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Spring cleaning — While many kids enjoy climbing on top of the statue of Robert Frost in Burlington Park, this group decided it was best to give Frost a spring cleanup. Using water from the nearby fountain, they made dozens of trips to give him a fresh look last Monday during the farmers market. The crew included Aaron Bragg, Estelle Bragg, Eve Hudson and Eloise Bragg. Please see the story on the farmers market on Page 17. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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Farmers market is back in business at Burlington Park.



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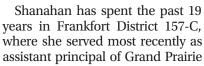
Board hires new principal to take reins at Madison

By Pamela Lannom

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An experienced educator and building administrator will be the new leader of Madison School.

The Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board voted unanimously Monday to approve a contract with Barbara Shanahan.





Shanahan

Elementary School and previously as instructional coach and teacher leader. She began her career as a first-grade teacher in Frankfort.

"Ms. Shanahan brings many strengths to Madison School and our leadership team," board President Margaret Kleber said. "Her calm and reflective leadership style and her ability to create a positive school culture is a great fit for District 181."

Shanahan has served as assistant principal for three years. In that time, she created curriculum, planned professional development and institute days and led data teams to improve curriculum and instruction. She was also an instructional coach, where she defined the role and was instrumental in increasing Frankfort's high achievement levels. She also has served as an adjunct faculty member at Xavier University and Benedictine University. She has a bachelor's from the University of Illinois, and three master's degrees — one in elementary education and one in reading from the University of St. Francis and a third in educational leadership from Governors State University. She expects to receiver her doctorate in May 2022.

"I am honored and humbled to be chosen as the principal of Madison Elementary school," Shanahan said. "I look forward to the opportunity to join the exceptional team at Madison and work collaboratively with families and staff to ensure that all students are successful academically, socially and emotionally," she said.

Shanahan was one of 67 applicants for the position, Superintendent Hector Garcia said at the meeting.

"She was by far the most qualified individual that we met," he said at the meeting. "We are thrilled to recommend Barbara Shanahan for the Madison principal job for next year. Shanahan replaces six-year principal Kimberly Rutan, who is leaving to become a principal in Naperville Community Unit District 103. She will earn \$103,000 her first year.

District 181 students have the right stuff





The Hinsdale Police Department was back in action last month with its "Stuff the Squad" campaign at District 181 schools. The drive benefited the food pantry at HCS Family Services. Hinsdale officers Karen Kowal and David Rodriguez help fill the squad parked in front of Oak School. The officers loaded up more than a dozen squad cars full of donations, collecting almost 4,000 pounds worth of food. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Cheers! — It wasn't that long ago where the only place you could be served a drink with your meal was at the Cypress on Ogden Avenue and County Line Road. According to Sandy Williams' book "Images of America — Hinsdale," the Cypress Inn was established in the 1940s on Ogden, just outside of the village limits, where liquor sales were permitted. "The business began as a beer distributorship and grew to include a bar and restaurant. Shown here about 1950, the restaurant expanded under various owners to become an area fine-dining option. Closed in 1996, the site is now occupied by Whole Foods."

Happy Birthday! Anna Panoff turns 3 June 14

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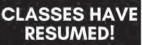
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NEWS

Summer's the right time to shift gears

Series on seasonal hobbies opens by going for a spin with two local cycling enthusiasts

By Ken Knutson

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In 2019, Tim Hansen had a wedding coming up. It was his daughter's, but the father of bride had his own vision for the big event.

"I actually was about 400 pounds," said the longtime Hinsdale resident who recently moved to Oak Brook with wife Jande. "I wanted to look good in the pictures, and I needed exercise."

Hansen turned to cycling, an activity he enjoyed in his youth before life's demands steered him away. He went to Hartley's Bike Shoppe — among its last customers before it closed two years ago — and got assistance finding a suitable model for his large 6-foot 6-inch frame.

"It had to go through some modifications because my weight was popping spokes," said Hansen, who tried to ride every day the weather permitted. "I just really got into it. I would basically go on my bike with a couple of (audio)books on my phone and wear one ear piece and use other ear for hearing traffic."

Along with watching his diet, the fitness regimen worked.

"She got engaged in March and got married in October, and I lost 70 pounds in seven months, pretty much bicycling every day," he said.

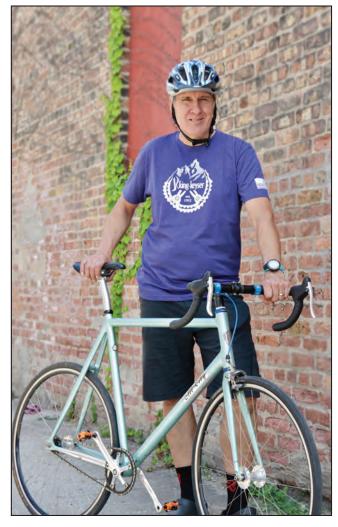
Ari Andonopoulos, bike mechanic at Hinsdale's King Keyser — who previously was shop manager at Hartley's — said he prefers two wheels to four for his commute from Westmont, especially this season.

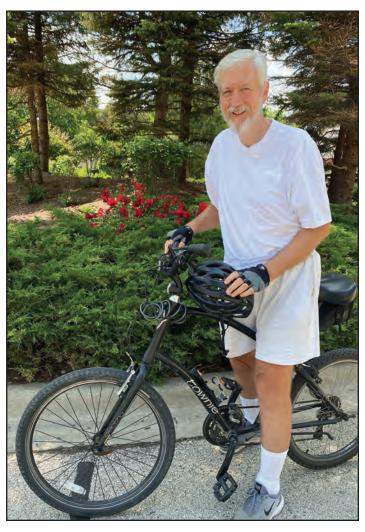
"When the weather's nice, I get up earlier, go for a longer ride, come (to work) and wash up," Andonopoulos said. "I try not to use my car in the summer at all." The New Jersey native started cycling seriously at age 18, though he became hooked well before then watching Tour de France footage on TV.

"My parents bought me a bike and I just became enamored with the freedom that cycling gives you to go places and explore and clear your mind," he related.

Andonopoulos graduated to a road bike in high school and recalled a 150-mile daylong excursion he undertook.

"I went all the way to the New York border and then I came all the way back down. It was a crazy adventure," he recounted. "I gave myself really good cramps, and





Local cyclists Tim Hansen and Ari Andonopoulos took up the sport at different life stages and for different reasons. But they have a common affection for the feeling of freedom and exploration that cycling provides. (photo provided/Jim Slonoff photo)

then I stopped at a Burger King and got food. Then I made it home."

During the conversation, "Trapper Tom" of Westchester strides into King Keyser in full cyclist kit. The two have been cycling cronies for decades, illustrative of the close-knit fellowship that avid riders often share.

"I've been racing since I was 25. I'm 66 now," Trapper Tom said, acknowledging the injuries he's incurred. "It keeps you young."

"We must have a group of, like, 50 people or so that we've known each other for 30, 40 years," said Andonopoulos, estimating he rode upwards of 7,000 miles last year.

Falls and accidents go with the territory, Hansen said, the reason he never leaves his helmet behind. And why he prefers trails separated from vehicular traffic to the roads favored by pack riders.

"My goal is to look good some day in one of those outfits," he said with a laugh.

The winter after the wedding saw Hansen's 21-gear Electra Townie go into hibernation until COVID gave him new motivation — the specter of co-morbidity. He was able to escape to Florida for a couple months and get the wheels turning again.

"Since COVID hit, I've lost 115 pounds," he said. "I got out of obesity and my blood pressure went down."

He enjoys riding along the Fox River and up near the family's Michigan summer home. The south part of Chicago's 36-mile lakefront trail, which he rides every few weeks, ranks near the top.

"You don't have all the kids trying to show off to all the girls, and you don't have multiple lanes, you've got one or two lanes," Hansen said. Andonopoulos, who's been a bike mechanic for 30 years, said his collection has expanded significantly since that first orange, banana-seated Sears edition he had in New Jersey.

"At home, we have over 30 bikes for the three people in my house," he remarked, saying his wife and most of his adult children ride.

He welcomes advances in elec-

■ SUMMER PURSUITS

This is the first in a series of stories on summer hobbies.

tric bike design as a source of supplemental power when their aging bodies struggle with inclines.

"They're going to eventually become cheaper and lighter," Andonopoulos said, adding that people need to modify or change bikes as their posture and positioning evolve. "You have to adapt because you become less flexible as you get older."

Hansen endeavors to rides around Lake Michigan one day, and enjoys being an evangelist for the sport to others looking for a low-impact workout.

"Motion is lotion," he quipped.

Or just to get away, as Hansen and his daughter do when they roll to the Adler Planetarium and sit on the shoreline rocks.

"It's got the most beautiful scene of the city, so we call that 'our spot' whenever we've got something to talk about," he said.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info

On the draft agenda: committee appointments, ad hoc nominating committee for board vacancy, approve family bathroom plans, strategic planning process, board meeting location, operational update

Hinsdale Village Board

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. https://www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: amendment to village code relative to liquor licenses, increase police officer staffing from 25 to 26, extension of outdoor dining, capital improvement and master infrastructure plan discussion

Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. https://www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: public hearings on 218 W. Ogden Ave. and 20 Charleston Road

MEETING ROUNDUP

Community Consolidated District 181 Board:

Among other business at their meeting Monday, board members:

• listened to an update on spring MAP scores. Despite the many changes that occurred during the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students in first, second, third and fifth grade showed more than expected growth in reading since the fall MAP test was given. Students in first through fourth grade showed more than expected growth in math.

"I know you're going to be working hard to have our students fill those gaps next year," board member Sheetal Rao said.

• approved adding the equivalent of 4.5 full time staff members for the 2021-22 school year. The additional costs are within the staffing contingency built into the budget.

Small increase in cases

Eleven Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week. $\,$

The DuPage County Health Department reported 10 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported one new case.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 1,825 up from 1,814 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had one confirmed COVID-19 patients and no patients awaiting test results on Wednesday, a spokesman said.

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 has not reported any new cases since May 20.

Hinsdale High School District 86 is no longer in session.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 1.7 percent on Saturday, compared to 2.5 percent a week prior.

Illinois has administered more than 11.7 million doses of vaccines. An average of about 42,852 vaccines are being administered daily, compared to about 41,234 last week. About 51.5 percent of DuPage County residents are fully vaccinated.

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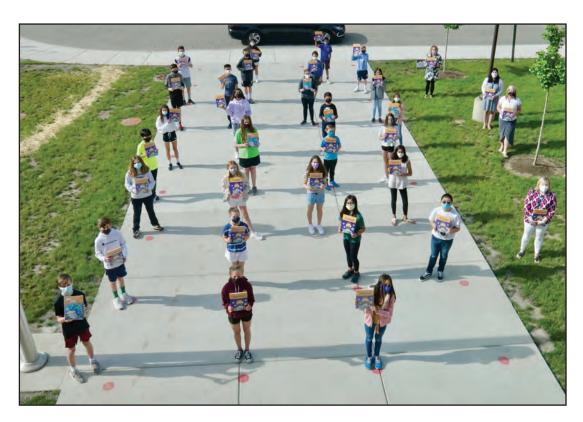
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Book features D181 students' creativity



Several of the contributors to Young Writers The 2020 Project got their first look at the book last week outside Hinsdale Middle School. "This book is beyond what I was expecting or wanting or thinking," said teacher Nancy Gadzala, who sits on the foundation board and suggested publishing a book in lieu of the traditional Young Writers Night, which had to be canceled. Books are on sale at The Community House. (Jim Slonoff photo)

More than 200 submissions of prose, poems and artwork share views of life during the pandemic

By Pamela Lannom

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The COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible for the D181 Foundation to hold its annual Young Writers Night

But rather than abandoning the project altogether, foundation board members decided to take a different approach. The result is a beautiful, 196page, hard-cover book filled

with prose, poems and artwork created by Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 students.

The idea came up during a foundation board meeting, said Hinsdale Middle School applied tech teacher Nancy Gadzala, who serves as a teacher rep on the board.

"We were brainstorming different ways we could still celebrate Young Writers Night in a COVID year," she said.

She mentioned a book she had been involved with for the Illinois Digital Educator Alliance called "IDEAS to Amplify Student Voice.'

"What a great way for students to express what they have been going through and compiling it to become a book," she said.

Fellow board members embraced the idea, but there

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Book centerpiece of new HHS exhibit

Often one good idea leads to another.

When the D181 Foundation had to cancel its Young Writers Night, a new project emerged. The foundation published a hard-cover book, "Young Writers The 2020 Project: Student Reflections on a Pandemic Year.'

Following a conversation between the foundation's executive director, Meg Cooper, and the Hinsdale Historical Society Board's president, Kristen Laakso, the book became the basis of a new HHS exhibit.

"Hinsdale: the 2020 Experience" will open with a special reception/open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at Immanuel Hall, 302 S. Grant St.

The book will be on display (and available for purchase) and visitors will have the chance to learn more about the student writers.

"We decided we'd have the kids record video and talk more about their submissions and their feelings," Laakso said, noting that 50 students were filmed for the video.

The result is a 10-minute interactive piece. Viewers can watch it straight through or click on a student to hear what he or she has to say.

The exhibit also includes photography from Megan Arndt, artwork from David Marcet and Maureen Claffy, and a selection of front covers and photos from The Hinsdalean. A panel created by Jimmy McDermott and kids in the art studio at The Community House also will be on display, as will fun images of Instagram posts.

"You'll see adults recording how they lived through the pandemic," Laakso said.

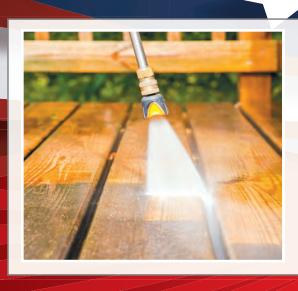
Physical objects like puzzle pieces and wine corks will remind folks of how they got through a difficult year.

"I'm bringing a dog-eared copy of 'War and Peace' because I finally read 'War and Peace,' " Laakso said.

The exhibit, curated by Molly Begala Haworth, will be open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays to Saturdays from June 16 to July 3, with hours by appointment.

"Our goal was not to have people relive a difficult year, but to see how we all used creativity and ability to appreciate the simple things in life as a way to get through a difficult time and to highlight how our community helped us through a historical year," Laakso

"We are supposed to bridge the past, present and future," she added. "This is that we're doing. We're featuring original creative work by Hinsdaleans of all ages in an effort to record what this past year of the pandemic has meant to our community."



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POLICE BEAT

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Criminal trespass arrest

Terrance T. Porter, 35, 15527 S. Marshfield St., Harvey, was arrested for criminal trespass and criminal damage to property, both felonies, after breaking down an acquaintance's door and entering without permission at 5:43 a.m. June 4 in the 5500 block of South Madison Street. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

Teens arrested for fleeing police

Owen W. Jansen, 18, 274 Walker Drive, Clarendon Hills, and Terrence M. Luzano, 19, 490B Old Surrey Road, Hinsdale, were arrested for failure to obey a police officer for running from officers responding to assist Burr Ridge police with a noise complaint at 2 a.m. June 4 at 59th Street and Garfield Avenue. Jansen was also charged with unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor. The two were cited and released to appear in court.

Vandalism incidents reported

- A vehicle's tire was slashed while parked in the 10 block of East First Street between 6 and 9 p.m. May 29.
- Eggs were thrown at a vehicle while it was parked in front of a residence in the 600 block of South Stough Street between 7 p.m. June 3 and 7 a.m. June 4.
- A mailbox was damaged at 9:29 p.m. June 4 in the 300 block of South Park Avenue.
- The basketball backboards in the playground area of Oak School, 950 S. Oak St., were damaged between May 28 and 31.
- A trash can by the side of the road was damaged by a firework at 2:55 a.m. June 4 in the 400 block of North Clay Street.
- A port-a-potty was damaged at a construction site in the 300 block of South Park Avenue sometime before 8:16 p.m. June 3.

Hood ornament stolen

A hood ornament was broken off and stolen from a vehicle parked in the Grant Square parking lot, Grant Street and Chicago Avenue, between 1 and 3 p.m. June 4.

Counterfeit bills used

Three counterfeit \$20 bills were used to make purchases at 5:18 p.m. June 4 at Walgreens, 15 Grant Square. One suspect was described as an Indian man wearing a black baseball hat, a teal collared shirt and khaki pants. The other suspect was described as an Indian male with black hair and a beard wearing a dark blue T-shirt, blue & white basketball shorts and white gym shoes.

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Hinsdale teen quite happy to be back on stage

Julianna Waters is eager to play the Cat this weekend in Stage Door Fine Arts' "Honk" at The Community House.

She got a taste of being in front of a live audience last week as a member of the ensemble of "Emma," also a Stage Door production.

"This is the first opportunity we've all had to get back on stage and perform again," she said the morning after opening night. "It's really nice to perform again and just see the audiecne and stuff like that — and see all of your friends that you missed."

Waters, who started performing in plays at Union Church of Hinsdale as a kindergartner, said she enjoys playing the Cat, the villian who tries to stop Ugly, the duckling, from finding his mom after he got lost on the farm.

"I'm usually a much nicer person, so it's fun to act out someone I'm not and to have a bigger role this time," she said.

While this is the largest role she's had at Stage Door, she

played Violet in "Willy Wonka" in the Clarendon Hills Middle School musical in seventh grade.

"I really like just singing and dancing and acting in general," she said. "It's really fun to let loose and perform for other people, and I've been practicing dance at Impact Dance Studio, so it's also a really great opportunity to show what I've learned."

That success on stage requires effort, especially for students. Managing school work, shows and dance requires some diligence.

"Next week I have four dance recitals and 'Honk' tech week and the 'Honk' shows," she said, noting her eighth-grade graduation is also this week.

This summer, she plans to do more of the same.

"We're doing another Stage Door show, so I'm looking forward to that," she said. "It's going to be the last show that a lot of the older kids get to do, so that will be the last time I get to peform with them." Summer also will include a trip to Las Vegas for her sister's national dance competition and a trip to San Diego for a family reunion that was delayed due to COVID-19.

In the fall, she plans to take honors choir at Hinsdale Central and try out for a musical, if possible. She has not ruled out performing as a career.

"I'm not sure what I want to be when I grow up, but the three career choices I have in mind right now are either being an actor or a lawyer or a creative writer," she said.

Stage Door has been an important outlet for Juliana, her mom, Jenny, said.

"I think Juliana is reserved in school and reserved unless she is with her best friends, but on stage she comes alive and they saw that in her and they encouraged it and developed it," Jenny said. "We will be forever in their debt."

— story by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Summertime and the livin' is pretty darn good

What's the recipe for a perfect summer?

Living in a great town like Hinsdale that no longer faces COVID-19 restrictions. As of tomorrow, that will be us.

So today, even though summer doesn't officially arrive until June 20, we're celebrating the top 10 things that will make for a perfect summer in Hinsdale.

10. A dip in the pool

Hinsdale is lucky to boast a community pool among its amenities. In addition to being a great place to cool off, the pool is home to swimming and diving lessons, a junior lifeguard program, swim team practices and special events. With temps forecast in the upper 80s this weekend, it will be the place to be.

9. The return of live theater

Young actors were ecstatic to perform "Emma" last weekend at The Community House, and the cast of "Honk" is getting ready to open its show tomorrow night. Kudos to Stage Door Fine Arts for getting kids and teens back on stage and family and friends back in the audience.

8. The farmers market

Whether residents are interested in anything from sweet berries to tasty vegetables to

homemade preserves, they can find them at the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Monday through Oct. 25.

7. Finding a bargain

Summer isn't just the peak of garage sale season. It's also time for the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce annual sidewalk sale. The dates this year are Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24.

6. Al fresco dining

Implemented last summer as a way to keep struggling restaurants afloat during the COVID-19 pandemic, outdoor dining has become a favorite activity in downtown Hinsdale. We're happy to see it's back this year. We really like the new barricade covers, too!

5. Hot lunch dates

Speaking of dining al fresco, the parks and recreation department is bringing back its summer classic, Lunch on the Lawn. Super Stolie will entertain on June 16, with Scribble Monster: The Eco Show coming to town on July 14 and Dan Gogh's Magic and Art Show wrapping things up on Aug. 4.

4. Summer reading clubs

The Hinsdale Public Library did an amazing

job of connecting readers with books during the pandemic. But we are so happy the library is back open, meaning this year's summer reading club members can peruse the stacks — instead of a screen — to choose their next title.

3. Cinema under the stars

Parks and rec once again will sponsor three Friday night movies, starting at dusk in Robbins Park. Shows are "Dolittle" on June 11, "Elf" on July 26 and "The Wizard of Oz" on Aug. 23. Just bring a blanket or lawn chair. They'll even supply the popcorn!

2. Live music

Uniquely Thursdays is back, starting with a performance by the Millennials June 24. Just about every genre of music will be covered by the time Semple Band closes the series with its version of 70s rock to modern pop on Aug. 26.

1. Independence Day Parade

One of the most wonderful days to be in Hinsdale is the Fourth of July. Last year, COVID-19 prevented the annual parade from taking place. While this year's version might look a little different, we are sure all will be happy to have this hometown tradition return.

Happy summer, Hinsdale!

COMMENTARY

Don't like the story? Tell yourself a different one

"If the story you're telling doesn't serve you, tell a different story."

I typed that while taking my morning walk and listening to my current favorite podcast, "Ten Percent Happier with Dan Harris."

I wanted to remember the quote to share it with someone, which I did. And I thought I might want to listen to the episode again.

If only I had written down which episode I was listening to at the time! I can never remember where I've heard things.

There I go. Telling a story about myself — and one that clearly doesn't serve me.

I've been telling stories like this most of my life, and I know I'm not alone.

The stories start when we're young.

We believe there's something wrong with us if we're not in the popular group at school.

We take a single incident — like not making the team or getting the lead in the school play — and create a narrative that we don't have any talent.

We look at a report card after a tough semester and decide our chances to get into a good college are doomed.

The stories continue as we get older.

We might portray ourselves as someone who won't be able to have a successful career or find the right mate with

whom to spend our lives. Other narratives might cover our failure to get enough exercise or drink a responsible amount.

Typically these are stories we tell ourselves, but sometimes the narrator is a family member or friend.

My mother told me once that if I didn't start to like one of the guys I went on a date with, I was going to end up an old maid. I was 22 at the time.

Fortunately, it all worked out. I've been married almost 28 years to my college sweetheart. We were taking an "intermission" at the



Pamela Lannom

time my mom was panicking about my future as a spinster.

Another favorite is a comment from a former editor who told me I was not good at feature writing. Fortunately, others have disagreed.

Sometimes the stories other people tell us are motivated by good intentions. Perhaps my editor was trying to let

me know my strengths were in news writing and encourage me to work harder to excel at feature writing. The change in messaging is subtle but significant.

The good news is we can do that reframing with just about any story we've told ourselves or have been told. We can revise it to more accurately reflect reality — and to better serve us.

I can't help think of the mantra of Stuart Smalley, the Saturday Night Live character created by Al Franken: "I'm good enough. I'm smart enough. And doggone it, people like me." Hilarious, to be sure (especially when he has guest Michael Jordan repeat those words in a 1991 episode). But also rather profound.

The messages we send ourselves to a great degree shape our reality. The tapes we play in our brain each day can either prepare us to face adversity and conquer the world or to surrender at the first sign of difficulty.

Of course it takes effort and practice to change the narratives by which we have defined our lives. First we need to press pause on those stories that are detrimental to us. Then we need to craft new ones that more accurately reflect the truth.

It takes time to make this change. But, boy, is it worth the investment.

Now I'm off to locate that podcast. I'm certainly lucky to have time to listen to so many episodes!

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

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Turn and face the strange changes

Today is my husband's birthday (love you, hon!). He is a year older than me, but looks younger by virtue of his hair somehow remaining as golden as it was on our wedding day, whereas mine gets regularly shellacked with dye. It's rather



Susan O'Byrne

with dye. It's rather annoying. My weight goes up and down (mostly up, honestly), my hair started graying before we even met, and yet my Sensible Husband has not changed one bit after almost 18 years of marriage. He hasn't even lost a single (nongray) hair on his head.

I know it's not a competition. I know I should embrace my changing body, though admittedly these days it's a bit more difficult to get my arms all the way around it. Instead I'll just sit back and bemoan the obvious fact that change can be rough.

As if this past year wasn't bad enough on its own, my family had to endure a scary medical (non-COVID) emergency last winter. Note to all non-sympathetic spouses out there: when your Significant Other claims to be in terrible pain, do not simply tell them they've over-eaten and are being a baby. The next thing you know, you'll be learning all about visiting hours at the hospital and how to administer antibiotics at home through a PICC line. In retrospect, I guess my Sensible Husband had been changing after all, only internally and secretively. Which is just like him.

In his famous poem about growing old, WB Yeats wrote that he loved "the sorrows

of (his beloved's) changing face." Which always used to bother me. Why "sorrows"? Why "changing face"? I think I know now. My father died three weeks ago. After his long ill-

ness and physical decline, I had thought his passing would come as a relief, the recognition that at least he is

has not.

He and my mom had just recently celebrated their 60th anniversary, with their characteristic downplaying of the milestone event. The shiny "Happy Anniversary!" balloons, somehow still inflated, have been moved off to the side of the family room. They

outlasted Dad; at 92, he was

no longer in any pain. But it

simply too worn out.

My mother, whose hair also started to go gray when she was in her 20s, always used to joke that she would stop dyeing her hair when my father's hair went gray. And although there wasn't a lot of hair on Dad's head in the end, all of it was brown. So now Mom doesn't have to stop applying Preference by L'oreal.

I have not yet processed the absence of my father. Part of me thinks he is merely traveling again, and that I'll see him this weekend, though of course I won't. I'll be celebrating my Sensible Husband's birthday, being profoundly grateful for his improved health, and reveling in the sorrows of our changing faces.

 Susan O'Byrne of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Krehbiel and his passion for history will be missed

Our village has many friends. Those who seek to improve our sense of community, those who work to keep our village safe, those who work to beautify our parks and open spaces and those who strive every day to ensure Hinsdale's heritage and history remain intact.

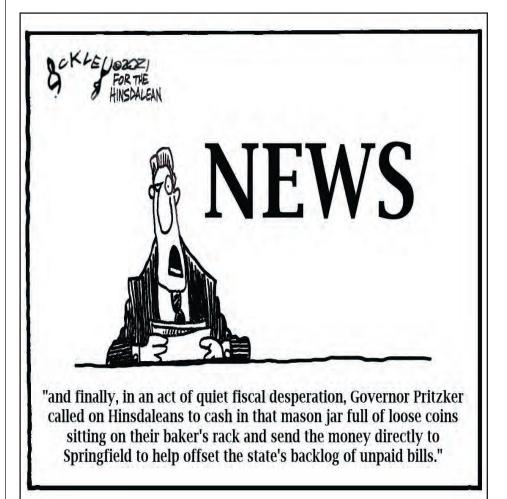
Mr. Krehbiel — Fred to everyone — cared deeply about our village's history and heritage. His work to help

preserve R. Harold Zook's brick and mortar legacy will live on in the countless Hinsdaleans who were inspired by Fred's tremendous acts of service. On behalf of The Hinsdale Historical Society, thank you, Fred. You lived a life of service and gave hope to those who work to keep history alive. — Alexis Braden, Hinsdale Historical Society trustee

Don't believe that wealthy suburbia is under attack

Many who bring up wedge culture war issues do so because framing is the single most powerful tool for persuasion. Likewise, fear mongering, false equivalence and dog whistles are the weapons of those who want to reinforce a sense of white identity under attack. Let's ask ourselves what is left out of the conversation when we allow public discourse to focus on hyped-up terms like cancel culture or backlash

against calls for police accountability. One of our two major political parties has descended into authoritarianism. Black families have one eighth the wealth of white families in America. The climate crisis poses an existential threat in our lifetimes. White wealthy suburbia isn't under attack. Our democracy, people of color and the habitability of our planet are. — **Reid McCollum, Hinsdale**



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OBITUARIES

Frederick August Krehbiel

Frederick August Krehbiel, former CEO and co-chairman of Molex Inc., passed away peacefully, with his two sons by his side, at Hinsdale Hospital June 3, 2021, after a brief illness. He was 80.

Fred was born in 1941 near Downers Grove to Margaret (Veeck) and John Krehbiel. As a boy, Fred struggled with dyslexia before it was widely under-

stood. With the help of his teachers at Avery Coonley School, who recognized that he learned differently, he overcame this challenge and developed a lifelong passion for reading and learning. Fred's hero as a child was his uncle Bill Veeck, who at various times owned the Chicago White Sox, the Cleveland Indians and the St. Louis Browns. Fred spent many summers with Bill's family at the ballpark and at their homes in Maryland and New Mexico. Bill helped Fred to develop a can-do attitude, a creative spirit and an ability to connect with people from all walks of life. Fred went on to graduate from Downers Grove North High School in 1959 and Lake Forest College in 1963, with a bachelor's degree in political science.

In 1965, Fred joined Molex, a manufacturer of electronic interconnecting products that was founded by his grandfather. Two years later, in response to inquiries from overseas companies looking to purchase connectors, Fred's father, who was then at the helm of Molex, asked him to start an international division. In its first year, Molex International generated \$54,000 in revenue. Over the next four decades, Molex's international operations grew to more than \$2 billion in revenue. Molex was one of the first US companies to establish a presence in Japan, and subsequently expanded to Mexico, South America, Europe, China and Southeast Asia. After serving as president of Molex International for much of the 1970s and 1980s, he became CEO in 1988 and subsequently co-chairman along with his brother, John, until Molex was sold to



Krehbiel

Koch Industries in 2013.

In addition to his career at Molex, Fred founded Ballyfin, an award-winning hotel in Ireland; co-owned MT Sobek, a leading adventure travel company; and owned the sailboat Insatiable, which won the 1989 Chicago to Mackinac Race and represented the United States at the 1987 Admiral's Cup Regatta.

Fred was an active civic leader who served on the boards of The Northern Trust Company, Tellabs Inc., DeVry Inc., W.W. Grainger, Nalco Chemical Co., the Chicago White Sox, the Chicago Zoological Society, Rush University Medical Center, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Lyric Opera, the Chicago History Museum, the World Wildlife Fund, The Community House in Hinsdale, the Museum of Science and Industry, The Foundation Board of Trinity College Dublin, The Taft School, Lake Forest College and Avery Coonley School.

Fred is remembered for his integrity, work ethic, sense of humor, creativity, positive attitude, humility and generosity and his love of travel and Irish art. He was happiest when reading a good biography, playing with his grandchildren, working on his photo albums, or planning the next big adventure with family and friends.

Fred is survived by his wife, Kay; his two sons, Liam (Karen) and Jay (Silvia); five grandchildren, Jack, Morgan, Anthea, August and Adele; his brother, John; and many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lung Cancer Research Fund at Rush University Medical Center. Contributions can be directed to Rush Office of Philanthropy, 28057 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1280 or online at http://rush.convio.net/FKrehbiel.

Funeral services have been held.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Patrick Russo

Patrick Russo, 73, of Hinsdale passed away peacefully at his home on June 2, 2021.

He was born in 1948 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to the late James Russo and the late Vera Russo (nee Siltala), as the youngest of three brothers. Pat played hockey at Michigan State University, where he met his future wife, Deborah Broderick.

He had a long career at Chrysler. He was a loyal friend and a true family man who enjoyed playing poker, collecting coins, solving crossword and jigsaw puzzles, telling jokes, traveling, attending big family parties, and offering solid and loving support whenever needed.



Russo

Pat was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Deborah Russo, nee Broderick; his three children, Allyson (Tony Harris) Russo, Daniel Russo and Katherine Russo; his five grandsons, Henry Harris, Colin Russo, Oliver Harris, Teddy Harris and Ozzy Cee; his brother, John (Susan) Russo; many nieces and nephews; and his Broderick in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James (Roseann) Russo.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

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NEWS

■ "Knowing that this was going to be published in a book that is going to be history, our job as mentors, we really wanted to make sure the students were doing their best writing but not take away from their feelings and their experiences that they are trying to express." — Nancy Gadzala

Book features D181 students' creativity

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was much work to be done. Twentyfour teachers volunteered to be mentors and spent six months working with students on the 240 pieces submitted for publication.

One submitter is HMS seventh-grader Chase Jessop, who wrote a day-in-the-life piece.

"I came up with the idea to do a dayin-the-life first thing when I signed up for Young Writers Night," he said. "It seemed relevant to explain to people what it was like during a pandemic because most people don't live through one."

He said he tried to convey how different the year was from a typical one and the many difficulties it presented. His piece also emphasized the monotony of life during COVID-19.

"A lot of the same every day," he said. "I remember some days I would have the same thing for lunch every day. Everything was kind of on a replay button."

Madison School fifth-grader Aaron Mikhail covered what he liked and disliked about the pandemic in a piece called "Crazy 2020." Incorporating everything he wanted to say was tough.

"It was not that easy because there were so many things that changed," he said. "I just thought about COVID-19 and just did it."

Remote school, wearing masks, missing friends, celebrating birthdays, racial justice protests and the presidential election are among the topics covered in the book. Many students also wrote about their pets, including Monroe School fifth-grader Zahra Musabji.

"Almost a Shadow" is a piece about how her family almost lost its cat, Puako, to illness.

"This was something really big during this time of COVID and it felt really important to write about," she said.

Re-living the sadness she felt when she thought her cat would die was an unavoidable part of the writing process.

"The most difficult part was the part

when I talked about how we were going to put him to sleep. That was probably the hardest thing to do," Zahra said.

Fortunately, Puako recovered.

"I lost a lot of things this year and I'm happy I did not lose my cat," she said.

Preserving those emotions was the goal of teacher mentors who worked with students to make sure they had a quality piece for publication.

"We really wanted to make sure the students were doing their best writing but not take away from their feelings and their experiences that they are trying to express," she said. "There's a balance. You don't want to take away from their story."

The writers agreed seeing their work and their names in print was exciting.

"It feels good and I like it," Aaron said.

"It's really cool to see some people you know in it," Chase said. "It's almost like, for people who want to be authors when they grow up, it's like your first published book. It's your first step into your career."

Some students also had the opportunity to record a video about their experiences during COVID-19 and their writing process for an exhibit created by the Hinsdale Historical Society (see sidebar on Page 7).

Everyone at the foundation is proud of the book and of funding it, Executive Director Meg Cooper said, extending thanks to teacher mentors and community donors.

"We hope that we have created a meaningful learning experience for the students who participated and a book that will be a treasure for the whole community," Cooper said.

The book and videos serve as wonderful reminders that students' feelings and experiences are just as important as those of adults, Gadzala said.

"I think people in the community and outside of our community need to really hear what the kids are feeling these days," she said. "That's the best way we can support them — by knowing what they are feeling and experiencing."



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

HEATHER BERECKIS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

In fearful times, look for the helpers.

Growing up, Heather Bereckis heard that Mister Rogers-issued maxim often from her mom. And internalized it.

"Knowing that I've helped someone in some way," Bereckis said, "that's a good day."

Before becoming superintendent of parks and recreation in Hinsdale, Bereckis was aquatics director for the YMCA of Greater Cleveland. The village forester there, in partnership with the Y, was leading a plant identification kayak tour along the shore of Lake Erie. Bereckis went along and noticed a mom who was clearly out of her comfort zone on the excursion with her child.

"As we were going out into the lake, I could see she was panicked," she recounted. "I said, 'We're here with you. We can do this.' I remember telling her to be brave, to show that for her child."

The pep talk worked.

"Afterwards she was so grateful and so happy. she ended up signing up for four more programs," Bereckis said.

Raised on a working farm in rural northeast Ohio where sev-

eral generations had resided, Bereckis and her eight younger brothers all did their part.

"My mom's family lived traditionally," she related. "We only had five basic TV channels."

Sports and Scouting were a big part of her life, and Bereckis ran the waterfront for boys summer camp for three seasons. That led to a parks and recreation internship with the city of Mentor, Ohio.

"That's when I really discovered that I liked working in a municipal environment," she said. "I got to do a little bit of everything. I got to run (the public access channel) and worked closely with public services. It was very interesting, and I knew I wanted to do something that helped people."

A leisure studies major in college, she said the degree's name belies its rigor, with courses in law and inclusion as it relates to recreation. Bereckis and her husband relocated to Washington for a couple of years, where she worked for the City of Bellevue and its Boys and Girls Club, before coming back to the Midwest.

She was hired as Hinsdale's

recreation supervisor in 2013, immediately charmed by its tree-lined streets and walkable downtown, as well as the opportunities to spread her wings. She was elevated to her current post four years ago, leveraging a knack for out-of-the-box thinking and efficiency.

"We do the same things here that you see three times the staff do in other communities," commented Bereckis, who manages a nearly \$3 million budget. "I've got to have my hands in a little bit of everything."

From helping write a new policy on tribute ribbons to advising the village's economic development commission to planning the annual Fourth of July parade ("about a nine-month long process"), Bereckis is making connections.

"I enjoy meeting people in town and learning what drives them and why they love the community," she said.

It's often small joys, like recently leading a resident through the pool pass purchasing process, that validate her choice of career.

"I rarely have really bad days."

— by Ken Knutson



Heather Bereckis praised Hinsdale's interdepartmental teamwork as superintendent of parks and recreation. The former aquatics director relishes the rewards of helping people grow, like teaching swim lessons. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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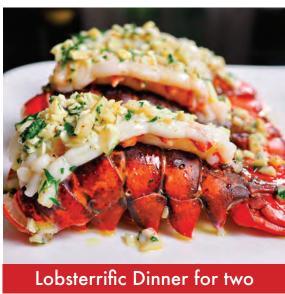
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Farmers Market returns for 45th year

Popular vendors and several new additions make this year's market better than ever

By Sandy Illian Bosch news@thehinsdalean.com

The unofficial start of summer 2021 coincided with the official opening of the 45th season of the Hinsdale Farmers Market. Launched on Memorial Day, the outdoor market will host more than two dozen vendors from Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin every week through October.

From 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Monday, Burlington Park transforms from tranquil suburban oasis to a bustling outdoor market filled with seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh eggs, regionally produced honey, ciders, cheeses, meats and poultry, jams, preserves, cut flowers, nursery stock, handmade items and more. Local food artisans bring coffee, prepared foods and other goodies that can be enjoyed on the spot or taken home.

Hosted by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce, the market continues to do what it was designed to do attract shoppers to the downtown on what otherwise could be a slow shopping day.

Along with longtime favorites such as Azteca Catering, JW Morlock & Girls and Evergreen Farms, the 2021 market welcomes a half dozen new vendors offering everything from seasonal produce to smoked woods for flavorful backyard grilling.

"We're excited because we've added quite a few seasonal vendors," said chamber marketing director Claudia Thornton, ensuring that shoppers will have ample access to the freshest seasonal produce and flowers from summer into

Returning favorites

Kathy Theis has been selling fruits, vegetables and flowers at the Hinsdale market since opening day in 1977 and has customers who have been shopping her stand for nearly as long.

"Now, I'm getting my customers' children and grandchildren," said Theis of Evergreen Farms in

Asparagus, radishes, rhubarb and lots of flowers are ready, with lettuce, green beans, sweet corn,







tomatoes and more to follow, Theis

Jeff Morlock of JW Morlock & Girls in Watervliet, Mich., also is an original market vendor. He said it's looking like a great year for fruit, including blueberries, raspberries and peaches.

"The strawberries look absolutely gorgeous this year," Morlock said.

Glenn Gonzalez, owner of Azteca Catering Co., has parked his white vans at the corner of Lincoln and Chicago for more than a decade. In his 11th year at the Hinsdale market, Gonzalez is offering seven types of freshly made, frozen tamales. Offerings include vegetarian, kosher and halal tamales, as well as pork, chicken and dessert tamales.

Shrimp ceviche, guacamole, cactus salad, fresh salsas and more grab-and-go options also will be available.

Gonzalez said he's already caught up with some of his loyal customers at the Clarendon Hills market,

which began earlier in May.

"A lot of my Hinsdalean customers came out to visit me," said Gonzales, who added he considers Hinsdale his second home.

New offerings

Six new vendors are expanding the meaning of Farmers Market this year with homemade creations from freshly baked scones to smoked woods for the backyard barbecue.

Sweet Sensations, Nuts To Go, Magic Crepes, Rollicking Buckaroo Pepper Jam and Urban Loggers Club all have joined the farmers market family this year, along with Smiling Farms, which offers seasonal crops now through October.

More than a market

Shoppers can start their Mondays with a free fitness class. Led by a different local fitness instructor each

New to the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market this year are Toni and Artice Browley of Sweet Sensations Bakery selling scones and Adam Dremak and Peter Wengerski of Urban Loggers Club offering wood chips for a smoker in five different flavors. Of course fresh produce, like these radishes and green onions from longtime vendor Evergreen Farms, also is available. (Jim Slonoff pho-

week, the hourlong classes provide an introduction to a variety of exercise methods for participants of all fitness levels. Classes are open until filled and no reservations are taken. See https://www.hinsdalechamber. com for a list of weekly instructors.

Caricature artist Bruce Carlevato will return this year with free caricature drawings.

"He brings a lot to the market. People really enjoy it," said Eva Field, chamber president and CEO. Field said the Hinsdale Public Library will offer free kids' activities a couple of times each month, making the market as fun for children as it is for adults.

This year's Hinsdale Farmer's Market is sponsored by Renewal by Anderson, Great American Exteriors, Rush University Medical Center and InnerJasmine Yoga and

For a full list of vendors, visit https://www.hinsdalechamber.com.



Enjoy tasting some great beers and ciders in beautiful surroundings during the Summer Beer Tasting June 19 at the Morton Arboretum. Turn to Page 24 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Diamond Painting June 16

June 16 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. (630) 986-1976 http://hinsdale.library.info

Join this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program to make a beautiful bookmark covered in colorful resin rhinestones with diamond painting, a combination of cross-stitch and paintby-number. Supplies and instructions will be provided. Two limited in-person attendance sessions will be held on June 23 and 24; face masks and social distancing will be required. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. RR

June 19-20 Burr Ridge Village Center 701 Village Center Drive https://www.shopburr-ridge.com More than 100 artisans and makers will be displaying and selling accessibly-priced paintings, jewel-

ry, furniture, clothing, skin care, home decor and more. The festival will be handicap-accessible and open to all ages. Attendance will be time-slotted and masks are required. Reservations are encouraged. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Frida Kahlo: Timeless Through Sept. 6 McAninch Arts Center 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn (630) 942, 4000

(630) 942-4000 https://www.atthemac.org

College of DuPage's Cleve Carney Museum of Art and McAninch Arts Center will present this comprehensive presentation of the life and works of the artist Frida Kahlo, featuring 26 original pieces on loan from the Olmedo Museum as well as an immersive historical exhibit that provides a framework of the life, circumstances and events that led to Kahlo becoming one of the most important painters of the 20th century and

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■ Tres Fridas Project

Through Sept. 6 McAninch Arts Center 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen (630) 942-4000 https://www.atthemac.org/ events/tresfridas

College of DuPage's Cleve Carney Museum of Art and McAninch Arts Center will present this award-winning exhibit created by two artists paralyzed by a spinal cord injury. Together they recreated Frida Kahlo's painting "Dos Fridas" using photography, making their own costumes and inserting themselves in the image sitting in their wheelchairs. They've since partnered with a photographer with muscular dystrophy and scoliosis to recreate other iconic images in art, history and pop culture and explore different facets of life and disability. Admission is free. Hours: noon to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

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■ Altamura

9 W. First St. (630) 755-5252 https://www.altamurapizza.com

Curbside pickup, delivery and Grubhub delivery available for take-and-bake pizzas, cooked pizzas and other items. Hours: 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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114 S. Washington St. (630) 654-4600 https://www.baldinellipizza.com

Indoor dining, curbside pickup and free delivery available, plus frozen pizzas available. Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

■ Café la Fortuna

46 Village Place (630) 537-1586 https://www.lafortunahinsdale.com

Curbside pickup and Door Dash available. Hours: 7 a.m. to noon Monday to Saturday.

■ Casa Margarita

25 E. Hinsdale Ave. (630) 455-9000 https://www.casamargarita.com

Indoor dining, delivery available through DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats. Hours: noon to 9 p.m.

■ Egg Harbor

29 E. First St. (630) 920-1344 https://www.eggharborcafe.com

Indoor and outdoor dining, carryout and delivery available. Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

■ Fontano's Subs

9 S. Lincoln St. (630) 789-0891

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■ Fuller House

35 E. First St. (630) 568-5466 https://www.fullerhousebar.com

Indoor and outdoor dining, takeout, curbside pickup and delivery through DoorDash and Uber Eats available. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

■ Giuliano's Ristorante

40 Village Place (630) 734-1500 https://www.giulianospiz-

Indoor dining, regular or noncontact delivery and carryout available. Hours: starting at 4 p.m.

■ Hua Ting

777 N. York Road (630) 789-0505 https://www.huatinghinsdale.com

Indoor dining, takeout available. Hours: 11:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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Friday and Saturday, 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, closed Tuesdays.

■ II Poggiolo

8 E. First St. (630) 734-9400 https://www.ilpoggiolohinsdale.com

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■ Jade Dragon

43 S. Washington St. (630) 323-6959 https://www.jadedragonhinsdale.com

Indoor dining, carryout available. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays.

■ Nabuki

18 E. First St. (630) 654-8880 https://www.nabukihinsdale.com

Indoor and outdoor dining, curbside pickup available. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

■ Page's Restaurant

26 1/2 E. First St. (630) 323-9058 https://www.facebook. com/pagesrestaurant

Indoor and outdoor dining, carryout available. To preorder doughnuts, send a text to (708) 476-0900 with name, quantity and day to pick up. Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

■ Sweet Ali's Bakerv

13 W. First St. (630) 908-7175 https://www.sweetalis.com

Curbside pickup available. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday.

■ Toni Patisserie & Café

51 S. Washington St. (630) 789-2020 https://www.tonipatisserie.

Indoor dining, carryout

and delivery through Door Dash and Grub Hub available. Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

■ Vistro Prime

112 S. Washington St. (630) 537-1459 https://www.vistroprime.

Indoor and outdoor din-

ing. Hours: 4:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday; 4:30 to 8 p.m. Sundays; closed Mondays.

■ Wild Ginger

44 S. Washington St. (630) 323-1888 https://www.wildgingerhinsdale.com

Indoor dining, carryout and delivery available. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

■ YiaYia's Cafe

13 Grant Square (630) 487-5600 https://www.yiayiashinsdale.com

Indoor and outdoor dining, curbside pickup and delivery through DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats available. Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

FAMILY FUN

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June 14 Memorial Building lawn near Chicago Avenue

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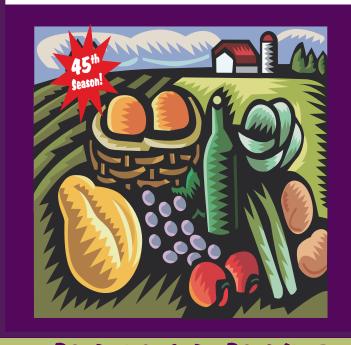
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during the farmers market. Time: 11 a.m.

■ The Progressive Farm: A Barnyard Tour

Through June 13 Kline Creek Farm (630) 876-5900 https://www.dupageforest. org/calendar-of-events

Join a costumed heritage interpreter and explore the connections between farming at the end of the 19th century and today, looking closely at the farm's buildings, implements and animals. Masks are required, and tours are first come, first served with a 10-person limit. Times: 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. tours Thursdays through Mondays.

FOR A CAUSE

■ Adaptive Golf benefit

June 11
Cog Hill Golf and Country
Club
12994 Archer Ave.,
Lemont

https://www.usaga.org

Join U.S. Adaptive Golf Alliance's eighth annual golf outing to support individuals with disabilities through their inclusion in the game of golf. Breakfast will be provided prior to golf, and lunch and drink tickets are included. Hors d'oeuvres will be served during the awards presentation, and the event also will feature raffles and silent auction. Time: 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost: \$200, \$750 per foursome. RR

■ Fun Walk/Run for ACS

June 18 Central Park (North Fields) 1315 Kensington Rd, Oak Brook

In memory of Hinsdale resident, wife and mom Rachel Hudson, this 3-mile walk/run event has been organized to raise money for the American Cancer Society and help bring the community together. Kids are encouraged to collect sponsorships from family and friends Time: 6 to 8

p.m.

GAME ON

■ Fun with Flag Football

Thursdays, June 17-Aug. 5 Burns Field 320 N. Vine St., Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Children ages 5-7 will learn skills in this no-contact class, including throwing, hiking, offense/defense and flag pulling. Controlled scrimmages are played once the basic skills have been taught. Pee Wee-sized and Nerf footballs are used. Masks and water bottles are required. Time: 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Cost: \$72. RR

■ Flag Football Skills Clinic Thursdays, June 17-Aug. 5 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale (630) 789-7090

dale.org/pr Kids ages 8-12 will build flag football skills like catch-

https://www.villageofhins-

ing, passing, de-flagging, and offense and defense strategies in a positive and safe environment. Drills and games focus on fundamentals and field concepts as well as positions and mechanics. Masks and water bottles are required. Time: 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Cost: \$96.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Breeding Bird Walk

June 13 Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 West 111th St., Lemont (630) 257-2045 https://www.fpdcc.com

Join this walk focusing on breeding birds and improve bird identification skills by learning bird vocalizations, field marks and behaviors. Participants should bring binoculars. Masks and physical distancing are required. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. RR

■ Summer Solstice Hike

June 20 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs (708) 839-6897 https://www.fpdcc.com

Join this sunset stroll and meet one of the center's animal ambassadors after the hike. All ages are welcome, and participants should bring binoculars; limited pairs will be available to loan. Masks and physical distancing are required. Time: 8 p.m. RR

GREEN THUMB

■ Get Growing! Expo

June 18-20 Brookfield Zoo 8400 31st St. https://czs.org/ GetGrowingExpo

This exhibit will feature beautiful garden displays and floral and home-related ideas to help guests get planting in their own green spaces. There also will be

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educational seminars at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on plants for pollinators, food gardening tips and tricks, and the FUNdamentals of container design with annuals. Author and illustrator Flora Caputo will be share her expertise on using pollinator plants in containers and Make-N-Take Terrarium workshops will be held at 1 and 3 p.m. daily. Additionally, mobile plant boutique Plant Truck Chicago will sell items. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: Free with zoo admission of \$24.95, \$17.95 for ages 3-11, and \$19.95 for age 65 and over, free for ages 2 and under plus \$15 parking.

■ Community Garden Plot Program

Through Oct. 31
Peirce Park
700 E. Walnut St.,
Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
https://www.villageofhinsdale.org

Residents and nonresidents are invited to join Hinsdale's Community Garden Plot Program. Six raised garden plots measuring 4-by-6 feet each will be available to rent on a firstcome, first-served basis. Plots include dirt only. Renters can keep whatever their plot produces. All gardeners must agree to follow the rules and guidelines of the garden plot manual. Renters must be at least age 18. Cost: \$25 per plot, \$40 for nonresidents.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Fitness Hike

June 13 Bemis Woods-North (Grove 4) Wolf Road south of 31st St. (312) 533-5751 https://fpdcc.com

Get a workout while enjoying the benefits of hitting the trail. Fast walk and slower-paced options are available on this approximately 6.5-mile hike from

Bemis Woods to Brezina Woods and back. Masks and physical distancing are required. Time: 8 a.m. RR.

■ Hike for your Heart

June 13 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs (708) 839-6897 https://fpdcc.com

Get a health boost by getting out in nature and enjoying beautiful trails. This hike has a moderate pace and beginners are welcome. The program is for ages 12 & up. Masks and physical distancing are required. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. RR

■ Hot Topics in Breast Cancer June 19-29 (630) 323-5150 https://www.wellneshhouse.org

Join top oncologists, surgeons and healthcare professionals in the Chicagoland area to learn about the latest updates in the research and treatment of breast cancer. Sessions include Updates in Breast Cancer Treatment and Research Panel from 9 to 11:30 a.m. June 19, Updates in the Treatment of Metastatic Breast Cancer from 6:30 to 8 p.m. June 22, Surgical Management of Lymphedema from 2:30 to 4 p.m. June 23, Hormonal Therapy for Breast Cancer from 6:30 to 8 p.m. June 24 and Advocating for Yourself as a Breast Cancer Patient from 6:30 to 8 p.m. June 29.

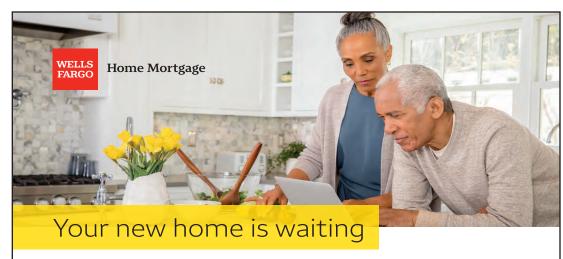
■ Human+Nature Solstice Yoga

June 20 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle https://www.mortonarb. org

Celebrate the longest day of the year and the beginning of summer with a Human+Nature-themed yoga session at the arboretum. Beneath the gaze of Hallow, the magnificent sculpture located at Meadow Lake, practice poses, breathing and meditation that will help connect mind and body with the natural surroundings and feel the restorative energy that nature provides. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$17. RR, MD

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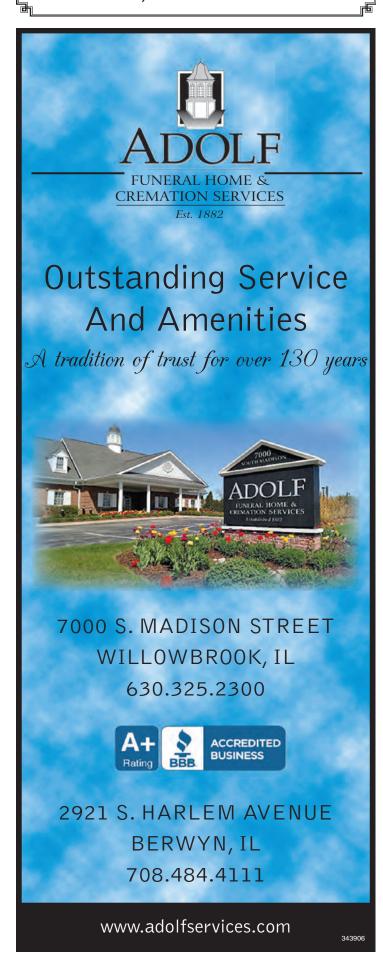
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■ Silhouette Art

June 15 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. (630) 986-1976 https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info

Kids in grades three to five are invited to make silhouette artwork using strips of magazines. Times: 10 to 11 a.m. or 3 to 4 p.m.

■ Creative Writing for Kids Wednesdays, June 16-July

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

In this fun and interactive virtual class, kids ages 7-12 will use their own natural talent of creativity and imagination to learn how to effectively develop and write their own stories. Each session covers different activities and topics, taught live on Zoom by a Language in Action Inc. instructor. Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$106. RR

■ Future Economists of the World

June 18
Community Presbyterian
Church
39 N. Prospect Ave.,
Clarendon Hills
(630) 703-9143
https://www.tinyurl.
com/5evhutxv

Rising second- through fifth-graders are invited to learn about different economic systems, consumer impact on the economy, supply and demand, and much more in this class. Two different 90-minute sessions are offered. Contact Paton Mehrhoff at 822269@ hinsdale86.org or Megan Bauschard at 822135@hinsdale86.org for more information. Registration and payment are due by June 13. Times: 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 3 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. RR

■ Little Free Library Scavenger Hunt

Through June 30 https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info

Get exercise and fresh air through this Hinsdale Public Library activity inviting kids to hunt around Hinsdale for all of the Little Free Library book sharing boxes within specified boundaries. Fill in the street names under photos of the boxes on the entry form and hand in the form to enter the contest and possibly receive a prize. Pick up an entry forms in Youth Services; completed forms must be submitted by June 30.

■ First Folio Bedtime Tales Through July 15

Through July 15 https://www.firstfolio.org

First Folio Artistic
Associates Diana Coates
and Michael Goldberg will
help read children to sleep
with bedtime tales posted
new each month and chosen specifically with little
ones in mind. Two new videos are added each month.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ The Life and Art of Frida Kahlo

June 14 https://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

The Clarendon Hills Library welcomes Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur and her virtual talk on how Kahlo's dramatic, eventfilled life is reflected in her powerful art work. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Voyager's Travel Discussion Club: Summer Roadtripping June 16

http://hinsdalelibrary.info

Join this destination-packed virtual program from the Hinsdale Public Library to learn about drivable destinations from Hinsdale that will check all of the boxes for outdoor summer fun. Include an email address when registering to receive the online meeting invitation. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

NOTEWORTHY

■ Rachmaninoff Concertos Available through June 15

Available through June 15 https://www.atthemac.org/events/np-rachmaninoff International pianist

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minor, Concerto 2 in C
minor and Concerto 3 in

D-minor is available on demand. A video interview of Wael Farouk with MAC Director Diana Martinez and Maestro Kirk Muspratt is also available. Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$40 per household

■ Wonderful Winds

Through June 21 https://www.elmhurstsymphony.org

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra presents this video on-demand program featuring Joplin's "Pineapple Rag" by Scott Joplin, Von Weber's "Romance for Trombone and Strings" and Dvorak's "Serenade for Winds." The program will be available for two weeks after clicking to view or midnight, June 21, whichever comes first. Tickets: \$25.

ON SCREEN

■ 'Dolittle'

June 11 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Hinsdale's parks and recreation department kicks off its free Movie in the Park series with this family-friendly feature. Guest should bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs and join the fun under the stars. Popcorn will be provided. The rain date is June 14. Time: Dusk.

■ Film Discussion: 'The Long Shadow'

June 21 https://hinsdalelibrary.info Join Illinois libraries in a special screening of "The Long Shadow" in recognition of Juneteenth. "The Long Shadow" follows **Emmy-Award winning** director Frances Causey as she traces her family's legacy of white privilege, placing it in the context of the history of anti-black racism in the United States, which began with slavery and continues to impact our society today. Stream the film from June 21-28 and join a Zoom Q&A with Causey at 7 p.m. June 24. RR

ON STAGE

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■ 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

June 10-12, 18-19 Theatre of Western Springs 4384 Hampton Ave. https://theatreofwesternsprings.com

The CTWS High School Repertory program will perform one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, set in Athens and consisting of several subplots that revolve around the marriage of Duke Theseus and Hippolyta and characters who find themselves in a forest inhabited by fairies that manipulate the humans and are engaged in their own domestic intrigue. The show will be performed on the theater's new outdoor stage and all performances are BYOC or "bring your own chair". Masks are required and seating will be limited and socially distanced. The play runs about 90 minutes with no intermission. Times: 7 p.m. June 10-11 and 18, 3 and 7 p.m. June 12, 3 p.m. June 13 and 19. Tickets: \$15.

■ 'Honk'

June 11-13 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale http://www.stagedoorfinearts.com/honk-20

Stage Door Fine Arts presents this musical tale of the classic Ugly Duckling story. Ugly looks quite a bit different from his darling duckling brothers and sisters and finds himself on an adventure of self-discovery, all the while unknowingly outwitting a very hungry Cat. Along the way, Ugly meets a whole flock of unique characters and finds out that being different is not a bad thing to be. Times: 7 p.m. June 11, 2 and 7 p.m. June 12, 2 p.m. June 13. Tickets: \$20.

SEASONAL SERIES

■ Cantigny's Concert Series Sundays June 13-Aug. 1 https://www.cantigny.org

Cantigny kicks off its concert series with a performance by classic rock band VOYAGE,. Full details are posted on the website listed above. Time: 3 p.m. Admission: Free with \$10 parking.

Uniquely Thursdays
June 24-Aug. 26
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.,
Hinsdale
https://www.hinsdale-chamber.com

This annual concert series sponsored by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce returns this summer, with the Millennials performing June 24. Beer, wine and food are available for purchase; private alcohol is prohibited. Bring chairs and blankets. Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Hinsdale Farmers Market
Mondays through Oct. 25
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
https://www.hinsdalechamber.com
(630) 323-3952

Shop the 45th annual market for the freshest in-season fruit, vegetables, eggs, honey, cheeses, meats, flowers and more. Weekly fitness classes will be held from 7 to 8 a.m. in the park in conjunction with the market, and there will be children's activities, too. Hours: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SIGN UP NOW

■ 3-Course Summer Outdoor Dining

June 23 http://hinsdalelibrary.info

Join this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program featuring chef Susan Maddox presenting recipes perfect for the season. The recipes will be distributed for the program. Registrants will be contacted when the project materials are available for pickup and with an online meeting invitation. Time: 7

SPECIAL EVENTS

to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Chef Fest 2021: Summer Edition

June 14–17 (331) 221-0388 https://www.eehealth.org/ chef-fest

The Elmhurst Memorial Health Foundation has reimagined its annual fundraiser as an "Eat & Earn" experience this year through which supporters can help by patronizing a variety of restaurants in Elmhurst and surrounding communities. The event also features a "Game of Chance" with winners drawn for several prize packages. A list of participating restaurants can be found at the website listed above.

■ Summer Beer Tasting

June 19 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle https://www.mortonarb. org

The arboretum's popular beer and cider festival will feature 20 local craft breweries serving seasonal and flagship brews, ciders and meads at tasting booths in beautiful surroundings. A ticket includes 20 3-ounce beer samples. Ticket purchasers must be 21 or older and present a valid ID at check-in; non-drinking and underage guests are able to join ticket holders along the tasting route but are required to reserve a timed-entry pass before arrival. Tickets are available every 15 minutes between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets: \$60. RR, MD

■ Pet Walk Festival

June 26
Pet Rescue & Resource
Center
21 Salt Creek Lane,
Hinsdale
(630) 323-5630
https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

The Hinsdale Humane Society will resume this annual event with a superhero theme and pet- and family-friendly activities, split between two timing waves for COVID-19 safety. Guests can join a 1-mile Pet Walk around the neighborhood surrounding the PRRC, and children can take part in the Humane **Education Kids Corner with** an interactive game called Pet Investigators, as well as join in the Superhero Sprint. Food options, a small vendor mall, a cash prize raffle and raffle baskets, tours and visits with Therapaws Pet Therapy teams will also be part of the event. HHS Humane Heroes members are invited to a complimentary ice cream social

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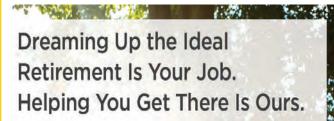
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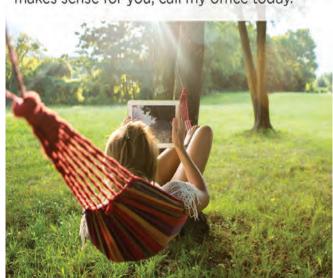
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from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., where they will receive their a name badge and membership gift. Raffle tickets are available online even for those not attending. Tickets: \$25, \$5 for ages 6-13, free for age 5 and under. Times: 10 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen Among Us

June 15 Hinsdale Public Library http://hinsdalelibrary.info

Those in sixth grade and up can join others virtually in playing Among Us. The free mobile app must be downloaded to play. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

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■ Adult and Tot T-Ball

Saturdays, June 12-Aug. 7 or Tuesdays, June 15-Aug. 3 KLM Park 5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

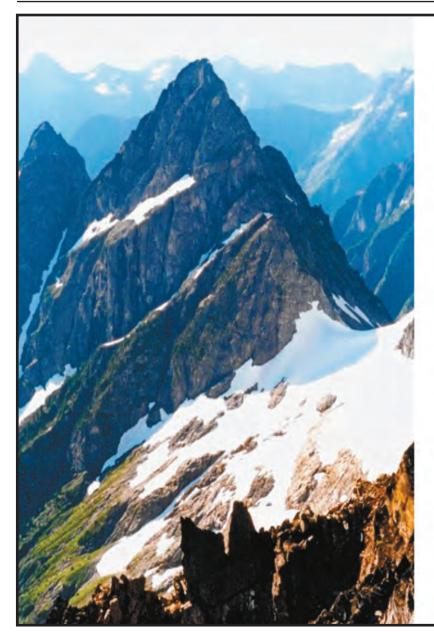
Parents can enjoy America's favorite pastime with their children ages 2-3 as they develop motor skills while having fun throwing, catching, batting and base running like the big kids. Participants should bring a labeled mitt, face covering and water bottle; adult participation is required. Time: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$72. RR

■ Park Storytime

June 17 Burns Field 320 N. Vine St., Hinsdale http://hinsdalelibrary.info

Join Hinsdale Public Library librarians for stories, fingerplays and music in the park. The program is recommended for ages 2-5. Time: 10:30 to 11 a.m. RR

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Abigail Gambla
John Goebel
Cameron Heil
Jocelyn Jeka
Lauren Jonlich
Elizabeth Karls
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Alexander Marushka
Megan McCann
Colin Murray
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Isabel Plumpe
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Lucy Rooney
Luke Stachowiak
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Aoife Stover
Benjamin Truong
Scott Upp
Josie Wagner
Audrey Wake
Ellie Williams
Molly Yopp
Leah Zaloudek

We wish our Class of 2021 all the best in high school!



ACADEMIC AWARDS

Religion – Merrick Parker
Math – Abigail Gambla
Reading – Winston Stangle
Writing – Ellie Williams
Social Studies – Paige Malinowski
Science – Hayden Stein
Spanish – Beatrice Cook
PE – Elyssa Abdullah

ROTARY CLUB AWARD

Josie Wagner and Ethan Ortiz

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ANIMAL CAMPS

■ All Abilities Animal Friends Camp

Every other Friday, June 11-Aug. 6 Tuthill Family Pet Rescue and Resource Center 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org (630) 323-5630

This Hinsdale Humane Society camp is designed for children ages 6 to 12, especially those with developmental and cognitive disabilities. Due to COVID-19 limitations, spots are reserved first for children with such disabilities. Any remaining spots can be filled by children without disabilities. Campers will be provided with an array of activities that will encourage them to get active, express their creativity and share their emotions. Register for all five sessions or pick and choose. Please send an email to lauren.link@hinsdalehumanesociety.org with questions about the camp, including cost, or to register. Masks are required if campers

are indoors due to inclement weather. Time: 10 a.m. to noon.

ART CAMPS

■ Mixed Media Art

June 14-17 Tianto Art 941 S. Monroe St., Hinsdale (630) 363-884 https://www.tiantoart.com

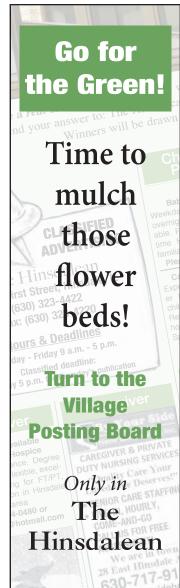
Students will participate in drawing and printmaking and create a mask and a kite in this outdoor summer art camp run by Hinsdale resident Chun Ye. An art show and reception will be held in October at the Hinsdale Public Library. Groups will be limited to four to six students. All materials are included. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$185

■ Drawing from Life

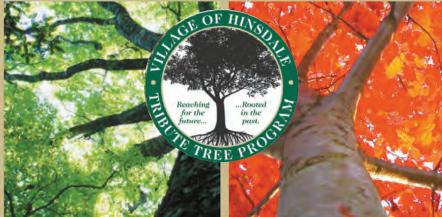
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Alexis Mitchell
Mia Nehme
Jemma Patel
Samuel Perdomo
Rosenbaum
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Natalia Ribeiro
Ryan Rogero
Christina Shin
Loren Smith
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Jack Storino
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Kids ages 7-16 will learn foundational skills to take their work to the next level from master artist David Marcet. Learn to see and draw like a pro. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$213. RR, MD

■ Summer Arts Camp

June 21-Aug. 13 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

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theme week in any configuration over the summer. The camp is for ages 5 to 12. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$200. RR, MD

■ Multi-Art Week

June 21-24 Tianto Art 941 S. Monroe St., Hinsdale (630) 363-884 https://www.tiantoart.com

Students will participate in 3-D drawing, clay art, drawing

and mask-making in this outdoor summer art camp run by Hinsdale resident Chun Ye. An art show and reception will be held in October at the Hinsdale Public Library. Groups will be limited to four to six students. All materials are included. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$185.

■ Mixed Media Craft Week June 28-July 1 Tianto Art 941 S. Monroe St., Hinsdale (630) 363-884

https://www.tiantoart.com

Students will paint on a T-shirt, design a hand bag, create a paper fan lion and try fashion design in this outdoor summer art camp run by Hinsdale resident Chun Ye. An art show and reception will be held in October at the Hinsdale Public Library. Groups will be limited

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Summer Reading Club

June 7-July 31

Readers of all ages are challenged to track the time they spend reading to earn prizes! Pick up a reading log at the Library or print at hinsdalelibrary.info/SRC.

Film Screening & Discussion "The Long Shadow"

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Gustavo Reyes Hinsdale Central High School



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Alyson Chatterjee University of Michigan



Congratulations on your many accomplishments in Ann Arbor! We are so proud! Good luck at Columbia University! Love, Dad & Mom

SUMMER CAMPS

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to four to six students. All materials are included. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$185

■ Miniature Worlds Camps June 28-July 2 Burr Ridge Park District Community Center 15W400 Harvester Drive (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale.

Kids ages 6 and older will design ideas on paper and work with an artist to build, sculpt and paint a 3-D world with an African safari theme. Design an alien planet during a second session July 19-23. Time: 1 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$165.

■ Paintbrush Camp

June 21-25 Burr Ridge Park District Community Center 15W400 Harvester Drive (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

Participants 6 and older will enjoy several hours of painting with nontoxic acrylic paints

each day. Daily ideas and inspiration will be provided, with small group and individual instruction. Time: 1 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$125.

■ Relief Printing Camp

July 12-15 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Master artist David Marcet will teach campers ages 7 to 16 to plan, carve and run their own series of original block prints. This ancient technique creates handmade art that can be duplicated and shared for years to come. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$213. RR, MD

■ Animation Camp

July 26-29 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 7 to 16 will explore the history, technology and techniques of this magical, illusory art form and make

their own stories one frame at a time. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$213. RR, MD

BAKING & COOKING CAMPS

■ Baking Camp

June 14-18 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

This Whole Child Learning camp for ages 5 to 11 will teach participants the basics of baking as they measure, mix and knead their way to tasty treats. Kids will sample their creations and take some home, too. Masks must be worn. Additional sessions will be offered July 6-9 and Aug. 16-20. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$365, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Culinary Science Camp

June 21-25 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5 to 11 will learn the basics of cooking and have a blast in this Whole Child Learning camp. They will make breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks; design an apron; and compete in a Chopped Challenge. Masks must be worn. Additional sessions will be offered July 12-16 and Aug. 9-13 (1 to 4 p.m.). Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$365, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Farm to Table Cooking Camp July 6-9

Westmont Community Center 75 E. Richmond St. https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr (630) 789-7090

Explore the bounty of summer-fresh, local, colorful ingredients and discover how these foods get from the ground to the plate. Young chefs in kindergarten through fifth grade also will learn what makes certain ingredients beneficial for the body and how delicious they can taste. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$285. RR

■ STEAM Cooking Camp

July 29-23 Westmont Community Center 75 E. Richmond St. https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr (630) 789-7090

Campers in kindergarten through fifth grade will explore the many connections between cooking and science, technology, engineering, art and math while creating delectable dishes. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$355.

■ Sticky Fingers 'Kids Cooking Network' Camp

Aug. 9-13

Westmont Community Center 75 E. Richmond St. https://www.villageofhinsdale. (630) 789-7090

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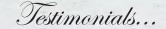
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CAMPS FOR YOUNG KIDS

■ Guppies Kiddie Camp

June 14-Aug. 20 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

This day camp for kids ages 3-6 will offer fun, creative learning experiences including sports, drama and environmental awareness, with field trips and a different theme each week. All participants must be toilet trained. Sign up for the whole summer, individual weeks or individual days. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$200 a week, \$45 a day. RR, MD

■ Zion Early Childhood Summer Camp

June 14-Aug. 2 204 S. Grant St., Hinsdale https://www.zionhinsdale.org (630) 323-0384

Zion Early Childhood Education center is offering eight one-week sessions of summer camp for 2 1/2- to 6-year-olds. Campers participate in theme-based activities that are appropriate for the child's age group, including games, music, outdoor exploration, creative art, language arts, Jesus time, snack and free-choice time. Sign up for two days a week, full weeks or all eight weeks. The camp day can be extended to 2 p.m. with "Munch a Lunch and a Bunch of Fun." Jump Into Summer programs are offered from June 1-11; see website for details. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$37 a day for morning session, \$29 more to extend day (including lunch). RR

■ Pokémon Engineering

June 21-25 Burr Ridge Park District Community Center 15W400 Harvester Drive (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale.

Campers ages 5 and 6 will join Ash and Pikachu as they build, capture, train and explore the vast world of Pokémon with tens of thousands of LEGO parts, all while exploring engineering with the guidance of a Play-Well instructor. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$156. RR

■ Little Wing British Invasion Camp

June 21-25 School of Rock 116 S. Washington St., Hinsdale (630) 936-4742 https://locations.schoolofrock.com/hinsdale/ music-camps

In this camp, 3- to 5-yearolds will learn about artists such as The Beatles, The Who, Oueen and The Rolling Stones as they develop a love and understanding of music through play. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$199. RR

CODING CAMPS

■ Minecraft Builder

June 14-18 Code Ninjas 842 E. Ogden Ave.,

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

Kids ages 7 to 14 will learn digital modeling processes and storytelling as they build scenes in Minecraft and produce stories in their digital world. They also will be introduced to recording, editing and mixing audio and visual. Another session is set for Aug. 9-13. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$299. RR

■ Roblox Game Builder

June 28-July 2 Code Ninjas 842 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

This class is a fully guided experience for kids ages 7 to 14 to learn how to build their own Roblox game. Open to all levels of experience, kids will plan, design and build their own Roblox 3D world and invite friends to play in it. Another session is set for 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30. Time: 12:30 to 3:30. Cost: \$299. RR

■ Roblox Game Builder **Advanced**

July 5-9 Code Ninjas 842 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

Kids ages 9-14 who are familiar with Roblox will take their skills to the next level with a scripting language called LUA. They will learn the fundamentals of scripting (coding) and dig into the game-making side of Roblox to move from being a player to being a developer. A second session will take place from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 16-30. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$299. RR

DAY CAMPS

■ Summer Day Camp

June 14-Aug. 20 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org

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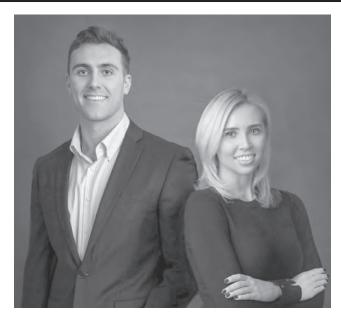
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■ Beginner Guitar Camp

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Kids ages 6 to 13 (grouped by age) will create memories and safely enjoy time with their peers as they experience sports, drama and environmental awareness, with field trips, special guests and a different theme each week. Sign up for the whole summer, individual weeks or individual days. Before and after care (7 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.) are available at an additional cost. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$300 a week, \$65 a day. RR, MD

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■ Music Production Camp

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learn the basic fundamentals of guitar such as chording, tuning, strumming and picking in this fun, five-day camp. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$199. RR

■ AMI Summer Music Camp

July 19-23 AMI Downers Grove campus 1032 Maple Ave. (630) 850-8505 https://www.amimusic.org

Musicians of all instruments

and levels are invited to participate in the Beginner Music Camp (ages 5-12), Little Mozart Camp (ages 5-12) or Young Artist Camp (ages 13-18). After care until 5:30 is available at an additional cost. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$375 early tuition through today. RR

MUSICAL THEATER CAMPS

"Seussical' Musical Theater Camp

Weekdays, June 7-18 First United Methodist Church 4330 Howard Ave., Western **Springs** https://www.musicmakersstudio.com (708) 246-8222

Music Makers is offering this intensive musical theater experience for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Auditions are by appointment from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2. Visit the website listed above. Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 18-19, on the front

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porch of Music Makers, 4332 Howard Ave., Western Springs. Rehearsal times: noon to 2:30 p.m. for Cast A, 2:30 to 5 p.m. for Cast B. Tuition: \$400.

■ BAM Broadway Workshop Series

July 12-17 or 26-31 https://ticketpeak.co/bam/ classes

This is the perfect summer camp for any kid who has a theatrical side. Each camp session offers a unique show and is skillfully designed for a specific age group. Students will learn the foundational practices for musical theater singing, acting and dance. Each session culminates with a final performance so each student gets to shine. Rehearsals and performances will take place at a location in the Hinsdale or Clarendon Hills area. Openings remain for "SpongeBob Musical" (July 12-17 for ages 7 to 13), and "Jedi Masters" (July 26-31 for ages 8 to 15). Cost: \$255 plus fees.

■ CTWS 'Something Rotten'

Summer Camp

July 5-23 Theatre of Western Springs 4384 Hampton Ave. (708) 246-4043 https://www.theatreofwesternsprings.com

Kids who will enter seventh grade this year through those who have completed high school will enjoy performing in this Broadway hit. The final performance will be filmed on the last day of camp. Sessions are limited to 50 people (campers and staff) and masks will be required. Times: 2 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$500. RR

■ SDFA Music Theater Camp

Aug. 2-6 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Campers in sixth through 12th grade will develop a show, complete with song, dance, solo work and ensemble performance in this Stage Door Fine Arts camp. The week will focus on famous shows, actors, and composers, with a final performance featuring numbers from Broadway favorites. A camp for kids in first through fifth grade will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 9-13. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$230. RR, MD

OUTDOOR CAMPS

■ Zombie Camp After Dark

July 12-15 Burr Ridge Park District Community Center 15W400 Harvester Drive (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

Kids ages 8-12 will meet at the center then head out to Harvester Park to learn to build a shelter, find their way through the wilderness and survive the "zombie disaster." Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$130

SPECIAL INTEREST CAMPS

■ Comedy Improv Camp

June 14-18 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 9-17 will enjoy working with friends from Stage Door Fine Arts in this intensively fun camp. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$213. RR,

■ Volunteer Camp

June 21-24 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Rising seventh- through ninth-graders will travel by and from The Community House to a different location each morning following an orientation to volunteering. Participants will receive a T-shirt and pizza lunch on Thursday. An additional sessionswill be offered June 28-July 1. Sign up for one or all four. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$135. RR, MD

■ Body Trek Virtual Camp

June 28-July 2 https://www.candorhealthed. org lwilliams@candorhealthed.org

Candor Health Education,

formerly known as Robert Crown, has modified its popular one-week journey of exploration for students entering grades five to eight into an online camp featuring interactive games, dissections, special guest visits, activities and experiments to be completed after camp each day. The camp is designed for students interested in a career in the nursing, medical or science fields or those looking for a one-of-a-kind camp experience. An additional session will be offered July 12-16. For more information, send an email to Lance Williams at the address listed above. Time: Noon to 2 p.m. Cost: \$150, \$200 including dissection kit.

SPORTS CAMPS

■ Badminton & Pickleball

June 28-July 2 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale.

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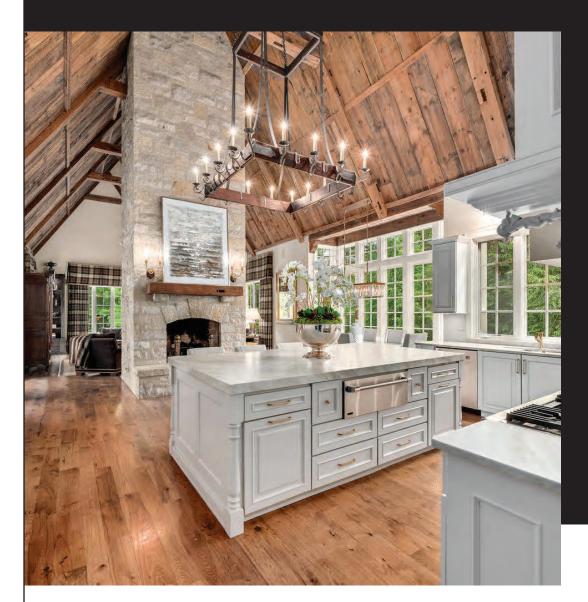
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SUMMER CAMPS

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Kids 7 to 12 will be introduced to stroke fundamentals such as serving, receiving, smashing, volleying and dropping. Fun and challenging drills and recreational matches will help young players develop the hand-eye coordination, motor skills and mental abilities needed for successful pickleball and badminton groups. Equipment is provided. Time: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$115. RR

■ 5 Star Soccer Camp

June 14-18
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
https://www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Instructor Mike Wiggins' 5 Star Soccer Camps offer a fresh, enthusiastic approach to teaching youth soccer to players ages 5 to 14. Staff will use the most current curriculum to help build on fundamental techniques while creating an atmosphere that unlocks the game within each child. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$145. RR, MD

■ Volleyball Camp

June 14-18 Burns Field 320 N. Vine St., Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

Players ages 7-12 of all skill levels will work on passing, serving, defense, setting, blocking and hitting along with technique, set location, play sets, footwork and overall knowledge of the game. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$115. RR

■ RISE Field Hockey Summer Camp

June 14-24 Robbins Park hockey field Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

Coaches will teach campers how to handle the stick, dribble the ball, shoot on goal and pass and receive. Creative and age/skill appropriate training will be provided to kindergartners through eighth-graders who are new to the game or looking to hone their skills. Players must bring shin guards, mouth guard and water. Players may borrow a stick or purchase a package. Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m.

for K-fourth grade, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for fifth through eighth grade. Cost: \$295. RR

■ Cheerleading Camp

June 21-25 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

Learn how to show spirit for the home team in this exciting camp for kids ages 7 to 12 who are new to cheerleading or preparing for the next season. Instruction will be provided on crowd and sideline cheers as well as arm motions, tumbling and floor routines. Basic stunts and jumps will be incorporated throughout the week. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$115. RR

■ Soccer Made in America Training Camp

July 5-9
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets,
Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
https://www.villageofhinsdale.
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The Aleks Mihailovic Soccer Made in America soccer training camp emphasizes psychological dimensions such as motivation, confidence, leadership and game smarts. Open to players ages 4 through 14, world-class professional clinicians will provide beginner, traveling and advanced levels. All participants receive a camp T-shirt and a certificate of achievement. Extend the session to 3 p.m. for an addition \$100. A second camp will be offered July 26-30. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$159. RR

■ Lacrosse Camp

July 12-16
KLM Park
5901 S. County Line Road,
Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
https://www.villageofhinsdale.
org/pr

Players ages 7-12 will learn various lacrosse techniques such as cradling, scooping, passing, catching, shooting and goalie skills during drills and games in a fast-paced and safe environment. Offensive and defensive technique and positioning also will be taught. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$115. RR

■ Multi Sport Camp July 26-30

July 26-30 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

Participants ages 5-8 will learn the fundamentals of basketball, soccer and baseball/T-ball in organized games that emphasize sportsmanship, sharing and teamwork. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$115. RR

■ Baseball/Softball Camp

Aug. 2-6 Veeck Park 701 Chicago Ave., Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

This camp for kids ages
7-12 will include instruction
in skill development, fundamentals and games. Drills for
defense, hitting, base running
and throwing will be taught.
Outfield, infield, pitching
and catching segments will
be included. Please bring a
labeled mitt, bat, face covering
and water bottle. Time: 9 a.m.
to noon. Cost: \$115. RR

■ Elite Basketball Camp

Aug. 2-6 Burns Field 320 N. Vine St., Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

This camp focuses on individual skill sets in offense and defense, understanding offensive and defensive play within a team concept, and learning proper conditioning for speed, strength and jumping ability. Players ages 8 to 14 will get skill instruction in ball handling. shooting, passing, footwork, off-ball movement, rebounding, transition offense/defense and team defense to help them become more valuable to their team next season. Drill repetitions and playing time in games enhance the skills learned to create a complete player. Please bring a labeled water bottle and face covering. Time: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$115. RR

S.T.E.M. CAMPS

■ Summer Science Camp

June 7-Aug. 13
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
https://www.mortonarb.org/
science-camps
(630) 719-2468

The Morton Arboretum is offering a variety of themed

summer camps for preschoolers through those entering eighth grade, with students grouped by age. Morning supervised play from 8 to 9 a.m., supervised lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. and afternoon supervised play from 3 to 3:30 p.m. is available at an additional cost. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for full-day camps, 9 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 3:30 for half-days camps. Cost: \$410 full-day camps, \$245 half-day camps.

■ Harry Potter Science Camp

June 14-18 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5 to 11 are invited to join the wizarding class at Hogwarts and learn how to cast spells and mix potions that actually work in this Whole Child Learning camp. Masks must be worn. An additional session will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 2-6. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$325, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Pokémon Master Engineering

June 21-25 Burr Ridge Park District Community Center 15W400 Harvester Drive (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale. org/pr

Campers ages 7 to 12 will start their training in Pallet Town and expand their Pokédex as they collect their favorite Pokémon with LEGO materials. Design and build as never before and explore crazy ideas while learning about STEM concepts. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$156. RR

■ Minecraft Camp

June 21-25 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

This Whole Child Learning camp for ages 5 to 11 will give kids — from beginners to advanced players — the chance to play games with their friends and make crafts. Masks must be worn. Additional sessions will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. July 26-30 and Aug. 16-20. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$325, with early bird and member discounts.

■ LEGO Engineering Camp

June 21-25 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5 to 10 will design moving assemblies, build bridges and robots, and explore programming with WeDo Robotics in this Whole Child Learning camp. Masks must be worn. Additional sessions are July 19-22 and Aug. 16-20 (9 a.m. to noon). Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$325, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Vet Science Camp

June 28 to July 1 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

In this Whole Child Learning camp, kids ages 5 to 11 will give pet exams, learn about caring for pets and have live encounters. Masks must be worn. Additional sessions will be offered July 12-16 (1 to 4 p.m.) and Aug. 9-13. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$260, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Spa Science Camp

June 28-July 1 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5 to 11 will make lip gloss, bath bombs and more while learning the basics of facials, make-up and nutrition in this Whole Child Learning camp. Masks must be worn. Time: 1 to 4 p.m.. Cost: \$260, with early bird and member discounts.

■ Super Slime and Gooey Chemistry Camp

July 6-9 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Become a mad scientist and brew up crazy concoctions
— maybe even an explosion or two — in this Whole Child Learning camp for ages 5-11. An additional five-day session will take place Aug. 16-20 (\$325). Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$260, with early bird and member discounts.

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GOOD NEWS

VIRTUAL WHIRL RAISES \$1.1 MILLION

This year, the Chicago Zoological Society celebrated its 40th anniversary of the Whirl, its largest annual fundraiser. The event, co-hosted by the society's board of trustees and Women's Board, was held virtually on May 1.

Hundreds of guests tuned in during the virtual fundraiser, which grossed more than \$1.1 million for the animals at Brookfield Zoo as well as the society's conservation, education, and research programs.

The program featured welcoming comments from Stuart Strahl, president and CEO of CZS, who recognized the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Chicago Zoological Society, the non-profit organization that manages Brookfield Zoo.

Additional remarks were given by Michael and Melissa Canning, Whirl co-chairs; Toni Preckwinkle, president of the Cook County Forest Preserve District; John Grube of Hinsdale, chairman of the society's board of trustees; and Sasha Gerritson, president of the Women's Board.

Auctioneer Jonathan Kraft announced the fundraiser's virtual paddle raise and live auction. Additionally, videos featuring many of Brookfield Zoo's charismatic animals were highlighted throughout the evening and Maggie Speaks, one of Chicago's most popular bands, entertained the viewing audience with several songs.

COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKE DEAN'S LISTS

Several students from Hinsdale were named to the dean's list or equivalent at their respective colleges and universities for the spring 2021 semester.

- Mary Arbor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Lucy Battaglia, Belmont University
- Olivia Berley, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Caroline Booras, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Katie Bourjaily, Boston University
- Kayla Cameron, Iowa State University
- Gabi Conidi, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Emma Dillard, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Shea Draddy, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Gabby Dull, University of Utah
- Ryder Guido, Belmont University
- Lucy Hawblitzel, Iowa State University
- Mckenna Hayes, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Cole Koffron, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Andrea Kopp, Belmont University
- Luke Moran, Belmont University
- Connor Phillips, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Sarah Running, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Michael Ryan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Ben Simon, University of Utah
- Toni Strausser, Furman University (fall 2020)
- Paige Thrana, University of Wisconsin-Madison

NAZ STUDENTS EARN DIPLOMAS

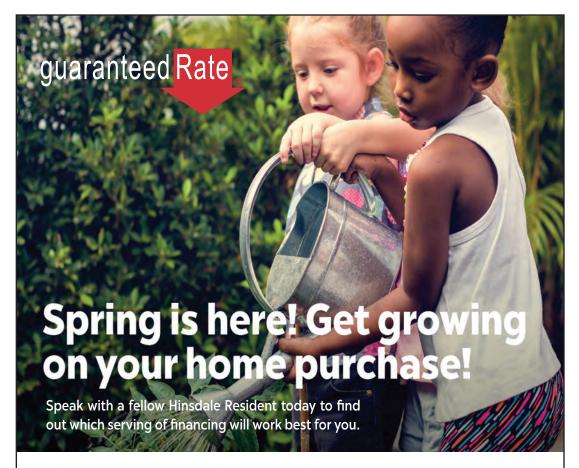
Five students from Hinsdale were among 174 seniors to graduate May 23 from Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park.

They are Isabelle Cameron, Dorothy McCarthy, Kathleen McLeod, William O'Malley and Peter Thornton.

CENTRAL HONORS RETIRING STAFF

The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board at its May 13 meeting recognized several Hinsdale Central teachers, aides and paraprofessionals who retired at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

- Julia Baker, science teach-
- Christine Billie, English teacher
- Laura Giuntoli, specialized aide
- Steven Gross, social studies teacher
- Nijole Nichols, paraprofessional in the English Language Learners department
- Pat Richards, physical education teacher
- Candace Robbins, paraprofessional in the special education department





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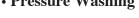
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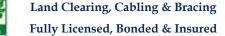
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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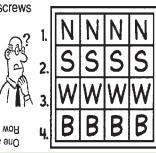


A STICKY JOB! A few lines are needed to complete this do-it-yourself disaster scene. Add them quickly from dot to dot.

DISPLAY PROBLEM! At right we see one of Sam Bolt's fastener display

boards. The compartments contain nails (N), screws (S), washers (W) and bolts (B). Sam wants to move the items so that the compartments in each row, column and both diagonals contain nails, screws, washers and bolts. How would you rearrange the fasteners? Each compartment must contain only one

type of fastener. M,8,N,2-- woR One answer: Row 1-N,S,W,B Row 2--W,B,N,S. Row 3--B,W,S,N.



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June 2021 Horoscopes · Week 3



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you have all the support in the world but you may not be ready to embrace it. Accepting help is not a sign of weakness. Rather, it shows you are self-confident.

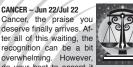


ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You may be confused about a love interest's seeming lack of communication this week, Aries. What may seem like silence to you could be patience to him or her.

CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, the praise you deserve finally arrives. After all of this waiting, the recognition can be a bit overwhelming. However, do your best to accept it with grace.







LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 LIBRA – Sept 23/0ct 23
Libra, you may start to feel at ease in situations that may have put you on edge in the past. This may mean that you're learning the ropes or that you've gotten experience.



AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 You can fix problems for others or yourself with ease, Aquarius. In fact, others may start coming to you for help more often. It can be emotionally fulfilling to help others.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
It may be challenging to see the progress you are making when it comes in small quantities, Taurus. Rest assured you are getting things done and moving along.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, someone you haven't seen in a while reaches out to reconnect. It may come as a surprise to hear from this person, but welcome him or her with onen arms

with open arms.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, with so much high energy, you can accomplish anything that you set your mind to this week. You might even polish off your entire to-do list.



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, with a steadier financial situation and improved self-esteem, you have less to worry about what the future will bring you.



GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, others have a lot of interest in you, and that can lift your spirits — especially if you are looking for a new job. Being in demand also can lead to pay friendships new friendships.



VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
It seems as if your financial investments and working relationships are moving along smoothly, Virgo. If you have plans to pursue new ventures, now is the time to act.

SAGITTARIUS



SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Positive new influences may come in your life through a new relationship or a career change, Sagitarius. Embrace the change and caire, the results are considered to the change of the change and caire, the results are considered to the change of the chang

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Jake Adams Year: senior Hometown: Hinsdale

When did you start playing baseball?

I started playing when I was about 5. My mom coached our T-ball team.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I love that it's a team game and one individual can't run the game. I like that it all revolves around having a good team.

Were you able to play during the pandemic?

I played on Top Tier (club baseball) and that let me play during the pandemic and do some practices.

What is your favorite position to play?

I like playing third base. You get a lot of action, as it's the hot corner, and you get a lot of fast ground balls that are on you right away. You've always got to be ready for anything.

Do you have any pregame rituals or routines?

I always wear two different colored socks and we always stir the soup (a stretch) as a team before the game.

What is the best advice you've gotten from a coach?

You play for one, you get many, but if you play for many, you get none.

What is your goal for the

The goal was to win conference and now the goal is to win a regional (title) and then a sectional and then state.

Cubs or Sox? Cubs.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I'm a pianist. (I play) anything — pop songs, any classical songs, anything. I've been playing since third grade.

What are your plans for the fall?

I'm going to Indiana University.

Why does coach Jason Ziemer like having Adams on the team?

I really enjoy coaching Jake because he is an old-school baseball player. His uniform is always dirty and he's played hurt for a majority of the season. He is the epitome of a team player, because he can do, and is willing to do, a variety of things to help the team win. He can play multiple positions on the field — third base, short stop and pitcher — and plays each of them well. In fact he is probably the best defensive third basemen that I've had at Central. Offensively, he can hit anywhere in the order, can bunt and hit the ball to all fields. We would not be having the success that we are having without Jake Adams.

profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

HEADED TO STATE

The Hinsdale Central boys tennis team will compete in the IHSA state final meet Thursday to Saturday, June 10-12, at Hersey High School.

Representing Red Devil Nation will be senior Ansh Shah and junior Noah Hernandez in singles, and the doubles teams of juniors Jai Vallurupalli and Mujtaba Ali-Khan, and senior John Fakouri and junior Dean Kamenev.

Members of the Central girls track team will compete in the IHSA state final meet Saturday, June 12, at Eastern Illinois University.

Representing Red Devil Nation will be sophomore Catie McCabe in the 1,600 meters, and McCabe and juniors Erin Milligan, Karina Shtogryn and Isabella Terry in the 1,600-meter relay. Good luck Devils!

RESULTS

June 4 @ IHSA regional final vs. Oak Lawn V wins 9-2 June 4 @ IHSA regional

June 4 @ IHSA regio semifinal vs. Glenbard East V wins 8-2 Montesantos, 2 RBIs Mulvihill, RBI, 2 runs J. Adams, RBI, run L. Adams, 3 runs L. Adams, 3 runs Jurack, run Chatterjee, RBI Oosterbaan, win, 5 strikeouts June 2 vs, Hinsdale South V wins 5-4 Jurack, 2 RBIs, 2 runs Mulvihill, 2 runs Issa, win Randle, save

Lacrosse, boys
June 7 @ IHSA sectional
quarterfinal
vs. Naperville North
V loses 20-21

Lacrosse, girls June 8 @ IHSA sectional qualifier vs. Nazareth V wins 21-0 June 4 vs. Glenbrook South V wins 19-8 Callahan, 5 goals Secola, 4 goals, 2 assists

Ciupek, 3 goals Brankin, 2 goals Conley, 2 goals, 3 assists Tavoso, 2 goals Randle, goal, assist Matthews, 2 assists June 2 vs. New Trier V wins 12-10

June 3 @ IHSA regional final vs. Marist V loses 0-15 June 2 @ IHSA regional semifinal vs. Oak Lawn V wins 7-3

Tennis, boys
June 4 & 5 @ IHSA sectional
V places 1st with 28 points
Singles
Shah, 1st
N. Hernandez, 2nd
Doubles
Vallurupalli/Ali-Khan, 1st
Fakouri/Kamenev, 2nd

Track, boys June 2 @ WSC Championsh V places 4th with 67.5 points 800-meter run Watcke, 1st, 1:54.62 4x400 meters V, 1st, 3:24.72 400-meter dash Mekla, 3rd, 51.50

4x200 relay V, 2nd, 1:33.26 Pole vault Sauder, 3rd, 13-2 Sauder, 3rd, 13-2 Long jump Jonas, 3rd, 6.14m Discus Lynch, 3rd, 37.66m Narcasse, 6th, 35.8m High jump Jonas, 4th, 1.73m Jonas, 4th, 1.73m Prieto, 6th (tie), 1.62m 4x800 relay V, 4th, 8:02.54 4x100 relay V, 6th, 47.05 3,200-meter run Gruber, 8th, 9:59.55 110-meter hurdles Dynis, 7th, 16.96 300-meter hurdles

Track, girls
June 3 @ IHSA sectional
V places 6th with 48 points
100 meters
McCoy, 10th, 13.27
Dorris, 16th, 13.58
200 meters
Chandler, 11th, 27.86 Chandler, 11th, 27.86 Chandler, 11th, 27.86 Huber, 17th, 28.79 400 meters Sakho, 10th, 1:04.32 Lincoln, 12th, 1:04.67 800 meters

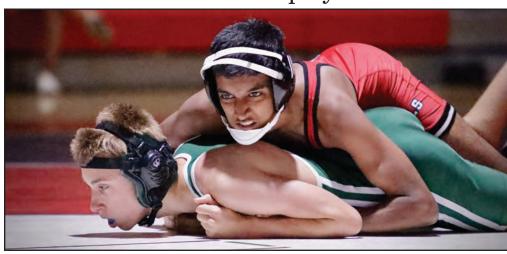
Dynis, 5th, 42.93 Peterson, 6th, 43.42

Terry, 3rd, 2:22.34 1,600 meters Volleyball, boys June 8 @ IHSA regional 1,600 meters McCabe, 3rd, 4:56.49 Boyd, 13th, 5:51.42 3,200 meters Fischer, 9th, 12:31.39 Lu, 13th, 14:24.72 100-meter hurdles Griffin, 4th, 17.71 Leach, 6th, 18.41 300-meter hurdles Griffin 3rd, 49.61 June 8 @ IHSA regional semifinal vs. Naperville North V wins 25-18, 25-20 Lange, 11 kills Hood, 8 kills, 2 aces, 2 blocks
June 3 vs. Downers South V wins 25-13, 20-25, 25-14 Lange, 12 kills, ace Hood, 8 kills, 3 digs Bradley, 6 kills, 3 digs Bradley, 6 kills, 3 digs Bradley, 6 kills, block June 2 @ Benet V wins 25-17, 25-19 Bradley, 10 kills, 2 blocks, 2 digs Lange, 9 kills, ace, 4 digs Synder, 20 assists, 3 kills, 5 digs semifinal Griffin, 3rd, 49.61 Leech, 6th, 50.92 4x100 relay 4x100 relay McCoy, Shtogryn, Sommers, Milligan, 11th, 57.14 4x200 relay McCoy, Shtogryn, Milligan, Dorris, 5th, 1:49.47 4x400 relay McCabe, Terry, Shtogryn, Milligan, 2nd, 4:02.37 Shot put Shot put Shot put Veliz-Hernandez, 21st, 7.42m Willaman, 25th, 6.81m Discus Schuuman, 13th, 24.72m Kawa, 25th, 15.97m Pole vault Sommers, 6th, 2.67m Huber, 11th, 2.36m

Long jump Griffin, 5th, 5.04m

Moser, 11th, 4.59m Triple jump Lincoln, 5th, 10.06m McInerney, 7th, 9.83m Wrestling
June 4 vs. Glenbard West
V loses 27-36
106 pounds
Chavez, fall 3:05
120 pounds
Sinha, dec. 10-5
126 pounds
Tavoso, fall 3:31
132 pounds 132 pounds Andrew Perez, dec. 7-1 195 pounds Pyle, dec. 8-4 285 pounds Robinson, fall 2:00

Instant replay





Hinsdale Central sophomore Armaan Sinha gets the upper hand on his opponent while teammate and fellow sophomore Cody Tavoso executes a move in his match during a home meet against Glenbard West Friday. The Red Devils fell to the conference rival Hilltoppers 27-36. (Jim Slonoff photos)



SPORTS

Oku leaves mark on Kenyon tennis

Former Red Devil and state runner-up helped lift college squad to new heights

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In the third set of a tennis match at University of Chicago two years ago, Kenyon College's Erika Oku started to cramp up, a familiar nemesis during grueling contests.

"I told my coach I needed to retire," Hinsdale's Oku recounted.

But her coach exhorted her to keep fighting. And her resilient spirit responded.

"Something kicked in and I got back up and was able to finish the match and beat her in three sets," she said. "The fact that I was able to fight through the pain, I was really proud of myself."

There's been plenty to be proud of throughout Oku's dazzling collegiate campaign, which came to a close last month at the NCAA D-III Championships in Chattanooga, Tenn., as she helped power the Ladies to its first semifinal berth since 1998.

A five-time All-American, she ended her career as one of only two Kenyon Ladies to earn at least two of those accolades in singles and doubles. As a farewell gift this season, Oku received her second North Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year trophy and finished as a three-time, first-team All-NCAC pick.

Oh, and she owns the school records for most singles (28), doubles (27) and combined (55) wins in a season.

But what the two-time team captain finds most gratifying is the upward trajectory of the tennis program since her arrival.

"It's kind of crazy because when I first came to Kenyon as a freshman, our team was ranked 30in in the nation and no one really paid attention to us," she said last week. "Now we just made it to the final four."

Thanks to Oku's play at both the top singles and doubles spots, Kenyon went 11-0 during the regular and postseason before falling to defending national champion Wesleyan. She also qualified for the NCAA singles and doubles championship brackets.

Oku said the success was sweetened in light of the fears last fall that another year would be lost to COVID.





Burns Field's tennis courts are familiar territory for Erika Oku, who honed skills there that first helped lead Hinsdale Central to a state title and then Kenyon College to the semifinals of the NCAA D-III Championships this season as a senior. The "small but mighty on the court" Oku said she kept her physical and mental edge during the pandemic with lots of push-ups, resistance bands, yoga and positive self-talk. (Jim Slonoff photo/photo courtesy of Oku)

"We really weren't expecting to have a season at all," said Oku, who didn't even return to campus until February. "We're just really happy that we had the opportunity to play."

Oku's impact on the program was felt from the beginning. as she went 22-0 playing mostly the second singles position and had nearly the same level of production at No. 1 doubles. She was named the NCAC's Newcomer of the Year.

"Starting out with such a great season just gave me a lot of confidence," she remarked. "I just felt I had nothing to lose, and that kind of mentality helped me throughout the rest of the four years."

Oku admitted that adjusting to college life initially was not so seamless. She credits her elders on the team at the time for taking her under their collective wing.

"I looked up to some of them, and the coaches on the team were very supportive of me," she said.

A willingness to do whatever was asked also served her well, Oku related.

"You have to be an open-minded person," she said. "Because I was patient and open to being paired with anyone, that's why it worked out with my doubles teams."

Sophomore year Oku qualified for the NCAA singles championship, a chance to take measure of her game.

"It was tough," she acknowledged. "I knew that I was going to play some really tough players going into that."

She qualified again this season, as well as for the doubles bracket. Oku and her partner won their first match before bowing out, and Oku lost her opening singles match in a tough three-setter.

"It definitely more intense.

These girls at that level, they can play at the court for more than three hours," said Oku, noting the 90-plus-degree temps in Chattanooga. "I went three sets with her, but I do think I played some good tennis."

She recalled March of 2020 when the team got some crushing news after having begun a tournament in Florida the day before.

"The next morning we got a call from our conference that the season was going to be canceled," she said.

This winter the squad was able to resume its weight training sessions in advance of the spring season.

"We were having a lot harder

practices, trying to prepare for nationals," she said. "It took a while for us to get fit again, but once we started doing that every day again, we were ready."

Just as when she was starring at Hinsdale Central, Oku's small stature belied her large-scale competitiveness and leadership skills.

"Since high school, I just loved leading a team and just becoming a team together," she said. "When I'm off the tennis court, everyone thinks I'm super-friendly and nice. When I'm on the court, I'm not a nice person anymore. I shout a lot. I'm very little, but I do make a lot of noise."

Oku's departure coincides with that of 28-year Ladies coach Scott Thielke, who's retiring. She shared that after her last singles match at nationals when the finality was setting in, Thielke offered poignant words

"I realized that's probably the last match I'll ever play," said the aspiring finance professional. "My coach told me, 'You're a great player and you've had an amazing career. But I thank you for being a great person.'

"I just started bawling." She has no regrets.

"Making it to the final four as a team is just a perfect ending."

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