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Music maker — Grace Blank was all in during her Tiny Toes Music class at The Community House earlier this month. With Roberta Wentling leading the children, they were quick to join in on both singing and dancing the morning away. The musical instrument part of the class was a big hit as well. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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Humane society's Rossi ready to release 'Unleashed.'

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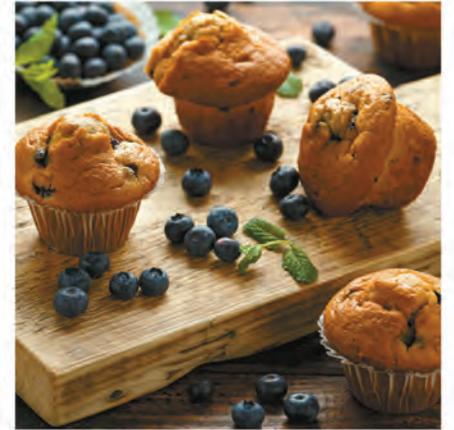
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Tensions high at D86 board meeting

D86 security officer admonishes crowd, later recommends the board adjourn

By Pamela Lannom
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Some three dozen speakers offered about 2 1/2 hours of public comment during the Feb. 10 Hinsdale High School District 86 Board meeting at which board members voted 5-2 to continue the COVID-19 mitigations approved in August.

Many speakers offered impassioned pleas for the board to lift the mask mandate, including several Hinsdale Central students.

"We are exhausted from being manipulated and exploited into wearing masks," Central student Sydney Pjesky said. "It's time to support the students."

Many residents criticized Superintendent Tammy Prentiss for not having a plan in place in the event a decision was made in the lawsuit challenging the state's school mask mandate. The court issued a temporary restraining order against the mandate Feb. 4. District 86 lawyers interpreted the ruling as applying only to the individual plaintiffs in the case.

"This type of chaos doesn't hap-

pen to this degree at well-run school districts," Susan Owens said, adding that the overarching problem is not about masks, racism, grading, math or science sequences, but about poor leadership.

"We need a trusted and experienced leader to help us do so," she continued. "Enough is enough."

Creighton Meland said Prentiss also exhibited a lack of transparency, accountability and trust in leading the district's diversity and equity initiative.

"If you wonder why there was public unrest, look in the mirror," he said.

Several speakers cited emails obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request that shows Prentiss added two lines to a withdrawal letter from Valda Valbrun, who was being considered for hire as the district's diversity and equity consultant. Prentiss maintains she added the language at Valbrun's request.

Board members had their own testy exchanges, with Jeff Waters calling on Kathleen Hirsman to refrain from voting on the mask mandate because she doesn't have kids in the district.

When the board did vote, Waters

and Peggy James voted to make masks optional. Hirsman, Cynthia Hanson, Erik Held, Debbie Levinthal and Terri Walker voted to maintain the mitigation strategies the board approved in August, including masks.

After adjourning for a closed session discussion, board members took their seats and spoke with a different tone.

James said the requirement that four members must agree before a discussion topic can be added to a future meeting agenda is creating division.

"I believe we can do better," she said, going on record that she will approve any board member's request for a future agenda item.

"I believe that we as a collective group have the duty to listen to each other," James said. "If you feel it's worth discussing a subject, that is good enough for me."

Board member Debbie Levinthal apologized for the lack of a public meeting following the judge's issuance of the TRO. She and Waters indicated they both had requested

Panel suspends COVID-19 mitigations

Following a vote by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules Tuesday, there is no state mandate on masking or other measures for public or private K-12 schools, at least for the time being.

The committee voted 9-0 to object to the latest version of COVID-19 mitigations for public schools, saying in part that those rules are still being litigated in a state appellate court.

The Illinois Department of Public Health filed the emergency rules late Monday to renew the emergency rules it had issued in September, which expired Sunday.

However, a Sangamon County judge last week issued a temporary restraining order halting enforcement of those September rules in the 170 school districts that were parties in the lawsuit.

Those rules included requirements for face coverings in school buildings, vaccination or testing for employees and quarantines for "close contacts" of individuals who had a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.

That case is now on appeal in the 4th District Court of Appeals.

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 voted to go mask-optional last week. Hinsdale High School District 86 voted Thursday to retain its COVID-19 mitigations, including masking. The district had no comment on Tuesday's ruling.

— by Peter Hancock of Capitol News Illinois

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Some 100 Hinsdale Central students walked out of 10th period Tuesday afternoon in protest of the continued requirement to wear masks in school. The group gathered with parents in the parking lot of the administrative building across Grant Street from the high school. (Jim Slonoff photo)



■ “They seem like wonderful people. Even though they’re biologically related, they are strangers, but you do feel, at least I felt, some type of instant connection.”

— Mary Catalano

Curiosity prompts search for birth mom

Catalano anxious to meet half-siblings and other relatives she found right before COVID

By Pamela Lannom

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Mary Catalano still has “The Chosen Baby” book her parents gave her for Christmas in 1966 to help her understand adoption.

“To our chosen baby, precious Mary Margaret. All our love, Mommy + Daddy,” its inscription reads.

“I’ve known ever since I was born,” Catalano said. “I’ve always known I was adopted so it was nothing new. I was always open talking about it. It wasn’t something I tried to hide.”

Growing up in Gwynedd Valley, Pa., Catalano didn’t have a desire to find her birth parents, but she did wonder about them sometimes.

“I’ve always liked a good story and a good puzzle, so I was always like, ‘What did they look like?’ You come up with different scenarios about where you came from,” Catalano said.

She also had questions about her medical history, which she addressed by taking extra precautions, such as getting her first mammogram at age 30 and seeing a cardiologist when she was 40.

“It was just because I had no family history. I didn’t know,” she said.

Her curiosity led her to initiate her first search in the late 1990s, while she was still living in Pennsylvania. She contacted Catholic Social Services to obtain information. The \$100 fee they requested didn’t sit well with her, and so she abandoned the effort.

When she and her husband, Chris, moved to Hinsdale 22 years ago and started their family, her feelings changed. Her adoption took on new meaning when her oldest child was born.

“I looked at him and I said to my husband, ‘Wow, this is the first person I’m meeting that I’m actually biologically related to,’” she said. “I never thought that it was something that was always in the back of my mind until then.”

Catalano revived her research, turning this time to the Internet. Her starting point was the name of her birth mother, Helen Kenny, which was on the original birth certificate she obtained when records laws changed in Pennsylvania. She eventually

pieced together that Helen had been married to a Jerry Lavelle and had two other children. She also discovered that Helen had died, and tried unsuccessfully to contact Helen’s brother. After he died, she read the names of two people she believed to be her siblings in his obituary. She reached out and Helen’s son Gary, who lives in Tennessee, replied right away.

“Within an hour, my half-brother, he reached back out to me on Facebook and gave me his phone number and said, ‘Hey, if you want to talk, I’m free the next hour,’” she recalled.

She was nervous to make the call, of course, but had no fear of rejection.

“They can’t dislike me — they don’t even know me,” she recalled thinking. “There were decisions made 56 years ago that I had nothing to do with. I had no control.”

Her conversation with Gary went well, and he was able to fill her in on more of her family’s story. Helen and her first husband, David, lived in Scotland when Gary was born. They later moved to the U.S. and split up. Helen then had

an affair and became pregnant with the baby she would place for adoption. On learning of her pregnancy, Helen’s mother-in-law and a priest threatened to have her deported back to Scotland if she refused to give up the baby. And they would take custody of her son.

Helen complied. After the baby was placed, she found herself living with her son Gary on her own.

“Jerry, her younger brother-in-law, has been coming over to help out,” Catalano said. “They fall in love and get married.”

Helen and Jerry have a daughter, a half-sister to Gary and to Catalano. Catalano reached out to her as well, but has not received a response.

Gary didn’t have any information about Catalano’s birth father, and it wasn’t until she sent a DNA sample to ancestry.com that she was able to learn more details. She discovered she shared DNA with a “Levell” family and spoke first with a cousin named Karen. Later she was notified of a match with a half-sister, Dawn. Karen’s and Dawn’s fathers were brothers, but they had had a falling out and the

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cousins didn’t talk much.

From Dawn Catalano learned Helen had an affair with a man named Clement Levell, who had since passed away.

“They had the same last name but spelled differently,” Catalano said. “All of this happened in the fall of 2019, and then COVID hit. I haven’t met anybody.”

The Lavelle/Levell happenstance isn’t the only strange coincidence in Catalano’s story. It turns out Gary was in the same graduating class at Villanova University as her husband, Chris. She attended Villanova as well, graduating two years later in 1987.

Catalano said she holds no bitterness toward Helen for giving her away, knowing how she would feel if she had to give up one of her own three children (Sean, 28, Kaile, 26, and Matt, almost 24).

“She sounds to me like she was a survivor,” she said of her birth mother. “She did what she needed to do for her family.”

Catalano said she looks forward to meeting her birth family when it is safe to do so.

“Absolutely I would like to meet them and talk to them,” she said. “They seem like wonderful people. Even though they’re biologically related, they are strangers, but you do feel, at least I felt, some type of instant connection.”

And she’s happy to have learned more of her own story.

“I feel like I have an idea where I came from,” she said. “My parents who raised me are my parents and I came from Pennsylvania, but it’s nice to know a family history.”



Mary Catalano, a longtime Hinsdale resident who moved to Burr Ridge last year, was adopted as a baby. Catalano said giving birth to her first child, Sean (right), stirred

her desire to search for her birth family. She found two half-siblings and other relatives but has yet to meet them due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (photos provided)

■ “My mother goes, ‘Oh my gosh, this is so weird. Someone put your high school graduation picture in this,’ We look that much alike. It was a moment. It was pretty amazing.”
—Jackie Pyle

Detective work pays off for one adoptee

Pyle never meets her birth parents, but finds love and acceptance from extended family

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When Jackie Pyle of Hinsdale began searching for her birth mother in 1989, the only clue she had was her full maiden name. Resources like ancestry.com and 23andme were yet to be developed.

She joined a west suburban chapter of ALMA, the Adoptees’ Liberty Movement Association, and began to do the tedious work of piecing together her past.

“We lived at the Newberry library,” she said, noting her husband Ken, who died in 1995, was a huge help.

“Any adoptee could be a private detective — I really think so,” she said.

She wrote the state requesting nonidentifying information and began compiling a list of facts. She found out her birth mother’s age at the time of delivery, that her birth mother had a sister and where her birth father worked. Eventually she found her grandfather’s name and was able to obtain a copy of his death certificate.

“Then the pieces started falling into place,” she said. “My birth mother was the informant on the death certificate. I remember I was so excited to see her signature.”

Pyle was even more excited when she learned where her birth mother went to high school and was able to visit the school and see her picture in a yearbook. Her adoptive dad died when she was 21, but her adoptive mom was with her at the time.

“My mother goes, ‘Oh my gosh, this is so weird. Someone put your high school graduation picture in this,’” Pyle recalled. “We look that much alike. It was a moment. It was pretty amazing.”

Pyle said she commenced the search in order to obtain medical information after her obstetrician, Hinsdale’s



Hinsdale's Jackie Pyle spent years conducting an extensive search to find her birth parents, whose high school photos are shown here. They are both deceased, but she has met her birth mom’s only sister, Ruth, and many cousins. Pyle and her daughter Lauren (second from left) enjoyed catching up with one group of cousins from Crystal Lake — Jake (from left), Josh, Brian and Ben Burr. (photos provided)

Dr. Lanny Wilson, asked her about her family medical history while she was pregnant. “I realized I knew nothing. Nothing at all,” she said.

Pyle grew up in Beverly, the only child of parents in their 40s. Although the Irish Catholic families who lived in the neighborhood all had young parents and 11 or 12 kids, she never felt out of place.

“I had the best parents in the world. It was just phenomenal,” she said. “I was raised as an only child. They were ready to stay home and just be a family. It really was a June Cleaver type of family.”

“I didn’t grow up feeling less than,” she added. “I grew up feeling very wanted and very loved.”

As Pyle continued her search, she located the cemetery where her grandfather was buried. When she arrived, she learned her birth mother also had passed away, coincidentally on that very day years earlier. The cemetery’s

caretaker gave her the name and phone number of the individuals listed as contacts for the graves.

Pyle called a man named Paul, believing she was reaching out to the stepson of her birth mother, and spoke with his wife.

“She said, ‘Well, you’re wrong. That’s his mother.’ That’s when I realized — which I never contemplated — that I had a sibling.”

“About 20 minutes later he called me from Germany,” she continued. “He said, ‘I’m getting on a plane and I’m coming home. I need your address. I’m coming to your house.’”

Pyle felt more comfortable driving to his house, which she did with her husband and daughters. Her first meeting with Paul, who is eight years younger, was an emotional one. She learned he was only 12 when their birth mother died.

“He opens the door and he grabs my face and falls down

on the ground and puts his arms around my knees and started sobbing,” Pyle said. “He said, ‘Oh my gosh, I’ve been forgetting her.’”

Although her birth father has also passed away, Pyle has made contact with Denny, her half-brother on his side. He was not aware of her.

“It’s a lot to hear someone change your truth,” she said. “I feel I rocked their world and that was never my intention.”

Pyle said she continues to build her relationship with both of her half-brothers. Another surprise was the 42 cousins she discovered (her birth father was one of eight). DNA tests have connected her with an exponentially larger number of relatives.

“I did Ancestry thinking I won’t have one person,” she said. “I got a lot of people. Now it’s over 1,000 people that I’m connected to.”

Her newfound family members have been extremely receptive to meeting and

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sharing family stories with her.

“It was unbelievable,” she said. “They didn’t need an extra cousin. They started having these ‘Welcome home’ parties.”

It’s just been amazing,” she added. “It’s been really amazing.”

Her birth relatives have embraced her daughters, Lauren, 33, and Jennifer, 36, as well.

“I feel like I’m giving my kids the gift of family,” she said.

Her new family members have helped her locate a piece of herself she never knew was missing.

“I had such a great life and a happy life and I never felt a yearning for love,” she said. “It’s just been awesome.”

ONCE UPON A TIME



Behind the lens — This photo in Sandy Williams’ book, “Images of America — Hinsdale,” captures L.C. Harner on the right. “For decades, the Harner Photography Shop operated at the rear of the Froscher Building. Harner created an extraordinary historic record of Hinsdale through his photographs of the village in the 1920s and 1930s.” Many of the photos in Williams’ book and several that have run in “Once upon a time” are from Harner.

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Board mulls extended kindergarten plan

'Rising Stars' program intended to fill students' learning gaps early, before they widen

By Ken Knutson

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Full-day kindergarten is poised to launch this fall in Community Consolidated Elementary District 181, at least for some.

At Monday night's meeting, board members were apprised of the proposed D181 Rising Stars Extended Day Kindergarten pilot program for students needing additional academic support.

"(The program) is intended for any student in our seven elementary schools who has been identified as having additional needs in the academic areas of literacy or mathematics," said Kathleen Robinson, assistant superintendent of learning. "(Rising Stars) will provide an intense intervention-based program, half-

day, that would focus on language and literacy development, numeracy, some vocabulary support, some emergent reading skills, working independently, and gross and fine motor skills as well."

The program would have a total enrollment of 60 participants and be housed at Elm, Monroe and Prospect schools, each of which would host three morning and three afternoon sections of eight to 12 students per section. Participants would attend their neighborhood school for their general kindergarten class for the other half of the day.

"We do not have space in all seven of our schools to provide extended-day Rising Stars programs," Robinson said, noting 55 minutes would be scheduled midday for lunch, recess and travel.

Eligibility would be determined through screenings May 31 and June 1 as well as a summer screening for families who move into the district after the end of the school year. All the spots will be filled.

"We will take the 60 students who have the highest needs and who have been identified as not ready for kindergarten or below our entrance standards," Robinson said.

Board President Margie Kleber praised the department of learning for developing the pilot.

"I think this is a great plan," Kleber said. "Clearly the reason you're bringing it to us is because you see a need."

Robinson responded that a study of several years of past kindergarten data revealed 15 to 17 percent of

rising first-graders were not reading at grade level.

"That's why we're projecting we need about 50 to 60 seats," she said, later noting that speech services and social work services will continue to be offered at the home school.

Robinson related that the screenings will furnish educators with helpful information beyond Rising Stars.

"The purpose of the screening is two-fold: it's to identify students for the program but also to provide us with a baseline for students entering our kindergarten programs and kindergarten classrooms," she said.

Rising Stars students would be regularly assessed for growth and achievement, Robinson said.

"We will continue to monitor students through their intervention with data that

we take from the intervention at specified benchmark periods," she said.

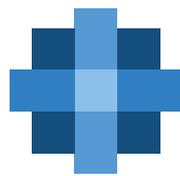
The estimated \$542,000 cost of the pilot program includes \$240,000 to add three full-time teachers and \$200,000 for transportation. Robinson noted that estimate assumes all 60 students will need district busing, which may not ultimately be the case. The ongoing cost also would be less, officials said, because furniture and instructional resources are one-time expenditures.

Board member Sheetal Rao said, while this is not full-day kindergarten for everyone, it's an important step.

"The kids that are needing additional support are going to be able to get it," Rao said.

The board is expected to vote to approve the program at its March 14 meeting.

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MEETING ROUNDUP

Community Consolidated District 181 Board

Among other business Monday, board members:

- approved a \$6.1 million abatement of bond and interest funds for the 2021 tax levy year to reduce the debt service portion of the community's tax bills. The move follows the board's abatement strategy that any amount in fund balances over 50 percent of operating expenses should either be restricted for district approval and/or be abated.

- approved awarding contracts for summer projects totaling nearly \$1.35 million, \$304,000 of which will be done by district staff. Projects include \$270,000 each for the Elm School and Monroe School playground upgrades and \$195,000 to upgrade the bells and clocks at six of seven elementary schools.

- voted to increase the daily rate of substitute teacher pay from \$100 to \$150 and remove the bonus structure currently in place to be more competitive with surrounding districts. Long-term substitute teacher pay will also be increased to \$225 per day from \$173.85, and substitute instructional assistants' pay was increased to \$110 per day from \$95. The changes would result in an estimated \$130,000 per school year.

- approved the calendars for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. The final 2022-23 calendar schedules winter break from Dec. 22 to Jan. 4, which was changed from an initial Dec. 19-30 break to align with the Hinsdale High School District 86 calendar. The last day of school also was changed in the final version from June 1, 2023, to June 2.

Another drop in COVID-19 cases in the village

Forty-seven Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 47 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported no new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 3,565, compared to 3,518 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had six confirmed COVID-19 patients and no patients awaiting test results as of Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Hinsdale Central High School reported two positive cases, 12 in isolation and no one in quarantine as of Feb. 11. Vaccination rates are at 81.9 percent for Central students

and 95 percent for Hinsdale High School District 86 staff.

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 reported 20 cases Feb. 9-15, involving 18 students, one teachers and one staff.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 5.2 percent on Feb. 13, compared to 9.4 percent of Feb. 6.

Illinois has administered more than 20.9 million doses of vaccines. An average of 22,066 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 23,504 last week. The percentage of individuals fully vaccinated is 73.4 percent in DuPage County and more than 78.5 percent in the 60521 ZIP code.

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Neil Thomas is a cardiac surgeon. His occupation was listed incorrectly at the top of the "Ask an expert" feature in the Feb. 10 issue.

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■ “I’ve just always loved animals. I was the one in the neighborhood bringing the (stray) animals home to my parents.”

— Jacki Rossi

Humane society work a labor of love for Rossi

In the early part of the pandemic, the Hinsdale Humane Society and its then-business development director Jacki Rossi took extreme measures to meet the spiking demand for rescue pets from homebound residents.

“I was literally, on the weekends, driving to Kentucky to meet our partners in the south to get animals,” Rossi said.

Finding forever families for so many animals was rewarding. But with veterinarian offices closed or limited during lockdown, the rate of spaying and neutering plummeted.

“So a lot of animals reproduced,” she said.

As a result, instead of the usual influx of kittens from April to October, for example, it’s now become a year-round stream. COVID effects like that have put pressure on the society’s ability to stock adequate supplies and keep pace with the medical care animals receive.

To help shore up the resources needed to carry out its mission, the humane society will hold its Unleashed virtual fundraiser from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 (see Page 18 for details).

“(The virtual format) allow us to connect with our support-

ers across the country,” Rossi remarked. “I see that continuing.”

Rossi started as a humane educator in 2017 and was recently named the society’s executive director. She studied mythology, literature and economics in college and entered the workforce as a marketing staffer.

“My first job out of school was with the Girl Scouts. That started my love of nonprofits,” she said.

Helping critters has always been her heart’s assignment.

“I’ve just always loved animals,” she said. “I was the one in the neighborhood bringing the (stray) animals home to my parents.”

Before joining the Hinsdale Humane Society staff, Rossi got involved in farm life.

“I was in general farm animal welfare where I worked with family farmers on humane husbandry systems,” she said. “Animal welfare and youth programming are kind of my passion.”

Other passions include biking, playing volleyball and writing.

“I still have on my bucket list to write a children’s novel based on (my humane society experience),” Rossi revealed. “If



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I can just could get it out of my head onto paper.”

Naturally her household is a pet-friendly one.

“I have foster dogs, I have two cats and a snail,” Rossi said. “I had a pet therapy rat named Neville, but he passed away last year.”

2022 is off to a busy start, with already 246 adoptions as of Monday. And it’s not just dogs and cats.

“We just got two rabbits, and in two weeks they both got adopted,” she related. “It hasn’t slowed down at all, which is a good thing.”

The Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center has welcomed a goat, sugar gliders — even roosters, hearkening back to Rossi’s farm days.

“We put them in a dog kennel, but we have to scatter the food so they can go around and

eat,” she said. “And they let us know when it’s morning.”

Rossi loves enriching lives, whether they’re four-legged or two.

“Giving back and helping people are just kind of ingrained of who I am as a person,” she said. “I’m very fortunate to be able to do that as a professional, too.”

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EDITORIAL

D86 gathering Feb. 10 is a tale of two meetings

The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board meeting Feb. 10 prompted two responses: hope and disgust.

We saw many things to appreciate — audience members who were brave enough to say they believe equity work is important work for the district to do, board member Peggy James' call for her colleagues to be more willing to talk about issues and audience members who presented their comments thoughtfully and professionally.

We are particularly inspired by the Hinsdale Central junior who had the courage to stand up and make an emotional plea for people to treat one another with compassion and empathy. She shared how painful it is when one student tells another student to kill themselves. That bears restating: kids tell each other to kill themselves — and not just at Hinsdale Central.

And yet this student, who made the most reasonable request of the evening, received only a smattering of applause. The next speaker, also a Central student, earned loud cheers and applause when he called for Superintendent Tammy Prentiss to resign.

Audience members exhibited some of the worst behavior we've seen at a school board meeting. They cheered, applauded, chanted and high-fived speakers who agreed with them during public comment. When the majority liked what the speaker was saying, they yelled "Let them speak" when the two-minute timer went off. When they didn't agree with one speaker, who had the nerve to suggest the increase in teen suicides has to do with the pandemic in general and isolation, not solely the masks, they yelled "Time's up."

And while we appreciate that students want to have a voice and chose to attend the meeting to express it, we wish the adults in the audience would see teaching opportunities when students said things like, "It's not our job to protect the adults" or "You need to do what we want." These aren't the attitudes we want to encourage in young adults. We should be working to help them develop a wider perspective and recognize that a community is the healthiest — in all ways — when people work to protect one another.

Board member Jeff Waters only furthered the

divisive attitude when he called for fellow board member Kathleen Hirsman to recuse herself from voting on mask requirements because she doesn't have kids in the district. That strikes us as unprofessional and unkind. (And it makes one audience member's suggestion that Prentiss be fired and he become the new superintendent even more ridiculous.)

Then, when Hirsman said she refused to be cowed by the mob, the audience responded by yelling and booing and acting like a mob.

The mask debate is not an easy one. As many speakers and board members noted, different districts and different states have taken different approaches. Even medical professionals offer conflicting opinions about how effective masks are. But the ability to have a reasonable conversation about masks — or any other topic in District 86 — is lost in the hyperbole and hostility.

We stand with the Central student who begged adults to set an example of respect. They let her down Thursday night. We hope they do better in the future.

COMMENTARY

Olympic athletes show us how it should be done

I have been so inspired by the athletes competing in the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

Here are a few of my favorites:

- Colby Stevenson, the silver medalist in the men's big air competition, who almost died in a 2016 car accident that left him with a broken skull in 30 places. He had been driving from Oregon to Utah to see a friend who broke his leg when Stevenson fell asleep at the wheel and rolled his car six times.

Doctors weren't sure he'd walk again — or even live — but eight months later he won his first World Cup in Italy.

"Instead of being there to win, I was there to ski, for the love of the sport," he said in an interview on NBC.

His said he has a newfound appreciation for skiing and treats every day like it's a gift.

- speed skater Brittany Bowe, who gave up her spot in the 500-meter race to teammate Erin Jackson. Jackson had slipped in the trials and placed third. On Olympic ice, she came in first and earned a gold medal.

The interview with the two about Bowe's decision was so heartwarming. Jackson talked about the many years Bowe has been her mentor and friend.

"I've always known what an incredible person she is and now it's really showing," Jackson said.

"It's my honor to give her that opportunity," Bowe said.

- Lindsey Jacobellis, who spent 16 years trying to win a gold medal at the Olympics. She was one jump away from a gold medal in snowboard cross in Torino in 2006 when she fell and instead earned a silver. She didn't medal at the next three Olympics in 2010, 2014 and 2018.

Three days later she won her second gold medal with teammate Nick Baumgartner in the Olympic debut of mixed snowboard cross. It was the first gold medal for the 40-year-old, the country's oldest Olympian in Beijing.



Pamela Lannom

"It all came because we didn't give up when times were tough, when things didn't go our way," Baumgartner said. "We're tasting the sweet taste of victory."

- Elana Meyers Taylor, who won the silver in the women's monobob, who is traveling with her son, Nico.

She told a reporter she wants to set an example

for other female athletes so they know it's possible to be a mom and still compete with the best in the world.

I learned in a later interview that she has another reason for continuing to compete. She wants to inspire her son, who has been diagnosed with Down's syndrome.

"I wanted to prove to him that just because you have stuff to overcome, it doesn't mean you have to stop going after your dreams," she said.

- U.S. freeskier Alex Hall, who took gold in the ski slopestyle competition earlier this week. He had

nothing but praise for his teammate, Nick Goepper, who took silver.

"It's an honor to be up there with him," Hall said.

I could go on, talking about Ryan Cochran-Siegle earning a silver in the super-G a year after breaking his neck in a serious crash or Mikaela Shiffrin finishing ninth in the super-G after being unable to finish her first two races or Shaun White's gracious farewell to his Olympic career. I imagine he would have given the same speech if he had won gold instead of coming in fourth.

Time after time, I've watched an athlete hug and high-five and show such respect for another athlete who just stripped away their dream of winning a gold medal. Bower described her own selfless act as the "spirit of the Olympics."

I sure hope Team USA will bring some of it home to share with the rest of us.

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

My roots and a red dress

When I was young, my mom gifted me a beautiful red traditional Chinese dress, called a qipao. Qipaos are of Manchu origin and are typically slim-fitting with a high neckline and have intricate designs woven in. I wore mine everywhere: to formal dinners, holiday gatherings, other special occasions, and I even threw it on to strut down our long hallway (starting the trend of borrowing my mom's clothes from a young age). My dramatic walks down the runway were a weekly occurrence.



Isabella Terry

Until they weren't.

One day my mom was dressing me for a fancy dinner, expecting me to wear my usual. To her surprise I quipped, "I don't want to wear this anymore," with my hands on my hips. I was 5 going on 15. I remember the rush of negative thoughts that filled my mind like a sudden storm rolling in. Why couldn't I wear what others were wearing? Gone were the days of pride, confidence and love for my qipao. My mom moved onto another outfit, likely with some lingering sadness.

The recent Lunar New Year brought back a flood of happy memories regarding my Asian heritage. I can picture my siblings and I making dumplings in the kitchen, visiting my cousins

in China, and learning about my grandma escaping just ahead of the Communist takeover. I am immensely proud of where I come from, a far cry from my shy 5-year-old self. When

thinking about my relationship with my Nai Nai, I can't help but think back to my silk qipao and its intricate stitches. I can't help but feel that these stitches represent the threads that bind us so tightly together and represent all the love I have for her.

If I am fortunate enough to have a daughter one day, I want to give her a qipao to wear around as long as she'd like. I hope that she learns about the power of accepting who you are and carrying both family and ethnic pride. I think the Lunar New Year served as an important reminder to me in this respect. I tell myself I have great fu, or fortune in English, to be my grandma's granddaughter.

What is your family's red dress?

— Isabella Terry, a senior at Hinsdale Central High School, is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@the-hinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harassment demonstrates why Hinsdale needs DEI

There is a debate in the editorial section of this paper about DEI — diversity, equity and inclusion — at Hinsdale schools. My experience this past weekend in the Grant Square parking lot reminded me why equity training is necessary for Hinsdale residents.

I grew up in Clarendon Hills, and was visiting this past weekend with my sister. We stopped at Kramer's to pick up a fruit plate on a slow Sunday morning. I dropped her off at the entrance and idled outside with my blinkers on to prevent her from walking in the cold.

After 10 seconds, a middle-aged white man approached my front bumper, lingering and staring menacingly at me. The man glared at me and asked angrily, "Is this a special parking spot just for you?" I tried to explain that my sister didn't have

a coat, but he continued to stare threateningly as he entered the store.

I was not inconveniencing this man. I don't know why he harassed me. Perhaps he is going through a rough time. However, he shouldn't have taken his anger out on me. I've been assaulted in public, so I'm no stranger to the violence of men's rage.

Even as a white woman driving a shiny rental car who visibly fits in with the privileged residents of Hinsdale, I felt threatened by his behavior. What if I were a person of color? Or driving an older, cheaper car? Would this man have been nastier? Become violent?

Hinsdale should embrace DEI so it can become a truly safe and welcoming place. — Elaine Kuckertz, Washington D.C., Hinsdale Central Class of 2009

Does superintendent's edit convey her opinion of Hinsdale?

A recent FOIA request revealed emails between D86 Superintendent Tammy Prentiss and Valda Valbrun, a consultant based in North Carolina. Ms. Prentiss and Ms. Valbrun were jointly revising language of the Jan. 13 letter in which Valbrun withdrew her firm from potential engagement by D86.

In her email to Ms. Valbrun dated Jan. 13, 2022, Ms. Prentiss added the following to the letter: "I ... really think Hinsdale is a dangerous place and (I) would not be comfortable there." Ms. Prentiss also wrote "It's shameful and I feel sorry for the students that have to experience this and don't have the privilege of walking away."

Later that day, the superintendent read the Valbrun letter to the public at the D86 board meeting.

On Jan. 14, the letter was inappropriately

included in the Board Briefs sent to each student.

Ms. Prentiss has deftly used Ms. Valbrun as a tool. For the casual reader, there was simply a heated BOE meeting on Jan. 13 and a standard email of a "Board Brief" to all students and parents on Jan. 14. Nothing to see here.

But the newly-revealed e-mails show more. By inserting her own language into Valbrun's letter, Ms. Prentiss displays her true colors. Ms. Prentiss herself apparently believes Hinsdale to be a "dangerous" and "shameful" place. It seems the letter is not sour grapes of a disappointed contractor but the superintendent's own beliefs.

Why does the D86 BOE continue to employ someone who, in truth, may despise this community? — Anne Marrs Huber, Oak Brook



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Feb. 16.

Motorists arrested for DUI

• Kathryn A. Kern, 59, 701 Gamble Drive, Lisle, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane use and operating a motor vehicle while using an electronic communication device at 12:02 a.m. Feb. 12 in the 200 block of West 55th Street. She was charged and released to appear in court.

• Elizabeth A. Cahall, 38, 1435 Bayshore Drive, Cocoa Beach, Fla., was arrested for driving under the influence of an intoxicating compound, driving with a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and transportation or possession of open alcohol by driver after her vehicle struck a curb at 8:08 p.m. Feb. 12 at Ogden Avenue and Madison Street. She was in possession of a suspected controlled substance in pill form and a white powdery substance in clear baggies. An open container of vodka was located in her purse. She was charged and released to appear in court. Additional charges are pending the results of the lab report.

• Litoria L. Yates, 36, 1451 Richmond Lane, Algonquin, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, transportation or possession of open alcohol by a driver and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at midnight Feb. 15, after she was found parked on the side of the road asleep at the wheel at Interstate 294 and Ogden Avenue. She was charged and released to appear in court.

Fraudulent withdrawal reported

A fraudulent withdrawal was made against the bank account of a resident of the 300 block of the East Fourth Street on Feb. 1. The incident was reported Feb. 14.

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.

State rep's COVID-19 webinar set for tonight

State Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R-47, Elmhurst) is hosting a webinar on COVID-19 and how to move beyond it at 6 tonight, Feb. 17.

"COVID is going to become a part of everyday life," Mazzochi said. "I want to arm people with knowledge to help people return to a sense of normalcy."

Mazzochi will be joined by immunologist Dr. Mia Taormina, CEO Kurt Jose of IndiviDx labs, DuPage County Public Health Emergency Response Supervisor Kristen Lundeen and Dr. Rashmi Chugh of the DuPage County Health

Department. The panelists will discuss effective COVID-19 tests and test practices and the latest COVID-19 information, including treatments and their availability.

Mazzochi will also discuss the latest in state policy. Finally, the panelists will answer participants' questions about COVID-19.

Register for the Zoom program at <https://www.RepMazzochi.com> or watch via Facebook live on <https://www.Facebook.com/RepDeanneMazzochi>.

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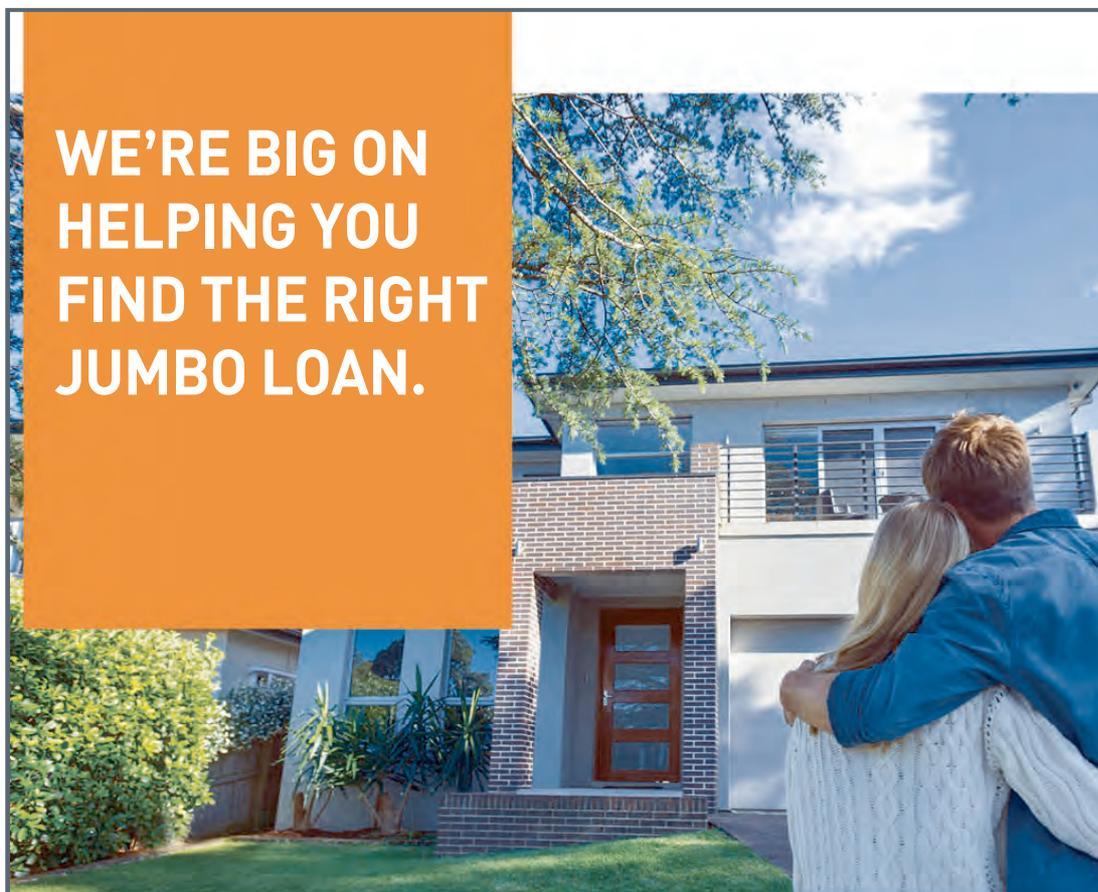
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OBITUARIES

Marybeth Hanrahan Langan

Marybeth Hanrahan Langan, 56, a former longtime Clarendon Hills resident, passed away Feb. 8, 2022, at her home in Deerfield.

She was born in 1965 in Chicago and attended Walker School, Hinsdale Junior High School and Hinsdale Central High School. She graduated from Ripon College in Wisconsin and was a retired reading specialist.

Betsy was preceded in death by her hus-



Langan

band, Matthew Langan; and her parents, Michael and Adrienne Hanrahan.

She is survived by her sons, Jack, Will and Tim (Jess) Girard; her sister, Bridget Hanrahan, and her aunts, Sister Elise Hanrahan and Clare Pfenniger.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Frank J. Merritt

Frank J. Merritt, 90, a former Hinsdale resident, died Feb. 12, 2022.

Frank was born as John Franklin Merritt in 1931 in Wabash, Ind., to Bruce J. and Helen Fudge Merritt. At a very young age he chose Frank as his name instead of John. He attended Wabash High School, where he played basketball, ran track and was in the choir. He also held a Master Mason degree from the Indiana Freemasons in Wabash, Ind. He attended Purdue University in 1949 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He was a brother in the Acacia Fraternity, sang in the Purdue Varsity Glee Club and was a member of the ROTC.

He served in the U.S. Army of as a first lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, from 1954-56, stationed in Phalsbourg, France (a NATO air-base). Frank started his career working for Ingersoll Rand in 1956 as a technical sales manager in San Francisco. There he met his future wife, Sharon Louise Gibson. They had a very short courtship and were married Oct 17, 1964. He was then transferred to St. Louis, where he became a sales manager and raised his family. The rest of his career was spent in Hinsdale, where he became a regional sales manager. Frank retired from Ingersoll Rand in 1996. After realizing that he did not like the cold winters of Chicago, he moved to Pelican Bay, Naples, Fla., where he enjoyed his retirement and met a wonderful companion, Anne Woolard, who later became his fiancé.

Frank loved the St. Louis Cardinals. Upon moving to St. Louis, he had front row, third base season tickets and belted out the Star



Merritt

Spangled Banner in the crowd for all to hear. He was a member of Castle Oak Country Club in Chesterfield, Mo., where he was introduced to his beloved game of tennis and made many lifelong friends. He was an avid runner and enjoyed golf, walking and all outdoor activities.

After retiring to Pelican Bay in Naples, Frank became an avid tennis player and lived for his weekly bridge game with the guys. He became full of knowledge about the native plants of Florida as landscape director at Valencia in Pelican Bay and also grew to love and know the birds of Pelican Bay, especially along the berm.

He is survived by two daughters, Michelle Merritt Jolas and Melissa (Jim) Alabach; three grandchildren, Logan and Tyler Alabach and Ruby Merritt Jolas; his sister, Joan Merritt (the late Tom) Holmes; his nieces and nephews, Nanne Holmes, Susie Holmes Eelman, John Holmes and Bruce Merritt Holmes; his fiancé, Anne Woolard; her two children, John (Heather McAuliffe Woolard) Woolard and Anne (Pucci) Hayward; and her two grandchildren, Tucker and Finley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon, in July 2004.

A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Naples United Church of Christ, Gates Chapel, 5200 Crayton Rd, Naples.

A private celebration of his life will be held after the service, with provided at the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to <https://www.woundedwarriorsofcolliercounty.com/campaigns/donate/>

Daniel R. and Rosemarie M. O'Hara

Daniel R. O'Hara, 94, of Hinsdale died Dec. 23, 2021. Six weeks later, his wife of 72 years, Rosemarie M. (Kessler) O'Hara, 91, died Feb. 7, 2022.

They were former 35-year residents of Wheaton and active parishioners at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Winfield.

They are survived by their daughters, Jeannine (William) Baltz, Karen (John) Bussan and Bridget (the late James) Wright of Hinsdale; and their sons, Kevin (Lee Whitacre) and Daniel (Teresa Paal); their grandchildren, Samuel Bussan, Melanie Bussan, Daniel J. Wright and Daniel A. O'Hara; and many nieces and nephews.

They were preceded in death by Daniel's

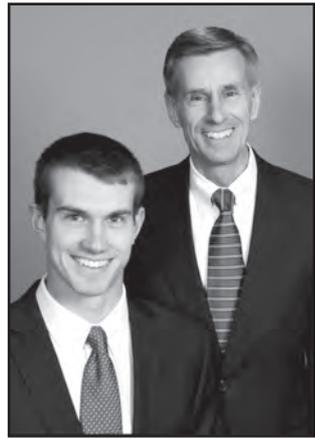
parents, Hazel (Yirrell) and Daniel R. O'Hara Sr.; Rosemarie's parents, Rose (Stoek) and Max Kessler; and her sisters, Bernice (late Robert) Wunderlich, Dorothy Kessler, Emily Kessler and Alice (the late Aldo) Perrazzolo.

A memorial visitation will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills.

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

Inurnment at Assumption Catholic Cemetery in Winfield is be private.

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SARA AND BRENDAN WHELTON

How has cancer changed holiday celebrations?

Like most things in Sara and Brendan Whelton's lives, Valentine's Day looked a little different this year.

"We never really celebrated Valentine's Day," said Sara Whelton, who just weeks after Valentine's Day 2021 began her battle with an aggressive form of breast cancer. The next months were spent in surgeries, chemo treatments and rounds of radiation. The next years, Whelton said, will be spent making new memories and enjoying new experiences, like the one provided Feb. 11 by Wellness House in Hinsdale.

Virtual Enchanted Evening offered couples the opportunity to spend time together as they prepared a romantic meal under the guidance of Chef Sarah Beth Tanner. Using kits provided by the Wellness House, the Wheltons constructed a charcuterie board and enjoyed their creation while listening to live music by Jeffrey Deutsch.

"He sang love songs and played the piano," Whelton said.

She said Brendan liked the music best of all, while she enjoyed the experience of being in the kitchen with her husband.

"That's not something we would normally do together," she said.

Both appreciated the chance to spend an evening as a couple, but without the need to find childcare for their three children, ages 10, 7 and 5.

"They're really what has kept me going," Whelton said.

She said her entire family has benefited from the services and programs offered at Wellness House. At Christmas time, her children enjoyed a ride on the Polar Express, and the whole family has used the facility's counseling services.

"Cancer isn't just physical. It's mental. It's emotional," Whelton said.

She and Brendan talk to their counselor, Nevada Bennett, about the challenges that cancer brought to both of their lives, individually and as a couple.

"It was like we both took on an extra job," Whelton said. Her new job was to fight cancer, while Brendan suddenly had to take care of the things that Sara had managed, including the house and kids.

Whelton also attends a monthly breast cancer support group at Wellness House. It gives her a chance to talk with other women with similar experiences, to ask questions and to compare notes about things like medication side effects, hair loss and the many feelings and changes that come with a cancer diagnosis.

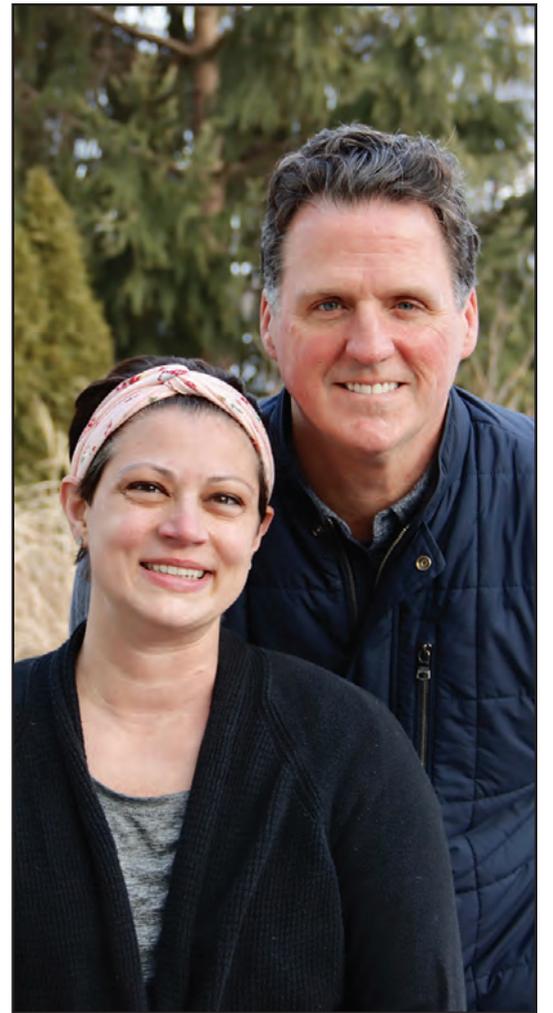
Whelton's diagnosis came soon after she had received a clear mammogram. She noticed a swelling under her left arm, and while her doctor told her it was probably nothing to worry about, she knew something was wrong. In March 2021, she learned she was right.

"Know your body," Whelton said, and never ignore something that's out of the ordinary.

With her strength and her hair making a slow but certain return, Whelton said she looks forward to more Wellness House programs and events, and to finally spending time face to face with the people she's met over the last year.

Meanwhile, Whelton said she's taking every opportunity to make new memories with her husband and children; memories like the ones they made this Valentine's Day.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



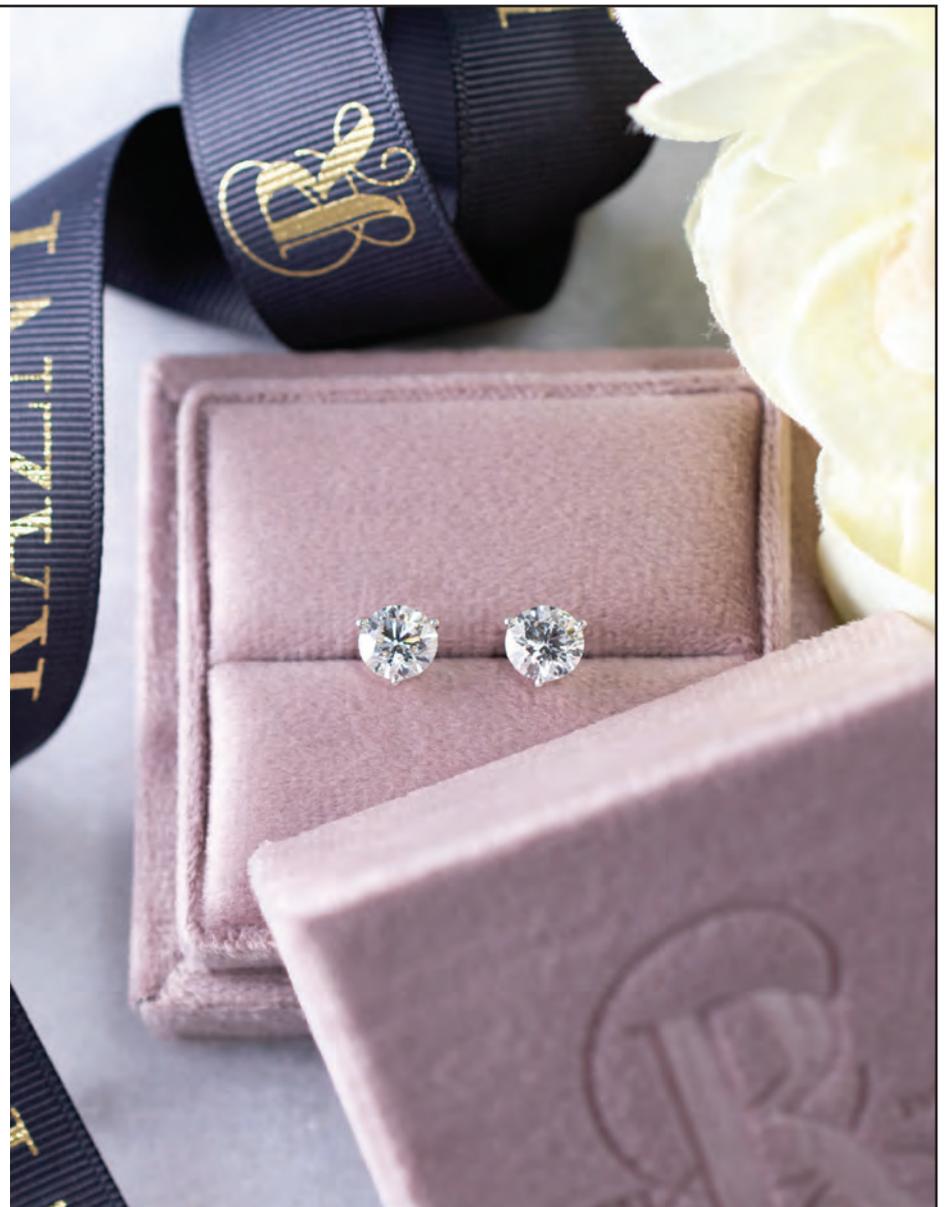
Sara and Brendan Whelton are grateful for the support they've received from Wellness House and for the fun they had attending the organization's virtual Valentine's Day event. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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Tensions high at D86 board meeting

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an emergency meeting after the ruling was handed down. That would have given the board the opportunity to better support building administration, students, staff and teachers, she said, noting she was trained as a teacher.

"You don't take a class on how to navigate a day like Monday," she said.

Levinthal also echoed one student's call for adults to learn to agree to dis-

agree.

"Hearing all sides of this and being respectful in our discourse is something we as a board have to model and hopefully can bring this community together on many, many issues," she said.

When public comment resumed, speakers continued to discuss the controversy surrounding equity consulting and debate the mask policy. Several people also repeated the call

for Prentiss to resign.

Reid McCollum reiterated comments he made earlier in the meeting, suggesting outside interest groups who do not support taxpayer-funded education are taking advantage of the mask debate to divide the community.

"We're not making good progress by making unfounded accusations, really, really hurtful personal attacks, conspiratorial thinking," he contin-

ued. "And there is a huge amount of disinformation that is being weaponized in this community against the public schools that we all deeply and earnestly care about."

McCollum called for residents to focus on de-escalating the animosity during this time of upheaval.

"We need to heal our community and we need to somehow find a way to put the genie back in the bottle and prioritize our schools," he said.



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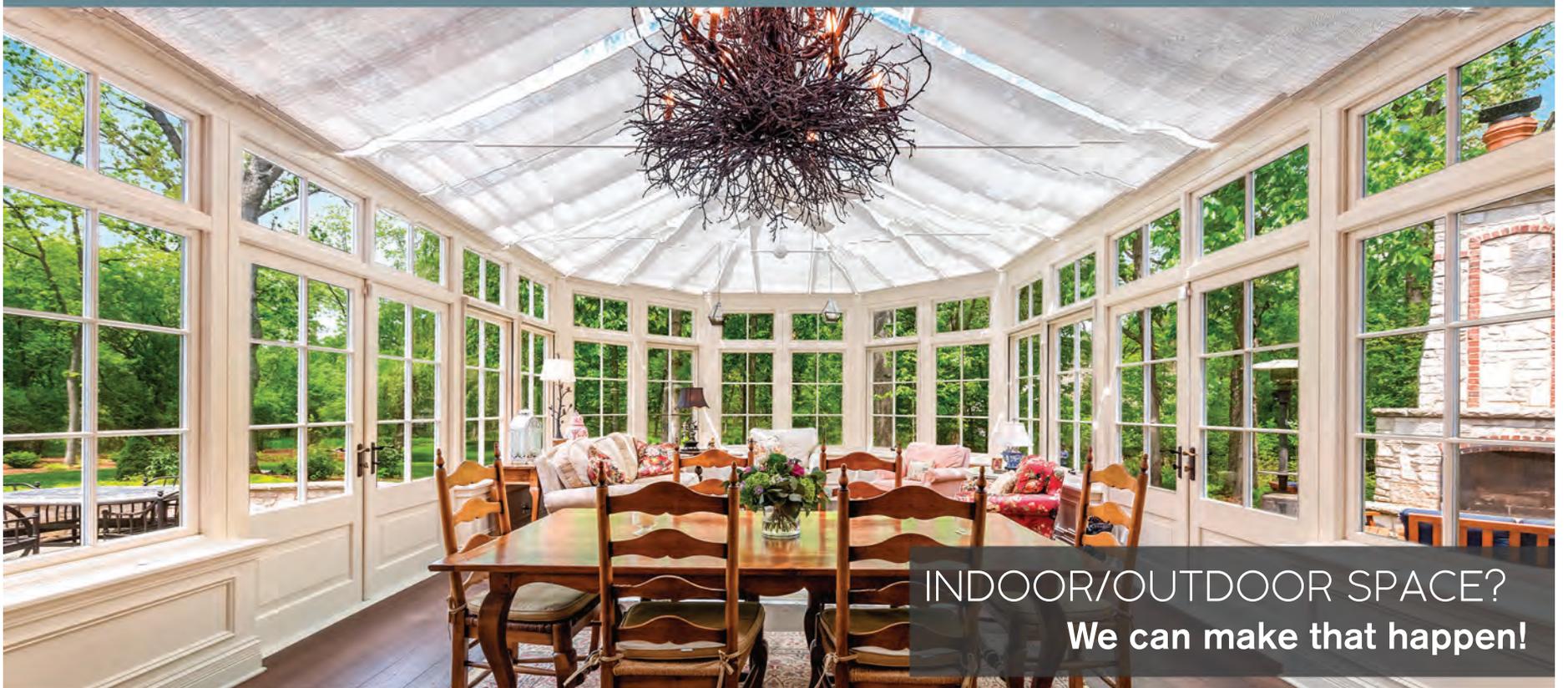
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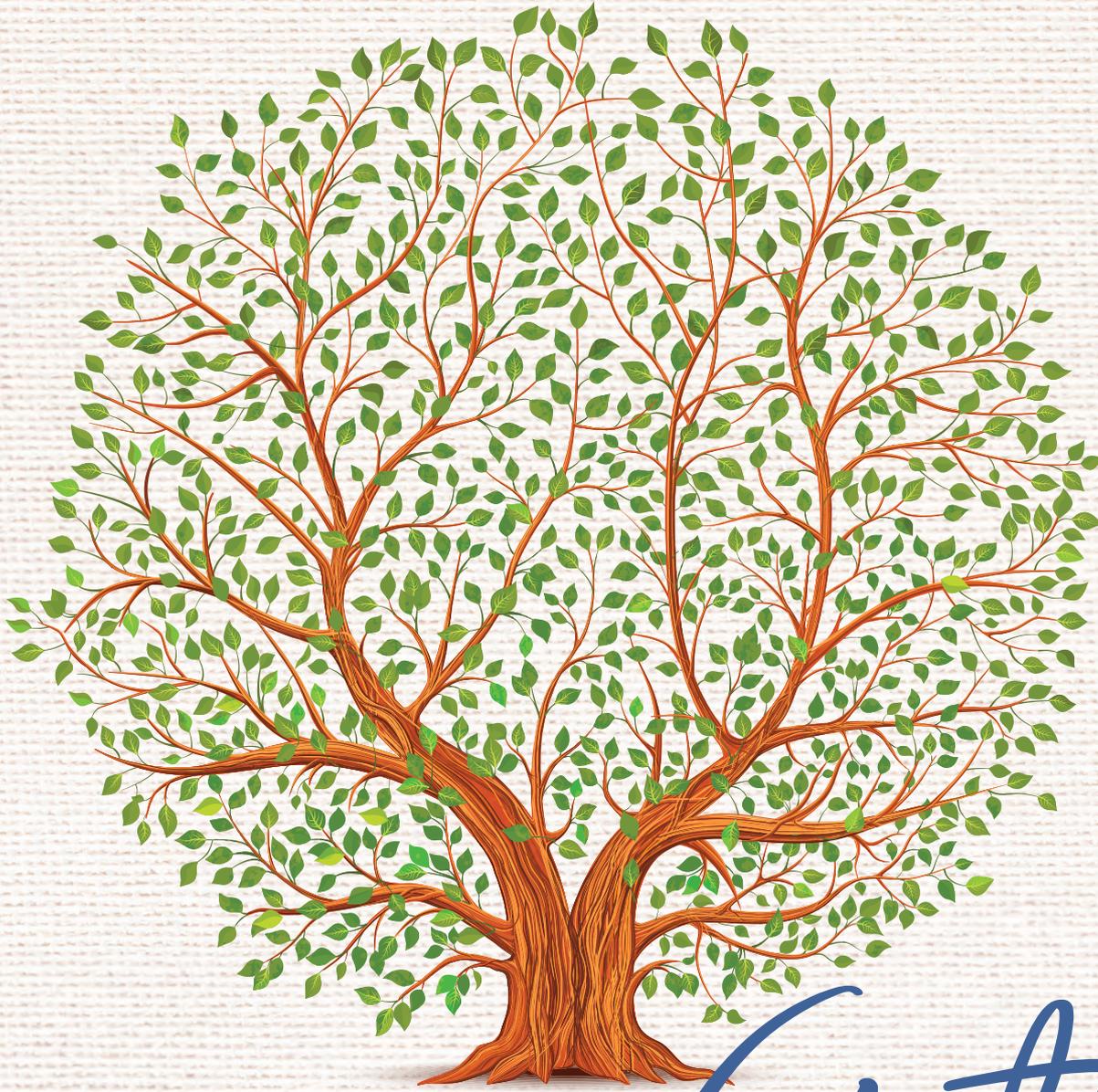
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Melanie Keller stars as the female half of the Tuppence and Tommy detective duo in First Folio's production of "Agatha Christie's *The Secret Council*," adapted by David Rice. The cast also includes Tina Muñoz Pandya. (photos provided)

First Folio offers enjoyable 'whodunit'

Adaption of Agatha Christie's 'The Secret Council' provides fast-paced intrigue

By Pamela Lannom
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Looking for a good Agatha Christie murder mystery as an escape from the late-winter blahs?

"Death on the Nile" is in theaters now, with a blockbuster cast led by Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot.

And then there's the First Folio production of "The Secret Council" on stage at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook. The adaptation was written by First Folio's co-founder and executive director David Rice.

The film and the play were both scheduled to run a year ago but delayed due to the pandemic, Rice said.

"I will ride that kind of fortuitous timing as far as it will take me," Rice said. "There is no bad time to do an Agatha Christie."

The First Folio play is based on one of her earliest novels. Rice said his motivation for choosing the work was two-fold.

"Agatha Christie stories sell like crazy," he said. "They are always amongst the most popular shows theaters can produce."

Existing adaptations, with casts of 10 to 15 people, are usually too

expensive for small theaters to stage, Rice said. So he began looking at some of her earliest works.

"I wanted to see if there was one of her early novels that I felt I could adapt and adapt in a way that would make it more affordable to produce and still be fun and still be Agatha Christie," he said. "I wanted to see if I could have all the fun at half the expense."

When he read "The Secret Council" and met Tommy and Tuppence, he knew his search was over.

"It was exactly the kind of fun core story that I was looking for," he said. "I will say that I've definitely taken some liberties with the original story and adapted it for modern audiences, modern sensibilities."

One of the changes he made was making Tuppence more of Tommy's equal than she is in the novel.

"She's a really fun character to inhabit," actress Melanie Keller said. "She is such a fast thinker, and I feel like she doesn't get knocked down by anything — or if she does, she bounces back up again. She's always got the right comeback. In my life, I don't, but she always does."

Keller, who admitted she's often surprised at the end of whodunits, said she thinks audiences might struggle to figure this mystery out before the final curtain falls.

"Agatha Christie wrote a very complex story and I think David has done a really good job of distilling the important threads. There are a lot of threads to pull on," she said.

Rice said his favorite thing about the show is its pacing.

"There is literally no stop in the action," he said. "The scenes blend one to the other. The scene changes are integrated as part of the storytelling."

"It comes in at two hours, so it's a quick bit of entertainment and audiences are having a blast. I guess that's what I like most — listening to the audiences have fun."

Keller said the show is a blend of style and substance, with some of that substance generated by the relationship she and actor Andrés Enriquez create for their characters, Tuppence as Tommy.

"These two characters do have a journey over the play, and when they feel like they might lose each other, they realize what their real feelings are," she said.

The last play Keller did before

this one was in Key West in April 2019. She said being before an audience again is weird and awesome and returning to the stage is kind of like riding a bike.

"Once we were on stage doing the show, that part came right back, but the schedule of rehearsing a play and the brain power it takes is something I had definitely forgotten and my body had sort of forgotten," she said.

Tickets for the show, which closes Feb. 27, have been selling well, Rice said. And subscription sales for the season are up 22 percent.

"I am very happy with the way everything is going," he said. "Audiences made it very clear to me that they feel safe at our place. We are requiring vaccination proof. We are requiring masks. Our cast and staff are all vaccinated, boosted, masked — except when they are on stage, of course."

After months of sitting on the couch watching Netflix, Keller said she thinks people will enjoy being engaged in a live production.

"It's a really fun ride and there's a lot of ingenuity in the design and the direction, and I think it's the kind of play that audiences enjoy because they are piecing it together as they go," she said.

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■ Photography

Wednesdays, Feb. 23-March 16

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Learn to capture poignant images through composition, content and intention. Students will gain an understanding of the art of photography, studying famous photographers and photographs in order to take meaningful images of their own. The class is for ages 16 and up, and students must bring their own cameras. Hours: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$115. RR, MD

■ Tiny Art Exhibit

Through Feb. 28
Clarendon Hills Public Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.
<https://clarendonhillslibrary.org>
(630) 323.8188

This exhibit features landscapes, still life, animal portraits, decoupage and even a 3-D piece — all created by Clarendon Hills residents using acrylic paints on a 4-by-4-inch canvas.

■ 2022 Winter Exhibition

Through Feb. 28
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

This juried show from the Chicago Alliance of Visual Artists features a variety of media include drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, collage, photography, fiber art, sculpture and ceramics. Visitors can experience the grandeur of Mayslake Hall while being immersed in artistic interpretations of the natural world. Hours: noon to 3 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

CASTING CALL

■ 'Disney's Descendants: The Musical'

Feb. 26
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
<https://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>

Young actors of all experience levels in second through eighth are invited to audition for this Stage Door Fine Arts production. Based on

the popular Disney Channel Original movies, "Disney's Descendants: The Musical" is a brand new musical comedy featuring the beloved characters and hit songs from the films. Auditionees can sign up online for a one-hour time slot. Time: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ 'Bring It On: The Musical'

March 5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
<https://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>

Young actors in high school are invited to audition for this Stage Door Fine Arts production. Bitingly relevant, sprinkled with sass and inspired by the hit film, "Bring It On: The Musical" is filled with the complexities of friendship, jealousy, betrayal and forgiveness. Auditionees can sign up online for a one-hour time slot. Time: 4 to 7 p.m.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ Finding Hope in the Midst of Loss

Feb. 18
Avenue Christian Church
5750 Holmes Ave, Clarendon Hills
<https://ticketpeak.co/kathrineeldridge>

Local flutist Kathrine Eldridge presents this music and poetry recital, featuring selected flute pieces preceded by poetry readings. Images from Eldridge's art journal will be also exhibited during the recital, which explores the losses she has felt during the pandemic while also celebrating the joys that have kept her going through the waiting and the hardships. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10.

■ Women's Life Bible Study

Thursdays starting March 3
The Village Church
4475 Wolf Road, Western Springs
<https://www.wsbc.info/womenslife>

Women are invited to study the book of Joshua and take a detailed look at this Old Testament book about God's unfailing promises to his people. This 10-week study will use the book "Joshua: All God's Good Promises" by Kathleen Nielsen and will include live speakers followed by small group discussion. Programs provided for children through kindergarten age. Time: 9 to 11

a.m. Cost: \$15. RR

FAMILY FUN

■ Take Home S.T.E.A.M. Saturday

Feb. 19
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Families this month will explore art through fun and creative activities as part of this monthly program.

■ Winter Story and Stroll

Feb. 27
St. James Farm
2S541 Winfield Road, Warrenville
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Kids ages 5-8 with an adult can join a guided walk to look for signs of wildlife, including the tracks they leave behind. Then warm up with a winter-time story in the indoor riding arena. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ Unleashed

Feb. 26
<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org>

This Hinsdale Humane Society virtual fundraiser will offer furry friends and fun from the comfort of participants' sofas. The livestreamed VIP happy hour includes music, trivia, a puppy-cam and a gift mailed to homes. The main event will feature a live and silent auction, a facility tour, meetings with special two- and four-legged guests, and stories from alumni and staff. Times 6 to 6:45 p.m. for VIP happy hour, 7 to 8 p.m. main event. Cost: \$50 for VIP happy hour; free for main event. RR

■ Trivia Night

March 5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>

Get a team together and take part in this sixth annual Hinsdale Historical Society fundraiser. There will also be a 50/50 raffle at the end; the winner need not be present. Beer and wine are included for those who buy a table; bring your own snacks. Singles or small groups interested in joining a team should contact Denise Marron at (773) 580-4736. Time: 7:30 p.m. trivia starts.



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Seven daily stretches to improve body and mind

Daily stretches have many benefits. Stretching can increase your flexibility to help prevent injuries and improve mobility. It also increases blood flow to your muscles, which often helps improve back pain and posture.

In addition to improving your physical health, daily stretching is a great tool to help reduce stress and calm the mind.

Here are seven beneficial stretches you can start practicing every day

• **Kneeling hip flexor stretch**

Benefits: If you have tight hip flexors from sitting too long at work or at home, you will benefit immensely from this stretch. It helps to relieve knee and back pain.

How to: Begin kneeling on one leg and have the other leg out front at a 90-degree angle. Place your hands on your hips and while keeping your back straight, move your hips forward until you feel the stretch. Do this stretch on both sides and hold for 30-45 seconds.

• **Knee to chest stretch**

Benefits: This is one of the most beneficial stretches because it eases back pain and helps improve range of motion in your hips, knees and back. If you have any mobility limitations, make sure to perform this exercise

either on your bed or table.

How to: Lay on the ground or table with both legs straight. Bring one knee into your hands and gently let your arms pull your knee toward your chest. Hold for 20-30 seconds and relax. Repeat on the other leg.

• **90/90 Stretch**

Benefits: Anyone can benefit from this stretch that helps with tight hips and backs. Make sure to keep your back straight as you lean forward.

How to: Sit on the floor and bend one leg in front of your body with your hip rotated out. Position it so that your lower leg and knee are resting on the ground. Your leg should perform a 90-degree angle. Position your other leg beside you with your hip rotated inward and your shin and ankle on the ground.

Bend your knee so that it forms a 90-degree angle. Your back knee should be in line with your hip, and your ankle should be neutral. Try to keep your back straight and resist the urge to bend to one side. Hold this stretch for up to one minute.

• **Supine hamstring stretch**



Brooke Paulson
Healthbeat

Benefits: Tight hamstrings cause bad posture. Bad posture can cause back and shoulder problems. If you have a lot of lower back problems, do this stretch every day.

How to: Lie on the floor or a table on your back with both legs straight out. Grab a towel or a strap and put it around the middle of one foot. Slowly pull on the strap to move your leg toward your

chest while keeping your foot parallel to the ceiling. Hold the stretch for 20-30 seconds. Repeat on the other leg.

• **Wall calf stretch**

Benefits: Anyone who has experienced plantar fasciitis, Achilles tendinitis or tight calves can gain more flexibility and better balance with this stretch.

How to: Find a wall and stand a few inches away. Put the toes of your one foot against the wall, keeping your heel on the ground. Flex your foot and hold about 20-30 seconds. Repeat on the other side.

• **Child's pose**

Benefits: Not only does this mind and body stretch help with back, thigh

and hip tension, but it also helps with blood circulation. This helps to calm your mind and reduce anxiety.

How to: In this pose, kneel and sit on your knees. Lean forward, keeping your butt on your heels and rest your forearms on the floor.

• **Cat-cow pose**

Benefits: The cat-cow pose can diminish the adverse effects of sitting all day and help relieve lower back pain. It increases flexibility of your neck, shoulders, and spine and improves focus and coordination.

How to: Kneel on the floor and put your hands on the floor in front of you. Keep your hands shoulder-width apart and your knees below your hips. Inhale deeply while curving your lower back and bringing your head up, tilting your pelvis like a "cow." Exhale deeply and bring your abdomen in, arching your spine and bringing your head and pelvis down like a "cat." Repeat several times.

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— Brooke Paulson is a ACE certified physical trainer at Edward-Elmhurst Health & Fitness.

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If we listen, we can hear that neighbors are concerned that our community has been cast as unwelcoming. If we listen, we can hear concern about the need for and price tag of financing diversity training for our high school educators by outside consultants.

We hear our teachers asking for continued cultural professional development and instructional support in their Hinsdale High School Teachers Association statement: *"We embrace the process of change through growth. Meaningful professional development in cultural equity gives us the right tools to continue putting our students at the forefront of instruction and keeps the district moving in a direction that thoughtfully includes and recognizes all students."*

Students have shared their experiences. These personal experiences indicate that we have more listening to do. The cost is too high if we don't truly hear our students. We can't afford to have students disrespect each other. We can't afford to not expose students to different perspectives or learn from one another.

We also listen at a larger level and acknowledge that we want our community to remain valued and attractive to new neighbors. The quality of our education has always drawn people to our schools. Diversity training in the workplace is now expected and common practice. It is essential also for the teachers of our future leaders.

Most importantly, we must listen to each other in our shared desire to continue to make this community a welcoming and inclusive community for all of us.

We ask for respectful engagement and a spirit of partnership with one another, with...and from...any groups, experts or advisers who help us along the way, as we find an appropriate channel to meet these aims.

We support the continued effort of diversity training for our teachers and for our community.

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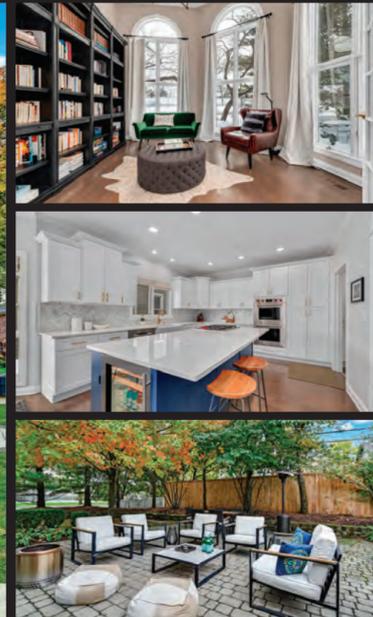
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Tickets: \$25, \$100 for five, \$400 for 10-person table by Feb. 14, then \$450.

■ 'Hinsdale Unmasked'

March 4-5 & 11-12
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The 2022 version of The Community Revue gives Hinsdaleans a chance to laugh at themselves as friends and neighbors poke fun at the town through song and dance. Tickets, which benefit The Community House's mission, include an open bar, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Time: 6:45 p.m. Tickets: \$125.

GAME ON

■ Indoor Beginning Golf

Wednesdays, Feb. 23-March 23
Madison School
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<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

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Kids ages 5-7 will use easy-to-handle equipment to learn the basics of the complete swing, putting and chipping in a safe and stress-free atmosphere. Time: 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. Cost: \$48. RR

■ Indoor Soccer/Speed and Agility Training

Wednesdays, Feb. 23-March 23
Madison School
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Kids ages 8-10 can join this non-competitive skill development program to learn the basic soccer skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, goaltending and positions. The speed and agility training session is built to make participants faster, stronger and more agile athletes. Games will be played at the end of each class. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$48. RR

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Feb. 18

KLM Park
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Relax and enjoy the great outdoors during this free guided nature and tree tour with Hinsdale's parks and forestry staff. Learn about seasonal natural happenings in local parks and green spaces. Participants should wear comfortable shoes. Time: 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. RR

■ Birkie Week

Feb. 19-Feb. 27
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(630) 257-2045

Ski with wood skis, wool knickers and bamboo poles or dress like a Viking to win a prize. Test your knowledge of the Birkebeiner Ski Race by answering a daily trivia question. The week will culminate at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 on Birkie Race Day, when people

are invited to watch live the American Birkebeiner, the largest Nordic ski race in the U.S., and visit exhibits. Activities are contingent on weather conditions.

■ Woodpecker Walk

Feb. 27
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Learn about Illinois woodpeckers and look for sights and sounds of these hard-headed friends on a relaxing morning walk. Time: 9 a.m. RR

GREEN THUMB

■ Chicagoland Daylily Society

March 6
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<http://www.chicagolanddaylilysociety.org>

All are invited to this first society meeting of 2022 to get acquainted and bring questions to the roundtable presentations offered by

knowledgeable daylily judges, award-winning photographers and hybridizers of registered daylilies. Time: 2 to 5 p.m.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ What I Learned from Talking to People of Color About Cancer

Feb. 24
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>
(630) 323-5150

Jodi-Ann Burey, creator and host of the Black Cancer podcast, cancer survivor and TEDx speaker, will talk about being at the intersections of race, culture and health equity on a mission to disrupt "business as usual" to achieve social change. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Urban Air Adventure Park

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The administration officials in Hinsdale School District 86 have failed this community.

On Thursday evening, February 10th, 2022, the below elected and appointed officials in D86 made the decision to disregard a court order that other Illinois school districts did not.

Tammy Prentiss, D86 Superintendent

Terri Walker, BOE President

Kathleen Hirsman, BOE Vice President

BOE Members Cynthia Hanson, Erik Held, and Debbie Levinthal

- They have arbitrarily decided to pick and choose the legal orders with which they will comply.
- They have irreparably damaged the faith many parents and students once placed in their leadership.
- They have permanently broken the trust between parents and school officials that is required to provide a quality education to our children.

The harm caused by these officials cannot be overstated or undone, and they should resign from their positions immediately.



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Kids in kindergarten through eighth grade can spend their day off school at this Naperville trampoline park, which also features bumper cars, a sky rider coaster, climbing walls and more. Participants need a sack lunch. Extended hours are available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for an additional \$30. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$75. RR, MD

■ Little Veterinarian School Dog 1

Feb. 21
The Community House
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<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 6-12 will wear white coats and become little veterinarians, learning how to assess the health of a pet dog through role play and hands-on activities. Topics include animal nutrition, how to care for stitches, immunizations, how to check for ticks and the many veterinary professions available. Each child goes home with an adopted plush pup. Please bring a sack lunch. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$190. RR, MD

■ Presidents' Day Scavenger Hunt

Feb. 21
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Stop by the library and find the "visiting" presidents. Find them all and win a prize. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Unicorn Princess Glam

March 2
Westmont Community Center
75 Richmond St.
<https://www.villageohinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Ages 3-9 are invited to join Glitzy Girls for a princess makeover — complete with crown — and nail polish application with unicorn nail stickers. Design a unique craft with unicorn and princess touches and a beaded bracelet with princess/unicorn dangle. A cute fashion show complete with props ends the night and parents can come back for photos. Time: 6 to 7:15 p.m. Cost: \$30. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Virtual: Wellness Tech

Feb. 24
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Join this Hinsdale Public Library virtual program to learn practical ways in which technology can help to relieve stress, improve sleep and clear the mind. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

■ Helping the Pandemic Generation Thrive

March 8
<https://www.nazarethacademy.com>

Dr. Michele Borba will lead this virtual program as part of Nazareth Academy's Parent Speaker Series, which is open to everyone. Register at the website listed above under the Student/Parent tab. Time: 7 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ John McCutcheon

Feb. 19
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
<https://www.acousticren.com>
(630) 941-7797

John McCutcheon is one of the country's most respected and loved folksingers and a master of a dozen different traditional instruments, most notably the hammered dulcimer. His 30 recordings have garnered seven Grammy nominations. This performance is part of the 2021-22 Acoustic Renaissance Concert season. Shows are available in person or via livestream; the livestream option can be viewed up to two weeks after the performance. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

■ A Night at the Movies

Feb. 19 & 20
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Maestro Kirk Muspratt will lead the New Philharmonic in performing favorites from award-winning films, including "Gone with the Wind," "Band of Brothers," "Beauty and the Beast," "Midway," "Independence Day" and "Jurassic Park." Post-show MAC Chats are scheduled for both performances. An online streaming option is also available. Times: 7:30 Feb. 19, 3 p.m. Feb. 20. Tickets: \$53, \$51 for seniors; \$53 for one-time

streaming.

■ Elmhurst Jazz Festival

Feb. 24-27
Elmhurst University
190 Prospect Ave.
<https://www.elmhurst.edu>

This 55th annual festival kicks off with the high school invitational and performances by featured artists Wayne Bergeron, Denis DiBlasio and Steve Wiest playing with the Elmhurst University Jazz Band. Other acts during the festival include John Beasley's MONK'estra, the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra and bands from Harper College, Roosevelt University, Michigan State and Purdue universities. Bergeron, DiBlasio and Wiest will hold a free clinic and masterclass on Feb. 26. Visit <https://www.elmhurst.edu/about/special-events/jazz-festival> for a full schedule and ticket pricing.

■ The BoDeans

March 4
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Get ready to sing along to chart-topping songs like "Closer to Free," "Fadeaway," "Only Love" and "Dreams," which have solidified their place as one of the best live acts in the business. Experience their uncompromising artistry up-close and personal at the MAC's first-class facility. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$60-\$80.

ON SCREEN

■ 'Eeb, Allay, Ooo!'

Feb. 23
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

In this Indian drama/comedy, Anjani, a young migrant, has a new, yet unusual job with the New Delhi government: monkey repeller. But he is ill-suited for his new job as he is terrified of monkeys and can't effectively make the three sounds used to scare away the sneaky pests. The film is in Hindi with English subtitles. Times: 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

ON STAGE

■ 'Now & Then'

Thursdays to Sundays, Feb.

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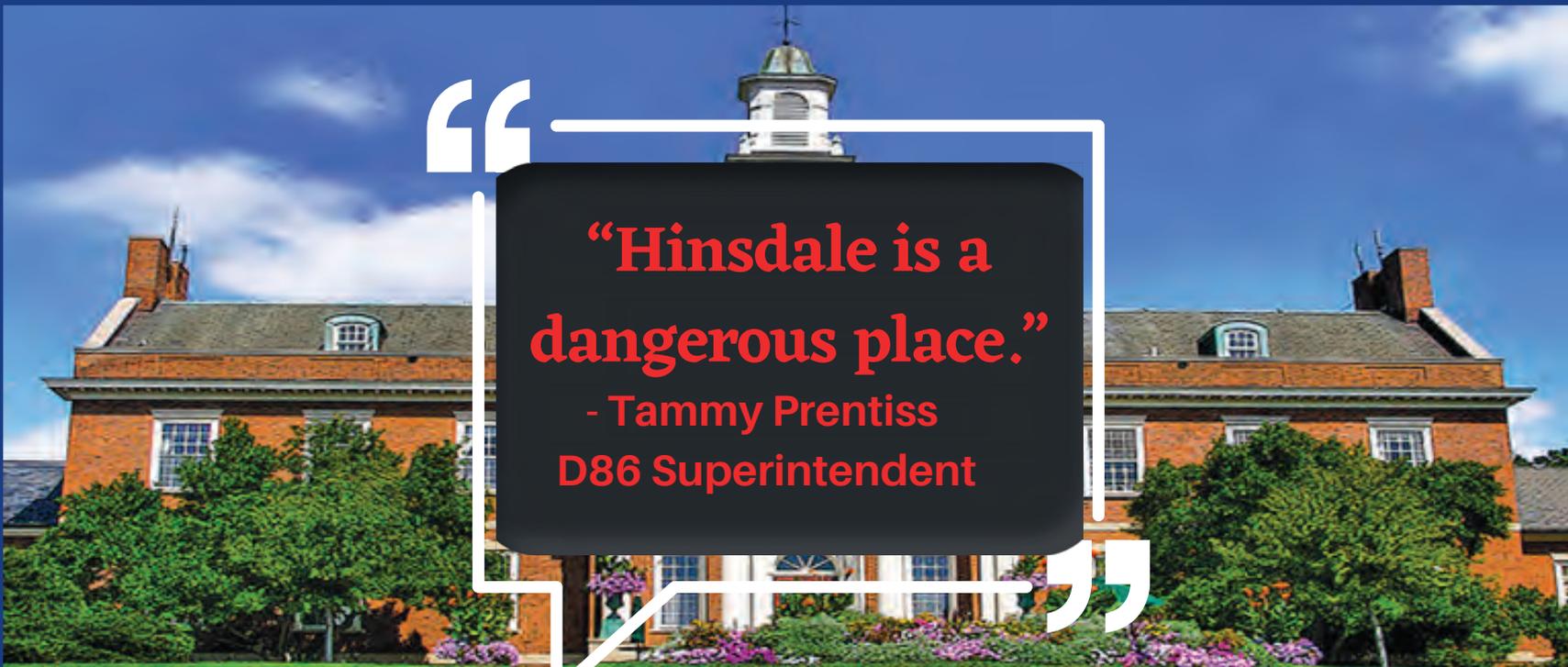


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From: Valda Valbrun on behalf of Valda Valbrun
 To: Tammy Prentiss
 Cc: Michaela Papp
 Subject: Withdrawal of proposal
 Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 10:41:18 PM

Good evening Superintendent Prentiss,

This email serves as a formal withdrawal of our proposal to serve as a consultant with Hinsdale Township.

Respectfully, the events of today, coupled with the manner in which I was treated upon visiting your district, lead me to conclude that The Valbrun Consulting Group is not the right partner. The vitriol and lack of professionalism in the direct messages I received from members of your school community, demonstrates a clear lack of goodwill to address issues of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in your district.

It is unfortunate that your community would prefer to expend energy attempting to discredit my character and professional standing, rather than examine the practices, policies and behaviors that have created the disparities in your district. This underscores both the sense of urgency to address these issues, yet demonstrates why these inequities are pervasive and unresolved.

The Valbrun Consulting Group prefers to enter into mutual partnership with clients who are genuinely committed to advancing the equity imperative. We appreciate your initial consideration, and wish you well in finding a consultant.

Best,
 Valda Valbrun
 Chief Executive Officer
 She/Her

From: Tammy Prentiss on behalf of Tammy Prentiss -prentiss@hinsdale86.org
 To: Valda Valbrun
 Subject: please preview
 Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 1:43:52 PM

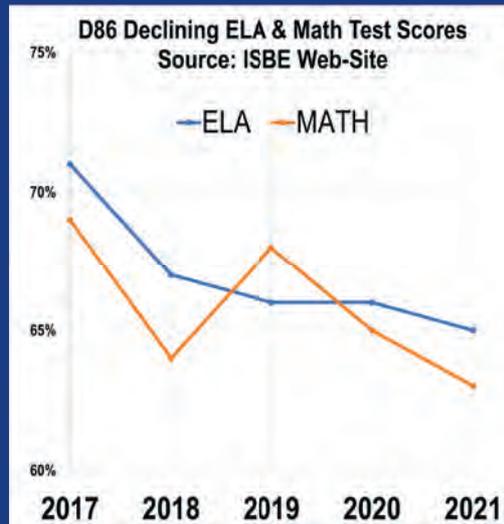
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It is unfortunate that your community would prefer to expend energy attempting to discredit my character and professional standing, rather than examine the practices, policies and behaviors that have created the disparities in your district. This underscores both the sense of urgency to address these issues, yet demonstrates why these inequities are pervasive and unresolved. It's shameful and I feel sorry for the students that have to experience this and don't have the privilege of walking away.

The Valbrun Consulting Group prefers to enter into mutual partnership with clients who are genuinely committed to advancing the equity imperative. We appreciate your initial consideration, and wish you well in finding a consultant.

Tammy Prentiss Ed.S.
 Hinsdale Township High School District 86



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<https://theatreofwesternsprings.com>
(708) 246-4043

This heartfelt romantic comedy is about the costs of the choices we make and the people who make them with us. Post-show talkbacks will be held following the Feb. 18 and 25 performances. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$23-\$25, \$15 for students.

■ **'The Dining Room'**

Thursdays to Sundays, Feb. 24-Mar. 13
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Covering seven decades of upper middle class WASP family life, this slice-of-life play shares vignettes with a range of compassionate humor and abundant humanity, demonstrating that change is inevitable. A pre-show chat with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 24; a post-show chat with the director and actors will be held on March 4. The play contains adult themes and language. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students and seniors.

■ **'Agatha Christie's The Secret Council'**

Through Feb. 27
Mayslake Hall
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.firstfolio.org>
(630) 986-8067

In the wake of the Great War, England is under attack from a Secret Council of its enemies, who are plotting to undermine and subvert one of the bastions of freedom. Can Tommy and Tuppence, Agatha Christie's most dashing and romantic sleuths, thread the maze of mysteries and murders to save the country from the Bolsheviks? Jan. 27-28 are preview shows. Time: see website for full schedule. Tickets: \$49-\$59, \$44-\$54 for seniors, \$20 for students (22 and younger), \$29 for preview shows.

■ **'Evita'**

Through March 20
Drury Lane Theatre

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
<https://www.drurylanetheatre.com>
(630) 530-0111

This Tony Award-winning musical tells the story Eva Perón's rags-to-riches life as she goes from poor provincial child to First Lady of Argentina. A champion of the working-class descamisados, she uses popularity and politics to serve her people — and herself. Dining and show packages are available at an additional cost. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$59-\$74.

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■ **Virtual Spanish for Adults**

Tuesdays, Feb. 22-March 29
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Stay connected and learn Spanish from the safety and comfort of home in this interactive Zoom class teaching conversational Spanish taught live by a Language in Action Inc. instructor. The class will be tailored to the needs of the students enrolled. The class is also offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 23-March 30. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$72. RR

■ **Not Your Mother's Line Dancing**

Thursdays, Feb. 24-April 7
Darien Park District
7301 Fairview Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Learn to line dance to country, pop, rock, oldies and current hits using a pattern of steps that repeats throughout a song. Time: 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$50. RR

■ **Great Decisions**

Feb. 24
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

This Hinsdale Public Library group will meet virtually to discuss world affairs. The February topic is outer space. Related books will be available at the library to check out. Email Rick Blackwell at rblackwell@punshui.com for more information. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m.

■ **Buddy's Place**

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THE KIDSDALEAN

A little bit of fun for our younger readers

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Page through The Hinsdalean to find answers to this week's questions. Fill out the form attached and return. You may copy the form for siblings. Winners will be picked from correct entries received weekly. No cash value.

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1. Who is featured in "60 seconds"?
2. How old is the kid in the birthday greeting?
3. What sports does the athlete profile play?
4. Who writes a column on our first opinion page?
5. Name one person listed in good news.

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PULSE

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Tuesdays March 22-May 17
<https://www.pillarscommunityhealth.org>
(708) 745-5277

This eight-week session, part of Pillars Community Health, is a family-based bereavement support group that provides support and grief education. Children are in groups with similar aged peers, and the adults gather together to learn how to support the children. The meeting location will be included with registration confirmation. The registration deadline is March 11. Time: 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Princess Diana Exhibit

Through Feb. 27
Oakbrook Center
19 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook
<https://princessdianaexhibit.com/chicago>
(630) 686-3444

Enter a stunning visual journey paired with exclusive, never-heard-before stories that trace Diana's emotional path as she modernizes motherhood, revolutionizes fashion and shows the world how to be human. Time slots are available every 15 minutes, and the exhibit takes 60-90 minutes to complete. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets: \$25 and up.

STEPPING BACK

The St. Valentines Day Massacre

Feb. 24
<https://www.cantigny.org>
On Feb. 14, 1929, seven members of Chicago's George "Bugs" Moran North Side gang were gunned down inside a nondescript garage at 2122 N. Clark St., stunning the citizenry of Chicago and the nation. Join this virtual program with Geoff Schumacher, vice president of exhibits and programs at The Mob Museum in Las Vegas, as he outlines the events that led to the massacre, explains what happened on that fateful day and examines the aftermath of this deadly episode in Chicago history. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Exhibit

Through May 31
Hinsdale History Museum
15 S Clay St.
<https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>

org
(630) 789-2600

Visit the museum to check out this exhibit of memorabilia and images from the horrific attack that launched the U.S. into World War II. Hours: 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays or by appointment.

People of the Prairie: 12,000 years in DuPage County

Through June 5
Elmhurst History Museum
120 E. Park Ave.
<http://www.elmhursthistory.org>
(630) 833-1457

Gain a deeper understanding of the native people who lived in the area through an archaeological lens and learn about how they survived and interacted with their neighbors. Featured displays include a timeline comparing tribes from different archaeological eras, a digital map depicting the displacement of Native people in the 18th and 19th centuries, and artifacts from archaeological sites in northeastern Illinois including tools, arrowheads, pottery and more. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

WEE ONES

Kid Rock II

Tuesdays, Feb. 22-March 22
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 3-5 will learn together while engaging in fun, creative, music-based activities, using rhythm instruments and movement props. Activities are age appropriate and include songs and rhymes, rhythm and coordination and the development of fine and gross motor, imagination and sensory and listening skills. Time: 11 to 11:40 a.m. Cost: \$51. RR

Pee Wee Sports and Fitness with Parent

Wednesdays, Feb. 23-March 23
Madison School
611 S. Madison St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
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Kids ages 3-4 will be introduced to different sports through fun fitness activities

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to help build self-confidence, gross motor skills and overall coordination. Fun games will be played at the end of each class. Parent participation is welcome. Time: 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$48. RR

■ **Pee Wee Floor Hockey**
Fridays, Feb. 25-April 8
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 4-6 will learn the game of hockey before the skates go on through drills for stick handling, passing, shooting and goalie skills as well as team drills. They'll enjoy learning the fundamentals and mechanics of the game. Time: 1:15 to 2 p.m. Cost: \$63. RR

■ **Adult and Tot Soccer**
Fridays, Feb. 25-April 8
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090
Parents can help their tod-

ler age 2-3 learn the skills, moves and joy of soccer, with an emphasis on the basic skills like dribbling, passing and shooting as well as developing motor skills, coordination, balance, listening and social skills. A labeled face covering and water bottle are required. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Cost: \$63. RR

■ **Soccer/T-Ball Combo**
Mondays, Feb. 28-March 21
Madison School
611 S. Madison St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

This class for ages 3-4 will provide an introduction to soccer and T-ball, socialization, teamwork, following directions and key motor skills. Having fun will be the focus in this noncompetitive environment. The first three weeks will cover soccer; the second three, T-ball. Parent participation welcome. Time: 4:30 to 5:20 p.m. Cost: \$48. RR

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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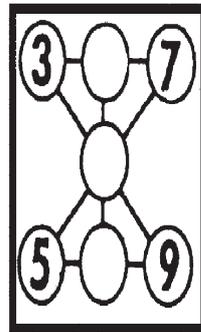
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THREE OUT! You are asked to insert just three numbers—4, 6 and 8—in blank circles of the diagram shown so that each row of three numbers has the same total, which is left up to you to determine.

Insert the right number at center, and you can hardly miss.

How quickly can you comply?

Place 6 at center; 8 at top; 4 at bottom.



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HOROSCOPES

February 2022 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Life may seem surreal this week as your subconscious seems to be guiding many of your decisions, Capricorn. Go with the flow for the time being.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
A sense of adventure compels you to travel to a new destination, Aries. You may have something in mind or you can throw a dart at the map and enjoy the trip.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, there's much productivity this week as you find yourself thrust into yet another project. Once you sail through it, things will calm down.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, this may be a busy week for you, so take a few moments each morning to center yourself and focus your energy before you dive in to your list of tasks.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
It is a good idea to connect with your friends while you can, Aquarius. You may not have an opportunity for some time, so reach out and make a plan to get together.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Don't be surprised if relationships seem a little more intense than normal, Taurus. Everyone is a little keyed up and the extra energy is on display in daily interactions.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, this week you are invited to enjoy yourself. Feel free to live life as much as you can for as long as you can. Plan a retreat with a special someone.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Money has been on your mind for some time, Scorpio. Figure out ways that you can increase your income — if only temporarily. Once you catch up on bills, you can relax.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, certain personal goals may need your attention at this time. Rearrange your priorities for the next few days.



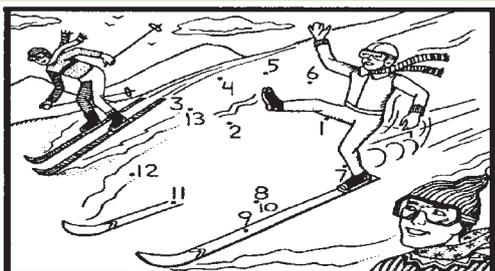
GEMINI – May 22/June 21
People could play important roles in your life right now, Gemini. Partnerships are especially fortuitous. After all, two minds are better than one for problem-solving.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Try to be as efficient as possible to save time and money in the days ahead, Virgo. See where you can streamline things and find ways to conserve your resources.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you will likely be deep in your feelings this week, exploring many different emotions. It can be tiring, so find some activities to give your brain a break.



SKI DOIN'! Our snow slope pal has a leg up on things. Or has he? Draw dot-to-dot to complete the picture.

SPORTS

RESULTS

Basketball, boys
Feb. 15 vs. York
V wins 50-46
Oosterbaan, 16 points
Eck, 13 points
Quast, 7 points
Phillips, 5 points
Yaeger, 5 points
Collignon, 4 points
Feb. 11 @ LT
V loses 53-60
Feb. 10 vs. Glenbard West
V loses 26-44

Basketball, girls
Feb. 14 @ IHSA regional
vs. Morton (semifinal)
V wins 66-25
Monyek, 20 points
Sheehan, 12 points
Howe, 10 points
Sarros, 9 points
McLaughlin, 6 points
Qiu, 5 points
Dolan, 4 points

Bowling, girls
Feb. 12 @ IHSA sectional
Andersen, 47th, 949

Hockey
Feb. 15 vs. Notre Dame
V wins 3-2
Devine, goal, assist
Hadesman, goal
Haggard, goal
Cook, 2 assists
Ritter, assist

Ryndak, assist
Feb. 12 @ Maine
V loses 2-3
Feb. 11 @ Glenbard
V wins 4-3

Wrestling
Feb. 11-12 @ IHSA indiv. sectional
132 pounds
Tavoso, 1st
220 pounds
Ivanisevic, 2nd

HEADED TO STATE

Members of the Hinsdale Central girls gymnastics team and wrestling team will represent Red Devil Nation at their respective IHSA state finals this week.

Central senior gymnast Kelly Klobach will compete in the all-around, and junior teammate Charlotte French will compete in the uneven bars Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-19, at Palatine High School.

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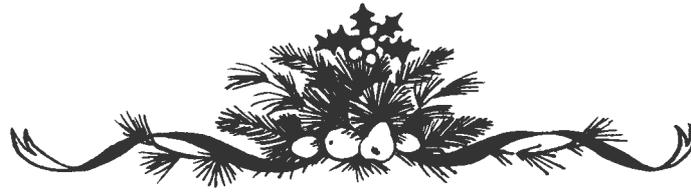
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Allen reaches NFL's pinnacle with Rams

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know a week before the game that he had a ticket with his name on it. The experience, he said, was gripping.

"The last five minutes or so of the game, it could have gone either way for sure," said White, an assistant football coach at Butler University.

When it finally went the Rams' way, the party was on.

"We were going crazy," he said. "I saw the confetti flying around, and my jaw dropped for like 20 straight minutes just staring at the field."

John Allen said the stress was all he could handle.

"I was exhausted from all the worrying. I felt like I could have slept at the stadium," he said.

Leslie was one proud mom.

"I had a smile on my face and I don't think I could take it off," she said on Monday. "I still have a smile on my face."

And their victorious son's reaction once the game was in hand? He was tending to some self-care.

"I actually started cramping pretty good on the drive that we scored on," Allen related. "I was with the trainers trying to stop the cramping with ice and shots."

"Believe it or not I didn't even know we had won the game until they told me I had to go back out to take a knee (and run out the clock)," he continued.

Nothing like the biggest win of one's career to help the healing process. Allen said he made sure to keep



Brian Allen's ascent to becoming a Super Bowl champion with the Rams began in town with the Hinsdale Falcons and the Hinsdale Central Red Devils before a standout



collegiate career at Michigan State University. He was also a state champion wrestler. (Photos courtesy of Los Angeles Rams, Leslie Allen)

hydrating at the post-game celebrations.

The Michigan State University alum became the starting center for 2019 campaign only to suffer a season-ending knee injury in Week 10. His ability to return to the physical level required in the NFL was uncertain. White was not surprised at Allen's restorative power, knowing the depth of his commitment and resilience.

"He deserves all the success that comes his way," he said.

"He prepares at an elite level. It's no secret why he's successful as a football player. I was just happy to be part of his day and be there to support him."

Leslie expressed gratitude for the coaches and teammates that have come alongside her son throughout his development.

"I've very thankful for all those that have had an impact on his life," she said.

That would include Rams' offensive lineman Andrew

Whitworth, this year's Walter Payton Man of the Year winner, who opened his home to his young transplanted teammate.

"He has a workout facility at his house (that Brian has used), and he'll even have him over for Easter or Christmas," Leslie related.

Allen said forging a bond with newly acquired veteran Stafford was pretty seamless.

"He's a great guy, just really easy to work with," he said. "Just the wisdom he's gained

over his career is invaluable. He gets everyone in the right spots and runs the audible really savvy.

"We definitely couldn't have done it without him," Allen added.

Entering free agency, Allen's future path isn't mapped out. But he'll soon have a new ring to mark one unforgettable point in his journey.

"It doesn't seem real," he said. "It was fun."

Allen was a three-year starter for the Devils, part of a class of gridiron talents that featured several future D-1 players. On the Rams, Allen plays

alongside guard David Edwards, a graduate of Downers North, whose high school years overlapped with Allen's. "Small world," Allen said.

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Hinsdale's Brian Allen holds the Lombardi Trophy with L.A. Rams' offensive line coach Kevin Carberry. Allen celebrates the Super Bowl win with former Red Devil teammates Ian Bunting (from left), Jacob White and Max Hartzman. Allen and brothers Matt and Jack soaked in the postgame glory and parents John and Leslie also joined in the fun. (photos provided)

■ "I had a smile on my face and I don't think I could take it off. I still have a smile on my face." — **Leslie Allen**

Allen reaches NFL's peak with Rams

Former Central standout bounces back from injury to help team win Super Bowl

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Super Bowl Champion! Hinsdale's Brian Allen said that truth still seems surreal even days after the Los Angeles Rams' starting center and his teammates earned the title Sunday with a 23-20 win over the Cincinnati Bengals at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif.

"It still hasn't sunk in yet. I'm kind of just in a disbelief," Allen said Wednesday morning as he readied for the victory parade through the city's downtown.

The outcome was in question until the closing minutes, when

Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford led the offense on a 15-play drive culminating in a go-ahead touchdown pass to star receiver Cooper Kupp with 1:25 remaining.

"I'm thankful we were giving Matt enough time to throw the ball," Allen remarked. "One thing kind of led to another. It ended up working out."

The defense then did its part, thwarting the Bengals' ensuing drive. The Lombardi Trophy would stay in Southern California.

High above in upper deck seats in the Rams' end zone. Allen's parents, Leslie and John, his brothers Jack and Matt, and several former

Red Devil teammates exulted.

"We would have preferred for it not to be as close," John quipped, referencing a missed extra point earlier in the game that became more significant as time wore on.

Leslie admitted to a superstitious streak, feeling that losing the coin toss was a good sign, and then compelling the group to switch seats when the Rams' fortunes were slumping.

"It seemed like it worked," she said.

It was Allen's second Super Bowl as a Ram. He was a rookie backup three years ago when the team lost 13-3 to the New England Patriots. This time around was sweeter for

so many reasons.

"I didn't really play too much in the first one," he related, saying he had to fight some pregame butterflies. "I definitely had to tell myself that I have to calm down."

Having the Rams' home stadium serve as the host venue was convenient, although that can also make it harder to focus, Allen noted.

"It was kind of just going through a normal week at home, but with a little bit more media coverage," he said with understatement.

Friend and fellow Hinsdale Central class of 2014 mate Jacob White was all in when Allen let him

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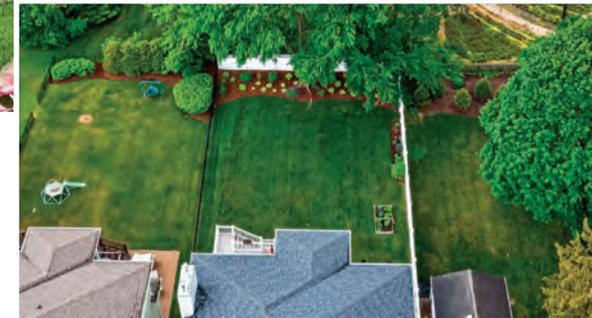
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