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Oak's got talent

Oak School's Student Council presented its talent show, "Let's Glow," last month. Dozens of students as well as several classes took part in the annual event. From performing piano solos to pom routines, students brought their talents to the Oak stage. Antonia Logan played the "Crystal Singing Bowls" during her act. To see more photos of the event, please go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Happy birthday!
Country's birthday a highlight of village's sesquicentennial year.
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NEWS

Prentiss will depart D86 next spring

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale High School District 86 Superintendent Tammy Prentiss, on paid administrative leave since May 16, will remain on leave through next March and then retire under an agreement approved by the school board at a special meeting Monday night.

Board members emerged from a closed session discussion to vote on an amended employment contract with Prentiss that will end her tenure with the district four months earlier than originally planned. Board members split 5-2 on the measure, with Debbie Levinthal and Jeff Waters voting no. There was no discussion prior to the vote, and a joint statement was subsequently released by the board and Prentiss.

"The Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Board of Education and Superintendent Tamara Prentiss have mutually

agreed to amend the superintendent's employment contract and enter into an agreement that will conclude Ms. Prentiss's employment as a District 86 administrator on March 31, 2024. The board will continue to partner with Ms. Prentiss in her remaining time as a district employee to ensure a smooth leadership transition."

Under the terms of the agreement, obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request, Prentiss will receive a prorated amount of her \$277,000 salary from July 1 through March 31, 2024.

A letter from Prentiss to board President Cat Greenspon and the board was attached to the agreement.

"Please accept this letter as my retirement as a licensed employee of Hinsdale Township District No. 86 effective March 31, 2024," the letter reads.

The agreement contains a non-disparagement provision requiring board members to respond to

questions about the deal solely by referencing the joint statement and letter cited above.

In January, the previous board voted 4-3 to extend Prentiss' contract 31 days to July 31, 2024, to enable her to reach her fully vested retirement date. But a majority on the new board elected in April was decidedly less supportive of Prentiss, and she was soon on administrative leave, with Assistant Superintendent for Academics Chris Covino called upon to be acting superintendent.

The board on Monday also voted 5-2 to appoint Jason Markey, incoming assistant superintendent for academics, as acting superintendent to take over for Covino, who is departing to become superintendent of La Grange Elementary District 102 on July 1. Levinthal and Kay Gallo dissented without comment.

Covino will receive \$10,140 on top of his regular salary for his 34 days as acting superintendent. The



Prentiss

board has not indicated if Markey will be compensated at the same rate.

Long term, the district has begun efforts on a national search process for a new superintendent, which is expected to last several months. On Monday, Greenspon asked board members Asma Akhras and Peggy James to coordinate the selection of an interim superintendent to lead the district in the upcoming school year.

In a memo to Covino, Cheryl Moore, assistant superintendent of human resources, said District 214 in the northwest suburbs paid \$1,000 day for their interim superintendent. Moore noted that those who participated in the Teachers' Retirement System, such as retired administrators, are limited to 120 days of service in a fiscal year.

D181 finds new headquarters in Hinsdale

By Pamela Lannom

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After searching for a new district office for seven years, Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 officials have found what will be their new home.

"We're going to start off the night with some exciting news," Rick Engstrom, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said at Monday night's board meeting.

After looking at 21 possible sites to lease and 18 to purchase, the district and its broker have found a building for sale at 133 Ogden Ave. in Hinsdale.

"This definitely checks all the boxes," Engstrom said.

The 13,275-square-foot building will cost the district \$3.2 million to buy and another \$4.3 million to renovate for a total of \$7.5 million. The board voted 6-0-1 Monday to authorize the purchase, with board member Bill Cotter abstaining.

The formal due diligence period for the purchase ends July 21, with environmental and utility inspections, a review of leases, a title commitment and survey taking place.

The building has four tenants, three with leases that expire in 2023 or 2024. The fourth lease runs through May 2027.

"Negotiations started on Friday with that tenant to try to see if we can buy them out," Mike Duggan, facilities director, told the board.

The district would not need to seek any a special use permit or zoning text amendment from



The District 181 Board voted Monday to authorize the purchase of this building at 133 Ogden Ave. in Hinsdale for a new district office. The building is within district boundaries, has adequate parking, needs relatively little remodeling and had the lowest purchase price of other properties being investigated. (Jim Slonoff photo)

the village, Engstrom reported.

If all issues can be resolved, the closing date is set for Aug. 5.

The district's current lease for 12,000 square feet at 115 W. 55th St. in Clarendon Hills expires June 30, 2025. The district is paying \$17,000 a month.

"That's a good deal," Duggan said. "When we

were looking at rental properties, everything is a lot more than that."

Board member Margie Kleber pointed out that the purchase will save the district money in the long run.

"I'd like to just say thank you and congratulations," she said. "I know we've been working on this for years."

ONCE UPON A TIME



Civil war vet — From Sandy Williams book, “Images of America - Hinsdale,” is an entry on the home built for Heman Fox. “This 1890 Queen Anne styled home at 206 N. Washington St. was built for Heman Fox. Fox had grown up in Fullersburg, away at school in the winters and working his father’s farm in the summers. After serving in the Union army, he joined his brother in a successful career as one of the early merchants in Fullersburg and Hinsdale.”



Happy Birthday!
Sarah Bryan
turns 17 July 1

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July Fourth parade highlight of summer

Holiday tradition a staple for Hinsdale residents, participants for more than a century

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The Fourth of July parade has been a summer tradition for generations of kids growing up in Hinsdale, including Tim Balster. From the time he was in elementary school, Balster said he always found a way to not only watch the parade, but to participate. He pulled a model of the Liberty Bell behind his decorated bike and at age 11 traversed the entire parade route via pogo stick.

After a few years of juggling while riding a unicycle, Balster landed on his most notable mode of transportation in the early 1990s when he donned striped pants, a top hat and a pair of stilts.

Balster thrilled the crowd each year with his towering stature, Uncle Sam costume and signature high kicks.

"I kind of got known for that," he said. People along the parade route would yell "high kick," he said, and Balster would oblige by extending a stilted leg high above the ground. High kicks became difficult after a 2018 knee surgery, Balster said, and when the 2020 parade was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, he hung up his stilts for good, ending a 27-year tradition.

As director of the Hinsdale Central marching band, Matt Kurinsky has been an instrumental part of 16 holiday processions through the village's streets. His 17th parade appearance will happen Tuesday, July 4, when the Central band once again will fill the streets of Hinsdale with music.

The parade isn't just a one-day event for Kurinsky and his marching Red Devils. Hours-long rehearsals begin in the days prior, and the day itself starts early with a breakfast for the musicians.

"It's not good to march the parade on an empty stomach," he said.

Even with the band's summer-friendly uniforms of T-shirts and shorts, the parade can get hot, and food and water are essential.

Kurinsky said the Hinsdale parade was one of the first things he did when he became band director. It often is also



Hinsdale Historical Society photos show participants marching down Washington Street in 1913 and riding on a float sponsored by the Hinsdale Commercial Association (predecessor to the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce) a year earlier. Hinsdale native Jim Balster has been a part of the parade since he was a boy, most recently delighting crowds as a high-kicking Uncle Sam. (file photo)

one of the first activities for an incoming member of the band.

"We invite the middle schoolers to join us," he said, along with community members and band alumni. "It's kind of open to anybody."

The band typically prepares a handful of patriotic songs, along with something just for fun. This year, the parade crowd will hear the band's rendition of "Feel it Still" by Portugal. The Man as they line the streets.

"It's one of the biggest crowds that we'll play for," said Kurinsky, who said the band's appearance in the parade is typically met with cheers of encouragement.

Lisa Kramer, who has lived along the parade route for about as long as Kurinsky has

led the band, said the band's appearance is a highlight of every parade, which she watches from her yard on Grant Street.

Kramer said she and her family weren't aware of their new home's front-seat view of the parade until the first Fourth of July after moving in.

"We were pleasantly surprised," said Kramer, whose home quickly became a Fourth of July destination for friends and family. She said husband Doug gets up early on parade day to prepare a Bloody Mary bar for their guests to enjoy as they watch the procession of floats, vehicles, bands and neighbors make their way down Grant Street.

Even on their own property, they have to use ropes and

chairs to lay claim to their viewing area each year. The rest of the lawn, she said, is quickly claimed by neighbors and even strangers looking for a premium spot from which to view the parade.

"There have been hundreds of people in our yard some years," she said, but they've learned to welcome their uninvited guests, whom Kramer said typically are courteous. As for the invited guests, they come with food and drink to share, and the gathering often carries on well after the last parade entry passes the house.

The Fourth of July parade has been a Hinsdale tradition for more than 100 years. And while some things stay the same from year to year, there's always something new to see. Mention the Hinsdale parade

■ QUINTESSENTIAL HINSDALE

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

to anyone who has been in the village for more than a decade and you're likely to hear about the appearance of Blackhawks head coach Joel Quenneville in the 2013 parade, thrilling crowds with the newly won Stanley Cup. Hinsdaleans and guests will line up along Garfield, First and Grant streets again this Fourth of July not only to recognize the nation's birthday, but to celebrate the village's 150th anniversary — and to see what surprises this year's parade has in store.

NEXT WEEK

The Hinsdale Village Board, Community Consolidated District 181 Board and Hinsdale High School District 86 Board are not scheduled to meet the week of July 3-7.

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86

Among other business June 22, board members:

- approved a tentative fiscal year 2024 budget with projected expenses of \$130.8 million and expected revenue of \$131 million. The spending plan is about \$4.2 million more than the previous year's actuals, for a 3.2 percent increase. A public hearing on the tentative budget was set for the Sept. 28 board meeting.
- awarded a contract to Point Security to furnish and install concealed weapons detection systems at both district campuses for \$157,988. Staff has already been trained on the free flowing outdoor/indoor Open Gate equipment that will be installed.
- approved intergovernmental agreements with the village of Hinsdale and city of Darien for school resource officer services. These agreements delineate the responsibilities, qualifications, duties and training requirements of the SRO and include provisions for access to records. The agreements, last executed in 2021 and 2022, were updated to comply with the Illinois Law Enforcement Officer Body Worn Camera Act. The board also approved an auto-renewal provision that extends the agreement into the future unless terminated by 30 days written notice. Both municipalities already approved the agreements.

Community Consolidated District 181

Among other business at their Monday meeting, school board members:

- held a public hearing on and approved a \$73.5-million operating budget for 2023-24. No one spoke at the hearing.
- unanimously approved adding a fourth section of the Rising Stars extended day kindergarten program at Madison School for the 2023-24 school year. The 60 students in the pilot — which was offered at Elm, Monroe and Prospect schools — showed significant growth. The fourth section will allow 96 students to participate in the program.
- heard an update from Superintendent Hector Garcia about the district's planned move to full-day kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year. Gov. JB Pritzker is expected to soon sign House Bill 2396, which requires all districts in the state to offer full-day kindergarten by the fall of 2027, Garcia said. In the next few months, the district will begin working on a preliminary budget for adding classroom space and staff.

Paper looking for contributing columnists to join writing pool

The Hinsdalean is looking for residents who are interested in joining its pool of community columnists.

Community columnists write once every seven or eight weeks during the school year over a period of two years. To apply, interested residents should email a sample column of 450 words along with ideas for three additional columns to plannom@thehinsdalean.com by July 17. The ideas don't need to be extremely detailed, but they are a factor in the selection process.

Please include a name, address and cell number in the email. A very brief biography and a couple of sentences on

what prompted the application also would be appreciated.

One of the open positions is reserved for a student writer, ideally a high school senior. (Moms and dads of talented writers, please encourage them to apply.)

Individuals seeking to publicize a business, nonprofit organization, political agenda or other cause need not apply. Nor should those wanting to write solely on a particular topic, like gardening or music. Elected officials and employees of public bodies are not eligible.

Questions? Send an email to editor Pam Lannom at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

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Victory Gardens a win for Hinsdale, U.S.

By Pamela Lannom
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Gardening is a pastime many enjoy during the summer months.

During World War I, working in the garden became more of a necessity. In April 1917, the village of Hinsdale ordered all citizens with vacant land to allow the use of it for Victory Gardens and that every able-bodied man not working in defense volunteer to tend them, according to an article that appeared in The Doings Centennial Edition in 1995.

“Schoolchildren were encouraged to plant and tend their own gardens,” the article states. “All fruits and vegetables produced exceeding the needs of the gardeners were to be canned and sent to the Allies in France.”

Growing food at home became a priority again in the 1940s during World War II. The gardens supplemented the diets of those on the homefront, who had to contend with the rationing of many items, including butter, cheese, flour, fish and coffee.

Many different types of vegetables were grown in Victory Gardens — including some unfamiliar ones, according to the website of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

“Victory Gardens were responsible for bring-



Mrs. C.P. Haedecke of Hinsdale instructs WLS employees on the principals of canning using produce from a five-acre plot in Burr Ridge owned by Burrige Butler of Hinsdale, who was president of WLS (radio) Prairie Farmer. Haedecke’s brother, Ted Morse, was chairman of the WLS Victory Garden Committee in addition to acting as Otto and Little Genevieve on the WLS National Barn Dance program. (photo courtesy of the Hinsdale Historical Society)

ing Swiss chard and kohlrabi onto the American dinner table because they were easy to grow,” the

website states.

In Hinsdale, a committee was created to learn how to can every kind of produce to eliminate waste, The Doings article states.

“And a canning demonstration was given at the high school to teach housewives how to preserve their produce. The saying was, ‘It is healthful. It is cheap. It is here. — CAN IT!’ ”

McCall’s magazine persuaded Charles Foster, president of the Canning Association formed during World War I, to have the village’s efforts photographed for a feature story.

“The magazine hoped the story would help initiate other such projects nationwide,” the article states.

The Unitarian Church and later the old ice house on North Park Avenue (behind the present-day police and fire station) had canning centers. Gardeners could bring their produce there for canning six days a week from mid-June to mid-September for a fee of 5 cents a can.

About 2,000 of Hinsdale’s 2,400 families were expected to have a large Victory Garden and in 1943, 68,000 cans of food were produced.

At the peak, there were more than 20 million Victory Gardens planted across the United States, and by 1944, the gardens were responsible for producing 40 percent of all vegetables grown in the country.



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police released the following reports June 28.

DUI arrest

Javier Calderon, 57, 3650 W. 68th St., Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, stopping/parking/standing on the roadway and disobeying a police officer at 10:30 p.m. June 17. Police responded to a report of a vehicle that struck the median and found the suspect asleep at the wheel at a green light. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Residential burglary

Jewelry and cash were taken from a home in the 600 block of Dalewood Lane after suspects forced their way in through a rear patio door between June 10 and 20. The office, bedrooms and closets had been ransacked. The victims were not home at the time of the burglary.

Fraud reported

Someone used a credit card belonging to a resident of the 400 block of North Grant Street to make fraudulent online transactions between June 1 and 21.

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.

Pool operating under regular summer hours

The Hinsdale Community Swimming Pool is open during its regular hours through Aug. 20.

Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Sunday, with the baby pool only open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Lap swim is offered from 5:45 to 9:15 a.m. weekdays and 10 to 11:30 a.m. weekends.

The pool will be closed on the following dates for swim meets.

- July 6 — closes at 5 p.m.
- July 8 — lap swim and baby pool open an hour late at 10:30 a.m.

- July 15 — closed all day (tentative)

Daily admission is \$10, \$7 for seniors and \$8 after 5 p.m. Ten-visit passes sell for \$90. Memberships for families, individuals, seniors and nannies (must be purchased with family membership) also are available.

For up-to-date information regarding pool closures due to inclement weather, call the pool at (630) 789-7098 or visit the Facebook page @ HinsdaleParks or the rainout line at www.villageofhinsdale.org/fieldandfacilitystatus.

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Little League leader helps kids shine on diamond

“I go to Peirce Park every day,” remarked Garett Skiba.

The local dad’s not on a mission get his steps in, but rather ensuring the integrity of the town’s baseball program in his capacity as Hinsdale Little League president.

“If I’m not there for games, it’s to work on the fields,” Skiba said. “What we have at Peirce is probably one of the best complexes in the area because of the hard work of volunteers keeping it going.”

Last Saturday he delighted in watching players and families fill the grounds for World Series Day, when the best two teams in each age division square off for the championship crown, er, cap.

“The winners get a green hat that’s basically a trophy to wear around town for bragging rights,” Skiba said.

Skiba was tapped for the top role this year, his third on the HLL board. He said season prep begins well before spring’s arrival, with tasks like restocking equipment, lining up umpiring services and staging player drafts crucial to readying fields of dreams. The joy shared by all Saturday, independent of final scores, was gratifying.

“People packed the stands

with balloons, and kids were watching the different games and the home run derby,” he said. “There’s a lot of work that the board does behind the scenes to make sure that happens. Days like that makes it really worth it.”

The rise of travel programs has altered the youth baseball landscape, but Skiba is proud to report that HLL maintains strong participation.

“Our program remains healthy,” he said. “I think we have over 520 participants this year, which is fairly strong.”

And part of success, Skiba believes, is making room for all skill levels.

“Having kids of all abilities being able to share a baseball field together is important,” he said.

A Little Leaguer himself, Skiba recalled nights — some pretty frigid ones in April — when it seemed like half the town was at the park and the concessions stand could barely keep up.

“It’s a community event that is focused around the sport,” he said.

Next month many of Illinois’ baseball enthusiasts will be focused on Hinsdale when Peirce Park will host the 12U state championship July



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22-27 for the first time. The winner will go to the Great Lakes Regional, as the hometown team did last year, a step away from the World Series in Williamsport, Pa. In fact, Hinsdale’s 10U, 11U and 12U teams all captured state titles in 2022, a feat no town had accomplished before.

“That was pretty neat,” he said. “Hopefully they can continue the success.”

The action at Peirce starts this weekend with an 8U/9U All-Stars tournament featuring 20 teams. Then the 12U district competition, the first step to state, opens July 5 at the park.

Needless to say, Skiba will continue his daily visits.

“It is a time-consuming job, keeping it going and making sure that everything is lined up,” he said.

The sight of now-high school stars still drawn to the Little League atmosphere drives home the power of the experience for Skiba,

“They want to stay and just play catch in the outfield after a game because they miss it so much,” he said. “It makes you remember how things used to be.”

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GOOD NEWS

TEENS COMPETE AT MODEL U.N.

Several Hinsdale Central students earned awards at the annual Northwestern University Model United Nations Conference.

- Rianna Amin and Naina Kapur, honorable delegates (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

- Imran Husain, diplomacy delegate (Walt Disney Board of Directors 2023)

- Zoeya Khan, diplomacy delegate (C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group)

- Srisha Mundada, honorable delegate (International Labor Organization)

STUDENT EARNS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Andrew Kassab of Hinsdale was one of more than 3,000 high school seniors to win a National Merit Scholarship financed by a U.S. college or university. His is from the University of

Southern California.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the Finalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

JUNIOR BOARD LEADERS NAMED

The Community House Junior Board has announced its executive officers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

They are
Co-presidents — Maya Menon and Nick Giordano
Co-vice presidents — Dean Frizzel and Srisha Mundada
Communications coordinator — Kavya Ravi
Volunteer coordinators — Christy Boggs and Moira Hughes
Secretary/treasurer — Annie Mayer

“By involving these students early in a culture of philanthropy, we hope to be educating and propelling the next generation of volunteers and leaders who understand involvement and action are what make a difference in their local community,” Executive Director Dan Janowick said.

This 50-member student-run junior board coordinates and runs Community House fundraisers like the Walk the Walk for Mental Health held each May. In addition, there are a range of opportunities on the junior board, including promoting and assisting with other recreational, social and educational programs; volunteering for service projects and mentoring; and obtaining leadership development skills.

The board is open to high school students in the area and meets monthly August through May from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sundays at The Community House.

For more information about the junior board, contact

Alana Wett, director of philanthropy, at awett@thecommunityhouse.org or (630) 323-7500, ext 227.

HOSPITAL IS NASCAR PARTNER

NASCAR has announced UChicago Medicine AdventHealth will serve as the official health care partner of the NASCAR Chicago Street Race Weekend July 1-2.

As an event partner, UCM AdventHealth will have official naming rights to the Infield Care Center, where it will provide care for drivers, crew and NASCAR staff.

AdventHealth, a Florida-based health system with more than 50 hospital campuses in nine states, has been a longtime sponsor within NASCAR, working as a founding partner and official healthcare provider at Daytona International Speedway since 2016. The health system is also the entitlement partner of the AdventHealth 400 NASCAR

Cup Series race and Heart of America 200 NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series race at Kansas Speedway.

An academic health system based on Chicago’s South Side, UChicago Medicine has a controlling interest in UChicago Medicine AdventHealth, which includes Illinois hospitals in Hinsdale, La Grange Bolingbrook and Glendale Heights along with a network of nearly 50 physicians’ offices and outpatient locations in AdventHealth’s Great Lakes Region.

“As an organization with a rich history of partnership with the Daytona International Speedway and its drivers, we’re thrilled to be the official health care partner for the first-ever Chicago Street Race,” said Thor Thordarson, president and CEO of UCM AdventHealth. “We have the experience not only to provide top-level care at NASCAR races, but also as a leader in providing whole-person health care in the Chicagoland area.”



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Independence Day an invitation to come together

Just months after local residents were able to officially call their growing settlement the village of Hinsdale in April of 1873, they celebrated their first Independence Day as an incorporated community.

Accounts of the initial Fourth of July festivities are not available, but some details of the second are (see story on Page 15). Bands, baseball and morale-boosting speeches highlighted the day.

But the occasion really took off here in 1898, as Timothy Bakken chronicles in his book "Hinsdale." The Spanish-American War was winding down and patriotism was surging. A newspaper reported that the July 4 activities began with a reading of the Declaration of Independence from the steps of the Hinsdale Club (located on the southwest corner of First and Garfield and forerunner to The Community House), followed by a Burlington Park flag raising — the "largest in the county" according to the article.

The ensuing parade seemed like quite a spectacle, with everything from representations of the Potawatomi Nation, circus animals, a fife and drum corps and "other vague and mysterious

things." The procession marched to the makeshift park between Seventh and Eighth streets and Washington and Lincoln streets to watch a ball game between community members.

"This particularly fine Fourth was concluded by a downtown band concert that evening, and a pyrotechnic display set off from Maple and Washington," Bakken writes. "As always, little boys spent the following day combing the fields for skyrocket sticks fallen to the ground. They made the perfect kite framing wood, and fluttering over the village were a final reminder of high times."

While Hinsdale's Fourth of July celebration may look different today, the spirit of solidarity and good old fashioned fun endure. There's a timeless quality to the parade as well as the annual craft show in Burlington Park (where that huge Stars and Stripes once waved), with fireworks viewable around the area.

On a somber note, we can't help but remember the horrific events of last Independence Day, when seven innocent Highland Park parade-goers were killed and dozens injured in a senseless

act. May our turn out in support of our nation also serve as a stand in honor of them and against violence.

Those traveling for the holiday will not be alone. AAA projects 50.7 million Americans will travel 50 miles or farther from home over the weekend, marking a record high for the holiday. The previous record was 49 million travelers in 2019. So please be safe on the road — and practice patience whether behind the wheel or behind a long line at the airport.

Much is said of the divisions in our polity these days, with seemingly more evidence presented of our polarization than our harmonization. The United States has, of course, experienced periods of inner turmoil before. The prayer is that the struggle serves to strengthen our democracy, not cause us to lurch toward elements of authoritarianism that we see wreaking havoc in other parts of the world.

So let's mark this special day as a people united under a common love for what this country strives to be, if not a shared philosophy on how to get there. And enjoy the parade!

COMMENTARY

Here's to Hinsdale becoming a hockey town

A NHL player once said about hockey that half the game is mental and the other half is being mental.

That latter part often applies to hockey fans as well. On a cold Feb. 16, 1966, my mom was nine months pregnant and watching the Blackhawks vs Rangers. Fun fact, back then the center red line was painted in a red and white pattern to distinguish it from the solid blue lines on the black and white WGN broadcast. Bobby Hull scored his 46th goal that season at 07:27 into the first period. A hat trick would put him at 48 goals, just three shy of the record. My mom hung on to hope while ignoring the early contractions, but Bobby didn't score again that night (he would eventually break the single-season goal record 3½ weeks later). She was finally convinced to head to the hospital late in the third period, and I popped out at 10:45 p.m. with a given name inspired by Bobby Hull's then 1½ year old son Brett (my parents dropped a T). So yes, I was literally born into

hockey fanaticism.

I have vague memories of watching Hull, but I do have a treasured photo of getting my stick signed by Bobby the year before he departed to Winnipeg in 1972. Back then, my youth hockey playing experience consisted of plastic roller skates strapped over our shoes, a tightly rolled up tube sock for a puck, "skating" with my brothers in our unfinished basement and breaking a lot of lightbulbs. We also had some competitive rod hockey games with the flat metal players that were always popping off.

"Learn to skate" programs weren't much around in the early '70s for me, but they were plentiful in 2013 when the Hawks won their second of three Stanley Cups during the decade. My son Nate enrolled and has been involved with hockey (first youth, now Red Devil) ever since. He's loved every



Bret Conway

minute of it.

As a beginner, you're relegated to the early morning skates which weeds out many. Nate never had an issue with the Saturday 6:30 a.m. wake-up calls — he'd consistently pop right up, excited about ice time. The same can't be said about his 6:30 a.m. school wake-up calls.

Unlike most professional sports, players and coaches are accessible and gracious. Nate has had the opportunity to interact with Denis Savard, Chris Chelios, Brian Campbell, Kendall Coyne, Eddie Olczyk, Jamal Mayers, Marty Brodeur, Vince Dunn, Patrick Kane and Coach Q. My hope is that someday Hinsdale moves from a baseball to a hockey town with more families enrolling their girls (and boys) into a hockey program. You'll watch exciting competition, meet some great families and your kids will learn valuable lessons in

both sport and life.

April was bittersweet this year seeing the final dismantling of the three-cup dynasty. With Kane traded away and Toews having played his last game as a Blackhawk, the key players that sparked my son's fandom as a toddler were now gone. Things were looking bleak after this season, however, in early May the Blackhawks won the draft lottery for the No. 1 pick. And the No. 1 pick the Blackhawks selected in last night's draft? An exceptional talent in Connor Bedard who will be the key player in getting the Blackhawks back to competing for Stanley Cups.

In the summer of 2015, Nate and I watched the Blackhawks capture their third cup within his seven years of existence. I'm confident we'll be watching them raise another cup within his next seven years.

— Bret Conway of Hinsdale is a former contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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OBITUARIES

Patricia DuVal Dietrich

Patricia DuVal Dietrich, 88, a half century Hinsdalean, passed away May 29, 2023, in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

She was born in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1935 to Dr. Benjamin DuVal and Florence DuVal.

Patricia always maintained a sense of adventure and fun. She attended Florida Southern College, until she broke curfew by climbing down a fire escape. She did eventually outgrow the rebel phase. Mostly.

While Patricia ultimately graduated from Michigan State University — where she attended as a newlywed married to Dean Roger Dietrich — with a bachelor's in sociology, she self-identified as a Penn State University Nittany Lion, having studied there for her sophomore and junior years.

After moving to Hinsdale in 1965, Pat immersed herself in the fabric of this special suburb. Pat worked tirelessly as a PTA volunteer and was president of the PTA for several years while her kids were in school.

Later, Pat worked as a real estate agent in Hinsdale and enjoyed touring the magnificent homes as much as she liked selling and listing the houses.

Always active, Pat enjoyed a competitive ping pong game, decorating, playing bridge and tennis with life-long friends, antiquing, adopting Humane Society pets, volunteering at Union Church, traveling near and far, fast cars (her Avanti II being one of her favorites) and mostly being a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her four children, Dawn (David) Solomon, Dean (Karin) Dietrich, Dana (Patrick) Niven and Deanne (Stephen) Nixon; her five grandsons and five granddaughters; her seven great-grandchildren (four boys and three girls); and her two sisters.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hinsdale Humane Society, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521 or online at www.hinsdalehumane-society.org.

Elsie Jean "Jeannie" Konicki

Elsie Jean "Jeannie" Konicki, nee Watson, 79, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away June 22, 2023, in Oswego.

Jeannie's career started in retail, and at a young age was a store manager at W.T. Grant & Co. She and husband Les were entrepreneurs in Indianapolis for many years. She managed a reservation center for one of the major airlines. In addition, with her faith being strong, she was an operations manager of a church and always held active roles within the church community.

Jeannie and Les enjoyed traveling, raising horses, bird watching and watching football, whether in San Diego, Florida or the Chicago area. Because of her love of sports, for many years she was a scorekeeper and statistician for many basketball (Indiana Pacers) and football teams. She was a good golfer and enjoyed being out on the course to enjoy nature and spending time with friends. She was an avid Mah Jongg player and strongly pursued the game with her neighborhood friends. Book clubs were one of Jeannie's passions in addition to writing.

Jeannie's long-term friends were like family to her.



Konicki

She was always on the go with them and loved to travel and explore new places at an impressive clip.

Jeannie is survived by her sister, Roberta Schultz; her two stepbrothers, Ray (Carol) and Jimmy (Mary) Thomas; her daughter-in-law, Lorie Konicki; her grandchildren, Courtney, Kellen and Alex Konicki and Brianna Shaner; her three nieces, Kim (Sonny) Shaw, Tracy Schultz and Mary (Michael) Ellsworth; her three nephews, Michael, James and Christopher (Kristina) Climer; and her great-grandchildren, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie Konicki; and her brother, William Eugene "Gene" Climer.

Visitation is at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 29, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Internment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook. Memorials may be made online to the Lung Cancer Foundation of America at www.lcfamerica.org.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Michael David Lee

Michael David Lee, 40, of Downers Grove, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away unexpectedly June 26, 2023.

He was a true enthusiast of sports and music. He rarely missed a pitch, a down, or a basket of his beloved Cubs, Bears and Bulls, but his true love was the Iowa Hawkeyes. He loved spending time in his neatly cleaned house and listening to music on his back patio. He enjoyed quoting Johnny Cash and attending concerts at Wrigley and Soldier Field with friends and family. He had a deep love for his dogs, mom and dad, and siblings, but nothing made Michael laugh and smile more than hanging with his nephews and niece, Billy, Brooks, Brecken, CJ, Carter and Evelyn.

Michael was kindhearted, hardworking and generous. He was a loyal friend, the best uncle, most loving older brother and a compassionate son. He had a lot of love to share. He will be deeply missed but even more



Lee

deeply celebrated.

He is survived by his parents, David and Sherri Lee of Hinsdale; his siblings, Katie (Bill) Jaqua, Christopher (Melanie) Lee and Ryan (fiancé Tee Pidgeon); his nieces and nephews, Billy, Brooks, Brecken and Evelyn Jaqua and CJ and Carter Lee; his grandfather, William; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rosemarie Lee and Richard and Lila Oloffson.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 8, at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave.

Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation at www.arizzo-foundation.com.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Vivian Mae Miner

Vivian Mae Miner, nee Berg, a former long-time resident of Clarendon Hills, died peacefully June 20, 2023, at her residence at Oak Trace Retirement Community in Downers Grove.

Vivian is survived by her husband, Robert Charles Miner; her children, Mark (Barbara) Miner of Hinsdale, Gregg (Jaci Rohr) and Kristin (Don) West; and her grandchildren, Charlie (Mika) Miner, Sarah West and Lauren (Tyler Nelson) West.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11



Miner

a.m. Wednesday, July 12 (which would have been her 96th birthday) at Hinsdale United Methodist Church, 945 S. Garfield St., with Rev. Young-Mee Park officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church preceding the service. A luncheon will immediately follow.

Interment will be at a family plot at Salem Cemetery in Lomira, Wis., at a later date.

A full obituary can be found at www.obituaries.neptunesociety.com.



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Players ages 7 to 12 will learn various techniques such

as cradling, scooping, passing, catching, shooting and goalie skills. Drills and games will be used to teach these fundamentals in a fast-paced and safe environment. Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$66. RR

■ Pop Legends Performance Camp

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years old. Some experience is preferred. On Friday, campers will perform at music venue Q Bar in Darien. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$425

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July 17-21
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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 learn 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
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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
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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 more. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$316. RR, MD

■ Multi-Sport Camp

July 24-28
Robbins Park
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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 games to emphasize sportsmanship 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, MD



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Why did you start LoMo Juice Co.?

As high school students at Hinsdale Central, Lauren (Kneuper) Rozum and Melissa (Gamauf) Abraham had big dreams, one of which was to one day be partners in a business of their own.

"We didn't know what we were going to do," Abraham said, but the answer became evident soon after she moved back to her hometown from Chicago. Abraham asked Rozum, who was already living in Hinsdale, to recommend a local juice spot. Abraham said she was surprised to learn there was no such thing anywhere near her new home. "In the city, there's a juice bar on every corner," Abraham said.

Wanting to fill her own need and that of the community, Abraham teamed up with her longtime friend to form LoMo Juice Co., a line of freshly squeezed fruit and vegetable juices made without artificial colors, additives or preservatives.

"What you see is what you get," Rozum said.

Along with fresh and largely organic ingredients, the secret to LoMo's great flavor and texture is

the company's huge commercial juicer, Abraham and Rozum said. Located in a commercial kitchen in Westmont, it turns out up to 500 bottles of juice every Tuesday for distribution to several local retailers and pickup points.

After months of testing recipes and developing a marketing plan, LoMo made its first batch of juice available last October.

"We sold out in 15 minutes," Abraham said.

Prior to opening the business, Rozum was making her own juices at home, and dealing with the mess that came with it. Many people stay away from at-home juicing for just that reason, she said. LoMo lets them enjoy the health benefits of fresh juice without the mess.

Unlike home juicers, LoMo's equipment uses extreme pressure to extract juice, nutrients and fiber from every part of the fruits and vegetables, creating a product that's healthier and tastier than other juices.

"The taste is unmatched," Abraham said.

The two said they hope it won't be long before LoMo juices and a host of other healthy options are available to enjoy in a nearby storefront.

Until then, LoMo juice is available in Hinsdale at The Fruit Store, Cafe LaFortuna and Shred 415. Online pre-orders can be picked up in town at Cafe LaFortuna. Because of the freshness and perishability of the product, orders cannot be shipped.

Rozum said it's hard to name the most popular flavor from the six concoctions on the LoMo menu. She said Kale Mary is a favorite amongst vegetable lovers, while kids tend to enjoy Bee Cause I Said So. The sweet mix of strawberry, pineapple, apple, lemon and raw honey is a healthy alternative to a juice box. Older customers have been known to pair it with tequila, Rozum said, resulting in a tasty cocktail without added sugar.

Moving Right Along is a surprise favorite of many who thought they didn't like beets, Rozum said. Mixed with pineapple apple, pear and ginger, it's proving to be a hit.

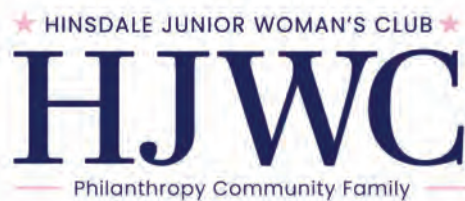
"People love that one," she said.

Rozum said she and Abraham are grateful for the support of the community. The two lifelong friends said they're proud to offer a simple, tasty way for their friends, families and neighbors to eat better and feel better.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Lifelong friends Lauren "Lo" Rozum (left) and Missy "Mo" Abraham fulfilled their high school dream of opening a business together by founding LoMo Juice Co. (photo provided)



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Bring forth the Fourth

Local USA birthday observance hearkens back to Hinsdale's own beginnings

The Independence Day parade in Hinsdale is almost as old as the village itself.

As Timothy Bakken recounts in his book "Hinsdale," a Chicago newspaper chronicled an assembly in town on July 4, 1874, that began at the train station — then west of Washington Street — and proceeded to Alfred Walker's grove near Elm and Hickory streets. There they heard remarks from the first village president, Joel Tiffany, and Rev. P. Cossitt on patriotism and civic duty.

"This was all 'interspersed with stirring music from the Hinsdale band' and then capped by a baseball contest between Brush Hill and Hinsdale boys, 'in which Brush Hill got beaten'," writes Bakken, quoting the article.

A century and half later, Hinsdaleans will gather again to celebrate the nation with the annual parade on Tuesday, July 4, stepping off at 10 a.m. at Sixth and Garfield streets and proceeding north on Garfield, west down First Street to Grant Street, then south on Grant to finish at Sixth.

Among the many participating groups this year will be a special entry from the Hinsdale Historical Society, marking the village's 150th anniversary with a tribute to one of the community's most notable native daughters, dancing pioneer Loie Fuller.

Katharine Andrews, society manager, said several participants will depict the one-time international star as they ride in a vintage car.

"A few kids will be dressed up as little mini-Loie Fullers, and I will be dressed up as Loie Fuller," Andrews said, noting that Fuller is actually a distant cousin, and she can detect some family resemblance. "I've been working on making a Loie Fuller costume."

Following the parade, head over to Burlington Park for the annual craft fair that opens at 10 a.m. Visitors can browse and shop among dozens of vendors offering their unique handmade arts and crafts.

Free family activities and entertainment will also be available, along with food vendors selling tasty treats from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair ends at 4 p.m.



Hinsdale's annual Independence Day parade, beginning at 10 a.m. July 4 and marching through the central business district, will feature some special participants this year in observance of the village's 150th anniversary. (file photos)

Visit www.villageofhinsdale.org for details.

Here are some other events worth checking out this holiday weekend.

Picnic vintage style

Bring a picnic to Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago, between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, for Picnicking for the Glorious Fourth. Enjoy the farm's lovely surroundings while celebrating the nation's oldest holiday with a historical picnicking display. Visitors can help make a special dairy treat using ice from the ice house, learn about period music, play historical games and watch model hot-air balloon launches, too.

Reservations are not required. Visit www.dupageforest.org or call (630) 876-5900 for more information.

Add flavor to the Fourth

Enjoy a special evening of food from selected Oak Brook restaurants and a spectacular closing fireworks display at Taste of Oak Brook from 4 to 10 p.m.

Monday, July 3.

The festival will be held on the Oak Brook Polo Fields at 700 Oak Brook Road and will feature culinary offerings from traditional participants with some new vendors as well.

The band Sixteen Candles will transport audiences back to the vibrant '80s with a musical performance, and an Alter Brewing Co. beer garden tent will be located next to the stage.

Gates open at 3 p.m. On-site parking is \$20; pre-paid premium parking (\$30 or \$50) is available in advance.

Beer, wine, sangria, water and soda will be available for purchase; outside alcohol is not allowed. The fireworks display will begin at about 9:30 p.m.

Visit www.oak-brook.org/375/Taste-of-Oak-Brook for more information.

Strike up the band

The Southwest Community Concert Band will perform patriotic songs and Americana favorites from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, in the First Division Museum Military Plaza at Cantigny Park,

1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton.

The celebration will include a special salute to the American Flag and U.S. armed forces, past and present. Seating for the concert is on the lawn; chairs, blankets and picnics are welcome. Concessions will be available for purchase; pets and alcohol are not permitted. Admission to the concert is free, parking is \$10.

Visit www.cantigny.org for details.

Light up the sky

Experience Westmont's annual Independence Day Celebration and fireworks display from 4 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, at Ty Warner Park, 800 N. Blackhawk Drive.

The celebration will feature 10 food trucks, concessions, games, beer and live music in the lead up to the a double display fireworks presentation, which start at about 9:30 p.m.

Parking is available at Westmont High School, 909 Oakwood Drive; Westmont Junior High, 944 Oakwood Drive; and at the FMC Natatorium, 275 Plaza Drive.

Visit www.westmont-parks.org for more information.

PULSE

ARTFULLY DONE

■ 'Clinging to Fire'

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.

CENTRAL TIME

■ Football club golf outing

July 10
Chicago Highlands Club
2 Bluebird Trail, Westchester
www.hcfootball.com

Enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, drinks on the course, lunch, dinner and drinks, live music, on-course games and raffles at this fundraiser for the Hinsdale Central Football Club. Time: 11:30 a.m. lunch, 1 p.m. shotgun start, 6 to 9 p.m. dinner, drinks and live music. Cost: \$400, \$300 for under 18, \$125 dinner & drinks only. RR

FAMILY FUN

■ Storytime at Burns Field

Wednesdays through July 26
Burns Field
320 N. Vine St., Hinsdale
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join favorite Hinsdale Public Library librarians at the park for stories, finger-plays and music. In the event of rain, meet in will move to the library. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m.

FOR A CAUSE

■ Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

July 10
Hinsdale Fire Department lot
121 Symonds Drive
www.versiti.org/IL

Donate blood in this special drive. To sign up, visit the website above or call/text Camille at Versiti at (847) 305-9998. Hours: 7 to 11:30 a.m.

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■ Hinsdale Central Gymnastics

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Fridays through July 28
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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. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Wildflower Walk

July 5 or 8
Fullersburg Woods
3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Meet a plant expert for a leisurely walk to enjoy the first blooms of summer while learning about native wildflowers, how to identify them

and which varieties to grow at home. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Backyard Reptile Walk

July 8
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ians 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

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Hot Topics in Breast Cancer

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

This annual event continues June 30 with the in-person presentation Healthy Eating for Breast Cancer from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The online program Relationships and Body Image after Breast Cancer will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. July 11 covering factors that can influence body image and relationships during and after breast cancer. And the event will conclude with the online program Advances in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Options from 7 to 8:30 p.m. July 18. Visit the website above for additional programs. RR

HELP WANTED

HPL Junior Advisory Board applicants

Aug. 1 deadline
www.hinsdalelibrary.info/job
(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

Take Home Craft: Red, White, & Blue Firework Painting

July 7
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids in kindergarten through second grade can create their own fireworks by picking up this take-home fork stamped fireworks craft. RR

Tessellations, M.C. Escher

July 11
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids in grades three through five can create unique artwork using the tessellations, a repeating pattern of the same shapes without any gaps or overlaps. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

Andy Warhol: The American Dream

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

Julia Walker, assistant curator of College of DuPage's Cleve Carney Museum of Art, will detail Andy Warhol's interesting career and provide a peek at the museum's current exhibit, Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop. Learn about Warhol's background as a first-generation immigrant of Carpatho-Rusyn roots and his rise to iconic superstar in NYC. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Anniversary celebration

June 29
Hinsdale Ortho
105 E. First St.

To celebrate its fifth anniversary, Hinsdale Ortho is hosting a free community appreciation event in its parking lot, featuring concessions, games and a dunk tank. Time: 3 to 7 p.m.

Hinsdale in Lights

Wednesdays ongoing
Immanuel Hall
302 S. Grant St., Hinsdale

Hinsdale in Lights — Celebrating 150 Years will be open every Wednesday this summer. The exhibit tells the story of Hinsdale and its residents via an animated and immersive light show featuring outstanding Hinsdaleans, organizations, architecture and events. Distinctive historic objects from the Hinsdale Historical Society collections will also be showcased. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: Free, \$20 donation suggested.

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SUMMER SERIES

■ Uniquely Thursdays

Through Aug. 17
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
www.hinsdalechamber.com

Hinsdale's summer outdoor concert series continues tonight with the GooRoos playing hits from the '80s to today. Guests are invited to bring blankets and chairs and enjoy beer, wine and food available for purchase. Outside alcohol is not permitted. Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Farmers Market

Mondays through Oct. 9
Chicago Avenue Burlington Park
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

■ Painted Seashells

July 6
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Middle schoolers can make a craft that is as relaxing as a day at the beach. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

■ Rock Out with School of Rock!

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

The School of Rock will visit the library to rock and show how various instruments can come together to create music. Instruments will be provided for listeners to explore. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

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REVENUES: PROPERTY TAXES – 11,745,083 , INCOME TAX – 2,834,469, REPLACEMENT TAX – 830,220, SALES TAX – 4,681,588, NON-HOME RULE SALES TAX – 2,413,862, FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX – 90,470, UTILITY TAXES – 2,363,424, LOCAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX – 457,296, CANNABIS TAX – 28,451, LICENSES – 527,930, FRANCHISE FEES – 386,131, PERMITS – 1,723,002 , SERVICE FEES – 2,133,554, FINES - 264,479, INVESTMENT INCOME – 1,089,635, GRANTS –1,034,241, DONATIONS – 162,019, INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE –268,512, WATER SALES – 7,552,880, SEWER FEES – 825,894, INFRASTRUCTURE FEES – 537,424, MOTOR FUEL ALLOTMENTS – 1,054,652, SALE OF PROPERTY – 99,919, LIBRARY FINES AND FEES – 12,129, EMPLOYEE PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS – 469,376, MISCELLANEOUS – 345,110, **TOTAL REVENUES: \$43,931,750.**

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS OVER \$2,500: 111 LINCOLN LLC – 10,000, 37 ERIE INC – 12,500, 5 STAR SOCCER CAMPS, INC – 12,668, A & B LANDSCAPING – 15,845, A.W. WENDELL & SONS LLC – 9,400, ADDISON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 – 9,470.52, ADR BULBS – 3,000, ADVANCED TURF SOLUTIONS – 13,200, AEP ENERGY – 110,361.07, AFLAC-FLEXONE – 17,320.12, AIR ONE EQUIPMENT – 17,860.94, AIRCO INTERNATIONAL – 4,500, AKERS, JEFFREY – 3,000, ALBERICO, DONALD – 5,000, ALEXANDER EQUIPMENT – 56,389.71, ALKAYE MEDIA GROUP – 3,485, ALLIED GARAGE DOOR INC – 6,330.73, ALPHAGRAPHICS – 4,759.59, AMALGAMATED BK OF CHICAGO – 3,370,960.52, AMAZON – 18,520.35, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC – 7,556.82, AMERICAN BACKFLOW INC – 8,469.20, AMERICAN EXPRESS – 4,545.66, AMERICAN GARDENS – 3,000, ANDRES MEDICAL BILLING LT – 24,935.57, ANDRZEJ JEDROL TRUSTWORTHY CLEANING – 28,270, APEX LANDSCAPING INC – 196,775.27, APPRIZE PROMOTIONAL PROD – 8,912.76, ARMES, MAUREEN & NICHOLAS – 13,500, ASCEND TECHNOLOGIES LLC – 21,717.60, AT & T – 12,861.55, AT&T MOBILITY – 33,284.70, ATHLETIC FIELD SUPPLY – 9,321.90, ATLAS BOBCAT LLC – 63,217.32, AUSTIN, WENDY – 8,325, AXON ENTERPRISES, INC – 3,685.75, B.I.G. CO – 2,850, B2E SOLUTIONS – 2,745.70, BACKGROUNDS ONLINE – 7,583.67, BAJADEK, DANIEL – 13,000, BAKER & TAYLOR – 74,824.85, BAKER & TAYLOR-YS – 47,207.71, BANNERVILLE USA – 8,341, BARRIERE CONSTRUCTION INC – 2,500, BARRY ROOFING, INC – 5,000, BCR DESIGN – 4,000, BEARY LANDSCAPING, INC – 6,230, BELSON OUTDOORS LLC – 4,506.80, BERLA – 3,250, BEVERLY SNOW & ICE INC – 33,138, BMO HARRIS BANK N.A. PYMT – 93,518.40, BOHLMANN INC – 56,520.36, BOYD, WILLIAM – 2,500, BRADFORD & KENT – 11,000, BRAVO SERVICES INC – 74,575, BRIAN PANEK – 2,600, BRICKMAN, DONNA – 5,000, BRIGHTLEAF HOMES – 5,975, BROWN, DOUGLAS & TERESA – 2,500, BUILDER’S ASPHALT LLC – 10,570, BUILDERS PAVING LLC – 52,432.81, BULLSEYE TELECOM – 33,018.51, BUONA HOMES – 7,390, BURKE LLC – 357,846.62, BYRNE AND SONS BUILDERS – 26,000, CALEA – 4,745, CALLAGHAN, MICHAEL – 13,355, CARYLE A CHIARITO TRUST – 3,000, CASE LOTS INC – 4,257.20, CCP INDUSTRIES INC – 4,246.07, CDW-GOVERNMENT INC. – 94,791.41, CEG PRO LIGHTING & AUDIO – 2,776.98, CENTRAL STATES AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS INC – 3,110, CHANDLER SERVICES, INC – 6,161.42, CHARLES EQUIPMENT ENERGY SYSTEM LLC – 32,592, CHARLESTON DEVELOPMENT GRP INC – 3,000, CHEN, BENNY – 6,250, CHICAGO ELITE VOLLEYBALL CLUB, LLC – 3,006, CHRISTOPHER B BURKE – 31,696.97, CINTAS CORPORATION – 13,931.24, CLARK BAIRD SMITH LLP – 21,175, CLARK HILL PLC – 7,584.50, CLARKE ENVIRONMENT – 55,496, CLAYTON PASSERO BUILDERS – 13,000, CLEANSWEEP – 53,493.47, CLIQUE STUDIOS LLC – 4,000, CLOWNING AROUND ENTERTAINMENT – 7,952, COEO SOLUTIONS – 15,800.19, COLLEY ELEVATOR COMPANY – 10,094, COLLINS SANSFIELD CONSTRUCTION INC – 13,000, COMCAST – 15,907.49, COMED – 104,096.22, COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA – 82,142.93, CONCENTRIC INTEGRATION – 12,475, CONSERV FS – 4,641.48, CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY – 56,080.81, CONTINENTAL AUTO SPORTS – 5,000, COOK CASTLE ASSOCIATES LLC

– 11,048, COOK, SHERRI – 2,500, CORE & MAIN LP – 97,235.53, COURTYARD CUSTOM BUILDERS – 48,200, CRESTWAY KLASIK FLOORING INC – 3,670, CULLINANE, MICHAEL – 13,000, CUMMINS INC – 71,162.77, CURRAN, JAMES – 3,000, CURRIE MOTORS – 33,353, DABAH, WAJDE – 10,000, DANCER, CHRISTIAN – 3,000, DANMAR – 27,175, DAVE KNECHT HOMES LLC – 5,500, DAVE SOLTWISCH PLUMBING – 5,161, DEBOO, MEHRAB – 13,000, DEKALB MECHANICAL INC – 53,250, DELL MARKETING L.P. – 45,190.90, DEMCO – 5,815.45, DENLER, INC – 31,632.08, DERAIMO, JOHN – 5,000, DESAI, NIMESH – 7,000, DIAMATOPOULOS, TOM – 4,800, DIEHL EQUIPMENT CO – 10,000, DIRECT ADVANTAGE INC – 43,615, DOOR TO DOOR DIRECT – 3,019.50, DS HOMES LLC – 13,000, DU-COMM – 484,540.30, DUDEK, RYAN – 2,538.85, DUMEG – 13,000, DUPAGE COUNTY 911 ETSB – 29,654.70, DUPAGE COUNTY CHILDRENS - 3,500, DUPAGE COUNTY COLLECTOR – 11,292.48, DUPAGE MAYORS & MANAGERS – 13,488.44, DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION 4,492,500.32, EAST AVE LACROSSE – 42,811, EBSCO INFORMATION SERVICE – 12,167.81, ELLIOTT CARPENTRY & CONTRACTING LLC – 10,600, EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROD – 3,881.22, ENCORE CONCRETE COATINGS – 3,270, ERDMANN EXTERIOR DESIGNS LTD – 10,000, ESSCOE LLC – 2,658, ETP LABS, INC – 4,254, EURO-TECH CABINETS & REMODELING – 2,500, FACTORY MOTOR PARTS CO – 7,175.42, FARRELL-PERKINS, KIMBERLY – 8,500, FCWRD – 9,398.37, FINDAWAY WORLD, LLC – 2,715.82, FINISHED BASEMENT CO – 9,500, FIRESTONE STORES – 8,100.14, FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC – 25,982.98, FITZGERALD LIGHTING & MAINTENANCE CO – 6,718.90, FLEET SAFETY SUPPLY – 12,733.95, FOSTER & FOSTER – 3,821, FOX VALLEY FIRE & SAFETY – 2,680.95, FREEWAY FORD TRUCK SALES – 2,525.87, FREY, SHANNON – 7,500, FRIESS, JOSHUA J – 9,300, FULLER, LAWRENCE – 12,500, FULLER, NICOLE M – 8,000, FULLERS SERVICE CENTER – 20,270.98, FUN EXPRESS, LLC – 6,616.77, GAD GROUP TECHNOLOGY – 6,075, GALLS – 7,485.49, GATEWAY SRA – 41,025.44, GEORGE’S LANDSCAPING INC – 155,541, GHABEN, JOSEPH – 13,000, GOLD COAST HOME RENOVATIONS – 2,500, GOVTEMPS USA, LLC – 20,622, GRAINGER, INC – 5,075.37, GRANICUS – 19,221.97, GRASSO GRAPHICS INC – 15,038.83, GREAT HARDWOOD FLOORING SVCS – 6,375, GREEN GRASS INC – 3,100, H2O SERVICES, INC – 2,581.75, HAGERMAN, PETER – 3,500, HAGG PRESS – 2,669, HANLEY, EILEEN – 5,000, HAWBECKER & GARVER LLC – 10,000, HAWKINS, INC. – 18,631.20, HB BUILDERS LLC – 13,000, HEALTH INSPECT PROF INC – 3,000, HEALY ASPHALT COMPANY LLC – 4,271.05, HIAB USA INC – 10,854.33, HIGHLAND PRODUCTS GROUP, LLC – 8,717, HINSDALE LITTLE LEAGUE – 7,100, HINSDALE MEADOWS LLC – 99,818.50, HINSDALE NURSERIES, INC – 9,447.16, HINSDALE PLATFORM TENNIS – 24,500, HOLIDYNAMICS – 4,796.82, HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE – 11,070.45, HOME WERKS – 3,000, HOMECRAFTERS – 22,500, HOMER TREE CARE, INC – 3,250, HONEY BUCKET – 3,850, HOWE, CARL – 8,300, HR & ASSOCIATES – 3,750, HR GREEN INC – 163,955.07, HR SOURCE – 2,785, HUDSON BOILER & TANK CO – 6,809, HUFF & HUFF INC – 4,722.87, HUGHES ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING INC – 4,300, HURON CONSTRUCTION – 12,500, ICMA – 525,763.28, IFPIF – 12,064.82, IJKLM, LLC – 3,400, ILDEPT OF TRANSPORTATION – 918,526.19, ILLCO, INC – 3,063.72, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE – 6,544.52, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE – 539,041.34, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY – 223,600.66, ILLINOIS EPA – 5,000, ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER – 9,792, ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – 5,090, ILLINOIS PHLEBOTOMY SVCS – 3,525, ILLINOIS SHOTOKAN KARATE – 9,248, IMAGE ONE FACILITY SOLUTIONS – 7,800, IMAGETREND INC – 3,655, IMRF – 842,016.55, INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY – 21,391.05, INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS LTD – 9,718, INFO USA MARKETING INC – 5,520, INGRAM – 22,193.24, INNOVATION ARTS CONNECTION – 3,029, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE – 3,118,520.09, INTERNATIONAL EXTERMINATION – 5,310 INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM – 2,900.75, INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE – 2,878.42, IPBC – 2,101,767.70, IPS INC – 4,485, IRISH CASTLE – 9,000, IRMA – 313,631.67, IRON SLEEK, INC – 2,867.50, ISLANDCONSTRUCTION INC – 13,000, J JORDAN HOMES – 344,498, J NARDULLI CONCRETE – 155,188.39, JAMES J BENES & ASSOC INC – 74,287.43, JANICEK, JOHN R – 5,000, JENTEL, MICHAEL – 5,822.50, JLD CONSULTING

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SALARY RANGE 0 to 25000 - G. ALAKS, A. ALCALA, E. ALCALA, M. ALCANTARA, F. ANDERSON, R. ANDERSON, S. ANDERSON, C. ATKINSON, R. AUTEN, T. BANASZAK, C. BAUMGARTEN, N. BAXTER, G. BECKA, M. BENINGTON, M. BENINGTON, P. BENINGTON, F. BENSON, C. BERESFORD, R. BERGQUIST, K. BILODEAU, R. BOCEK, B. BOND, R. BRORSON, S. BRYAN, J. BURBIDGE, R. BYRNE, D. CAIN, K. CARRILLO, C. CASANOVA, M. CHIBUCOS, K. CHIKO, W. CHO, L. COOPER, J. CORDELL, A. CORTESI, A. DANNHAUSEN-BRUN, G. DAVIS, E. DESARDEN, N. . DIBARTOLO, L. DIXON, D. ELAZEGUI, A. EL-DARS, S. ELLITHORPE, M. ENGELHARDT, D. ERIKSEN, P. FILIPPI, G. FINNELL, E. FISHER, J. FROILAND, E. GARDNER, A. GILTNER, E. GOLDRICK, G. GOTTFRIED, C. GREYERBIEHL, J. GREYERBIEHL, A. GRISENTHWAITE, K. GROHE, M. GROHE, W. GUO, J. HALIK, S. HANZEL, M. HAYES, S. HECK, M. HEGEL, D. HERMES, E. HERNDON, D. HERRERA, D. HESSELBACH, K. HESTER, D. HILL, C. HUMMEL, E. JACOBS, A. JIMENEZ, R. JOHNSON, N. JONEIKIS, T. JUNG, S. KAFKES, C. KARGE, K. KATZ, M. KAVANAGH, E. KEELAN, K. KENNEY, M. KORNACKER, L. KRAWCZYKOWSKI, C. LAWLOR, L. LEDDY, S. LEDDY, L. LINK, G. LUBURIC, A. LUNDGREN, A. MARGINEAN, W. MARGINEAN, M. MARTELL, J. MENDIOLA, C. MCGINNIS, K. MCLEOD, J. MENDIOLA, C. MERSINGER, L. MERSINGER, S. MIKULECKY, J. MILLER ESTATE OF, J. MILLER, K. MILLER, A. MITRACHE, J. NAMBO, W. NASH, A. NEUMANN, K. NEUMANN, C. NEVARA, J. NORMAN, K. NORMAN, D. NYE, C. OJIAKO, K. OJIAKO, E. ORTIZ, O. OSTROWSKI, A. OZGEN, A. PAGE, P. PAGE, C. PAPPAS, A. PAVALON, N. PELINKOVIC, J. PERRY, S. PHENEGAR, B. PLUCIENIK-KAPOUN, E. POPE, B. POWELL JR, J. PULCIANI, M. RAFFERTY, N. RAFFERTY, S. REPPE, F. RICHARDS, M.

RICHMOND, R. RISTIC, L. ROSE, P. RUBAN, J. RUBAN, B. RUGEL, K. RYNDAK, G. SALTER, N. SALTER, D. SANCHEZ SUAREZ, S. SCALETTA, M. SCHEUERMAN, A. SCHULTZ, R. SCHUMANN, B. SCOTT, S. SHALGOS, K. SHERPITIS, C. SILVER, M. SISTINO, A. SIUDZINSKI, E. SMITH, S. SNYDER, P, STANLEY, P. STORM, S. TALLENTIRE, M. TOMMASONE, K. TUSKEY, S. VACEK, Z. VIRANT, B. VOTAVA, B. WALKER, C. WALSH, J. WANNER, E. WEYER, C. WILCOX, E. WITTKER, N. YENA, M. ZAVISKA, **SALARY RANGE 25000 to 50000** – K. BETZEL, D. BRONGE, R. CIRCO, R. DEVAN, G. DURFOR, T. GALLAGHER, M. JUST, G. KERINS, D. LANGLOIS, C. LEUVER, M. LUTZ, A. MARIN, T. MCELROY, S. MCBRIDE, T. MCINTYRE, S. MIKSYS, J. MILLER, M. MILLER, A. NAVA, S. NORDAN, H. PEDRIGI, A. PETERSON, S. RUSULIS, B. SIBLE, M. SOUTH, M. SPIEL, E. SREJMA, K. WEEKS, **SALARY RANGE 50000 to 75000** - L. ALBANESE, H. BERECKIS, D. BERGEN, E. BODEN, E. BORSA, T. BOSACK, K. BUCCIERI, M. CASTOR, W. EBY, K. FELBINGER, J. GALE, V. GLIOT, M. HALL, P. HEINEMANN, R. HENSHAW, S. HETHERINGTON, T. HICKS, G. HUMMEL, S. JOHNSON, M. KENNEDY, J. KOZAK, R. KRAFT JR., A. KUHN, A. LAMBERG, M. LEW, N. MARVAN, R. MCCARTHY, D. NIEMEYER, M. OETTING, H. POSHEK, S. RUBAN, M. SCHOO, T. SENER, J. SPIRES, J. SUSINA, N. SZAFLARSKI, P. TULACKA, K. WARREN, C. WASHBURN, L. WINCHELL, **SALARY RANGE 75000 to 100000** - S. ACEVEDO, R. BELL, E. BERNHOLDT, R. BIRDSONG, N. CHISM, S. COGGER, M. COUGHLIN, D. DANYLEVSKY, B. DAVENPORT, R. EVANS, A. GALLIK, M. HENN, M. HOGAN, A. HOLECEK, M. KARBAN, M. KELLER, M. KELLY, T. LAMB, J. LAUBER, T. LENNOX, J. LODEWYCK, M. LORUSSO, M. MANDARINO, A. MARAVIGLIA, J. MARIN, T. MCLAUGHLIN, J. MEJDRECH, D. MILLER, S. MILLER, G. MONTECINOS, D. NEWBERRY, W. O'ROURKE, W. PHENEGAR, D. RODRIGUEZ, M. ROOT, J. SANGHERA, J. SEDLACEK, F. SMITH, C. SWON, K. VOTAVA, J. WHEATON, D. WILLIAMS, D. WISNIOWICZ, T. YEHL, W. ZAHALKA, **SALARY RANGE 100000 to 125000** - K. BAKER, K. BERLAND, C. BRUTON, S. BULAT, D. DEWOLF, R. DUDEK, M. DZIERZEGA, M. ECCARDT, M. GALLIK, L. GARCIA, R. GRAHN, F. HOMOLKA JR., R. HOOGSTRA, P. JIRASEK, C. JOHNSON, S. JOHNSON, E. KASPERSKI, P. KENNY, K. KOWAL, P. LAMBERT, P. R. LAMBERT, D. MAJEWSKI, T. MCCARTHY III, J. PIONTKOWSKI, R. RONOVSKY, T. RYAN, B. SALMON, K. SIMPSON, C. SWARD, M. WILSON, **SALARY RANGE 125000 AND UP** - D. BLAKE, B. BLOOM, A. BROTHEN, J. CARLSON, W. CLAYBROOK, D. DEETER, A. DIAZ, J. FINNELL, K. GARGANO, J. GIANNELLI, L. HAYES JR, J. HUCKFELDT, K. KEEFE, B. KING, T. KREFFT, T. LILLIE JR, D. MAZEPA, T. MCCARTHY IV, N. MCDONOUGH, G. MCELROY, R. MCGINNIS, J. MEDINA, M. NEVILLE, J. NICHOLS, R. PATITUCCI, M. PELKOWSKI, G. PELUSO, R. ROEHN, P. SCHABERG, J. SKIBBENS, A. SMITH, K. SUSMARSKI, S. TULLIS, M. WODKA, A. ZIEMER.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Pension Trust	Library
Beginning Fund Equity	\$9,355,386	\$786,512	\$438,257	\$2,273,190	\$47,458,464	\$60,294,860	\$5,159,990
Revenues	24,227,875	1,146,415	451,200	4,099,103	8,979,505	3,356,100	3,460,889
Expenditures	21,379,280	93,954	3,184,966	3,109,212	8,532,192	4,767,958	2,650,532
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,920,000)	(891,518)	2,746,342	65,177	-	-	(268,512)
Ending Fund Equity	\$10,283,981	\$947,455	\$450,834	\$3,328,258	\$47,905,777	\$58,883,002	\$5,701,835

Subscribed and sworn on this 29th day of June, 2023

Darrell J. Langlois
Village Treasurer

I, Emily Tompkins, Village Clerk of the Village of Hinsdale, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurers Report for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2022.

Emily Tompkins
Village Clerk

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- ACROSS**
- 1 AMERICA'S UNCLE
 - 4 "DRACULA" AUTHOR
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 - 8 LEFTOVERS RECIPE
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 - 13 ROOF OVERHANG
 - 14 ARIZONA TRIBE
 - 15 SAMOVAR
 - 16 ON THE ROCKS
 - 17 HURLER HERSHISER
 - 18 "SYRIANA" OSCAR WINNER
 - 21 BRITISH REF. WORK
 - 22 CARIBOU KIN
 - 23 GOLD-LOVING KING
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 - 27 SCALE ABBR.
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 - 31 "OF COURSE"
 - 32 CHEER (FOR)
 - 33 JOKE
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 - 37 IOTA
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18-ACROSS
 - 45 ONLY
 - 46 ALGERIA'S NEIGHBOR
 - 47 GRANADA GOLD
 - 48 "MAMMA MIA" GROUP
 - 49 LA SCALA SOLO
 - 50 APPREHEND
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 - 52 ADOLESCENT
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 - 6 SPED
 - 7 OPPOSITE OF "SANS"
 - 8 MUSICAL MIXES
 - 9 TREMBLED
 - 10 UNDECIDED
 - 11 DUEL TOOL
 - 12 SLY
 - 13 REDDISH HORSE
 - 14 FLAMENCO CHEER
 - 15 "TOP GUN" TARGET
 - 16 -- JIFFY
 - 17 POOCH
 - 18 NAP SITE
 - 19 BAGEL TOPPER
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EXERCISE CLASS
 - 23 MS. MORENO
 - 24 WEST OF
HOLLYWOOD
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 - 26 ASPARAGUS UNIT
 - 27 PROVE UNTRUE
 - 28 DESPOT
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 - 31 GIVE A DARN
 - 32 HAWAIIAN COFFEE
 - 33 HISTORIC PERIODS
 - 34 FILCHES

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Gentle 2. Blame;
- 3. Dawdle; 4. Hinge

Today's Word
BETWEEN



"The doctor said I should watch my calories at mealtimes...he said nothing about _____ meals."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Placid
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- Charge
MABLE
- Amble
WADDLE
- Pivot
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TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

July 2023 Horoscopes • Week 1

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
A bothersome feeling may persist for much of the week, Capricorn. It's almost as if you've forgotten to do something but do not know what. All will be revealed in due time.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
This week you are surrounded by a heightened sense of romance. It could be from reading a favorite book or watching a beloved movie, Aries. Use it to spice up your love life.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Is there a luxury you have been craving lately, Cancer? You could be very tempted to give in and make a purchase this week, even if your finances may not be on solid ground. Be careful.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
You could have doubts about a friend you thought was close to you. Has this person promised to do you a favor and didn't deliver, Libra? Be patient before you draw conclusions.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, be prepared to be a listening ear to a friend or loved one who needs to work through a few issues. You are able to give trusted advice in this matter.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, something you desperately need seems to be missing from your life right now. It's more than a misplaced item. Focus your attention this week on figuring out what it is.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, your emotions will be all over the place the next couple of days. This turmoil may compromise your usual objectivity as well as your good sense. Try to talk your feelings through.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Feelings of confusion may get in the way of your ability to make sound decisions this week, Scorpio. You might need to lighten your load, since you often take on too much.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Listen carefully and take notes when someone at work provides directions for an upcoming task, Pisces. You don't want to make any mistakes as it could delay the project.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Try not to listen to any gossip this week, Gemini. It will only frustrate you and could put you further out of sorts. Avoid people who love to talk about others for the time being.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, your imagination knows no bounds this week. If you're ready to delve into a creative project, do so now when you have a lot of ideas and outside inspiration.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, do not get into an argument with someone who has a different opinion from your own. Ask to get more information about why he or she sees things in a particular way.

Central bids farewell to 'the best'

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Hosting the state swim and dive meet at FMC Natatorium in Westmont gives Central athletes some home field advantages, varsity boys and girls head coach Bob Barber said. Perhaps just as important, it invites the community to be part of the teams' success.

"To be able to walk that deck at any given time and have a parent from 10 years ago to a coworker say, 'Congratulations,' that was awesome," Barber said of the recent boys meet. "Those are priceless moments.

"I spent two decades trying to share the accomplishments of this team and now so many people are engaged and understand it more because Dan provided them an opportunity to be there. When Dan is willing to host the state meet, I felt like I got my community behind me."

While hosting events like state meets requires an enormous amount of planning, it also has its rewards. The biggest for Jones is watching Red Devils compete. That was especially fun during the 2014-15 school year, when Central broke the state record by winning seven athletic state championships and one for forensics.

"Traveling all over the state, watching our kids and our coaches compete and be so successful, it was just an awesome experience. I don't know if it will ever be broken," he said of the new record.

Those eight titles are among 33 state championships teams won under his tenure. Jones himself has received a host of awards, including being named the state athletic director of the year by the Illinois Coaches Association and then becoming a finalist for national athletic director of the year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

"Any time you're recognized by peers, it is very humbling and I'm very appreciative of that," he said. "Again, I think it really comes because of the coaches and the athletes and the community here that allowed me to get that



Jones brought his great sense of humor to pep rallies and staff meetings and will do a great job announcing home football games this fall, assistant AD Kelly Watson said. "He's never seen a mic he doesn't like," she said. (file photo)

recognition. It wasn't just me. It's a team. It's a huge team."

Despite all of Central's success, the wins are not what Jones said he'll remember most about his time here. He recalled a volleyball game against a school that had lost a teammate, and the Red Devils' decision to take the time to recognize that loss.

"That happened numerous times," he said. "It wasn't just the volleyball game, little things like that. The sport allowed us just to be compassionate and to recognize when we needed to help somebody else out."

And a team's record isn't what stands out when Jones sees his former football players at reunion weekends.

"The conversations we have aren't about the wins and the losses," he said. "They are about the times in the locker rooms that something happened. It's not about wins and losses. It's just about creating friendships and memories and carrying those on."

Jones had expected to create memories during retirement with his wife of 31 years, Julie. He lost her in December after a three-year battle with cancer.

"One thing I learned from her is to not count the days but to make the days count," he said. "We made plans and then had to come up with different plans."

Jones will travel to Colorado this summer to

visit his sons, Jake and Evan. (Daughter Sophie lives in Chicago and Lily, who just graduated from college, is still at home.) He will announce Central football games this fall and work other athletic events at the school during the year. He hasn't ruled out serving as an interim AD somewhere, either.

"If there's an opportunity that I can help a school district out or someone out, I'll do so."

Jones still remembers talking to his principal at DeKalb before he took that first AD job.

"I remember telling her that I'm really concerned. I really enjoyed the classroom and the relationships I had with students there and coaches.

She told me I will probably find a way to continue those relationships but with more students on a bigger venue," he recalled. "I hope I did that. I tried to do that."

Jones has spent his final weeks on the job cleaning out his office and working with his replacement, Mike Jezioro, who starts July 1.

"I told him he's coming into the best job in the state of Illinois for an athletic director," Jones said. "The community support, the parents, the athletes, the coaches, the staff at the school are the best in the state."

"I've really, really enjoyed my time here and the support I've gotten."

SPORTS



Retiring Hinsdale Central athletic director Dan Jones said being an AD is a lot like being a coach, only for every sport. “I feel for the coaches and the kids after a tough loss. I also share in their enthu-

siasm after a victory. I really, really enjoyed my 18 years as an AD more than I thought I would.” He hopes to be remembered for being hard-working, caring and putting athletes first. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Central bids farewell to ‘the best’

Dan Jones set to retire after 11 incredibly successful years as athletic director

By Pamela Lannom
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Dan Jones never intended to become an athletic director. But when DeKalb High School administrators couldn’t find an outside candidate to hire, they turned to their head football coach to take the job.

“I told them I would, but it would only be one year — and that was 18 years ago,” Jones said.

He never intended to work at Hinsdale Central, either. But two AD friends he met for breakfast at a conference told him about an open position.

“They started talking to me about the Hinsdale Central job and convinced me it would be a good fit for

me,” Jones said. “I was at a point with my family where the boys were done with high school and the girls weren’t in high school yet. If I was going to make a change, this would be the only high school I would go to and the only time I would make a change.”

That was 11 years ago. Jones will spend his last day as Hinsdale Central’s athletic director tomorrow, June 30. He said when he took the job he had no idea how successful athletic programs would be during his tenure.

“I knew that Hinsdale Central was a very successful athletic program, but I did not foresee us taking another step and really elevating the school and the program,” Jones said. “I just happened to be

here when that happened and feel very blessed. We had a lot of great athletes and awesome coaches that came through during my tenure. I just happened to be at the right place at the right time.”

Others are quick to give him a little more credit.

“He is the best there is around,” said Kelly Watson, Central’s assistant AD, who has worked with Jones since he was hired. “He’s proud to be part of the Red Devil community and just exemplifies what it means to be an athletic director. I can’t believe he’s leaving.”

Watson said Jones has been a great mentor — he’s been a great friend as well.

“I’ve just really learned a lot from

him over the years about not just what it means to be a good AD or a good educator but also what it means to be a great parent, a great family person, a great spouse,” she said. “He just kind of has shown me a lot about how to manage both aspects of your life.”

Hinsdale Central Principal Bill Walsh also had high praise for Jones.

“As far as athletic directors go, Dan Jones is at the very top of the list,” Walsh said. “He advocated for student-athletes, coaches, athletic programs and hosted every event we could possibly have. While our buildings and grounds team may have gone crazy with athletic set-ups, they knew it was for our kids.”

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