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Who needs NASCAR?

Johnny Mossburg gets behind the wheel for some pre-parade photos Tuesday morning before the start of the Hinsdale Independence Day parade. During the parade, the Medinah Shriners were behind the wheels, captivating the crowd with their precision driving techniques. Please turn to Page 10 for more photos. (photo for The Hinsdalean by Sam Wheeler)



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NEWS

Capital costs are rising in District 181

By Pamela Lannom
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Moving to full-day kindergarten in the fall of 2025 and purchasing and renovating a new district office building are boosting capital expenses for Community Consolidated Elementary District 181.

The fiscal year 2023-24 budget the school board approved June 26 estimates \$108 million in expenses and \$86.7 million in revenues.

The budget calls for the district to borrow \$26 million in debt certificates to pay for classroom construction for all-day kindergarten, Rick Engstrom, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said at a May 9 finance committee meeting.

"It's more of a placeholder for all-day kindergarten with a pay-

back of 14 years," said Engstrom, whose last day with the district was June 30.

About \$12.3 million for that construction is listed under capital expenses, along with \$6.3 million for a new district office. The board last week authorized the district to purchase a building at 133 Ogden Ave. in Hinsdale to serve as the new district headquarters.

The budget also includes \$4 million for summer construction projects, up from the \$2 million a year the district has budgeted since 2017.

"We know we have to increase that because of inflation and what's going on with construction costs," Engstrom said.

The operating budget (education, operations and maintenance, transportation, municipal retirement/Social Security and working

cash funds) shows \$73.5 million in expenses.

Salaries and benefits are the largest operating expenses, at \$58.4 million or 79 percent. The district expects to see a 6-percent increase in benefits costs this fiscal year.

Other significant expenses include \$950,000 for new science textbooks and \$900,000 to replace staff computers.

On the revenue side, local sources are estimated at \$79.4 million or about 95 percent of the total projected revenue of \$83.5 million. Property taxes are the single largest source of revenue at \$74.4 million.

More local resources mean more local control, Engstrom said.

"We're not relying on the state. We're not necessarily relying on the federal government," he said.

State and federal revenues are expected to come in at slightly

more than \$4 million. Projections also show increases in the corporate personal replacement tax, interest earnings and registration fees, which increased slightly in January.

One of the district's goals is to have the ability to respond to the unexpected, Engstrom said.

"We definitely need to be flexible for the unforeseen circumstances because that seems to happen very often with school districts," he said.

He said he's proud that actual expenses have varied less than 1 percent from the budget for the past two years.

The proposed budget was on display at the district office for 30 days before the June 26 public hearing. The district must file the document by July 26 with the clerks of DuPage and Cook counties and the Illinois State board of Education.



Fine day for fine art

The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Fine Arts Festival celebrated its 50th anniversary in June. Burlington Park once again provided the perfect background for local and out-of-town artists to display and sell their crafts. Greta and Dexter Pfau check out sculptor Scott Causey's work. Rae Mugnolo and her daughters, Alessandra and Adelina, view the work of photographer James Cole. (Jim Slonoff photos)



ONCE UPON A TIME



Home sweet home — Sandy Williams writes about this Italianate home built in 1869 at 142 E. First St. in her book, “Images of America - Hinsdale.” “It was owned by William Whitney, the man responsible for coordinating the village’s incorporation in 1873. Still standing, the home was the first in Hinsdale to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.”



Happy Birthday!
Maya Ellis
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Fourth generation of Fullers carry on

Family's influence on Hinsdale evident in history books and central business district

By Sandy Illian Bosch
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It's practically impossible to spend time in Hinsdale without seeing the impact of the Fuller family, whose influence on the community began with the platting of Fullersburg Woods in the mid-1800s and continues today with a host of businesses.

Doug Fuller Jr. is the oldest son of Doug Fuller Sr., whose father, Lloyd Fuller, started the family business with a service station and car wash at the corner of York Road and Ogden Avenue in 1946. Today, the heirs of the company's founder own and manage 26 car wash locations throughout the Chicago area. Six of those, including the one in Hinsdale, fall under the leadership of Hinsdale resident Doug Fuller Jr.

"Hinsdale is the mother ship," Fuller said.

It's the place where it all began, and which much of the Fuller family still calls home.

Along with the car wash on Chicago Avenue, the Fullers own the repair shop across the street and Fuller's Home and Hardware at the corner of First Street and Garfield Avenue. Fuller House, the restaurant and bar that occupies a portion of the hardware store building, bears the Fuller name but is leased to the restaurant's owners.

"The hardware store was a grand idea by my mom," Fuller said. When Soukup's Hardware announced plans to close after more than 60 years in Hinsdale, Fuller's parents stepped in to save the business — and the 1929 building. "My dad put millions into rehabbing the building," Fuller said.

For a time, Fuller's Hardware occupied the entire building, with cooking classes upstairs and home decor, along with the hardware essentials that Hinsdaleans had long relied on the location to provide.

Providing Hinsdaleans with the things and services they need has long been the goal



The descendants of Lloyd Fuller and Doug Fuller Sr. run the family empire in Hinsdale. Lloyd opened a service station at York and Ogden in the 1940s and then added

the Lincoln Street location in 1959. Today the business includes a hardware store and landscaping company. (Jim Slonoff photo)

of the Fuller enterprise. So when hardware store didn't live up to expectations, the family decreased the size of the store and opened Fuller House in 2015.

"Hinsdale needed a bar," Fuller said.

Fuller House is now run by Sam and Patricia Vlahos, but Fuller said he's proud to have the business bear his family's name.

"It's an excellent restaurant," he said.

Meanwhile, Fuller Home and Hardware lives on, not only as a Hinsdale storefront, but as a busy handyman business.

"We do all home repairs for people," Fuller said.

From building decks to changing lightbulbs, 10 crews are busy every day doing whatever Hinsdale homeowners need to have done.

The family business has been part of life for his older sister, Paula Fuller, since she started as a cashier at age 12 and now works at the hardware store. She too still lives in the town she grew up in.

"I was very blessed that my

family did have a business in town and all you had to do was walk to work or ride your bike. It was expected of you," she said.

Growing up with six siblings (Sara, Susie, Doug, Adam, Ethan and Colin), Paula said she learned a strong work ethic at home, too.

"I was the oldest, so when my (youngest) brother Colin was born, I was 12 years old, so I took care of him, too," she said.

Paula, now mom of five and grandmother of eight, said since her early days in the business, she has grown to love her job and the customers she serves.

"Here product is changing, people are changing. Their needs are different, so there's always something new every single day," she said.

All seven of Doug Sr.'s kids are still involved in the business. Doug Jr., now a grandfather of five, started working for the family business when he was 10.

Today, a fourth generation of Fullers are involved in

the family business, which is growing right along with the family itself. Fuller's Landscaping was added this year to the family's list of service-centered businesses. Started by Doug's son, Aaron, and nephew, Roy, Fuller said the business is off to a good start.

"We have a lot of stuff going on," he said, including snow plowing in winter.

As president of the enterprise, Doug said he and his family still follow the business philosophy taught by their father and grandfather.

"You always have work if you serve people correctly," he said.

Paula said the family truly appreciates being able to help families take care of their homes and their cars. "It's two major things in their life and we are very privileged to help people in those departments," she said.

Decades after he started working at the family's car wash, Doug said Saturday mornings are still a special time to be in Hinsdale. For many, the car wash is a part

■ QUINTESSENTIAL HINSDALE

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

of their Saturday morning routine.

Over the years, he's seen Hinsdale change, and he's seen the cars grow more and more valuable. He said it's not unusual to see cars collectively worth more than \$2 million in the wait line. Some of those cars belong to well-known people, said Doug, who remembers serving customers like restaurateur Dick Portillo and Chicago Bears legend Dick Butkus.

Regardless of a person's notoriety or the value of their car, Doug said he and his family are dedicated to treating every person, every car and every job with the same level of care.

"These are your neighbors," he said. "You have to take care of your people."

— Pamela Lannom
contributed to this story.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: public meeting on 830 N. Madison St. (two paddle tennis courts at Salt Creek Club), sign permit review for 14 Grant Square (Jocelyn D Jewelry), findings and recommendations for 11 Salt Creek Lane (MedProperties exterior appearance and site plan)

Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: approve exterior appearance and site plans to allow for entrance gate across Foxgate Lane, approve ordinance amending village code regarding stop signs, award KLM cleaning and event setup/breakdown bid for July to December

Suspended students' ID numbers posted

The ID numbers of 22 students from Hinsdale South and up to 18 students from Hinsdale Central and the Transition Center who received out of school suspensions during the 2022-23 school year were made public for about an hour June 20 on BoardDocs on the Hinsdale High School District 86 website.

A district resident who was checking the FOIA log noticed the document, the 2023 OSS report, which listed student ID numbers, the length of their suspension, a description of the incident and whether police were notified.

The resident emailed the district, noting that both the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and Illinois School Student Records Act prohibit the release of student identifying information to the public without parental consent.

A June 23 email to the resident from Chris Covino, then acting superintendent and assistant superintendent of

academics, indicated the district was talking multiple steps to ensure students' privacy.

"One of those steps will be to notify all of the affected families of the incident," he wrote. "Another step will be to contact those third parties we know viewed the document and request their assurances that they will not download, transmit or otherwise copy the report."

The district has not heard from any of the families that they contacted about the issue, a district spokesman said.

A second email from Covino indicated the district is investigating the incident, "including identifying how it occurred, who was responsible and steps to be taken in the future to ensure that it doesn't happen again." Personnel issues typically are not discussed in public, added Covino, who left the district June 30 to become superintendent of La Grange Elementary District 102.

— by Pamela Lannom

D181 names committee members

The Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 board has named leaders and members for its three board committees for the 2023-25 school years.

Board member Grace Shin will serve as chair of the Academic Success Committee, with board member William Cotter serving as co-chair. Community members are Chaidan Leshinski, Sara Clary and Jake Wertz.

Board members Margie Kleber and Meg Cooper will serve as chair and co-chair of the facilities committee. Community members are Nathan Lucht, Rich Giltner, Adam East and Jerry Mejdrich.

The facilities committee will be led by board member Sinead Duffy as chair and board member Asim Aleem as co-chair. Ellen Dunlap and Lois Mejdrich are the community members.

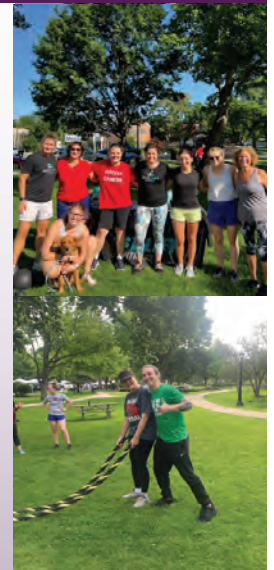
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Early Hinsdale looked a little different

In 1869, the population of yet-to-be-incorporated Hinsdale numbered less than 500, living within boundaries that stretched from Ayres Avenue to 10th Street and from Jackson to the county line," according to Hugh Dugan's 1949 book, "Village on the County Line."

Developer William Robbins had built a school at Main (now Garfield) and Third, and the train station then sat between Washington and Lincoln. Dugan includes a description from an issue of a real estate publication called "Land Owner" extolling the virtues of the fledgling community 17 miles from Chicago.

"The scene which Hinsdale now presents has a more natural beauty than can be found at any of our nearer suburbs, as the land is 150 feet above the surface of the lake and is delving and almost hilly, there being a constant rise and decline," the article touts, going on to praise the fortuitous soil and road conditions.

It describes the roads as "soft without being muddy, shedding the water by reason of their inclination, partly grass grown and wending their way up and down and around their gentle slopes. On this account Hinsdale has natural advantages, the attainment of which by means of art would require immense expenditures of money and time."

The school was regarded as "one of the best in the country," and the overall town vibe was appealing.



This plat of Hinsdale predates its 1873 incorporation. (image courtesy of Hinsdale Historical Society)

"The social recherche and a tone of refinement seems to pervade the place. There is not a grog-shop in the village, the charter especially prohibiting such unpleasant features," the author assured.

Hinsdale, the piece continued, offered the perfect escape from the urban jungle for Chicago's captains of industry.

"Among the residents of Hinsdale are many of our best business men, whose ample means enable them to retire in a few minutes time from the noisy city to the quiet of their country homes,"

the description related. "Trains run to and from Hinsdale almost every hour of the day; and it has the special advantage of two Hinsdale accommodation trains to meet the wants of every class of business men."

Dugan took issue with that last claim, counting only six daily trains to the city at that time.

"Nevertheless, (the article) is full of the enthusiasm, hope and promise that pervaded the local thinking and planning of the day," Dugan writes.

As the population grew, so did the merchant community. Dugan notes that Physician Dr. J.C. Merrick and partner William Evernden opened a drug store on the northeast corner of First and Washington Streets (now occupied by J. McLaughlin). Upstairs was the studio of Mr. C.P. Frey, "who taught dancing and played the fiddle at the same time.

"The first baggage delivery service (was) operated by Eben Millions, who had sailed on American clipper ships before settling here; and his daughter, Fannie Millions, the first dressmaker," he recounts.

Apparently those dirt streets didn't shed all the water, as "vehicles often sank nearly to their hubs" during rainy days. But Dugan also shares how "many citizens pitched in to build plank (side) walks" to ease wet weather walking trips from the neighborhoods into the business district.

Seems that community spirit was a Hinsdale hallmark even 150 years ago. —by Ken Knutson

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports July 5.

DUI arrest

Sandra A. Garcia, 49, 2803 Ridgeland Ave., Berwyn, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane use, expired registration and driving without a valid license at 9:30 p.m. June 28 in the 700 block of West Ogden Avenue. She was charged and released to appear in court.

Arrest on warrant

Dominique L. Terrell, 31, 339 Bluff Ave., La Grange, surrendered herself on an arrest warrant from the DuPage County Sheriff's Office at 11:40 p.m. June 30 at the Hinsdale Police Department, 121 Symonds Drive. She was taken to DuPage County Jail.

Possible drug possession

A motorist stopped for speeding at 11:20 p.m. June 26 in the 300 block of West Ogden Avenue was found in possession of plastic baggies containing a suspected controlled substance. Charges are pending results of lab testing.

Scams reported

- A resident of the 1400 block of Burr Oak Road was advised she had won a sweepstakes June 22 and was asked for a check to cover processing fees. The victim mailed a check to the suspect but was able to cancel it before it was cashed. The incident was reported June 28.

- A resident of the 300 block of South Grant Street was instructed to buy gift cards to fix technical issues by someone posing as tech support at 2 p.m. June 30. The victim recognized it was a scam after purchasing the gift cards and providing the card information to the suspect.

Computer fraud incident

An unknown suspect gained access to the computer of a resident of the 200 block of Racquet Club Court on June 26 and instructed the victim to purchase \$950 in gift cards.

Park property vandalized

- A garbage can was discovered damaged by a suspected firework inside the mens' restroom at Veeck Park, 701 E. Chicago Ave., at 9:40 p.m. June 30.

- A garbage can was damaged by a suspected firework between 11:30 p.m. July 3 and midnight July 4 at Burns Field, 320 N. Vine St.

Items go missing from hospital

- Headphones valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a victim's bag at UCM AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital, 120 N. Oak St., between June 30 and July 3.

- A wedding ring was taken from a patient between June 17 and 19 after she was taken to UCM AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital, 120 N. Oak St. The incident was reported July 2.

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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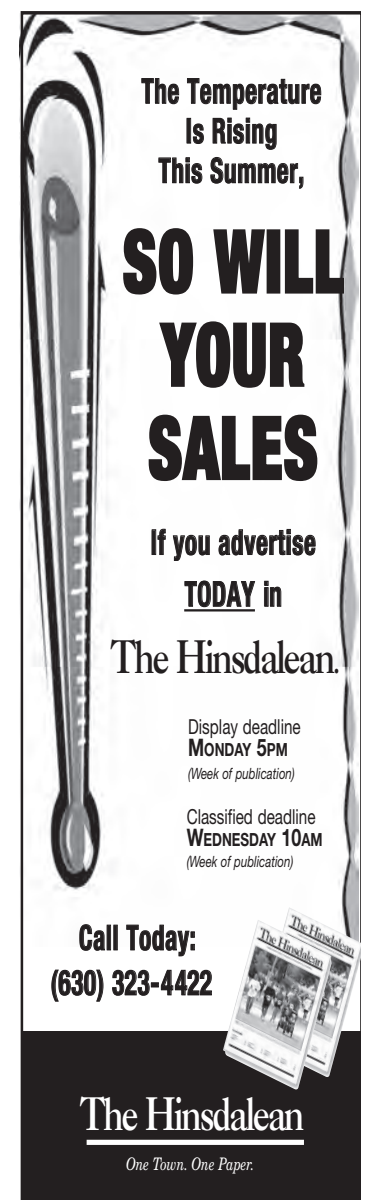


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Teen's business makes summer a little tastier

Tyler Hamman has learned a lot as owner and founder of Ty's Treats, including the fact that his young customers prefer their SpongeBob ice cream treats with gumball eyes rather than chocolate ones.

"When they replaced the gumballs with chocolate, kids started buying them less," said Hamman, who opened Ty's Treats at the Hinsdale Community Pool this summer.

Hamman got his first job working behind the front desk of the pool when he was 15. The next year, he worked for Sauced Pizzeria, which ran the pool's concession stand. When Sauced shut down, Hamman lost his job, but he found an opportunity not only to keep the service going for customers of the pool but to be his own boss at age 17.

"It was something that I'm semi-experienced in," Hamman said.

He approached the village with the idea of taking over the concession business and was granted the contract.

Hamman spends nearly every day serving up hot dogs, pretzels, sweet treats and his personal favorite, shaved ice, to pool guests. The latter is an item he added to the existing concessions menu.

"We pile it high," he said. "It's the specialty of Ty's Treats."

Hamman got a taste of entrepreneurship last summer, when he ran a small concession stand at Falcon youth football games.

"I made a lot of money off of that," said Hamman, who put that money, along with a small loan from his dad, into the equipment needed to launch Ty's Treats. The pool provided a microwave and a hot dog machine, and he purchased the machines to make nacho cheese and shaved ice.

Hamman said one of the toughest parts of his job is trying to match inventory to the needs and wants of his customers. What's popular one week isn't always popular the next. Hot weather typically brings more drink sales and fewer sales of things like chips and nachos, so he also tries to track and anticipate weather when ordering food.

"We're such a weather-dependent business," he said.

Of course, he can't be at the pool every minute of the summer, so he relies on his brother and some friends to help, calling them the "lifeline" of the business.

Although he's lived in



TYLER HAMMAN

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Hinsdale much of his life, Hamman said he feels more a part of the community since opening his business. As a kid, Hamman said, he remembers making plans with friends to meet up at one place or another in the village.

"Now, I could be that place," Hamman said.

Along with good customer service, Ty's Treats gives back to the community by donating

a portion of every sale to HCS Family Services.

"I'm just doing my part," Hamman said.

The Hinsdale pool and Ty's Treats will close just before the start of the new school year, which will be Hamman's last at Hinsdale Central High School. But before heading off to college to study stage acting or possibly entrepreneurship, Hamman said he hasn't ruled

out the possibility of expanding the business to serve pools in neighboring towns next summer.

Hamman said the best part of his job is hearing people talk about how much they enjoy it, and knowing that he's made summer just a little better for his neighbors and friends, old and new.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff

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It takes a village

With hundreds of marchers and thousands of viewers, Hinsdale's annual Independence Day parade was another success for everyone who attended. From fire trucks to a platoon of McLarens, there was something for everyone to enjoy. (photos for The Hinsdalean by Sam Wheeler)

OPINION

EDITORIAL

More answers in D86, but we don't like them

The good news: the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board has finally announced the fate of Superintendent Tammy Prentiss, who has been on paid administrative leave since mid-May.

The bad news: district taxpayers will foot the bill for essentially two superintendents during the 2023-24 school year.

Board members last week voted 5-2 to continue to pay Prentiss, who earns \$277,000 a year plus benefits, through March 2024. They've already paid Chris Covino \$10,000 for his work as acting superintendent from May through June 30, his last day in the district before taking another job. And they will need to pay Jason Markey, the new assistant superintendent for academics, for his work as acting superintendent until they find an interim superintendent, who, of course, they also will need to pay. Assuming they hire a retired superintendent for that post, that could add up to \$120,000 for 120 days of work.

And then there are the legal bills from Robbins Schwartz, the law firm the board hired May 15

to provide "legal and other services related to the employment, compensation, performance and potential discipline or dismissal of a current employee."

The board has spent more than seven hours in closed session meetings since hiring the firm, and we have to wonder (until our FOIA request is answered) how much time attorneys spent at those meetings — and at what rate. We're also anxious to see how much the firm charged to draft the agreement.

This is an awfully expensive way to get Prentiss to leave the district a mere four months earlier than her announced retirement day of July 31, 2024. And what will the district get for the \$23,000 a month they are paying her?

She "shall be reasonably available with appropriate notice to perform administrative duties requiring licensure in consultation with the board president," according to the agreement.

"The board will continue to partner with Ms. Prentiss in her remaining time as a district employee to ensure a smooth leadership transition," according to a joint statement that is part

of the agreement.

Once an actual interim superintendent is on staff, it sounds like she won't be doing much of anything at all.

Speaking of an interim superintendent, the board can't hire one soon enough, in our opinion. The assistant superintendent for academics should be focused on just that — academics — not dealing with administration of a district with a \$131 million budget and more than 600 employees.

We know board President Cat Greenspon and board member Kay Gallo have not been fans of Prentiss for quite some time. But once Prentiss announced her retirement date, we assumed the two could find a way to work with her for the 15 months she had left on her contract. Boy were we wrong.

Because this is a personnel matter, we don't have all the details and are unable to obtain documents that would elucidate the matter, due to exceptions to the Freedom of Information Act.

We do know one thing for certain. We've never seen anything like this.

COMMENTARY

Songs of summer best when belted out in a crowd

Summertime is concert time! Do you remember your first concert?

Mine was Sly and the Family Stone. Can't say I was a big fan, but as a college freshman the invitation was hard to turn down. Since then, I have been to my share of concerts. I have enjoyed performances by Paul McCartney, The Rolling Stones, Sting, Cher and Barry Manilow, to name a few favorites! And for a summertime concert, it's hard to beat The Beach Boys at Ravinia.

This summer, I turned it up a notch and flew to Las Vegas for the opening night of Garth Brooks at Caesar's Palace. Before you jump to conclusions about my devotion to Garth, I have to tell you this was my daughter's idea. My husband and I just went along for the ride. And it was a fun ride! The concert was packed and Garth promised and delivered a unique, intimate show with a special appearance by his wife, Tricia Yearwood (who, by

the way, forgot the words to her trademark song only to be helped along by the audience who willingly chimed in.

There were no cell-phones allowed in the show (they locked them in a pouch for you until after the show). So, I have no pictures or any evidence that I was actually there. It was kind of like I would tell my Girl Scouts on a nature hike — "Leave only footprints and take only memories."

But if I had my cellphone with me, you would have seen a rousing sing-a-long of "Friends in Low Places" matched only by a heartwarming one of "The Dance". That's what's so great about concerts — the sing-a-long. You can't do that when you go to a Broadway musical or the opera. And I love to sing along! Honestly,



Laura LaPlaca

I think the performers use it to take a break, but whatever the reason, it sure is fun to belt out your favorite song in a concert arena with thousands of other people.

So that was my concert of the summer. Now on to what many would consider THE concert of the summer-Taylor Swift! I did not attend that one, but I am closely

related to some "super fans" — my daughters and even my 6-year-old granddaughter. And what an event. It all began for them months ago with an eight hour wait on Ticketmaster to finally secure tickets, followed by months of anticipation, all culminating on June 4. There was a pre-party with friendship bracelets, face jewels, special makeup and hair dos. Everyone had a TS themed outfit. They were so excited. And

as anyone who was at the concert (or who heard about it) will tell you, Taylor does not disappoint her Swifties. The stadium pulsed with energy and the sing-a-longs were epic. Even my granddaughter joined in with her favorite song from the Red album, "Never." She explained to me later that it was OK because everyone else was singing really loud. And, yes, they were! She left with a pink cowboy hat and lots of special memories.

So that was their concert. Now it's your turn. It doesn't have to be Garth Brooks or Taylor Swift to get your concert on. Grab a blanket and head to Uniquely Thursdays. Or check out the schedule at Ravinia. Whatever you do, don't miss your chance to sing-along this summer. It's good for the soul.

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

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OBITUARIES

Winifred Joan McCain Hurst

Winifred Joan McCain Hurst, 94, a former long-time Hinsdale resident, died peacefully June 28, 2023.

Joan was born and raised in Boonton, N.J., the daughter of Rev. George Leonard and Margaret Winifred McCain.

Mrs. Hurst graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon in Massachusetts. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Delaware.

In 1955, she met and married Alan Ross Hurst and they began their amazing adventure. They moved to Hinsdale in 1962 and remained in the same house for 45 years. After Mr. Hurst's retirement, they traveled extensively to destinations that included Timbuktu, Papua New Guinea and Antarctica, to name a few. They enjoyed spending the winter months in Snowmass, Colo., and the summer months at Hursthill in Naples, NY. In 2007, they moved to The Woods of King Bruwaert, Alan died soon after. Joan remained in good health and thoroughly enjoyed dancing with "The Adorables" and being social co-chairman of The Woods, planning innumerable parties and ensuring all felt welcome.

Mrs. Hurst was active in the Monroe School PTA and founded the "Yellow Star" program. She was

president of the Junior Infant Welfare Society and involved in numerous other organizations, always supported by her husband. Among other accomplishments, she made a hole in one at the Hinsdale Golf Club and was a fierce competitor at bridge, tennis and on the croquet court at Hursthill. She regularly attended the Tuesday ladies' lunch at the Hinsdale Golf Club and was a faithful member of The Union Church of Hinsdale.

Her warmth, caring and sparkling blue eyes will be missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Clarence; her sisters, Margie and Allison; her brother-in-law, Tom Ford; and her husband of 52 years, Alan Ross Hurst.

She is survived by her children, Julia (Scott Burger), Vicky (John McGirk) and Ross; her grandchildren, Mark, Erik, Kurt and Kristin Burger, Anna (Grant) Glowiak and Nathan, Ginny and Carly Hurst; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, at The Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave..

Memorials may be made to The Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield, Hinsdale, IL 60521; or King Bruwaert House, 6101 S. County Line Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

Steven J. Rostan

Steven J. Rostan, 78, of Clarendon Hills died July 1, 2023.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Quirk, nee Leonard; his daughter, Kris (Dave); his grandchildren, Gianna, Vincent and Carina; his siblings, Jeri, Ellie (Mick) and Rick (Peggy); his nieces, Amanda (Kurt), Kathryn (Alex) and Lindsey (AJ); and his five great-nieces and -nephews.

Mr. R, as he was fondly known by the Quirk family, is also survived by Ryan, Michael (Amber), Patrick (Meredith) and Timothy (Meghan) Quirk; their 10 children; and his broth-



Rostan

er-in-law, Mike.

He was preceded in death by his son, Steve Rostan.

Visitation is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Support Foundation

Attn: Mary Mimay 7755 Third St. North, Suite 200, Oakdale, MN 55128.

Dian "Sue" Windsor

Sue Windsor, 77, of Willowbrook passed peacefully June 29, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Sue was born in 1946 to Charles and Gertrude Hinkle of Nokomis, Ill.

She was married to her husband, Rick, for 55 wonderful years. They met in college at Eastern Illinois University and married on Aug. 26, 1967. They moved to the Chicago area shortly thereafter. They lived first in several apartments, then bought their first home in Naperville, where they spent some 40 years before downsizing to a ranch in Willowbrook.

After graduating from college as an art major, Sue taught in at Hinsdale as a traveling art teacher, going from elementary school to elementary school. She then taught art at O'Neil Junior High School in Downers Grove for 18 years. She loved her students and those she worked with at O'Neil. She remained close to her teacher friends. Sue was a talented artist in her own right, creating many paintings, drawings and sculptures that her family holds dear. In addition, she was a self-taught interior designer, able to look at a room and decide what color, art and/or furniture was needed to give a room style and balance.

At retirement Sue and Rick bought a condo on Marco Island, Fla., where they spent winters for 21 wonderful years. Sue loved walking the beach



Windsor

and collecting small but beautiful shells that she would display on the kitchen windowsill.

Sue loved her daughters beyond words and gave them both the confidence and love to take on life's challenges. Sue would never miss a swim meet or gymnastics meet or any other activity they were involved in. She was always there to listen and help them in any way she could.

Sue loved her family, life and having fun. She was the life of any party with her big smile and contagious laughter. Her motto for hosting a party was, "The more the better." Sue always thought about others before she did about herself. She will be missed by so many in so many ways.

She is survived by her husband, Rick Windsor; her daughters, Marcy (William) Windsor Boesen and Lori Windsor; her brother, Steve (Sue) Hinkle; and her nephews, Matt Hinkle and Scott Hinkle.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 7, at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs.

A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Sullivan's Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

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MAJA BOSEN, ARTIST

How do you create encaustic art?

Maja Bosen's paintings look taken right out of nature — probably because most of the materials have been.

Bosen blends pigment and organic elements with heated beeswax, a discipline called encaustic art, resulting in provocative tableaux depicting the natural world. Her exhibit, *Clinging to Fire*, is on currently display at in Hinsdale Public Library's Quiet Reading Room.

"I make them just a little bit more layered so they break the plain of the surface of the canvas," Bosen said.

A poster welcoming visitors conveys the collection's underlying roots in ancient Chinese philosophy to "highlight the interconnectedness of past, present and future and offer insights into the dynamic relationship between all things in the world."

Bosen said the encaustic style has a rich history.

"It's something that they were doing in ancient Egypt and Rome, using wax as a medium with pig-

ment," she related.

The Art Institute of Chicago graduate was long fascinated by the process and eventually made it her artistic pursuit about a decade ago.

"It stuck in my head, and another artist here in Chicago was instrumental in providing me a lot more knowledge on the process," she said.

She orders her beeswax from a West Coast candle manufacturer.

"I get it raw or already mixed with damar crystals," Bosen said. "The crystals help to bring the chemistry all together, and they make (the wax) more resistant to the elements and heat."

Bosen prefers non-pigmented wax so she can add her own hues.

"I put it on a hot plate or electric casserole pan, and the wax starts to melt so you can start working with it," she said.

Meditative walks activate Bosen's creative impulses, as they did for the bird nest pieces in the exhibit.

"The series was inspired by my walks along the Chicago River and in Colorado, noting at that time of year nests being built up in the trees and the patterns that birds

would fly in and out as they built their nests," she explained.

A painting takes about three months to make.

"I use brushes and do very light, circular, repetitive, rhythmic motions so that the wax catches and builds up from the surface of the canvas," said Bosen, comparing the effect to stalagmites. "I might start with a texture already on the canvas or use netting to create textures. There's a lot of building up layer over layer and adding organic materials into the pieces."

Bosen likes to have three pieces in development at a time.

"It's important not to overwork a piece. You can easily destroy it if you're trying to push the medium to respond against its nature," she said. "They're fairly soft pieces. They invite you to become more intimate."

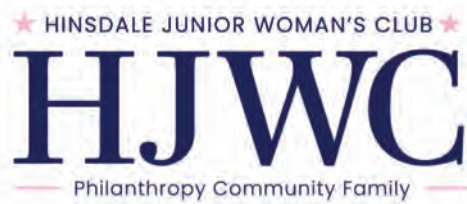
Bosen looks forward to meeting with local art enthusiasts and teaching a tutorial on encaustic art at an artist's reception on July 20.

"What really brings me a lot of joy is when the art sparks their curiosity, when they look at it and say, 'Wow, how did you do that?'"

— by Ken Knutson



Encaustic artist Maja Bosen said she considers her work now on display at Hinsdale Public Library to have a literary dimension. "When the piece is done, it feels like it has its own story with it." (photo provided)



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PULSE



Gavin Lee (left, top and bottom center), **Caitlin Gallogly**, **Tom Detrinis** (bottom left) and **Zuhdi Boueri** portray 150 different characters in “The 39 Steps,” an Alfred Hitchcock parody, on stage now at Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace. (photos by Brett Beiner provided)

Drury Lane offers family-friendly fun

Fast-paced parody of Alfred Hitchcock film challenges cast while delighting audiences

By Sandy Illian Bosch
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Four actors, 150 characters, and nearly as many hats and costumes bring the parody of Alfred Hitchcock’s 1935 film “The 39 Steps” to the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace stage now through Aug. 21.

Described as a fast-paced whodunit packed with theater magic and a heavy helping of farce, “The 39 Steps” stars Tony-award nominee Gavin Lee as Richard Hannay and Caitlin Gallogly as Hannay’s three romantic interests, leaving Zuhdi Boueri and Tom Detrinis to fill the roles of the play’s remaining heroes, villains, men, women and even inanimate objects.

Lee is making his Drury Lane debut as Hannay. Lauded for roles in “Mary Poppins” and “SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical” on Broadway, Lee’s role in “The 39 Steps” requires no singing or dancing. But Lee said it’s as physically taxing as any musical.

“It’s very physical for me,” said Lee, who remains on stage for nearly every second of the two-hour show. The role requires choreo-

graphed fights, falls, lots of physical gags and even a little running.

Director Johanna McKenzie Miller said the 2005 adaptation by Patrick Barlow often is staged with a set that is as sparse as the cast. But the Drury Lane production uses a more grand backdrop, plenty of moving props and special effects to tell the story of Hannay, his run from the law, and his quest to find answers about the 39 Steps.

“I decided to elevate it a little bit more. It’s a little bigger,” Miller said.

For Boueri, “The 39 Steps” fits well into his professional wheelhouse.

“Most of my career has been in farces, playing outlandish characters,” said Boueri, who, like Lee, hails from New York City. But he called this show “one of the most thrilling challenges of my career so far.”

“My body is sweating when I walk off stage,” said Boueri, who at one point in the show plays four characters in a single minute. The multitude of characters played by Boueri don’t just look different, they speak using a handful of different accents.

He said the show’s crew makes it all possible,

with folks to help with quick costume changes, dialect coach Sammi Grant to help the actors find their many voices, and intimacy/violence/comedic movement director Charlie Baker to plan every movement on stage. Baker just graduated from clown school, and he applied that knowledge to design the carefully orchestrated antics of the show, Miller said.

A Chicago-area performer for more than 20 years, Miller made her directorial debut at the former First Folio theater in 2018. Since then she has directed shows throughout the area, including Drury Lane’s Jeff Award-winning production of “Steel Magnolias” in 2022. Miller called “The 39 Steps” a family-friendly, fun romp packed with action and more than a few surprises.

“The 39 Steps” runs now through Aug. 31, with shows at 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets are \$85 to \$95, depending on the day and time of performance. Lunch- and dinner-theater packages are available. Visit www.DruryLaneTheatre.com or call (630) 530-0111 for more information.

PULSE



The band SunFallen, which covers classic and modern artists and performs original music, will play at Uniquely Thursdays tonight in Burlington Park. See Page 22 for details. (photo provided)

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 for golf, dinner & drinks, \$300 for under 18, \$125 dinner & drinks only. RR

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.

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.

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. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Backyard Reptile Walk

July 8 & 29
Fullersburg Woods
3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 942-6200

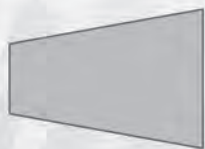
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so unique. This program is for ages 8 and up. Those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Wildflower Walk

July 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

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

Saturdays & Sundays, July 8-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

■ Tree Identification

July 9
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Learn about tree identification followed by a trail walk. The program is for ages 12 and up. Time: 10 a.m. RR

GREEN THUMB

■ Gardening for Fragrance

July 8
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

Learn how to add fragrance to a garden in this walking tour by strolling the arboretum's fragrance garden with a horticulturist while hearing about the garden's history, how its plantings change throughout the year and tips on plant care. Times: 8 to 9:30 a.m. or 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$27. RR, MD

■ Plant Your Own Container Garden

July 14
The Preserve at Oak Meadows
900 N. Wood Dale Road, Addison
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Learn about native wildflowers, how to identify them and how to easily grow them at home in a container garden at this Cocktails and Conservation program. Sip a signature cocktail made with native plant ingredients while potting up a container of native flowers, grasses and sedges to take home. The program is for ages 21 and up. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$40. RR

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

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

This annual event continues Friday, June 30 with the in-person presentation Healthy Eating for Breast Cancer from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. discussing the updated research about diet and breast cancer. The online program Relationships and Body Image after Breast Cancer will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 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. Tuesday, July 18. Visit the website above for additional programs. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ 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

■ Kids Can Cook Sr.

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

Third- through fifth-graders can join this month's session of Kids Can Cook Sr. to make spring rolls. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Andy Warhol: The American Dream

July 13
Hinsdale Public Library
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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 living in industrial tenements in the outskirts of Pittsburgh and his rise to iconic superstar in NYC. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

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■ Author Visit with Mary Kay Zuravleff

July 18
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Mary Kay Zuravleff reads from her new novel, "American Ending," a spring 2023 Oprah Pick. The book, inspired by her Russian

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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
(630) 206-9566

Discuss great reads with fellow book fans, namely "The Day the World Ended" by Gordon Thomas in July; "The Mystery at Mount Forest Island" by Pat Camalliere in August; and "Oddball Illinois" by Jerome Pohlen in September. Ages 18 and up are welcome. Time: 10 to 11:15 a.m. Cost: \$10 for all three discussions. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

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, shining light on how the village became what it is today. For a private showing for a group or family, call (630) 789-2600. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: Free, \$20 donation suggested.

STEPPING BACK

1st Infantry Division in World War II

July 11
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
www.FDMuseum.org
The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park will host author, historian and retired U.S. Army Colonel Gregory Fontenot to discuss his newly

published book, "No Sacrifice Too Great: The 1st Infantry Division in World War II," chronicling how the "Big Red One" adapted to dynamic battlefield conditions throughout the course of its WWII deployment by innovating and altering behavior, including tactics, techniques and procedures. The program will be offered both in person and on Zoom. Copies of Fontenot's book will be available for purchase and

signing by the author. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

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 SunFallen

covering both classic and modern rock 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.

Farmers Market

Mondays through Oct. 9
Chicago Avenue Burlington Park
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- Mailee, Hinsdale/Chicago

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TEENS & TWEENS

■ Rock Out with School of Rock!

July 10
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(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 and find their groove. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

■ Nature Journaling

July 13
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Ages 13-18 are invited to unlock their creativity by learning about phenology and sketching observations with

provided materials in a relaxed setting. Time: 1 p.m. RR

■ Middle School Book Club: Eat and Chat

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

Join this book discussion to talk about "Queen of the Tiles" by Hanna Alkaf. Copies are available on the library's Book Club Holds shelf. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Suminagashi: Japanese Ink & Water Marbling

July 14
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
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■ Pop Legends Performance Camp

July 10-14
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pr
(630) 789-7090

Early pop legends such as Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross, and Dusty Springfield paved the way for icons like Madonna and Taylor Swift. While this camp features mostly female artists, it also will feature some of their male counterparts. This is a great camp for instrumentalists and vocalists 8-18 years old. Some prior experience is preferred. On Friday, campers will perform the songs they've been working on at music venue Q Bar in Darien. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$425

■ Become a Youtuber

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

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
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. 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.org

Campers ages 6 to 11 will role play the key responsibilities of a vet, including removing ticks, performing an exam, 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 — basketball, soccer and baseball/T-ball — learning fundamentals and playing games to

emphasize 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

■ Summer Arts Camp

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

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. 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.org

This camp offers a fresh 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

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 - 11 MISFORTUNES
 - 13 MONK'S TITLE
 - 14 JEANS MAKER STRAUSS
 - 15 GRABBED
 - 16 SAILOR
 - 17 OPPOSITE OF "SANS"
 - 18 LUKEWARM
 - 20 SOFT SHOES, FOR SHORT
 - 22 EGGY QUAFF
 - 24 GIVE
 - 28 LIMO ALTERNATIVE
 - 32 ORANGE VARIETY
 - 33 ONLINE AUCTION SITE
 - 34 "KAPOW!"
 - 36 TRADITIONAL TALES
 - 37 WINTER WOES
 - 39 LAUDED
 - 41 BALLOON FILLER
 - 43 LITTLE RASCAL
 - 44 BESEECH
 - 46 SPEAK ONE'S MIND
 - 50 BIG SWIG
 - 53 PROFIT
 - 55 ALIKE (FR.)
 - 56 SHELTERED
 - 57 - JIMA
 - 58 ACTIVIST PARKS
 - 59 TWINKLER IN THE SKY
 - 60 VENOMOUS VIPER
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 - 2 SKIN SOOTHER
 - 3 FALL INTO A SOFT CHAIR
 - 4 ASTERN
 - 5 "DRACULA" AUTHOR STOKER
 - 6 ERSATZ CHOCOLATE
 - 7 FAIRY-TALE FOOTWEAR
 - 8 SPEED (UP)
 - 9 "... HAD IT!"
 - 10 PHOTO, FOR SHORT
 - 12 SWIMMER WITHOUT A SUIT
 - 19 MEDICO
 - 21 BIZ BIGWIG
 - 23 PRATTLE
 - 25 NEW MEXICO RESORT
 - 26 SHREK, FOR ONE
 - 27 GARDEN INTRUDER
 - 28 GEORGIA OR CAL
 - 29 BASSOON'S KIN
 - 30 HUMPTY'S PERCH
 - 31 KNOCK
 - 35 HOSP. SCAN
 - 38 CALIFORNIA'S BIG --
 - 40 I LOVE (LAT.)
 - 42 CRAZE
 - 45 EVERGREEN TREES
 - 47 MR. STRAVINSKY
 - 48 "APOLLO 13" ORG.
 - 49 PANACHE
 - 50 TANK FILLER
 - 51 LAST (ABBR.)
 - 52 MEADOW
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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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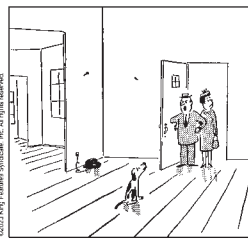
SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Snort 2. Swale;
- 3. Dodge; 4. Poach

Today's Word

WATCHDOG



"... and you call yourself a _____!"

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!

- Laugh: STORN
- Bog: WEALS
- Avoid: GEDDO
- Pilfer: CHAPO

TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

July 2023 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, there is nothing that you cannot accomplish when you lay on the charm. Others will flock to you this week and want to hear what you have to say.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, there are tips and tricks to learn through observation of others, particularly if those people are doing something with style. Keep your eyes peeled for inspiration.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, kick up your flirtatious nature, particularly if you have your eye on someone and are eager to start a relationship. Those who are attached can rekindle the passion.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, if you do not like the way things are going in one of your relationships, it is alright to speak up and encourage change. You are an equal partner and compromise is necessary.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Enjoy every meeting of minds that you encounter, Aquarius. Each relationship and discussion can help broaden your horizons, and you can use that information wisely.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, let other people know what you are feeling by wearing your heart on your sleeve a little more often. You don't have to be stoic all of the time. It is alright to ask for help as well.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, share your optimism and level-headedness with someone who could use your support right now. You have an uncanny way of making others feel relaxed just by being in your company.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you have to jump on every opportunity to get ahead that is presented to you, even if it may temporarily upset your schedule and life. The investment will be worth it.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, no matter how good a partnership looks on paper, if you are not meshing with this individual then it is not a partnership worth pursuing. Focus your attention elsewhere.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
It may seem like the days this week will trickle by at a snail's pace, Gemini. It is perfectly fine to enjoy some slow-moving days for a change to help you recharge.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
An interesting travel opportunity comes your way, Virgo. However, at first glance it might not seem like the type of trip you would normally take. Keep an open mind and be surprised.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Get involved with helping others as much as possible, Sagittarius. This way you will be in the unique position to help someone close to you who needs it soon enough.

SPORTS

Boys 4x800 relay sizzles at nationals

Hinsdale Central's team defends title, stamps its place in high school track history

By Ken Knutson

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Last year, Hinsdale Central's 4x800-meter relay team set the Hayward Field record at the Nike Outdoor Nationals high school track meet on the campus of the University of Oregon.

Their blistering time of 7:32.15 would be tough to match at this year's event June 15-19. But with returning champions Aden Bandukwala, Michael Skora and Daniel Watcke, along with newcomer but recent state titlist Grant Miller, the group felt they could kick into an even higher gear.

"State was a huge confidence booster going into nationals," Watcke said of the triumphant performance at Eastern Illinois University in May. "We ran really fast at the state meet and Aden wasn't even on (that) 4x8, so we knew we could really run fast (at nationals)."

Miller said the group stuck to the same training regimen they had throughout the season.

"I think that the key really was not changing anything and sticking to the same schedule that we had been on," he said.

The all-time high school

record of 7:28.75 was set by Long Beach Poly (Calif.) in 2011. And while that was in the back of their minds, victory was job No. 1.

"Coach (Noah Lawrence) was telling us, 'Keep that national record out of your mind, because if you think about it, that's all you'll focus on and another team could come up and bite you,'" Bandukwala said.

Skora agreed, saying first place was first priority.

"The main goal was just to win," he said. "Time was not really a factor at all."

Miller noted Central was considered the underdog to Alabama's Vestavia Hills.

"If you added up the numbers of our team and their team, they had a couple seconds on us," he said. "We just tried to stay under the radar."

They flew out with family members and coaches, did well in preliminary heats and tried to promote a positive mindset by getting ample rest and keeping one another loose. Singing together was a go-to de-stressor, Bandukwala revealed, with the classic "Shout" by the Isley Brothers among their favorites.

"We change the lyrics of every song, so like, 'Grant Miller's going make me

shout!' " Bandukwala explained.

Miller admitted he battled nerves up until the team made their track entrance for the final and saw Coach Lawrence watching with his family in the front row.

"We knew it was game time. Walking into that stadium, it's like walking into Wrigley Field," Miller said.

"It's electric no matter how many people are in the stands. That atmosphere is crazy," Watcke remarked.

Bandukwala led off, well aware of his counterparts' ability.

"I knew who was in the race, who wasn't, from the start and tried to get as big of a lead on them as I can," he said.

He handed the baton off to Skora in first place position. A Vestavia competitor went hard to catch Skora, who figured the runner would fade toward the later stages.

"I kind of just slowed things down and let him pass me, and with 200 (meters) to go tried to get it back," he recounted. "It wasn't normally the way I run, but it worked out."

Miller was the third leg, and he readied to battle Vestavia's second-fastest member.

"Michael got me into a nice lead, but I knew I was going to have to fight to keep my position," Miller said.

Anchoring for Central was Watcke, the second-ranked 800-meter runner in the country. He watched the race unfold, every possible scenario going through his head. Miller set up him perfectly, half a second behind Vestavia.

"It's better to be the hunter than the hunted," Watcke said, who saw 7:16 on the clock with about 110



Hinsdale Central's Dan Watcke crosses the finish line in first place in the 4x800-meter final at the Nike Outdoor Nationals meet in Oregon last month. The victory was the school's second consecutive national title in the event. (photos courtesy of @xctfphotos)

meters left. "I knew I was going to be really close (to the record)."

He ran a 1:48 leg and crossed the finish in 7:29.2, just missing the record for the No. 2 two spot all-time — and the best in Illinois history. Vestavia was runner-up with 7:30.68, good for fifth fastest ever.

"You couldn't really plan that race out any better than it went," Watcke said. "To think the four of us are the second fastest 4x8 ever in the United States is just crazy."

Bandukwala said the four came together to celebrate the fruit of their hard work and a second straight national title.

"That was a great feeling," he said.

There was quite a celebration back home, too,

from those viewing the livestream, according to Miller.

"I think the crowd was loudest at (Central teammate Kyle) Doorhy's graduation party. There's videos of people going nuts watching us," he said.

A historic final race for this special group, three of now head to their respective college campuses. (Bandukwala returns for his senior year.)

But their bond is certain to last well beyond their Red Devil days.

"We're all friends outside of running," Watcke said. "You can't coach that love for each other that we have, and I think that really helps our team thrive in those meets. We're doing it for each other. We're not doing it for anybody else."



The four members of the relay — recent graduates Michael Skora, Dan Watcke and Grant Miller and rising senior Aden Bandukwala — combined to run the second fastest 4x800 race in U.S. high school history.



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