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Heroes phone home

This year's theme for the Union Church Vacation Bible School was "Hero Hotline — Called together to serve God." With a week long filled with activities such as music, drama, storytelling games, arts and crafts, and snacks, the kids learned that heroes are called to follow Jesus, help others, work together, listen to God and show grace. The camp ended in a concert for their families. Rosemary Burke, Emilia Diaz and Bear Segerson, along with their other 4- and 5-year-old friends sang the "Hero's Medley" to the audience. Please turn to Page 13 for more photos. (Jim Slonoff photo)





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NEWS

Vine Street Station project pushes ahead

By Ken Knutson kknutson@thehinsdalean.com

Hinsdale trustees on Tuesday referred to the village's plan commission a proposal to convert the historic former Zion Lutheran School building at 125 S. Vine St. into 12 age-restricted condominiums.

"We all agree that we like to see reused buildings, historically significant buildings in town," Cauley said following a presentation from representatives of Clarendon Hills-based developer Holladay Properties.

The action is the latest step in the Vine Street Station concept of changing the 108-year-old two-story structure into condos for residents age 55 and older. The plan first came before the board in February of last year. In August trustees approved an amendment to the village's zoning code to allow lifestyle housing as a special use and planned development in the O-1 office district and also signed off on the concept.

This time the developer is seeking a map amendment to change the entire .61-acre site to O-1 as well as approval for the exterior appearance and site plan, for the tentative and final plat of subdivision and for a sign permit.

Drew Mitchell, vice president of Holladay and a Hinsdale resident, said the firm has spent most of this year working out the details of its plan. Some changes to the original concept include eliminating the loading dock and making all the units two-bedroom by downsizing two envisioned three-bedroom condos

Last August officials estimated the units would measure about 1,200 square feet and sell for \$600,000 to \$900,000. Amenities include a courtyard area for residents, and a public pocket park has also been considered as part of the project.

Mitchell said the firm has been fielding numerous inquiries from prospective buyers even before there's something to sell.

"We're unusually getting requests to combine units, which would have implications on parking," he said. "It's really hard to be negotiating with a potential homeowner when we still have a process to work through municipally."

Vine Street Station would have a 22-space underground parking garage, and an elevator would be installed.

There was some discussion about the age-restricted plan for the project and compliance with the federal Fair Housing Act. The tentative bylaws call for the building to be 80-percent age-restricted, which falls short of Village President Tom Cauley's vision.

"I'd like it to be 100 percent, but if there's some legal reason why it can't be, certainly we'll follow the law," Cauley said. "We want as much of it to be age-restricted as possible under the federal law."

Second Street will remain a oneway street according to the plan, and the street's angled parking spots will be changed to parallel spaces.

Mitchell said bringing Vine Street Station to reality is "a tricky process" but believes it's worthwhile.

"This is a pretty exciting project from the standpoint that we're salvaging a historical structure," Mitchell said.

Cauley agreed.

"We really appreciate what you're doing here," he remarked.





All that jazz

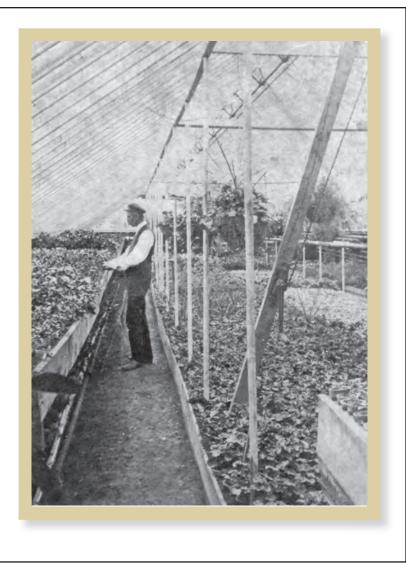


The Hinsdale Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of George Andrikokus, finished off its season earlier this year at the annual concert held at HMS. Otis Naito and Sara Held were two of the almost two dozen members who performed Ryan Adamson's "Ace of Hearts" and Larry Neeck's "After Sunset" during the concert. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME

Tip toe through the green-

house — Sandy Williams in her book, "Images of America -Hinsdale," shows this photo of Fred Morris. "Englishman Fred Morris established Morris Florists in 1894. Shown about 1907 in the greenhouse near his home at Hickory and Grant Streets, Morris produced shrubs, vegetables, and herbs as well as flowers. When the government encouraged victory gardens during the war, Morris volunteered to teach residents proper planting methods."









Happy Birthday! Tessa Slonoff turned 1 July 12

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NEWS

Early Hinsdale thrives in Robbins Park

Neighborhood retains the charm that first attracted residents to town 150 years ago

By Sandy Illian Bosch news@thehinsdalean.com

The picturesque neighborhood known as Robbins Park has been part of Hinsdale since the beginning and remains home to some of the village's most historically significant homes, three of which have been owned by preservation enthusiast Mimi Collins.

"I've restored them all,"
Collins said of the trio of
houses, all of which were
among the 139 homes considered "significant" in the
village's efforts to have the
neighborhood declared a
National Register Historic
District in 2007. Along with
the downtown area, Robbins
Park is one of two areas of the
village to earn the national
recognition.

Bordered by Garfield Street on the west, County Line Road on the east, Eighth Street on the South and the railroad tracks to the north, Robbins Park consists of 475 homes, about 300 of which were built more than 65 years ago. Many date back to the mid to late 1800s. Within the historic neighborhood are two properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Seven Robbins Park homes have received Hinsdale Historic Landmark Designation.

After restoring and living in the homes at 518 S. Garfield and 46 S. County Line Road, Collins said she purchased her current house at 420 S. Park in 2021. After nearly two years of work, she only recently moved in.

"It's kind of the grand old lady," Collins said of the French eclectic designed by architect Alfred Foster Pashley. Built in the 1920s, the home replaced the original house, which fell to a fire.

With each of her homes, Collins said she takes care to preserve the building's historical character and significance while making it functional in today's world with up-to-date kitchens and workable floor plans.

"A lot of people didn't see the potential," Collins said of her home on Park, which was on the market for several years before she purchased the house.

She will open the doors to her newly restored home for a Hinsdale Historical Society fundraiser in October, in hopes of showing people what can be done to preserve the village's most historic homes.

"I want to encourage preservation in our town. It's what makes Hinsdale so special," Collins said.

Hinsdalean John Bohnen has lived in the village since 1947 and has owned two homes in the area known as Robbins Park. The first, which he purchased and sold after its restoration was complete, was at 5th and Garfield.

"I was looking for another property when we came upon this one," Bohnen said of the home at 230 E. First Street. Built in 1898, it's among the oldest in the neighborhood and includes a large main residence and 1,800-square-foot carriage house. The home was built by Frank Butler, father of Oak Brook founder Paul Butler, Bohnen said.

Bohnen said work on the home began soon after he purchased it in 1975. His latest project was finished just weeks ago.

"I'm not done," Bohnen said, noting that with large, old houses, there's always something in need of repair, maintenance or updating.

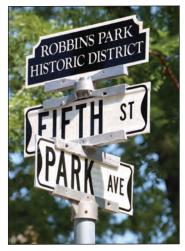
Bohnen's commitment to preserving the village's historically significant homes blossomed beyond home ownership about 30 years ago, when developers and homeowners began tearing down houses, some of which had historical value, to make room for new builds.

"We had limited ability to slow down the teardown phenomenon through legislation," Bohnen said. That led him to get involved with local government and the Historic Preservation Commission.

The Commission helped to redesign the zoning code to protect historic properties like those in Robbins Park and to offer "a cornucopia of incentives" for homeowners to repair and restore rather than tear down and replace,







More than a century and a half after it was designed, the neighborhood known as Robbins Park still lives up to its name. The area of southeast Hinsdale is home to some of the village's oldest and largest homes, including Mimi Collins' home at 420 S. Park and John Bohnen's home at 230 E. First Street. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Bohnen said.

"It's been received overwhelmingly by the village," he said. In the last two months alone, between 60 and 70 homeowners have applied for incentives designed to protect Hinsdale's oldest homes, Bohnen said.

"I think we may have turned a corner when tradition is being valued again," he said.

As one of the oldest neighborhoods in town, Robbins Park also offers some of the village's largest lots and the few remaining brick streets.

Among the historically significant homes in the neighborhood is the one that was once home to Williams Robbins himself. Robbins is credited with founding the village and designing the curving streets and treelined medians that are still part of Robbins Park today. The house at 425 E. Sixth was built in 1864 and was nicknamed "Woodside," according to author Sandy Williams' account in "Images of America - Hinsdale."

Prior to Robbins' vision for the neighborhood now

■ QUINTESSENTIAL HINSDALE

This is the another in a series of stories on places that make Hinsdale the town it is.

named in his honor, the area south of Sixth Street was largely an orchard, Bohnen said. Later, it was covered in greenhouses used to grow cut flowers.

"You still to this day will find chards of glass from those greenhouses in peoples' yards," Bohnen said.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School Dist. 86 special meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, July 13 District Administrative Center 5500 S. Grant St., Hinsdale

Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission special meeting

6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave.

Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Commission

6 p.m. Tuesday, July 18 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave.

Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave.

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business Tuesday, trustees:

- approved a 4.1 percent increase in the village water rates to keep pace with higher operating costs resulting from the DuPage Water Commission's recent rate increase. The hike will result in an average increase of \$4.89 per month or \$9.78 in a resident's total bi-monthly water and sewer bill, or \$58.65 per year. The new rates will go into effect for all meter readings after Aug. 1, so the increase will first appear on the Sept. 1 billings.
- passed amended intergovernmental agreements with DuPage County regarding reimbursement for drainage improvements under the American Rescue Plan Act. Last year the village was awarded two ARPA drainage grants in the amount of \$234,645, expected to cover half the construction cost for projects on Charleston Road and Grant Street. The actual cost turned out to be \$777,258, so the village received two amended drainage grants in the amount of \$388,631.
- approved the installation of an entrance gate across Foxgate Lane for the Foxgate subdivision on 57th Street across from Hinsdale Central High School. The gate was requested to limit high school-generated traffic from using the private cul-de-sac as a turnaround.
- designated Hinsdale Bank and Trust as a public depository and authorized the deposit and withdrawal of village funds from the bank. For many years, nearly all banking services were performed by BMO Harris Bank. In 2017, the village began utilizing Hinsdale Bank and Trust for processing cash and coin deposits from parking and the online vehicle sticker sales. Village officials reported that Hinsdale Bank and Trust will provide a higher rate of interest on the village's idle funds and will improve banking services in many areas.

Correction

In last week's issue, a listing of those on the Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board committees should have identified board members Sinead Duffy and Asim Aleem as co-chairs of the finance committee, and Nathan Lucht, Rich Giltner, Adam East and Jerry Mejdrich as the committee's community members. The facilities committee will be served by community members Ellen Dunlap and Lois Mejdrich.

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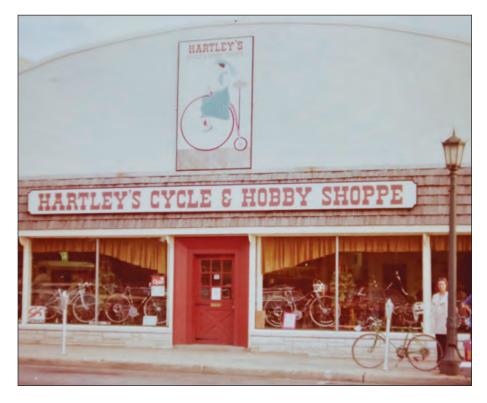
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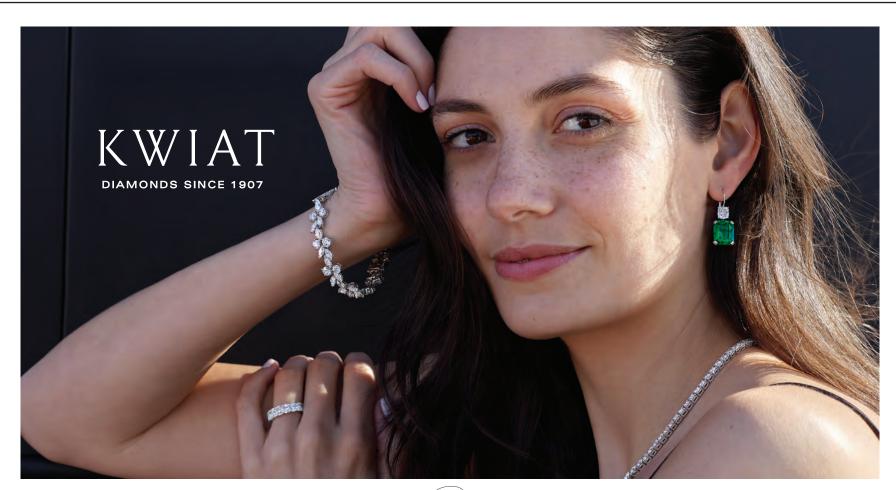




Then and now

The building at 24 W. Hinsdale Avenue has seen several occupants since its construction in the early part of the last century. Built as a car dealership in the 1920s, the site is also alleged to have housed an illegal beer depot back in the days of Prohibition. For many decades it was host to Hartley's Cycle & Hobby Shoppe, owned by for-

mer Hinsdalean Charlie Hartley. Hartley sold the building recently and it is now home to a high-end men's clothing store, Burdi. As an homage to the past, owner Rino Burdi has been known to have a Ferrari in the store as well as a bicycle that dates back to its former tenant. (Photo courtesy of Charlie Hartley; Jim Slonoff photo)





POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports July 11.

DUI arrest

Richard S. Funk, 29, 93 Winter Hill Circle, Montgomery, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane use, speeding and expired registration at 9:26 p.m. July 3 at Ogden Avenue and Monroe Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Bikes stolen

Two bicycles valued at \$700 were stolen between 8:30 and 11 a.m. July 7 from the parkway in the 500 block of North Mills Street.

Home's window broken

A window on the back of a house in the 200 block of Elmwood Place was broken between June 24 and July 5. There were no signs of entry into the house and nothing was reported missing.

Exploitation of elderly person

A known suspect made fraudulent charges between June 1 and 30 using a credit card belonging to a resident of the $10\,\mathrm{block}$ of East Third Street. The incident was reported July 3.

Telephone scam

A resident of the 700 block of Phillippa Street was called at 5:30 p.m. July 3 by a suspect posing as a Chicago police officer, who instructed the victim to make an online bank transaction in the amount of \$1,000 for an arrest warrant that was later discovered to be fictitious.

Vandalism reported

An air-conditioning unit and a metal downspout was damaged between July 1 and 3 at the Institute in Basic Life Principles, 707 W Ogden Ave.

Identity theft

The identity of a resident of the 10 block of South Bodin Street was used to open a credit card account between July 6 and 7.

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





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■ "The Sea of Cortez used to be heavily polluted. The local communities started to really take care of the sea, and it went from among the worst water quality in the world to one of the best." — **Dylan Singla**

Teen explores today's tech to protect the future

Hinsdale's Dylan Singla wanted to produce a podcast to explore the intersection of sustainable practices and artificial intelligence. He set up a website and had a couple contacts. But would any highly placed experts in the educational, conservationist and business realms really sit down with him for a 30-minute discussion?

Absolutely.

"I thought I'd be lucky to get five of them to reply," Singla said of his outreach efforts. "If they're passionate about their job and you're passionate, too, they're more than happy to help."

The high school senior has now conducted 17 interviews for his "Sustain AI Planet" podcast, including the director of sustainability at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a top executive at an AI consulting firm and a U.S. Congresswoman.

The Monroe School and HMS alum said his fascination with using cutting-edge technology to address natural world issues was kindled two summers ago during a two-week group excursion to the Sea of Cortez in Mexico. There he worked alongside scientists studying the implications of

climate change on the body of water that separates Baja California from the mainland.

"The Sea of Cortez used to be heavily polluted," Singla said. "The local communities started to really take care of the sea, and it went from among the worst water quality in the world to one of the best."

The following fall he returned to his New Jersey boarding school and joined its Sustainability Council to help educate and encourage fellow students in the promotion of environmentally friendly initiatives on campus. The increasing pervasiveness of AI gave him an idea.

"I noticed how much AI was involved in the little things that I did," he said. "I thought why don't I go out and try and make the connection or try and find the connection (between AI and sustainability)."

Last summer he created the website www.sustainaiplanet. com and lined up interviews and produced the podcasts. They were finally uploaded to the website a few months ago.

"It's been a long process," Singla remarked.

The response has been quick, however, even before the episodes made their way



DYLAN SINGLA

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to the internet's top podcast platforms in recent weeks.

"Just the amount of traction the website gained was like nothing I could have imagined," related Singla, noting that it's been viewed in more than 50 countries. "I've just heard a lot of support from people," he said.

The site also offers a "Sustainability Solutions Toolkit" with ideas and tips

that his successors at Monroe turned into a school challenge.

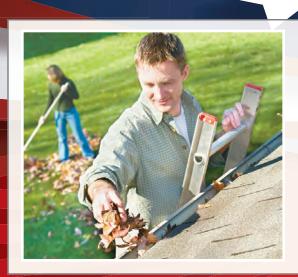
"While it did first start as a podcast, it became more of wanting to teach other kids and help foster that passion in others," he said of the project.

The next months promise intense college application work. But the podcast will continue, Singla assured.

"It's not something I'm stopping now," he said.

"Every interview I do, I'm still learning something new, and that's what kind of excites me about it," Singla continued, citing his talks with Wake Forest University Assistant Director of Sustainable Engagement Brian Cohen and Congresswoman Miller Meeks (D-Iowa) among his favorites. "I find that very interesting."

– story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Safety first will help make it a summer to savor

Summer is the season so many of us in the Midwest look forward to, with sun-drenched warm days lasting well into the evening, and an array of outdoor activities to keep us going from morning to sundown — and beyond.

To ensure everyone's enjoyment this time of year, follow these basic safety guidelines from the American Red Cross, available at www.red-cross.org.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, an average of 11 people die every day from drowning, many of them children. Here are ways to guard against such tragedy:

- Prevent unsupervised access to water by providing constant, active adult supervision. Swim in a lifeguarded area when possible.
- Learn CPR to know what to do in an emergency.
- Exit the water at the first sign of lightning or rumble of thunder.
- At the beach, swim only in designated areas. Children, inexperienced swimmers and all

boaters should wear properly fitted U.S. Coast | Guard-approved life jackets.

- If caught in a rip current, stay calm and don't fight it. Swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current. Then, turn and swim to shore. If you can't swim to shore, float or tread water until you are free of the rip current, and then head toward shore. Draw attention to yourself by waving and calling for help.
- If someone is in distress in the water, reach or throw an object to the person in trouble. Don't go in, or you could become a victim yourself.

When planning a camping or hiking excursion, make sure to keep these tips in mind:

- Pack a first-aid kit to handle insect stings, sprains, cuts and bruises and other injuries.
- Share your travel plans and locations with a family member, neighbor or friend.
- Bring nutritious food items and water, lightweight clothing to layer and supplies for any nets

- To prevent mosquito and tick bites, use insect repellents containing DEET, and consider staying indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and tuck your pant legs into your socks or boots. Use a rubber band or tape to hold pants against socks so that nothing can get under clothing. Tuck your shirt into your pants.
- Wear light-colored clothing to make it easier to see tiny insects or ticks. When hiking in woods and fields, stay in the middle of trails. Avoid underbrush and tall grass. If outdoors for a long time, check yourself several times during the day for insects or ticks.
- For pets that go outdoors, spray them with repellent made for their breed/type. Check them for ticks often.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying sources of standing water outside of the home, such as from flowerpots, buckets and barrels.

COMMENTARY

Keep self-care on your summer to-do list

According to news reports, this past July 4 was the hottest the Earth has ever been. Here at home, it was indeed hot, but that still did not stop the wonderful Fourth of July parade, which celebrated not only our nation's birth but also our town's 150th year (the Sesquicentennial...one of my new favorite words). Personally, summer is my absolute favorite season: the days are long and bright; the weather is warm; and there is so much opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. With the warm weather can come some health risks, and as a lung and critical care physician, I wanted to share these few health tips.

First, yes, the days are longer, and with daylight savings time, there is more sunlight in the evening hours. This can tempt us to skimp on sleep to maximize our enjoyment of the days. Resist this temptation. Getting enough sleep is of tantamount importance, and sleep deprivation can cause myriad health problems. In fact, sleep

deprivation can impair someone as if they are intoxicated with alcohol or drugs. Try as best as possible to maintain a consistent sleep schedule, with most people needing between seven and eight hours of sleep a night. If the bright sunlight disturbs you in the morning, then getting an eye mask to block out the sunlight is a good idea.

Second, with the heat and sunshine of summer can come the risk of dehydration, sunburn, and heat stroke. Make sure you apply plenty of sunscreen, with as high of a SPF as possible, so that you don't get burned. Making sure you are well hydrated is equally as important, especially if engaged in outdoor activities. Even golfing for a few hours can lead to serious dehydration when it is very hot.

And, when hydrating, it is crucial that some sort of electrolyte



Hesham Hassaballa

replacement is included, whether it be in the drink itself or in the form of food (pretzels and bananas are great ways to get electrolytes). Drinking just water — all the while losing electrolytes in our sweat — can lead to hyponatremia, or low sodium levels in the blood, and this can be

deadly (which I have seen in my ICU during

the summer months).

Along those same lines, it is important to be careful not to consume excessive amounts of caffeine or alcohol, as they both can act as diuretics and lead to a lot of water loss. Many of these "energy drinks" on the market have tons of caffeine (and sugar) and may not be advisable in the hot weather.

As the Canadian wildfires seem to be continuing to rage unabated, it is likely we will have more days of haze and poor air quality due to smoke blowing in our area. That, combined with heat and humidity, can cause a lot of respiratory problems, especially for people with underlying lung diseases such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. When these days do occur, it would be best to minimize time outdoors (as much as that pains me to say). Wearing a good fitting N95 or KN95 mask is not a bad idea if you have spend time outdoors during a bad air quality day, but I do recognize this may be difficult to do.

With all of this said, I do not want anyone to think that, to stay totally safe, we need to coop ourselves indoors the entire summer. Far from it. Go out and enjoy the sun, warmth, and daylight. Take in the beauty that summer brings. All we need to do is be smart and practical while enjoying this wonderful season. Have a great rest of your summer, neighbors!

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

■ Personally, summer is my absolute favorite season: the days are long and bright; the weather is warm; and there is so much opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family.

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Watch out for kids on scooters, electric bikes

The swarms of kids on Go Trax scooters and Suron electric bikes are out in full force. The speed of these electric vehicles can go anywhere from 8 to 15 mph and can create the strong possibility of a parent's/child's worst nightmare or a driver's worst nightmare. I have noticed these children (with or without helmets), mostly middle school age, riding all over town on sidewalks, in the streets, in the neighborhoods. They also ride in downtown Hinsdale, where traffic can be tricky to navigate for drivers, let alone kids. Drivers are looking for other cars and may not be as aware of the possibility of a couple of kids on scooters, who do not know the rules of the road and may dart out in front of them unexpect-

A parent's worst nightmare is to lose a child. A driver's worst nightmare is to hit a child. Drivers will always be the ones who will be held responsible for causing an accident regardless of whether a kid darts out in front of them. As a grandmother of two scooter-riding Hinsdale middle-schoolers, I am begging drivers to be totally alert while driving and not to trust that kids will always give you the right of way. They are for the most part 10-13 years old and are immature decision makers. Parents, please, make an effort to drill bike/scooter safety into your kids' heads until they are sick of listening to you.

Wouldn't you know it? Two days after my above letter was written, I felt that possibly I had my tail between my legs. I saw not one of those scooters anywhere. But I still feel that as residents, we all need to be vigilant. Hinsdale has a tendency to have lighter traffic during late June and July, as families are away on vacation. I know this to be true because it is easier to get a parking spot near Starbucks. But that being said, when August rolls around and the middle school kids are back in school, morning and afternoon traffic of cars and scooters will be back in full swing. - Joan Mancini, Hinsdale

Woman thanks Good Samaritans for giving aid

On May 9 I was visiting my daughter and her family from Wyoming. I was enjoying the beautiful spring morning when I encountered a uneven sidewalk and went flying through the air, hit my skull on the cement and broke my hand.

When I got up and started to gather my thoughts, I shakily tried to dial my daughter and son-in-law for help. I finally located their number on my phone, got a hold of them and tried to describe my location and situation. They were about 5 miles away. I told them I was somewhere on Madison Street in front of the school, but because I was from out of state, I was unsure.

As I was trying to gather myself, two women runners came along to help me. They offered to call an ambulance and went into a porta potty and gathered some paper towels to help with the bleeding. They also offered to stay with me. Being a runner myself, I didn't want to disrupt their run. I appreciated them so much.

My daughter and son-in-law were there within minutes and took me to the ER. I later had hand surgery and two pins put in my hand.

I wanted to thank those two lovely women. One was blonde with a Boston marathon hat on and the other a brunette. I was so appreciative of the kindness and concern they showed. So whoever you two ladies are, thank you so much for stopping to check on me and making sure I was OK. — Lynn Kershisnik, Wyoming

Historical society grateful for Davidson's help

The board of trustees and the members of the Hinsdale Historical Society mourn the loss of Jim Davidson, a long-time Hinsdalean and a wonderful, wise and generous man. Jim served many years as a board member at the historical society and volunteered countless of hours to the society, re-siding and painting Immanuel Hall and doing carpen-

try repairs on the museum's exterior, along with organizing the painting of the building, one side each year. Our condolences to Carol, who alongside Jim has been a supportive member, contributing to the growth of the historical society. — Sandy Williams, former board member, and Steve Ahrens, board member, on behalf of the Hinsdale Historical Society Board



Measures needed to enhance online safety

In May, the U.S. Surgeon General warned about the dangers of social media for kids and teens, particularly regarding body image issues and among teenage girls. This comes as American teenagers are facing significant mental health challenges, as reported by the CDC.

I graduated from Hinsdale Central in 2020. I took a job in technology policy where I began to understand the implications of these technologies. Recognizing the personal significance of these issues, I co-founded a youth-led coalition called Design It For Us, to advocate for safer online platforms. We aim to achieve policy reforms that protect kids, teens and young adults online, engaging with lawmakers and regulators to hold Big Tech accountable. This is personal for my generation.

While driving national policy changes, Hinsdale can also play

a crucial role. Social media platforms and devices have been designed to captivate and addict us. It is not the fault of children and parents but rather the responsibility of tech companies to ensure our protection. Older teenagers can also develop a safe social media usage plan and become advocates against Big Tech. Schools should teach students how to safely navigate social media, not just focusing on traditional software skills. In Hinsdale, we should acknowledge the social pressures surrounding early social media adoption and the pressure to provide smartphones to chil-

Design It For Us is the first youth-led organization addressing tech policy, and we would greatly appreciate your support. Visit www.designitforus.org to follow our work. – Zamaan Qureshi, Hinsdale

Agreement with Prentiss not good for taxpayers

Am I the only District 86 taxpayer who is thoroughly disgusted with the endless and costly discussions of Tammy Prentiss' departure from the district? Information has been sketchy at best, but it is clear the soon to be ex-superintendent received a sweet deal. Why did the members of the school board agree to this? I realize that District 86 has

excellent schools, which were there long before Tammy Prentiss was hired. I also realize that details of personnel issues should remain confidential. However, if there was any attempt to control the outcome of this situation in a manner that considered the interests of taxpayers, it was not apparent. — James O'Brien, Hinsdale

OBITUARIES

Lillian Lasek

Lillian Lasek, nee Betinec, a longtime resident of Clarendon Hills, passed away July 5.

Lillian, 92, was preceded in death by her husband, Richard C. Lasek; her grandson, Christopher R. Lasek; and her brother-in-law, Edward Ozog.

She is survived by her children, Maria Cacciatore and Mark (Susan) Lasek of Hinsdale; her grandchildren, Richard M., Charlotte R.,

Josephine R., Mark C.; and her sister, Mary.

Services were held July 11 at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale.

Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Chriscross Foundation, www.chriscrossfoundation.org are appreciated.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Alberto Saltiel

Dr. Alberto Saltiel, 89, of Oak Brook, peacefully passed away on July 1, 2023.

Dr. Saltiel was a compassionate and caring physician, touching the lives of countless patients and friends. His legacy of benevolence and integrity will be remembered and cherished by those who knew him.

He was the ultimate caretaker, who dedicated his life to the well-being of his family and patients.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Francisca; his parents, Salvador Saltiel and Rebecca Levy; and his siblings, Maria, Sara, Moises, Isaac and Jose

He is survived by his children, Becky (John), Albert (Susan), Frances (Tom), Linda, Lisa, Lynna (Jonathan) and Joseph (Michelle); his grandchildren, Benjamin (Emily), Samantha, Andrew, Mary Margaret, Gabriella (Nick), Alberto, Christopher, Kathryn, Andreas (Sarah), Elizabeth, Jacquelyn, Alexander, Madeline, Zachary, Abigail and Sophia; his great-grandson, Malachi; his sister, Estrella Palacios; and many extended family members.

Services will be held privately. Elmhurst Community Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

District 181 names veteran staffers to new positions of leadership

The Community Consolidated School District 181 Board last week appointed two new leaders to staff.

At its July 5 meeting, the board appointed Kristin Reingruber as director of assessment, instruction & evaluation.

Reingruber brings more than 22 years of experience in education, most recently as principal at Monroe School. She holds a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Loyola University and also a master's in educational leadership from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

"I am excited to continue my work with the talented team in D181 to make a difference in the lives of our students," said Reingruber in a press release. "I believe that assessment, instruction, and evaluation are essential tools for ensuring that all students are learning and achieving at high levels. I am committed to using these tools to help D181 continue to provide premier education experiences for all our students."

Additionally, Erin Eder was chosen to replace Reingruber as principal of Monroe.

Eder has worked in the district for 11 years, most recently as pupil service administrator for the past two years and prior to that a school psychologist for nine years.

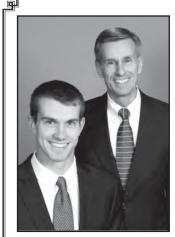
She holds a bachelor's in psychology from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and educational specialist degrees in school psychology and educational leadership from National-Louis University.

"I am excited to continue to serve the Monroe School community. We have an exceptional staff that builds strong relationships with our students and families and advocates to meet the needs of all learners," Eder stated in the release. "I believe that Monroe is a special place where students can thrive, and I am committed to continuing the school's tradition of excellence."

Superintendent Hector Garcia praised the hires.

"They both are experienced educators and highly respected leaders who will continue to be valuable assets to our district," Garcia said in the release.





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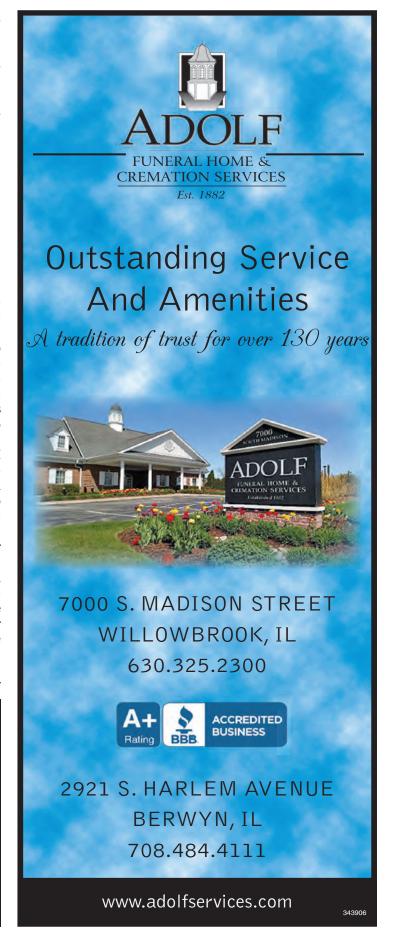
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IN FOCUS





Answering the call

'Hero Hotline' was the title of this year's Vacation Bible School at Union Church last month. The weeklong camp ended with a concert for parents and families. Each grade sang a song from the VBS soundtrack, followed by entire group performance of the main theme, "If You Want to Be a Hero" to finish the program. Campers Rory Byrne (top) and Sydney Trombly (right) summoned their super powers to make the finale extra memorable. (Jim Slonoff photos)



AGENT PROFILE

JESTINE LENCKUS, BETTER HOMES & GARDEN COUNTY LINE

Before Jestine Lenckus became a Realtor, she was a homeowner. While navigating the sale and purchase of several homes, Lenckus said she was left wanting to know more about the numbers behind her real estate decisions.

Now a real estate agent herself, Lenckus said she provides clients with the data and statistics she wanted as a buyer, along with a keen knowledge of the market and an eye for any property's potential.

"That's something I like to do for my clients," said Lenckus, who uses a decade of experience in search engine marketing and advertising analysis to compare price per square foot, appreciation and other statistics.

Lenckus said empathy and good listening skills, combined with her numbers skills, allow her to guide clients through the decisions, obstacles and emotions that come with any real estate transaction.

Fall typically is a slower time in the real estate market, but when Lenckus entered the business in November 2020, things were just picking up again.

"It was actually a very good time because people were looking more," Lenckus said. With the initial uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic waning, people were once again attending open houses in search of homes in which to more comfortably endure the remainder of the pandemic lockdown and the years to follow.

"People wanted new spaces to spend all of their time," Lenckus said

Lenckus said many of today's younger buyers are looking for a house that can serve their family as it grows.

"They are looking for their forever homes," she said. Lenckus said she helps buyers see how a home can be adapted to meet their needs, today and into the future. As an agent with Better Homes & Gardens County Line, she has access to a design center and to experts who can turn a homeowner's dreams into reality.

These days, there's not the need for open houses that existed when Lenckus entered the real estate field.

"Houses are often scooped up before they have time to host an open house," Lenckus said.

But that doesn't stop Lenckus from making sure every house she

sells looks as good as it can before anyone considers a purchase.

"I like to make the house look as impeccable as possible before I launch the marketing campaign," Lenckus said. That typically means decluttering, neutral colors and simple staging to help the potential buyer see the home's potential.

Establishing and keeping relationships with other local agents is imperative, Lenckus said, because they help to keep her informed about what's coming to the market.

With demand outweighing inventory, being first can be the start of a successful transaction.

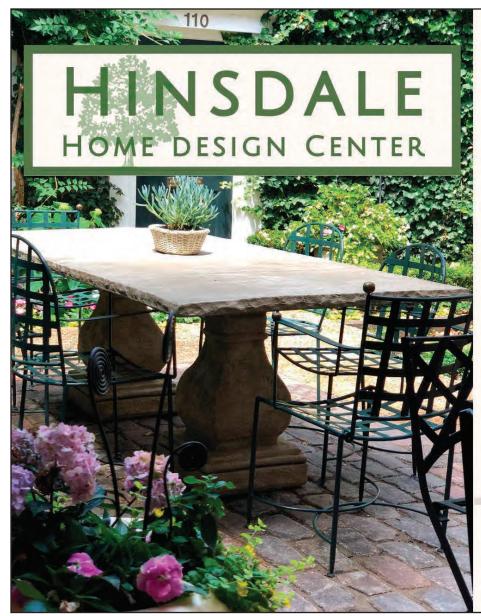
Lenckus moved to Hinsdale just a year or so before getting her real estate license. It didn't take long for her to fall in love with the village, its people, its downtown and its architecture.

She said she enjoys showing buyers all her new hometown has to offer, but she also is familiar with surrounding suburbs and will take clients wherever they need to go to find the home of their dreams.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Jestine Lenckus brings a passion for real estate and a decade of experience in marketing and analytics experience to her job as broker at Better Homes & Gardens County Line, formerly County Line Properties. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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PULSE

Junior boards make impact in town

Local organizations enlist young community members to support missions

By Sandy Illian Bosch

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If Jack Micaletti's job as president of the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation Junior Board looks like fun, it might be because it is. One of the board's major projects is the ice cream social held each August in Burlington Park. Members of the Junior Board plan art projects, games and of course, serve ice cream to build community and bring neighbors together.

Throughout the year members also make blankets for babies in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit and collect diapers and baby wipes for the Hinsdale Family Medical Center.

But Micaletti said his work with the Junior Board is about more than scooping ice cream and making new friends. It's about building community, developing leadership skills and helping people in need.

'It's helped me to grow professionally and personally," Micaletti said.

Alana Wett, director of philanthropy at The Community House, said its Junior Board is a huge help to the organization. She credits them with growing the annual Walk the Walk for Mental Health, which this year involved about 750 participants.

"That's a major increase from last year," said Wett.

Maya Menon and Nick Giordano serve as co-presidents of the board.

Menon said members of the board aren't fulfilling a requirement for graduation or logging hours for a merit badge. She said the Junior Board is made up of people who truly enjoy making a difference in their community.

"I've had a really good time doing it," said Giordano. Like Menon, he's met new people and made new friends through his work on the Junior Board.

Wett said the Junior Board supports events like the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, coming up in August, and members have increased The Community House's presence on Tik Tok, spreading the word of its work and services to a younger generation.

"It definitely strengthens the community," said Wett, now in her second year as adviser to the Junior Board. "They are just an amazing, dynamic group of individuals." Groups of high school students are coming together to support organizations and the community throughout Hinsdale. Many are starting a new year in August and are in search of new members. Active Junior Boards include:

The Community House

What they do: The Community House Junior Board is a student-run group that coordinates and runs events like the annual Walk the Walk and participates in volunteer opportunities such as the Rotary Run, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Willowbrook Corner Youth Learning Program and other projects throughout the year. There is a wide range of responsibilities on the Junior Board, including leading groups of volunteers at events. \$20 annual dues.

Applications open: ongoing at www.thecommunityhouse.org/who-we-are/junior-board **Learn more:** www.thecommunityhouse.org/who-we-are/junior-board

HCS Family Services

What they do: The Junior Board consists of 25-35 high school students who promote awareness for HCS Family Services, plan and create fundraisers and volunteer at the pantries located in Hinsdale and Willowbrook. Members must attend seven meetings and volunteer at a pantry four times per year. A \$20 membership fee is required and includes a junior board T-shirt.

Applications open: Aug. 15-Sept. 1 via Instagram @hcsjrboard **Learn more:** www.hcsfamilyservices.org/volunteer/junior-board

Hinsdale Hospital Foundation

What they do: The UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale Junior Board fosters goodwill in the community and awareness for Hinsdale Hospital through events such as the annual ice cream social. More than 100 students come together to learn about the hospital and build friendships with peers. Requires \$50 annual dues.



The Community House Junior Board supports the annual Walk the Walk for Mental Health, among other outreach efforts.

Apply: adventhealth.com/foundation/uchicago-medicine-advent-health-foundations/junior-board-annual-dues

Learn more: www.adventhealth. com/foundation/uchicago-medicine-adventhealth-foundations/ uchicago-medicine-adventhealth-hinsdale-junior-board

Hinsdale Humane Society

What they do: High school students are invited to participate in the Junior Board after completing 12 hours of service. This dedicated group plans events and fundraisers to promote animal adoption. Board members meet twice each month, must attend 2/3 of meetings and must participate in five events throughout the year.

Apply: Send an email to kelsie. weisenberger@hinsdalehumanesociety.org

Learn more: hinsdalehumanesociety.org/volunteer/youth-volunteer-opportunities

Hinsdale Infant Welfare Society

What they do: Open to eighth-through 12th-graders, the Junior Board helps to raise awareness and funds for the Angel Harvey Center in Chicago, which serves over 12,000 women, infants and children with healthcare, dental care, orthodontics and optometry services each year. The Junior Board contributes hundreds of hats and mittens to the Health Center's children each winter. Members attend monthly meet-

ings, participate in fundraisers and help staff the Hinsdale Auxiliary's signature event — Tablescapes. **Apply:** Request an application at hinsdaleiws.com/contact.

Hinsdale Public Library Junior Advisory Board

What they do: Open to high school students interested in learning about the library and helping to plan activities and programming to enhance the library experience for their peers. JAB members must commit to seven meetings and actively participate. Applications open: Now through Aug. 1

Learn more and apply: www.hins-dalelibrary.info/jab/

Wellness House Youth Council

What they do: The Wellness House Youth Council is a group of young, talented, passionate teens who care about supporting those affected by cancer. Members craft new ideas for Wellness House programs and offer insight on outreach and marketing efforts. They also work to spread the message of Wellness House to younger generations in the community and assist with special events for patients and the community, like the Walk for Wellness House.

Apply: Email or phone Brittany Brady at bbrady@wellnesshouse. org or (630) 654-7205.

Learn more: www.wellnesshouse. org/volunteer/

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The band Reckless, featuring Matt Miller on keyboards, will play at Uniquely Thursday tonight in Burlington Park. See Page 19 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

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

This exhibit of encaustic art by Maja Bosen on display in the library's Quiet Reading Room features pieces that weave wax, pigment and various materials together to create moments of reflection and shared intimacy with nature. An artist's reception will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 20.

■ D181 art on exhibit

Through Aug. 21 Hinsdale Bank & Trust 25 E. First St.

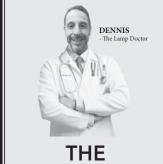
Twenty-seven pieces of art selected by teachers from the nine schools that were part of the D181 art show will be on display at the bank, with several pieces featured each week. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

■ Marvelocity: The Art of Alex Ross

Through Aug. 20 Elmhurst Art Museum 150 Cottage Hill Ave. www.elmhurstartmuseum.

Featuring cover art, sketches, life-sized head busts and more, this exhibition celebrates one of the greatest artists in the field of comic books. Ross, from his home in the Chicago area, has illustrated characters such as Spider-Man, Captain America, Iron Man, Storm from the X-Men, the Avengers, Black Panther and many more for nearly 30 years. Visitors will also see Ross' childhood drawings, preliminary sketches, paintings and 3-D head busts of characters in the Marvel Universe. In conjunction with the exhibit, an installation of life-sized superhero sculptures by local students and artists is on display in Wilder Park through the end of July. Hours: noon to 5 p.m.

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Wednesdays & Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays to Sundays. Admission: \$18, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for college students, \$5 for ages 5-17.

■ Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop

Through Sept. 10 Cleve Carney Museum of Art 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Elly

425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

The multi-faceted, 11,000-square-foot exhibition will showcase 94 works by Warhol plus his original photographs, both black-andwhite gelatin silver prints and color. Transitional spaces will feature official Warhol designed and licensed handprinted wallpaper and an interactive map of New York featuring key locations in Warhol's life. Other attractions include a Central Parkinspired outdoor space and a Children's Print Factory. Tickets: \$25-\$30 for timed tickets with \$2 discount for seniors/youth/military; \$40 for anytime tickets.

■ Of the Earth

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

See this exhibition of five large-scale sculptures by Polish-American artist Olga Ziemska created from reclaimed tree branches and other natural materials gathered from various locations throughout the arboretum. The exhibition is included with timed-entry arboretum admission. Hours: 9 a.m. to sunset. Admission: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for ages 2-17. MD

FAMILY FUN

■ Trivia Fun!

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

Families are invited to test their knowledge on science, geography, pop culture and more in Kahoot! games against other families. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Lunch on the Lawn: Miss Jamie's Farm

July 19 Burlington Park 30 E. Chicago Ave. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy this free and fun family entertainment. The series is sponsored by The village of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Public Library. Time: 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

GAME ON

■ Hinsdale Central Gymnastics open gym

Fridays through July 28 Hinsdale Central High School 5500 S. Grant St. www.thecommunityhouse. org (630) 323-7500

Youth ages 6-18 are invited by Hinsdale Central Gymnastics to use the new gymnastics room. Hours: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 a session.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Dark Sky Walk

July 17 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place during the darkest night of the month and view the stars and planets. Time: 8:45 p.m. RR

■ Backyard Reptile Walk

July 29 Fullersburg Woods 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook www.dupageforest.org

www.dupageforest.org (630) 942-6200

Discover the local amphibians and reptiles that live in DuPage and the behaviors and adaptations that make them so unique. This program is for ages 8 and up. Those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ 'The Mama and the Papa Goose: A Rock 'n' Roll Fairytale'

Saturdays & Sundays through Aug. 27 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org

Morton Arboretum's Walking Plays are back, kicking off with this "mockumentary" following the life and times of the most famous rock band in Fableland music history, The Mama and the Papa Goose. The whole family will enjoy the 90-minute groovy, sing-a-long escapade, which will proceed through several natural backdrop locations along a one- to two-mile hiking route. Water, portable chairs or blankets, and bug spray are advised. Certain performances are designed for low-impact, and others have an American Sign Language interpreter available; visit the website for details. Time: 6 p.m. Cost: \$25, \$15 for children. RR, MD

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Virtual: Chair Yoga

July 17 www.hinsdalelibrary.info

Experience the benefits of yoga, like improved joint health, core strength, range of motion, balance and deep breathing, without getting down on the floor in this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. RR

■ Hot Topics in Breast Cancer

July 18
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road,
Hinsdale
www.wellnesshouse.org
(630) 323-5150

The series of programs concludes with the online talk Advances in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Options. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

HELP WANTED

■ HPL Junior Advisory Board applicants

Aug. 1 deadline www.hinsdalelibrary.info/jab (630) 986-1976

Hinsdale high school students interested in learning more about the Hinsdale Public Library, helping plan the kinds of programs young people would enjoy and getting valuable community experience should consider joining this group.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Photography Art

July 18 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

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Seemingly uninteresting photographs are turned into beautiful and unique artwork in this program for kids in kindergarten through second grade inspired by the book "What Do You See?" Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

ON STAGE

■ 'Once Upon a Mattress'

July 13-16 McAninch Arts Center 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

In this musical comedy, a kingdom's queen has decreed that no couples can marry until her gloomy Prince Dauntless finds a bride. When the less-than-regal Princess Winnifred the Woebegone captures the prince's heart, the queen goes on a mission

to come between her son and his soulmate. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$18.50, \$16.50 for seniors and ages 17 and younger.

■ 'The 39 Steps'

Through Aug. 13 Drury Lane Theatre 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

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■ Author Visit with Mary Kay Zuravleff

July 18 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976 Mary Kay Zuravleff

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Summer Art Open House

Thursday, July 20 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Meet artist Maja Bosen and view her exhibit, Clinging to Fire.

Her work is on display in the Quiet Reading Room through August.

Registration required

HPL After Dark: Summer Concert

Sunday, August 6 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

The Chicago Cossacks will perform traditional Ukrainian music & dance. Bring your own picnic to this family-friendly outdoor event.

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Lunch on the Lawn

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reads from her new novel, "American Ending," a spring 2023 Oprah Pick. The book, inspired by her Russian Orthodox grandparents who immigrated from Russia to mine coal in Appalachia, weaves Russian fairy tales and fables into a family saga within the storied American landscape. She will be interviewed by local author Dick Munson. Copies of the book are currently available at the library. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Peabody's Pages Book Club First Fridays July to September Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook www.dupageforest.org

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a.m. Cost: \$10 for all three discussions. RR

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■ Farm Power: Farmhouse Tour Through Aug. 28 Kline Creek Farm 1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago www.dupageforest.org (630) 876-5900

Join a guided tour of the 1890s farmhouse focusing on nonelectric tools and machines used to help with household chores. Tours begin at the top of the hour. All ages are welcome. The program is not offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$5 suggested donation per person ages 3 and up.

SUMMER SERIES

■ Uniquely Thursdays
Through Aug. 17

Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
www.hinsdalechamber.com

Hinsdale's annual summer outdoor concert series continues tonight with Reckless covering rock, pop, dance and country hits. Guests are invited to bring blankets and chairs and enjoy beer, wine and food available for purchase. Outside alcoholic beverages

are not permitted. The series is sponsored by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce and UCM AdventHealth Hinsdale. Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Cantigny Summer Concert Series

Ongoing Cantigny Park 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton

www.cantigny.org

The series continues July 15 with a performance by The Four C Notes, recreating the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The concerts are outdoors and feature lawn seating. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets, and picnics are welcome. Concessions are available; pets and alcohol are prohibited. Time: 3 to 5 p.m. Admission: \$30 parking; \$400 for a season pass. Time: 3 to 5 p.m.

■ Movies on The Lawn

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Wednesdays through Aug. 23
Oakbrook Center 100 Oakbrook Center, Oak

www.oakbrookcenter.com

Bring a blanket and enjoy a family friendly outdoor movie on the Oakbrook Center Lawn. The July 19 feature is "Super Pets." Exciting lawn games also will be available. Time: 7 p.m. start.

■ Arbor Evenings

Wednesdays through Aug. 23

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

Enjoy great music while relaxing outdoors at the arboretum's annual summer concert series. It continues July 19 with a performance by Semple. Tickets include arboretum admission beginning at 5:15 p.m., and a variety of food trucks will be on site. Attendees can purchase a reusable wine glass and receive a \$1 discount on future wine purchases throughout the series; sealed, nonalcoholic beverages will be allowed into the event. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. Admission: \$13, \$5 for children, free for ages under 2. RR, MD

■ Farmers Market

Mondays through Oct. 9 Chicago Avenue Burlington Park

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www.hinsdalechamber. com/farmers-market

The 47th annual Hinsdale Farmer's Market will feature farmers from around the Midwest lining Chicago Avenue between Garfield & Washington streets, with booths of fresh produce and unique finds from farms and stores. Hours; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ 3D Design: Learning the Basics

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

High schoolers can sign up to practice their 3D design skills, create custom designs and watch them come to life on the 3D printer. Time: noon to 1 p.m. RR

■ Summer High School Book Club
July 20

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

Enjoy an outdoor book club discussion, weather permitting, on "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" by Suzanne Collins. Copies are available from the library's Book Club Holds shelf. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Teen Exploration Day: Biodiversity

July 21 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Ages 13 and up will learn about local species, ecosystems and conservation issues through field investigations, animal encounters, conversations and more. Time: 5 to 7 p.m. RR

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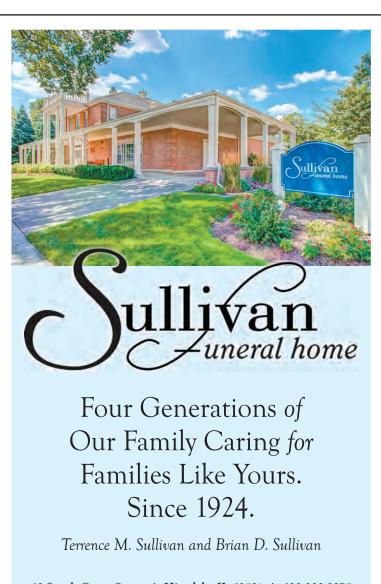
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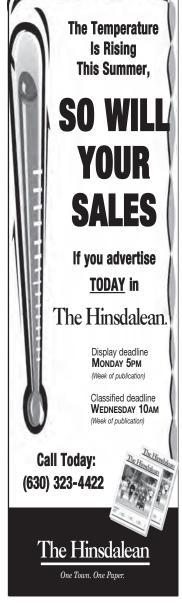
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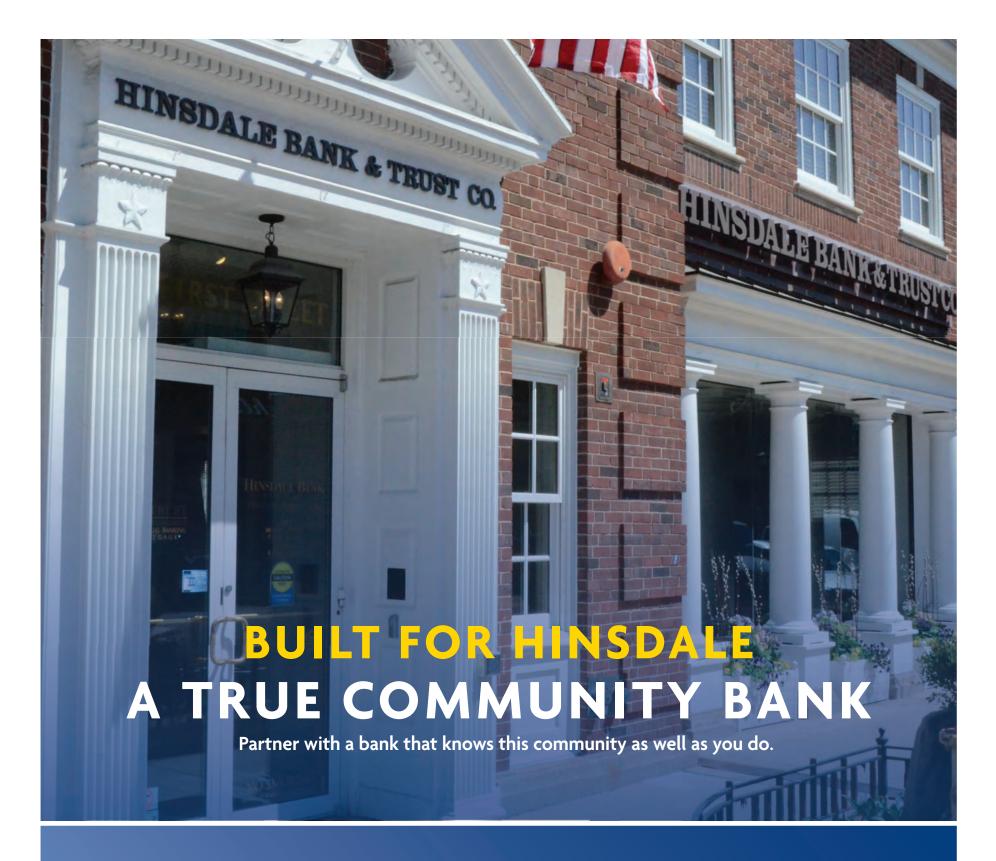
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SUMMER CAMPS

■ Guppies Kiddie Camp

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

Preschoolers 3 to 6 years old will enjoy fun, creative activities including sports, drama, music, crafts, water days, time in nature, games and visits from special guests, all centered around a weekly theme. All children must be potty trained. Sign up by the day or by the week. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$55 a day, \$250 a week. RR, MD

■ Summer Day Camp

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

This camp for kids ages 6-14 is the perfect opportunity for kids to create memories and safely enjoy time with their peers. Activities include sports, drama and environmental awareness, with each week of camp having its own theme. A weekly field trip and swimming twice a week at the Hinsdale Community Pool is part of the fun as well. Kids are divided by age: going into first grade, going into second grade, going into third and fourth grades and going into fifth through eighth grades. Sign up by the day or by the week. Before and after care is available at an additional cost, as are half day options from 9 a.m. to noon or noon to 3 p.m. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$75 a day, \$350 a week. RR, MD

■ Become a Youtuber

July 17-21 Code Ninjas 842 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr (630) 789-7090

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Kids ages 8 to 14 will advance their coding skills and learn vlogger skills, including designing unique channel art, profile pictures and video thumbnails. They also will be guided through how to record, edit and upload videos. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$300. RR

■ Fishing Mini Camp

July 24-26 Lake View Nature Center 17W063 Hodges Road, Oakbrook Terrace www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr (630) 789-7090

Anglers ages 8 to 10 will learn how to bait a hook, cast a line and handle fish for safe return to the water along with information about all sorts of swimming creatures. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$90.

■ Little Veterinarian School Dog Camp

July 24-28 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale (630) 323-7500 www.thecommunityhouse.

Campers ages 6 to 11 will role play the key responsibilities of a vet and learn how to care for a dog, including removing ticks, performing an exam, understanding proper nutrition and hydration, suturing lacerations and more. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$316. RR, MD

■ Multi-Sport Camp

July 24-28 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale (630) 323-7500 www.thecommunityhouse. org

Participants ages 4 to 9 will enjoy three different sports in this camp — basketball, soccer and baseball/T-ball. Campers will learn fundamentals and play organized games

to emphasize sportsmanship, sharing and teamwork. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 4-6, 10 a.m. to noon for ages 7-9. Cost: \$65 younger kids, \$130 older. RR,

■ Summer Arts Camp

July 31-Aug. 18
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
www.thecommunityhouse.

This camp offers an art experience based on three major artistic movements and cultural traditions — Art of Asia, Pop Art and Renaissance. Take one, two or all three sessions to paint, sculpt and complete mixed media projects. Sign up for single days or by the week. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$50 a day, \$225 a week. RR, MD

■ 5 Star Soccer Camp

July 31-Aug. 4
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets,
Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
www.thecommunityhouse.

This camp offers a fresh, enthusiastic approach to teaching soccer to kids ages 7-13. Staff will work on fundamental techniques while creating an atmosphere that unlocks the game within each child. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$162. RR, MD

■ Culinary Science Camp

July 31-Aug. 4
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
www.thecommunityhouse.org

Campers 5 to 13 years old will learn the basics of cooking and have a blast making breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. They'll also design their own aprons and compete in a "Chopped" challenge. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost. \$395. RR, MD

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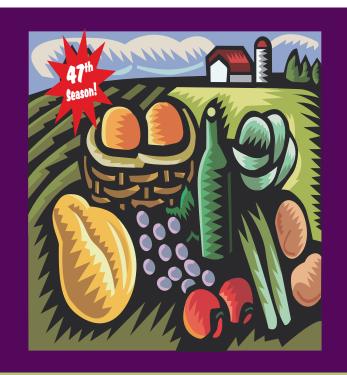
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GOOD NEWS

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Edward-Elmhurst Health, which has more than 8,000 team members, is a fully integrated healthcare delivery system that includes Edward-Elmhurst Health Center and Immediate Care in Hinsdale.

COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKE DEAN'S LIST

These Hinsdale students earned a spot on the dean's list or equivalent at their respective colleges and universities for the spring 2023 semester.

- Samantha Fuller, Elmhurst University
- Jadyn Ginther, Elmhurst University
- Kathleen Ryndak, Elmhurst University
- Michael Spitzer, Illinois Wesleyan University

D181 PTOS MAKE **DONATIONS**

Several PTOs made gifts to Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 schools, including eight toward individual school's 2023-24 budgets.

- Monroe School PTO, \$159,195
- Walker School PTO, \$104,400
 - Oak School PTO, \$80,745
 - Elm School PTO, \$62,500
- Prospect School PTO, \$54,900
- Clarendon Hills Middle School PTO, \$49,600
- Hinsdale Middle School PTO, \$46,700
- The Lane School PTO, \$46,620

The Madison School PTO donated \$13,095 for additional swings and a gaga pit for the playground.

At its June 26 meeting, the District 181 board also accepted a gift of \$7,500 from the D181 Foundation for teachers to attend professional development this summer and \$3,487 for the living classroom lesson and curriculum, \$2,750 from Mark Ferguson for musical instruments and audio equipment for HMS and \$435 from Girl Scout Troop No. 56415 for a Royal Star magnolia tree at Madison.

HCS RECEIVES COUNTY GRANT

HCS Family Services received a grant of \$25,000 from DuPage County as part of a \$500,000 allotment to food pantries

The board gave the same 22 pantries a total of \$1 million in November 2022.

COMPETITIONS TEST MATH STUDENTS

In March, Hinsdale Central's Wilbert Chu and Sebastian Attlan participated

in the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad, which is a six-question, ninehour essay/proof exam that is administered over the course of two days. It is open to students who earn top scores on the American Mathematics Competitions test for individuals in grades 12 and below and the American Invitational Mathematics Examination.

Chu received a bronze award for placing among the top 18 percent in the nation, while Attlan received an honorable mention for his overall

A team from Central excelled in the online Purple Comet Math Competition. This team, which was made up of students Aarav Mittal, Sebastian Attlan, Jiming Chen and Alexander Jiang, place second in Illinois, 39th out of 345 in the country and 48th out of 603 in the world.





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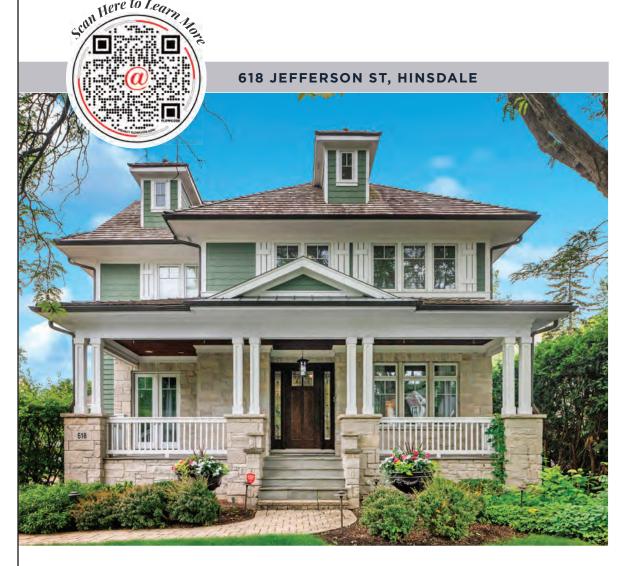
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REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County from May 22 to June 16.

- 1. 320 Claymoor Road, Nada Martini Trust to Mary M. Meade Trust, May 22, \$269,100
- **2. 924 S. Vine St.,** Rachel A. Bognet Revocable Living Trust to Ying Zhang and Jill Jim, May 22, \$1,900,000
- 3. 412 E. Eighth St., Denise and Steven Kretzer to Celeste and John Kralovec trusts, May 23, \$3,575,000
- 4. 620 N. Grant St., Kal Development Group LLC to Sarhaan Development LLC, May 23, \$705,000
- 5. 5721 Giddings Ave., Priya Chandra and Vimal Patel to Shaham Mumtaz and Amal Sultan, May 23, \$1,250,000
- **6. 565 N. Vine St.,** James and Lisa Prisby to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., May 24, \$470,000
- 7. 536 W. 58th St., 1st Savings Bank Hegewisch Trust to Snehal and Jignasa Bhavsar, May 25, \$1,280,000
- **8. 412 S. Lincoln St.,** Ann M. Beatty Declaration Trust to TWG 412 S. Lincoln St. LLC, May 30, \$750,000
- 9. 120 S. Stough St., Theresa Austerberry to Adam Schiefelbein and Lisa Tang, May 30, \$1,265,000
- 10. 708 S. Madison St., Erik and Emily Chalut to Kyle Murg and Morta Lapkus, May 30, \$1,250,000
- 11. 511 Bonnie Brae Road, Linda S. Kragie Trust to William Kragie, May 31, \$590,000
- **12.804 S. Lincoln S.,** Rawea Schwalb Trust to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., May 31, \$2.643.045
- 13. 118 S. County Line Road, Paul and Suzanne Diano to Collie Paw Holding LLC, June 1, \$1,250,000
- 14. 650 S. Oak St., Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Michael and Ashley Keeley, May 5, \$5,000,000
- 15. 609 S. Jackson St., Joseph and Joanna Lampe to

Abi Mansour, June 5, \$711,000

- **16. 240 E. Walnut St., Molly** A. Akers Trust to Scott Salenko and Katie Criswell, June 5,
- 17. 7 N. Clay St., Richard and Susan Mullaney to John and Lisa Hendrickson, June 6, \$1,581,500
- 18. 423 N. Madison St., Stephen A. McClary 1996 Trust to Brandon and Diem Tom, June 6, \$1,541,000
- 19. 118 N. Madison St., Renata Masilionyte, Jonas Kaminskas and Masilionyte Revocable Living Trust to Kendra Farabee and Tarak Chokshi, June 6, \$1,750,000
- 20. 411 Skipping Stone Lane, Steven and Virginia Lorenc to Kathleen and Jeffrey Marwitz, June 7, \$770,000
- 21. 228 S. Clay St., Richard and Karen Avers to Gregory and Jennie Patricoski, June 8, \$947,500
- 22.42358th Place, Margaret M. Smego Revocable Living Trust to Cheryle Stone, June 12, \$300,000
- 23. 23 W. Walnut St., Cynthia Hurd Trust and Richard Hurd to Bill and Mary Bosway, June 12, \$1,600,000
- 24. 904 S. Park Ave., Prasad and Bhargavi Nettem to Anish Shah and Kanan Modhwadia, June 12, \$2,375,000
- 25. 35 W. Kennedy Lane, Craig and Molly Watcke to Erin N. Doyle Living Trust, June 12, \$845,000
- 26. 7 E. Kennedy Lane, Michael Fridholm Katherine A. Campbell Revocable Trust, June 13, \$525,025
- 27. 718 N. Oak St., Paul Sporleder and Karen Lang to Pawel and Olga Borsuk, June 14, \$1,125,000
- 28. 215 N. Bruner St.. William Butler and Patrick Szaraz to Ryan O'Halloran and Sarah Brennan, June 15, \$2,225,000
- 29. 401 Canterbury Court, Reagan Pittman to Amir Mohtat and Sepideh Jouzani, June 16, \$650,000

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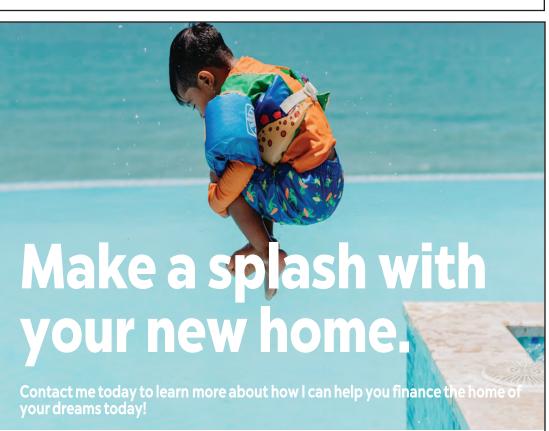
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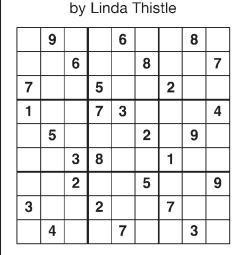
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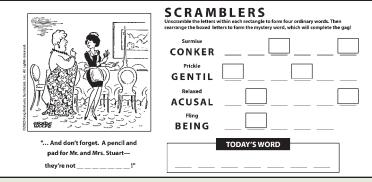
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SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, teamwork is the answer right now, especially when your to-do list seems to be growing exponentially. Recruit some close confidantes to help you along the way.



SPORTS



Hinsdale's Owen Simmons gets good distance off the tee with his driver, but it's his putting prowess that he credits for helping him register his first IJGA win June 30 at Heritage Bluffs Golf Club in Channahon, Illinois. Simmons has been competing on the local youth summer golf circuit

for several years, making friends with likeminded competitiors from all around the Chicago area. He hopes to carry the confidence he's gained in his play into the Hinsdale Central golf season this fall. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Youths reach new highs staying low

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Simmons has been playing competitively since he was 10. He works with his coach in Oak Brook weekly as well as making regular visits to a golf training and research laboratory located in Downers Grove.

"Our outdoor season in Chicago is seven months max, so it helps if

you can find a good (indoor) facility," Simmons explained.

He regards putting as one of the strengths of his game and said working as a caddy at Ruth Lake Country Club has helped him develop a better grasp of course management. He loves the variety the sports presents, with every tract unique and requiring

thought and creativity.

"With golf, no two courses are the same. There are a lot of different styles of courses. It never gets boring," Simmons' commented.

The relationships forged through a shared passion also help drive Simmons' pursuit.

"Something that's been really nice

is how many people I've met through (golf)," he said.

With a win finally under his belt, Simmons suggested he can play with a bit less pressure.

"I sort of felt the weight lifted off my shoulders because I've seen a lot of my friends win," he said. "I have now, and it feels good."



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SPORTS

Youths reach new highs staying low

Summer golf circuit enables local teen standouts to showcase their stellar strokes

By Ken Knutson

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With 1,827.5 points amassed in 12 events, Olivia Zhang is the current leader in the girls age 14-15 division of the Illinois Junior Golf Association.

Two years ago the Hinsdale teen was still learning how to swing.

"I had played many other sports but hadn't really clicked with them," Zhang related. "In 2021 when I started playing golf, I was like, 'Oh, I'm actually good at this!'

On June 30 Zhang notched her third victory of her 2023 campaign, carding a season-best 79 to capture top honors at Boone Creek Golf Club in Bull Valley. The success, she said, is a product of a constant drive to improve.

"I don't really focus on the outcome," remarked Zhang, who said her overall low round for 18 is 77. "I'm more competing against myself than I am against other players. I just want to push my limits."

She was still recovering from an offseason injury in her first tournament in May. But a few weeks later her restored health and confidence powered her to an eight-stroke triumph at Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan — her first career IJGA title.

"I was really not expecting it, so it was a surprise. I just felt like all my hard work paid off," Zhang said of the June 19 win.

Two runner-up finishes quickly followed before she reached the winner's circle again June 26 at Sunset Valley Country Club in Highland Park.

Then another second place before her Boone Creek trophy. Three wins and three near wins in the span of six events. Zhang said playing percentage golf is her approach.

"I just try getting to the middle of the green every single shot," she commented. "Instead of going so aggressive I try playing more safe. I ask myself, 'What's the best way I can save strokes?'"

And being skilled with the flat stick helps, too.

"I can't really hit it as far as other girls, so I need to depend on my



Hinsdale's Olivia Zhang is having a breakout season on the summer IJGA tour, leading the points standings in the girls' 14-15 age group by virtue of three victories and three runner-up finishes in the 13 events she's played. Zhang has finished

among the top 10 in 10 of the tournaments, a pattern of success she attributes to maintaining a calm demeanor and viewing each round as an opportunity to develop her game. (Jim Slonoff photos)

short game to save a lot of strokes," Zhang said. "When my putting is really working, I know I'm going to shoot a good score."

Zhang, a rising sophomore at Hinsdale Central, was especially pleased with her performance at the Players Challenge event at Sycamore Golf Club July 5-6. She placed seventh in a field of 26 competitors, most of whom were at least two years older.

"Top 10 feels really good." Zhang remarked. "I'm just proud of myself for shooting one of my best scores."

And when a result is not the best, her mantra is keep calm and carry on.

"I try and forget about it and learn from my mistakes," she said. "I really try not to force things. I try to let things happen because I know in the end it will work out eventually."

Bagging a championship

Last fall Hinsdale's Owen Simmons made \$5 off his buddies in friendly round at Heritage Bluffs Golf Club in Channahon.

Two weeks ago he returned for an Illinois Junior Golf Association tournament and again found a winning formula, earning a tie for first with an impressive round of

"Maybe I just had a little confidence going into it," Simmons said. "It felt nice, I hadn't won an IJGA event before, so it was nice to finally see my hard work pay off."

The Hinsdale Central sophomore had been knocking on the door of victory, finishing seventh on June 13 at Countryside Golf Club in Mundelein, then in fourth at the two-day Summer Jr. Elite Event June 14-15 at Glenview Park Golf Club.

"A lot of the confidence comes on the course: Hit the first tee shot well, keep building on good holes, just take it one shot at a time," Simmons commented of his mentality.

He also tries to gauge his performance relative to his playing partners, many of whom he's gotten to know over several seasons of the IJGA circuit.

"If I'm paired with a good player, I try to just keep pace with them because I know they're going to do well," he said. "If I can tie or beat them, I know I'm doing pretty well."

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