Day: Maj. Gen. Terry de la Mesa Allen, Lt. Gen. Clarence Huebner and Maj. Gen. Clift Andrus. While their strategies varied, all three achieved success, underscoring the importance of teamwork in military endeavors. Time: 7 p.m. Admission: Free with \$5 parking.

■ 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.

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 Semple Band tonight, Aug. 15. Also enjoy food vendors and plenty of fun surprises. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Arbor Evenings

Wednesdays through Aug. 21
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org

Enjoy 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 final concert Aug. 21 features Kaleidoscope Eyes. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$5 for ages 2-12.

■ Cantigny Summer Concerts

Sundays through Sept. 1
Cantigny Park Parade Field
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

The outdoor concert series continues Aug. 18 with Gizzae. 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.

■ Farmers Market

Mondays through Oct. 14
Chicago Avenue near
Burlington Park
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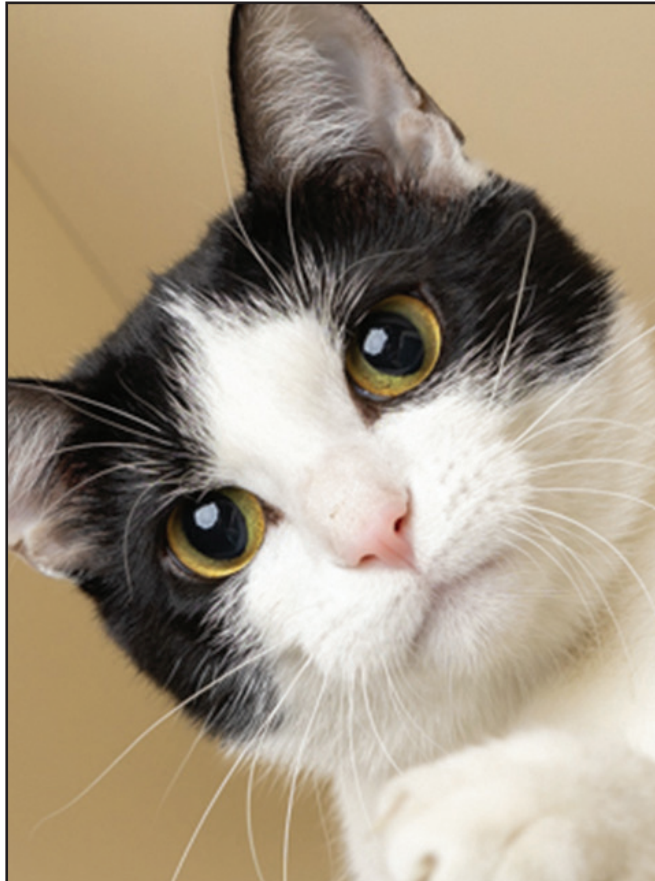
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Pet pic of the week

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WEE ONES

■ Nature's Art Box

Aug. 18
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Kids ages 3-6 with an adult can enjoy a nature-based art activity. Time: 10:30 a.m.

■ Pee Wee Tennis Lessons

Wednesdays or Saturdays,
Sept. 4-Oct. 12
Robbins Park
Eighth and South Clay streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Children ages 4-5 will learn proper grip, basic strokes, and other beginning tennis fundamentals through lots of fun drills and tennis-like games. Equipment will be provided. Participants must bring a water

bottle, tennis shoes and their own racket. Times: 4 to 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$86. RR

WINE & DINE

■ Wine and Art Walk

Aug. 17 & 18
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 968-0074

Sip wine, enjoy live music and shop for nature-themed art while strolling around the arboretum's Meadow Lake. Wine and other beverages will be available for purchase. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for children ages 2-17, free for age 1 and under.

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MIND GAMES

- ACROSS**
- 1 PERSIAN LEADER
 - 5 KIPLING HERO
 - 8 DULL SOUND OF IMPACT
 - 12 EARRING SITE
 - 13 ENZYME SUFFIX
 - 14 BAGEL FEATURE
 - 15 RIVER TO THE BALTIC
 - 16 BOOM TIMES
 - 17 DIRECTOR PREMINGER
 - 18 SPANISH EXPLORER
 - 20 SOME BABIES
 - 22 CONTEMPLATE ANEW
 - 26 VATICAN VIPS
 - 29 TELEWISE
 - 30 ITALIAN ARTICLE
 - 31 JAZZY FITZGERALD
 - 32 AUTOMATON, FOR SHORT
 - 33 FARMLAND UNIT
 - 34 OKLAHOMA CITY
 - 35 WEIR
 - 36 GROVE UNITS
 - 37 CONTEMPLATE ANEW
 - 40 EYEBROW SHAPE
 - 41 EXCUSES
 - 45 POCKET BREAD
 - 47 PASSING CRAZE
 - 49 ALOE --
 - 50 SCOTT TUROW BOOK
 - 51 GERMAN CONJUNCTION
 - 52 BLACK, IN VERSE
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 - 2 "TODAY" COHOST
 - 3 FIRST VICTIM
 - 4 CHAMOMILE
 - 5 PRODUCT
 - 6 ISLAND OF HAWAII
 - 7 MSN, FOR ONE
 - 8 CAMPER'S
 - 9 DINNERWARE
 - 10 DARING SWIMWEAR
 - 11 TABASCO, FOR ONE
 - 12 LAST (ABBR.)
 - 13 "GLORIA IN
 - 14 EXCELSIS --"
 - 15 SURPRISED CRIES
 - 16 ROWING NEED
 - 17 MODEL CAMPBELL
 - 18 CONCERNING
 - 19 BURNSIAN
 - 20 TURNDOWNS
 - 21 BARTLETT, FOR ONE
 - 22 SHOPPE DESCRIPTOR
 - 23 MOLLIFIES
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 - 25 SHOWED UP
 - 26 POL. PARTY ORG.
 - 27 BUSINESS CARD NO.
 - 28 FACE-TO-FACE
 - 29 EXAMS
 - 30 -- WARBUCKS
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 - 32 PRESS
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 - 36 SANTA -- WINDS

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Employ; 2. Brace;
3. Spark; 4. Chirp

Today's Word
BLACK

SCRAMBLERS

Use the letters in the boxes to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxes to form a fifth word which completes the page.



"His eyes? Well, they were when he left the house."

- Employ
MYLOPE
- Clamp
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- Flash
PARKS
- Arrow
PIRCH

TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

August 2024 Horoscopes • Week 3



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if someone in your social circle is in need of a new perspective, you may have to speak up and help get them on a better path. Take this responsibility seriously.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You are the master of leaping before looking. Aries, and this week is no different. You are not satisfied with hanging back and assessing the situation before acting. You're right in the mix.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Use the past as motivation to make some serious changes in your life, Cancer. This is the week to begin plotting a few ideas that can have a large impact.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if no one is asking for advice right now, it's best to leave your life coach tendencies on the side. If and when someone needs your help, you can believe they'll come calling.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

You have come a long way in a short time, Aquariuses. Keep up the hard work and you will continue to see results you can be proud of.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, do not pretend to be a neutral party when two people come up to you seeking advice. You are too loyal to avoid taking sides, but it could affect the relationship with the other person.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, there may be some room in the budget for a few splurges this week. As long as you do not go too overboard, you can snag that item that you have had your eyes on for some time.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you have big news and you're ready to tell the world. Hold it in a little longer so that your audience will be chomping at the bit to hear what you have to say.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you will have to try to tune out the static all around you this week and concentrate on the things you need to accomplish. There is no wiggle room for distractions right now.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, it may be time to step in and help a loved one refocus their energies. Rather than let them dwell on a difficult situation, work to offer them a new perspective.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Don't be so sure that you've examined every detail and checked them multiple times, Virgo. Your plan has to be fool-proof for it to work. Run it by another set of eyes.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, it can be challenging for you to avoid the soap opera that is seemingly unfolding around you right now. Do your best to stay out of the fray for the time being.

SPORTS



The Hinsdale Little League 12U district team is geared up for the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. The boys, most of whom have played together for years, begin their road to the title at 2 p.m. tomorrow. (photo courtesy of Little League Baseball and Softball)

Little Leaguers reach field of dreams

Hinsdale's 12U squad readies for world series after stunning run to elite tourney

By Ken Knutson

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Summer may be winding down, but Hinsdale Little League has never been hotter. Or “gooder,” according to the team’s abiding mantra.

“Before we take the field, we say, ‘This team’s good, but we’re gooder!’” player Dillon Phelan revealed.

On Aug. 7, the town’s 12U district team captured the Great Lakes Region title in thrilling fashion to advance to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., for the first time in program history.

Speaking Monday via Zoom from their dormitory in the Little League International Complex, the boys seemed to be settling in well.

“We have a perfect view of the field,” said team member Alex Vivanco of their accommodations. “We share a bathroom with Australia, and below us is Canada.”

They’d even leaned into the cross-cultural exposure by accepting the Aussies’ invitation to try Vegemite.

“It tastes like salty bacon,” Vivanco said.

The whirlwind run that began at Peirce Park July 5 has featured a steady diet of winning — 13-0, to be precise — to earn a berth in the venerated tournament bring-

ing together the top 10 U.S. teams and top 10 international squads. Undefeated runs through both the district and state tournaments conferred on Hinsdale the mantle of Illinois representative at the Great Lakes Region tournament in Whitestown, Ind.

In the Aug. 3 opener against host Indiana, Hinsdale showcased strong pitching and defense in 3-0 victory. The team’s next contest against Kentucky also proved to be a low-scoring affair. Scoreless for Hinsdale, in fact, as the boys found themselves down 2-0 going into the bottom of the sixth. With one out, Fred Sackley doubled to score Colin Boots. The next batter, Kellan Goodwin, hit a sharp grounder to the shortstop, who’s throw home to get Sackley got away from the catcher. It was 2-2 and the teams would play an extra inning.

Team members admitted discouragement was creeping in when they were down but Boots said everyone tried to stay positive.

“We couldn’t just sit in the dug-out being down. We had to be up and support our teammates,” Boots said.

Once the momentum had shifted Hinsdale’s way, the confidence that had powered the team all summer seemed to take over. With Kentucky unable to score in the

top half, Shane Behar hit a double to lead off the seventh. The next batter was Emiliano Nepomuceno, who smashed a double off the right fielder wall. Game over.

“We were trying to keep the energy up,” said Nepomuceno, who was praised by the ESPN commentator for both his fielding prowess and walk-off hit heroics.

The region’s title game was a rematch with Indiana in which another bit of comeback magic would need to be summoned. A Phelan two-run home run in the third inning gave Hinsdale a seemingly comfortable 6-2 lead. But Indiana battled back to take a 7-6 lead in the top of the sixth. Down to its last strike, the team was on the verge of defeat until Michael Kipnis ripped a base hit into center field to drive Goodwin from second and knot the game at 7.

“Michael Kipnis with the biggest base hit of his life!” exclaimed the commentator.

Into extras, again, and the score stayed tied until the bottom of the eighth, when Vivanco drove in his teammate from second (placed there under California rules format). World series ticket punched!

“They’re drama queens,” quipped coach Luke Goodwin, noting the celebration that erupted from the team’s supporters. “A lot

of people made the trip down, so that was really appreciated and very helpful to have so many people there cheering us on. Because we were playing Indiana, so they had a lot of people there, too.”

From there the group headed straight to Williamsport, where they received their media day onslaught of photos and interviews. Oh, and plenty of swag, too.

“New gloves, new bats, new cleats, new bags” Vivanco said.

“We’re not sure how we’re going to get it home,” Luke Goodwin said.

The team practices once or twice a day but is not overdoing it, Goodwin noted. The complex has a game room and pickleball courts where kids from different teams can mingle, and they all eat in the same mess hall.

“It’s been an awesome experience, meeting new teams,” Vivanco said. “Even if they don’t know our language, we’re making new friends everyday.” And memories, too, that will last a lifetime.

The team will play at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 16, against the winner of yesterday’s game between Hawaii and New Hampshire, which was played after press time. All games are being broadcast on ESPN.

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