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She's got the beat

Eighth-month-old Audrey Rosemeyer seemed like she was ready to get up and dance to the beat of Miss Jamie's Farm recently in Burlington Park. Miss Jamie was part of the village of Hinsdale's and the Hinsdale Public Library's Lunch on the Lawn series this summer. Miss Jamie's Farm is a popular music show for young children and their families. Please turn to page 26 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)





Community staple Kramer Foods part of the fabric of the village for 70 years. **Page 5**



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NEWS

D86 could hire new super by year's end

By Pamela Lannom

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Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members have hired a superintendent search firm that could help them find a new district leader by the end of the year.

School Exec Connect was one of five firms the board approached about conducting the search and one of two that made a presentation to the board at a special meeting July 20.

"Our record is unmatched in this industry," company President Kevin O'Mara told board members at that meeting. "Every single search that we have ever done has been on time and within budget."

The board voted 7-0 at its regular meeting July 27 to hire the firm at a cost of \$24,500 plus about \$2,300 in expenses for items like travel and advertising. The firm also recommended the board spend \$800 for a background check before making an offer.

Brian Barnhart, superintendent of Western Springs Elementary District 101, does freelance work with the firm and would be involved in this search. He presented what he called tracts with District 86. an "aggressive" timeline, with the board hiring a new superintendent to start in 2024 by November or at least by the end of this year.

The search process will include conversations with board members, staff, administrators and teachers: focus groups; community forums; and an online survey in order to develop the profile of an ideal candidate. Then a candidate pool is developed.

"We do heavy-duty recruiting," O'Mara said. "We take great pride and passion in this.

The firm offers three guarantees, Barnhart told the board. If the board can't find a new superintendent in the initial slate of candidates the firm presents, the firm will begin the process again and will not charge the \$24,500 consulting fee. If the new superintendent resigns or is dismissed in the first 24 months, the firm will conduct a new search, again waiving the consulting fee and charging expenses only to the district

And the firm will not try to recruit the new superintendent for another job during the person's first two con-

O'Mara said, in response to a board member's question, that he expects there will be a number of out-of-state candidates.

"I think this district is a destination district," O'Mara said. "It's not one where you start your career. I hope we can place someone here that would be here for as long as the board wants that person to be here. I think it's a very special place."

Board President Cat Greenspon asked the two to share their impressions of the district.

Barnhart said District 86 has a reputation as a place that does amazing things.

"The other side to that is you guys have some challenges," he said. "You are in the news. We know what some of those challenges are.

"I think the right candidate looks forward to coming in and helping to bring people together ... getting adults all on the same page, so everybody is looking in the same direction because we're here for kids," he added. "I think that is a huge draw in a community like this."

While there have been some stumbles, O'Mara said the right leader will not be intimidated.

"I think most great leaders will see that as an opportunity and you want a great leader. You need a great leader," he said.

Their presentation struck a chord with board members.

"I think what impressed me about them was their accelerated timeline in addition to just the experience of the individuals that came forward," board member Terri Walker said at the July 27 meeting.

Board member Kay Gallo said initially she was leaning toward hiring the other firm but now supports Exec Connect.

"Reflecting back, I believe they had a better grasp of our district, of our community, and I believe that they will engage all of our stakeholders - community, parents, staff, faculty, board — and we will be able to have a robust search," Gallo said.

Board member Jeff Waters, who could not attend the meeting, watched the presentations online.

"What I liked most about Exec Connect was the way in which they represented their thoughts about the district in a very positive light," he said.



Kit Kat crunch

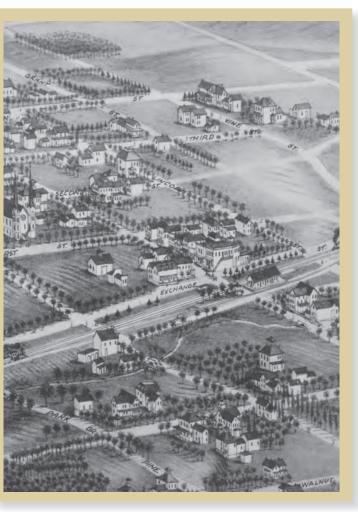
The Hinsdale Public Library held a Kit Kat tasting session recently. The original Kit Kat bar came out on top with thin hazel nut coming in second place. Tim Warren lets his friends know his choice, while Grayson Danek takes a quick sniff before consuming one of the dozen sampled. (Jim Slonoff photos)





ONCE UPON A TIME

Early birdseye view This photo from Sandy is Williams' book. "Images of America Hinsdale." "To promote real estate sales in Hinsdale, developer O.J. Stough published an amazingly precise pictorial map in 1882. While the map includes the entire village, this enlargment focuses on the downtown area. Configured looking south, the train station is at its original Washington Street location with the hotel directly north on the same street. Flagg Creek runs through what is to become Burlington Park, and Exchange Street is now Hinsdale Avenue. The Baptist church is at the far left."





Happy Birthday! Ella Eden turns 15 Aug. 7

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NEWS

There's no place quite like Kramer Foods

Beloved grocery store first located on Washington celebrating 70th anniversary this year

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

During the 2004 Community Revue, Joel Nelson and Tommy Harris made a cameo appearance during a skit about Kramer Foods.

"A day without Kramer's is like a day without sunshine," they said, and the place went wild. Audience members were on their feet, cheering and applauding.

Who knew people could feel that strongly about a grocery store?

But Kramer's is an institution in Hinsdale, a place where generations of family members have shopped and where some things — like the toy train that runs above a freezer unit — haven't changed for decades.

"There's grandmothers that come in with their grandchildren that love to see the train — and their children loved to see the train," said Kim Ludwigson, who owns the store with her husband, Ron. "It's generational."

The store's ownership is multigenerational, too. Kim's dad, Joel Nelson, starting working for Frank Kramer at Kramer's IGA on Washington Street in 1953. He bought the store, which by then had moved to Grant Square, in 1981, and passed it on to his daughter and son-in-law when he died in 2005.

But the owners aren't the only long-time employees. Manager Mike Kinnavy started working at the store in 1989 when he was 15, becoming a full-time employee in 1996. The list of employees who have been on staff for more than 20 years is long.

"It's kind of like family," Kim said. "Our customers, our employees, have been here so long. You kind of get that family feel with both."

Checkers know their customers by name, she said, and many of those customers know one another.

"Many times a customer is in one of the checkouts and another customer is in another, and all of the sudden you hear a squeal. They haven't seen each other for a long time," she said. "Or they come in and they start chit-chatting and they can't even remember what they came in for."

Beth Waldo of Hinsdale, who had popped in to pick up a few items Monday afternoon, said she often sees friends and neighbors while shopping.

"When I look totally dishev-



Kramer Foods owners Ron and Kim Ludwigson both started working at the store when it was owned by her father, Joel Nelson. (Jim Slonoff photo)

eled, that's when I'm going to bump into people," she said with a laugh.

In addition to having that hometown feel, the store prides itself on offering impeccable service. "I can't tell you how many times people ask for something and we get it for them," Kinnavy said. "Or we call them and tell them that it's in.

"When customers come in and there's a line, somebody opens up immediately and tries to get them out of there," he added.

The store also has a full-service deli, with homemade items like the popular heavenly chicken salad and premade dinners that change every month.

"My favorite right now is the grilled salmon with pineapple salsa and grilled vegetables — and it's gluten free," Kim said.

"Everything (is) done so lovingly at the deli counter," Waldo said.

While Kramer's employees do their best to stock all the items customers want, the store's footprint is relatively small. That's one of its advantages, Ron said.

"It's a small, hometown store," he said. "If you forget something, you can run back and go get it and not lose your place in line. It's quick and easy."

QUINTESSENTIAL HINSDALE

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

The Ludwigsons enjoy hearing from customers who say things like, "We're so glad you're still around" or "We don't know what we would do without you."

"It's extra sweet when people move away and (say), 'We just don't have Kramer's where we are,' " Kim said.

And, as if on cue, a customer a few minutes later said she was in town visiting her children after moving to Arizona four years ago.

"Kramer's is the one thing I really miss," Lucy Cox said. "I love the size of it. The people are great. We can't give it up."

Many customers who are retiring or relocating will ask the Ludwigsons if they can open up a Kramer's wherever it is they're moving. The couple hates to disappoint, but the answer is no, Kim said.

"This is going to stay the only one, just so you know."

Kim Ludwigson found this old photo of her dad, Joel Nelson, and the Easter bunny, while reminiscing for this article. She said she couldn't believe the prices on the shelves — all of which are less than \$1. (photo provided)

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 Hinsdale South High School 7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: sign permit review for 22 W. First St. (Images Med Spa), findings and recommendations for 830 N. Madison St. (Salt Creek Club), scheduling a public hearing for 125 S. Vine St. (Vine Street Station)

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

At their July 27 meeting, board members:

• listened as Hinsdale Central Principal Bill Walsh called for a moment of silence in memory of 14-year-old Sean Richards, who was hit and killed in a July 20 accident on Lincoln Street between Fuller's Car Wash and Fontano's Subs. Walsh also wished a speedy recovery to others injured in the accident. "We have not forgotten the driver of the vehicle. May the Hinsdale Central family wrap their arms (around) and share their heavy hearts with him," Walsh said.

• agreed to schedule the first meeting of a new academic committee that was approved at a May 25 board meeting. Interim Superintendent Linda Yonke said one of the first things the committee needs to do is talk about processes and procedures for new courses, new curriculums and textbook adoptions. She said in his first three weeks on the job, Jason Markey, assistant superintendent of academics, has come to the same conclusion. "The same thing has become apparent to him, that this is a great need," Yonke said. The committee was slated to hold its first meeting at 10:45 today, Aug. 3.

• agreed to make an audio recording of all meetings of the board, including special meetings, if it is not being recorded on video

Pool open for regular hours until Aug. 20

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 through Aug. 20.

The pool will be closed weekdays starting Aug. 21 and open weekends, Aug. 26-27 and Sept. 2-3, and Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Back to school weekend hours are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the baby pool, 10 to 11:30 a.m. for the lap pool and 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the whole facility.

The pool will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Labor Day.

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. WELLNESS HOUSE MIND:BODY FEST

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police released the following reports Aug. 1.

Controlled substance arrest

Jairo T. Munoz Ramirez, 35, 3940 W. 67th Place, Chicago, was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance at 11:37 a.m. July 28 at the Mobil Gas Station, 8 W. Chicago Ave. He was stopped for a registration inquiry and was in possession of small plastic bags containing a white powdery substance that field tested positive for cocaine. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

DUI arrest

Zenaido Sanchez Torres, 23, 1535 S. 61st Court, Cicero, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, operating an uninsured vehicle, driving with a suspended registration and disobeying a traffic control signal at 2:56 a.m. July 29 at Route 83 and 22nd Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Obstructing identification arrest

Mahogany O. Thurmond, 28, 118 N. Kostner Ave., and Nadashia T. Freeman, 22, 527 N. Hamlin Ave., both of Chicago, were arrested for obstructing identification at 8:32 p.m. July 29 at Walgreens, 15 Grant Square. Police were dispatched to issue trespass warnings to the subjects, who gave police false personal identifiers. They were charged and released to appear in court.

Woman wanted on warrant

Antonia C. Clinton, 32, 12 Walnut Grove Court, Lake in the Hills, was stopped for driving with an expired registration at 7:38 p.m. July 28 at Washington and Ayres streets when police discovered she had an active arrest warrant out of McHenry County. She posted bond on the warrant and was released to appear in court.

School damaged with graffiti

Someone spray painted graffiti on Oak School, 950 S. Oak St., between 6 p.m. July 26 and 8 a.m. July 27.

Identity thefts reported

• Someone opened a credit card account using the information of a resident of the 300 block of Springlake Avenue on July 3. The incident was reported July 27.

• The identity of a resident of the 800 block of South Vine Street was used to open a credit card account July 28.

· Someone opened two bank accounts using the identity of a resident of the 10 block of Camberley Court July 16. The incident was reported July 31.

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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■ It wasn't until this summer that she took a peak behind the curtain to see the work and planning involved with making those activities available.

Internship offers teen a look behind the scenes

Like most kids growing up in Hinsdale, Ella Horstman spent part of each summer at the village's parks, the community pool, and of course, attending the Fourth of July parade. It wasn't until this summer that she took a peak behind the curtain to see the work and planning involved with making those activities available.

"Seeing how everything works is really interesting," said Horstman, who is about to complete her summer internship with the Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department. "It's something I never really thought about. It takes a lot of work."

As an accounting major at Western Michigan University, Horstman's studies have more to do with numbers than planning parades and proofreading brochures. But that's what she was looking for in a summer job.

"I just wanted to get a feel for the inner working of local government," she said.

In short, Horstman learned that a lot of work is accomplished by a very small group of people. With one person on medical leave for a share of the summer, Horstman and two others were left to get things done. "It was pretty crazy at times," she said, and things didn't always go exactly as planned.

The ability to pivot is one of the many skills that Horstman will take from the internship, no matter where her career takes her.

Numbers did play a small part in Horstman's summer activities. She helped to balance the daily transactions at the pool. Other duties included hanging signs at various parks to inform people of the day's activities, calling participants about changes in programming and booking reservations for picnic rentals and birthday parties at the pool. She also helped organize the men's summer softball league and prepare the fall program for distribution.

After working several parttime jobs during high school, Horstman said this was her first full-time position. Most days, Horstman worked 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but an occasional weekend or evening also was required.

"I learned a lot of office skills," she said, and gained experience working with the public. Horstman said she also expanded her computer skills and learned to organize



ELLA HORSTMAN

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a busy email inbox. Perhaps most importantly, she learned time management and how to balance work life with a social life. "That's something I really struggled with at first," she said.

But now, Horstman said she is considering adding a heavier class load to her schedule.

"Now, I feel like I can handle a little more," she said.

While searching for a place to work this summer,

Horstman originally applied as an event host at the Lodge at Katherine Legge Memorial Park. But the position didn't offer enough hours, so Horstman applied for the internship.

"It's almost over," said Horstman, who will finish her work Aug. 8, leaving her a couple of weeks to prepare for her sophomore year at college. Horstman said she'll continue to study accounting, but her summer job opened her eyes to the many career possibilities ahead. A degree in accounting will offer security, Horstman said, with the flexibility to do other things.

"I have options," she said. One of which is a possible return to the parks and rec department next summer. — story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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GOOD NEWS

HOSPITALS EARN RECOGNITION

UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale, La Grange and Bolingbrook have earned the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines - Stroke GOLD PLUS quality achievement award for 2023 for demonstrating commitment to following up-to-date, research-based guidelines for the treatment of heart disease and stroke, ultimately leading to more lives saved, shorter recovery times and fewer readmissions to the hospital.

Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke or heart attack, and heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 5 causes of death in the U.S., respectively.

Get With The Guidelines puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest evidence- and research-based guidelines. As a program participant, UCM AdventHealth hospitals qualified for the award by demonstrating how their organization has committed to improving quality care.

"UChicago Medicine AdventHealth is committed to improving patient care by adhering to the latest treatment guidelines," said Caitlin Huseth, stroke program manager. "Get With The Guidelines makes it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which studies show can help patients recover better."

The hospitals also received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Honor Roll award, which aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

"We are pleased to recognize UChicago Medicine AdventHealth for its commitment to caring for those in their community who need cardiovascular care," said DR. John Warner, past president of the American Heart Association and CEO of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. "Hospitals that follow the American Heart Association's quality improvement protocols often see improved patient outcomes, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates — a win for health care systems, families and communities."

CHESS BATTLE RAISES FUNDS

Students in Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 participated in the Battle of the Boards tournament May 1.

They and students in Kambala, Australia, raised \$4,500 by competing in the event for the Agape AIDS Orphanage in Hyderbad, India. Funds will be used to purchase a giant outdoor chess set for the school groups and 30 chess sets for dorm and leisure areas. Kids at the orphanage will get free online Zoom lessons once they receive the supplies.

Chicago Highlands Club in Westchester volunteered to serve as host of the event and donated food and drinks for the players.

— photos appear online at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean

CENTRAL STUDENTS IN COMPETITION

Two Central students finished in the top three in their individual events at the state competition for the Illinois Design Educators Association.

Brynn Bauer earned second place in Machine CAD, and Joseph Shenouda earned third place in Introductory CAD. The students are coached by

teachers Jon Schmidt and Brad Smith.

STUDENT EARNS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Rohan Devulapally of

Hinsdale has earned a National Merit Purdue University Scholarship.

He is among some 750 additional winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by colleges and universities and announced recently by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These Merit Scholar designees join more than 3,000 other college-sponsored award recipients who were announced in June.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program who will attend their institution. College-sponsored awards provide \$500 to \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

This year, 153 colleges and universities are sponsoring more than 3,800 Merit Scholarship awards. Sponsor colleges include 81 private and 72 public institutions located in 42 states and the District of Columbia.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Five golden moments at D86 board meeting

We've written a number of editorials about areas of improvement for the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board. So we thought it only fair to highlight a handful of shining moments from the last regular board meeting July 27.

1. A 7-0 vote to hire School Exec Connect to help the board find a permanent replacement for Superintendent Tammy Prentiss, who is on paid leave through March 31.

Two firms made presentations to the board July 20. All seven board members not only agreed on which firm to hire, they chose the firm The Hinsdalean thought to be the best fit for the district.

2. Board agreement to launch the new academic committee approved in May.

Members did get into the weeds a bit when discussing whether it should be a standing board committee or a superintendent's committee, but the most important thing is that this work is beginning — at the group's first meeting today. 3. Interim Superintendent Linda Yonke telling

it like it is.

During the discussion of the new academic committee, Yonke said she and Ray Lechner, the district's other interim superintendent, had some hesitation about forming such a committee, which is unusual in a high school district.

"Ray and I both felt a concern, at first, in hearing about this committee because curriculum, academics, are so clearly administrative directed," she said.

She went on to acknowledge that the board has the responsibility to approve the program of students, new courses, new curriculums and textbook purchases, but she offered a clear delineation between the job of the school board and the job of district administrators.

What needs to be determined, she indicated, are processes and procedures so the board is comfortable with the work the staff is doing. She noted that Jason Markey, the new assistant superintendent for academics, agreed this is a great need. And the audience applauded.

"It's rare that we have applause," board member and academic committee Chair Debbie Levinthal noted.

So true.

4. Reports of a smooth transition.

In her board president's report, Cat Greenspon thanked Yonke and welcomed her and Lechner, who had a conflict and could not attend the

meeting.

"I will say that their addition to the administrative team has been quite spectacular and seamless and I appreciate all the work that you're doing," she said.

Later, board member Jeff Waters said the district is "super blessed" to have them and Markey working in the district.

We haven't heard that kind of praise for administrators in D86 for a long time.

5. Talk of trust

After welcoming the new interims, Greenspon went on to say that she, as board president, hopes to "work very hard to establish some understandings of procedures and processes and the framework in which district business is conducted and to help, really, to communicate effectively all of these processes and procedures, and build trust between the board, the administration, all employees and especially the community."

There is certainly work to do. But District 86 board members have a golden opportunity to get their house in order before a new superintendent joins the staff in 2024. We're happy to see they plan to do just that.

COMMENTARY

Summer observations lead to change in loyalty

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great excitement that I write to tender my resignation from our organization, effective immediately. While I've enjoyed my tenure among you, I've decided to accept a more appealing offer from the competition.

This other group offers a looser, more lively corporate culture and a free-flowing, collaborative working style. What's more, they've eschewed much of the red tape that defines the working experience for so many of us. I've been watching them all summer and can confidently say that for these folks, the work week is truly a breeze.

Below are but a few of the reasons that I'm leaving The Grownups and joining up with The Kids.

First: The Kids have adopted a superior approach to meetings. I had grown accustomed to the drudgery of checking colleagues' calendars in Outlook, sending politely professional emails, fielding RSVPs and jumping through hoops to find a time that worked. I was comfortable with this norm until I noticed that The Kids merely holler out the window. Those who are within earshot (typically their cousins who live across the street) reply immediately, and if they're available, they show up. If not — usually because their

boss (Auntie Christine) said "No" — they don't.

Furthermore, it has come to my attention that my current colleagues don't actually want to attend my meetings in the first place. (What a heartbreaking thing to overhear in the men's room.) By contrast, The Kids' meetings are joyfully attended by all, as they involve bikes or a swingset or ice cream or touching some sort of exotic bug. I don't know when The Kids review the budget or discuss Performance Improvement Plans, but I haven't seen it happen yet. Perhaps they accomplish those functions via email - or two tin cans tied together with string.



Peter Celauro

Zoo, Uniquely Thursdays and Maggie Daley Park. I've even heard rumors of an upcoming retreat to Grandpa Ron's house in Wisconsin. I don't care how luxurious the chairs are in our boardroom; they can't compete with a go-kart.

Hinsdale Pool, Brookfield

I realize that this transition will involve a steep learning curve due to the dramatic difference in staff demographics. While most of our colleagues with The Grown-ups are, in fact, grown-ups, The Kids maintain a lean, youthful org chart. From what I've gleaned from my spot in this Adirondack chair, there are three key players in our local branch. Henry, age 8, is active and hands-on, always eager to provide direction. Charlie, age 6, is an imaginative storyteller who's oozing with natural charm. Ironically, The Boss is clearly Sophie, age 19 months, as the other employees fawn over her and heed her every whim.

Last week I saw Henry take a cookie out of his own mouth and pop it into Sophie's, simply because she pointed to him and said, "Bahbah!" I've never seen that kind of company loyalty described in Harvard Business Review.

Hold on, folks. I've just chatted with Chief Executive Mommy and it seems that The Kids aren't allowed coffee. Like, ever. They are also held to a strict 7:30 bedtime and a zero-tolerance alcohol policy. Even the Boss takes mandatory naps! (A rule of dubious legality.)

Never mind, everybody. See you at the office on Monday!

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

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Andrew Keith Dingwall

Dr. Andrew Keith Dingwall of Hinsdale, 62, passed away peacefully from a long battle with cancer on July 24, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Andrew was born in 1960 in Watertown, New York. He was an avid and skilled member of his high school and college debate teams, placing 14th in the National Debate Competition. Andrew began his scientific career by

obtaining a master's degree in microbiology at the University of Wyoming and later moved to New York to pursue a doctorate at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine.

Early in graduate school, he met fellow student Claudia, and they quickly became best friends, falling in love as they adventured around New York City and the Hudson River Valley. Andrew and Claudia married in 1989 and then moved to California, where they completed their post-doctoral training at Stanford University.

Andrew's first faculty position began in 1997 in the biology department at Syracuse University, where he and Claudia established their first research laboratory together. In 2004, the two moved to Chicago, where Andrew was a professor of cancer biology at Loyola University School of Medicine until his death. As a team, they mentored dozens of graduate, undergraduate and medical students and published groundbreaking research in the field of cancer epigenetics and developmental biology. His brilliant mind, calm temperament and intuitive scientific thinking were the foundations of his nearly 30-year academic research career.

Outside of the lab, Andrew was a passionate advocate of basic science research and physician scientist training. He was a beloved professor to medical and graduate students.



Dingwall

His love of mentorship extended to his position as co-director and then director of the prestigious MD-Ph.D. program at the Stritch School of Medicine. Andrew was diagnosed with an

extremely rare and aggressive form of cancer in March 2022. Despite the side effects he suffered due to treatments, he was still determined to come to work

every day possible. He spent much of his illness ensuring the successful stewardship of his students, and he worked right up until the very end of his life.

Andrew was the ultimate family man and "girl dad." His daughters, Caitlin (28) and Lauren (25), spoke to him every day on the phone, and he often served as the unofficial family therapist. His love of science and medicine inspired Caitlin to become a physician-scientist, and his passion for teaching led Lauren to a career in education. He worked tirelessly to make sure his children were happy, loved and successful in life. In March 2023, he became a grandfather, one year to the date of his cancer diagnosis. He was intensely proud of his grandson Andrew and spent much of the last months of his life doting on his first grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Claudia Beth Zraly; his children, Dr. Caitlin (Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick) Dingwall and Lauren (fiancé Andriy Hudyy) Dingwall; his grandson, Andrew Fitzpatrick; his parents, Dr. Robert and Mary Dingwall; and his brother, Gregory (Eva) Dingwall.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S Grant St., Hinsdale.

A funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs. Interment is private.

Ian Armstrong Shepherd

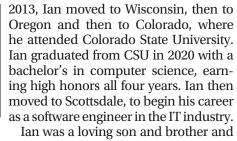
Ian Shepherd, 28, of Scottsdale, Ariz., passed away July 23, 2023.

Ian was born in 1995. He spent a good portion of his early years with his many friends. Skateboarding and video gaming were his early passions. As Ian grew older, his attention turned to music, to art, to food and to computers. He played guitar and listened to music all day long.

He painted big, beautiful and bold paintings one after the other. His love for food led to dining out, traveling in the United States and abroad and cooking for his family and friends. Ian built and fixed computers and

wrote code in great volumes. He loved to read. Ian loved his summers in Door County, Wis. (Idlewild). He and his close friends and his family water skied during the day, played cards in the evening and sat at the end of the dock late into the night talking and laughing about all that life had to offer. Ian felt most at peace when he was in Door County.

After graduation from Hinsdale Central in



Shepherd a great friend to so many. He was kind, generous and sensitive. Ian will be remembered for his intellect, his quick wit and his playful spirit.

Ian will be missed by his mother, Sarah; his father, Ted; his brother, Drew; and his grandmother, Phyllis Shepherd.

A celebration of life will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Ruth Lake Country Club, 6200 S. Madison St., Hinsdale.

A service and interment will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Hainesville Cemetery, 7124 Hainesville Road, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

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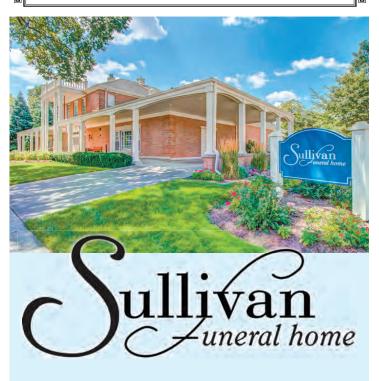
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LINNEA WILSON, RETIRED PASTOR

How can people support those who are grieving?

Supporting someone who has suffered the loss of a loved one doesn't require grand gestures or eloquent words of condolence. Simply being present for that person can make all the difference, said Linnea Wilson of Hinsdale, a retired Lutheran pastor.

"The ministry of presence I think is really important, Wilson said. "Just going and sitting, being there. (Asking) 'Would you like to take a walk? Could we spend some time together?'

"One of the most important things I heard and have said is, 'I don't know what to say right now. I'm here, but I don't know what to do.' That's OK," she continued. "No one has given us a script."

Wilson, who has counseled grieving families as a pastor, knows loss firsthand. She and her husband, Lanny, lost their own 14-year-old daughter, Lauren, in a tragic accident almost 30 years ago.

"I think in the case of children being killed, there really is no explanation that fits our grief that we can plug in and say, 'Oh, this is the reason why.' There just isn't one."

While stages of grief exist, the process is not linear and often there is no end, she said.

"The way I describe grief, as it happened for me, is that the edges were very raw in the immediate aftermath of our daughter's death, but then those edges got rounded off over time," she said. "There are always edges to be bumped into, but they don't hurt as much. They're not as sharp."

She shared a story about a female pastor she met in her early days in seminary, about 18 months after Lauren died. The pastor told her she needed to talk to someone about her "unresolved grief issues." So Wilson went to see to a professor who specialized in grief.

"Of course you have unresolved grief issues

— your daughter just died," he told her, offering reassurance that there was no timeline she had to follow.

She pointed to one thing people should avoid saying to someone who is grieving.

" 'I understand what you're going through.' That's the biggest mistake anybody can say. I cannot imagine right now except in the very broadest sense what the Richards are going through," she said, referring to the family of 14-year-old Sean Richards, who died in a tragic accident July 20. "Each grief process is different."

She also encouraged people to follow through on what they say.

"The second biggest (mistake) is saying, 'I'll be there for whatever you need' and then not being there or, 'I'll call you next week' and the call never comes," she said. "I had one friend say, 'I can't deal with this right now' and I never heard from her again, but she had the courage to say, 'I can't deal with this.' Another friend just disappeared."

People also need to remember that the grieving process is often a long one.

"Gestures today, gestures next week, gestures next month are important," Wilson said. "Everybody will be there today and fewer people will be there next week, but who's going to be there in a month or two months with those memories or that time to spend or that phone call?"

Parents who have lost a child want their son or daughter to be remembered, she said, so share stories with them. And if those stories elicit tears, don't feel bad.

"Those tears are tears, in my case, of joy that somebody did remember. And the tears are part of the grieving process, I think," she said.

She encouraged parents of kids who are struggling with grief to use the library as a resource.

"There are really wonderful children's books that talk about death, usually about the death of an animal, but that can certainly, in wise parents' hands, be used to talk about death in general, death happening unexpectedly and being able to say, 'I don't know why,' " Wilson said. Allowing people to have their own experience

Allowing people to have their own experience with grief is important, especially for couples who have lost a child. Her husband chose to go back to work, while she followed the opposite path.

"The best thing I can say to couples and to families is to give each other the space they need to grieve in the way they need to grieve," she said. "Understanding how the other person is processing may not be the most important thing."

Those who are part of a faith community can rely on that support as well as the prayers of others, even if they don't feel like praying themselves, Wilson said. They can remember the words of Romans 8:



Being present with someone who is grieving is one of the most important ways to offer support, Linnea Wilson said. Even just crying together can provide comfort. (Jim Slonoff photo)

"Nothing can separate us from the love of God and Christ Jesus."

"Boy, that's where I hang my hat because that's the only thing that's important to me," she said.

And she believes the green ribbons and lawn signs that ask people to pray for Sean offer the community at large a means of supporting the family.

"How wonderful that people are seeing that as a way they can help or support or keep a memory alive," she said. "Maybe that's as much as prayer can be for some people."

— by Pamela Lannom



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OBITUARIES

William Edward Tucker

William "Bill" Edward Tucker, 90, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2023.

Tucker, as he was known, was born in 1932 in Idabel, Okla., to Owen and Dixie Tucker. He spent his formative years in Pierre, S.D., graduating from Pierre High School where he met his high school sweetheart, Nancy, whom he would later marry in 1955. Tucker then

went to the South Dakota School of Mines for his geological engineering degree and later to the University of Oklahoma for his law degree.

Tucker's passions include law, politics and travel. He opened a successful law practice in Denver, Colorado, and became an assistant attorney general of regulatory issues, where he argued and won the Air Pollution Variance Board of Colorado v. Western Alfalfa Corp. case before the U.S. Supreme Court in the spring of 1974.

He was a key campaign and convention strategy advisor as well as leading the delegate operation for numerous candidates, including Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, Howard Baker and George Bush and advised on campaigns for Vaclav Havel and Lech Walesa. He served as the special counsel to the White House for President Ronald Reagan, writing the first transition paper ever written for a first lady (Nancy Reagan).

He also was a key campaign advisor on delegate selection and convention strategy for John Warner's campaign for the U.S. Senate and traveled throughout Virginia with Elizabeth Taylor and John Warner. He loved traveling the world with his wife for his entrepreneurial ventures.

Tucker served on several boards, including



the Fund for American Studies, Young Republicans, American Council of Young Political Leaders and the United States Youth Council funded by the U.S. State Department. Tucker served on the board of the Washington Golf and Country Club, where he started a speaker series for club members and their guests.

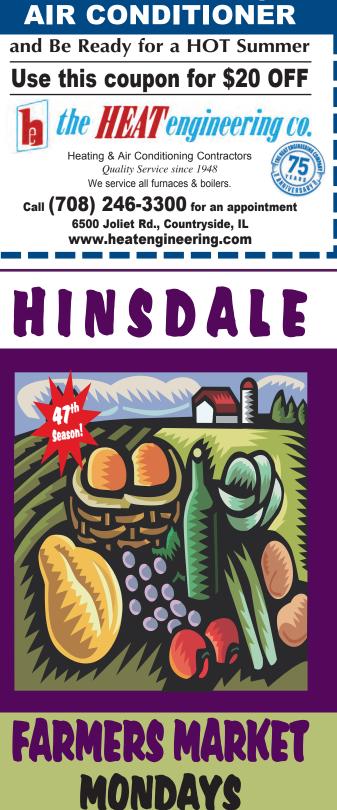
Tucker's true gift was being a wonderful "Poppy" to his six grandchildren. His endless energy for playing with his grandchildren, cheering them on at sporting events (often exaggerating their talents, as any good grandfather should) and creating unique and special time to bond with each of them individually and together. Tucker was one of a kind and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his daughters, Desiree (Ron) Tucker-Sorini of Hinsdale and Gayle (John) von Seggern; his siblings, Frank Tucker, Billie Schneider and Jo Ann Schomer; his brothers-in-law, Bob Schomer and Ron Riis; his sisters-in-law, Patricia Hall and Della Riis; and his six grandchildren, Christopher, Leah and Marissa Sorini and JT, Analea and Kaylea von Seggern.

Tucker was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Nancy Tucker; two of his siblings, Louise Phillips and Chuck Tucker; his brothers-in-law, Wayne Phillips, Roger Pries and John Hall; and his sister-in-law, Suzanne Pries.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane, McLean, Va. A reception will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made online to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund at www. curealz.org.



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Wellness House offers Mind-Body Fest

Week of in-person, online programs give participants chance to try something new

By Sandy Illian Bosch news@thehinsdalean.com

Anyone who has experienced cancer, as a patient or a loved one, knows that the disease affects far more than the physical body. During Wellness House's Mind Body Fest from Aug. 19-24, people with cancer, their families, caregivers and friends can explore ways to manage the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual effects of cancer.

"This event really highlights our mind-body programs and our exercise programs," said Brittany Brady, community engagement and program events manager. As with all Wellness House events, Mind Body Fest is free to all participants.

From 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Wellness House will offer peeks into many of its mind-body programs, from yoga classes to art classes, during an in-person event at 131 N. County Line Road.

Those who regularly turn to Wellness House for support can use the event to try something new, while those new to Wellness House can get a sampling of the many ways the organization can help with their cancer experience. Stress reduction and relaxation are at the core of more than a dozen activities offered at Mind Body Fest, said Jadyn Chipman, exercise and stress management programs manager.

Some, like yoga and chair massage, might be familiar to most participants. Others, like reiki and nia, might be new areas to explore.

"Hypnosis might sound a little out there for some," Brady said, noting that Mind Body Fest is an easy way to give it a try.

The day also offers exercise-based programs, activities that draw on creativity and even a chance for participants to discover the healing benefits of nature.

"We do have forest therapy walks," Brady said.

The walk during Mind Body Fest will take place in the surrounding neighborhood rather than an actual forest, but it will serve as an introduction to events held regularly at places like Morton Arboretum and Fullersburg Woods. The walks offer participants immersion in nature, Brady said, with opportunities for meditation.

Most of Saturday's activities will

take place outside under the cover of tents, Brady said. A few, like chair massages, will be offered indoors.

Chipman said several disciplines offered at Mind Body Fest incorporate breath work and relaxation methods that people can use to calm themselves, especially in stressful situations.

"Breath work can be very powerful," Chipman said. Participants will learn tips and tricks to help themselves relax. When done regularly, stress reduction methods can improve a person's overall well-being.

Participants who take part in the full day will sample six sessions, plus lunch, but guests also are free to spend just part of the day at Mind Body Fest. Register at www.wellnesshouse.org/mind-body-fest-2023 or call (630) 323-5150.

After registering, participants will receive an email to choose their preferred activities for the day.

"Selecting your schedule will be first come, first served," Brady said. While in-person registration will be offered beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the

day of the event, early registration is

encouraged.



As was the case at previous Mind Body Fests, participants at this year's event can expect to learn about some of the programs Wellness House offers, with topics ranging from stress reduction and relaxation to art and humor. (photos courtesy of Wellness House)



Mind Body Fest

This event, held every other year, includes online events Tuesday to Thursday, Aug. 22-24.

Mind Body Fest: Top Tips for Reducing Stress

6:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 22 Hear from researcher and psychologist Alex Psihogios, Ph.D., from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine about the top tips for reducing stress during cancer and steps to healthy living overall.

Mindfulness, Meditation, and Yoga from a Physical Therapist's Perspective

3 to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 23 The body and the mind are deeply intertwined. In this presentation, participants will learn about the relationship between stress-reducing activities such as mindfulness, meditation and yoga, and the benefits these can have to physical body and mental well-being.

Using Humor as a Coping Tool

6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24 It won't replace medical care, but laughter is a strong medicine. Hear how the founder of Humor Beats Cancer, Olivia Clarke, and other cancer survivors have used the power of humor as a coping and community-building tool — both personally and professionally — and learn ways to build comedy into life.

Registration is required. Visit www.well-nesshouse.org.



Libido Funk Circus will perform at tonight's Uniquely Thursday concert in Burlington Park. See Page 22 for details. (photo provided)

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.

■ 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.

Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop

Through Sept. 10 Cleve Carney Museum of Art 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

The multi-faceted, 11,000-square-foot exhibition will showcase 94 works by Warhol plus his original photographs, both blackand-white gelatin silver prints and color. Other attractions include a Central Parkinspired outdoor space and a Children's Print Factory. Tickets: \$25-\$30 for timed tickets with \$2 discount for seniors/youth/military; \$40 for anytime tickets.

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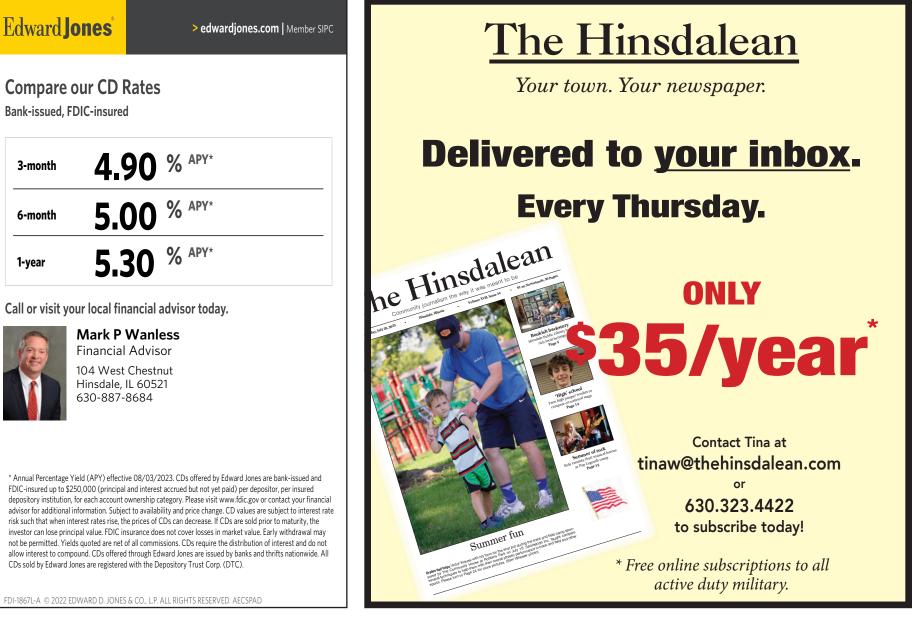
CoHo Carnivale

Aug. 9 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.thecommunityhouse.

org (630) 323-7500

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entertained by Carnivale performers at this outdoor Party on the Patio event. Enjoy a treat from the complimentary popcorn bar, activities and participating vendors. Time: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

FOR A CAUSE

■ HHS Golf Outing Aug. 7

Seven Bridges Golf Club 1 Mulligan Drive, Woodridge www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

(630) 323-5630 Play some golf and help raise money for the animals and programs at Hinsdale Humane Society. The event will include hole contests, prizes and giveaways, a cash bar and a post-golf lunch buffet. The registration deadline

is Aug. 4. Time: 7 a.m. checkin, 8 a.m. shotgun start. Cost: \$150, \$40 for just lunch.

Art for Autism

Aug. 16 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale (630) 323-7500

This art fair, organized by The Lane School students Abby Sun and Maya Ural, will benefit Autism Speaks to support research into autism.

Time: 5 to 7 p.m.

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Archery Open House Aug. 5

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fied instructor and talk to representatives from local archery groups at this fun family event. A waiver must be filled out to attend and can be done in advance through the website above. Hours: 9 a.m. to noon.

■ 3-on-3 tourney

Aug. 19 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.thecommunityhouse. org/3on3 (630) 323-7500

Hoopsters from fourth grade to 35 and older are invited to take part in this annual outdoor basketball tournament. Form teams of four to participate in age divisions based on the grade or age a player will be in the fall. Winning teams receive champion T-shirts and prizes. Registration closes Aug. 13, and team members must also fill out a waiver and email it to kbednar@thecommunityhouse.org. Time: 7:30 a.m. check in, 8:30 a.m. first round. Cost: \$225 per team. RR

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Learn about hummingbirds while watching them wake from their nightly torpor. Time: 7 a.m. RR

Kayaking: Basics

Hidden Lake www.dupageforest.org (630)-933-7248 Learn paddling strokes and safety tips in a one-person

kayak. Equipment will be provided. The program is for ages 12 and up, under 18 with an adult. \$20 per person. Time: 5 to 7 p.m.

■ 'The Mama and the Papa

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Goose: A Rock 'n' Roll Fairytale' Saturdays & Sundays through Aug. 27 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org

Morton Arboretum's season of Walking Plays kicks 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, singa-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. Time: 6 p.m. Cost: \$25, \$15 for children. RR, MD

GREEN THUMB

■ Native Tree and Shrub Sale Ongoing

www.dupageforest.org Shop a wide selection of

native trees and shrubs at this online-only DuPage County Forest Preserve District sale, featuring 49 different species all grown locally from seed within 100 miles of the county. Orders can be picked up from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 23, at St. James Farm in Warrenville. Orders must be placed in advance and will be filled on a firstcome, first-served basis while supplies last. Proceeds support the district's educational programming.

Wildflower Walk

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

Meet a plant expert for a leisurely walk to enjoy summer blooms and learn 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 per person. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Fitness in the Park Mondays through Aug. 28 Burlington Park 30 E. Chicago Ave., Hinsdale www.hinsdalechamber.com Attend a free class led by a local fitness leader in the park on a first-come, first-served basis. Time: 9:15 a.m.

HELP WANTED

■ D181 Job Fair Aug. 3

Hinsdale Middle School 100 S. Garfield Ave. www.d181.org

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 is seeking instructional assistants in resource special education, specialized and early childhood and specialized programs as well as help desk tech. Email dtorti@d181.org or call (639) 861-4963 for more information. Time: 2 to 5 p.m.

NOTEWORTHY

■ The Chicago Cossacks Aug. 6

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

Ukrainian, klezmer and Romani music and dance at this concert on the Memorial Hall Lawn, part of the HPL After Dark series. Picnics are welcome at this family friendly event; summer drinks and treats will be provided. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.

ON SCREEN

'Despicable Me'

Aug. 11 Robbins Park Seventh & Vine streets

www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr Enjoy this free back-toschool night outdoor screening. Time: dusk start.

ON STAGE

'Finding Nemo Jr'

Aug. 3-5 Avenue Christian Church 5750 Holmes Ave., Clarendon Hills www.bamtheatre.com/ box-office

BAMtheatre presents this underwater musical adventure, as Marlin, a determined clownfish, sets out on a heroic mission to rescue his captured son, Nemo, with the unforgettable Dory by his side. Times: 7 p.m. Aug. 3 & 4, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Aug. 5. Tickets: \$22-\$26.

■ 'The 39 Steps'

Through Aug. 13

Drury Lane Theatre 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

www.drurylanetheatre.com Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a dash of farce and you have "The 39 Steps," a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theater. Packed with nonstop laughs and over 150 characters played by four actors, this production is an unforgettable evening of riotous performances and inventive stagecraft that is sure to delight. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: start at \$85.

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■ Pizza Tasting Contest Aug. 16

The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.thecommunityhouse. org

(630) 323-7500 Try a slice from competing local pizza places and vote for a favorite while supporting The Community House

programs. The tasting ends at 6 p.m., and winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Additional snacks, soft drinks and music are included; beer and wine sales will be available for age 21 and up. All ages are welcome. Time: 5 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$20, \$15 for kids, free for under 3. RR, MD

Adult Pinewood Derby Aug. 19

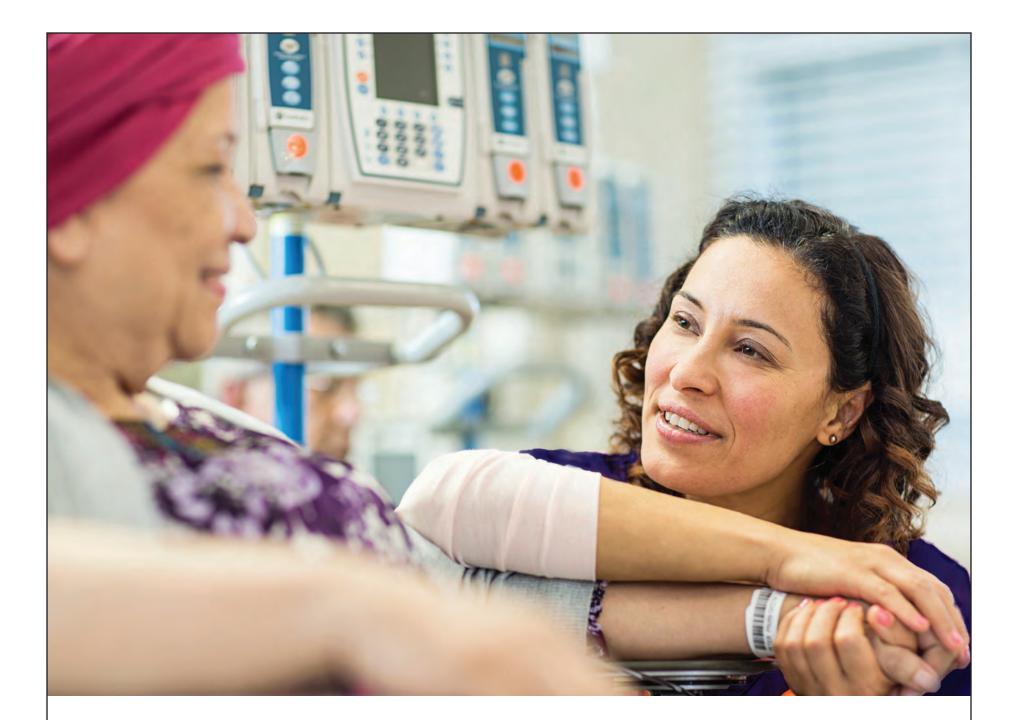
Fuller House 35 E. First St., Hinsdale www.fullerhousebar.com

Fuller House will host this benefit for Boy Scouts of America. Participants must be age 21 or older and can pick up an official kit from Fuller House or La Grange Center for Scouting, 811 W. Hillgrove Ave. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place; raffles and other prizes will also be featured. Registration includes one free beverage. For questions, email Kevin Ronayne at kevin.ronayne@ scouting.org. Time: 6 p.m. check-in, 6:30 p.m. race begins

Peabody's Pages Book Club First Fridays through September Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak

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Brook

www.dupageforest.org (630) 206-9566 Discuss great reads with fellow book fans including "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

Destination Asia Festival

Aug. 4-6 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org

Be transported across the globe by sampling delicious food, experiencing new music, viewing an exquisite bonsai show and taking in traditional dances that pay homage to the Far East. Hours: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 4 opening ceremony, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 5 & 6. Admission: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for children, free under age 2. RR, MD

■ Functional Art Car Show Aug. 6

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Clothing Summer Car Show, featuring collectibles, super cars and exotic vehicles. The event will also include a DJ, food trucks and a lemonade stand. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for the Hinsdale Humane Society. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ GLOW in the Park

Aug. 12 Cantigny Park 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton www.cantigny.org

Enjoy some 1990s nostalgic fun with music, dancing, food and drinks under black lights. Guests can play mini-golf, LED cornhole and bocce, axe throwing and giant versions of Jenga, Twister and Connect 4 or visit a glow-in-the-dark tattoo artist. Glow-in-the-dark cocktails will be part of a full bar offered, and food trucks will be on hand. A special VIP Experience includes a four-hour open bar and allyou-can-eat nostalgic bites in a private tent with a dedicated concierge. The event is for ages 21 and up. Hours: 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets: \$30, \$130 for VIP Experience. RR

STEPPING BACK

Grace and Frank

Aug. 15 www.architecture.org Learn about Frank Lloyd Wright's progressive client, Grace Bagley, and hear about preservation plans for this landmarked Hinsdale home in a virtual Zoom call hosted by the Chicago Architecture Center. Time: 6 p.m. Cost: \$15, \$7 for CAC members

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 '90s cover band Libido Funk Circus. 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.

Movies on The Lawn
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Pet pic of the week

Truffles is a gorgeous black bunny that has been waiting for a forever home since October 2022. She was found outside but was obviously not a wild rabbit, so a good Samaritan brought her to us. She was fearful at first, but has relaxed in her foster home and we've learned she likes to cuddle up in laps and will let people hand-feed her. Please call (630) 323-5630 to set up an appointment to meet Truffles. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application www.hinsdalehumaneat society.org before arriving. (photo provided)



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Bring a blanket and enjoy a family friendly outdoor movie on the Oakbrook Center Lawn. The Aug. 9 feature is "Lightyear" (PG). Lawn games also will be available. Time: 7 p.m. start.

Cantigny Summer Concert **Series**

Through Sept. 4 **Cantigny Park** 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton www.cantigny.org

The series continues Aug. 6 with Dancing Queen: An Abba Tribute. The concerts are outdoors and feature lawn seating. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets, and picnics are welcome. Concessions are available; pets and alcohol are prohibited. Time: 3 to 5 p.m. Admission: \$30 parking; \$400 for a season pass. Time: 3 to 5 p.m.

Arbor Evenings

Wednesdays through Aug. 23 Morton Arboretum

4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org

The arboretum's annual summer concert series continues Aug. 9 with a performance by country artist Mackenzie O'Brien. Tickets include arboretum admission beginning at 5:15 p.m., and a variety of food trucks will be on site. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. Admission: \$13, \$5 for children, free for ages under 2. RR. MD

Farmers Market

Mondays through Oct. 9 Chicago Avenue Burlington Park

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.

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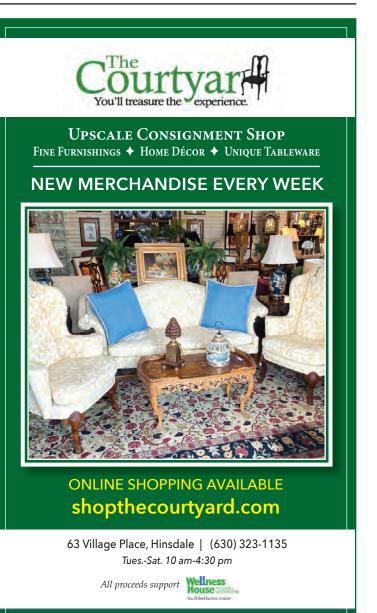
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Lunch and laughs on the lawn

Miss Jamie's Farm was the most recent guest to the summer Lunch on the Lawn series sponsored by the village of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Public Library at Burlington Park. Miss Jamie shared values from life down on the farm through songs, both new and familiar. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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SUMMER CAMPS

Guppies Kiddie Camp

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

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

Summer Day Camp

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

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

EV Fine Arts Jewelry Design Camp

Aug. 7-11 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale (630) 323-7500

www.thecommunityhouse.org Kids ages 6 to 14 can learn how to use polymer clay to make handmade pendants, earrings, necklaces and more. Parents are invited to a display at the end of camp where students will showcase all their hard work. All supplies included. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$430. RR, MD

LEGO Python engineers

Aug. 7-11 Code Ninjas 842 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont (630) 789-7090 www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr Participants ages 10 to 14 will build and design autonomous robots that can think like a human, move like a self-driving car and act like a coach after learning the fundamentals of Python Programming. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$300.

Mandalorian Training with LEGOs

Aug. 7-11 Burr Ridge Park District 15W400 Harvester Drive www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr (630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-7 can learn what it takes to become a true Mandalorian. An experienced instructor will guide campers through the skills and equipment needed to earn the title, using LEGOs to build a gauntlet fighter ship, Z-6 jetpacks and Mandalorian armor. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$162. RR

Mandalorian Missions with LEGOs

Aug. 7-11

Burr Ridge Park District 15W400 Harvester Drive www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr (630) 789-7090

Kids ages 7-12 will master The Way, venturing through the galaxy in a custom gauntlet fighter to rescue Baby Yoda, building grappling hooks to pull themselves to safety and enjoying multiple missions all over the galaxy. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$162. RR

Soccer Made in America Training Camps

Aug. 7-11 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale (630) 789-7090 www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr The Aleks Mihailovic Soccer

Made in America training camps emphasize psychological dimensions such as motivation, confidence, leadership and game smarts for participants ages 4 to 14. Camps are offered for beginners, traveling players and the advanced level. Time: 9 a.m. to noon, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 6 to 8:30 p.m. (advanced play only). Cost: \$169 for three hours, \$269 for six hours, \$199 for advanced play with discounts for siblings.

■ Ultimate Ninas Summer Camp Aug. 7-11

Ultimate Ninjas Gym 684 W. Lake St., Elmhurst (630) 789-7090 www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr Build strength, agility and self-confidence all while having a blast doing obstacle circuit training and spending time outdoors. The camp is for ages 5 to 11. Time: 9 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$252.

Summer Arts Camp

Aug. 7-18 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

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

Animation Camp

Aug. 14-17 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 8 to 16 will explore the history, technology and techniques of this magical, illusory art form, making their own stories one frame at a time. Tech is included or kids can bring their own if they prefer. Campers are encouraged to work in teams. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$235. RR, MD

Little Veterinarian School Cat Camp

Aug. 14-18 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 and learn how to care for a cat, including removing ticks, performing an exam, understanding proper nutrition and hydration, suturing lacerations and more. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$310. RR, MD

Wilderness Medicine Camp

Aug. 14-18 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale (630) 323-7500 www.thecommunityhouse.org Participants ages 6 to 11 will role-play emergency situations in the wild and learn how to prepare for natural disasters. Topics covered include snake bites, hypothermia, tourniquets, poisonous plants, edible plants, distress signals, forest fires, tornadoes, mosquito bits and more. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$316. RR, MD



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REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County from June 20 to July 21.

1. 23 S. Park Ave., Nancy J. Nyheim Living Trust to Bruce Prior and Jennifer Gannon, June 20, \$1,475,000

2. 218 W. Hinsdale Ave., Dean Karnatz and Glenn Karnatz Revocable Trust to BLGCLLC, June 21, \$210,000

3. 5562 S. Stough St., Richard Ready and Ruth Matthei to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., June 21, \$519,000

4. 360 Claymoor Road, Armand and Bierina Ismaili to George Lykouretzos, June 21, \$280,000

5. 428 E. First St., Aurica Coltea Declaration Trust to Richard Parrilli, June 21, \$2,600,000

6. 424 N. Garfield Ave., Kenneth Bradley and Linda Schile Bradley to Michael and Caroline Rosemeyer, June 21, \$975,000

7. 201 N. Clay St., Paul G. Warner Declaration Trust and Susan Warner to Joshua and Lindsey Sheldon, June 21, \$675,000

8.360 Claymoor Road, Kevin

and Elise Kroll to Emestine Alfonsetti, June 21, \$234,000

9. 416 S. Monroe St., Mary L. Vach Trust to John and Maria Planek, June 22, \$568,000

10. 360 Claymoor Road, Kathleen Leonard and John K. Gooch Trust to Elaine Gralak and Nina Pavell, June 22, \$222,000

11. 221 N. Grant. St., Blake A. Bonyko Trust and Jacqueline Bonyko to Patrick R. and Kelly E. Pelling revocable trusts, June 23, \$2,275,000

12. 498 Old Surrey Road, Naishlkumar Patel and Urvi Gandhi to Abigail and Anthony Singh, June 23, \$365,000

13. 149 W. Kennedy Lane, Smagala Revocable Living Trust to Anna and Olivia Smagala, June 26, \$435,500

14. 22 W. 57th St., Shrikant and Arti Deshpande to Lisa Read, June 26, \$843,500

15. 317 E. Chicago Ave., Elizabeth and John VanTassel to Ruta Dudenas, June 26, \$722,000

16. 340 Claymoor Road, Scott and Randall Wentsel and Jill Vandervalk to Eli Voight, June 26, \$225,000

17. 635 S. Stough St., Sherif

and Miranda Albert trusts to Domenico and Lauren Farina, June 27, \$1,475,000

18. 325 W. Ninth St., Moculeski Missouri Phase 2 Trust to Stephen Dykun, June 28, \$613,000

19. 337 E. Chicago Ave., Ashish Bayas and Rashmi Singh to John and Elizabeth VanTassel, June 28, \$660,000

20. 310 W. 57th St., Samuel and Neven Botros to Jessica Roncone and Anthony Barone, June 28, \$1,500,069

21.732 W. Hickory St., Jeffrey P. and Kellie W. Lange trusts to Nilay and Sarika Patadia, June 29, \$2,715,000

22. 408 The Lane, Tyler and Jerilyn Fuller to Abraham Shahbain and Suhuir Dajani, July 3, \$1,701,000

23. 535 Jefferson St., Joanne L. Hutten Trust and Mark Hutten to David MacNeil, July 5, \$1,450,000

24. 622 S. Bodin St., Tracy A. and Jeffrey J. Herr revocable trusts to Ryan and Alia Mannelly, July 5, \$1,450,000

25. 433 S. Bruner St., Daniel Bryan and Helen Hart Bryan to Thibault and Jessica Lasserre, July 6, \$890,000 **26. 224 Meadowbrook Lane,** Eileen O. Wenstrup Declaration Trust and Daniel Wenstrup to Daniel Vryhof and Theiju Sebastian, July 10, \$930,000

27. 112 The Lane, Daniela Bartos to Salma Nassar and Basil Salem, July 10, \$380,000

28. 708 S. Grant St., 708 S. Grant Street LLC to Jeremy Johnson, July 11, \$2,399,900

29. 106 S. Quincy St., Darius and Vanessa Horton to Christopher and Elizabeth Cintavey, July 12, \$707,500

30. 836 S. Bodin St., Patrick R. and Kelly E. Pelling revocable trusts to Alexander J. Kirk Trust, July 12, \$1,165,000

31. 1431 Fox Lane, Jay V. Ginde Living Trust to Harriet Vergowe and Wayne J. Vergowe Trust, July 12, \$785,000

32. 808 S. County Line Road, Judy B. Aldrige Trust to Felipe Suarez and Tiffany Riviere, July 13, \$1,100,000

33. 5532 S. Quincy St., Donna and Dejan Ivanisevic to Future Investments LLC, July 13, \$375,000

34. 44 S. Elm St., Kimberly Arquilla to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., July 17, \$2,000,000

35. 5597 S. Oak St., Jeffrey

and Amy Rowe to Joseph and Nicole Franses, July 17, \$2,800,000

36. 322 N. Bruner St., Patterson Revocable Living Trust to Courtyard Custom Builders Inc., July 17, \$825,000

37. 711 S. Lincoln St., Ted and Jadwiga Bart to Mark Biebel and Archana Rajender, July 18, \$2,550,000

38. 218 Ravine Road, Merle M. and Megan E. Erickson trusts to Carolyn Levitan and Timothy O'Neill, July 18, \$1,625,000

39. 355 Flagg Court, US Bank Trust to Atlas and Ambreen Khan, July 19, \$1,500,000

40. 916 Oakwood Terrace, Robert Balzekis to Daiva Bidva, July 19, \$395,000

41. 419 S. Bruner St., Herbert and Lisa Becker to Amit Tripathi and Brittany Hizer, July 20, \$1,280,000

42. 1401 Burr Oak Road, Aldo C. Zucaro 1996 Declaration Trust to Sharon Hashimoto and James Burkert, July 20, \$660,217

43. 400 58th Place, Katherine and Nicholas Anderson to Steven Pilcher and James A. Pilcher Trust, July 21, \$335,000

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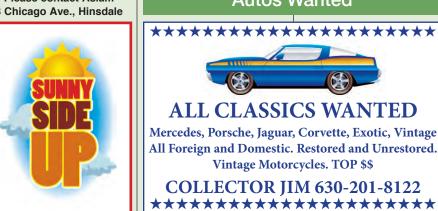
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Back-to-back Mac stays the course

Local golfer's steady game drives triumphant results in college and amateur play

By Ken Knutson kknutson@thehinsdalean.com

The stage was set on the afternoon of July 20.

Hinsdale's Mac McClear, the defending Illinois State Amateur champion, was one stroke back heading into the decisive round of this year's state am at Bloomington Country Club. McClear had carded a 1-under 69 in the morning to put himself just behind the leader halfway through the marathon 36-hole final day of the event. After rounds of 69 and 68 the first two days, he felt good about his game.

"Heading into the tournament, I knew that if I shot four rounds in the 60s, it was going to be tough to beat," he said. "I played pretty good but just wasn't getting rewarded the way I hoped. I had to wait until the shots came and the putts fell."

His patience paid off in a stunning way, as McClear birdied five of the first six holes as well as the final two for a blistering seven-under 63 to retain the title with a five-stroke victory.

"If you're close to the lead, you keep doing the same thing because you must be playing well," McClear remarked. "36 holes in one day is a lot of golf. The fourth round I got off to a great start, and I knew If I just kept my head I'd do OK."

McClear became just the 11th player to register back-to-back wins in the 92-year history of the event, and he was one of only two in the 135-player field to not record an over-par round throughout the tournament.

This was simply the latest exploit in what's a been a remarkable 2023 for the recently graduated University of Iowa standout (see sidebar). On April 30, McClear earned co-champion honors at the Big Ten Championship at Galloway National Golf Club in New Jersey. It was the second time he finished atop the conference tournament's leaderboard after winning as a sophomore in 2021.

^{*}That felt really good to get back to winning that tournament like that," said McClear, relishing the collegiate atmosphere. "Those are probably even more fun to win."

The lead-up to it, however, was a bit rough. During a practice round he was having trouble commanding his normally reliable tee shots.



For the second straight year, Hinsdale's Mac McClear hoisted the Illinois State Amateur Championship trophy thanks to a 7-under-par closing round. (photo courtesy of Chicago District Golf Association)

"I was playing terrible. I one point I looked down at the face of my driver and saw it was cracked," he said. Thankfully a technician for

McClear's driver manufacturer was at the club and was able to screw on a new head. The next practice round proceeded much better, and McClear felt confident about his chances. But deteriorating weather conditions the first day tested everyone's mettle.

"I finished my round in 20th place, sat down and had lunch, and by the end of lunch I had moved from 20th to, like, fifth," he said.

A season-best 5-under 66 in the second round moved him into a tie for the lead with a 3-under 139 for 36 holes. But Mother Nature again intervened, forcing cancellation of the third and final round.

"It was just downpouring and the course wasn't even playable," McClear said. "It was a crazy turn of events. Fortunately it worked out for me."

With the title, his fifth overall as a Hawkeye, McClear became the first Iowa player to win multiple conference championships and has the most career individual victories by an Iowa player since 1976. He's also the 16th men's golfer to win multiple Big Ten Championships dating back to 1920. McClear credits much of his suc-

cess to a fresh putting approach he's worked on since the winter.

"I would say putting is not the strength of my game. When I do have the putter working, It does feel real good," he said.

He reflected on the lessons he learned at last year's state am, when he entered the final day with a considerable lead but had to hang on when not he didn't have his "A" game.

"It's so much golf, and you just have to keep your head down and do what you can," McClear said.

Oh, and the 2021 state am? He lost in a playoff.

"I've kind of developed a good prematch routine through college," he explained. "I usually start with some stretching in the locker room, and I always go putt first to make sure my stroke is good. Then I go hit balls on the range for 10 to 20 minutes, really just trying to loosen up."

After McClear captured his second Big Ten championship, Iowa head coach Tyler Stith suggested McClear was just getting started.

"Without a doubt, Mac's resume speaks for itself. I promise you he's not done. He is always working to find ways to improve. He is calm under pressure and thrives in situations where other people struggle. Mac plays hard golf courses really well, which gives him a big advantage," he said.

McClear is currently showcasing his brand of poised golf at the 121st Western Amateur through Aug. 5 at North Shore Country Club. And his first-place finish at the U.S. Amateur qualifying event July 10 at Beverly Country Club means he'll be heading to Cherry Hills Country Club in Colorado later this month to participate in the country's oldest golf tournament, whose past champions include Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson.

After using his last year of college eligibility to compete for the Hawkeyes next season, McClear intends to follow those legends into the pro ranks the summer of 2024.

"I'm used to the heavy schedule and heavy golf load. I've developed a really nice routine that helps me stay focused on what I have to do."

A year to remember

Golfer Mac McClear has bagged a number of honors so far in 2023 competing for the University of Iowa and in other amateur competitions.

won Hawkeye
Invitational on April 15
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Co-Golfer of the Week
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• captured co-Big Ten Champion honors on April 30, becoming Iowa's first two-time medalist at Big Ten Championships

• five career collegiate victories are the most by Hawkeye men's golfer since 1976

• earned All-Big Ten Second Team recognition

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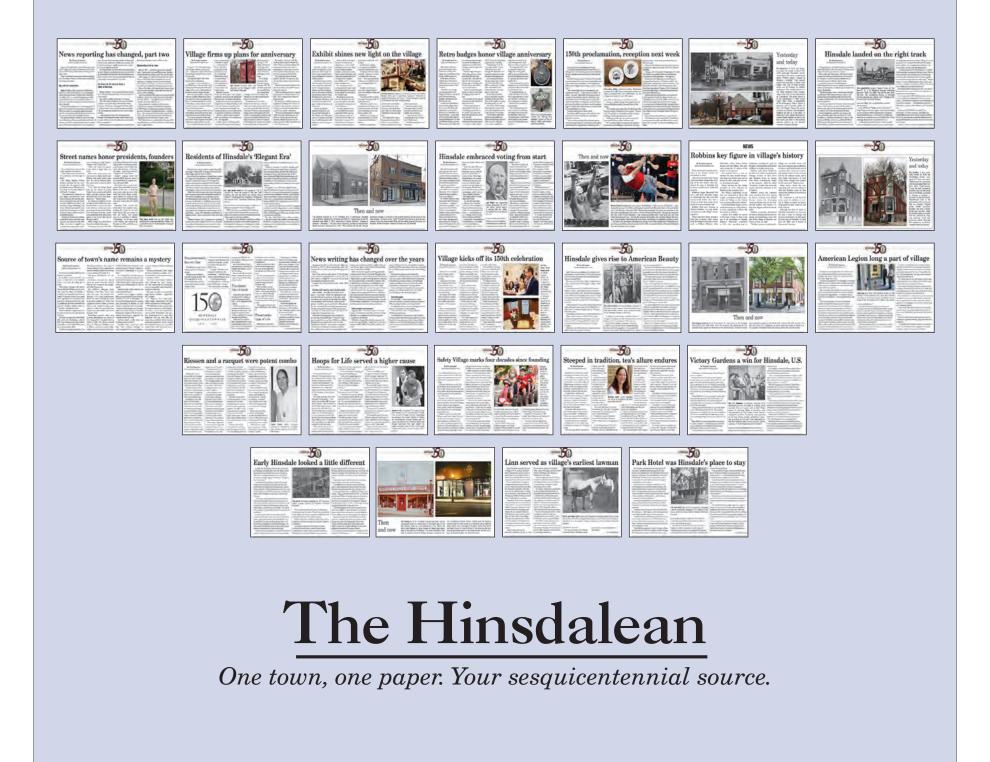
• led Hawkeyes in season stroke average (71.7), total rounds (35), rounds of par or better (20), individual victories (3), top-five finishes (5) and top-25 finishes

• won U.S. Open qualifier May 9 at Stonewall Orchard Golf Club in Grayslake

• competed individually at NCAA Regionals May 15-17 at Bear's Best in Las Vegas

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