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Middle school musical chairs — The teachers got into the halftime game at the Hinsdale Middle School faculty-student basketball game Friday. Lauren Miller was the unlucky player in this round, while Troy Huber, Kelly Reid and Heather Scott were some of the lucky ones. At the end, with only one chair left, Huber was up against Vicki Johnston. Johnston was the winner after Huber was ejected from the game by 'referee' Rocky May. Huber could have been cited for some unsportsmanlike conduct — and could have served some time in detention for his high-spirited antics. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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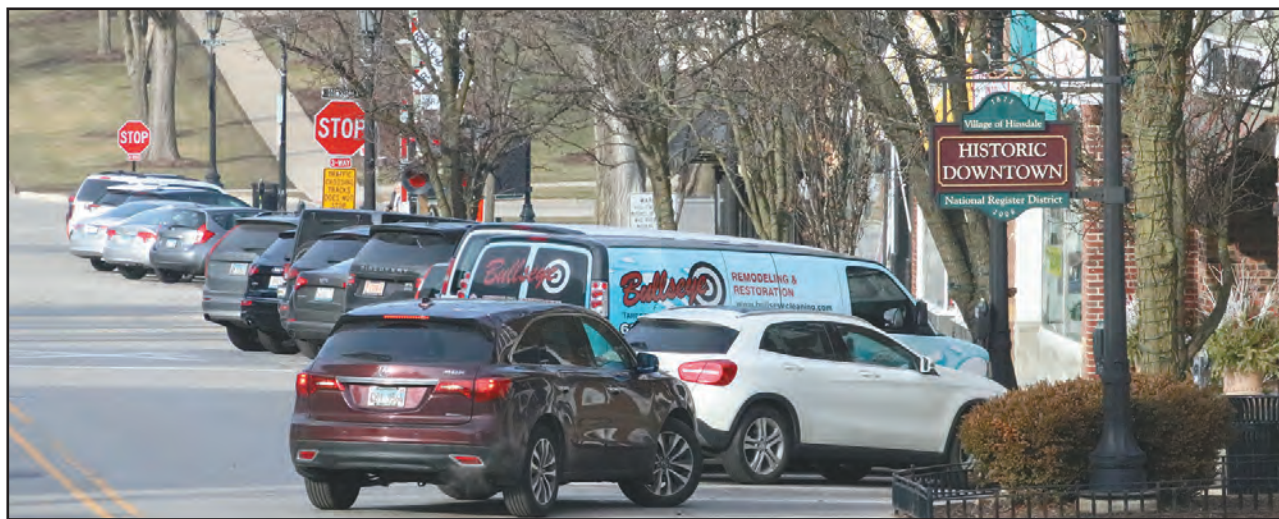
First look at proposed parking plan

By Pamela Lannom
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Trustees took a test drive Tuesday on a new parking plan for downtown Hinsdale that would go into effect after the parking deck opens in August.

The deck at First Street and Garfield Avenue will add 189 spaces on the lower level, increasing the parking supply in downtown Hinsdale by 40 percent, Village President Tom Cauley said.

The “3-6-8” plan would allow free parking up to three hours in the central business district and up to six hours in the deck and pay box parking for eight hours in the lots



Trustees had their first conversation Tuesday about how to manage the parking supply in downtown Hinsdale following the opening of the new parking deck — being built adjacent to Hinsdale Middle School in cooperation with District 181 — that will add 189 spaces to the central business district. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Proposed parking plan

New time limits

- three-hour free zoned parking downtown spaces (where meters now stand)
- six-hour free parking in the lower level of the parking deck
- eight-hour parking in the Washington Street and Garfield Avenue lots (\$1 an hour)

New rates, fines

- vehicle sticker prices would increase from \$40 to \$48 to generate an additional \$67,000
- commuter permit prices would increase from \$620 to \$750 a year for \$44,850
- some red merchant permit spaces along Burlington Avenue and Hinsdale Avenue would be converted to commuter spaces at a rate of \$750 a year for \$15,210
- 35 existing red merchant permit spaces along Hinsdale Avenue west of Grant Street would be converted to commuter spaces and offered to wait list participants for \$26,250
- Washington Street and Garfield Avenue lot rates would rise from 25 cents to \$1 an hour for \$50,000
- parking tickets fines would increase from \$8 to \$25 for \$10,000

on Washington Street and Garfield Avenue.

Tickets for parking violations in the three-hour zone would be increased from \$8 to \$25 to encourage long-term parkers — primarily merchants and their employees — to park elsewhere. Village staff estimates about 142 merchants and employees park downtown on weekdays.

If the village eliminates the meters, it will create a \$196,000 shortfall. The proposal calls for a number of measures to close the gap (see sidebar).

Trustees already indicated support for an \$8 hike in the price of vehicle stickers and are expected to formally approve the new rate Tuesday, Feb. 18. Cauley said he's comfortable raising the price for commuter permits, which hasn't been increased since 2006.

“Right now there is a waiting list of 170 people for the (commuter) parking lot, so there certainly is a demand for parking downtown,” he said. “This seems to me a good way to make the proposed parking plan budget neutral.”

Trustees had differing opinions on whether parking in the central business district should be free for

all or only for residents. Cauley said 80 percent of cars parked downtown during the most congested hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. belong to nonresidents.

Trustee Matt Posthuma said he thinks an \$8 increase in the cost of vehicle stickers should carry some advantage for Hinsdaleans. “If we were to give residents something in return, like the ability to get an extra perk of parking for free, that’s the sort of trade I would be willing to agree to,” he said.

He and others also said they worry that if parking is free downtown, merchants and employees will have no motivation to park elsewhere.

Cauley expressed concerns that visitors from other towns will not appreciate having to pay while residents can park for free.

“You’re going to get really angry people, and I just don’t want to do that,” he said.

Trustee Neale Byrnes agreed.

“You just want to remove barriers wherever you can,” he said.

Enforcement would be easier if parking is free for all, according to Police Chief Brian King.

“I think the simpler, the better,” he said. “The more complicated

you make the parking rules, the more you turn nonviolators into violators.”

Assistant village manager Brad Bloom told The Hinsdalean Wednesday that staff members are continuing to look at how free parking in the deck could be regulated for merchants and employees.

“We’re trying to go into this process with as few rules as possible, and we know we may have to tweak this,” he said. “We’re going to be monitoring it closely during implementation. It’s really hard to foresee every condition that could arise during the implementation.”

The item was on the agenda Tuesday for discussion only. Before the new plan is approved, it must be on the agenda for a first read at one meeting and a second read at a subsequent meeting. The first read could take place as early as March.

Residents who would like more information should visit the village website at <https://www.villageof-hinsdale.org> > Proposed Parking Plan, where they can view a map of the current and proposed parking plans, watch a video of the village board meeting and find a link to submit questions, comments or concerns.

ONCE UPON A TIME



This old home — The house located at 306 S. Garfield Ave. was built for William Coffeen in 1899. According to Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," Coffeen was a director of a baking powder company in Chicago. The company supplied the first local golf club with baking powder cans that were used for the holes. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We'd love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)

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Life will go on after loss of a loved one

Grappling with grief can be challenging, but many have discovered light after darkness

Loss is part of life.

Unfortunately, the older we get, the more loss we tend to encounter.

So as the Healthy Aging Task Force discussed the topics to address as part of our Redefining Aging series, the subject of grief was at the top of the list.

Grieving looks different for everyone, of course.

"Grief is a journey, and the path it takes you on will depend greatly on your age, your relationship with your loved one and a host of other factors," Amita Health writes as an introduction to its bereavement services.

That journey almost always includes pain, but it also can be one of hope. Today we share the stories of four individuals and how they have learned to incorporate loss in their lives.

■ REDEFINING AGING

This is another in an ongoing series that examines issues associated with aging.

Pets bring comfort on journey as daughter copes with loss of dad

Kathy Burns started grieving long before she lost her dad last year.

The process began about five years earlier, when her father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. The family was familiar with the disease, as Burns' mother had it as well.

She made the decision to retire from her job as director of global cash for Meed Johnson so she could travel from her Burr Ridge home to southern Indiana one week every month to spend time with her parents. Over time she watched her father's health deteriorate (he also had non-Hodgkins lymphoma and heart conditions).

"It just broke my heart to see that," she said. "I started out (going to visit) four years ago when they were in great shape."

Burns, the oldest of seven, said all of her siblings responded in their own way to their parents' diseases. Dealing with family dynamics made managing her father's care that much more complicated.

"Everybody's got an opinion. It was just exhausting," she said.

Eventually, in May 2019, the day before his 67th wedding anniversary, her father died, surrounded by his wife and children.

"I'm glad I experienced it," Burns said. "I'm glad I experienced death. I feel like it was very calming. I'm glad it was over for everybody."

Burns read a lot while her parents were ill and pointed to a book called "Elderhood" that helped her recognize the futility of trying to prolong life in the face of severe illness. That realization helped her let go of her dad. But it didn't eliminate the pain of his loss.

"I grieved more than I thought I would," she said. "I was actually surprised after we buried him and I came back here."

She found solace in the drive home, enjoying the scenery and stopping at the towns she and her parents had visited after she first retired. Burns also found comfort spending time with her pets — and sharing their unconditional love with others.

She had lost a basset hound right before she retired and was looking for another once she retired.

"Theo ... was a therapy basset and I wanted to do therapy work," she said.



He came as a package with a therapy cat named Frisky, which Burns describes as quite a character.

Burns and Theo have been visiting retirement communities for the past three years and recently earned the qualification to visit hospital patients, people in hospice care and "read to the dogs" programs. She is working now with Amita Adventist St. Thomas Hospice to begin visits.

"They said there is a real need for hospice. I said I would like to try it," she said.

She recalled one gentleman she and Theo visited in a memory care unit. Although unable to communicate, he spent a full 30 minutes petting a receptive Theo.

"It's just wonderful to see that. They just enjoy petting him," Burns said.

And she appreciates the opportunity to bring comfort and spread joy to those experiencing their own loss, whether it be memory, health, mobility or a loved one.

"Everybody smiles when they see him," she said. "It just makes everybody happy."

— by Pamela Lannom

Faith eases pain of losing spouse for longtime Hinsdale merchant

Carol and Dusty Hanson were blessed to spend more than seven decades together.

The two met in 1947 working summer jobs at Glacier National Park in Montana. Carol had just finished nursing school and was looking to spend a little time doing something different. Dusty had been honorably discharged after four years of service in the Navy.

"Then we fell in love, and the next year we were married," Carol said. "It's been a long and happy life."

Dusty passed away in April 2017 at age 102, one month shy of their 70th wedding anniversary.

"You are still missing your mate after being married almost 70 years," Carol, who will turn 96 in March, said. "Growing up in a very Christian home, I never feared death. I never had any worries about the future. It was an easy transition for me and I knew he wasn't going to be suffering, which is important."

The two lived in Godair Park, a neighborhood of homes near 63rd and Madison streets owned by King-Bruwaert House, for 32 years before moving to a second-floor unit in the K-B House on County Line Road seven years ago. When Dusty required nursing care, he was moved to another wing on the second floor, where Carol was able to spend time with him whenever she wanted. After he died, she didn't face the upheaval of moving to a new location or having to find a new circle of friends.

"It's a wonderful community to be in. With the Lord's help, I think it is just an amazing feeling that you have of peace."

A longtime member of Christ Church in Oak Brook, Carol said she was able to rely on the spiritual support K-B offered.

"This became our congregation and our minister," she said, noting the Sunday services and weekly Bible studies that are offered.

"We have a wonderful chaplain here, Rev. Katherine Price. She is so willing to help anybody who needs help."

"When you lose a mate and you're all alone, I think it is a little hard maybe on a person. Here there are so many support groups that can help."

She also takes comfort in the many



blessings she and Dusty shared. They raised three daughters and later enjoyed being grandparents and then great-grandparents.

They also spent 40 happy years owning Schweidler and Mewherter in downtown Hinsdale. Their daughter Chrissie worked with them at the office, school and art supply store for 30 years as well, allowing them to postpone retirement until Dusty was 89 and Carol was 80.

"You know how easygoing Dusty was," she said. "We all got along just fine. It worked."

Summers were savored at their second home in Sister Bay, Wis., where they welcomed friends and family.

"The Lord has been so good to us all these years," Carol said.

She believes the Christian faith she and Dusty shared was essential as they approached his final days and in the aftermath of his death.

"I've never worried about the future one bit and Dusty felt the same way, too. He was ready to go. I think he was just tired."

"I realize some people grieve more than others," she continued. "Sometimes it's harder. I think being a Christian, you know what the future holds for you and it's not sad."

— by Pamela Lannom

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NEWS

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Widow, widower move from anguish to affection

Paula Ply's husband, David, died of cancer in the summer of 2017. Five days after his passing, a grieving Ply willed herself to Wellness House's bereavement drop-in group for support.

"You're barely able to get yourself there, but there really is a strong comfort in being with other people who get it," said Ply, 67.

Several months later, she attended an December open house at the Hinsdale cancer support agency. She knew most of the attendees but noticed an unfamiliar table-mate. His name was Mick Urban, and he had lost his wife, Deb, to cancer in 2016. She had been his true love since he was 13.

"The loneliness," remarked the 71-year-old of grief's sudden grip. "The whole world just changes."

After her death, Urban decided to see more of the world on a monthlong road trip out west visiting friends and sites he and Deb had put on their retirement bucket list. Getting away was therapeutic, he said. Returning home, however, revealed just how insufficient the miles and time were in healing his heart.

"Everything had been going OK until I walked back in the front door," he recounted. "I told myself I was either going to have to sell the house or do something else."

Ply, who had also lost her mother and her best friend the year of David's death, said pangs of grief come unexpectedly, like the realization that her husband was no longer there to provide his IT expertise.

"The first time I had a computer issue, I just sat down and cried," she shared.

Like Ply, Urban found succor in the Wellness House fellowship. That night at the open house he also found a new friend in Ply. Neither was looking for love, and they spent most of 2018 becoming acquainted in group outings that Ply organized.

"In that year, I just began to see qualities in Mick that I could really appreciate, without the pretense of romance," she said. "When one of us all of sudden will have one of those hard days, we understand that with each other, and we comfort each other



through it."

The connection seemed heaven-sent. Both had been married for 45 years, and they discovered they'd chosen the identical prayer to memorialize their spouses on the funeral cards. They've now been dating for a little over a year.

Urban said he wanted to make sure he appreciated Ply for her distinct qualities and not as a replacement for Deb.

"If you're looking for what you had, you'll never get those (emotional) doors opened that need to be opened," he counseled.

They advise those grieving not to rush the process. Journaling has helped Ply, and being in community has been vital for both. The two are currently helping Wellness House pilot a meaning-centered therapy group for those dealing with grief.

"Maybe we can help others with what we've gone through," Urban said.

They encourage others to speak freely about their late spouses. Purposely avoiding the topic, they said, creates a painful awkwardness. Ply stressed that moving on doesn't mean forgetting the past.

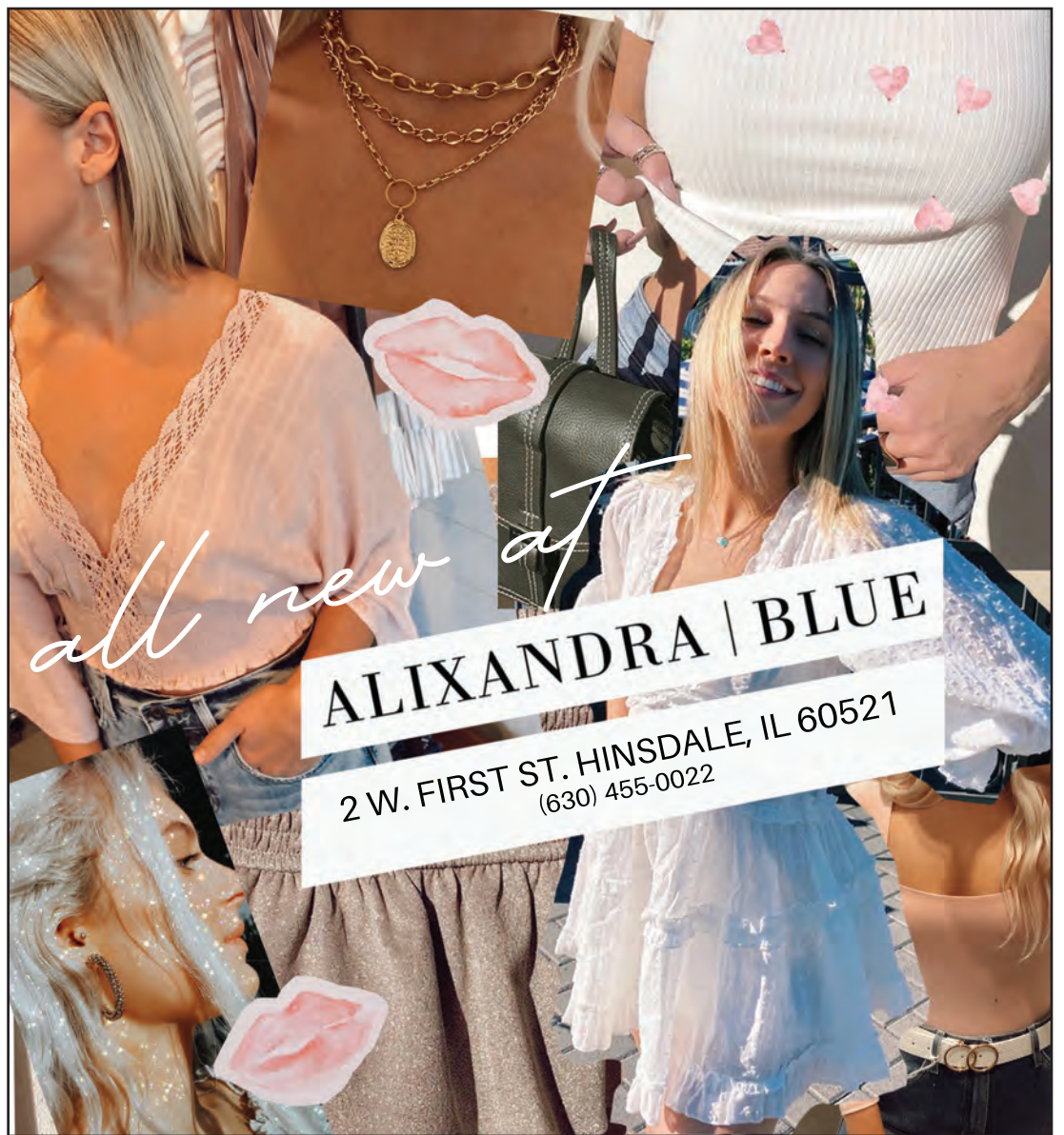
"I'm so grateful for the life that I had. David was a really special person," she remarked, saying the anger she once felt about his death has given way to gratitude for his life.

In their song "Again," Brooks & Dunn sing, "I thought that love was over and gone forever, never gonna come back to me, never gonna hold me again."

It's become something of an anthem for Ply and Urban.

"We both agreed that grief is the price of love," Ply said.

— by Ken Knutson



Janowick takes helm of Community House

By Ken Knutson

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Longtime Community House staffer Dan Janowick has been named executive director of the organization.

Mary Blue Henneman, chair of The Community House's board of trustees, announced last week in an email that the board's executive committee had unanimously tapped Janowick to succeed Annie Krug.

"I am thrilled to officially announce the appointment of Dan Janowick to the role," she stated, adding that Feb. 3 was Janowick's first day on the job.

Henneman cited Janowick's strong leadership skills and his 15 years working in the organization, the last two as director of operations, as key factors in the committee's decision.

"Dan is familiar with nearly every

facet of the organization and its offerings. As director of operations, Dan has helped to drive significant growth in programming and has proven his ability to lead and develop an outstanding team. Additionally, Dan has also shown himself very capable of leading the entire organization by successfully stepping into the interim executive director's role in the past," she wrote.

Janowick joined The Community House staff as program director in 2006, then served as director of programs and facilities from 2008-18, at which time he was elevated to director of operations. He served as interim executive director on two occasions — for nine months in 2009 and again



Janowick

in the five months prior to Krug's arrival in April 2018.

Krug abruptly resigned her post last month, and Henneman indicated in her emailed announcement that she left to pursue professional writing opportunities.

"Writing has always been (Krug's) passion, and she now has a unique opportunity to turn this passion into a full-time career,"

Henneman stated.

Janowick said he is humbled by the opportunity to be The Community House's top administrator.

"Having worked under three of the four executive directors in the history of the organization has allowed me to already have a deep appreciation

for what community service looks like. Hinsdale and the surrounding communities have become my second home, and knowing the skills of our talented staff and having seen the dedication of our board of trustees has helped me hit the ground running," he said.

Janowick expressed his intent to listen to suggestions regarding the agency's deployment of energy and services.

"For me, the idea of providing services and opportunities to build strong individuals and communities isn't just part of the job, it's a personal passion that I think we all share for our own families and communities. I want to help strengthen The Community House to continue to have this kind of unique impact for decades to come," he said.

Police advise resident to lock cars, deter thieves

Hinsdale police are asking residents to help combat auto thefts in the village after an uptick in overnight auto thefts and auto burglaries since the beginning of December involving unlocked cars with key fobs left inside.

In the latest incident, police reported that at 3:46 a.m. Monday, Jan. 27, an officer assigned to special overnight patrols observed a vehicle reported stolen at Third and Princeton streets in the Woodlands neighborhood of Hinsdale. The offenders fled south on County Line Road and then east on the Stevenson Expressway.

It was one of seven recent contacts with stolen autos since the beginning of December, according to the police department, which also stated that added overnight patrols have been successful at detecting and chasing away would-be offenders. The other incidents with stolen autos occurred at Vine & Center streets, York and Ogden streets, County Line Road and 47th Street, Seventh and Oak streets, Seventh and Garfield streets, and Madison Street at Ogden Avenue.

In a press release, police officials pointed to a common thread among

the incidents: the offenders in all of the cases were looking for unlocked cars with fobs and garage door openers left unattended inside the vehicles.

Three auto thefts have been reported in the village since the beginning of December, and over a dozen overnight auto burglaries, police stated. In each case, the car was left unlocked and, on several occasions, the offenders have used garage door openers in unlocked vehicles in the driveway to open the garage and search through vehicles in attached garages looking for fobs.

Back in July, surveillance video showed an offender in the 200 block of North Grant Street appear to be holding a handgun while entering an unlocked car in the driveway and then using a garage door opener to gain access to the home.

The department attributes the rise in such incidents to thieves' expectation of finding unlocked vehicles with key fobs inside. Police officials are reminding residents to lock their cars, secure their fobs and immediately call the police if suspicious activity is observed, especially in the overnight hours.



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9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13
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6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13
Hinsdale South High School
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Hinsdale Plan Commission

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

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business Tuesday, trustees

- agreed to spend \$429,000 to Linblad Construction to pave the lower level of the new parking deck. Trustees initially planned to spend about \$263,000 for asphalt in order to lower the cost of the deck. Village President Tom Cauley said there should be enough money in the \$300,000 contingency fund to pay for the upgrade.

"I don't want to spend more money than we have to, but I think these funds are well spent," he said.

The item will be up for a vote at the Tuesday, Feb. 18, meeting.

- agreed to spend about \$80,000 to repave the 45 parking spaces in the Washington Street shopper lot north of Hinsdale Middle School and west of the parking deck. The board will take a vote Feb. 18.

- supported the \$216,370 purchase of a new video management system from Pentegra Systems LLC for the police station. The item will be up for a vote Feb. 18.

- agreed to spend about \$25,400 to purchase proprietary software and information technology security managed services from Infogressive Cyber Security with the goal of deterring and detecting cyber attacks and ransomware demands. The vote is scheduled for Feb. 18.

- officially approved an agreement with MSA Municipal Services Associates to review any applications the village receives for 5G or any other small cell installation. Fees, which vary based on the type of application, will be passed along to the telecommunications provider making the application.

- learned that the Illinois Tollway Authority has started pile driving on the Western Springs side of Interstate 294 for the shoefly track. Residents who live near Veeck Park should receive a notice soon that the work will begin in Hinsdale in two to three weeks, assistant village manager Brad Bloom said.



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Teen's lifelong curiosity leads to earth-friendly discovery

Herbert Wang said his love of science is something his father began fostering when he was just a child. Rather than quiz his son on the periodic table or test his knowledge of mathematical theories, Jin Wang asked a simple question, over and over again: "How does it work?"

The curiosity and knowledge that resulted from asking and answering that question time and again is what Wang believes led him to where he is today — the laboratory at University of Chicago. That's where, as a research assistant, he discovered a biodegradable material that can be used as an alternative to plastic food packaging.

"I have a patent for the material," said Wang, who was working to create an artificial skin for use in wound care when his research changed course. He said the material, created by combining polymers found in rice flour and shrimp shells, has antibacterial properties that can help keep food fresh while offering an earth-friendly alternative to plastic.

Once funding is in place, Wang hopes to see his discovery used to create straws, plastic wrap or some other marketable packaging product.

Wang began spending time in the University of Chicago laboratory the summer after his sophomore year of high school. That summer internship continued the next summer and has spilled over into nearly every Sunday since.

"I like making things," said Wang, who said time passes quickly when he's absorbed in his lab work.

Wang learned in January that he was one of 300 high school seniors to be named scholars by the Society for Science and the Public. The organization's annual international math and science competition drew almost 2,000 applicants from more than 750 schools. Wang and Hinsdale Central will receive \$2,000 each.

When not creating new things in a laboratory, Wang enjoys creating new things in the kitchen. He said he sees a direct parallel between his love of science and

his love of cooking.

"You're trying new things out to form a new dish," he said, and rather than facing a scholarly board, your discoveries are reviewed by family and friends.

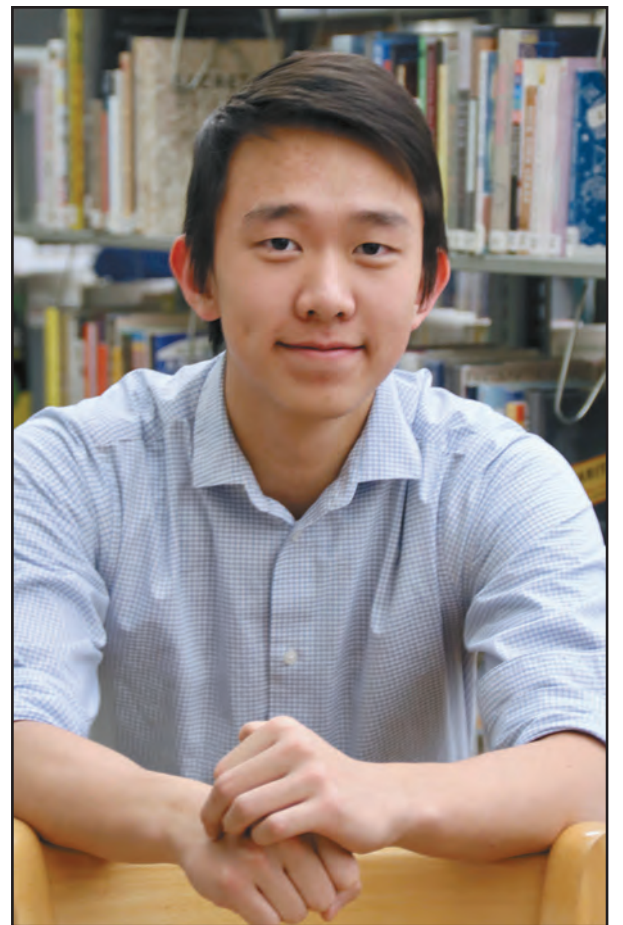
His specialty is fried rice, which he likes to make using whatever ingredients are available.

"That's my signature dish," he said.

By the time he enters college, Wang will have another title to add to his already lengthy resume. Having completed his final project, he's in the final steps to the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his final project, Wang turned back to the question he was asked throughout his life to teach a group of Elm School students how microscopes work. Using a 3D printer, he created microscopes to fit the students' iPads. Wang said he hopes the students will use the microscopes to start asking themselves how things work and, like him, go searching for the answers.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch,
photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Life with a healthy heart is so much sweeter

Hearts are everywhere this month — but not all of them are for Valentine's Day.

For the past 56 years, February has been American Heart Month. President Lydon B. Johnson issued the first proclamation in February 1964, nine years after he suffered a heart attack.

Science has advanced medicine in exciting new ways since that time, but heart disease remains the No. 1 killer of Americans, taking more lives than all forms of cancer combined. Seventy-two percent of Americans don't consider themselves at risk for heart disease, and 83 percent believe heart attacks can be prevented but aren't motivated to do anything.

American Heart Month is designed to remind us all how important it is to pay attention to heart health. While age, gender and family history are potential risk factors beyond one's control when it comes to heart disease, the good news is many risks can be lowered by maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Follow these suggestions from the American Heart Association, Mayo

Clinic, the Heart Foundation and the CDC to take better care of your heart.

- Be smoke free.

Smoking doubles the risk of a heart attack and triples the risk of stroke.

- Manage cholesterol levels.

High cholesterol increases your risk for heart disease and stroke. Total cholesterol levels of less than 200 milligrams per deciliter are considered desirable for adults. A reading between 200 and 239 mg/dL is considered borderline high and a reading of 240 mg/dL and above is considered high.

- Manage blood pressure.

Experiencing high blood pressure over a long period of time is one of the main risk factors for heart disease. A reading under 120/80 is considered optimal. Readings up to 129/80 are considered elevated. Readings of 130-139/80-89 indicate Stage 1 hypertension and those of 140/90 or higher mark Stage 2 hypertension.

- Manage diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes raises LDL (bad) cholesterol

and lowers HDL (good) cholesterol, raising the risk for heart disease and stroke.

- Be physically active.

A good starting goal is 150 minutes a week, with the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommended 150 to 300 minutes of moderate physical activity each week. Find forms of exercise that are enjoyable and build more opportunities to be active into your daily routine.

- Enjoy a heart-healthy diet.

Control portion size, eat more fruits and vegetables, select whole grains, limit unhealthy fats, choose low-fat protein sources, reduce sodium intake, create daily menus and allow an occasional treat to achieve a healthier diet.

- Look after your mental health.

Those who have depression, are socially isolated or do not have good social supports can have a greater risk of heart disease.

This month — and every month — show a little love to your heart by doing all you can to remain healthy.

COMMENTARY

Hard for me to see halftime show as empowering

Everyone seems to be able to agree on one thing about Sunday's Super Bowl halftime show. It was sexy.

So sexy, in fact, that my 11-year-old covered her head at one point with a blanket and remained hidden for most of the performance by Shakira and Jennifer Lopez.

Two adult friends shared their feedback with me Monday. One guy, married with no kids, said he appreciated the Latina influence and enjoyed watching Shakira and J-Lo try to out-dance one another. The other, a mom who was at a party with families, including her son and many other seventh-grade boys, said the boys were outside playing football during the first half of the game. Then they caught a glimpse of Shakira through a bay window and spent the rest of the halftime show lined up, their faces pressed against the glass.

My favorite Tribune columnist, Heidi Stevens, penned two columns about the show this week. In her piece Monday, she calls it

"muscular and sexy" and "unapologetic" and discusses how it fits into the #MeToo movement.

Stevens questions why a 15-minute halftime show would guide how we view women and reminded us of the presence of another woman on the field in Miami Sunday night — the 49ers' offensive assistant Katie Sowers, the first female coach in Super Bowl history.

Stevens seems to come down on the side of those who saw the show as empowering. She says the #MeToo movement is about moving away from a time when men treated women merely as bodies — ignoring their inhabitants — to a rejoining of woman to her body.

"The #MeToo movement doesn't say women can't be sexual. The #MeToo movement says women don't want to be raped," she writes. Good point.



Pamela Lannom

And yet I find myself unable to fully agree with her. I'll admit that it made me uncomfortable. Some of that feeling would more accurately be described as fear — fear that I would have to explain to Ainsley what a stripper pole is. And there's a part of me that doesn't think sex needs to be so overtly the theme of a Super Bowl halftime

show.

Cultural differences certainly come into play here, as I'm reminded every time I talk to my Brazilian friend about what her life was like growing up in South America and what it's like when she returns.

And I know we all bring our own baggage to these debates. (Thanks to my mom's influence, I think a halter top is too risqué and haven't worn a bikini since I was 6.)

But I know female friends who were told not to go college because

it would be a waste of time. Phrases like "You'll never get a husband dressed like that" have been uttered during my lifetime.

We've come a long way, baby, as the cigarette commercial used to say. But all women still do not earn equal pay for equal work. Some still question the electability of a female candidate for president. Objectifying women still earns a tidy profit for those willing exploit them.

The message of the halftime show ultimately, I suppose, is in the eye of the beholder. Empowering exhibition of female strength and allure. Or one more opportunity to view women as sex objects.

I would like to imagine a day when everyone would watch a performance like Shakira's and J-Lo's and feel nothing but awe. One day we may be there.

But I fear we're not there yet. — Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

■ One guy, married with no kids, said he appreciated the Latina influence and enjoyed watching Shakira and J-Lo try to out-dance one another.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Chet and Ron and the quality of regret

The small stack of elderly firewood beside my garage occasionally reminds me of Chet and Ron. They were my first two project bosses after I was hired by a management consulting firm, soon after grad school. Guys in their late 50s, Chet and Ron were managers of big consulting contracts for airlines, insurance companies, manufacturers. As a rookie “green pea” analyst, my job was to collect data and run my thinking by them before parading it before a client. My chief task, though, was to learn from them.



Jack Fredrickson

Each took an interest in me and I learned plenty, but the best instruction they gave was somewhat inadvertent, given after hours, and had nothing to do with cost control consulting. Out-of-town jobs require proximity, and over dinners, they let me see something of how they regarded themselves as *Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda* guys — intelligent men who had regrets for paths not taken, things not done, instincts not trusted, and most hauntingly, for family relationships not developed. Nearing the ends of their careers, it seemed apparent that both saw their lives as courses run out of options, as routes unchangeable as they approached retirement.

It was heady stuff, an invaluable exposure offered up courageously and without self-pity to this young man in his mid-20s — a green pea at most everything. And under their tutelage, I became sure of one thing: I didn’t want to get to my own late 50s with big-time regrets. I wanted small-time regrets, and so that became a sort of measuring stick for much of what I

could control in my life.

And that gets me to that small reminding pile of unburned wood. I had great plans, fireplace-wise, when we bought our house. I foresaw evenings spent in front of a fire, staring into the flames, mulling — well, mulling what-

ever one mulls when looking at a fire.

Fortunately, my plan was thwarted by better things: kids’ sports, school plays, wonderful vacations, a house renovation, running a business, and then later, writing cheesy crime novels and traveling up and down the east coast with Sue, visiting the landmarks of her amazing genealogy, which ran straight back to the Mayflower.

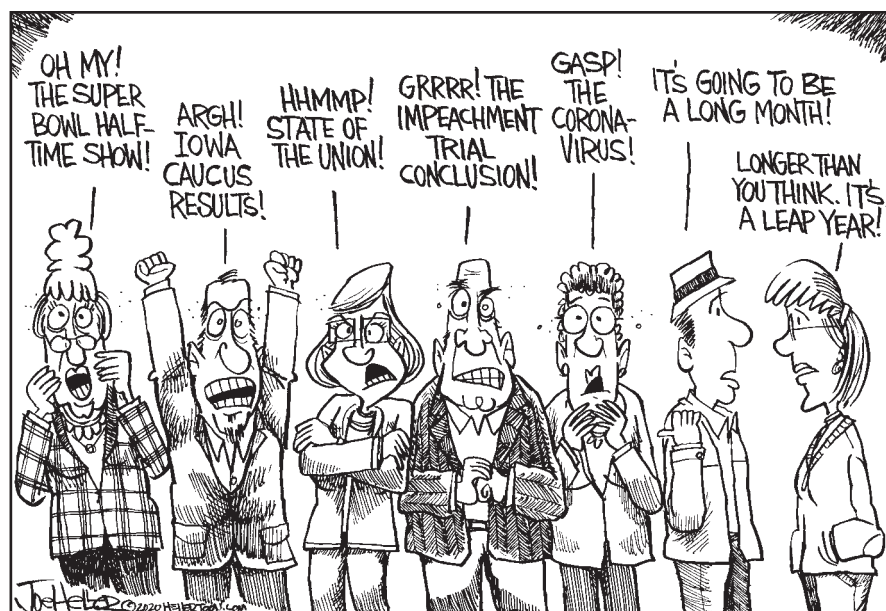
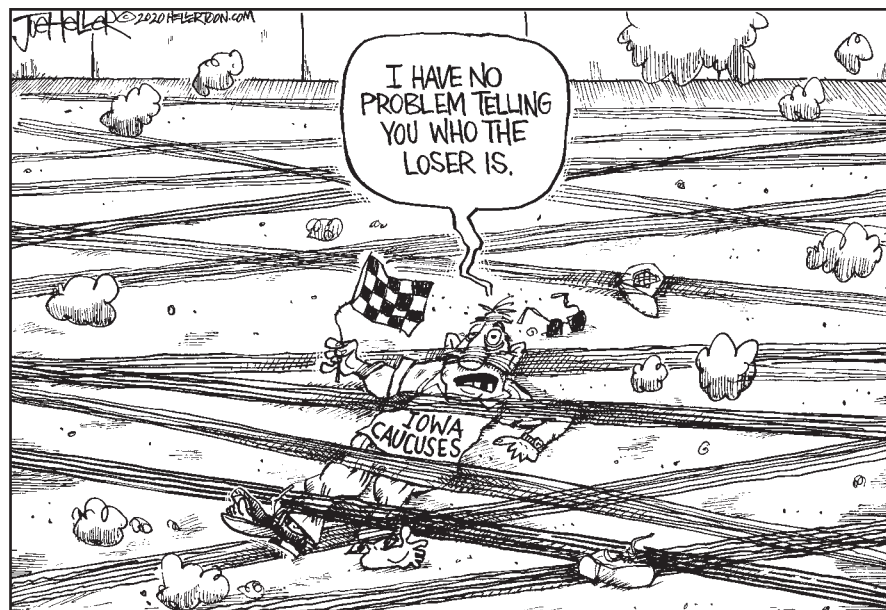
It’s old now, that small pile of wood. It’s been sitting up against the garage for something like 30 years. I do pay it attention, though, checking it now and then for festive termite parties. Fortunately, bugs of any sort have paid it no attention at all.

But even more, I pay attention to that little pile of wood for reminding me of the life lessons I got almost a half-century ago. I’m now at the age that’s often regarded as circling the drain. That, plus circumstances, has nudged me to where I’m more prone to assess my regrets. Sure, some are big; not everything in life is controllable. But I’ve been able to make many of them wonderfully small, just like that little pile of unburned wood.

Thanks, in part, to good lessons from Chet and Ron.

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

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Feb. 4.

DUI arrests

- William C. Koziel, 26, 6707 Lake Shore Drive, No. 3, Westmont, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of open alcohol, speeding and driving an uninsured vehicle at 12:18 a.m. Jan. 30 in the 10 block of East 55th Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.
- Calvin Albert Adriani, 24, 111 S. Wilmette Ave., Westmont, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, speeding and improper signaling at 11:04 p.m. Feb. 1 at Maumell Street and York Road. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Arrest for license violations

- Jovany Gutierrez Torres, 20, 3701 S. Laramie Ave., Cicero, was arrested for driving without a valid license and speeding at 12:30 a.m. Jan. 29 at Ogden Avenue and Salt Creek Lane. He was charged and released to appear in court.
- Carly A. Stonesifer, 35, 1008 Curtiss St., C3, Downers Grove, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and driving without a registration light at 11:26 p.m. Jan. 30 in the 200 block of East 55th Street. She was charged and released to appear in court.

License plate stolen

The front plate was stolen off of a vehicle between 10:28 and 11 a.m. Jan. 28 while it was parked in the 10 block of West First Street.

Identity thefts reported


- The identity of a resident of the 500 block of North Lincoln Street was used to open a cellular account through Sprint. The victim reported the incident at 1:47 p.m. Jan. 28 after receiving a letter from a collection agency with a \$685.69 balance.
- Information belonging to a resident of the 400 block of Birchwood Road was used to open three fraudulent accounts and then transfer \$5,600 from the victim's bank account to those accounts sometime before 5:23 p.m. Feb. 1

Threatening texts sent

A known suspect sent text messages of a threatening nature to a resident of the 100 block of West 59th Street on Jan. 31.

Bad check used

A known suspect paid his landlord in the 10 block of South Washington Street with a check for \$1,375 between Jan. 6 and 29 that was returned because the account was closed.



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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Witmer Johnson

Dorothy Witmer Johnson, 93, of Minot, N.D., passed away Jan. 29, 2020, at the Benedictine Living Center in Garrison, N.D., surrounded by her husband, Weyburn and son, Wayne, as the BLC's nurse and spiritual director provided compassionate guidance and care.

Dorothy was born in 1926, along with her twin sister, Doris, to John and Sylvia Witmer. The twins and their three siblings — Helen, Beulah and Raymond — grew up on a farm near Brown City, Mich. Dorothy attended a one-room country schoolhouse and then graduated co-salutatorian in a class of 46 students from Brown City High School. She graduated from Chicago Evangelistic Institute, and subsequently earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University.

She worked in Detroit for a few months before marrying the Rev. Weyburn Johnson in June 1949. Last June she and Weyburn celebrated 70 years of marriage.

Dorothy was a partner in ministry with her husband throughout her life. Following marriage, they attended the Missionary Medical course at Biola University for a year, whereupon they were accepted by the United Missionary Society (World Partners USA) as missionaries to India. They left for India in November 1950 and served for 18 years. Their duties included village evangelism and teaching in a Bible school in rural Bengal. Later they moved to Calcutta to work with Evangelical Literature Depot, publishing Christian literature in regional languages and managing its bookstore. Dorothy worked alongside her husband in this ministry.

In 1969 the Johnsons departed India, primarily to assist their sons as they went through college during what were tumultuous years for youth. The couple moved to Wheaton in July 1973. Dorothy worked for 14 years in various capacities on the staff of Greater Europe Mission.

When Weyburn worked as director of business affairs for Christ Church of Oak Brook, she was a

volunteer assisting him greatly in his heavy responsibilities. She especially complemented him in his responsibilities in managing the church's bookstore.

She lovingly cared for Weyburn's mother, who lived with them in their home the last four years of her life. In 1996 they returned to India for four months of ministry. They were active in volunteering for Christ Church, assisting in the business office and offering pastoral care to the elderly and to patients in hospitals.

In October 2013 they moved to Minot to be near family. They continued to serve God as members of Vincent United Methodist Church.

Dorothy enjoyed time with her family and friends and contacted them regularly by phone, letter and email. She thoroughly read the newsletters from many parachurch organizations to which she and Weyburn contributed. Her warmth, love for people and compassion were most appreciated by family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, David.

She is survived by her loving husband, Weyburn; her sons (all born in India), Donald (Patricia) and Wayne (Mary); her nine grandchildren, Erik, Kevin (Zac), Samuel (Katy), Anna (Brent), Simone (Ryan), Sylvia, Paul, Jared and Aaron (Jennifer); and seven great-grandchildren, Lillian, Sophia, Clara, Abigail, Rori, Sorrell and Finn.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Vincent United Methodist Church, 1024 Second St. SE, Minot.

Interment will be at a later date at Riverview Cemetery in Washburn, N.D.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Philip Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o Taylor University, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989-1001 or to Vincent United Methodist Church, 1024 Second St. SE, Minot, ND 58701.

Memories and condolences can be shared online at <https://www.thomasfamilyfuneralhome.com>.

Corey Nelson

Corey Nelson, 50, of Western Springs passed away peacefully Dec. 20, surrounded by his family and friends.

Corey will always be remembered for his kind heart, sense of goodness, love for family and friends and the ever-present twinkle in his eye.

Throughout his childhood growing up in Natick, Mass., Corey had a zest for life and embraced his New England upbringing. That shaped his lifelong passion for the Red Sox, Patriots and Celtics, which he enthusiastically shared with his children.

He graduated with a bachelor's from the University of New Hampshire in 1991, and his career brought him to Chicago, where he met his forever love and wife of 21 years, Amy. Always up for a challenge, another job opportunity drew Corey and Amy to San Francisco, where they made the most of the charming city, growing professionally, traveling and making close friends.

Adventure called yet again and the Nelsons made their way back to Boston, where Corey earned his MBA from the Olin School of Business at Babson College. Enthusiastically embracing new paths, the couple explored places like Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. They would later return every summer with their own children, creating many lasting, beautiful and happy memories.

Amy and Corey established permanent roots in Western Springs, and joyfully welcomed daughter Caroline in 2000, son Cade in 2003 and son Dylan in 2005. Being a part of his community, developing deep-rooted friendships and getting involved in all aspects of his children's lives with Amy brought Corey his greatest pleasure.

Countless fond memories were made with the children through Indian Princesses and Indian Guides,

and Corey especially treasured summer weekends spent with them on Lake Elizabeth in Wisconsin. He was proud to help coach his daughter's fifth-grade Forest Hills elementary school basketball team; cheer on the children from the bleachers at Spring Rock Park, the Western Springs Pool, McClure Junior High School and Lyons Township High School; and coach his son's Western Springs Blazers travel basketball team.

A defining moment in Corey's life and proud personal accomplishment was his 2006 adventure with an awesome friend to successfully ascend to the 14,411-ft. summit of Washington's Mt. Rainier. His philosophy on reaching the peak was also how Corey lived his life every day: Make up your mind, never look back, keep your eyes looking up with determination, lead with compassion and don't quit until you reach your goal. He was grateful for each moment and for all that he had.

Amy and the children will forever treasure their memories of Corey. They are filled with gratitude to all who have supported Corey and their family during his six-year illness and who have continued to reach out with support and to share their love for Corey.

In addition to Amy and his children, Corey is survived by his in-laws, Jerry and Ann Nerad; his sister-in-law, Julie Nerad Gottfried; his nieces, Gigi and Mia; his nephews, Jake and Conor; his brother-in-law Jason (Gretchen Pearson) Nerad; his parents, Peter and Cynthia Nelson; and his brothers, Brett and Derrick and their families.

A celebration of Corey's life will be hosted by his family in May.

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ASK AN EXPERT

LISA HIKES, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

What's it like being a school counselor?

Lisa Hikes works in the "heart" of Hinsdale Central High School. That's how her former boss described the counseling department, anyway, where Hikes and her colleagues address student needs ranging from lunchroom anxiety to college admissions. She's been walking alongside Red Devils for 19 years, helping to shape their evolution from freshman to senior.

"We're really the only people in the building that will have students for four years," she said. "I'm just in awe of what they become."

This week is National School Counseling Week, a nod to the unique role guidance counselors play in the education system. In addition to meeting with students, they work with teachers, administrators and families.

"We really are operating from all dimensions with all different groups of people and keeping it all going," she said. "That makes it both incredibly rewarding, but also can make days very hectic, because there's

always a lot going on."

The department just concluded the registration season, its most intensive, with current Devils and eighth-graders on the rise crafting their schedules for the 2020-21 school year.

"We're working with the class of 2024," Hikes said. "We're always working in the future."

Fall's focus is helping seniors with their college applications while easing freshmen through their high school acclimation. Conversations take place with sophomores and juniors in late fall around career exploration and potential college majors, respectively.

"On top of all of those things, we're doing daily triage on things that are not necessarily going right," Hikes said, citing social-emotional-related matters as an example.

The number of colleges Hikes had visited is somewhere around 350, she estimated, and she praised the district for equipping her own development.

"The expectations of families and administration and colleagues is high here, and that pushes you to take advantage of opportunities so that you do travel and go to professional development conferences."

Gratification comes in seeing the transformation when a student's motivation is unlocked.

"I have seen kids go from struggling to figure it out to straight A's and honors and AP classes."

While counselors can encourage, only the student can flip that switch, as she learned from one exchange with one who finally blossomed his senior year.

"I asked him, 'What could I have done?' And he said, 'You couldn't have done anything. It was all me,'" she related. "They learn a lot about themselves and how to navigate things."

Compassion, patience and organization skills are necessary attributes for a guidance counselor, Hikes commented. Oh, and a sense of humor.

"Levity is a good thing," Hikes said with a smile.

From Christmas cards to wedding invitations, many students and families keep in touch well past their Central days.

"The reward comes when they're out for a long time and you still hear from them," she said. "Sometimes you just don't know the impact you make on people."

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale Central's Lisa Hikes has worked with thousands of Red Devil students over her nearly two decades as guidance counselor. She praised the dedication of her department colleagues, teachers and administrators to creating an environment in which all students can thrive. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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Van Nia Pham, Carthage College

Alexis Potocki, University of Iowa

Alexander Ritz, University of Alabama

Matthew Ritz, University of Alabama*

Emma Rosenberg, University of Iowa

Caroline Woodward, University of Alabama*

*earned all A's and are on president's list

HINSDALE STUDENTS EARN DEGREES

• Harrison Woodward graduated Dec. 14 with a bachelor's in business administration from Creighton University's Heider College of Business.

• Triston Brown graduated in

December with a bachelor's of business administration with a major in marketing from the University of Iowa.

• Jack Baderman earned his bachelor's degree in December 2019 from DePauw University.

HMS STRINGS CHOSEN TO PERFORM

The Hinsdale Middle School Chamber Strings was one of

two middle school orchestras from the state to perform at the Illinois Music Educators Conference in Peoria on Jan. 30. Chamber Strings members are

Violin 1: Atman Balakrishnan
Viola: Sindhu Chalasani,
Chloe Chang, James Cubbin,
Annie Fisher, Aadi Deshmukh,
Samiksha Gupta, Pola Dygon,
XiXi Liu, William Gatzulis,
Caroline Petersen, Claire May,
Polina Seidel, Leah Packer,

Katy Tam, Juliana Tabuena, Eric Tu, Nikolas Theotikos, April Wu, Tristan Pomeroy, Kaili Wu, Zoe Wiemeyer

Cello: Sophia Zou, Abigail AuYeung, Jordan Dowell

Violin 2: Cara Groom, Senna Asbahi, Mathias Krishan, Zayna Asbahi, Zed Lillioja, Lucas Chan, Andrew Moawad, Nicole Chang, Shreemann Patel, Karla Carrillo. Meiyen Zhu, Shreyas Girotra, Kaitlyn Hu Bass: Kacy Liu, Matthew

Bell Alexandra Mills, Claire Chung, Ayla Mushtaq, Thomas DeBruin, Jessica Parks, Billy Dulli, Jaden Souza, Adele Groom, Shriya Venkataraman, Yash Mishra, Ylin Roy

Percussion: Heidi Angelopolous, Benjamin Yan

The ensemble is conducted by Mary Mandel and Gretchen Pearson Nerad.

— A photo and video are posted online at <https://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean>.

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We visited a dozen stores in downtown Hinsdale last week and found flowers, jewelry and some unexpected items to delight your true love —

or just about anyone on Feb. 14.

Of course even more options are available at local stores we didn't have the chance to visit.

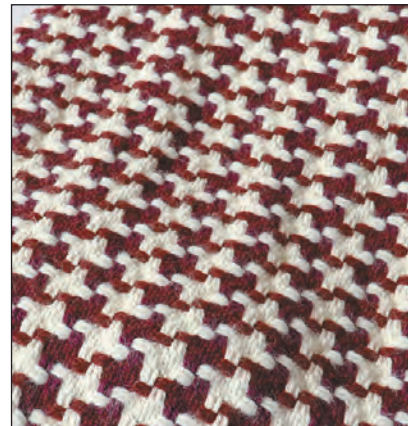
— by Pamela Lannom, Jim Slonoff photos



This Lucente 14 carat white gold heart-shaped necklace featuring 1/2 carat of diamonds will add the sparkle to any Valentine's Day celebration. Browning & Sons Jewelers, \$1,475



A Rebecca Minkoff red Gabby Satchel bag — which also can be worn cross-body — adds a pop of color and convenient outside pockets for keys and a phone. Sweet William, \$248



Keep you valentine warm and cozy with this chunky burgundy-and-white patterned blanket, made in the U.S.A. of cotton and alpaca. Yves Delorme Bed & Bath Linens, \$371



Give your valentine something to wear to that nice dinner you're taking her to — like this Last Tango asymmetrical red V-neck miracle dress, which also can be worn as a top or tunic. Jeans & a Cute Top Shop, \$112



A dozen roses are even more lovely when paired with pink protea, purple lisianthus and pink lilies and decorated with a sparkly heart. Phillip's Flowers and Gifts, \$150



A decoupage tray with a heart design made in the U.S.A. and signed by artist John Derian will be a sweet reminder of love all year long. Yankee Peddler, \$47.95



Romeo, from Ty Beanie Baby's Boo's Collection, is sure to be the recipient of lots of hugs and kisses from any little ones on your gift list. Hinsdale News Agency, \$7



A sculpted wooden heart is a sweet and simple way to extend Valentine's Day wishes to just about anyone. Stockholm Objects, \$25



Any daughter or niece would enjoy a Vanilla Cake epsom soak by Feeling Smitten at the end of a perfectly sweet Valentine's Day. My Sister Kate, \$12



If a trip to Florence isn't on the agenda, give your valentine an Italian hand-made buttery-soft lamb leather moto jacket in red. Mucci di Firenze, \$899 on sale



Give your sweetheart more time to snuggle under the covers and less time shoveling the drive with this Toro 821 QZE electric start snow thrower. Fuller's Home and Hardware, \$749



This platform tennis package features a Master M1 racquet (\$199), Nike Air Zoom Vapor X shoes (\$139.95), Viking Polar Track gloves (\$34.99) and Master Athletics tennis balls (\$10.99). King Keyser



Fill up on pancakes, sausage and more at the Boy Scout Troop 8 annual pancake breakfast Saturday at Hinsdale Covenant Church. See Page 20 for details.

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Weaving Show and Tell

Feb. 11
Congregation Etz Chaim
1710 S. Highland Ave.,
Lombard
<https://illinoisprairieweavers.org>

Members of the Illinois Prairie Weavers' Fox Valley Study Group will share the work that they've pursued during the last year, focusing on double-weave, weaving for wearables and sewing those woven fabrics. Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

■ Young Artist Night

Feb. 23
Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center
21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale
<https://www.hinsdalehumane-society.org/events>

Young artists from kindergarten through high school can participate in Hinsdale Humane Society's first Young Artist Night, "We Love Animals," presented by the HHS Jr. Board and designed to celebrate young artists and the animals they love. Community

members are invited to attend and support the hard work and talent of the artists and then vote on their favorite pieces. Prizes will be awarded that night. Tickets will be available at the door. To participate, artists must fill out the form available at the website listed above by Feb. 7 and deliver artwork between Feb. 12 and 16. Time: 5 to 7 p.m. Admission: \$10, \$5 for ages 12 and under, \$25 for families; artists attend for free.

■ 'Toy Stories Too'

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

The library's winter art exhibit, on display in the Quiet Reading Room, features works by Benedictine monk Kevin Coffey, who combines and arranges different varieties of toys to create unexpected scenarios and situations, revealing timeless qualities in human behavior and relationships. Each painting intermingles the awkward, ironic, cute and

surprising with the sometimes harsh and edgier moments in life that have the potential to become surprisingly relevant experiences over time. Library hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

CASTING CALL

■ 'Moana'

Feb. 22
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>

Stage Door Fine Arts will hold singing and dance auditions for this production for those in grades two through eight. Those in fifth grade and under will sing a song from the show. Those in sixth grade and up will sing a song of choice in the style of the show (contemporary musical theater/Disney.) An accompaniment track with no vocals must be brought to the audition; a capella singing is

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630.325.5212

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Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to sex education

For parents, it can be a nerve-racking time as children start to reach the age where they are old enough to learn about pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. The child needs not only to understand the ways in which these can occur, but also the importance of prevention.

Navigating this topic with a child can be stressful, and many parents feel as though they are not well enough equipped to answer questions or discuss this subject; which, despite many efforts to normalize, is often still regarded as “taboo.”

These worries are common and understandable, but parents doing something as simple as giving permission to have their student learn these topics in school or other institutions are not only hopefully making the situation easier on themselves, but also are allowing their children to receive the best possible education — especially if the curriculum offered encompasses both contraception

sex-ed and abstinence sex-ed.

The Illinois Comprehensive Sex-Ed Bill (HB 2675) has been enacted since the fall of 2016. This law states that a sex-ed course or class offered from sixth through 12th grade must include instruction on both abstinence and contraception for pregnancy and STI prevention. This law also states that in public schools, abstinence is required to be taught as a positive decision, but it is not required to be taught as the “only option.”

Sexual activity is a normal and natural part of life, and 95 percent of people will engage in sexual activity at some point during their lifetime. This ultimately means that as a society, we should be offering the most comprehensive sex-ed possible to students so they can make informed



Rachel Simmons
Healthbeat

and safe choices for themselves, instead of maintaining the mindset that the best and only option is to tell students to avoid (or abstain) from these activities. We cannot live in a false reality where we believe that kids will stay kids forever.

Abstinence still is essential to teach regarding the prevention of pregnancy and the transmission of STIs, as it is the only 100 percent effective way of preventing these outcomes.* However, if focused only on this method of prevention, students will be missing out on vital information they truly will need for life, some of which can be life-saving. This education is essential for every person, no matter the point they are at in their lives or what their identity or orientation is. Learning this information sooner rather than later will

enable students to be able to make healthy and informed decisions not only for themselves, but for their partners as well. So, although some may feel that sex-ed is being taught to kids at too young of an age, for some students it may be too late if, as a society, we were to wait to teach this information until it seems more “relevant” to them.

Comprehensive sex ed, including both contraceptives and abstinence, is vital for everyone, especially the younger crowd. Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to sex-ed. Accurate and scientific information needs to be presented to give students the best chance at advocating for, and protecting, their health.

* Some STIs can be spread through blood, which can be transmitted if engaging in IV drug use when sharing unsterilized needles.

— Rachel Simmons is a health educator at Robert Crown Center for Health Education in Hinsdale.

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not allowed. A dance audition will be taught. Callbacks will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Feb. 23 if needed. Rehearsals will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Fridays, split into increments, and, starting in April, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Performances are scheduled May 29-June 7. Tuition: \$400 plus any costume fees. Time: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

■ Wild Winter Warmup

Feb. 15
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
(708) 839-6897
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
After a brisk nature hike,
enjoy s'mores and hot choco-
late by a campfire. All ages are
welcome. Time: 1:30 to 2:30
p.m.

FILL YOUR PLATE

■ Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 8
Hinsdale Covenant Church
412 S. Garfield Ave.
Hinsdale's Boy Scout Troop
8 will host this 62nd annual
event, with all-you-can eat
pancakes, sausage and drinks.
All proceeds support Boy Scout
Troop 8 programs. Hours: 7:30
to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$6, free for
kids age 4 and under.

FOR A CAUSE

■ Valentines for Veterans

Feb. 11 & 12
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Work together as a family to
make valentines for veterans
staying at the Edward Hines VA
Hospital. All the materials will
be supplied. Time: noon to 9
p.m.

■ DuPage Care Center Valentine's Fundraiser

Through Feb. 13
(630) 784-4303
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Community members can
send a large Valentine to a
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for \$2. The 16-inch by 14-inch
hearts with personal greetings
will be delivered to residents
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which provides programs and
activities to improve the quality
of life of center residents.

GAME ON

■ Fencing

Mondays, Feb. 17-March 30
KLM Park
5901 S. County Line Road,
Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Students age 8 and older will
learn the basics of attack and
defense as well as strategies that
create the foundation for their
fencing game. Each class will
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There are classes for beginners
and advanced fencers, and
all equipment is provided.
Families are welcome. Times:
4:45 to 5:45 p.m. for advanced
class, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. for
beginner class. Time: \$60,
\$30 for each additional family
member. RR

GRAND GALAS

■ A Gilded Affair

Feb. 8
Millennium Knickerbocker
Hotel
163 E. Walton Place, Chicago
(630) 537-0010
<https://e.givesmart.com/events/du2>

The Hinsdale Junior
Woman's Club will host its
2020 benefit to raise money for
deserving charities and organi-
zations. The event includes an
online auction. Time: 7:30 p.m.
to midnight. Tickets: \$185.

■ 'For the Love of Frida'

Feb. 14
Esplanade Lakes
3500 Lacey Road, Downers
Grove
(630) 942-4000
<https://www.frida.givesmart.com>

This benefit gala is in sup-
port and celebration of the
upcoming "Frida Kahlo 2020"
exhibition, hosted by the Cleve
Carney Museum of Art at the
College of DuPage from June
to August. The evening will
begin with a cocktail reception
followed by dinner created by
Chicago chef Rick Bayless and
featuring Frida Kahlo favor-
ites. Bayless will share insights
about the food and its prepara-
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autographs. There will be silent

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3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook
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Take a self-guided, lantern-lit 1- to 3-mile leisurely or moderate walk through the woods, then warm up with hot cocoa around a cozy fire. Hikers should dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Snowshoes can be rented on a first-come, first-served basis for an additional fee. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$10.

GREEN THUMB

■ Native Landscaping: All About Plants

Feb. 23
Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center
3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook
(630) 850-8110
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

Learn about the benefits of native plants and their root structures, and get tips and tricks for planting natives at home to attract pollinators and other wildlife. Attendees should bring drawings of their yard showing trees and other garden features. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Curbing Side Effects

Feb. 11
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale
(630) 323-5150
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>

Chara Reid, manager of pharmacy services for DuPage Medical Group, will discuss the pros and cons of common medications and supplements prescribed to manage the side effects and symptoms of a cancer diagnosis, as well as probiotics and antioxidant contraindications when in treatment. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Yoga in the Woods

Feb. 16
Little Red Schoolhouse

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

Join a hike/snowshoe before practicing yoga indoors. Participants should bring a mat or beach towel. The program is for ages 16 and up. Time: 10 to 11:15 a.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Candy Sushi

Feb. 10
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Celebrate Valentine's Day early by making candy sushi. Time: 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. RR

■ Safari Land trip

Feb. 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>

Kids in kindergarten through eighth grade will be able to spend a fun-filled day at Safari Land in Villa Park bowling, playing arcade games and riding the indoor roller coaster and tilt-a-whirl. A pizza lunch is included. Extended hours are available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for an additional \$29. Time: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$70. RR, MD

■ Mug Cakes

Feb. 17
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Create a mug cake to bake and eat or take home. Time: 1 to 2 p.m. RR

■ Claymation Cinema

Mondays, Feb. 17-March 16
Darien Park District
7301 Fairview Ave.
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

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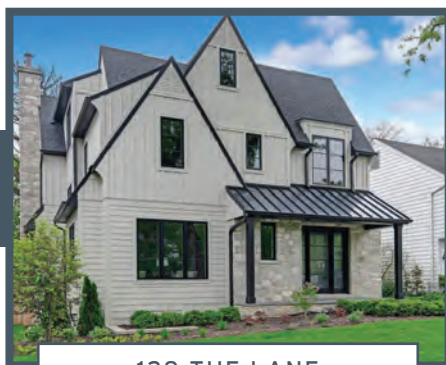


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copy of their movie at the end.
Time: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$78.

■ Lunch with the Lincolns

Feb. 22
Immanuel Hall
302 S Grant St., Hinsdale
<https://www.hinsdalehistory.org/programs-and-events>

Meet President Lincoln and the First Lady at this fun and interactive drop-off program for kids in kindergarten through third grade. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$25. RR, MD

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Indian Prairie Computer Club

Feb. 12
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale

All computer users are welcome at the club's gatherings, which occur on the second Wednesday of the month. The February topic is obtaining free e-books and audio books online. The meeting always ends with an open question and answer session on any topic. Time: 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$1 admission, \$1 for coffee and doughnuts.

■ Print from the Palm of Your Hand

Feb. 13
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Learn how to send a document from practically any device to the library to print. Time: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ Valentine's Day concert

Feb. 14
Amita Hinsdale Hospital
120 N. Oak Street

Caroline Mueller Johnson, a former Hinsdalean, and her husband, Bill, are presenting a free Valentine's Day concert in the lobby at the main entrance. Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

■ Klea Blackhurst

Feb. 14 & 15
Drury Lane
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
(630) 530-0111
<https://www.drurylane.com>

Celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with this New York musical theater and cabaret star in "For the Love of Broadway: An Evening with Klea Blackhurst." Time: 7:30

p.m. Tickets: \$75-\$85.

■ Bach concert

Feb. 16
Grace Church
120 E. First St., Hinsdale

David Schrader, a professor of music history and keyboard soloist with groups such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Ravinia Festival, will perform the music of J.S. Bach on organ and harpsichord. A light reception follows the concert. Time: 4 p.m.

ON SCREEN

■ 'Kinky Boots'

Feb. 6 & 9
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
(630) 942-4000
<https://www.atthemac.org>

The Tony, Grammy & Olivier Award-winning musical from Cyndi Lauper and Harvey Fierstein tells the story of Charlie, a factory owner struggling to save his family business, and Lola, a fabulous entertainer with a wildly exciting idea. Together they learn to embrace their differences and create a line of sturdy stilettoes unlike any the world has ever seen. This program is part of the National Theatre Live series, broadcasting directly from the National Theatre stage in London. Times: 7 p.m. Feb. 6, 2 p.m. Feb. 9. Tickets: \$24

■ 'Sky and Ground'

Feb. 12
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
(630) 942-4000
<https://www.atthemac.org>

This 2018 Syrian/German documentary follows a Syrian-Kurdish family as they make their way from their home in Aleppo, bombed out by the war, to a refugee camp on the Greek-Macedonian border during the greatest humanitarian crisis of recent time. Their ultimate goal is Berlin, to reunite with relatives and seek asylum, but first they must painstakingly journey 3,000 miles across Europe. Times: 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

■ 'The Area: Odyssey of a Neighborhood'

Feb. 19
Schaible Science Center
Elmhurst College
(630) 617-5186
<https://www.elmhurst.edu/>

about/special-events

Join the screening of this documentary following the five-year odyssey of a South Side Chicago neighborhood, where more than 400 African-American families are being displaced by a multi-billion dollar freight company. A panel discussion with the filmmakers will follow the screening. Time: 4 p.m. Admission: \$10.

ON STAGE

■ The Best of The Second City

Feb. 15
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
(630) 942-4000
<https://www.atthemac.org>

This laugh-out-loud, must-see production features some of the best sketch comedy and songs from The Second City's vaults updated for the modern era, plus trademark improvisation. Enjoy a Fannie May chocolate heart and drink specials. A private, pre-show cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, along with coffee and dessert at intermission, is available for an additional \$30. Times: 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$32-\$46.

■ 'On Clover Road'

Through Feb. 16
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
(708) 246-3380
<https://www.theatrewesternsprings.com>

The play by Steven Dietz, the second Forum production at TWS, is an edge-of-your-seat thriller about a desperate mother who hires a private investigator to find her runaway daughter. The play includes mature subject matter. Times: 8 p.m. Feb. 6-8 & 13-14, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 15, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9, 2:30 p.m. Feb. 16. Tickets: \$22-\$24.

■ 'Jeeves Saves the Day'

Through March 1
Mayslake Peabody Mansion
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
(630) 986-8067
<https://www.firstfolio.org>



Jeeves and Bertie are back in this world premiere production as Bertie, once again, finds himself suffering the slings and arrows of misfortune at the hands of his relatives. Caught between the masterful machinations of his fierce Aunt Agatha and the plaintive pleadings of his cousin Egbert,

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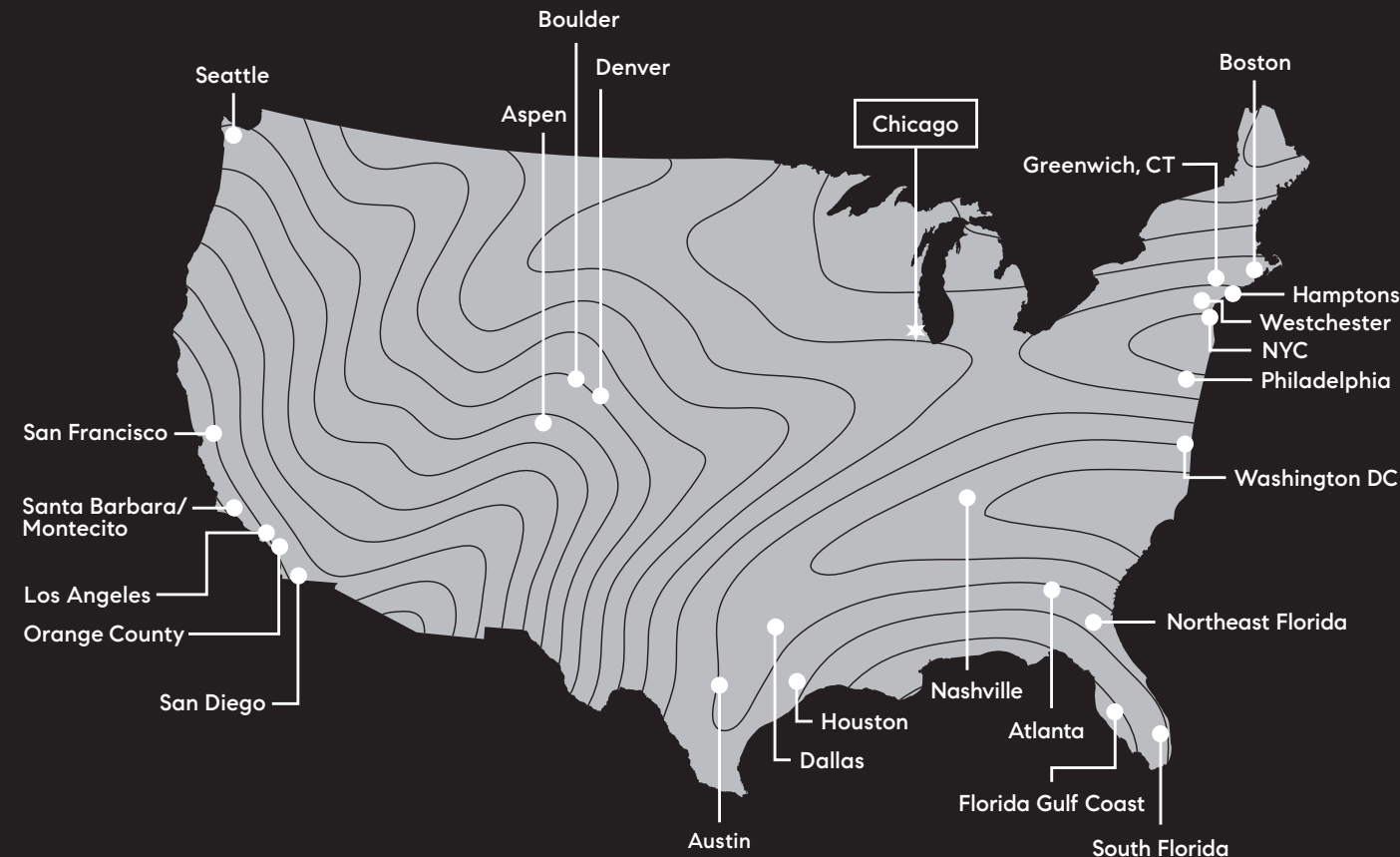
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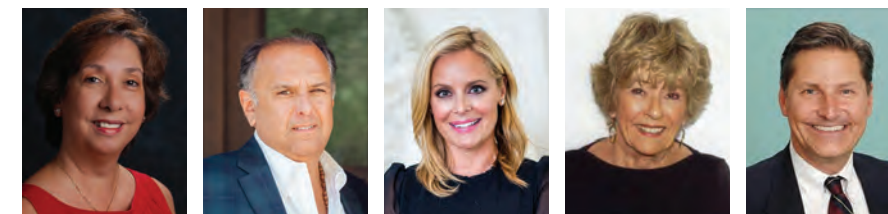
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not to mention the imperious Sir Roderick Glossup — it's another priceless predicament that only the redoubtable Jeeves can overcome. Times: 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays; 3 p.m. Thursdays & Sundays; 4 p.m. Saturdays, Feb 8-29. Tickets: \$34-\$44, \$29-\$39 for seniors and students.

■ 'The Cake'

Through March 1
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
(630) 942-4000
<https://www.atthemac.org>

The Buffalo Theatre Ensemble will perform this Bekah Brunstetter play set in Della's bakery in Winston, N.C. When Jen, the girl Della thinks of as her goddaughter asks Della to make her wedding cake, not for one bride but two, it's hard to follow one of her tried and true recipes as faith, family, food and love meet in the mix. The play, from a writer of NBC's hit "This is Us," contains adult themes and language. Time: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$42, \$40 for seniors.

■ An American in Paris

Through March 29
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
(630) 530-0111
<https://www.drurylanetheatre.com>

Based on the Academy Award winner for best picture, "An American in Paris" brings to the stage breathtaking moments of dance set to the music of George and Ira Gershwin. Come away with Jerry Mulligan, an American GI doing his best to make it as a painter in the bustling City of Lights following the end of World War II. Show 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: \$60-\$75.

SENIOR SCENE

■ AARP Driver Safety Program

Feb 11-12
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>

People 50 and older who wish to update their driving skills can take this class-

room-only session. Many insurance companies offer a discount to drivers who have taken this program. Payment is due the first day of class, with checks made payable to AARP. Participants must attend both days to receive a certificate. Time: noon to 4 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR, MD

■ Senior Ice Cream Social

Feb. 13
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
(630) 530-8300
<https://www.drurylanetheatre.com>

In connection with the regional premiere of George Gershwin's "An American in Paris," Drury Lane Theatre is hosting this gathering. Seniors can receive discounted \$44 tickets to the show using the code SENIORSOCIAL. Ice cream social admission is \$5 and includes a sundae bar, coffee and tea as well as a voucher for \$10 off Drury Lane's Sunday brunch. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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■ Singing Valentines

Feb. 14
(331) 444-2740
<https://www.chorusofdupage.com/valentines>

Quartets from the Chorus of DuPage will deliver singing Valentines throughout Chicago and suburbs. Choose from custom, premium, standard and telephone delivery. The Valentines can be sent to offices, homes, senior residences, hospitals, businesses and restaurants. Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cost: \$25-\$100.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Enchanted Railroad

Through Feb. 23
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
<https://www.mortonarb.org>

Families can experience tiny versions of tree collections from around the world and more than 10 model trains winding through the intricate two-level display. Pick up timed tickets at the visitor center information desk Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. Admission: \$15, \$13 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for kids 2-17 and free for children under 2. MD

STEPPING BACK

Pet pic of the week



Andi is a beautiful buff and white domestic short-haired cat. She is playful and outgoing and would prefer to be your one and only Valentine. She loves to cuddle and snuggle. She is 3 years old, weighs 8.9 pounds and is spayed and up-to-date on her vaccinations. Meet this gorgeous girl and all of the other pets at the Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center at 21 Salt Creek Lane. The shelter is open from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call (630) 323-5630 or visit hinsdalehumanesociety.org. (photo provided)

■ Grace Kelly: American Princess

Feb. 13
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>

Award-winning actress and historian Leslie Goddard portrays the woman who transformed from a Hollywood superstar to a real-life princess. Beneath her cool, gracious smile, Grace Kelly was a young woman who yearned for her father's approval and worked hard as a wife and mother. A buffet lunch will be served prior to the presentation. Time: noon to 2 p.m. Cost: \$25. RR, MD

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 14
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Come by after school for a showing of "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" and cupcake decorating. Time: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. RR

■ Teen Mug Cakes

Feb. 17

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

Create a mug cake to bake and eat, or take home. Time: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. RR

WEE ONES

■ Handprints: Messy Mixed Media

Fridays, Feb 7-March 13
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>

Kids ages 3-6 can explore art making in this messy class, inspired by a different theme presented each class. The program is drop-off optional; children must be toilet independent or use pull ups and should bring an old or oversized shirt for a smock. Time: 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$115. RR, MD

■ Nature Tots

Second and fourth Fridays through May 22
Lake View Nature Center
17W063 Hodges Road, Oakbrook Terrace
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Toddlers ages 1 1/2-3, with an adult, will explore the wonders of nature through "loose parts" play while learning teamwork and sharing skills. There will be outside play each class. Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$10 per class.

WINE & DINE

■ Corks & Forks

Feb. 21
The Lodge
Katherine Legge Memorial Park
5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
(630) 789-7097
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Guests at this inaugural event will taste 12 specially chosen unique wines, each paired with a tapas-style course. This event is presented by the village of Hinsdale, The Lodge at Katherine Legge Memorial Park, Hinsdale Wine Academy and Taste of Home Catering. Tickets are on sale through Feb. 14, available individually or for tables of eight (\$20 surcharge). Time: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets: \$64. RR

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Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale were recorded in DuPage County between Dec. 31 and Jan. 24.

1. 628 W. 55th St., Double Eagle Properties LLC to Susana Sambajon, Dec. 31, \$277,000

2. 420 N. Clay St., Robert M. and Melissa D. Burke revocable trusts to Ian and Leslie Grajewski, Jan. 6, \$1,575,000

3. 44 S. Elm St., Michael and Karen Lowe to Kimberly Arquilla, Jan. 7, \$1,445,000

4. 801 S. Monroe St., Kenneth and Becky Zygmunt to Xin Chen and Di Yu, Jan. 9, \$1,000,000

5. 634 W. Hickory St., Jeffrey and Courtney Waters to Anthony Morano Co., Jan. 10, \$3,625,000

6. 625 N. Madison St., Keyan Mizani and Lissa Mizanai Trust to John C. Hamilton and Janice M. Skala trusts, Jan. 13, \$475,000

7. 745 S. Oak St., Vincent and Andrea Priest to Steven and Amanda Swanson, Jan. 17, \$1,600,000

8. 117 N. Garfield Ave., Curtis and Camille Miller to Kevin McNicholas, Jan. 21, \$513,750

9. 360 Claymoor Road, Agnieszka Kwiecien Janiec to Katarzyna Majewska, Jan. 23, \$188,000

10. 628 S. Lincoln St., Brian and Bronwen Leone to Vincent and Andrea Priest, Jan. 24, \$1,220,000

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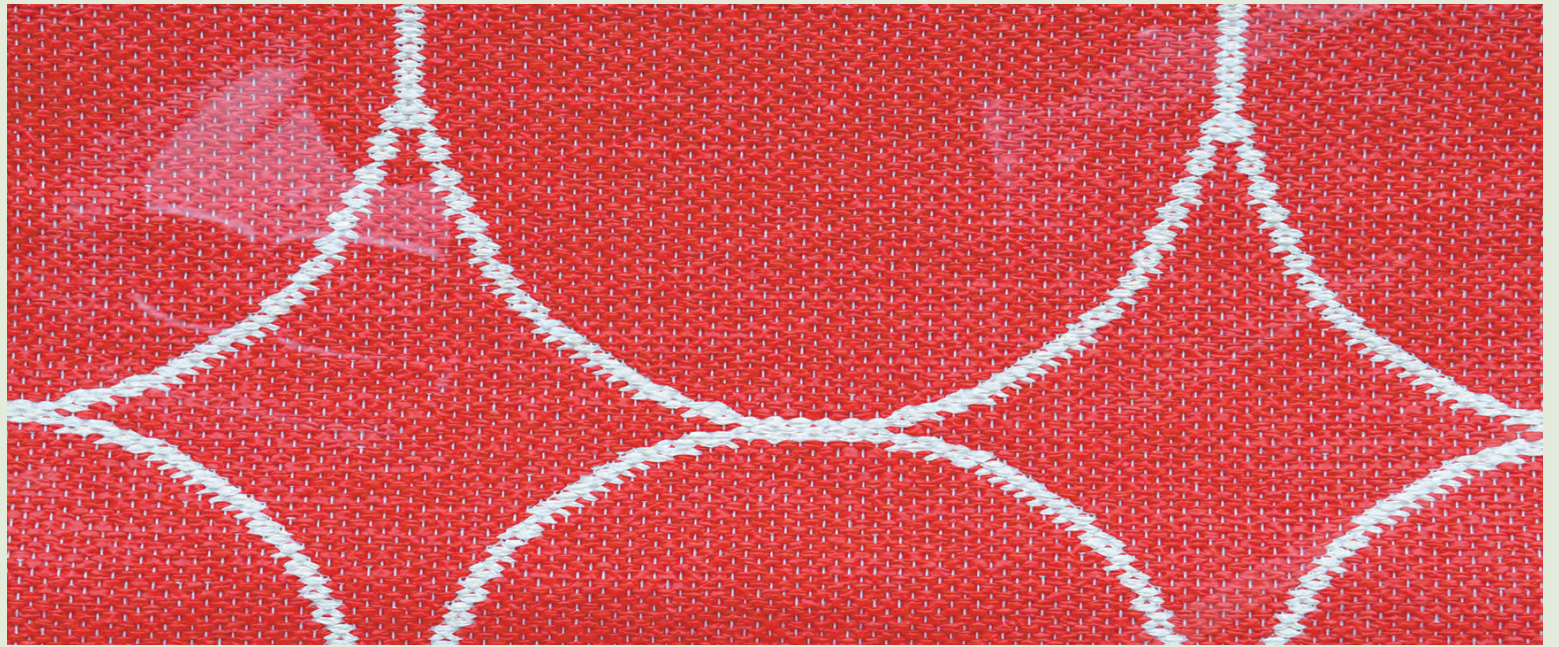
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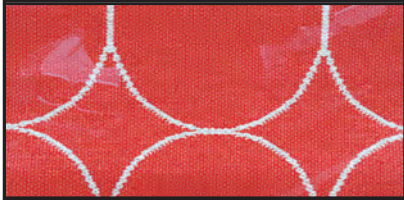
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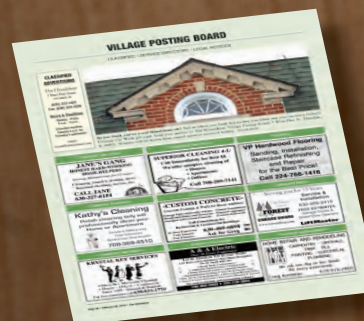
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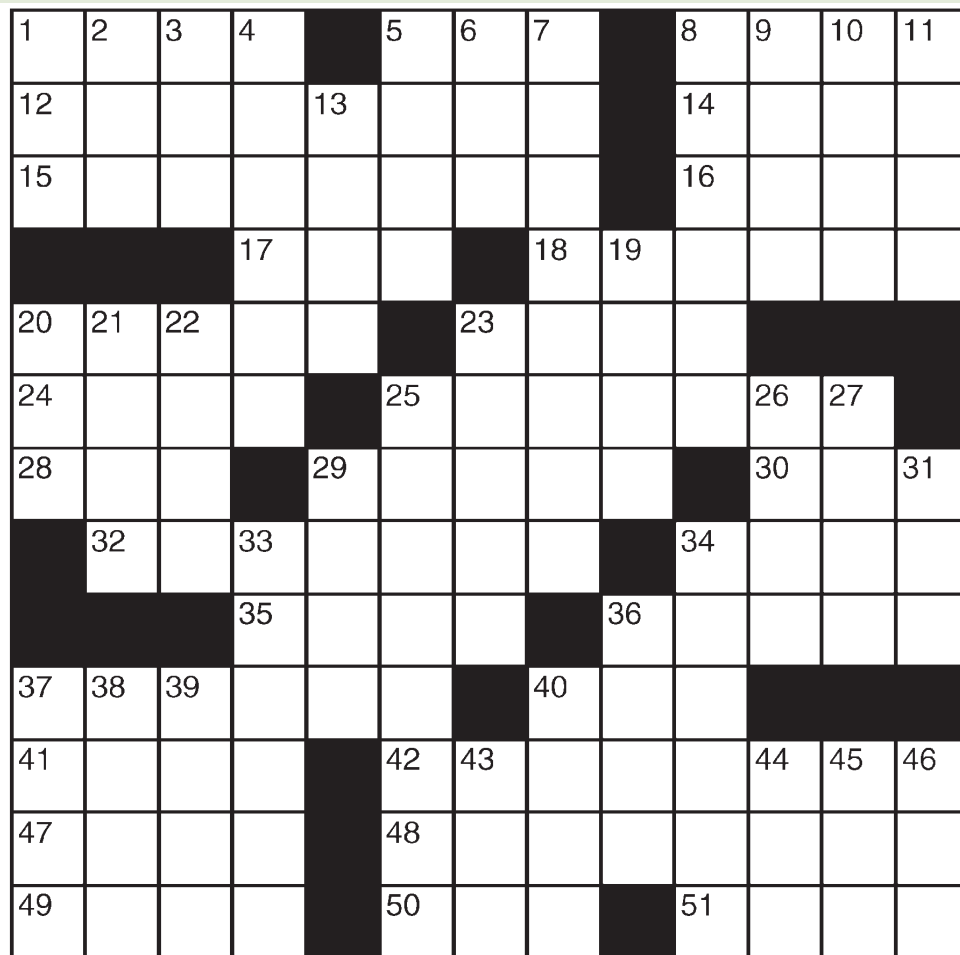
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 - 12 PLACE FOR SPORTS REPORTERS
 - 14 VIVACITY
 - 15 AWARE
 - 16 FLEX
 - 17 DO SUMS
 - 18 KINDLE DOWNLOADS
 - 20 SEW LOOSELY
 - 23 LIVELINESS, IN MUSIC
 - 24 WHEELBASE TERMINUS
 - 25 OBAMA'S OLD TITLE – DE JANEIRO
 - 28 HAWAIIAN DANCES
 - 29 DEITY
 - 32 DAKAR'S COUNTRY
 - 34 SALVER
 - 35 BACCHANALIAN BLAST
 - 36 YONDER
 - 37 HALLUX, MORE COMMONLY
 - 40 THAT GIRL
 - 41 "SUPERFOOD" BERRY
 - 42 MEXICAN MISS
 - 47 SHOWROOM SAMPLE
 - 48 ONE OF THREE RULERS
 - 49 PARADISE
 - 50 TREE FLUID
 - 51 HARMONIZATION



- DOWN**
- 1 WIFE OF SATURN
 - 2 RAW ROCK
 - 3 BUDDHIST SECT
 - 4 MANSION AND ITS SURROUNDINGS
 - 5 SLEEPING
 - 6 OPPOSED
 - 7 OUTER
 - 8 START THE PC UP AGAIN
 - 9 BREAD SPREAD
 - 10 SAVINGS INSTITUTION
 - 11 MAKE – MEET
 - 13 FACTION
 - 19 PREJUDICE
 - 20 TAVERN
 - 21 LINE OF SYMMETRY – GIN FIZZ
 - 22 STOP, AT SEA
 - 25 HINTS AT
 - 26 SHREK IS ONE
 - 27 BELLOW
 - 29 MEDAL EARNER
 - 31 COLORING AGENT
 - 33 IDEA
 - 34 GAS BILL UNITS
 - 36 COMMANDMENT
 - 37 STARTER
 - 38 COMMANDED
 - 39 ON THE ROCKS
 - 40 CHESS OR CHECKERS
 - 43 USE SCISSORS
 - 44 HISTORIC TIME
 - 45 WALL CLIMBER
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

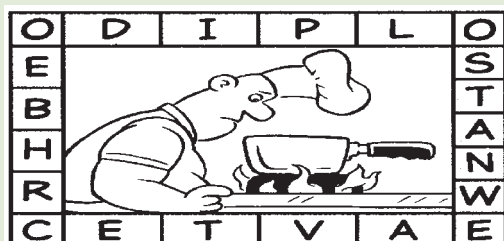
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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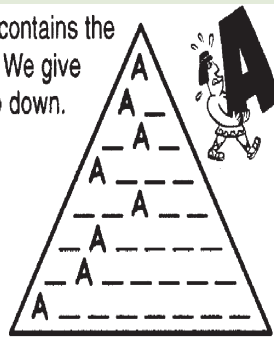


HIDDEN in the above frame is a proverb. Find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Starting with the "A" on the right vertical column: "A watched pot never boils."

SAY "A"! As you go down the pyramid, each word contains the same letters as the word above it plus a new letter. We give you all of the A's. Here are some hints, from the top down.

- 1) Highest grade (given).
- 2) In or near.
- 3) A color.
- 4) To be opposed.
- 5) Big person.
- 6) Position of a scale.
- 7) Rodent-hunter's activity.
- 8) Getting dressed.



The words are: a, at, tan, ant, giant, rating, rattling, attiring.

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HOROSCOPES

February 2020 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Learn how to count the small blessings in your life, Capricorn. Doing so will help you overcome a challenging issue that may pop up shortly.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Align yourself with the movers and shakers, Aries. Sometimes it's not what you know but who you know. Find a solid team and stick with them.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, don't be surprised when someone from your past approaches you for some advice. You may not have all the answers, but you can help guide this person in the right direction.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
An important relationship is on the cusp of reaching a milestone, Libra. Enjoy this special time and make every effort to commemorate it in a unique way.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You may need to look inward and make changes before you start suggesting others make their own modifications, Aquarius. Be honest in your personal assessment.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, if you're already running on fumes, it may not be possible for you to tackle any additional tasks this week. Make some hard cuts and you'll be better for it.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, some new information has put you in a better position to make an important decision. These details have come just in the nick of time.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Find a way to cool your jets for the time being, Scorpio. Extra pressure may have you feeling the stress, and you may not be putting your best self forward.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
There are a few things you are still trying to uncover about a new person in your life, Pisces. Keep digging because the reveal is worth it.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You have several weeks to understand how recent changes will affect you, Gemini. You may need to get a few new friends in your circle of supporters.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you may need to make some important decisions regarding your finances in the days ahead. It's now or never to square away your short- and long-term budget.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a passing comment rings true to you this week and commands your immediate attention. You do not want to let any opportunities pass over the next few days.

SPORTS

Seeking Central sports? Think rink

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comes next. Their opponents are aware of the rankings, too.

"We know every time we walk on that ice, every team is bringing their best game," Swoyer said.

The third period commences and almost immediately the Huskies score the equalizer. But the Devils aren't bowed. Top scorer senior Jack Ferrino rockets a slapshot that finds the back of the net, and Central scores two more to bring home the 4-1 win.

Dad Pete Boomer, who's son Charlie is a junior on the team, said winning brings more attention, and that helps motivate Charlie and his comrades.

"Playing for the school with all the kids cheering for him, it's just fun. It brings a sense of community to the sport," he said.

The fact that Central's JV team also conquered its division portends good things, Swoyer said.



Seniors Demetri Karris advances with the puck as teammate and fellow senior Sean Montroy provides support.

"For our JV and varsity teams both to finish in first place is a great thing," he said. "We want seventh and eight-graders to be thinking, 'This is the destination.'"

Swoyer emphasized that Hinsdale is a hockey town, listing off several prominent NHL figures with village ties. Every year he helps construct the rink in Melin Park, which,

although the mild conditions have thwarted efforts this winter, has been an important gateway for the club.

Misicko exhorted people to come out for the team's next

game at 4:10 p.m. Sunday against Maine Township.

Asked if there's been highlight of the season for him, Ognibene hesitates. "Not yet," he smiled.



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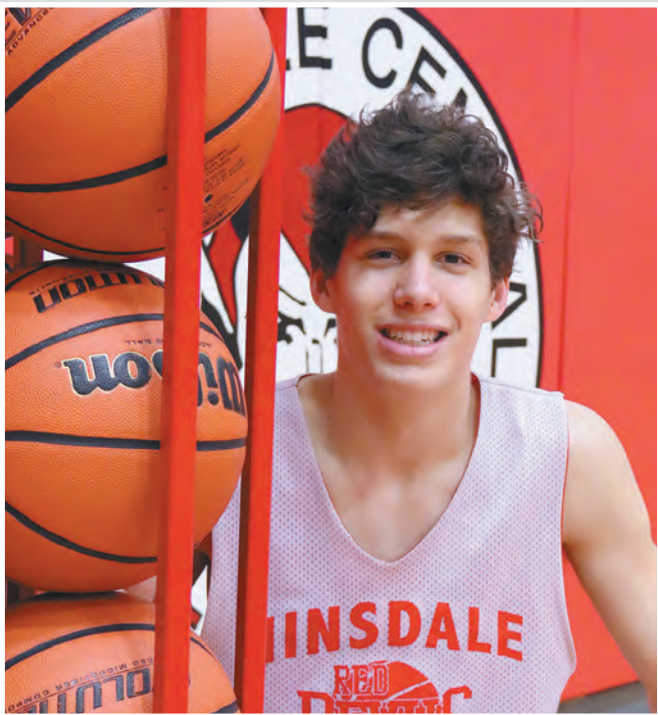
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STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Lucas Schiavitti
Year: senior
Hometown: Hinsdale

When did you start playing basketball?
Probably preschool or kindergarten. My dad played in high school and I have two older brothers and he coached them, and I would always go and watch their games. That kind of got me into basketball.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?
Probably the bond that I have with my team and the relationships it creates.

Are you better on offense or defense?
I preferred playing offense up until my senior year and defense now. Offense has always been the most fun, but this is probably the biggest year of basketball in my life and defense is what always keeps us in games and gives us a chance and allows us to play with all these teams.

Do you have any pre-game rituals or routines?
Me and one of the players, Mac Quast, always hang out in the locker room, just us two, before the game and have a conversation about life.

How have you improved since your freshman year?
I've grown a foot since my freshman year and just (have better) chemistry between

my team as we've been playing longer and longer together. My coaches have always got on me to make sure I'm in the right place at the right time.

What is the team's goal for the season?
As a team, it's always to reach our full potential, and as our coach tries to say, make sure our defense and our offense correlate and one doesn't trump the other.

Do you have any unique talents?
Probably my dancing skills. Other people have described them as flawless, but my parents would argue they're the worst they've ever seen.

Will you play next year?
Definitely I'll play club basketball or intramurals, nothing serious, though. I'm in between Colorado-Boulder and Ohio State.

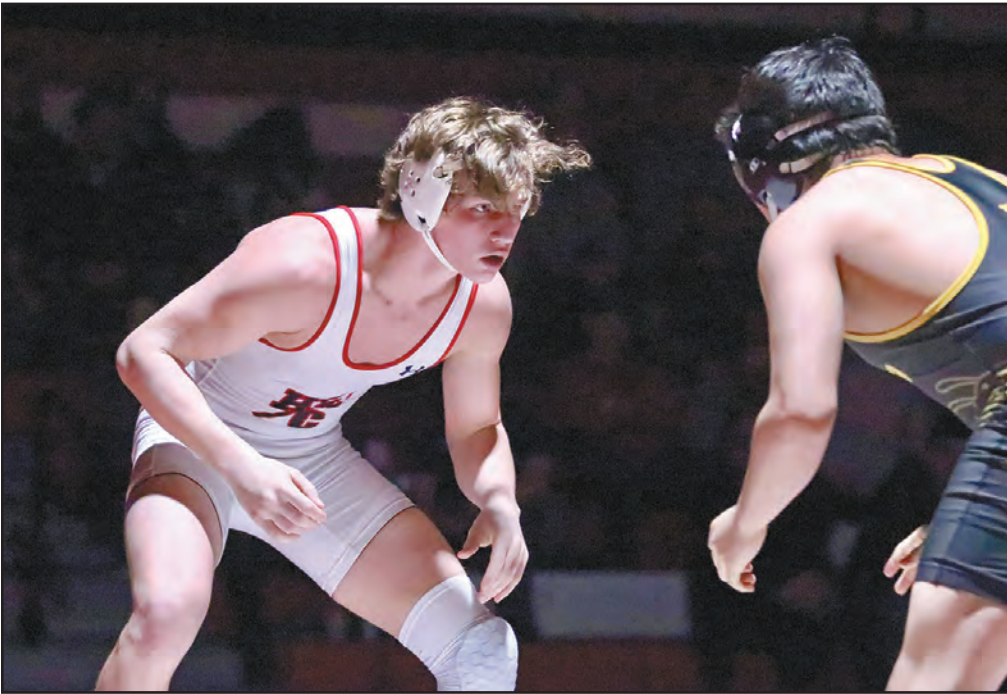
Why does coach Nick Latorre like having Schiavitti on the team?
I really enjoy having Lucas on our team because he plays the game with an amazing amount of enthusiasm and joy. He has an amazing work ethic and a phenomenal, team-first attitude. His leadership qualities have blossomed, and he is respected by everyone in our program and is a great role model for all of our players.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys Feb. 4 @ St. Viator V loses 51-55 Jan. 31 @ OP-RF V wins 59-57 Isaacson, 31 points	Monyek, 14 points Cernugel, 10 points Randle, 8 points Butler, 5 points Sarros, 5 points	Klobach, 1st, 9.425 Sommers, 11th, 8.9 Austin, 16th (tie), 8.6 French, 16th (tie), 8.6 Uneven bars Klobach, 2nd, 9.05 Sommers, 6th (tie), 8.3 Widtfeldt, 11th, 7.95 Austin, 13th, 7.875 Balance beam Klobach, 2nd, 9.225 Widtfeldt, 5th, 8.5 Sommers, 11th, 8.175 Austin, 23rd, 6.95 Floor exercise Klobach, 4th, 8.825	Austin, 6th (tie), 8.7 Sommers, 9th, 8.575 French, 11th (tie), 8.45	V loses 4-5 Araujo, goal Daker, goal Ferrino, goal, assist Karris, goal, assist DuFort, assist McCormick, assist vs. Glenbard V loses 4-8 DuFort, goal Ferrino, goal, 3 assists Haag, goal McCormick, goal Daker, assist
Basketball, girls Feb. 4 vs. LT V loses 51-67 Cernugel, 12 points Monyek, 9 points Butler, 8 points Sarros, 7 points Randle, 6 points Conley, 5 points Amegadjie, 3 points Ward, point Feb. 1 @ OP-RF V wins 42-38	Gymnastics, girls Feb. 1 @ WSC Silver Meet V places 2nd with 136.1 points All-around Klobach, 2nd, 9.1313 Sommers, 3rd, 8.4875 Widtfeldt, 6th, 8.2 Austin, 10th (tie), 8.0313 Vault		Hockey Jan. 31-Feb. 4 @ Illinois West Playoffs vs. Naperville North V wins 4-1 McCormick, 2 goals, assist Ferrino, goal Johnson, goal Naphin, assist Daker, assist vs. Waubonsie Valley	V wins 71-6

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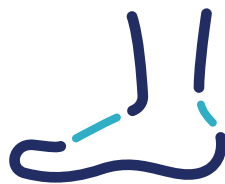
Hinsdale Central's Ron Kruse gets the upper hand on his Hinsdale South opponent in their 170-pound match, while teammate J. T. Pyle squares off in the 182-pound bout. The Red Devils defeated the Hornets in the intra-district contest 71-6. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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SPORTS

Seeking Central sports? Think rink

Hinsdale Central Hockey Club employs a winning formula as it eyes state playoffs

By Ken Knutson

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The action was heating up at the Willowbrook Ice Arena Tuesday night, boards rattled by the slam of the puck, followed by the much larger crash with the impacts of players furiously chasing it.

The Tuesday night match-up pitting the Hinsdale Central Hockey Club against Naperville North could be seen as one of redemption for the Red Devils after dropping the previous two in the Illinois West league playoff tournament. The team hadn't lost two consecutive games all year, the result of a winning mindset, according to Central coach Jim Swoyer.

"We talk a lot about our championship culture," Swoyer said. "It's much more about the process and about getting the guys to be a team and do the things it takes to win."

Even in the team's heartbreaking defeat to Waubonsie Valley on

Saturday, the coach liked what he saw.

"I thought that was a championship-type game that they played. A few little breakdowns, and not everybody had the best play at every moment," Swoyer remarked after the game. "This is obviously a down. Part of that championship culture is dealing with adversity. Adversity is good."

It's certainly been less frequent this year than in seasons past. The program's 22-2 league record gave Central the regular season title and signaled its ascension to the upper echelon of Illinois' high school hockey hierarchy. Underscoring that were two nonconference performances: a 4-3 comeback victory over a formidable Providence squad in October and a 3-3 tie against third-ranked St. Viator — nearly a win but for two St. Viator goals in the closing 24 seconds.

Senior Will Misicko said team chemistry has been key to the squad's surge,



Christopher Araujo looks for a teammate up the ice. Central coach Jim Swoyer said the team's previous back-to-back losses were an instructive experience. "Being able to accept it, deal with it — not like it — and move forward, because that what happens in life," Swoyer said. (Jim Slonoff photos)

starting with a preseason team-building trip to Wisconsin.

"We all really feel like a family," he said.

Junior Zach Laskowski agreed, saying the bonds

cross grade level divisions.

"Sophomore, juniors and seniors, we're all together. We all love each other," he said.

Swoyer, now in his third year leading the program, said that attitude takes intentionality to cultivate.

"There's a common goal," he said, stressing that the sole focus is not on winning. "It doesn't happen in one year or three years, we know that."

Goalie Ben Ognibene said that camaraderie translates to more selfless play and an infectious energy. He said that energy is starting to permeate the broader school community.

"I think this year we've had the most fans than any other year," he said, citing the Jan. 31 game when more than 100 students turned out. "It's fun playing in front of the kids we go to school with."

Junior Michael McCormick enjoys giving Red Devil Nation another sport to be proud of.

"We love it when our fans come out and support us

and hearing people talk about it at school," he said.

He marked the Providence win as a catalyst for the team's subsequent prosperity.

"That gave us the momentum swing of the season," McCormick said.

Mom Michelle Cutinelli has two sons in the program — junior Clay on varsity and Sam on JV. She said the sport has been part of her family's routine since elementary school.

"It's so much fun to watch," she said. "All I know is the boys love it."

The intensity is palpable as Central takes a slim 1-0 lead over Naperville North into the second intermission. The Zamboni circles the ice as the placid voice of John Denver fills the arena, a contrast to the fierce, hard-hitting action that will soon resume.

Before the game, the team learned that they'd been ranked 11th in the state, setting them up well for the state tournament that



Clay Cutinelli finds himself surrounded by Huskies during Tuesday night's game, a 4-1 win for the Red Devils.

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