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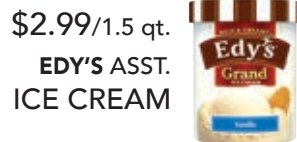
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NEWS

Modern home not welcome in Robbins

Historic preservation commissioners, residents decry plan to demo classic house

By Ken Knutson

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The proposal to demolish the 90-year-old home at 425 E. Eighth St., the latest flashpoint in the ongoing tussle between preservationists and those seeking room for redevelopment, will again be the subject of public hearing before the village's historic preservation commission next week.

If the applicant's first appearance is any indication, it could be a tense atmosphere.

During a Dec. 6 public hearing before commission on a request to build new on the site located in the Robbins Historic District, several residents spoke out against the loss of more of the village's architectural heritage. Julie Driscoll Elmore said protecting historic charm is vital to local character.

"(Prospective buyers) want to have a lot of old homes mixed in

with the new homes," she said. "If you keep on tearing down the precious gems, then you've devalued the entire town."

Carl Curry said community members should be alerted earlier when a historic home is eyed for demo.

"There's something about the process here that suggests by the time we get here, we've lost the opportunity to bring change," he told commissioners.

The 2.5-story Georgian Revival home, built in 1937, was designed by the well-known Chicago architecture firm Schmidt, Garden & Erikson, according to village documents. Distinguishing features include a side gable roof with overhanging eaves, a classical front entry surround with round columns and a triangular pediment, a fanlight over the front door and double hung wood windows with flat arched brick lintels and shutters, and two large double chimneys.

Owner Jeff and Nicole Cantalupo want to replace it with a two-story stucco home in off-white with accent areas composed of vertical and horizontal siding as well as Indiana limestone, accessible by a horseshoe driveway off of Eighth and a driveway on the west side of the property leading to a four-car attached garage. The plan also includes a pool, several covered porches and stucco wing walls. The proposal meets all bulk zoning requirements, according to village officials.

The commission has authority to issue or deny a certificate of appropriateness to allow the project because it lies in the historic district, but only in an advisory capacity. Commission Chairman John Bohnen cited preservation incentives the village enacted in 2022 to encourage people to renovate rather than rip down historic homes, but said the village's power is limited because Hinsdale is non-home rule,

"We cannot deny someone a permit to tear down a house and have it stick," he said. "Don't think we haven't tried to slow this teardown phenomenon down, because we have."

Following those remarks, Bohnen announced that he would close the public hearing and the commission would refrain from reviewing the proposal for a certificate of appropriateness.

"The plans, as they've been submitted, they can't be built in the historic district," he opined, suggesting the design was too modern for the neighborhood. "I'm not inclined to review the house or the plans tonight because I don't think they fit with our zoning code."

"We also will not be discussing the demolition permit of the house," Bohnen added. "This does not preclude the owners and the architects from reviewing their plans and coming back before this commission."

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Event highlights the future

The Hinsdale Inferno sponsored a Jodie Harrison future Red Devil Night Tuesday during the Hinsdale Central girls basketball game against Riverside-Brookfield. The night included a half-time free throw contest, the Hinsdale Central Marching Band playing, the Central pom-poms performing and stands filled with kids who currently play in the Jodie Harrison League hosted by The Community House. Harrison was a former teacher and coach at Hinsdale Central who lost his life in a tragic car accident in 1991. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, a Hinsdale Central graduate, moved to Hinsdale in 1971 and spent many years here in his youth. Having spent more than 40 years with the village, there isn’t a lot about Hinsdale he doesn’t know or hasn’t photographed. This photo from 1979 was taken at 20 W. Hinsdale Ave., where Brown Insurance and Velvet Touch were located. The upstairs was an apartment. The building is now home to Hinsdale Barber Shop. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com.



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Brokers predict a strong spring market

Falling interest rates and fall presidential election among the factors affecting home sales

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Potential buyers who drive around Hinsdale aren't likely to see all that many "for sale" signs in front yards. Area real estate brokers have some theories on why that's the case.

"I think that people over 55 that used to go to the city — as we know, no one wants to go to the city anymore — and they are just staying in their house because their interest rate is low," said Kris Berger, a real estate broker with Compass. "They don't want to buy something that is a so-called 'down-size' and have a bigger mortgage payment."

Some buyers are choosing not to put their homes on the public market, said Dawn McKenna, a broker with Coldwell Banker.

"There's a real trend right now in private reserve," she said. "A lot of people call me and say, 'Dawn, I know you have access to all these buyers. I would sell my house. This is what I want. Keep it in your back pocket.' I'm seeing a lot more of that than I have in the past."

Inventory on the public market is down considerably, said Bryan Bomba, a real estate broker with @properties. Typically there are four to six months of inventory in a stable market, and right now it is a little over two months.

"It's definitely favoring sell-

ers again," he said.

The good news is that homes are selling quickly.

"Right now in Hinsdale, the average time between the time a property is listed and the time it goes under contract is 37 days," Bomba reported.

And things are looking up, he and other agents agreed.

"The inventory is not as limited now in 2024 as it had been over the course of the past three years," Bomba said. "There is greater liquidity."

McKenna said she's very excited for this year in Hinsdale.

"I think the spring market is off to the races," she said. "I think it's super positive. We haven't been this busy in 12 months. Jan. 2 came and the phones started ringing."

Interest rates, which already have started to drop, are likely to continue to do so. Berger said that's the message she heard both at a recent conference she attended and from her husband, who is a mortgage lender.

"They all seem to think that the interest rates are going to have a 5 in front of them at the second half of the year, so that being said, it will be a feeding frenzy, I think," she said.

Another positive for the market is the November general election.

"This is a presidential election year, and historically real estate markets are very vibrant, at least during the first two quarters of a presidential



Brokers familiar with Hinsdale predict a strong spring real estate market, in part because interest rates are beginning to fall. Even in a seller's market, it's important for homes to be ready to show. "People are willing to not have everything redone and new, but as meticulous as you can get your house to be, that still applies," Compass broker Kris Berger said. (Jim Slonoff photo)

election year," Bomba said. "Additionally, the stock market is just soaring. People are definitely wealthier as a result of their involvement in the stock market as well."

Regardless of inventory and interest rates, people will always need to move. Berger and Bomba cited the five D's that cause people to move: diamonds, diapers, diplomas, divorce and death.

"People have to move and they want to move. Things happen. Life goes on," Berger said. "People will never stop needing or wanting to move because of things that happen in life."

The young families who

moved out of the city during COVID are drawing even more young families to Hinsdale, Berger said.

"Now all their friends want to live where they live," she said.

Buyers have coped with the recent high rates by adjusting their purchase price, obtaining a private loan or pursuing more creative financing, the brokers said.

And no matter what the rates, Hinsdale is a popular destination for buyers.

"Obviously we know the reasons why everyone wants to live in Hinsdale," Berger said.

Brokers said the positive signs they are starting to see will only get stronger.

"If you look at the bell curve, the top of the bell curve is usually June," Bomba said. "That means properties transact in April. It typically takes 60 days to close a deal. It typically takes 30 days to market a property, so that's February. February is a peak month."

McKenna offered a similar forecast.

"I think we're in the journey right now," she said. "I really think that this spring is going to be amazing, and my prediction is June will be the most closings we've seen year over year for two years."

"I'm very excited about it and I'm very bullish on the Hinsdale market," she added.

Memorial Building refresh fund drive continues

By Ken Knutson
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The village of Hinsdale has received more than \$70,000 in donations from residents and businesses toward Memorial Building restoration and improvement work.

Assistant village manager Andrianna Peterson this week reported the total contributions to date for the Memorial Building Historic Plaza and Roof Railing Campaign to restore the building's original Chippendale roof railing, which was removed due to deterioration a number of years ago, and renew the patio area on the south side of the building as a venue for events and community gatherings.

"The village appreciates the generosity of residents and businesses in sup-

port of the campaign," Peterson said.

The campaign was launched last year in conjunction with the village's 150th anniversary celebration with a vision of raising \$350,000 to \$450,000 to cover the cost of undertaking both projects this spring. Officials have said value engineering was part of the process in order to keep costs down. Despite not yet meeting the fundraising target, Peterson said the schedule remain on track.

"We still plan on moving forward with this project during the upcoming construction season," she said.

Village Trustee Michelle Fisher has helped lead the campaign and said last year that the projects were a fitting way to commemorate the sesquicentennial milestone.

"The village plaza and the roof rail-

ing was something that really resonated and hit home," Fisher said. "(The Memorial Building) truly is the centerpiece of our village and a place we all want folks to gather and enjoy."

The Memorial Building was built to honor Hinsdale residents who served in the wars, a tribute particularly to village residents who gave their lives in defense of freedom.

In April 1927, the plans of architect Edwin Clark for the new Hinsdale Memorial Building were accepted at a village meeting, and a drive began to raise the \$150,000 needed to pay for the project. Ninety percent of the funds needed were raised by the end of the first week.

The current campaign draws on that legacy, offering five donation levels for those interested in participating. Village

President Tom Cauley suggested it's a special way to demonstrate civic pride.

"We are asking the community to come together to help renew the Memorial Building Plaza, which has served as Hinsdale's natural front yard for nearly 100 years," Cauley said in a statement. "This community-driven campaign will allow the village to renovate the building's plaza to create a community gathering spot, as well as restore its historic roof railing. Additionally, this endeavor will further the legacy of the Memorial Building, which was originally funded by Hinsdaleans seeking to honor those who made the greatest sacrifice for our nation."

More information is available by visiting www.villageofhinsdale.org/visitors/150th_anniversary_celebration/index.php.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Firefighters Pension Board

9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
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Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the agenda: approve preservation incentives for 217 W. Hickory, 515 S. Lincoln and 605 E. Third; approve purchase of two police vehicles

Modern home not welcome in Robbins

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Project architect Michael Abraham asserted that the applicant adhered to village protocol every step of the way.

"There are rules to get to this meeting. We followed every rule there is," Abraham said, questioning Bohnen's legal authority to shut down the commission's review. "We applied for and received building permit, zoning review and compliance with the zoning code."

"The statement that it does not meet zoning code is unfactual."

Neighbors of the site expressed concern about the new home's impact on problematic drainage in the area, as well as containment of any asbestos during demolition.

Developer Julie Laux assured commissioners that the house, which is vacant, is visited regularly to make sure it does not fall into disrepair.

In a discussion following the hearing, commissioner Shannon Weinberger voiced gratitude that so many are stirred at the idea of another historic home being razed.

"I'm very happy to see that the room was full," she said. "That says we're moving forward."

"Sometimes you have to lose some monumental houses to really gain traction," replied Bohnen, who suggested the commission needs to take a stronger stand for preservation.

"There's a little nefarious game going on between certain builders and certain Realtors, and they've been preying upon us," Bohnen said. "Maybe that day is coming to a screeching halt."

The historic preservation commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, in the Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

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D86 board confirms it wants alignment

Some express hesitation, however, about adding new courses to the district's offerings

By Pamela Lannom
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Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members publicly stated their support of curriculum alignment last week, but some made it clear they still don't approve of changes to the social studies curriculum.

Jason Markey, assistant superintendent for academics, explained his goal before addressing board members at their Jan. 25 meeting.

"We want to make sure everyone has a common understanding of when curriculum alignment was started and why we continue to believe that it's important," he said.

Markey highlighted the stakeholder engagement that took place before the district's current strategic plan was adopted by the board in 2019 and research that shows how important teacher collaboration is to student achievement.

"Without that common framework for those core curricular areas, there's a breakdown in the potential for that teacher collective efficacy," he said.

He enumerated five areas that District 86 educators have in mind when they talk about alignment between Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South high schools. They are looking for the same program of studies, textbook and course fees, learning objectives, grade weighting and retake opportunities, and end-of-term assessments.

All but two departments (special education and social studies) are 75 to 100 percent aligned in those five key areas.

"Social studies is in probably the need for the greatest amount of attention," he said.

Board member Peggy James said she agrees with the definitions of alignment and believes the same courses should be offered at both campuses.

"Where my concern is is when we start adding new courses to replace others," she said.

"I think with each (department) team they are going to have a different approach," Markey said, noting that it depends in part on how closely aligned courses were when the teams began their work. The English department, for example, chose to develop new courses.

"We want those teachers to come together and determine, because they're the ones that work closest with our students, how can they be most responsive to what our students need," he added.

He also reminded board members that the district has a new protocol for adopting new courses.

"I think the key is in our process. We've really put in place those discussions to make sure there is consensus across the district, across those departments," he said.

Board President Cat Greenspon said considering course offerings is a logical offshoot of alignment conversations.

"That is not the discussion tonight, but I hear you 100 percent," she said, indicating board conversations on course offerings will take place in February.

Board member Terry Walker expressed her full support for curriculum alignment.

"From my perspective, we really should take the time to listen to the teachers (and) administrators who have worked so hard all of this over the last few years," she said.

Board member Asma Akhras, chair of

the board's academic committee, pointed to research that indicates alignment is the best way to optimize student academic performance.

"This is exactly why I have been such a champion of the curriculum alignment piece, because I want every student in D86 to outperform their own selves, their own academic performance," she said.

All five community members who spoke during public comment expressed their support of an aligned curriculum. Resident Nagla Fetouh pointed to the explicit direction in the strategic plan to align curriculum across all departments and both schools.

"The board signed off on it and the community applauded it," she said.

The board also must approve curriculum updates to meet state standards and improve student learning, she said.

"I am here today imploring you to empower our district's incredible team to have the ability to help all students grow, excel and achieve regardless of ZIP code or performance level at both high schools alike through a continued effort around curriculum alignment at District 86," she said.

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Warrant arrest

Richard D. Martinez, 35, 610 The Lane, was arrested on a warrant out of DuPage County at 2:24 a.m. Jan. 30 in the 600 block of The Lane after police responded to a disturbance. He was taken to DuPage County Jail.

Harassing texts sent

A known suspect sent text messages of an alarming and threatening nature at 2:20 p.m. Jan. 27 to a resident of the 100 block of Minneola Street.

Identity theft cases

- The identity of a resident of the 900 block of Oakwood Terrace was used to file fraudulent Medicare claims between March 28 and May 30 of 2023. The incident was reported Jan. 24.
- Someone used the identity of a resident of the 200 block of South Thurlow Street to access the victim's bank account and make fraudulent transactions. The incident was reported Jan. 29.

Stolen gift cards used

A known suspect used stolen gift cards between Jan. 9 and 24 at Whole Foods, 500 E. Ogden Ave.

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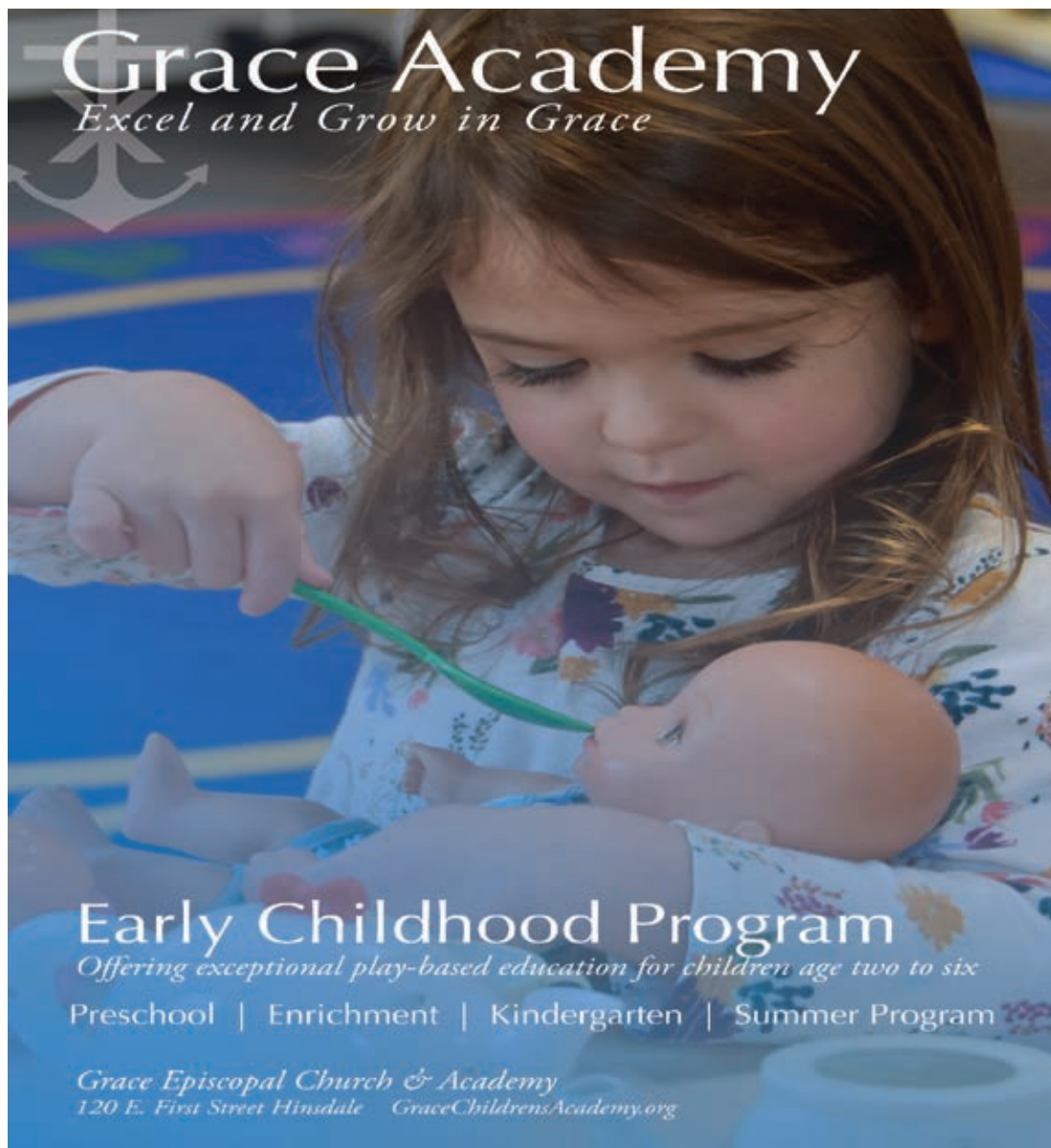
New officer joins the Hinsdale police force

Tarik Ferhatbegovic was sworn in as a new officer with the Hinsdale Police Department at the Hinsdale Village Board's Jan. 23 meeting.

Ferhatbegovic was hired in August 2023 and recently graduated from Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in Glen Ellyn. He is a recent graduate of Illinois State University, with a degree in

human resource management.

A native of the western suburbs, Ferhatbegovic is fluent in several different languages, including Bosnian, German, Serbian and Croatian. Since a young age, he has had an interest in and passion for law enforcement and is looking forward to being a positive, impactful member of the community in Hinsdale.

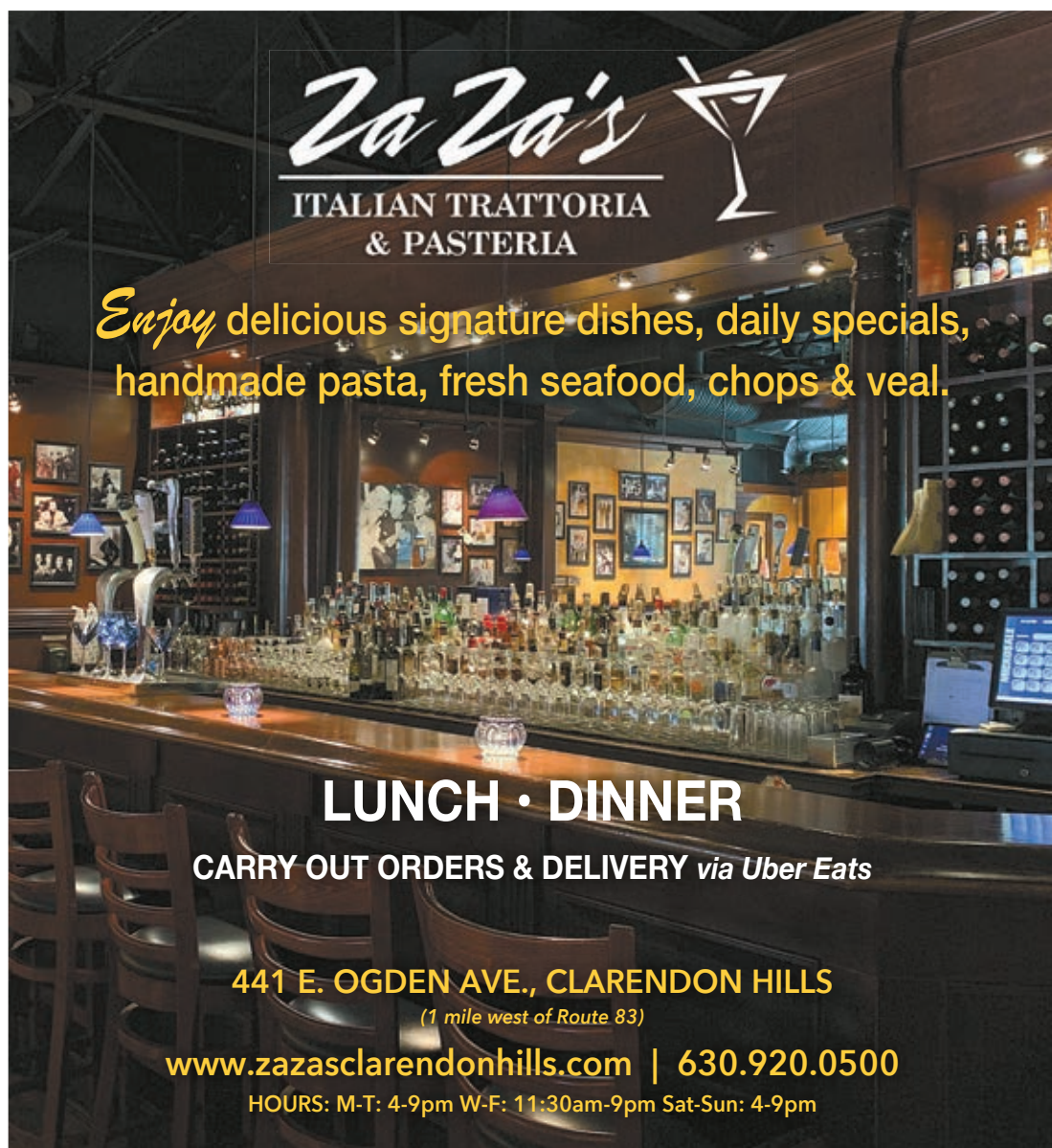


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■ She enjoys interacting with her new neighbors and helping them to make the most of the library and all it has to offer. — **Katherine Wessel**

Library job part of major life change for Wessel

Less than two years ago, Katherine Wessel was a city-dwelling single woman with a corporate job and “living very much a bachelorette lifestyle.” Today, she’s living in Hinsdale with her partner, David Chiang, helping to raise Chiang’s pre-teen twins and enjoying a very different work environment at the Hinsdale Public Library.

“I made a 180-degree switch when I moved to Hinsdale,” Wessel said. It’s a change she does not regret.

Not long after moving in with Chiang and his two children, Wessel learned of the Hinsdale Public Library’s need for an office manager. Wessel already had become a regular visitor to the library, which offered her a sense of community and a resource to feed her reading habit.

“I’ve never had a job I loved this much,” Wessel said.

She enjoys interacting with her new neighbors and helping them to make the most of the library and all it has to offer.

A native of tiny Teutopolis in southern Illinois, Wessel grew up without access to a library. It wasn’t until she attended Illinois State

University that she experienced the vast resources that a library can offer.

Wessel said that at any time, she’s typically enjoying several of those resources simultaneously. A fan of audio books, she’s currently reading a book about medieval history, the New York Times bestseller “Bittersweet,” and “The Sweet Life,” which is giving her insight into life with diabetes.

Diabetes is yet another change that came to Wessel’s life after meeting Chiang. He and his 11-year-old son both are Type 1 diabetics, Wessel said.

“I’m trying to learn more about living with someone with diabetes,” she said, including how to cook meals for her new family. As one of six kids growing up in rural Illinois, she was raised on large portions and plenty of meat and potatoes.

“I grew up with really starchy, hearty meals,” she said. While delicious, those meals don’t fit the needs of someone with diabetes. In learning to prepare diabetic-friendly meals, Wessel said she’s also enjoying a healthier diet.



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The library also has made its way into another part of Wessel’s life. A member of the Hinsdale Junior Woman’s Club and co-chair of its community affairs committee, Wessel is helping to organize a monthly series of “I Spy” dioramas for the library. Each month, a member of the Hinsdale Junior Woman’s Club enlists the help of her family to create a themed box

of objects for the library display. Beside each box is a list of objects hidden inside that children and other admirers are challenged to find.

Wessel said February will offer boxes for Black History Month and Valentine’s Day. While March’s theme is still in the works, Wessel and her family will create a rain-themed box for April.

“They’ve been a hit,”

Wessel said of the dioramas.

Wessel said the Junior Woman’s Club has been “a godsend” that has helped her to meet people and become part of the Hinsdale community.

“I’m a new Hinsdalean,” Wessel said.

But it’s a place she said already feels like home.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

February a time to feel the love — for your heart

February is a month devoted to matters of the heart.

With Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 — wait, that's not what we're talking about here! February is American Heart Month, a time when people are encouraged to focus on cardiovascular health.

For those who didn't pay attention in health class — or are too many years removed to remember — the heart is the primary organ in the circulation system, pumping blood throughout the body, carrying oxygen to every cell. After delivering the oxygen, the blood returns to the heart, which sends it back to the lungs to pick up more oxygen.

Unfortunately, almost half of all Americans have at least one of three key risk factors for heart disease: high blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men in the United States, killing almost 385,000 men in 2021 — that's about 1 in every 4 male deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Half of the men who die suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms.

More than 60 million women — or 44 percent — in this country are living with some form of heart disease, which is the leading cause of

death for women. In 2021, it was responsible for the deaths of almost 311,000 women — or about one in every five female deaths. Research has shown that only about half of US women recognize that heart disease is their No. 1 killer.

While heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, it often can be prevented.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute offers these tips to protect heart health.

1. Get enough quality sleep

That means seven to nine hours of sleep at night for most adults to reduce the risk of having high blood pressure, heart disease and other medical conditions.

2. Eat better

Choose foods low in saturated fat, sodium and added sugar. Try a mix of lean cuts of meat, eat fish once or twice a week and eat two or more meatless meals each week. Consider whole fruits, dried fruits, unsalted rice cakes, fat-free and low-fat yogurt or raw vegetables as a snack.

3. Maintain a healthy weight

Maintaining a healthy weight can help keep cholesterol and blood pressure in healthy ranges, which will reduce the chance of a heart attack or stroke.

4. Be more active

Adults should spend at least 150 minutes each week doing physical activity. Take the stairs, park farther away, march in place or take a walk around the block. Try muscle-strengthening activities like lifting weights, working with resistance bands, doing sit-ups and push-ups or some forms of yoga.

5. Stop smoking

Any amount of smoking damages the heart and blood vessels. Call (800) QUIT NOW or visit www.smokefree.gov to get additional support.

The CDC also recommends limiting alcohol to one drink a day, lowering stress levels and being tested for diabetes, as diabetics have a higher risk of heart disease.

What else can be done? UChicago Medicine Advent Health Hinsdale is offering two heart screening specials.

The \$75 heart scan is recommended for men 35 and older and women 45 and older with either a family history of heart disease or high blood pressure or high cholesterol.

The \$99 vascular screening is for people 55 and older who have a family history of heart disease, are overweight and are a current or former smoker. Call (855) 206-2418 or visit www.ChicagolandHeartExperts.com to schedule.

COMMENTARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The stories start when we're young.

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

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

have any talent.

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

The stories continue as we get older.

We might portray ourselves as someone who won't be able to have a successful career or find the right mate with whom to spend our lives. Other narratives might cover our failure to get enough exercise or drink a responsible amount.

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

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

Fortunately, it all worked out. I've been married almost 28 years to my college sweetheart. We were



Pamela Lannom

taking an "intermission" at the time my mom was panicking about my future as a spinster.

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

Sometimes the stories other people tell us are motivated by good intentions. Perhaps my editor was trying to let me know my strengths were in news writing and encourage me to work harder to excel at feature writing. The change in messaging is subtle but significant.

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

I can't help think of the mantra of Stuart Smalley, the Saturday Night Live character created by Al Franken: "I'm good enough."

I'm smart enough. And doggone it, people like me." Hilarious, to be sure (especially when he has guest Michael Jordan repeat those words in a 1991 episode). But also rather profound.

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

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

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

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

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. This column first was published June 10, 2010.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Mystery of the Italian bagpiper

I enjoy a good mystery. I found one Christmas Eve.

A small, beautiful figurine was strategically placed next to a creche at my sister's house.

I was immediately drawn to it: an elderly man, seated on a rock structure, dressed in old-world European garb, playing a bag-pipe-like instrument. The detail and craftsmanship were stunning, down to the minute wrinkles in his face and tiny fingers on the pipes. It reminded me of a Lladro in quality and artistic aesthetic but crafted from paper mâché. Its imperfections — the piece was very old — made it more appealing.

"An Italian bagpiper. My mom gave it to me before she died," my brother-in-law Steve said, when I inquired.

His eyes lit up with pride and voice filled with sentimental joy as he explained the figurine's history. Intrigued, I wanted to unearth more.

Antonino Indovina was Steve's great-great-grandfather, born in Termini Imerese, a small town about 45 minutes outside of Palermo, Italy, in 1836. The son of a master builder, Antonino inherited his father's gift for imagining, planning and crafting buildings, bridges and roads. A few old articles I obtained from Steve's cousin, who is deep in the family's history (particularly Antonino), suggest he started crafting the figurines as young as 12 years old. He crafted several hundred during his life, and when combined just right, they created breathtaking creche scenes called "presepios." He similarly recreated the "Representation of the Souls in Purgatory" which is on display at the Santa Maria di



Kevin Cook

Gesù Church. Looking at an old photo of this work, I'm reminded of Michelangelo's depiction of cherubs, angels, and the awe of divinity. It was breathtaking.

Antonino made two trips to Chicago, where four of his eight children settled, starting around the late 1890s, with a treasure trove

of his art in tow. I suspect that's how Steve's mother came into possession of the figurine.

An old article in "Archer Road," a monthly publication issued by the Francis E. Clark Settlement (a Chicago school for children of mostly Italian immigrant families) cites that his figurines were proudly displayed at Himera Pharmacy located at 22nd Place and Wentworth Avenue, known today as Chicago's Chinatown. The kindergartners of the Settlement were treated to a holiday presepio viewing there.

His art is still displayed in Termini Imerese and I'm mulling finding a way to bring his collection to Chicago — in part to share his gifts, and Chicago lineage, with Steve, his family and others who will appreciate it.

Most importantly, I discovered Antonino was a man of profound faith and a deep dedication to the Catholic Church. He was devoted to his family.

I see very similar qualities in Steve. And on some level, I now know him better.

We've all wondered about the mystery of our ancestors, seeking answers in our family tree. Some clues are elusive, and others hide in plain sight. For Steve and me, a clue came as an Italian bagpiper.

— Kevin Cook of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Neighbors making living in Hinsdale so wonderful

Jan. 14 we escaped the winter for 11 days. Like always, our neighbors take care of everything while we are gone. We stop the mail and newspaper deliveries and our "ghost lights" go on and off while we are gone.

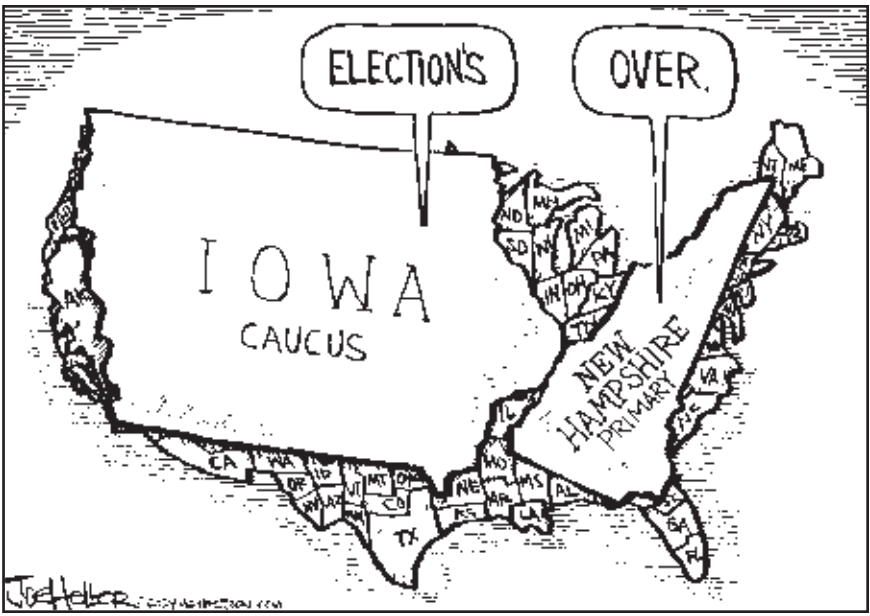
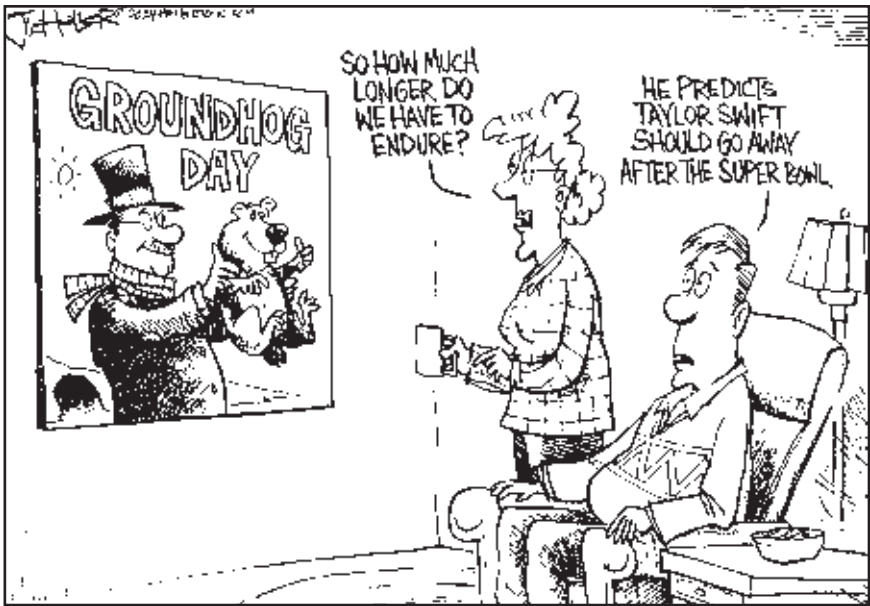
Already a day later, Shari Cornies called us in Mexico to find out if we were well and happy. She had found our Sunday news paper in the driveway. She worried if we were OK, and if we had made the trip to Mexico safely.

Jan. 25 we came back from our dream vacation. Our house was icy like an igloo. We went to bed with the warmest winter outfits

and blankets that we had. The icy weather had caused a broken pipe, water had come in and our house became icy. Nasty!

The next day, Friday, Jan. 26, Tom Woods, another good neighbor, saw the two repair trucks in our driveway. Immediately he contacted us and welcomed us to stay in his house as long as it would take. Can you imagine!

These are just two examples among so many good experiences that we have enjoyed in the past 49 years. It is the people around us who make us feel safe and welcomed. — Sibylle and Peter Sonnenberg, Hinsdale



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OBITUARIES

Dennis A. Calvanese

Dennis A. Calvanese, 85, of Naples, Fla., formerly of Oak Brook, died Jan. 19, 2024.

Dennis attended DePaul University for two years, when his professors encouraged him to pursue his MBA from the University of Chicago. He then embarked on a distinguished international career within the pharmaceutical information industry, rising to the position of chief operating officer at IMS Health and developing the first online pharmaceutical database, Midas.

Dennis's sharp wit and sarcasm was always a source of great entertainment. Above all Dennis loved his wife and family.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years,

Sandra J. Calvanese, nee Nowak; his children, Michelle (Jim) Schroeder, Paxton Calvanese, Bartholomew (Margaret) Calvanese and Amy (Michael) Mangin; his grandchildren, Steven, Renee, Kevin, Nora and Sophie; and his sister, Candice (Joe) Bartucci.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Melody Hartmann and Dorena (Dan) Brescia.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Judith K. Fischer

Judith "Judy" K. Fischer, 73, of Naperville, a former longtime Hinsdale resident, peacefully passed away with her family by her side on Jan. 26, 2024, at Hinsdale Hospital.

She was born in 1950 to Charles and Loretta Fischer. Judy dedicated her professional talents as a senior designer for Studio Snaidero Chicago, leaving a lasting mark in the field. Her creativity and passion were evident in her work, and she made significant contributions to the design community.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Judy was actively involved in the Hinsdale community. Her commitment to preserving local history



Fischer

led her to volunteer at the Hinsdale Historical Society, where she shared her time and expertise with enthusiasm.

Family was at the center of her heart. Her memory will be cherished by those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her children, Jonathan Clasing and Danielle Clasing; and her brothers, Charles, Robert, William and Paul Fischer.

Visitation is from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Nancy VanDyne Fleming

Nancy VanDyne Fleming, 80, of Hinsdale, lost her three-year battle with ovarian cancer on Jan. 19, 2024.

Nancy was born in 1943 in Washington, D.C., to Austin and Ethel Fleming. Nancy spent much of her childhood and most of her adult life in Hinsdale graduating from Hinsdale High School in 1961. Nancy earned her nursing degree from Stanford University ('66) followed by a graduate degree ('68) from University of California, San Francisco (maternal/child nursing). Nancy subsequently earned a master's degree in nurse midwifery and a PhD in women's health, both from the University of Illinois Chicago.

Nancy's 37-year professional career included working as a general practice nurse, an educator, a researcher, an author and a certified nurse-midwife, delivering almost 1,000 babies. Nancy was very active in the American College of Nurse-Midwives, holding many leadership positions within the organization.

Nancy was an active volunteer in the community and globally, determined to leave this world better than it was before. A longtime member of The Rotary Club, she supported many local charitable projects, sponsored several international exchange students and participated in numerous international medical mission trips. She volunteered with CureCervicalCancer as its medical advisor and a member of its board of directors. Nancy was also active in the DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church.

Nancy's love of travel took her to all corners of the world. She especially enjoyed trips that



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included her children and grandchildren. Some of her favorite vacations were to her home in Glen Arbor, Mich., where she enjoyed snowshoeing, hiking, beach walks, bike rides and dinners with friends.

Nancy made long-lasting, personal connections wherever she went, turning friends into family and colleagues and acquaintances into friends. She impacted many lives through her love, generosity, courage and spirit and maintained friendships over the years and around the world, making it a point to stay connected with visits, letters and phone calls.

Nancy adored her family, including her beloved pets, and was the first to volunteer to babysit, dogsit, turtlesit or just show up to lend a hand. Energetic beyond her years, she shared her passion for adventure with her grandkids by taking them on hikes, hot air balloon rides, zip lines, water park rides, whitewater rafting adventures and more. Her love and laughter will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her children, Kristin (Kenneth) Danzinger and Karin (Christopher) Rohn, both of Hinsdale; her grandchildren, Parker and Peyton Rohn and John and Joseph Danzinger; and her loving husband of seven years, Robert Smallwood.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Nancy's life Sunday, March 10, at Salt Creek Club, 830 N. Madison St, Hinsdale, anytime between 1 and 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of choice or CureCervicalCancer at www.curecervicalcancer.org/donate.



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GOOD NEWS

COLLEGE STUDENTS
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The following students from Hinsdale earned a spot on the dean's list or equivalent for the fall 2023 semester at their respective colleges and universities.

- Mari Angelopoulos, Miami University*
- Mack Ashbaugh, Belmont University
- Max Aziz, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Timmy Aziz, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Kelly Baird, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Tommy Batina, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Sophia Biancalana, Belmont University
- Cooper Brackett, University of Alabama
- Leah Bradley, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Joseph Brocato, Miami University
- William Bush, The Citadel
- Declan Cain, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Declan Callahan, Miami

- University
- Meredith Callahan,* University of Alabama
- Ella Centracchio, University of Alabama
- Samuel Cutinelli, College of Charleston
- Katie Dollens, University of Delaware
- Jacob Duba, Iowa State University
- Emerson Eck, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Sophia Elbrecht, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Matthew Elder, University of Iowa
- Loretta Fey, Marquette University
- Alexa Fraghia, University of Alabama
- Dilan Garg, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Juliana Gee, University of Iowa
- Kathleen Gerth, Saint Mary's College
- Gabrielle Gottfried, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- John Greager, Iowa State University

- Katie Grohe, University of Iowa
- Sawyer Groszek, University of Iowa
- Samantha Guido, Iowa State University
- Liam Halpin, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Julia Hanley, Marquette University
- Tucker Hawthorne, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Caroline Hayden, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Grace Heimke, Belmont University
- Briana Hinrichs, Belmont University
- Katelyn Johns, Marquette University
- Brendan Kelly, Miami University
- Jonathan Kobus, University of Alabama
- Isabella Levinthal, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Braden Linn,* University of Alabama
- Madison Lipman, University of Wisconsin-

- Madison
- Vincent Lynch, Marquette University
- Joe Masood, Northern Illinois University
- Drew Merz, Miami University
- Alex Meyers, Miami University
- Carly McClear, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Megan McDonnell, Miami University*
- Maeve McInerney, University of Alabama
- Alexa McMahan, University of Iowa
- Jacqueline McMahan, Miami University*
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- Julianne Roberts,

- University of Iowa
- Michael Ryan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Emma Schackart, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Jonathon Steil, Belmont University
- Cade Sweeney, University of Alabama
- Cody Sweeney, Belmont University
- Hunter Tonn, University of Tennessee
- Eloise VanEekeren, University of Mississippi
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ASK AN EXPERT

EMMA LODUCA, STUDENT DIRECTOR

What does it take to direct a play?

Hinsdale Central senior Emma LoDuca has long been drawn to the enchanting world of live theater. A couple of years ago she developed a passion for the medium of film and sought out a way to support both interests.

That way was directing. LoDuca will make her directorial debut with Hinsdale Central Drama's family-friendly production of "James and the Giant Peach" Feb. 9 and 10 in the school's auditorium (see Page 16 for details).

The famous Roald Dahl fantasy work tells of the English orphan who lives with his two cruel aunts. Through a series of otherworldly events, he befriends anthropomorphic bugs who live inside a giant peach, and they embark on a journey to New York City.

"It's great for kids to get a fun experience. It's pretty interactive, as well," LoDuca said. "It's fun for all ages."

LoDuca has been part of Hinsdale Central Drama since she became a Red Devil, performing in the freshman show and most

recently appearing in last year's production of "Clue."

With a vision of studying film in college, she seized the chance to student-direct as a senior to understand that level of responsibility.

"I just wanted to get some extra experience because I know that's something I might want to do in the future," she said. "I think I really like the ability to tell a story to others and provoke emotions — make people feel something, whether it's happiness or sadness."

Traditionally the troupe has performed one-act plays for its February show, but, to LoDuca's surprise, it was decided to do a full play instead this year.

"That was a little more than I had expected, but I was willing to take it on," she said.

Her familiarity with "James" gave her a head start, and she tried to map out her plan before the first rehearsal so the actors could hit the stage running.

"Just reading through the script and having a general idea of what I want the set and the blocking to be," LoDuca said of her preparation.

Making sure performers are diligent in learning their lines and movements is the single biggest task.

"It's crucial that people know what they're doing and write down their blocking and know where they need to be at what time and have all that memorized," she said.

Because of the rather tight window to pull the show together, LoDuca allowed cast members to lean on line prompts through the first part of this week. Then it's sink or swim.

"Some characters have quite a few monologues," she noted.

LoDuca has navigated budgetary constraints, like determining which props need to be physically present and which can be mimed.

The cast camaraderie that forms is one of her most cherished aspects, through post-show gatherings at Portillo's or just chatting backstage during rehearsal breaks. And she knows that even directors can benefit from direction.

"I feel like I'm a lot more open to taking suggestions and criticism," LoDuca said. "I just want to put my best work out there."

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale Central senior Emma LoDuca is ready to make her directorial debut as she helms Central Drama's student production of "James and the Giant Peach," which will take to the school's stage Feb. 9 and 10. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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Now that's a tasty meatball!

Imported Italian bread the key to Altamura's tender, succulent meatballs

By Pamela Lannom
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Meatballs come in about as many varieties as you can imagine, with different kinds of meats and fillers. I once judged a meatball contest and ate one that contained raisins.

But at Altamura in Hinsdale, the meatball is kept simple. One single ingredient is key to making the meatballs tender and delicious.

"This is our imported bread. This is what I use for bread crumbs," said Carmela St. John, who owns the Italian take-and-bake pizza and specialty shop with her husband, Steve. "That's what makes everything we do a little bit more special, a little bit more different."

Carmela and I begin by pulsing a large piece of the flat bread in a food processor to create the

crumbs. Then we add them to six pounds of ground beef (80/20 lean) along with eight cloves of pressed garlic, four eggs, two cups of milk, one cup of imported Parmesan ("Parmigiano," as Carmela pronounces it), a tablespoon of salt and a bunch of fresh Italian parsley, finely chopped to release its flavor.

"Smell. You can smell it," she says, holding the cutting board up to my nose. "See the difference?"

She drops the parsley in the bowl and it's time to mix. Ingredients need to be thoroughly incorporated, she notes.

"A lot of times I let the meat sit out for a bit and get a little more at room temperature. It's easier to work with. When the meat is not as cold, the ingredients will mix better and also bake more evenly," she said.



Carmela St. John taught me to make Altamura's delicious meatballs Monday. "I love that you can see the fresh ingredients with the parsley, so you know what you've got there," she said. (Jim Slonoff photos)



Creating bread crumbs from imported Italian bread was the first step in making the meatballs. Carmela advised against packing the meat too tightly, which can make the meatballs very dense.



Carmela doesn't roll the balls — she presses the meat together and then tosses it from hand to hand.

"When you put the balls together, you don't want to make it too tight. It gets really dense," she said. "You've got to have enough milk in there. You've got to have the right bread for them not to be really heavy and dense."

The six pounds of meat will make about 45 meatballs at about 2.5 ounces each. Carmela used to weigh each meatball, but now she uses a small measuring cup to portion out the meat.

We make a batch of 15, or enough to fill the foil tray. They smell great even at this stage.

"It's all about the ingredients. People think Italian food is fattening and bad for you and blah, blah, blah," Carmela said. "Americans have bastardized it in some ways, because if you use the freshest of ingredients — and you're going to bake a lot of the fat off of these meatballs when you are baking them and then you use a fresh tomato to cook them in — you can

feel good about eating meatballs."

She slides the tray of meatballs into a pizza oven with a stone to bake at 400 degrees for about 15 minutes.

Carmela remembers her mom making meatballs when she was kid in Altamura, Italy.

"I grew up with my mom frying the meatballs," she said, noting that she bakes the meatballs only partway through.

"We finish cooking them in the sauce, for about an hour. It makes all the difference," she said.

The finished meatballs are used in paninis, on a new pizza (the Altamura Ultimate) and sold in containers of six. My favorite way to eat them is with a fork — or maybe a spoon to scoop up some of that yummy sauce.

Even after helping Carmela make a batch of meatballs, I can't believe how such a simple recipe can deliver such amazing taste and texture.

"Our bread is what makes the difference," Carmela said. "I can't express it enough."



"Pygmalion," the classic George Bernard Shaw play on which "My Fair Lady" is based, is on stage through Sunday at the Theatre of Western Springs. See Page 24 for details. (photo by Eddie Sugarman courtesy of the Theatre of Western Springs)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Needlecraft Night

Feb. 8 & 22
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Drop by with a needlecraft project to work on and enjoy some pleasant conversation with fellow crafting enthusiasts. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

■ Writing and Art Nature Retreat

Feb. 9 & 10
Morton Arboretum
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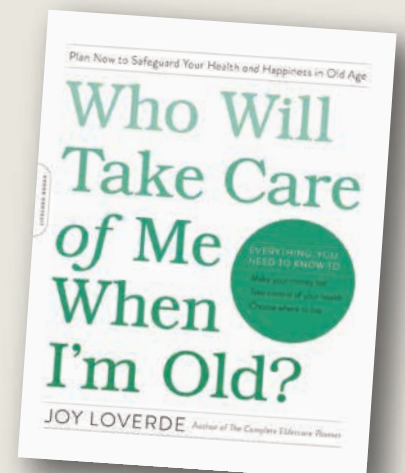
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The dinner date and still the one chicken

Our first date might not have happened if my husband had known I could cook.

I had gone to a concert with a small group of friends. As I was getting in my car, my friend Mark invited me to an impromptu dinner at his apartment. Thrilled but now nervous, I fumbled my car keys. I watched as they went flying and managed to wedge themselves in the seat. At this point, I had lost all hope of looking graceful. But he was kind and patient as I finally managed to fish them out.



Amy McCauley
Tales from the table

Thankfully once I got to his place, cooking and grilling steaks together was a success. As it turned out that night was just the beginning of our culinary adventures. Mark was in medical school and I was in law school. So, the only real time we had together was dinner. Mark was always up for trying something new, which made cooking with him fun. Years later he confessed that it was a good thing he didn't know I could cook. Because otherwise he wouldn't have had the nerve to ask me out that night, but I am glad he took the chance.

We have now been married for 18 years and dinner with him is still the highlight of my day. These days I do most of the cooking, but he calls me on his way home. I cook while we talk about the day. Our two daughters like to cook with me as well. So, in a way dinner has become our sort of lasting love story. No matter how crazy the schedule, we never miss dinner, because it's our family's favorite way to be together.

One of the recipes that I have been making since we were dating is my goat cheese chicken. It's a classic and beloved dinner in our house. There is much talk about recipes for "engagement" or "marry me" chicken, but since this has been the one my husband has loved for more than 20 years, I'm calling mine "Still the one" chicken.

— Amy McCauley of Hinsdale is the paper's food columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

Still the one goat cheese chicken



- 4 medium bone-in skin-on chicken breasts
 - 4 ounces of goat cheese
 - 1/4 cup of finely chopped yellow onion
 - 2 finely minced garlic cloves
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1 egg
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons of Herbs de Provence
 - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper
- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. First, prepare the goat cheese stuffing. Finely chop the onion and mince the garlic. Then

in a medium sized bowl lightly whisk an egg and mix in the goat cheese, onion, garlic, Parmesan cheese, herbs, salt and pepper.

Next, take the goat cheese and carefully place about 3 tablespoons under the skin of each chicken breast. Start at the small opening at the top and slowly push it under the skin so it fills the pocket without tearing a hole. This is important because the skin keeps the cheese inside as it roasts.

Place the chicken breasts on a sheet or shallow roasting pan. Then roast the chicken for 40 to

45 minutes until golden brown. Serve with a side of roasted potatoes or rice. This recipe serves four but can easily be doubled. It's also a wonderful recipe for entertaining because you can prepare the chicken ahead of time and roast it when guests arrive.

Note: My favorite chicken for this recipe comes from Kramer Foods. They have more reasonably sized chicken breasts that come with the skin fully attached. If using a larger chicken breast, adjust the cooking time to 50 minutes.



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student-directed adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic tale. Times: 7 p.m. Feb. 9, 5 p.m. Feb. 10. Tickets: \$10, \$5 for students and children.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship

Feb. 14
Union Church
137 S. Garfield Ave.
ejung@uchinsdale.org
(630) 688-1706

Enjoy the choral music from the women's group Cantate at this monthly gathering along with lunch and fellowship. AIFF aims to promote inclusivity while also supporting charities that reduce hunger, domestic violence and other worthy causes through contributions. Reservations are due by Feb. 8. Contact Elizabeth Jung using the information above. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person (cash or check).

FAMILY FUN

■ A Conversation with Jerry Craft

Feb. 6
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Author, illustrator and cartoonist Jerry Craft will discuss his works and journey to success — including a drawing demo — in this virtual program. Craft's "New Kid" is the only book to win the John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature, the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature and the Coretta Scott King Author Award for the most outstanding work by an African-American writer. Craft will be joined in conversation by Ronnell Whitaker, a founding member of the Lit-X Teacher Cohort and English curriculum director for Community High School District 218 in Oak Lawn. This program is made sponsored by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Lunar New Year Festival

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

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with crafts, games and a talent show for elementary-age children. Hours: 2 to 4 p.m.

FOR A CAUSE

■ Soup & Bread benefit

Feb. 4
Holiday Inn Conference Center
6201 Joliet Road,
Countryside
www.soup-and-bread.beds-plus.org

This family-friendly event will feature about 20 soups, bread and dessert from area restaurants/chefs, various craft beers, wines and spirits, live music and a raffle. Proceeds support BEDS Plus in providing services for people experiencing homelessness in the southwest suburbs. Hours: 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25, free for

ages under 8.

■ Valentines for Seniors card drive

Through Feb. 5
(630) 914-5733
senatorcurran@gmail.com

Illinois Sen. John Curran (R-41, Downers Grove) is holding this fourth annual outreach to provide love and cheer to seniors in the district. Students, churches, Scouting organizations and other community-minded groups can mail or bring homemade or store-bought cards to Sen Curran's district office, 1011 State St., Suite 205, Lemont, to be delivered to assisted living centers, nursing homes and long-term care facilities throughout the community. A drop-off box is located inside the office door during business hours Monday through Friday; use the small mailbox outside the office during off hours.

■ D181 Foundation Trivia Night

Feb. 9
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.

www.d181foundation.org

Get ready for an evening of laughter, friendly competition and brain-teasing fun at this second annual event hosted by the District 181 Foundation. Teams of eight will compete for bragging rights, and there also will be a cash bar, 50/50 raffle and snacks. Teams also can bring their own food. Time: 7 p.m. doors open, 7:30 p.m. start. Tickets: \$75, \$500 for table of 8. RR

GAME ON

■ Softball clinic

Feb. 3
Hinsdale Central fieldhouse
5500 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalecentral.8to18.com

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■ Competitive Mah Jongg Open Play

Thursdays through April 25
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Enjoy American Mah Jongg in this lively weekly co-ed group for players who know the game well. Walk-ins are welcome; the fee is paid at the door. For more information, email Cheryl Wrzesinski at sharedmemories@aol.com or Gloria Javor at gloriajavor@comcast.net. Time: 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$2.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Winter Whereabouts

Feb. 3
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Learn how different native animals survive during the colder winter months. Time: 10 a.m.

■ Fishing: Hard Water Classic

Feb. 3
Blackwell Forest Preserve
Butterfield Road west of
Winfield Road, Warrenville
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Take part in the only competitive ice-fishing tournament in DuPage, complete with door prizes and awards. Participants should bring their own equipment and bait. All ages are welcome. Time: noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$20 at the event. RR

■ Romantic Night Hike

Feb 9 & 10
Fullersburg Woods
3609 Spring Road, Oak
Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Experience the magic of an evening walk along lantern-lit trails on a self-guided, 1- to 2-mile journey, concluding with a roaring fire, roasting marshmallows and hot chocolate. The program is for ages 18 and up. Times: 6, 7 & 8 p.m. Cost: \$12 per person. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Women's Wellness After Cancer

Feb. 6
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road
www.wellnesshouse.org
(630) 323-5150
Be enlightened by medical professionals at this panel presentation and discussion about women's health after cancer treatment, with topics including lymphedema, pelvic floor health, sexual health and nutrition. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. RR

■ Live Sound Meditation

Feb. 7
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468
Practice self-care this winter season with a live sound meditation session featuring crystal singing bowls. The program is for ages 16 and up. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$39. RR. MD

HELP WANTED

■ New Volunteer Open House

Feb. 7
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumane.org/events

Join this monthly "one-stop shop" event to complete the steps to becoming a volunteer at the Hinsdale Humane Society. Tour the shelter, sit in on a presentation about volunteer options and schedule a training session. Volunteers must be 18 or older. Time: 5 to 6 p.m.

■ HHS Kitchen Walk volunteer meeting

Feb. 8
Airoom
36 S. Washington St.,
Hinsdale
kitchenwalk@hinsdalehistory.org

All Hinsdale Historical Society members and interested friends are invited to meet this year's Kitchen Walk co-chairs and learn about the many volunteer opportunities leading up to the May 10 event and the day of. Light bites and refreshments will be served. Volunteers receive a discount on admission to the walk and an invitation to the thank you party. Questions? Send an email to the address listed

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above. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Join the Jolly Boys

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frankiejoe4@hotmail.com

The Hinsdale-based men's choral group The Jolly Boys invite those who enjoy singing a variety of fun music, from George M. Cohan to Elvis Presley, Ray Charles to Richard Carpenter, to join them. Practices are held Thursday evenings at The Community House and include extra time for socializing. Recordings also are made for each vocal part for home practice. Public performances are in April, May, June and December. Annual dues are \$175. Contact Frank Kobes using the information above.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Lunar New Year

Feb. 4

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

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with art and activities. Time: 10 a.m.

■ Colorful Collage

Feb. 9

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

Celebrate Black History Month by stopping by the library's Youth Services Department to pick up with a take-home craft inspired by artist Alma Thomas. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Beginning Beekeeping

Thursdays, Feb. 8-March 7
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

Learn about honeybees, how to start a hive and harvest honey or more about managing an existing hive. This class will cover the history of beekeeping, bee anatomy, starting up a colony, managing it through the year, basic beekeeping supplies and equipment, honeybee pests and diseases, harvesting honey and more. The class is for age 16 and older. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$130. RR, MD

NOTEWORTHY

■ Bruce Molsky

Feb. 3

Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
www.acousticren.com
(630) 941-7797

This Grammy-nominated musician is best known for his work on the fiddle, but his banjo, guitar and distinctive, powerful vocals also resonate with listeners, combining technical virtuosity with relaxed conversational wit. Streaming tickets also are available. The performance is part of the Acoustic Renaissance Concerts series. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

■ Jamie Pastman Trio

Feb. 15

Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
17 West Maple St.
darrenhoward1981@hotmail.com
(815) 383-1065

The band presents "Music Without Boundaries" featuring important musical moments by musicians who changed music forever. Jamie Pastman will narrate as the audience enjoys musical selections and energetic performances by Pastman on piano, Jim Cerceo on bass and Mark Ott on drums. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting Darren Howard using the information above. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30, free for ages 18 and under.

ON STAGE

■ Cirque FLIP Fabrique: Blizzard

Feb. 3

McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Canada's visually stunning cirque troupe explores a refreshing view of contemporary circus, taking the audience on a crazy and poetic journey that celebrates the nostalgic whimsy that winter brings. Times: 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$39-\$49.

■ 'The SpongeBob Musical'

Through Feb. 4

The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.stagedoorfinearts.com
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audience members to dive headfirst into an family-friendly undersea adventure packed with song, dance and a tidal wave of fun as the citizens of Bikini Bottom face a volcanic threat — and hope for unexpected heroes to rise. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays & Thurs., Feb. 1; 2 p.m. Sundays & Sat. Jan. 27; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28. Tickets: \$25-\$30.

■ 'Pygmalion'

Through Feb. 4

Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatrewesternsprings.com
(708) 246-3380

In this classic tale from George Bernard Shaw, linguist professor Henry Higgins is challenged to pass off Eliza, a low-class street flower girl, as a respectable royal lady of high society through grueling training. But she finds herself caught between her new world and the one from which she came. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays & Fridays, 2:30 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$28, \$15 for ages 18 and under.

■ With Love, from Second City

Feb. 10

McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

The world-famous comedy company takes shots at heartbreak, missed connections and the mire of human relationships. The show may contain adult languages and themes. Times: 5 & 8 p.m. Tickets: \$30-\$48.

■ 'The Other Place'

Feb. 15-25

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4384 Hampton Ave.
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(708) 246-3380

The life of successful neurologist Juliana Smithton seems to be coming unhinged as she faces divorce, a daughter's elopement with a much older man and personal health struggles. But there's more to the story as the elusive truth about Juliana boils to the surface. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$28, \$15 for children &

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[D181.org/Registration](https://d181.org/Registration)



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Home Schools

MORE INFORMATION:

arangel@d181.org
(630) 861-4900



To register, you will need a photo ID, child's birth certificate, residency and health forms.

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students.

SENIOR SCENE

■ S.E.N.I.O.R.S.

Feb. 8
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Those age 55 and up are invited to join in a nature-inspired adventure as part of Seniors Enjoying Nature Inside/Outside Rain or Shine. Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ Art Institute trip

Feb. 8
Leave from Westmont
Community Center
75 E. Richmond St.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/
pr
(630) 789-7090

Spend the day at one of the world's oldest and largest art museums right in Chicago, with everything from Monet to Van Gogh to Picasso to

O'Keefe as well as intriguing artifacts spanning every era and culture. Enjoy lunch (not included) at one of the Art Institute's two dining cafes. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$91. RR

■ Prime Time A+

Tuesdays & Thursdays
through April 30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.
org
(630) 323-7500

This easy-to-follow class for adults 50 and older features low-impact workouts to improve cardiovascular fitness, strength, balance and flexibility. Time: 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Cost: \$85 for a 10-class punch card.

SIGN UP NOW

■ Get Ready for the Total Solar Eclipse

Feb. 5
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

(630) 986-1976

Another solar eclipse will be visible from Hinsdale on April 8. Join Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium to learn all about it and receive one pair of eclipse glasses. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

■ Surgical Sciences museum tour & lunch

Feb. 8
Leave from The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.
org
(630) 323-7500

Journey through time and explore the development of anesthesia, germ theory and anatomical knowledge at the International Museum of Surgical Sciences in Chicago. See the process of a leg amputation from the mid-1800s, with no anesthesia and no sterilization. A catered lunch will be served following the tour at The Community House. Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$59. RR, MD

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Movie Music Tribute to Black History

Feb. 12
Clarendon Hills Public Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.
www.clarendonhillslibrary.
org
(630) 323-8188

Film historian John LeGear will reveal the ways African American writers, musicians and performers have enriched the American experience by sharing a collection of film clips, music and photos that reflects a small portion of their contributions over the past 80 years. A brief question and answer period with open discussion will follow the show. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Black History Month Exhibit

Through Feb. 29
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Learn about African-

American skiers and the challenges they faced in winter sports. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

STEPPING BACK

■ The Lights of Paris

Feb. 1-3
Immanuel Hall
302 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalehistory.org

Be dazzled as the Hinsdale Historical Society presents The Lights of Paris: An Immersive Antique Poster Exhibition & Sale, featuring stunning Belle Epoque posters — including images of Hinsdale's own Loie Fuller. The opening reception at 6 tonight, Feb. 1, will honor the late Beverly Erickson, a local collector and historian. Guests will enjoy libations and light bites. The event continues Feb. 2 with an 11 a.m. discussion about 19th-century poster making by renowned art dealers Greg Bloch and Hope Lloyd Brown as well as art and auction experts on hand sharing their expertise. Feb. 3 activities will include a

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1 p.m. screening of the 2023 award-winning documentary on Loie titled "Obsessed with Light." Hours: 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 3.

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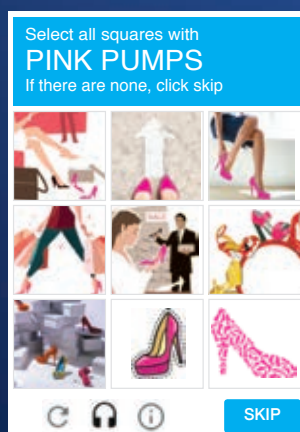
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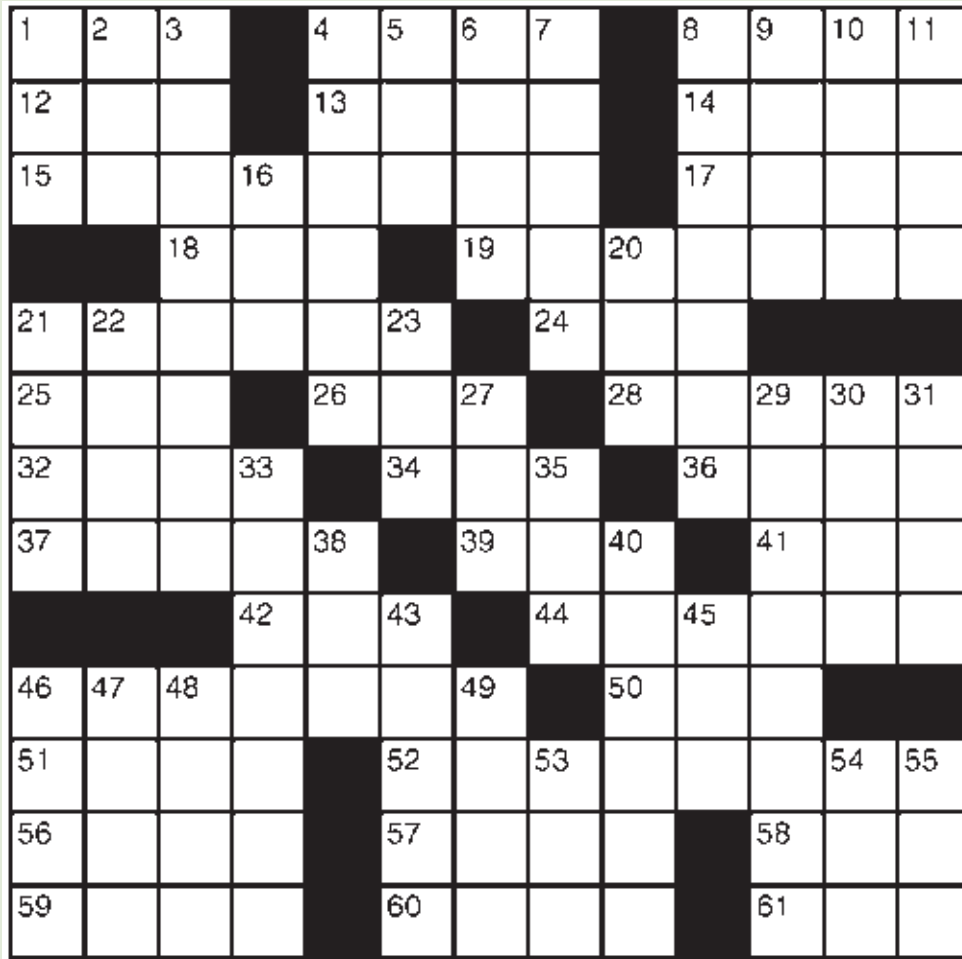
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 - 36 GOLFER'S CRY
 - 37 CAMPFIRE LEFTOVERS
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 - 9 BIBLICAL COVER-UP?
 - 10 PETTY OF
 - 11 "TANK GIRL"
 - 12 -- IMPASSE
 - 13 INNOCENT ONE
 - 14 EWE'S MATE
 - 15 WORKOUT VENUE
 - 16 ACTRESS GERSHON
 - 17 MARK HARMON
 - 18 TV SERIES
 - 19 MELANCHOLY
 - 20 FELLA
 - 21 "ATLAS SHRUGGED"
 - 22 HERO
 - 23 EXAM FORMAT
 - 24 "RATATOUILLE" RAT
 - 25 PATTY HEARST,
 - 26 FOR ONE
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 - 28 FR. HOLY WOMAN
 - 29 MONOPOLY JOB
 - 30 SEAFOOD SELECTION
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 - 35 BOO-BOO'S BUDDY
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 - 39 BOX OFFICE BUYS,
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Prized 2. Sweet;
3. Simple; 4. Kidnap

Today's Word
SNEEZED

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the four letters to form the answer to the puzzle.



"Now, where were we before?"

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TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

February 2024 Horoscopes • Week 1



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Dreams have been entertaining and awfully vivid lately, Capricorn. But you can't put too much stock in them. They may simply be your subconscious mind trying to work through things.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
There is a new person in your life who may become a source of inspiration, Aries. It's a new year and you are ready for all the novel experiences you can encounter.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you tend to be good about not letting work life bleed into your personal affairs. However, this week you may need to have some carryover to accomplish all that lies ahead.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, use whatever opportunities you have to speak to older family members and jot down the memories they have. Time is fleeting and you want to learn all you can.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Express gratitude when you are gifted something both thoughtful and expensive, Aquarius. This is something you have had your eye on for some time but never purchased yourself.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you could be feeling more grounded in your personal life than you have in some time. The people you surround yourself with accept and love you unconditionally.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Some good news may arrive this week that will put you on cloud nine, Leo. Just don't let this enthusiasm distract you from getting all of your business wrapped up on time.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Surround yourself with people who bring positivity into your life, Scorpio. It is alright to take inventory and distance yourself from others who do not generate positive vibes.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
You're likely to be very busy soon enough, Pisces. Some loud and busy people may come into your life in the next few days. It may prove hard to find a quiet moment afterwards.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, if a suggestion goes against your instincts this week, give it careful consideration nonetheless. This person may have some good ideas that you may not have thought of.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
A charming person may come into your life this week, Virgo. At first he or she may be a whirlwind and confuse you for some time. Eventually, you may catch on and go with the flow.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
People who believe they have a lot of power are going to be all around you this week, Sagittarius. Don't fall prey to any intimidation tactics. Continue to do your own thing.

SPORTS

TWO HOOPSTERS IN HALL OF FAME

Two of the most successful boys and girls basketball players in Hinsdale Central history have been announced as members of the Illinois Basketball Coaches



Kokenis

Association on Hall of Fame Class of 2024. Brian Wardle and Toni Kokenis will join the IBCA Hall of Fame in a May ceremony.

Wardle, a three-time All-West Suburban Conference basketball player, led Hinsdale Central to two straight Elite Eight appearances in the state finals in 1996 and 1997. Over that period, Wardle captained and led Red Devils to a 55-7 record and was a back-to-back All-State selection. Wardle ended his high school career as the school's all-time leading scorer (1,632 points) and rebounder (668). At Marquette University, Brian served as team captain; was the second leading scorer in Conference USA, averaging 18.8 points per game; and was the Golden Eagles third all-time leading scorer in school history. Wardle played professionally for two seasons in the NBA Development League and the Continental Basketball Association before starting his coaching career. As a Division I head coach, Wardle guided the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Bradley University to a collective six 20-win seasons, and five postseason appearances.

Kokenis earned All-West Suburban Conference honors all four years and was a three-time All-State guard. She was

named to the Champaign News Gazette All-State Team in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Kokenis would score 2,031 points in her high school career — at the time, the most points ever for a Red Devils player for either boys or girls hoops. Kokenis was also named to the All-State Team in soccer in 2009, leading her team to the state championship. Over her three years playing basketball at Stanford University, Kokenis played in a pair of NCAA Women's Final Fours and won three Pac-12 titles. She was chosen as an All-Pac 12 selection as a sophomore in 2012 and led the conference with a 2.24 assist-to-turnover ratio. Kokenis announced her medical retirement from the sport in July of 2013.

Earlier this year, both Wardle and Kokenis were selected to the WSC-100 Honor Roll, as members of the league's greatest athletes representing all sports in the West Suburban Conference's 100-Year history.

SKOKNA MAKES FIRST TEAM

Hinsdale's Luke Skokna earned Missouri Valley Football Conference accolades for his play this fall at the University of North Dakota. The senior kickoff returner was named a first team return specialist and an honorable mention all-purpose player for the All-MVFC Team on Nov. 27. Skokna's eight kickoff returns for 303 yards helped UND lead the nation in yards per return. His highlights included a 100-yard return for a touchdown in a 49-24 Fighting Hawks win over North Dakota State Oct. 14. The former Hinsdale Central standout also rushed 57 times for 261 yards.

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- Login or follow prompts to create a new account
- Follow steps to register your child



Mandatory Workout Day tryouts – 2/4/24:

- Where: Hinsdale Central High School Field House
- When: Sunday, February 4, 2024
 - 6yo – 8:00 a.m.
 - 7yo – 8:45 a.m.
 - 8yo – 9:30 a.m.
 - 9yo and any older kids new to HLL – 10:15 a.m.
- If you are unable to make your assigned time, please come when you are able.

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Tentative 2024 Season Schedule



- Registration started 1/8/24
- Mandatory Workout Day 2/4/24
- Registration closes 2/16/24
- HLL draft day 3/2/24
- Practices start first week in April (weather permitting)
- Opening Day to be early April
- Watch your emails for more info!

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Sofia Arain
Oak Brook

How did you get interested in wrestling?

I’ve always liked fast-acting and kind of combative sports. I’ve done soccer for years. When I heard the girls were going out for wrestling last year, I thought, “Why not me?” and I ended up falling in love with it.

What is it like being in a new sport?

It’s hard and sometimes you don’t have a lot to go on. Last year there were no regionals, there were only sectionals. This year regionals was wonderful. There were quite a lot of worthy opponents. To make a community at Hinsdale Central in a matter of two years — it’s amazing the work you can accomplish when it’s just you and a bunch of hard-working girls in a room together.

How have you improved since last year?

The biggest thing I’ve improved on was my mindset toward working hard, and being consistent with the sport greatly improved my work ethic both in and out of athletics.

How demanding is wrestling?

Wrestling is probably the best choice I’ve ever made for myself, but with that comes the strength and the strong mindset you need for it. It’s the toughest thing I’ve

ever been through.

How do you get ready for a match?

Something that I always do is walk around, kind of get my jitters out. I’m never afraid to ask my coach for help. The biggest thing to remember right before I shake hands is I tried my hardest for this, and if I go down, it’s not going to be without a fight.

How important is family to you?

I’m really proud of where I come from. My mom is from rural Ohio and my dad is from here. He went to Hinsdale Central way back when, and his mom is Filipino and his dad is Pakistani. I’m a big family kind of person. Family is everything to me.

What are your other interests?

I also love music. I never really thought that sports were my thing until I started to get in the habit of soccer and then wrestling.

Why does coach Pat Kohl like having Arain on the team?

Sofia is a second-year wrestler who is physically and mentally tough with a current record of 15-2. Chosen as a captain by her teammates, Sofia is a natural and outspoken leader.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys Jan. 27 @ Lincoln-Way West Shoot Out vs. Minooka V wins 63-56 Buzelis, 15 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, block Howell, 14 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals Kozys, 9 points, 2 rebounds, steal Daniel Orozco, 7 points, rebound, steal Dell, 6 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, steal Reddy, 5 points, steal Thick, 4 points, 3 rebounds Deftos, 3 points, 3 steals, 2 assists Kusak, assist, 3 steals Dillon Orozco, rebound, assist Jan. 26 @ York V loses 53-56	Basketball, girls Jan. 30 vs. R-B V loses 48-63 Gin, 12 points, 6 rebounds, assist, 2 steals Dolan, 9 points, 5 rebounds, steal	Basketball, boys Jan. 27 @ LT V loses 57-62 Jan. 26 vs. York V loses 44-58 Jan. 24 vs. Proviso West V wins 57-37	Basketball, girls Jan. 29 @ WSC Head Pin Tourney V places 9th with 3.916 pins Jan. 24 vs. Downers North V loses 2,169-2,381 Wu, 492 Montanye, 413 Liu, 372 Reinhardt, 353 Groom, 297 Ranjan, 242	Gymnastics, girls Jan. 30 @ IHSA regional V places 3rd with 131.9 points Vault Hamelka, 3rd, 9.1 Uneven bars Hamelka, 2nd, 8.775 Sullivan, 5th (tie), 8.15 Driscoll, 5th (tie), 8.15 Balance beam Hamelka, 3rd, 8.95 All-around Hamelka, 3rd, 35 Jan. 27 @ WSC Championship V places 5th with 130.225 points	Hockey Jan. 29 @ Benet V loses 2-4 Crabb, goal Weller, goal Jan. 28 @ LT V loses 0-5	Swimming, boys Jan. 26 @ Glenbard West V wins 148-32 200-yard medley relay L. Vatev, Vergara, Newcomer, Suliga, 1st, 1:40.59	G. Pelinkovic, N. Pelinkovic, Chase, Shiell, 2nd, 1:44.58 200-yard freestyle Benington, 1st, 1:52.05 Marcet, 2nd, 1:55.75 Norman, 3rd, 1:55.95 200-yard IM Vergara, 1st, 2:05.9 Feiro, 2nd, 2:06.67 Byrne, 3rd, 2:14.45 50-yard freestyle Harris, 1st, 22.49 Adamo, 2nd, 23.02 Newcomer, 3rd, 23.59 1-meter diving Brown, 1st, 213.7 Turek, 2nd, 185.85 100-yard butterfly L. Vatev, 1st, 56.1 Tarnuaskas, 2nd, 59.24 G. Pelinkovic, 3rd, 59.24 100-yard freestyle N. Pelinkovic, 1st, 50.33 Suliga, 2nd, 50.4 Feiro, 3rd, 51.48 500-yard freestyle Bertulis, 1st, 4:47.97 Chase, 2nd, 5:13.91 Gao, 3rd, 5:31.59 200-yard freestyle relay Bey, Guo, Hou, Bertulis, 1st, 1:27.86 Tarnuaskas, Harris,	Adamo, Vatev, 2nd, 1:30.54 100-yard backstroke Hou, 1st, 52.61 Guo, 2nd, 52.76 Bey, 3rd, 54.59 100-yard breaststroke Bey, 1st, 1:00.69 Hou, 2nd, 1:01.18 Guo, 3rd, 1:04.21 400-yard free relay Bey, Guo, Hou, Bertulis, 1st, 3:17.36 Sheill, Adamo, Marcet, Suliga, 2nd, 3:28.03
							Wrestling, boys Jan. 25 vs. Glenbard West V loses 6-65	Wrestling, girls Jan. 26 & 27 @ IHSA regional V places 20th with 61 points 130 pounds Hart, 4th place, 24 points 145 pounds Arain, 4th place, 22 points 190 pounds Black, 10 points 170 pounds Ford, 5 points

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central’s Ann Schaefer reaches to snare an offensive rebound between two defenders Tuesday night as Central hosted Riverside-Brookfield in a non-conference game. The visiting Bulldogs got the best of the Red Devils, who fell 48-63. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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SPORTS

Staying hot is Central hockey's goal

A run of impressive wins to close the regular schedule has team eager for postseason

By Ken Knutson

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The high school hockey journey is a long and grinding one, starting in local rinks in September and culminating with the state championship at Chicago's Uiniter Center in mid-March. As the Hinsdale Central Hockey Club's varsity team heads into the final stretch, the squad is showing signs of hitting its bladed stride at the right time.

Head coach Spencer Anderson said team confidence is high after sweeping all eight of its games in the silver division of Illinois West league's seeding tournament to determine placement in the state bracket.

"We made it a goal to go undefeated through that and we were able to accomplish that," he said.

The spotless record was threatened in the finale Jan. 20 when the Red Devils found themselves trailing the visiting DuPage Stars 1-4 in the second period. Four unanswered goals by hosts — on senior night, of all occasions — preserved perfection in thrilling fashion with a 5-4 triumph.

"Good teams find ways to win," Anderson said. "Watching the kids step up and have that belief has kind of energized us going into the playoffs."

Senior Oliver Harris said the comeback victory was a dream finish.

"The whole locker room was hyped after that. It was so fun," he said, speaking after practice Saturday at the Willowbrook Ice Arena. "High school hockey is fun because your friends come to the games, and you see your (teammates) at school. At rivalry games, everyone gets rowdy."

Speaking of rivalry, senior goalie Miles Anderson was sidelined by suspension early in the season for fighting in a game against arch-nemesis LT. He acknowledged learning a hard lesson.

"After I came back I was felt like every game is precious and I need to play every game like it's my last," said Miles Anderson, who attends Benet Academy but joined the Central hockey club last year. "I came in my junior year, and



Hinsdale Central Hockey Club senior Will Romberger fires a shot past the defense during a recent game. The Red Devils are coming off a state-ment stretch of eight straight wins to earn a seed in the state tournament that opens this month. Head coach Spencer Anderson said their opponents will face an improved varsity squad. "The team that (competitors) played in September and October isn't the same team that we are in January and February." (photo courtesy of Lisa Romberger)

they were super-welcoming. I love playing with them."

Sophomore Derek Daze cited a 5-2 win over a talented Plainfield squad in October for revealing what was possible.

"We got momentum because back then Plainfield was high in the rankings, and we were supposed to lose to them," Daze said. "That gave us confidence."

Fellow sophomore Eddie Yu said that confidence came to the fore in the recent seeding games.

"We knew we were pretty good going in," he said.

"This team works hard and plays hard," Spencer Anderson said. "We don't have the most skilled team, but we do have skilled players. Each guy plays for one another, from our goaltender to our offense to our defense."

Injuries go with the rough-and-tumble territory of the sport,

"We've fought through some pain and discomfort, for sure," he said.

Team leader senior Will Romberger, who's battled back from shoulder and knee issues

during the season, said building a close-knit culture has been a focal point since a preseason team bonding retreat to Wisconsin.

After going 8-7 in the conference tiering round September through November, he said that camaraderie has really kicked in.

"We proved through those (seeding) games as well as some of the nonconference games we played against top teams that we really can compete with anybody," Romberger said. "We have to come prepared and come with the mentality that we can win."

Harris, recalling his freshman experience, said being a mentor to underclassmen has been especially rewarding.

"It's fun having an older guy to look up to. It's good that we can become those older guys and mentors," he said.

Spencer Anderson spoke to the desire to give comrades in their final year a memorable send-off.

"Every one of those guys in the locker room wants to make sure that we're playing for our seniors," he said. "You never know when

your hockey career is done, and you can never get that time back. We want to make sure that we're playing hard every day.

"I'm so proud of all the guys who bought in this year. This team has some grit. A lot these kids were asked to play different roles, and they've stepped up," he added.

Both coach and players expressed appreciation for the community support the team has received, and he hopes fans enjoy the action. That support is eagerly sought this week as the Red Devils vie for the West Cup to close out the Illinois West conference season. That means having to defeat (who else?) LT in a first-round best-of-three series. The Lions took Sunday's opener, so raucous Devils fans are encouraged to help turn the tables in game two at 6:35 p.m. Saturday at the Willowbrook Ice Arena.

"This team won't go down without a fight," Spencer Anderson said. "They're going to play an absolute war of a series between two really good hockey clubs."



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