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Taking it to the street

Members of St. Isaac Jogues and Notre Dame parishes participated in the annual Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession June 3. Following Mass at St. Isaac's, more than 1,500 people joined in the procession to Notre Dame in Clarendon Hills. Along the way, Mass was celebrated in two locations in Hinsdale. The participants march up Stough Street about to cross the tracks at the West Hinsdale station. Please turn to Page 29 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

Work for full-day kindergarten has begun

By Pamela Lannom
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Construction projects have started at six elementary schools to enable Community Consolidated School District 181 to offer full-day kindergarten beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

"We are making great progress so far in the short amount of time that we've been working," Mike Duggan, facilities director, reported at Monday's school board meeting.

At Oak School, demolition is taking place in the area of the school being remodeled, according to Duggan's memo to board members. The office and classroom being renovated must be ready before school begins in August. ComEd is expected to relocate electric service at Oak on June 27, Duggan said.

After Safety Village ends this week, construction of the four new classrooms will begin.

Boring for the relocated electric service is complete at Monroe School, where a one-story kindergarten classroom is being added adjacent to an existing kindergarten room.

Excavation and underground plumbing work has begun for the foundation for the three-story, two classroom addition at Madison School. The foundation should be poured by July 1.

Duggan said soil tests have been good at all sites, including Madison.

"There is a history of bad soil there," he said.

Excavation began at The Lane School June 7, and the foundation is scheduled to be poured by July 1. Two classrooms are being added at

the school.

Crews also have started excavation work at Elm School. Underground plumbing, footings and the foundation for the one-classroom addition are scheduled to be completed by the end of this week.

At Walker School, the remodeling and extension of two classrooms on the first floor must be completed before the start of school in August. Three classrooms also are being added on the second floor.

No work is necessary at Prospect School to accommodate full-day kindergarten.

Duggan said district officials have been working to let residents know about the projects.

"All school properties have yard signs with QR codes that link people to our website for more information," he said.

Information on all the projects and construction timelines are available by clicking on "Full-day kindergarten" link under "District news" on the district's website, www.d181.org.

Fliers also have been included with principals' newsletters and posted at libraries, village halls and police stations in the district.

"We've only received one phone call to date," Duggan said. "They just wanted to know what was going on."

Construction at all schools is estimated to cost \$15.5 million, with another \$5.7 million in expenses projected for furniture, fixtures, equipment, fees and contingencies. The district is borrowing the money to fund construction and will repay it from the district's operating funds.

Books and beer



As part of the Hinsdale Public Library's HPL After Dark series, Imperial Oak Brewing presented a craft beer tasting event recently. Christopher DiBraccio presented information about brewing as well as some background on Imperial Oaks, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary in Willow Springs and Brookfield. Executive Director Karen Keefe was one of the designated pourers of the four beers sampled. On July 28, HPL After Dark will host a blues summer family concert on the lawn from 6 to 8 p.m. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Proprietors from the past— Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. Jordell’s was located at 21 E. First St. at the time. Currently Blue Mercury calls that location its 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!
Raquel Lieberenz
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Covenant VBS merges fun with prayer

Covsports helps kids learn more about God while participating in activities they enjoy

By Sandy Illian Bosch
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At Hinsdale Covenant Church's annual vacation Bible school, fun shares a pew with prayer and scripture.

Covsports offered kids in first through sixth grades the chance to play a favorite sport, learn a new one, expand their dance and cheerleading moves or tap into their artistic creativity, all while learning about the role God plays in all of it.

Before embarking on their chosen activity last week, campers began each day of the four-day camp in the church's sanctuary. Led by Pastor Lars Stromberg, campers and their counselors gathered to share a daily devotional, sing songs and learn about the role God plays in all aspects of their lives.

On the second day of camp, 9-year-old Demi Sommers said she enjoyed hearing about how God can find lost things, including people who have lost their way. By the second day of camp Demi had also learned a couple of new cheer moves and was improving her jumping skills.

"It's my favorite," she said of cheerleading.

Campers who chose sports camp spent time learning and playing soccer, hockey and basketball. Hinsdale Central High School junior Piper Griffin was one of several teens to lead the campers throughout the week.

"I like all of the positive energy," said Griffin, who was still a camper herself when she decided she wanted to be a counselor one day.

"I wanted to be someone little kids looked up to," she said.

This was Griffin's second year as a counselor, a job she shares with classmates and fellow members of the Covenant youth group. She said part of her job as camp counselor is to encourage campers to participate, not only in the sports, but in worship. At points throughout the day, Griffin and the other counselors work in conversations and small-group discussions about the day's Bible lessons.

This was the first Covsports camp for Collin Kemp, director of youth ministry, who joined the church staff in 2023. Kemp said that while the camp is only four days long, fees paid by campers help to keep the church's young people engaged throughout the year.

"It's a good way to fund our youth ministry fund for the year," he said.

It also can introduce elementary students to the opportunities that await them as teenagers.

Trisha Bragg has attended several camps since joining the church in 2021 and stepping into her role as director of children's ministry earlier this year. Bragg said Covsports is a homegrown program that is enjoyed by her own chil-

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

dren and unique to Hinsdale Covenant.

Of the 50 children who participated in Covsports this year, more than half chose to pursue sports, while more than a dozen spent the week practicing dance and cheer. Seven campers spent the week stretching their creative muscles in art camp. From paper-mâché masks to bracelets, all of the projects were designed by Addie Hsieh and her fellow art camp counselors.

"It's nice getting to know all of these kids," said Hsieh, a junior at Hinsdale Central and church member.

While enjoying a mid-morning snack, the young artists participated in a small-group discussion that included the chance to make prayer requests and to pray for one another.

Each day at camp ended as it began, with a gathering in the sanctuary and a chance to reflect on the day's lessons and the fun that was had.

Griffin said that while she has heard all the Bible lessons before, Covsports still works to make her a better Christian.

"Kids bring me closer to God," she said.



Evelyn Lawrence works with Maeve Hanson on paper-mâché masks during Covsports vacation Bible school last week at Hinsdale Covenant Church. Camp counselor Piper Griffin coaches one of the basketball games. Campers could choose sports, cheerleading and dance or arts for their recreational activity. Wesley Nolan and Vivienne El-Ali offer a quick prayer before snack time.



NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, June 20
 District Administrative Center
 5500 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

On the agenda: self-evaluation meeting in closed session

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, June 27
 Hinsdale South High School
 7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Thursday, June 20
 Hinsdale Public Library
 20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

On the agenda: audit review, space plan Phase 1 update, identity protection policy

MEETING ROUNDUP

Community Consolidated District 181 Board

Among other business at their meeting Monday, board members:

- held a public hearing on and approved the fiscal year 2024-25 budget, which shows revenues of \$86.7 million and expenses of \$77.8 million in the operating funds and revenues of \$90.5 million and expenses of \$105 million for all funds, which includes construction projects for a new district office and full-day kindergarten at six schools. No one spoke at the hearing or has commented on the tentative budget since it went on display May 14.

- learned that the design development phase has begun for the new district office on Ogden Avenue, which will be followed by the creation of construction documents. The plan is to go out to bid the first week in September and start construction in October, facilities director Mike Duggan reported.

"We should be on track to take occupancy in May or June 2025," he said.

The district's current lease for its offices in Clarendon Hills ends June 30, 2025.

- heard an update on spring MAP test scores from Kristin Reingruber, director of assessment, instruction and evaluation. Students continue to perform well, with 34 percent in the 90-99th percentile in reading and almost 60 percent in the top decile in math.

- accepted a gift of \$10,000 for flexible seating and staff shirts from the Clarendon Hills Middle School PTO. The projected budgets for all eight PTOS, which the district ultimately will receive, total more than \$1.1 million, with significant funds at Oak and Prospect slated for playground enhancements.



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D86 board eyes proposed FY25 budget

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members are poised to approve a tentative budget of \$136.8 million for fiscal year 2025.

At the June 13 committee of the whole meeting, Josh Stephenson, the district's chief financial officer, told the four board members in attendance the proposed spending plan is a balanced one with revenues projected to virtually match expenditures. Expenditures would be 3.8 percent more than the \$131.8 million outlay for fiscal year 2024. The revenues forecast represent a 2.4 percent increase year over year.

Salaries and benefits comprise the largest portion of spending at \$69.8 million and \$25.9 million, respectively (see chart). Those amounts are governed by contractual obligations, although Stevenson said the district's health insurance costs have trended favorably despite inflationary pressures.

"Our claims have been very good and that's really contained a lot of the increases that I know other districts have experienced," Stephenson said.

He said transportation and utility expenses, however, have been on the rise. The district saw a 4.45 percent increase in its transportation contract for the coming year, going from \$5.8 million in 2024 to nearly \$6.1 million. Utility costs are projected to jump from \$820,000 to \$916,000, a difference of 11.7 percent.

"The big items driving the non-personnel side are the transportation and some of the utility costs that are kind of moving at a faster pace than our revenue growth," Stephenson said, noting state funding in particular has not kept up.

The district expects to spend \$3.8 million on summer construction, down from just over \$4 million this past year, and \$792,733 in capital outlay related to the 2019 referendum, for items such as new furniture, a drop from \$1.1 million. But a scheduled replacement of computers and related equipment means an increase in information technology costs to \$798,259 from \$707,130.

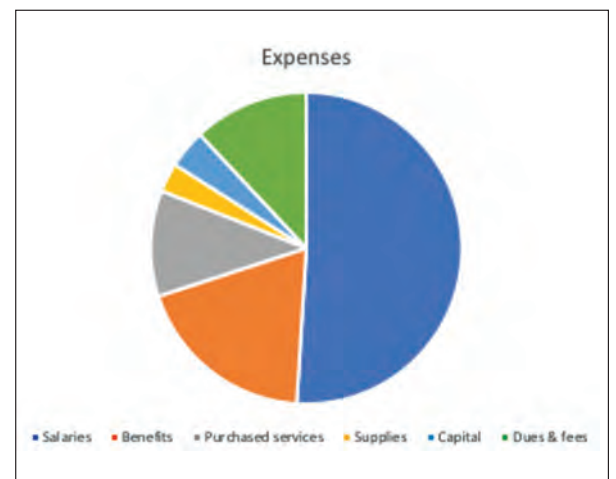
On the revenue side, Stephenson explained how property taxes and the consumer price index are driving factors.

"The district is predominantly funded by local revenue sources, a majority of that being funded through property taxes increases year over year from the CPI increase and new construction," he said,

Some federal grants aren't included in the tentative budget but will be in the final budget once those amounts become clearer later this summer. And Stevenson said the predicted fall in interest rates would impact the return on district investments.

"We're budgeting for the year not anticipating having interest earnings at current interest rates. We're expecting somewhat of a decline over the next 12-month period," he said

Board member Jeff Waters inquired about the projected 25 percent drop in replacement tax reve-



nue from \$2.7 million last year to \$2 million in 2024. Stephenson acknowledged difficulty in pinpointing the amount, which is paid by the state to replace money local taxing bodies lose because they can't impose personal property taxes on corporations.

"Our understanding is this is on a downward trajectory. We just don't know exactly what that will be, and so we are looking for some guidance," he said.

A public hearing on the tentative budget will be held at the June 27 business meeting, after which the board is expected to vote on its approval. The final budget is scheduled for adoption at the board's Sept. 26 meeting.

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Warrant arrest

Anthony T. Bailey, 25, 1S118 Holyoke Lane, Villa Park, was arrested at 11:01 a.m. June 16 on an active warrant out of Will County after the vehicle he was a passenger in was stopped for a registration inquiry at 55th and Monroe streets. He was taken to Will County Jail.

Vehicle stolen

A suspect was observed on surveillance video stealing a 2022 Cadillac Escalade at 2:04 a.m. June 13 from the lot at Land Rover, 336 E. Ogden Ave.

Vacant property vandalized

Light poles and a window were damaged at the former Institute in Basic Life Principles site, 943 N. Adams Road, between June 7 at 17.

Shoplifting incident

A suspect was observed on surveillance video stealing three bottles of alcohol and an inflatable pool at 2:41 p.m. June 14 from Walgreens, 15 Grant Square.

Hinsdalean soliciting columnist applications

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

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

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

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

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■ “I like the idea that this stuff isn’t thrown into a garbage dump.”
– Dave Stevens

Moving parts get new life as stationary objects

Dave Stevens isn’t one to collect cars. He and his wife share a Ford F-150 as their sole means of motorized transportation. Yet his basement is filled with pistons, cylinders and other parts from all sorts of vehicles.

His collection of components are the fuel for a hobby that Stevens started decades ago, turning used car parts into one-of-a-kind lamps.

Stevens said his hobby started with a broken washing machine. Back in the 1990s, he and his wife set out to shop for a new appliance, but spotted three early-model Porsches at a used car dealership across the street from the store.

“Instead of buying a washer, we bought a Porsche that day,” Stevens said.

The car served the couple, and their entire family, for some time before it started to smoke.

“I wasn’t experienced with Porsche engines,” Stevens said. But that didn’t stop him from popping the hood and rebuilding the motor. Having replaced the car’s cylinders, he thought they could be put to a better use than sitting in a landfill.

“I thought, that might

make a neat lamp,” he said.

“Ever since then, I’ve been kind of obsessed with parts and where they come from,” said Stevens, who has created hundreds of lamps from automobile, motorcycle and even airplane parts through his company, Flying Circle H Metal.

Stevens prefers cylinders for the lamp base because of their weight and stability, and pistons tend to make the best shades. He’s also made use of hubcaps, but not just any will do. The parts that go into his lamps have to be special, he said, even if that’s only to the person who owned the car from which they were removed.

“If somebody wants one, I’ll find a way to make it work,” said Stevens, who also has created a lamp from a customer’s prized guitar and a glass table from a car steering wheel.

Through the years he’s learned to polish different metals, making the parts shine like new before introducing them to their next life as a table lamp.

Stevens said his vast and growing inventory of car parts isn’t carefully cataloged. It doesn’t have to be.



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“I can tell by looking at them where they’re from,” he said.

The logo for Flying Circle H is borrowed from the Hinsdale Tool Company of the 1920s, Stevens said. He combined the long defunct company’s H with the Triumph car logo to create his own.

Stevens also enjoys work-

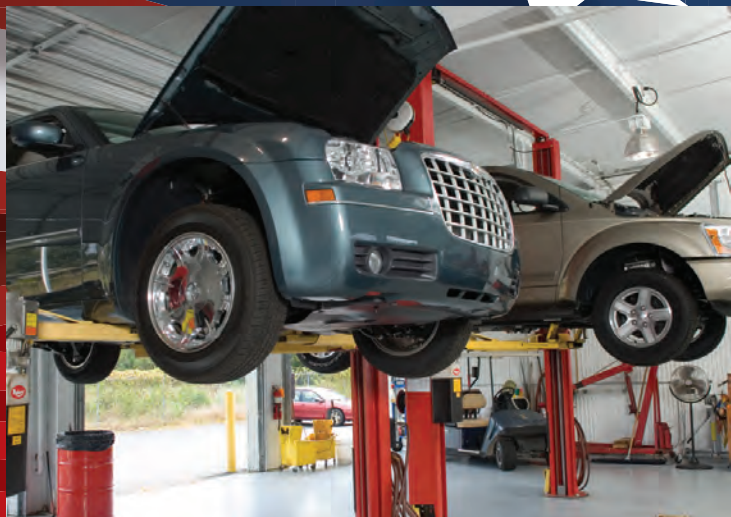
ing on cars and motorcycles. His current projects include a 1999 BMW convertible and a 1968 BSA motorcycle. This, along with his lamp making, give Stevens plenty of ways to use his free time. The problem, he said, is finding enough of it, as he also works part time driving auto parts from a warehouse in Willowbrook to Champaign.

It’s a trip he makes every weekday morning.

Stevens’ lamps typically sell for \$200, but selling isn’t his primary motivation.

“I like the idea that this stuff isn’t thrown into a garbage dump,” he said.

— story by Sandy Illian
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EDITORIAL

Reading adds enjoyment — and prizes! — to summer

Are you a fan of John Grisham? The late Michael Crichton? Danielle Steel? All three have new books out this summer (Grisham's "Camino Ghosts" and Crichton's "Eruption" are available now, with Steel's "Resurrection" due June 25.)

Perhaps you have yet to read Hinsdale author Cristina Henriquez's latest novel, "The Great Divide."

Or maybe you're a middle schooler working your way through the "Percy Jackson" series or a preschooler sounding out words in your first "I Can Read!" book.

Regardless of your age or preference, reading enthusiasts are invited to join the Hinsdale Public Library's summer reading program to make discovering new titles even more fun this summer. The program began June 1 and continues through July 30, so there is still plenty of time to sign up.

Kids can pick up a log at the Youth Services

Desk and update it every time they read for a chance to spin the prize wheel at the library. The library will gift a book to those who finish the program (while supplies last).

The library's storytime sessions can serve as great inspiration for young readers. The next one at Burns Field is set for 10 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, with Laura Smetana reading her new book, "My Love for You is Like a Garden." A craft and cookie will be part of the fun. If it's raining, head to the library instead.

Teens also can stop by the Youth Services Desk to grab a log to keep track of how many books they read and collect prizes along the way.

Adults can fill out a ticket when they read or listen to a book or watch or attend any adult program this summer. Each ticket returned to the library is good for a chance to win a Starved Rock Lodge gift card.

The library will wrap up its summer reading program with a special HPL After Dark family blues concert on the lawn from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 28, featuring the Bear Williams Trio.

For adults, reading can be a wonderful escape to exotic places during those weeks of summer spent at home. It also can be a wonderful way to while away a morning on the front porch of a lake house or an afternoon at the beach.

For kids and teens, reading can help improve attention spans, stimulate brain development and prevent the loss of academic gains made during the school year. Reading also can help children learn empathy and provide comfort to younger ones, especially when someone is reading to them.

And with the Hinsdale Public Library right in the center of town, finding your next great summer read is just a walk or bike ride away.

COMMENTARY

Church closes, but God's work will still be done

Church has been a part of my life since before I can remember.

And since I haven't had to move from town to town over the years, I've been able to attend only four churches since I was a kid.

The one I spent the most time at, and the one where I experienced the most spiritual growth, is the First United Methodist Church of Western Springs. I attended my last service there last month. Actually it was the final service for the church at 4300 Howard Ave., which started in 1888 in a parishioner's home.

I became a member of the church — which my husband started attending while still in his mother's womb — sometime after we moved out of the city and bought a house in the suburbs. I served the church as a Sunday school teacher, education committee member, church council chair and lay leader.

I attended countless services there, on Christmas Eves and Easters and regular Sundays. On

May 19, I attended the church's decommissioning and deconsecration service.

The congregation had been dwindling in size for years, for a variety of reasons. We remained members as long as we could, but eventually we needed to find more opportunities for Ainsley to get involved. We started splitting our time between Western Springs and our current church when Ainsley was in first grade so she could take advantage of its great youth program and children's choir.

We continued going to church in Western Springs every other week until about four years ago, when the pastor we knew well left. The time seemed right for a clean break.

But it's hard to have a clean break with a church (and its members) when it has been such a part of your



Pamela Lannom

history, when it has been the place where you've marked so many milestones.

My dad's memorial service was at the church, as was my mom's second wedding. (My wedding would have been there, too, if the sanctuary had air conditioning.) Ainsley was baptized there. The memorial services for both of my in-laws took

place there. (My mom's would have, too, had it not been for COVID.) Not long ago we attended a memorial service there for the final surviving member of a group of my in-laws' friends who had gathered together every Friday for drinks and dinner for decades.

The irony of the decommissioning service being held on Pentecost did not escape me or others in attendance. Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit descended on the

Apostles and is considered the beginning of the Christian church. But the message at the deconsecration service was, in a way, also about beginnings.

The building in which I spent so many Sundays is, after all, only a building. And members of the Western Springs congregation will continue to do God's work. Many have joined the Hinsdale United Methodist Church, with whom the church has merged. Others, like me, have found different church homes. God's work will continue to be done, even if we can't quite understand his plan. Lyrics from one of my favorites, "Hymn of Promise," come to mind.

"From the past will come the future/What it holds, a mystery/Unrevealed until its season/Something God alone can see."

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*.

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Cicadas are gross, not 'fascinating'

The cicadapocalypse is in full flight. I had hoped that, by some strange fluke of nature, our town would be spared the entomological onslaught. Sadly, I was wrong. All around us now are hundreds of thousands of these bugs.



Hesham Hassaballa

I have ever seen. Most of the time, they just sit and do nothing.

All of this notwithstanding, I still cannot help but be completely revolted by them. And I do have to admit I am the one who is allowing them to ruin my day.

I have heard and read many people describe this event as "wondrous," or "fascinating" or even "magical." Of all the words of which I could think, these three are among the very last. Quite simply, they are revoltingly disgusting.

They are big. They have frighteningly big red eyes. And they fly. In fact, the other day, one flew straight into my face, and a neighbor actually stopped to make sure I was alright after witnessing my total freak out. On top of all this, they make this indescribable sound, the loudest cacophony I have ever heard.

And their timing is so inopportune. The weather is finally warm. Swimming pools have opened. Graduation and other summer parties abound. And these bugs are everywhere, ruining the mood and putting a kibosh on the fun.

This year is unique in that there are two broods that have come out at the same time, which has not happened since 1803 (before Hinsdale was even founded). Thankfully, the overlap of those two broods is not here, but in central Illinois.

Now, to be fair, it is true that cicadas are totally harmless. They do not bite or sting. In fact, they are among the wimpiest bugs

And that makes me reflect: these insects and their 13- to 17-year lifecycle have been coming and going for millennia, with little regard to human civilization. It is we humans who have invaded their space, not the other way around.

Though we tend to think otherwise, we are a very small part of the universe, and the universe continues to proceed without any regard to how we feel about it. That should teach us some humility.

I am told that the numbers of cicadas should have peaked, and they are starting to trail off right about now. Hopefully, by the time of the Fourth of July parade, most of the cicadas will be gone. That brings me no small amount of relief.

At the same time, Cicadapocalypse 2024 reminds me just how small we humans are in the big scheme of things, and perhaps, just perhaps, I should learn to enjoy the vicissitudes and wonders of the natural world around me.

But maybe not with these cicadas. They are just so gross.

— Guest columnist Hesham Hassaballa of Hinsdale is a former contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cauley's involvement in civil lawsuit was inappropriate

We are nearing the one-year anniversary of Sean Richards tragic death. Sean was killed on July 17, 2023, while walking on a Hinsdale sidewalk. I would like to thank the Hinsdale Village Board for improving public safety by proactively installing jersey barriers around Fuller's Car Wash. As a resident of Hinsdale, however, I am concerned by some comments made by Village President Tom Cauley that were reported in Ken Knutson's June 13 Hinsdalean article. At the June 11 board meeting, Mr. Cauley inserted himself into the middle of a civil lawsuit by advocating

on the behalf of Fuller's while portraying Brian Richards as the obstructionist with such comments as, "It seems to me it's entirely within your power to close down the car wash," and "You could settle it tomorrow."

Mr. Cauley is an experienced lawyer and knows that parties to civil suits are represented by legal counsel. Attempting to negotiate a civil suit at a village board meeting is not only inappropriate, it is not in the best interest of the Hinsdale residents that Mr. Cauley and the village board represent. — **Bill Johnson, Hinsdale**

Protesters bring unexpected soundtrack to Fine Arts Fest

Pamela Lannom's article with regard to the Hinsdale Fine Arts Festival which took place on June 1 and 2 was engaging and informative, with many good quotes from the artists themselves. Unfortunately, after reading it, one would have no idea that an extremely loud anti-Israeli protest disrupted the normal peace and tranquility of the event for almost two hours of the six that the show was open on Sunday.

While Ms. Lannom mentioned the cicadas buzzing and the rain on Saturday, saying neither deterred art show attendees, she left out the protesters staged on the Village Hall lawn in front of Burlington Park who were using bull horns to scream their message in angry voices which drown out conversations between the artists and their potential customers. The artists along Chicago Avenue were a captive audience

who could not escape the deafening sound.

I personally spoke with several of the artists as they were packing up on Sunday after the show. Every one of them told me the protests adversely affected their sales and rattled them emotionally. They were not to blame for the protesters' grievances, yet they are the ones who were made to pay the price (literally) in their loss of sales. Hopefully the Village of Hinsdale can come up with a contingency plan next year (perhaps relocating any protesters?) so that we who love the art fair and the artists who make it happen can enjoy this special event in peace once again. — **Laura Nelson, La Grange**

Editor's note: Photos and an article on the protest ran on Page 3 the day Lannom's article ran.



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OBITUARIES

Jean Ann Metcalf

Jean Ann Metcalf, nee Humes, 81, passed away peacefully in Stuart, Fla., on May 27, 2024.

She was born in 1943, to Elmer and Ellen Humes in Rochester, New York.

Jean's life was marked by love, adventure, reading and travel. She met and married the love of her life, Bruce Metcalf, while attending Northwestern University in Evanston. Their union blossomed into a lifelong partnership brimming with family and exciting memories. Jean's passion for exploring the world remained undiminished, even in the face of dementia during her final months. Her legacy of love, compassion and dedication will endure through the cherished memories of her family and friends.

Jean was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Ellen Peracca. She is survived by her husband, Bruce Metcalf; her brother, Elmer (Susan); her children, Bruce Jr. (Nejla), Eric (Krissey) and Christopher (Melissa); and her six grandchildren, Bruce III, Madeja (Michael DaMario), Charlie, Christopher (Priscila), Jack and Chase; and her three



Metcalf

great-grandchildren, Francesca, Frederic and Rosemary DaMario.

Jean's zest for life extended beyond her travels. She found joy in golfing, playing bridge, yoga and bird watching. Together with Bruce, she explored every continent and visited more than 50 countries. Among their favorite destinations were Greenland, Alaska and the Arctic. Many cherished vacations were spent with family and friends at their home in Runaway Bay, Jamaica.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Legacy Golf and Tennis Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

A second celebration of life will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 20 at Topaz Cafe, 780 Village Center Drive, Burr Ridge. Family and friends are welcome for light bites and drinks to celebrate her life well-lived.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made online to Shriners Children's Hospital at www.shrinerschildrens.org or Treasure Coast Hospice at www.treasurehealth.org.

Doris Maurine Snedeker

Doris Maurine Snedeker, 100, of LaGrange Park, a former longtime resident of Hinsdale Burr Ridge, died May 25, 2024.

Born in 1924 in Fayette, Mo., Maurine grew up in Boonville, Mo. and graduated from high school in 1942 and McMurry College in Jacksonville, Ill., in 1946. During her sophomore year of high school she won the Missouri state oratorical contest sponsored by a U.S. congressman and won a trip for her family to visit Washington, D.C. This led to her interest in writing, and after college graduation she worked in Kansas City at an advertising agency. She met her future husband, Frank Samuel "Sam" Snedeker through a college friend (Sam's sister) while visiting her family in Jerseyville, Ill. Sam visited Maurine in Kansas City multiple times, traveling out of his way from business trips, and they married in December 1947.

Maurine and Sam started a family and moved from Tulsa to Louisville to Cincinnati and then to Hinsdale in 1963, where they built a house on Adams Street. They were active in Union Church and later Christ Church of Oak Brook when it started in the late 1960s. Sam died in 1977, and Maurine dedicated her time to her church and giving back.

In 1989, Maurine moved from their house in Hinsdale to Chasemoor in Burr Ridge where she spent 18 years. In 2007, she moved to Plymouth Place where she had an apartment and subsequently moved into assisted living before her passing.

Maurine loved to travel and play bridge. She volunteered at Christ Church and for Christian Ministries, Love Christian Clearing



Snedeker

House, Ask Ministry and many charities. She served as a deacon and elder at Christ Church and was active in PEO Sisterhood since 1947. Her happiest times were with family. She spoke often of the many, many blessings she had along her way.

Maurine's family enjoyed a celebration of her life together on her 100th birthday in February.

Always poised and elegant, she had a servant's heart and loved to care for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to check in on and visit anyone in need. Maurine was an encourager, always there to lift people up. She had a warm smile and sweet spirit that brightened the day of all that crossed her path. This stayed with her until the end of her life.

She is survived by her three children, Sue Fredrickson, Ruth Snedeker and Bill (Laura) Snedeker; her six grandchildren, Clayton (Amanda) Fredrickson, Sarah (Eric) Falke, Julia (Patrick) Fillnow, Chadwick (Abby) Snedeker, Kathryn (Jon) Worden and Davis Snedeker; and her 12 great-grandchildren, Liam and Logan Fredrickson, Roman and Nixon Falke, Anna, Gabrielle, Samantha and Seth Fillnow, Ford and Maeve Snedeker and Emmylou and Henry Worden.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at Plymouth Place, 315 N. LaGrange Road, LaGrange Park.

A private burial will take place in Jerseyville. Memorials may be made online to Christ Church of Oak Brook at www.christchurch.us or Plymouth Place at www.plymouth-place.org.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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DR. NAN CHEN, RESEARCHER & PHYSICIAN

What are the newest breast cancer treatments?

The area's top oncologists, surgeons and healthcare professionals will provide the latest news in the fight against breast cancer when Wellness House presents Hot Topics in Breast Cancer Saturday, June 22.

Following a half hour of gentle yoga, participants in the daylong event will hear about the latest advances in breast cancer treatment and research from an expert panel from 9 to 11 a.m. Among the panelists is Nan Chen of UChicago Medicine, who will provide updates about medical oncology, including the use of chemotherapy.

"There really have been a lot of exciting things happening in the last couple of years," said Chen, who trained at New York Medical College, Baylor College of Medicine Medical Center and the Texas Children's Hospital.

A board-certified hematologist/oncologist, Chen treats patients with all forms of breast cancer and has expertise in high-risk cases. Her practice combines the use of chemotherapy, targeted therapy and

endocrine therapy with novel therapies found through clinical trials to create individualized treatment plans for every patient.

Having recently attended an annual conference at American Society of Clinical Oncology's annual meeting at McCormick Place, Chen said she is encouraged by new tools in the fight against breast cancer, as well as new ways in which doctors are using existing medicines and treatments.

Enhertu, for example, is a drug generally used to treat cancers involving the human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2), which is present in varying levels in some forms of breast cancer. New studies, Chen said, show promise for patients who have HER2-low or -ultralow cancers.

Antibody drug conjugates and immunotherapy aren't new to the treatment of breast cancer, but they are treatments that are still being studied as doctors and researchers discover their full potential.

"We're still really trying to understand both of those categories of drugs," Chen said.

She's also encouraged by advances in the use of tools to monitor and measure the effectiveness of treatments, including what she called a

liquid biopsy. Rather than undergo regular surgical biopsies, more women can now use blood tests to measure the amount of tumor shedding.

In addition to one-on-one treatment of breast cancer, Chen has managed several trials and works closely with researchers at the University of Chicago to develop tools that investigate treatment response or resistance.

Chen said she chose oncology as her specialty because of the impact she can have on women.

"We really have a lot of options in breast cancer," she said, and knowing about those options can be empowering and encouraging.

This is the first time since 2020 that Hot Topics in Breast Cancer has been held in person at Wellness House. The event is free and open to anyone who has breast cancer or is affected by the disease.

Wellness House presents additional Hot Topics events throughout the year, including prostate cancer in September, blood cancers in November and colorectal cancer in March. For registration details, turn to Page 20.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Dr. Nan Chen, hematologist/oncologist at UChicago Medicine, said she looks forward to sharing the latest news in the treatment of breast cancer when she speaks at Hot Topics in Breast Cancer at Wellness House Saturday. (photo provided)

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Mission trip strengthens faith journeys

Grace youth group, adults travel to Tennessee to work on houses in impoverished area

By Pamela Lannom
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Copperhill, Tenn., was the site of one of the largest copper producing mines in the country in the early 1900s. By about 1920, however, the copper had been depleted and the environment had been destroyed.

"When that copper vein was mined out, the area was devastated economically. Copper mining was about all that they had," said Kevin Pritchett, volunteer leader of the senior high youth program at Grace Episcopal Church in Hinsdale.

While conservation efforts have restored the natural beauty of the area, the people who live in this small town on the Georgia border continue to struggle. And so, for the past two years, a group from Grace church has traveled there to help make their lives just a bit easier. Nine students and five adults spent the week of June 9-15 in the small town on a trip organized by a company called Team Effort.

The Grace participants worked with another group from Columbia, S.C., at a site with two modular homes. Volunteers painted both of the homes and built a deck at each.

Adult participant Mike Ascher said he enjoyed making the trip with his 15-year-old son, Hugh, who will be a junior this year at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park.

"It's great to spend time with him and see him grow and mature both in his civic and spiritual development and in leadership," Ascher said. "It's great. We had a wonderful time."

Getting to know the students on the trip and being in fellowship with other adult chaperones was gratifying, Ascher said. He also enjoyed the focus on spirituality and service.

"I didn't go on Twitter all week and it was awesome. It was fantastic," said Ascher, who has been attending Grace since his parents moved to Hinsdale in 1970 when he was a baby. "Being in service is a truly valuable experience whether you are 15 or 54."

Student leader Nathan Fisher,

a rising senior at Lyons Township High School, said he was motivated to go on his first mission trip last year after hearing his older brother talk his experiences on trips he took with Grace's youth group.

"The stories I heard were fantastic," the 17-year-old lifelong member of Grace church said. "I jumped on it immediately because that is the kind of stuff that was something new to me and interesting and it ended up being one of the best weeks of my life."

Fisher said just raising the money required to participate — which totaled \$12,000 for nine students — was an accomplishment. He also enjoyed showing the ropes to first-time participants in his role as a student leader.

"A lot of kids do not know what to do," Fisher said. "Stepping up and showing kids, 'Hey, this is how you hold a hammer,' 'Here's what we're doing here,' 'Here's how you hold a saw,'" he said. "You pick up very fast because you're doing a lot of stuff."

The group arrived in Tennessee on Sunday and first visited the work site on Monday. The second full day of work was pivotal, Fisher said.

"When we got to the work site Tuesday, we all worked super hard — and this was the whole group. Everybody was just working, working, working. It was a whole group event and we got a lot accomplished on Tuesday," he said. "The day really sparked the rest of the week for us, because that work ethic flowed into Wednesday and Thursday."

Grace participants were able to enjoy white water rafting and horseback riding Friday before heading home, Pritchett said. They also enjoyed several group dinners and outings.

"We found this ice cream place that had like a pint of ice cream for \$4. It was great," Pritchett said. "We had a lot of fun as well as worked on some good projects."

Pritchett said he worked with students before the trip to prepare them for the work they would be doing and the approach they needed to embrace.

"I did a lot of prep with the kids for the trip, letting them know we



The youth group and adult chaperones from Grace Episcopal Church traveled to Tennessee earlier this month help residents who needed work done on their homes. "How important it is for kids who are blessed with a lot to be able to give and serve," youth group leader Kevin Pritchett said. (photos provided)

are not going to drop our goodness on the people. More like we're going to help brothers and sisters who are in need, neighbors who are in need," Pritchett said.

Spending time with people who have so little helped Fisher, of Western Springs, see his own life as a suburban teen through a different lens.

"It really gives me a sense of gratitude, and it's gratitude to my parents, to the church, to Hinsdale, to Western Springs, to La Grange, to my schools," he said.

He and Pritchett both noticed the positive outlook of the residents

they were helping.

"The people in Copperhill, they have found a way. They are happy. They are extraordinary. Everybody there has a great story to tell. It really connects me well with them. I bring that home and I can connect with my community," Fisher said.

Pritchett said some might not expect those living in poverty to have such an attitude.

"We would think these people had nothing," Pritchett said. "They were so contented, so serene. They were grateful for our help. They have a thing to teach us about serenity and how to live."

PULSE



The GooRoos will perform dance and rock music from the 1990s to today in Burlington Park tonight for the season's first Uniquely Thursdays concert after last week's was canceled due to threats of bad weather. Turn to Page 24 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Drawing Workshop

June 22

The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.

www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

This fun, half-day workshop will focus on fundamental concepts such as measurement and proportion, shading and value in a supportive environment. No experience is necessary, and supplies are included. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$60. RR. MD

■ Forest Photography

June 22

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

9800 Willow Springs Road
Willow Springs

www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Bring a camera to observe nature on a guided photography walk. The program is for ages 13 and up, and all levels are welcome. Time: 2 p.m. RR

■ Needlecraft Night

June 27

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

Learn the first step to knitting if you are new to the craft, or bring a needlecraft project to work on and enjoy some pleasant conversation. Registration is optional. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

AUDITION CALL

■ 'Tarzan'

June 24

The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.

www.stagedoorfinearts.com/tarzan-auditions

Youth entering second grade and up are invited to audition for Stage Door Fine Arts' production of the musical "Tarzan." Auditions will be held as a group, and a dance will be taught. More information on preparing is available on the website listed above. A video audition also can be arranged. If needed, callbacks will be held from

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FAMILY FUN

■ Storytime in the Park

June 26
Burns Field
320 N. Vine St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Local children's author Laura Smetana will read aloud her book "My Love for You is Like a Garden," and families can make a craft and enjoy a cookie treat. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m.

FOR A CAUSE

■ Blood drive

June 26
American Legion Post 1941
900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange
www.redbloodcross.org
(800) 733-2767

Book a time to give now using the contact info above.

Those give blood at this location or any Red Cross drive between now and June 30 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Sunsets in Santorini

July 20
www.hjwc.us
Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club is celebrating its 75th year with an elegant Santorini-inspired 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.

GAME ON

■ Tennis Lessons

Mondays & Wednesdays or
Tuesdays & Thursdays, July

8-25
Burns Field
320 N. Vine St.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7092

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

■ Camping 101: Overnight

June 22-23
Camp Bullfrog Lake
9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 771-1573

Learn camping skills, then spend the night. Call or email experience.camping@cook-countyil.gov to register. Time: 5:30 p.m. June 22 to 5:30 p.m. June 23. Cost: \$50. RR

■ The Unseen Prairie

June 22 or 23
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Join this walk series to take a closer look at Sagawau's tallgrass prairie. The June 22 walk will look at sweep netting. The June 23 walk will explore pollinators. Time: 10 a.m. Call the number above to register. RR

■ Ophidiophobia

June 29
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Overcome a fear of snakes by gaining a healthy understanding of these misunderstood reptiles. Time: 2 p.m. RR

■ Intro to Mountain Biking

June 30
Wolf Road Woods
Wolf Road south of 95th Street near Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(312) 533-5751

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June 25
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4100 Route 53, Lisle
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Discover how to take the garden up a notch by including key features like fragrant plants, fire, water and lighting that can create exquisite settings. Author and horticulturist Nina Koziol will explore plant and hardscape elements that enhance a landscape for nighttime enjoyment. Then enjoy a guided walk through The Celebration Garden to experience it at dusk. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$39. RR, MD

■ Community Garden Plot Program

Through Oct. 31
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Hot Topics in Breast Cancer

June 22
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road
www.wellnesshouse.org/hot-topics-in-breast-cancer
(630) 323-5150

Hear from top oncologists, surgeons and healthcare professionals in the Chicago area to learn the latest updates in breast cancer research and treatment. Sessions include Medical Updates in the Treatment of Breast Cancers, Genetic Testing, Reducing Your Risk of Recurrence and Updates in the Treatment of Metastatic Breast Cancers. Time: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Seashell Painting

June 29
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

(630) 986-1976

Kids of all ages are invited to drop in to the library's youth services department to paint a summer seashell. Time: 10 to 11 a.m.

■ Sweet Summertime Scavenger Hunt

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

Drop by the library's Youth Services Department to complete a summer-themed scavenger hunt and earn a sticker.

NOTEWORTHY

■ Flavors of France

June 29
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
www.cantigny.org
Guest conductor Stephen

Squires leads the DuPage Symphony Orchestra in a colorful program celebrating the rich musical legacy of 19th-century France, with works by Berlioz, Bizet, Offenbach, Gounod, Debussy and Saint-Saëns. To celebrate the upcoming July Fourth holiday, the orchestra also will play a selection of works by Anderson, Copland, Williams and Gershwin. Seating is on the lawn; folding

chairs and/or blankets are recommended, and picnics are welcome. Concessions will be available for sale. Time: 7:30 p.m. Admission: Free with \$15 parking.

ON STAGE

■ 'Ain't Misbehavin'

June 26-Aug. 18
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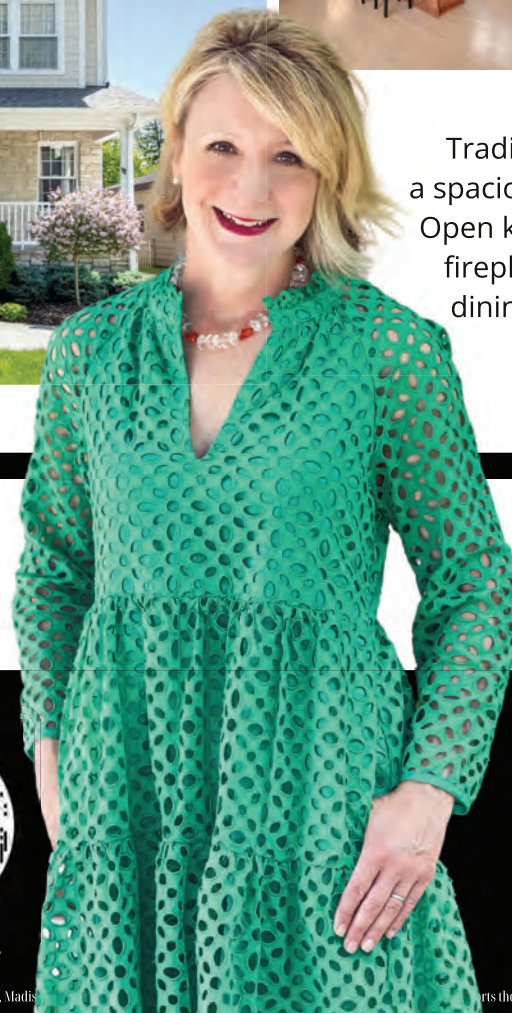
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■ **'The Mystery of Edwin Drood'**

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Military Appreciation BBQ**

June 23
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

Join this barbecue to celebrate veterans, service members and military families. Enjoy food, games, a vendor market and more. All ages are welcome. RSVP using the form on the website above. For more information, email andrea.wendlandt@hinsdale-

humanesociety.org. Hours: noon to 3 p.m.

■ **Olmec Trails Family Fiesta**

June 30
Lakeside Pavilion
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Enjoy music by Mariachi Monumental, dance performances by Ballet Folklorico Quetzalcoatl, visual art and mural painting for children and food and drink vendors at the kick-off of this exhibition. Several of the Olmec reproductions will be on view at the McAninch Arts Center. Hours: 2 to 6 p.m.

■ **Independence Day festivities**

July 4
Downtown Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Celebrate America's independence starting with the annual parade at 10 a.m. The parade will commence at Sixth and Garfield streets,

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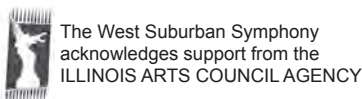
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travel north on Garfield to First Street, west on First to Grant Street and finally south on Grant to Sixth. Then enjoy the vibrant Family Festival at Burlington Park, 30 E. Chicago Ave., featuring an arts and crafts fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., food vendors and kids' activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and live music from The Hat Guys Band.

STEPPING BACK

■ **Mayslake Hall Franciscan Tour**
Saturdays through June 29
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 206-9566

Discover the history of the Franciscans who operated retreats on the property from the late 1920s to the 1990s. The indoor tour will end at the Portiuncula Chapel if weather permits. Ages 18 and up are welcome. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$8. RR

SUMMER SERIES

■ **Uniquely Thursdays**
Thursdays through Aug. 22
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
www.hinsdalechamber.com
The annual concert series sponsored by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce will feature GooRoos on June 20. Also enjoy food vendors and plenty of fun surprises. No event on July 4. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

■ **Arbor Evenings**
Wednesdays through Aug. 21
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
Enjoy this outdoor concert series against the backdrop of spectacular sunsets at the arboretum. Purchase drinks, ice cream, and menu items from food trucks and play lawn games. The series continues June 26 with Anchors Away playing yacht rock favorites. 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, will feature farmers from near and far, with booths of fresh produce and unique finds from their farms and stores. Hours: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TALK IT OUT

■ **Great Decisions**
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to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. This month's topic is Understanding Indonesia. For more information, contact Rick Blackwell at rblackwell@punshui.com. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen Green Thumbs

June 26
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join this hands-on experience combining creativity and nature by learning some seed planting basics and then painting a mini pot to take home. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

■ Teen Game Time

June 28 & July 5
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.

WEE ONES

■ Baby Playdate: Adventure Time!

June 28
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Parent and baby can embark on an adventure by visiting interactive play stations together. Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. RR

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■ 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 con-

junction 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.
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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.

■ Watercolor Camp: Global Expedition

June 24-27
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
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quilt. The camp is for ages 7-14. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Fee: \$235.

■ Archery Camp

June 24-28
KLM Park
5901 S. County Line Road
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Participants age 7-12 will learn the nationally recognized beginners' 9-step to the 10 ring progression and become familiar with archery history, equipment, Olympic archery, folk heroes and more. Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$130.

■ Badminton & Pickleball Camp

June 24-28
Brook Park
Third and Columbia streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 7-12 will learn stroke fundamentals such as serving, receiving, smashing, volleying and dropping in two of the fastest-growing sports. Fun and challenging drills

and recreational matches will help young players develop. Equipment is provided. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$130.

■ All Abilities Animal Friends Camp

June 28
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
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(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 get active, express their creativity and share their emotions. Additional sessions will be offered July 12 and 26 and Aug. 9. Sign up for one or more. Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

■ Beginning Golf Camp

July 1-3
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets

www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Children ages 5-8 will use adapted equipment to learn golf fundamentals such as putting, chipping, pitching and full shots. Hand-eye coordination and proper form will be taught through challenging and exciting drills and practice games. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$59

■ Tennis Camp

July 1-3
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
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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. Another session will be offered July 29-Aug. 2. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 5-7, 10 a.m. to noon for ages 8-12. Cost: \$39/\$78.



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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE NOTICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to consider a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness application to demolish an existing single-family house and to construct a new single-family house located at 133 S. Park Avenue. The subject property is located in the Hinsdale Robbins Park Historic District. The application number is HPC-12-2024. The applicant is Buona Homes LLC.

Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

The common address is 133 S. Park Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521 and legally described as follows:

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PIN: 09-12-208-008

At said public hearing, the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to said applications. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated: June 12, 2024

Emily Tompkins, Village Clerk

Published in The Hinsdalean on June 20, 2024.

I've always felt that having a garden is like having a good and loyal friend. C. Z. Guest

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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE NOTICE OF PLAN COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Plan Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois for the purpose of considering an application from the Village of Hinsdale for Text Amendments to Section 9-107 (Buffers and Landscaping) of the Hinsdale Zoning Code to amend screening and landscaping requirements between residential and non-residential uses, for parking lots and garages, refuse areas, outdoor storage, and mechanical screening.

The request for amendments to screening requirements between residential and non-residential uses was originally reviewed by the Plan Commission at a public hearing on March 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Based on the recommendations of the Plan Commission, revised amendments are being brought forward for consideration, which now includes changes to screening and landscaping for parking lots and garages, refuse areas, outdoor storage, and mechanical screening. The proposed amendment aims to enhance Section 9-107 by introducing comprehensive regulations for landscaping and buffering. These regulations will cover section applicability, prohibited species, minimum planting sizes, and installation and maintenance requirements. Additionally, the amendment outlines the necessary components of a landscape plan, establishing standards for plan submissions. It also addresses landscape and buffer requirements for site designs, including development perimeters, building foundations, and parking facilities. Furthermore, the existing regulations for common site plan elements, such as outdoor service areas and mechanical equipment screening, are proposed to be refined with more detailed requirements.

Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Please email Village Clerk Emily Tompkins at etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org for additional information. This request is known as Case A-3-2024.

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All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given the opportunity to be heard. At said public hearing, the Plan Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to the said application.

In addition, objections and other comments, if any, relating to the proposed Text Amendment may be made in writing and filed with the Village Clerk prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the public hearing. Emailed comments may be sent to Village Clerk Emily Tompkins at etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org. Please use the subject line "Public Comment - Landscape Screening Zoning Code Text Amendment" when sending your email. Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of the Village Clerk at 19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521. The proposed Text Amendment may be added to, revised, altered, or eliminated as a result of the public hearing and prior to final action by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Hinsdale. The public hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice, except as otherwise required under the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Dated: June 17, 2024

Emily Tompkins, Village Clerk

Published in the Hinsdalean on June 20, 2024

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Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

Published in The Hinsdalean June 13, 20 & 27, 2024.

A single rose can be my garden... a single friend, my world. Leo Buscaglia

Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come. Thomas Carlyle

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 - 6 WORKS THE SOIL
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 - 8 (TRAVEL BAGS)
 - 9 FRANK HOLDER
 - 10 STREETCAR
 - 11 ACTRESS HATCHER
 - 12 SCHEME
 - 16 OPPOSITE OF "FER"
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 - 21 TOY CAR BRAND
 - 22 CARTOON FRAME
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 - 43 BALLET ATTIRE
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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solution

1. Style; 2. Slumber;
3. Phase; 4. Waste

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- Doze **RUMBLES**
- Stage **SHAPE**
- Refuse **SWEAT**

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HOROSCOPES

June 2024 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you may not realize it, but right now you are part of something big that involves a number of people working together toward a common goal. You'll just need to figure out your part.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
It will be difficult to ignore an urge to snoop in someone else's business, Aries. If that person wanted to confide in you, he or she would have already, so it's best to stay out of things.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you deserve to enjoy yourself at a function without any guilt. However, a nagging worry about your workplace will not leave your mind. Try to ignore it.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, this could be a rather lucrative week for you if you act quickly. When someone gives you a tip on how to earn a few extra bucks, it is something you have to get done right away.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, it is your turn to prove to others that you have what it takes to take on more responsibility. It may be a while before a few more jobs come your way.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, aspire to grow more comfortable with the important people in your life, as you are going to be seeing them more often. Perhaps start planning outings you all can enjoy.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, rest is just what the doctor would advise for you this week, particularly if you have been under the weather. Curl up on the couch and binge on some television shows.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
This is the perfect week to pamper yourself, Scorpio. Everyone may have a different idea of what that involves, but it could be a picnic for one or an afternoon getting a massage.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Your desire to do something new is becoming an obsession, Pisces. That means it could be prime time to finally take action. Then you'll be able to move on to other thoughts.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, put in as much effort as you can muster this week so that you can stay on top of all of your chores. This will free up time later in the week for some R&R.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Keep your eye on the ball, Virgo; otherwise, you may lose track of things that need to get done. If it helps, use a notetaking app or set reminders so you can check things off the list.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you can take it easy for a few days and slow down in your daily activities. You're quite ahead of the game and can use the down time for something fun.

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SPORTS

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win after another until they found themselves in the title match on June 12. Like a Hollywood screenplay, standing in the way was the team from Sacramento that had humbled them a couple days earlier.

"No one thought we were going to win," team member Kellen Goodwin acknowledged.

Teammate Michael Kipnis said that was just fine.

"We all knew going into the championship we were underdogs and were saying there's no pressure on us. All the pressure's on the other team," he said.

Pressure-free and playing their 11th game in five days, the hardy Hinsdaleans flipped the script and avenged the defeat in a 22-6 rout to capture top honors.

"We came together as a team and we bonded and we went out and had fun. That's why we won," team member Jackson Martin said. "The fields are amazing — it's a huge complex. It's just an overall fun experience."

Head coach Luke Goodwin admitted his surprise at how well disciplined the boys were, particularly

in sticking to a reasonable bedtime.

"Every night at 11 p.m. they were lights out," he remarked. "They were just very mentally tough. We played four games on championship day and they were very focused in, which isn't always the case."

Assistant coach Damon Phelan said the boys' championship performance left an impression even on their foe.

"The (Sacramento) coach came over afterwards and said they'd never been beaten like that, ever," he said.

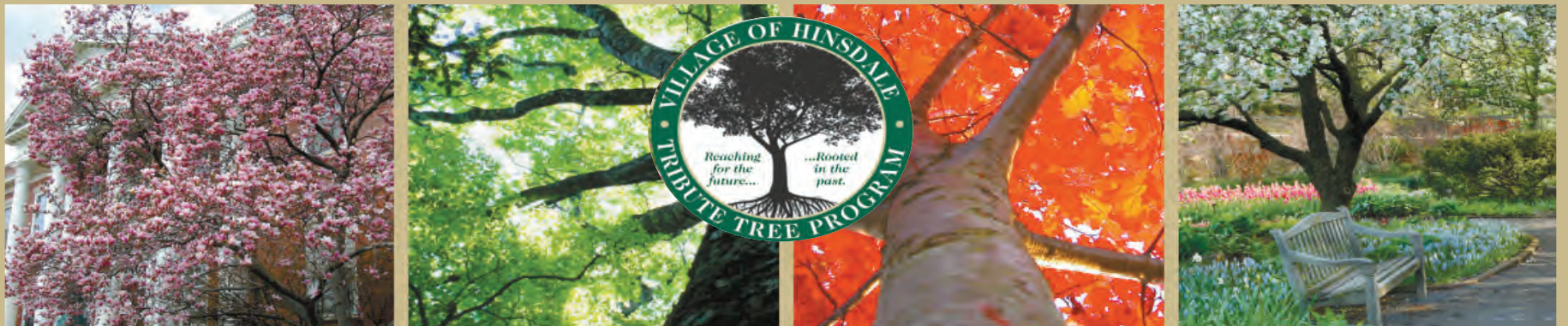
The fireworks during the closing ceremony that night must have sparked just a little bit brighter for the team. The boys admitted that they had never appreciated their own beds and home cooking as much as they did upon their return.

Each player brought back a T-shirt, a championship ring and a commemorative coin as keepsakes of the special week. Player Matthew Wiskowski said he came away with more than just trinkets.

"It was probably one of the best experiences of my life playing baseball, and then winning it just made it 10 times better," he said.



The week's closing ceremony is punctuated with a fireworks display, sending the teams and players back to their respective hometowns with glittering memories of the experience.



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Devils team soaks in field of dreams

Local baseball players make the most of summer tradition excursion with title run

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Earlier this month, the Hinsdale Devils Black 12U travel baseball team rolled in Cooperstown, N.Y., for a 5-day tournament.

Playing in the bucolic upstate New York town at the southern tip of Otsego Lake is a summer rite of passage for hundreds of youth travel programs around the country, not unlike the pilgrimage fans of the sport make to celebrate the icons of the game enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum located there.

Devils team member Ryder McLaurin said just being at such a venerated site was a lifetime moment.

"We were going for the experience and trying to trade pins and stuff like that," he said, referencing the custom of exchanges between the teams from around the country that descend on the Cooperstown Dream Park complex boasting 22 fields. "We weren't thinking that we were going to win the championship."

Think again.

The Devils were one of 54 teams in the mix in their week, June 7-12. After an opening ceremony the first day, the boys demonstrated their diamond skills in the team relay race by throwing the ball to one another around the field as quickly as possible. They clocked in at 19 seconds to win the contest.

The pool play rounds went well, their only blemish coming in a lopsided 19-3 loss to a highly touted side from Sacramento, Calif., and the team earned the ninth seed in the bracket. Team member Fred Sackley felt a special spirit of cohesion take hold as the competition unfolded, with the families and players bunked up in onsite dorms.

"Staying together as a team, that bonding kind of helped us win," Sackley said. "It connected us so we were all locked in at the same time."

In bracket play, that all-for-one mentality led the Devils to one

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The Hinsdale Devils Black 12U travel baseball team poses with its championship plaque after winning week two of the summer-long series of travel baseball tournaments at the Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York. Devils players celebrate on the field after securing victory in the title game June 12 by a score of 22-6. The win was enhanced by the fact that it came over the over the Sacramento, Calif., team that had beaten them earlier in the tournament. The Devils' path to the championship required playing 11 games in five days. (photos provided)



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