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Colors of the rainbow

First-graders perform “The Rainbow Connection” during the Madison School variety show Sunday afternoon in the Hinsdale Central auditorium. More than 140 students participated in a mix of solos, duets, small groups and grade-wide acts. (photo by Steve Johnston for The Hinsdalean)



State champs!

Hinsdale teen, teammates net
program’s first state title.
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Friend of the forest

Hinsdale man named to forest
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D86 teachers have new four-year contract

By Pamela Lannom
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A new four-year contract for teachers in Hinsdale High School District 86 calls for a longer school day and a minimum of 28 early release Wednesdays.

The school board voted 5-2 to approve the contract March 9, which had been ratified by members of the Hinsdale High School Teachers Association March 6. Several board members praised the move to a school day that runs from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., with eight 50-minute periods, including a 50-minute lunch.

"There is a very big need for time during the school day for students to access support, whether that's getting help from teachers, getting help from interventionists during an unstructured period or accessing a more formalized support," board member Debbie Levinthal said. "This will provide that opportunity, and it's an opportunity that does not exist under our current schedule."

Board member Cynthia Hanson said the agreement provides time for the social and emotional needs of students and teachers to be met.

"Students can access teachers, teachers have time to collaborate and share ideas back and forth," she said.

Some board members and residents objected to the provision

calling for at least 28 early release Wednesdays, when students will be dismissed at 1:55 p.m.

Board member Peggy James said she recognizes the importance of teacher collaboration but noted instructional time is down from the 2018-19 school year, with the 2023-24 year 17 hours shy of that total.

Board member Jeff Waters reiterated his criticism of early release Wednesdays while expressing "ardent" support for teachers. He blamed administrators and fellow board members for pulling them out of the classroom during a time of falling test scores.

"My struggle is with administration for putting the goals of collaboration as it relates to the strategic plan ahead of the goals of the students and teachers, who do their best work inside the classroom."

"I'm trying to empower the teachers to work with the students at the same level they did pre-pandemic," he added.

Resident Angie Sartori said less instructional time seems counterintuitive given the drop in test scores.

"That is completely against what is best for the students at this school, at this district," Sartori said.

School board candidate Cat Greenspon noted her support for teachers and support staff but questioned approving a four-year agree-

ment this close to the April election.

"It will not give the new board an opportunity to support teachers and the HHSTA because we won't be renewing or talking about contracts," she said. "It is completely inappropriate for this board to do this."

Little time was spent on the financial details of the contract (see sidebar). The average total cost increase of the contract (salary, benefits, stipends, etc.) is 2.61 percent a year.

Amanda Burton, chief HHSTA negotiator, said her team appreciates the collaborative approach that has been in place since 2016.

"Throughout the negotiations, all parties ... have worked together in a very professional and collaborative process to reach agreement," she said. "For the first time in many years we were able to reach agreement on a multi-year contract prior to the end of the school year, and this was really appreciated by our teachers."

Board member Kathleen Hirsman, who also was on the board's negotiating teams in 2016 and 2020, applauded the process and the product.

"In each negotiations year, we have built on the collaboration and trust that we developed in the previous negotiations," she said. "To end up with a contract which I think benefits everybody — but most importantly benefits our students, that was the goal."

Contract details

The new four-year contract between the board and teachers association in Hinsdale High School District 86 contains the following provisions:

- 2023-24 starting salary of \$59,664 for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience and top salary of \$147,166 for a teacher with a master's degree plus 60 hours and 23 years of experience
- base salary increase first year of 4.25 percent, or 85 percent of CPI
- base salary increase second year to be negotiated around assigned supervision of students during the day
- base salary increase third and fourth years of 75 percent of CPI
- annual increase of 50 percent of CPI in activity and athletic stipends
- three steps added to the salary schedule
- updated and/or revised language regarding a variety of topics, including new hires, lane advancement and leadership stipends



Crash causes rollover

Two cars were involved in a collision March 6 on southbound Route 83. The crash caused one car to roll over near the Burlington Northern Railroad bridge, shutting down traffic on southbound Route 83. Firefighter/paramedics from Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills responded to the scene. Two patients were transported by Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills ambulances to area hospitals. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Student testing shows 'fantastic' growth in D181

By Ken Knutson
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Recent assessment data on reading and math achievement indicates students in Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 are on a positive performance trajectory following the challenging COVID-impacted years.

Results from Winter MAP testing in January shows that 76.1 percent of students were able to meet or exceed the benchmark 69th percentile in reading, Tracey Miller, director of assessment, instruction and evaluation, told board members at Monday night's meeting. The figure was even better in math, with 80.1 percent meeting/exceeding.

"That is our highest percentage of students meeting or exceeding the 69th percentile in the past three years that we've administered the assessment in math. And we are right in the top 2 for our reading scores," Miller said. "We are very excited about overall performance,"

In reading, all grade levels except eighth improved their

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ONCE UPON A TIME



Special delivery — This photo in Sandy Williams’ book, “Images of America — Hinsdale,” is of the Hinsdale Post Office in 1894. “Established in 1867, the Hinsdale Post Office moved frequently about the downtown before settling at 53 S. Washington St. about 1894. Residents had to pick up their mail; home delivery did not begin until 1906, when carriers made three rounds daily throughout the village. The photograph shows the Washington Street location after it, but incredibly not any mail, was destroyed by fire in 1926.”



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NEWS

D86 candidates speak to host of issues

Board hopefuls address previous board decisions, communication, more

Where do the candidates stand on the issues?

Pamela Lannom compiled these responses from personal interviews and questionnaires.



Asma Akhras



Andrew Catton



Kay Gallo



Cat Greenspon



Debbie Willoughby

District's greatest strength, area in need of attention

Strength — academic excellence, with the district highly ranked and students performing at exceptional levels

Needs attention — academic excellence, with improvements needed among segments of the student population. Supports school improvement plan for each campus, with provisions for students performing at all levels.

Strength — students, parents and community stakeholders who believe, support and live the motto of "a tradition of excellence"

Needs attention — COVID learning loss and declining proficiency performance scores that have gone unacknowledged and unaddressed by superintendent and current board majority

Strength — students, parents, teachers, support staff, community at large

Needs attention — curriculum and student growth. District has been unable to address declining performance while widespread curriculum changes have been focused on identical programming instead of meeting diverse students' needs.

Strength — the community of students, employees and residents

Needs attention — students. The district's laser focus should be on student growth and achievement.

Strength — active and engaged community

Needs attention — ensuring the academic trajectory of the district remains strong by working with students across the district to ensure their academic needs are being met

District communication

Sees improvements but believes more can be made, especially when it comes to sharing evidence and reason for changes being made.

District communicates only "sunshine and lollipops," avoiding difficult conversations about topics such as lack of rigor, changes in grading practices and unproven pilot programs.

Superintendent has not done a good job of communicating reasons behind changes or determining residents' opinions on various issues before making recommendations to the board.

Would like to see "fireside chats" to rebuild trust and provide more information on issues that have come to the forefront or are causing distress or division.

District makes lots of information available through website but needs to find an easier way to distill information for community in clear bullet points that describe action, consequences and steps yet to be taken. Starts with superintendent who can communicate clearly.

Representing the community

Will focus on outreach and listening to community members' concerns. Believes division on board is preventing healthy dialogue at meetings and creating distrust in community. Audience also must behave respectfully.

Examine differences of opinion using common-sense filter, then come to a decision as a group. Supports common-sense solutions developed with more in-depth evaluation of the problems and new leadership.

Every board member's voice must be heard so superintendent knows what everyone thinks. Allow public to voice their opinions without cutting them off.

Would be happy for community members to reach out to her with thoughts and concerns and would work hard to gather any necessary data

Will work to understand multiple perspectives, talk to experts to understand implications and then make a decision. Research what other districts have done also might be helpful on certain issues.

Past board decisions

Agrees with aligning grading practices to provide same benchmarks and systematic processes to assess student growth

Disagrees with how little weight summative assessments are given vs. formative assessments, as students might not have enough opportunities to show growth and learning

Agrees with maintaining existing boundaries and staying away from grade-level centers

Disagrees with contract extension for Superintendent Tammy Prentiss, especially given 2,200 signers on a petition to have her fired

Agrees with requesting a full tax levy to make sure public education is fully funded

Disagrees with contract extension for Superintendent Tammy Prentiss and its wording that she cannot be fired for the results of the Valbrun investigation

Hard to fully agree or disagree with board decisions of late, as she does not think they have been based on all data, which makes thoughtful discussion difficult at best

Agrees with approval of updated 2023-24 school year calendar, with first semester exams taking place before winter break

Disagrees with contract extension for Superintendent Tammy Prentiss, as no clear explanation was provided as to why it was necessary

Desired accomplishments in first term

Hire an effective superintendent, bring the community together, improve academic excellence, create a strong strategic plan

Turn around decline in performance, keep D86 as a destination district, require more transparent budgets

Foster more stability, hire a leader who believes in the entire district and doesn't try to pit one school against each other, reverse "one size fits all" approach, examine student growth

Shift emphasis from the district and its reputation to focus more on students and their growth and success

Work toward academic progress, bring community together, create more collaborative environment, hire a new superintendent who embodies traits the community desires

This and other election coverage is posted online at thehinsdalean.com

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, March 23
Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets
www.d86.hinsdale86.org/boardofeducation

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21
Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

On the draft agenda: internal controls review, closed session review of executive director, recommendation for ED annual review

Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Thursday, March 16
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the agenda: approve properties for inclusion on Historically Significant Structures Property List, approve final plat of subdivision for 218 W. Ogden Ave., update on 150th anniversary events

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business March 9, board members:

- agreed they would like to hire a search firm to help find a replacement for Chris Covino, assistant superintendent of academics, who will retire at the end of the school year. They expect to review a contract with an IASB search firm at their March 23 meeting. Seventeen superintendent and assistant superintendent openings currently are posted on the Illinois job bank, Superintendent Tammy Prentiss said.
- listened to a presentation on the summer school program of studies. The two semesters will run from June 12-29 and July 5-20, with no classes June 19, July 3 or July 4. Eleven credit-bearing classes, 11 credit recovery courses, 10 enrichment classes and three workshops will be offered. Fees are \$300 for semester classes, \$600 for two-semester classes and \$350 for driver education. Registration opens at noon April 15.
- heard a reminder from Prentiss that the 5 Essentials annual parent survey closes March 31. The district needs at least 20 percent of parents to participate in order to receive survey results from the state.
- set Wednesday, May 3, as the date of the board reorganization meeting

Community Consolidated School District 181 Board

Among other business Monday, board members:

- heard an update on full-day kindergarten, including a report on recently introduced Illinois House Bill 2396 that would require all districts to offer full-day kindergarten starting with the 2023-24 school year. Discussions are currently taking place in Springfield on possible amendments to address school district concerns over the fast timeline and the lack of funding to build new classrooms to accommodate expanded kindergarten programs. The board also discussed hiring a demographer to forecast enrollments in order to guide construction planning. An ad-hoc committee will be formed this spring to review the pros and cons of adding a full-day kindergarten option and issue a recommendation in December for a potential fall of 2025 full-day kindergarten start.
- approved the five-year purchase of Quaver Music curriculum for \$57,333 to be implemented at all of the district's elementary schools this fall
- heard a report on new curriculum for middle school World Language instruction. The Somos, Nous Sommes and Entre Cultures materials for Spanish and French instruction are available to preview at the D181 administrative office. The board will be asked to approve adoption of the \$47,603 curriculum at its April 17 meeting.



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Hinsdale embraced voting from start

By Ken Knutson

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The April 4 election will determine the next set of local officeholders, so what a perfect time to look back at Hinsdale's election history — with a note of gratitude to the Hinsdale Historical Society for opening its archives.

After residents cast a majority of ballots to incorporate March 29, 1873, the freshly minted suburb needed to form a government.

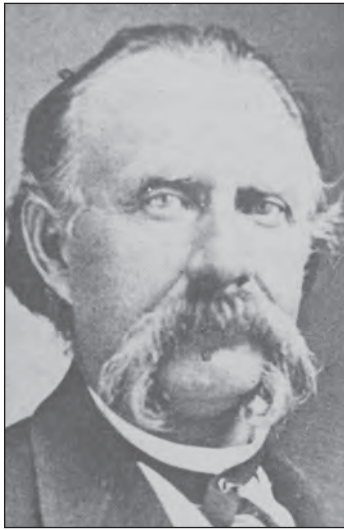
As Timothy Bakken chronicles in his book "Hinsdale," 44 residents — or about a third of those eligible — cast ballots and elected Ervin Hinds, Windsor Leland, William Robbins, Joel Tiffany, George Wells and W.W. Wood as town's first trustees. Tiffany was appointed president by the trustees, a practice that lasted only a few years until the village presi-

dency was made a direct-vote office.

Since the mid-1930s, candidates have coveted the Hinsdale Caucus' endorsement, a veritable key to victory. In the 1965 village board election, the caucus interviewed 131 men and women for the four open trustee seats and village president's post. The five men who were ultimately anointed campaigned under a vow to "Keep Hinsdale Healthy!" That slogan might resonate differently today.

On the education side, a clipping from April 30, 1901, bears the headline "An Election Where Ladies Can Vote." This newsworthy invitation — considering women's suffrage was not recognized in Illinois until 1913 — was for the "annual district school election," a formality as it was uncontested.

An article on the 1954 elec-



Joel Tiffany was appointed village president in 1873. The office wasn't directly elected until the 1880s. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)

tion reveals that at that time there was one consolidated school board for District 181 (elementary) and District 86

(high school).

"The same seven board members constitute the board of education for each district, their meetings simply being adjourned from one district to (the) other in conducting school business," it reads.

High electorate interest in a potential bond issuance that year resulted in "the largest number of local patrons ever to go to the polls on school issues of any kind — 2,913."

Hinsdale has also been the launching pad for several state and national officeholders, starting with Robert Childs' election to Congress in 1893. A train carrying 1896 presidential candidate Williams Jennings Bryan zipped through town in September of that year. He would make an actual stop here in 1917, following three unsuccessful runs for the nation's highest office, to

speak at the Congregational Church (now Union Church).

During the presidential campaign of 1984, Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro was a special guest at Hinsdale Central High School's celebration of Eleanor Roosevelt's centennial birthday.

If that history doesn't compel you to exercise your franchise in this coming election, maybe the thrill of leading the polling place line will. A newspaper blurb from the November 1932 election awarded Andrew Jackson, Carrie Anderman, George Wire and Mamie Goodwin Daniels with primacy honors at their respective precincts.

"It is rather unusual that two men and two women were the first to vote in Hinsdale," the writer opines.

If you say so. Here's to the unusual!

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports March 15.

Arrest for fraudulent plate

Andrzej M. Masnik, 39, 14311 Lincoln Ave., Dolton, was arrested for driving an uninsured vehicle and unlawful display of registration at 2:46 p.m. March 10 at Ogden and Cass avenues. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Hit and run incidents reported

- A vehicle was struck by a black Nissan sedan driven by an unknown suspect, who did not stop, at 3:54 p.m. March 13 at 55th Street and County Line Road. No injuries were reported.
- Someone driving a semi-truck and trailer was witnessed striking the traffic signal while turning at 55th street and County Line Road at 4:04 p.m. March 9 and failing to stop.

Arrests do not constitute conviction of a crime, and individuals listed here should be presumed innocent until proven guilty. If charges are dismissed or reduced or the accused is found not guilty, he or she can contact The Hinsdalean at news@thehinsdalean.com to provide us with documentation. Information will be updated online and in the next issue of the paper.

Hinsdale police nab home burglary suspect

Bond was set at \$500,000 Friday for a Chicago man accused of breaking into a Hinsdale home in the 400 block of Woodside on March 9.

Franshawn Whittenburg, 50, of the 8400 block of South Peoria Street, is charged with one count of residential burglary, a Class 1 felony. Because of Whittenburg's criminal history, if found guilty, he is subject to Mandatory Class X sentencing, which carries a sentence of six to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A neighbor alerted the homeowner about a vehicle backed into the home's driveway at about 10:15 a.m., who then called Hinsdale police.

Officers discovered an open rear door next to the driveway, with damage to the handle. When officers entered the home, they saw multiple drawers opened and contents scattered about.

Among the items taken were a Sentry fire safe containing important family documents, a checkbook and multiple items of jewelry including cuff links, bracelets, rings and necklaces, among other items.

The incident was partially captured on video.

Hinsdale detectives located

the suspect's vehicle, parked and unoccupied, on the south side of Chicago. Detectives surveilled the vehicle until the suspect returned and drove to another part of the city, where police were able to box the car in and take the suspect into custody at about 5:25 p.m. Some of the stolen property from the home was recovered from the suspect.

"The arrest mere hours after the home burglary occurred speaks to our commitment to tenaciously pursue those that commit crimes in the community," Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King said. "We would like to thank the Oak Brook, Bensenville and Willowbrook police departments for their assistance with the surveillance and arrest of Mr. Whittenburg and to our continuing partnership with DuPage County State's Attorney Bob Berlin and his commitment to public safety in DuPage County."

Whittenburg's arraignment is scheduled for March 27 in front of Judge Mia McPherson.

This was the first residential burglary of the year reported to Hinsdale police. The community reported 14 burglaries in each of the last two years. The offender in this case was on parole for residential burglary.



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■ “We came up with the mantra ‘Seal the deal,’ and basically the main goal was just to get back to basics, everyone just continually getting better.” — **Grace Carstensen**

Hoops star helps Roadrunners race to state title

Hinsdale’s Grace Carstensen and the Nazareth Academy girls basketball team had an IHSA 3A state title in their sights, and winning their first five games by an average margin of nearly 38 points projected the unstoppable will of a champion.

Then the Roadrunners met an actual champion in the form of Notre Dame Academy, two-time defending rulers of Wisconsin’s hard courts. It didn’t go so well.

“After we had that one loss to Notre Dame, I think we all started to realize that we can lose and are not unbeatable,” Carstensen said. “We were disappointed at first, obviously. But no one hung their heads or pointed fingers.”

The team got to work addressing the weaknesses that had been exposed, then proceeded to win 30 straight games. The last one was the sweetest, a 63-52 victory over Lincoln on March 4 for the program’s first state championship.

“I’m still on top of the world,” said Carstensen, the lone senior and an Associated Press All State First Team selection. “It was almost surreal. I didn’t believe it was

happening. It’s something that not a lot of people get to experience.”

The team was within reach of the top trophy during Carstensen’s junior campaign, finishing as state runner-up after a heartbreaking four point-loss to Carmel in the final. As team captain, she was determined that this season would be different.

“We came up with the mantra ‘Seal the deal,’ and basically the main goal was just to get back to basics, everyone just continually getting better,” she said. “I wanted to be able to lead us to what our main goal was and, being the only senior, you just have to encourage the girls and keep everyone positive throughout the whole season.”

Along the way Carstensen surpassed the 1,000 points scored mark for her career, and head coach Ed Stritzel celebrated his 400th win. An ascending program when she arrived freshman year as a one-dimensional shooter, her relentless drive to improve and infectious confidence helped elevate the team to rarefied air.

“Before the title game we huddled up and said, ‘This is our last ride together, we’ve



GRACE CARSTENSEN
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got to leave it all on the court.’” Carstensen recounted. “To see that hard work pay off is one of the most rewarding things that I’ve experienced.”

Receiving plaudits of the school community was sweet. “The Sisters of St. Joseph all just told us how proud they all were of us,” she said. “We were glad to give them that first championship in school history.”

The DePaul University commit looks forward to next playing for legendary coach Doug Bruno and the learning that awaits.

“I’m just excited to be part of a new team, experience a new place and continue to grow there,” she said.

Carstensen fouled out with 30 seconds left and victory in hand, a chance for her watch her teammates for the last time.

“It was definitely bitter-sweet, being my last year,” Carstensen said. “Finishing with those girls was just a really special experience, and I’m beyond blessed to have had them to go through all this with.”

“You couldn’t really ask for much more.”

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OBITUARIES

Jane Galley Walker

Jane Galley Walker, 79, of Clearwater, Fla., passed away Feb. 26, 2023, in New Orleans after struggling for decades with a variety of serious illnesses.

Jane grew up in Hinsdale and spent many summers at the Joy Camps in Wisconsin and Camp Green Cove in N.C., where she developed a deep and abiding love of nature. She was educated at Monticello Preparatory, The University of Wisconsin and Eastern Michigan University and enjoyed various careers as an educator, horticulturist and medical technician.

In her later years she relished the role of grandmother and shared her passions for travel, games, Harry Potter, and NY Yankee baseball with her family. She delighted in regular trips to Door County, Wis., Captiva Island, Fla., and annual spring training visits in Tampa with her son.



Walker

Jane was also an accomplished artist, having been recognized as a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society in 2018. The animals which she so dearly loved often served as the subject matter for her paintings.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents, Rudolph Bostelman, Virginia Boose Galley and H. William Galley Jr.

She is survived by her son, Timothy (Jeanne) Walker; her grandsons, Raymond and Benjamin Walker; her brother, John (Carrie) Galley; and many cousins.

A graveside interment will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Parkholm Cemetery, 2501 N. LaGrange Road, LaGrange Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at <https://secure.nationalmssociety.org> or the Hinsdale Humane Society at www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

Testing reveals 'fantastic' growth

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scores from the fall MAP testing. Grades two and four had the best showing, with 81.3 percent of second-graders and 80 percent of fourth-graders meeting or exceeding the 69th percentile.

"That (80 percent mark) is a consistent part of our school improvement planning process, so to have grade levels already exceeding those numbers is really, really exciting for us," Miller said.

In math, grades three and four had posted impressive fall meeting/exceeding scores of 84.3 percent and 88.9 percent, respectively. While unable to repeat those performances, Miller said their winter scores of 82.6 and 82.9 are to be celebrated.

"They're certainly above the 80 percent, which is a really, really fantastic number of students meeting that benchmark," she said.

Second grade went from 80.4 percent to 85.9 percent, and eighth grade ticked up to 74.8 percent from 73.5.

"We did not see that (eighth-grade decrease in reading) follow through in math. They did increase as a grade level from fall to winter," she said.

At the building level, every school saw a percentage increase in reading results. The Lane led the way with 81.9 percent meeting/exceeding, followed by Prospect at 80.4 percent, and Madison and Monroe both at 78.3 percent.

In math, eight of the nine district schools showed growth, with Prospect, Oak, Elm and The Lane performing especially well. Madison dipped slightly to 79.8 percent from its 81.2 percent fall figure.

An analysis of individual growth showed that all but two grades — one at The Lane and one at Clarendon Hills Middle School — met the 50 percent

meeting/exceeding target in reading. That's a welcome development from last fall, when every school had at least one cohort of students falling short of the mark, Miller said.

"Reading has been our area of focus for the district this year," Miller said. "To be able to pull fall to winter data that shows growth is really exciting."

An examination of grade cohorts over the course of their school careers showed that most are exceeding the three- and four-year target averages in math and reading.

"There's a lot of stability in terms of where are students are performing," she said. "We're super-excited by the trends."

Superintendent Hector Garcia praised both students and staff for their hard work, while board member Grace Shin expressed her appreciation.

"It is wonderful to see," Shin said.

More early voting sites open Monday

Early voting will be available at 20 locations throughout DuPage County starting Monday, March 20.

Hinsdale Village Hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave., will be available for early voting through April 1. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

DuPage County voters also may cast paper ballots at the DuPage County Fairgrounds (Building 5), 2015 Manchester Road in Wheaton, just off County Farm Road, east of the county's government admin-

istration buildings. Voting hours at the fairgrounds are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays through Friday, March 17; 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through March 18; 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays March 20 to April 3; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends March 25 to April 2.

Residents interested in voting by mail should complete an application available on the DuPage County clerk's election website at www.dupagecounty.gov/election or by calling (630) 407-5600. The last day to mail a ballot to a



voter is Thursday, March 30.

Cook County voters may vote early at Brookfield Village Hall, 8820 Brookfield Ave., or Lyons Village Hall, 4200 Lawndale Ave. More information for Cook County voters is available at www.cookcountyl.gov/service-groups/voting-and-elections.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Luck certainly not limited to the Irish

"If you're lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough," the popular saying goes.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day tomorrow — and with no disrespect to the Irish — we'd like to offer our own twist on the saying.

"If you're lucky enough to be a Hinsdalean, you're lucky enough."

And so, we offer up the following reasons — an incomplete list, we admit — that Hinsdaleans have to feel the sun shining on their faces and the wind always at their backs.

- the volunteers and philanthropists who are willing to share their time, talents and resources to benefit the wonderful nonprofits in town and throughout the Chicago area

- the wonderful nonprofits in town, the largest of which are Candor, Community Memorial Foundation, HCS Family Services the Hinsdale Historical Society, the Hinsdale Humane Society, The Community House and Wellness House

- more than 130 acres of parks offering opportunities to play at the playground; enjoy a game of tennis, pickleball, paddle tennis, disc golf, bas-

ketball or volleyball; have a picnic; watch a Little League game; just relax — and more

- a downtown business district with architecture worthy of its listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the opportunity to eat everything from sushi to sundaes and buy everything from scarves to skis

- the 13 churches at which people have the freedom to practice their religion without government interference

- an excellent hospital with more than 100 years of history that is now affiliated with one of Chicago's premier teaching hospitals (UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale)

- a chamber of commerce that sponsors a host of events, including the Fine Arts Festival, Christmas Walk and Uniquely Thursday concert series

- the best community newspaper of its size in the state for three years running (shameless plug)

- multiple opportunities to spend a quarter of a million dollars on a car without leaving village

borders (once the McLaren dealership opens on Ogden Avenue)

- an old-fashioned outdoor community pool that offers swimming lessons, swim team practice and a place to gather during the warm summer months

- the chance to attend a District 86 candidates night tonight to learn more about those running for office (another shameless plug)

- police officers and firefighter/paramedics who are dedicated to serving village residents

- nationally recognized schools with wonderful teachers who work tirelessly to help all children reach their potential

- a public library that offers so much more than the opportunity to check out books

- a historic preservation incentive program designed to ensure as many historically significant homes as possible remain standing

- the chance to use the word "sesquicentennial" as the village celebrates its 150th birthday

Hinsdale just might be the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

COMMENTARY

Grube makes history as first female board chair

Ann Grube didn't intend to make history when she started volunteering with The Community House in 1983. She and her husband, John, had just moved to Hinsdale from Manhattan.

"Someone said, 'If you really want to meet people, you need to get involved at the Antiques Show at The Community House and you'll meet hundreds of people,' and that's exactly how it began," Grube recalled.

Margaret Guido assigned her the job of public relations for the show, which used to be one of the organization's biggest fundraisers each year.

"I said, 'I don't even know the town,' " Grube said. "She said, 'You'll get to know it.' "

And she did.

"I made a hundred and how many new friends and met everybody and that's what really started my engagement with The Community House, and it just grew and grew and grew," she related.

Before long she was on the board, and then, from 1998 to 2000, its

chair. Previously, under the leadership of Ly Hotchkin (the organization's first female executive director) businessmen had typically held the post.

"I think, to Ly's credit, she wanted corporate executives to be chair of the board, because not only did they bring their own personal support, they brought corporate support," Grube said. "That was a classic not-for-profit chairman of the board structure for years.

"Then it was like, wait a minute, the corporations sort of left Chicago and it changed. Philanthropy was not just male. There are women that can also give and there are women that would love to have leadership roles."

Grube claims she got the job as board chairman because no one else wanted it, but I doubt that's true. A former corporate banking officer, Grube successfully led a fundraising campaign to renovate



Pamela Lannom

the building at 415 W. Eighth St. and add the fieldhouse.

"I never thought about being the first woman," she said. "I had a fantastic board, and to me that's the key — you are united in mission. We knew what we needed to do and we wanted to do.

We needed to raise \$10 million, which we did. We needed to refurbish and add to The Community House so it continued to serve the communities that it did."

Grube said she never experienced gender discrimination in her philanthropic work or as a student at Stanford University from 1970-74. Unfortunately, that was not the case in her professional life.

"You know where the discrimination was? The salary. That's where I think women really had a hard time. I think it's a little bit better, but I don't think it's equal yet," she said.

Grube also recalled the conversation she had with her boss when

she was pregnant with her first child and told him she intended to resign to raise her family. He told her she should have just stayed home, chained to the stove, and had babies.

"He would be sued now," she said. "A boss would never say that to a female employee now. That's progress."

With one granddaughter among her three grandchildren and another on the way, Grube said she hopes the girls encounter a world where they have all the same opportunities as men.

"I would hope that they would achieve as much as they want to achieve and not encounter some of the barriers that I think were certainly there professionally," she said. "I never felt the barriers academically, but I'm sure they exist.

"To me, it's being able to have those opportunities to lead a full life, right? That's what we all want."

I couldn't agree more.

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

■ "Someone said, 'If you really want to meet people, you need to get involved at the Antiques Show at The Community House and you'll meet hundreds of people.' " — Ann Grube

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gallo, Greenspan will get D86 back on right track

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Kay Gallo and Catherine Greenspon, who are running for the District 86 school board. Our community is fortunate to have two such highly qualified, intelligent and effective individuals willing to serve on the Board. Kay and Cat will play key roles in restoring stability to the district, reversing downward-trending academic performance and returning transparency to administration decision-making and board governance. Both are strongly committed to re-invigorating the district's tradition of excellence.

Having lived in Hinsdale for over 30 years, I can state that Kay may be the most qualified candidate to ever run for the D86 Board. She served on the board from 2009 to 2017, and was the president for her last two years. Kay "knows the ropes" and has demonstrated a collaborative and inclusive approach that is

essential for building a strong and effective new board.

I have come to know Cat Greenspon, who has regularly attended and participated in board meetings. She is thoughtful and articulate, has been active in many substantive volunteer roles at Hinsdale Central and has relevant board experience with the Museum of Science and Industry and the Chicago YWCA.

Kay and Cat will engage with students, parents, teachers, taxpayers and fellow board members in an open and transparent manner. Both are strongly committed to recruiting a new superintendent, developing measurable performance goals, exercising financial stewardship and providing wise strategic oversight.

I wholeheartedly endorse Kay and Cat and encourage voters to visit their respective websites. — **Dale E. Kleber, Hinsdale**

Gallo will improve educational experience in D86

Kay Gallo would make an excellent addition to the D86 Board of Education.

As a 38-year resident of Clarendon Hills, Kay has experience having served two terms on the D86 Board and one term for D60 elementary. Kay understands what it takes to be on the board and there will be no learning curve.

From the day she announced her candidacy, Kay had a list of priorities and objectives that she has not deviated from — her message is both clear and concise.

According to Kay, with the district's new grading system, there is "an increased emphasis on assessments and retake opportunities and a decreased emphasis on the importance of preparation." As a parent, I have spent a lot of time emphasizing

the importance of practice and preparation with my two middle schoolers. I am expecting a high school program that will reward my children by allowing them to perform in a myriad of ways, such as classroom discussions, homework, papers and projects. There currently is too much emphasis on assessments and not enough focus on the whole learner. Students need to learn accountability — whether they are heading to a four-year college or preparing for their first job. Retakes do not teach accountability. Kay will seek support to reverse any changes that have negatively impacted students.

Please join me in voting for Kay Gallo for the D86 Board of Education on April 4. — **Susan Goeckel, Hinsdale**

Thanks to Red Devil Nation fans, families

On behalf of the Hinsdale Central Boys' varsity basketball team, we send the Red Devil Nation community our sincerest gratitude. Thank you for attending the games, cheering us on and making this season so incredibly memorable for all who participated on court and in the stands or home-streaming.

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Let's hear it for our boys and their season's success and best of luck to all our kids and our spectacular seniors! Thank you, everyone! — **Karen Eck and Lindsay Oosterbaan, co-presidents, HCHS varsity basketball**

Gallo, Greenspon have earned voter's support

As a resident of D86 for nearly three decades, I've seen lots of different school board elections. I know firsthand the challenges of running for elective office. One cannot ignore the huge impact that schools have on our children, I've had a son and daughter graduate from D86, as well the significant value of our homes are influenced by the quality of our schools. Partly because of what I've seen, I have tried to be active in the Clarendon Hills Caucus where I am confident we're putting forth an excellent and uncontested slate of candidates.

Sadly efforts to revive a caucus for all of D86 have not been successful.

That said there are two candidates that I can wholeheartedly support. Kay Gallo has previously served D86 and her level-headedness, dedication and unflappable

efforts to build consensus will surely serve all stakeholders. Similarly the analytic qualities, concern for students and bridge-building that Cat Greenspon has shown through this process will help guide the district forward.

The education background of Asma Akras is on the one hand impressive but it also raises concerns that perhaps she will become too entrenched in the educational controversies that have stymied others. Similarly, though Andrew Catton has some common-sense approaches to refocus the district on educational declines, it is a concern that he is strident in ending DEI efforts.

One must weigh the previous BOE members who changed positions for the worse after winning office. I look forward to penetrating questions. — **John J. Czerwicz, Clarendon Hills**

Greenspon brings experience, integrity to D86

There are criteria I want to see in a D86 board candidate, which include experience, passion, focus, intelligence, time, energy and integrity. Catherine "Cat" Greenspon encompasses each requirement equally. Catherine works with both of our local high schools to understand needs of students and/or seeing what activity she can join, or create, to assist whenever possible.

I share a value system with Catherine that includes extensive service work with our local and surrounding communities. It seems wherever I am relative to our schools, I see Catherine. In one of her service roles during the pandemic, Catherine hosted the Music Parent Association meetings over zoom, including parents, teachers and our school principal, respecting people's opinions and their time. She led the 30+ person

meeting with positivity, giving everyone a lift during uncertain times. This spirit is shown in meetings as the VP of the HCHS PTO while coordinating events such as the magical annual holiday teacher extravaganza, where a portion of one school becomes a winter wonderland presenting early morning breakfast for the teachers, accompanied by the fabulous school band and choir. Many view Catherine being comfortable at the helm, but few know she is also picking up the bagels and coffee for others or carrying out trash at the end of an event.

Catherine is kind and caring, especially when no one is looking. She has board member qualities plus a value system and character traits giving others around her confidence that things will improve under her watch. — **Lori Thompson, Clarendon Hills**

Gallo will remedy changes to grading, curriculum

As a parent of elementary students, I am concerned about the un-piloted changes to grading and curriculum in D86 under the current administration. It may take years to get our high school back on track. This is why I support Kay Gallo for the District 86 Board of Education. Throughout her campaign, Kay has been clear and has

not wavered from her position on these critical issues impacting our district. Additionally, Kay's unparalleled prior experience on the board makes her well positioned for the monumental task of hiring the next superintendent. I know that Kay Gallo will put students first. — **Jill Fenton, Hinsdale**

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

One's teardown is another's treasure

Our house is a very fine house. When we moved into our split, it was a compromise of sorts. The house — around 50 years old — was not new, yet not really old. Instead, it was affordable and fixed up. Nice and new to us. No weekends would be spent rehabbing. A compromise because I'm an old house person and my spouse a new house person.

Give me quirky layouts, stairs in the kitchen, musty smells from summers past, spirits left behind.

My husband likes pristine. Fresh paint, sparkling fixtures, no bother, new everything.

A house of compromise it was. We could both live in it.

Shortly after we moved in, a woman came over to measure for the wooden shutters I'd wanted.

"Shutters are like fine furniture," she sniffed, "always with the house. I'd reconsider since your house is ultimately a teardown."

Huh?

Then she pointed out every house within view that was doomed for destruction.

Shame on me. I liked my teardown of a house. She left and I went to the park with my kid.

Later I called her a name to my husband.

And just like that I was introduced into the drama of the house. No need to explain, if you live here, you know. You could write a book about it, comedy



Lisa Seplak

or tragedy, you decide.

Don't get me wrong, I love living here. And I know, a lot of towns have joined the teardown craze. It's just that I'm an old house person.

On our walks, my dog Sasha

and I would regularly pass by a house on Washington that caught my eye. The lot was huge, full of trees, evergreens, a gate. The house looked a bit rickety. But as we passed, I'd imagine what a magnificent Halloween house it would make. Ghosts and skeletons floating in trees. Spooky music blaring. Then I'd fence the property, adopt too many dogs that would annoy the neighbors. Stuff like that.

One day it went up for sale. Jackpot. Wasn't going to happen, it's bones too old.

I watched and waited as the old girl lingered on. Saying a quick prayer, 'cause you never know. Then one day I drove by and damn, if they didn't clear cut the whole property. I knew demolition was next. I'm no tree hugger, but was that necessary? I burst into tears; it made me sad.

I suppose one day we'll move. To the West Coast. We agree on that. And when we do, I'd love to put my little teardown of a house on my back and carry her with me wherever we land. She's done good here in the Dale.

— Lisa Seplak of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gallo, Greenspon, Catton will put D86 students first

Tuesday, April 4, ushers in an extremely important election for the board of education for Hinsdale Township High School District 86. This community cannot allow voter apathy (historically 15-17 percent turnout) to define this election. There is simply too much at stake!

With three open seats and five candidates, in order to put this District back on track, vote 2-3-4 on the ballot to get the best candidates seated on the board of education: Kay Gallo, Catherine Greenspon and Andrew Catton.

Each of these three candidates has been attending board of education meetings over the last two years to voice their support for our students and teachers. They consistently address the board with data-driven pleas to reject certain policy considerations. They are raising awareness to the recent changes that fail to appropri-

ately serve our students.

Grading changes discount and discourage homework. Exam retakes do not hold students accountable and put pressure on teachers who struggle to move forward as they accommodate those in need of retakes. Now, in the four-year teacher contract, D86 extended early release Wednesdays, with a minimum 28 days delivering less instructional time while counting each as a full day. Total instructional hours are significantly less than what prior students enjoyed pre-pandemic.

And now the consideration to re-imagine finals?

These are just a few concerns these three candidates want to address and your vote for each of them (Gallo, Greenspon, Catton) will ensure focus is on our most important stakeholder — the students. — **Joseph Corcoran, Hinsdale**

Greenspon creates opportunities for all students

I wholeheartedly support Catherine "Cat" Greenspon for D86 BOE. Although I just met Cat during COVID, it feels like we're lifelong friends.

Cat's life exemplifies a passion for education. In her 20s, Cat created Computer Labs in Cabrini Green, not just for children, but to provide parents access to the internet to apply for jobs. Her Infinite Green Project provided Chicago area STEM students opportunities to partner with scientists at Argonne National Labs and explore renewable energy sources as global citizens.

Actively engaged at both Central and South and districtwide, Cat is a leader, a planner, a do-er — someone committed to maximizing opportunities for all students. She constantly celebrates our community, students and teachers. As an active parent and fixture at board meetings and commit-

tee meetings, Cat has a solid understanding of D86 strengths and weaknesses. Cat asks critical questions, gathers relevant data and works to understand differing points of view, then articulately shares her viewpoint with administrators and the board.

Comfortable at the board table, Cat is serving her third 4-year term on the Museum of Science & Industry Board with a focus on education through hands-on experiences and continuing education for teachers. With a heart for outreach, Cat has a real knack for bringing people together, listening, getting people invested and building consensus. Rarely do you find someone who gives so much of themselves to improve the lives of others. Cat's integrity and compassion are exactly what D86 needs to empower all students to be their best selves. — **Kim Nibeck Notaro, Hinsdale**

Akhras' background makes her clear choice for D86

After the upcoming April 4 election, the newly seated D86 school board will hire a new superintendent and assistant superintendent for the district. Hiring the most qualified top two administrators for our community's high school students is extremely important.

I am voting for Asma Akhras, because we are fortunate to have a candidate in Asma who is an expert in curriculum and education. Asma was a math teacher and

a licensed principal. She has a master's degree in education and she trains principals and implements curriculum in her current professional role. She not only wants to hold the administration to the highest standard to maintain excellence in education — she understands how to do so. As the only candidate with a background in education, Asma is the clear choice on April 4. — **Laurie McMahon, Hinsdale**

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DAVID STANG, FOREST PRESERVE ENTHUSIAST

Why is it important to support forest preserves?

David Stang's relationship with the DuPage County Forest Preserve District began as he used the trails at Fullersburg Woods for his outdoor fitness endeavors.

"It's an area I've used for years for walking, running, biking and so forth," he said.

After volunteering at a workday at Fullersburg in December 2021, Stang said he learned of the need for a volunteer site steward — someone to coordinate regular efforts to keep the area safe from invasive species.

"It was something I had experience with," said Stang, who did similar work for the Cook County Forest Preserve. It was then that his relationship with the DuPage County Forest Preserve of grew beyond a user of the properties to site steward and then to a board member of the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

It wasn't long after taking on the role of site steward that Stang learned of the need for members on the Friends board, a role he began in

February with two other new members of the volunteer group.

Stang described the Friends' efforts as "the icing on the cake" of efforts made to maintain and enhance the nearly 27,000 acres of land within the forest district's purview. Through fundraising efforts, the nonprofit organization works on projects such as the restoration of the Willowbrook Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Glen Ellyn.

"It's been decades since it's been modernized," Stang said.

Other current projects supported by the Friends include restoration of the Mayslake Peabody Estate's exterior, habitat restoration within the county's preserves and green energy initiatives such as solar panels, some of which the Friends have already helped to fund.

Stang, who holds an accounting degree from Notre Dame University and a master's in business administration in finance from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, is founder and president of Stang Capital Advisory LLC. He'll use his skills, knowledge and experience to help raise and manage money for the Friends organization.

When Stang launched his own business seven years ago, it was

with the intention to allow more time to volunteer. Then a resident of the east side of Hinsdale, his efforts began with the Cook County Forest Preserve District, through which he became a master naturalist and led guided tours through some of the district's preserves.

Now, as a new member of the Friends board, he's learning more about the 60 preserves throughout DuPage, including the district's 166 miles of trails, 30 lakes and seven education centers.

"I hope my participation with the Friends will allow me to further my efforts to both improve the natural resources of DuPage County and expose more people to the benefits and importance of nature," Stang stated in a news release announcing his appointment to the board.

He said his business background and his interest in the outdoors make him a good fit for the Friends' board and the work of the organization.

"We only have one environment," he said.

By being both a volunteer and a member of the Friends board, he's trying to do his part to keep that environment healthy and enjoyable for all.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



David Stang's commitments to fitness and the environment come together each time he uses one of DuPage County's forest preserves to walk, hike, run or bike. As a new member of the Friends of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District Board, he's doing his part to make those preserves the best they can be for everyone in the county. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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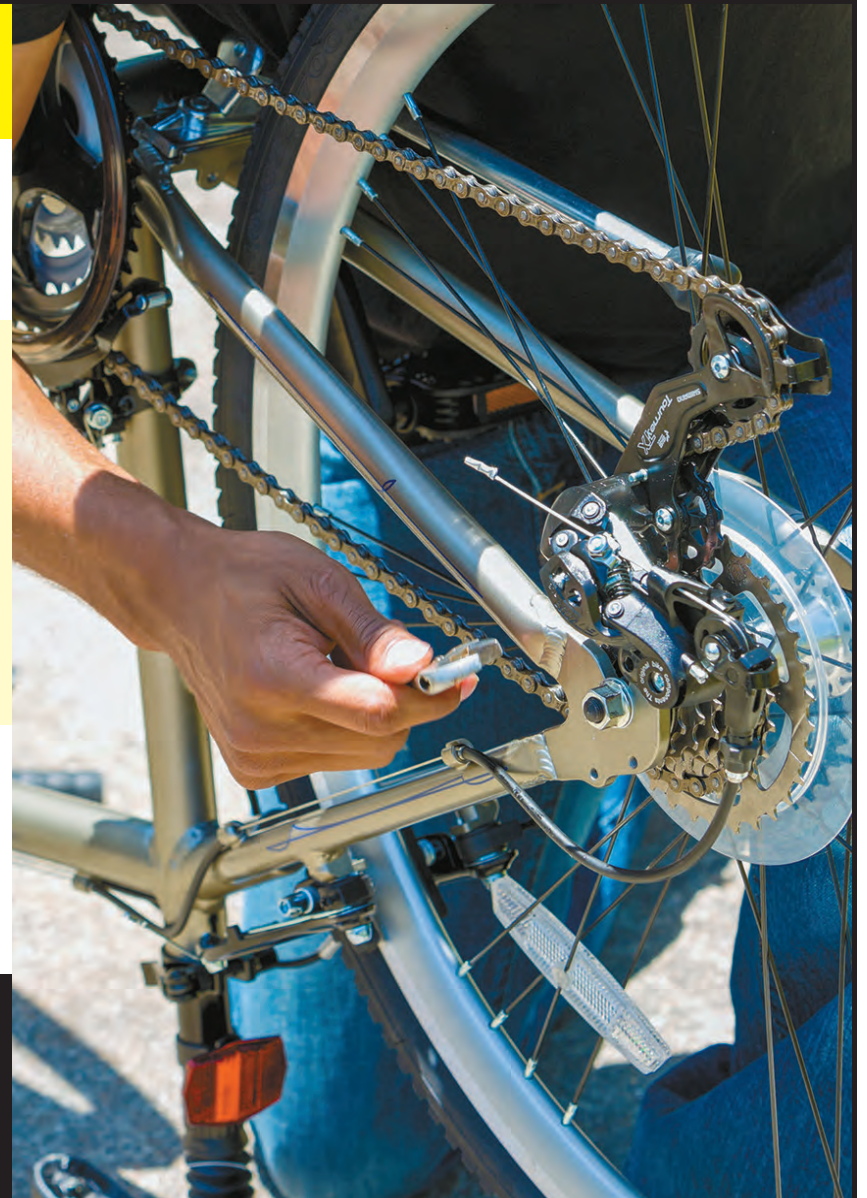


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Donated piano has HMS students singing

Hinsdale dad makes sure choir room has instrument worthy of beautiful building

By Pamela Lannom
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John Cordogan was touring Hinsdale Middle School shortly after moving to town last summer when he stepped in the choir room and immediately noticed the piano.

"It didn't take long for me to know they needed a new piano — I could see from across the room they needed a new piano," said Cordogan, who owns Cordogan's Pianoland with his sister, Dianthe.

Choir director Ashley Sipka remembers the day well.

"I walked in my room and he was just sitting at the old piano, and he was just very energetic and very, 'What's going on with this piano? This thing is a disaster,' " she recalled. "It was just covered in stuff. Basically it was a placeholder."

He told her he thought the room needed a piano as nice as the rest of the building. She wasn't sure what would come of the conversation, but appreciated his persistence.

"He kept reaching out — despite how busy I was — to make sure it would happen. He did his research. He found a donor who was looking to get rid of something, which you can see is gorgeous," she said.

The piano Cordogan procured is a 5'9" Pramberger Signature Series model baby grand piano in satin ebony, which would sell new for more than \$32,000. Sipka played a few bars to demonstrate its sound.

"I'd rather have the kids hearing this on a daily basis, a really organic wooden piano," she said. "It just hums differently than my keyboard. It has a lovely tone. I want them emulating that in class."

Sipka wants her 171 students to appreciate more than the piano's great sound.

"I'm doing my best to teach the kids how to take care of it. We have a strict 'no fingers on the piano.' It's funny trying to teach them how to take care of it," she said, as she cleared some books off the top.

"Generally speaking I don't want anything on top of our piano — and I'm breaking my own rule right now," she said with a laugh.

The piano will be a welcome addition for a new accompanist who soon will be working with Sipka to prepare for spring concerts, allow-



Hinsdale Middle School choir director Ashley Sipka gathers students from one of the seven sections she teaches around the school's baby grand piano Tuesday afternoon, reviewing choral parts. The instrument was donated by a Hinsdale resident who co-owns a piano store. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ing Sipka to focus on directing.

"It will be like a real choral program," she said.

Although Cordogan has an eighth-grader and a sixth-grader at HMS this year (and one at Madison who will be there soon), his children weren't his sole motivation for making the donation. His father, Gus, a musician who played and taught 12 different instruments, opened Villa Park Music in 1950 after serving in the Marines during World War II.

"He always had a soft spot for teachers, so we always tried to take care of teachers," Cordogan said. "Oftentimes teachers are unfortunately not in a position to have the best tools of their trade that even their students have."

When he and his sister took over the business in 1989, they increased the number of pianos the business was donating.

"Usually we do it in areas that aren't in a position to buy a piano or that are underserved," he said, citing a semi-concert Yamaha grand

worth \$60,000 that they donated to the Back of the Yards College Preparatory High School.

Cordogan donates some pianos from the store, but many come from families who had to move and couldn't take the instrument with them or those with grown children who don't want it. With 35 years of experience in the business, Cordogan knows which ones are valuable and which ones aren't.

"Schools and churches get asked all the time, 'Do you want a piano? Do you want a piano?' Most of them are liabilities," he said.

Even those that are worth donating usually need \$1,500 in work to be ready for an institutional environment, and moving the instruments is expensive as well. Cordogan estimated each donation costs the company \$3,000 even if the piano is free.

Cordogan and his sister have extensive connections as the owners Cordogan Pianoland in Geneva, one of the largest piano

stores in the Midwest.

"We rent, we sell digitals and acoustics, new and used, all the different types and do all services — rebuild, refinish, tune, move, appraise and store and rent," he said.

A musician himself (and founder of the Too Hype Crew hip hop tribute band), Cordogan fell in love with the piano as a young teenager after first taking lessons when he was 8 or 9.

"I was not an exemplary student," he said.

A handful of years later he was home alone watching "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

"I heard that Linus and Lucy song and decided I wanted to play it," he said. "The piano was sitting there and no one was telling me to do it."

He said despite rumors to the contrary, there has been no decline in interest in learning to play the piano.

"Piano is as popular as ever," he said.

ARTFULLY DONE

■ HerStory exhibit

Ongoing
Virgil Catherine Gallery
50 S. Washington St.,
Hinsdale
www.virgilocatherinegallery.com

See this group exhibition of women artists, including Hinsdale's Maureen Claffy. An artists' reception will be held from 5 to 8 tonight, March 16.

■ Spring Palette Art Show

March 19
Westmont Community Center
75 E. Richmond Ave.
www.westmontparks.org/events

Celebrate creativity and welcome spring at this 18th annual event featuring unique oil and watercolor paintings, prints, pencil drawings, glass, sculptures and more, all created by local artists. Many of the artworks will be available for purchase. Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ HPL Crochet Club

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

Join other crochet enthusiasts and learn from one another while working on a crochet project. Bring supplies or use the library's materials to crochet for a cause and create a blanket square. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

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(630) 455-9000
www.casamargarita.com
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
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■ Egg Harbor Café

29 E. First St.
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www.eggharborcafe.com
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■ Fontano's Subs

9 S. Lincoln St.
(630) 789-0891
Dine in, take out and delivery. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, closed Wednesday.

■ Fuller House

35 E. First St.
(630) 568-5466
www.fullerhousebar.com
Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday & Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

■ Giuliano's Ristorante



The Hinsdale Public Library is inviting crochet enthusiasts to a Monday gathering. See the listing at right for details.

40 Village Place
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www.giulianospizza.com
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■ Hua Ting

777 N. York Road
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www.huatinghinsdale.com
Hours: 11:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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8 E. First St.
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18 E. First St.
(630) 654-8880
www.nabukihinsdale.com
Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday & Monday.

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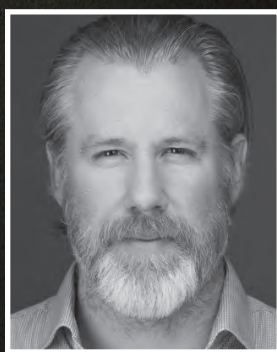
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March is colorectal cancer awareness month

Colorectal cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States.

The American Cancer Society reports the rate of colorectal cancer diagnosis has dropped in people older than 50 by about 1 percent each year since the mid-1980s, a phenomenon attributed to an increase in screenings and lifestyle changes.

Diagnoses have been increasing at about the same rate among people younger than 50 since the mid-1990s. The lifetime risk of colorectal cancer is about 1 in 23 for men and 1 in 26 for women.

As we get older, the risk of colorectal cancer increases. Other factors that can increase our risk include having inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis as well as a family or personal history of colorectal cancer or colorectal polyps.

Life choices that have been linked to an increased risk of colorectal cancer include:

- a sedentary lifestyle
- not eating enough fruits and vegetables
- eating too much low-fiber/high-fat food or a diet high in processed meats
- being overweight or obese
- alcohol consumption
- tobacco use

It's important to recognize the symptoms of colorectal cancer and seek medical treatment if they are present. By the time symptoms appear, colorectal cancer is often in a more advanced stage, so quick diagnosis and treatment is important.

Watch for these warning signs:

- a change in bowel habits (e.g., diarrhea, constipation, narrowing of the stool) that lasts for more than a few days
- feeling like you need to have a bowel movement that doesn't go



Dr. Ralph Hermes
Healthbeat

- away after having one
- rectal bleeding with bright red blood
- blood in stool (may look dark brown or black)
- cramping, abdominal pain
- weakness, fatigue
- weight loss without trying

Colorectal cancer can be prevented or more easily treated as a result of routine screenings. In fact, screenings are the most effective way to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer.

Adults should begin routine screenings at age 45. The screening options include colonoscopy, a DNA stool test and fecal occult blood test. Doctors recommend a colonoscopy once every 10 years (those at higher risk may need more frequent colonoscopies), while the less invasive screening tests need to be

done yearly.

Besides routine screenings, other ways to reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer include:

- Eat healthier food, including vegetables, fruit and whole grains. Eating less red meat and processed meats can also reduce the risk.
- Exercise regularly.
- Maintain a healthy weight. Eating healthier and increasing physical activity can help control your weight.
- Don't smoke. People who have been smoking for a long time are more likely than people who don't smoke to develop and die from colon or rectal cancer.
- Avoid alcohol, which has been linked to a higher risk of colorectal cancer.

To learn if you're at risk for colon cancer, take a health risk assessment at www.eehealth.org/health-aware.

— *Ralph Hermes, M.D., is a family medicine physician with Edward-Elmhurst Medical Group.*

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■ YiaYia's Cafe

13 Grant Square
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www.yiayiasinsdale.com
Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily

FAMILY FUN

■ Spring Equinox Walk and Tale

March 20
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Children ages 7 and up will
enjoy a folktale recited by a
librarian from LaGrange Park
Library on this guided walk.
Time: 6:30 p.m. RR

GAME ON

■ Hinsdale Herd Girls Lacrosse

Thursdays, April 6-May 25
Veeck Park
701 E. Chicago Ave.,
Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

This Hinsdale Herd program
will meet for skill/practice ses-
sions with girls ages 6-14. IYLL
league games versus teams in
neighboring towns will be held
on Saturdays. Players must
provide a stick, mouth guard

and goggles. Time: 6 to 7 p.m.
for ages 6-10, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
for ages 10-14. Cost: \$255 for
younger girls, \$300 for older
girls. RR

■ Hinsdale Herd Boys Lacrosse

April 3-May 25
Veeck Park
701 E. Chicago Ave.,
Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

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will meet for skill/practice
sessions with boys ages 6-14
Mondays and Thursdays. IYLL
league games versus teams
in neighboring towns will be
held on Sundays. Players must
provide a stick, mouth guard,
helmet, gloves, shoulder pads
and elbow pads. Time: 6 to 7
p.m. for ages 6-10, 7 to 8:30
p.m. for ages 10-14. Cost: \$395
for younger boys, \$450 for older
boys. RR

■ Men's Bridge Open Play

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

Join this group for some fun
bridge play and fellowship.
Time: noon to 3 p.m. Cost: \$2
per person. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ New Moon Walk & Telescope Viewing

March 21
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy an evening walk and
get a close-up view of the night
sky. The program is also offered
in Spanish. Time: 7:30 p.m. RR

■ Camping 101

March 23
Camp Bullfrog Lake
9600 Wolf Road, Willow
Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 771-1573

Get helpful tips at this free
workshop covering basic
camping skills. Time: 5:30 to 7
p.m. RR

■ Haiku Walk

March 25
St. James Farm
2S541 Winfield Rd,
Warrenville
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Learn about the Japanese
poetic form haiku on a leisurely
walk, then create a haiku
inspired by the experience. The
program is for ages 12 and up.
Time: 10:30 to 11:45. Cost: \$5.
RR

■ Maple Sugaring

Weekends through March 26
Kline Creek Farm
1N600 County Farm Road,
West Chicago
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 876-5900

Discover how sap becomes
syrup, try tapping with tools
from the 1890s, check the
collection buckets, watch sap
thicken over the fire and try a
taste of real maple syrup. Call.
Hours: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$5 sug-
gested admission donation for
ages 3 and up.

GREEN THUMB

■ Soil Care for Edible Gardens

March 18
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

Grow better edibles this year
with tips for healthy soil from
the experts at Contemporary
Farmer Inc. Learn how to pre-
pare soil for spring planting,
keep soil healthy through the
hottest days of summer, and
use companion planting, cover
crops, worm castings and
mulch to build healthy soil. The
program is part of the arbore-
tum's Edible Gardening Series.
Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost:
\$34. RR, MD

■ Green Before Spring

March 19
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Learn about early spring
invasive plants that are threat-
ening the health of forests.
Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ Intro to Native Gardening

March 23
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Learn about the benefits
of native plants in this virtual
program, including differences
between natives and other gar-
den plants and tips and tricks
for planting natives at home,
along with guidance on select-
ing appropriate plants, creating

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Mental Health Night

March 23
Hinsdale Covenant Church
412 S. Garfield St., Hinsdale
office@hinsdalecovenant.com

In this first program of a three-part series with mental health professionals, Dr. Ariel Juberg will present "Quieting Anxiety: Tuning into the Truth," covering how anxiety might present itself across the lifespan, evidence-based tools to help quiet anxiety and the space to tune into one's own true voice and God's truth. Future programs will explore resilience and stress after trauma (April 20) and depression (May 11). Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Hot Topics in Colorectal Cancer

March 25
www.wellnesshouse.org
(630) 323-5150

Wellness House will host this online event with top oncologists, surgeons and health care professionals in the Chicagoland area. The Updates in Colorectal Cancer Treatment and Research panel will take place from 9 to 11 a.m., followed by the program Exercise and Healthy Living for Colorectal Cancer from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hours: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RR

■ Yoga In the Woods

March 26
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy an all-levels yoga class for ages 18 and up with a certified instructor. Bring a yoga mat/beach towel and water. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Yoga Chisel

Saturdays through April 29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Certified yoga instructor Gerri Atkinson will show how to maximize the benefits of yoga practice by combining

vinyasa flow yoga with upper body muscle conditioning exercises utilizing light hand weights for a total body workout. The class is ongoing. Participants should bring a mat. Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$15 per class. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ HPL Book Box Jr.

March 17
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Enjoy a pre-selected book for third- through fifth-graders and other fun bookish treats each month from the Hinsdale Public Library. Register once to receive a box on March 17 and April 21.

■ Trout Fishing for Kids

March 25
Wood Dale Grove
895 S. Wood Dale Road,
Wood Dale
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7668

Young anglers ages 15 and under with an adult will be introduced to trout fishing at this preseason special event. Family members 16 and older are welcome to join the youth but may not fish themselves. Bait will be provided. Time: 8 a.m. to noon.

■ Tote-ally You-nique Bags

March 28
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids in third grade through middle school can customize their own tote bag using fun supplies like feathers, markers, jewels and more. Time: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Women and the Environment

Fridays through March 31 & Thursday, April 6
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 968-0074

Join this series as guest speakers share about their work on behalf of nature and the stories of the women who inspired them. The March 17 program features Dr. Tanisha M. Williams, founder of #BlackBotanistsWeek, discussing her research on the impacts of climate change on biodiversity, her journey into a science career and the work

she is doing to create space for diversity in scientific fields. The March 24 talk will discuss the lasting influence of May Watts, one of the 20th century's great conservationists. The programs also will be presented via Zoom. Visit the website for the full series schedule. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. for March programs, 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 6. Cost: \$23 per session. RR, MD

NOTEWORTHY

■ Chicago Immigrant Orchestra

March 26
Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
Elmhurst University
190 Prospect Ave.
www.elmhursthistory.org

This ensemble's members hail from Chicago's immigrant community to represent globe-spanning musical traditions by playing instruments native to their countries of origin. The resulting unique yet harmonious music explores the relationships and differences among these different traditions. Time: 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$10 for 17 and younger.

■ Kitty Donahoe with James Curley

April 1
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
http://www.acousticren.com
(630) 941-7797

Michigan Emmy award-winning songwriter Kitty Donahoe brings her love of language and innate sense of melody to this concert, backing herself on piano, guitar and cittern. Her latest album, "The Irishman's Daughter," combines original pieces with traditional music. Philadelphia native James Curley will also perform, part of the Acoustic Renaissance Series. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

ON STAGE

■ 'Shrek Jr The Musical'

March 16-18
Avenue Church
5750 Holmes Ave., Clarendon Hills
www.bamtheatre.com

BAMtheatre's Broadway Kids troupe presents this show about everyone's favorite ogre, who leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Times: 7:30

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p.m. March 16 & 17, 1 & 3 p.m. March 18. Tickets: \$25-\$28.

■ 'All in the Timing & Time Flies'

March 17-19
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com
(708) 246-4043

TWS's High School Repertory Company presents this series of six individual short plays by creative playwright David Ives, offering a comedic, insightful and reflective commentary on life through a set of unusual occurrences. The show is recommended for ages 14 and up. Times: 7 p.m. March 17, 3 and 7 p.m. March 18, 2 p.m. March 19. Tickets: \$12, \$10 for ages 18 and under.

■ 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'

Thursdays to Sundays through March 19
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

College Theatre presents this play that follows Christopher, an exceptionally intelligent 15-year-old boy but ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. One night he finds himself at seven minutes past midnight standing beside his neighbor's dead dog. Christopher is under suspicion but is determined to solve the mystery by carefully recording each fact of the crime. The play features adult themes and language. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students.

■ 'A Chorus Line'

Through March 19
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
www.drurylanetheatre.com

Experience Drury Lane Theatre's production of this iconic musical offering a backstage look at the intimate lives of dancers auditioning for a Broadway chorus, features memorable numbers including "What I Did for Love," "One," and "I Hope I Get It." Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and

Thursdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$85-\$95, with a \$5 discount for senior on Wednesday and Thursday matinees.

SENIOR SCENE

■ Chair Yoga

March 20
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

This virtual Hinsdale Public Library program is an opportunity to improve joint health, core strength, range of motion, balance and deep breathing with certified yoga instructor Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. RR

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■ Buddy's Place 8-Week Session

Tuesdays, March 21-May 16
www.pillarscommunityhealth.org

This bereavement group provides support and grief education for youth ages 4-18 and their families. Children

are grouped with similar aged peers, and adults gather together to learn how to support the children. The group will meet in Western Springs at a location provided in registration confirmation. Participants will need to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ St. Patrick's Weekend Festival

March 18
The Forge Adventure Park
1001 Main St., Lemont
www.forgeparks.com

Enjoy live music, Irish dance performances, bagpipers, whiskey tasting, face painting, Gaelic games and workshops on a variety of traditional Celtic crafts and activities, among other offerings. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Admission is free but many activities carry a fee. Hours: noon to 6 p.m. RR

■ 'Dog Man' Release Party

March 27
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.

www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Part dog, part man and all hero! Celebrate the newest release of the wildly popular Dog Man series by Dav Pilkey. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

SPRING BREAK

■ Spring Break Camp

March 27-31
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5-13 can enjoy fun games, crafts and different activities each day, including art, science and STEM. Campers will need a sack lunch daily. The camp will take a field trip on Wednesday, March 29. Sign up for just one day or the entire week. Extended hours are available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for \$30. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$80 per day, \$375 for the week. RR, MD

■ Critter & Animal Advocates Camp

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PULSE

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March 27-31
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/spring-break-camp

Critter Camp is for ages 6-8 and runs each day from 9 to 11 a.m. Animal Advocates Camp is for ages 9-12 and runs each day from noon to 2 p.m. Sign up for one day or multiple days. Visit the website for registration information. Cost: \$50 a day. RR

■ Little Veterinarian School Dog Camp

March 27-31
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 6-11 will learn how to assess the health of a pet dog, about animal nutrition, how to care for stitches, how to check for ticks and about the many veterinary professions available through role play and hands-on activities they. Each child goes home with an adopted plush pup. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$320. RR, MD

■ Pitcher, Catcher & Infielder Skills Camp

March 27-31
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 7-12 can prepare for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons learning infield positioning, footwork and double plays. Pitchers will work on the form needed to throw a fastball while protecting their throwing arm. Catchers are taught how to frame pitches and techniques to throw out base runners. Fielding and bunting techniques also will be taught. Campers should bring a labeled mitt and water bottle. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$125. RR, MD

■ Spring into STEM with LEGO

March 27-31
Burr Ridge Community Center
15W400 Harvester Drive, Burr Ridge
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-7 can build chirping birds, design blossoming flowers, take a ride on a paddle boat and explore their

own craziest ideas in this camp by Playwell Teknologies. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$157. RR

■ Spring Break T-Ball Camp

March 27-31
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 3-6 will learn the basics of batting, base running, catching and throwing using safe and developmentally appropriate equipment and through a series of fun games and activities designed to reinforce fundamental skills and incorporate game situations. Campers should bring labeled mitt and water bottle. Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$90. RR

■ Amphibian Adventures Camp

March 28-30
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Kids ages 8-10 will learn about native salamanders and frogs through field investigations, art and activities. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$35 per child per day. RR

■ Chicago Elite Volleyball Spring Break Camp

March 28 & 30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 6-14 will be introduced to the game of volleyball and coached in improving their individual skill development in passing, setting, attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided according to skill level and age. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$110.

STEPPING BACK

■ Lunch with the Unsinkable Molly Brown

March 29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Hear about the life and times of the amazing, courageous "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" as portrayed by Lynn Rymarz. Margaret Brown, rescued after the sinking of the Titanic in

April of 1912, was asked by a newspaper reporter to what she attributed her survival. She responded, "Typical Brown luck. We're unsinkable." Travel back in time while enjoying a lunch menu from the actual Titanic. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$35. RR, MD

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Middle School & High School Book Boxes

March 17
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
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■ Drop-In Friday Game Nights

Fridays through March 24
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
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Drop by the library for board games, snacks and a Nintendo Switch in the Teen Lounge. Time: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

■ Babysitters Training

April 1
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Youth ages 11-15 will learn the knowledge and skills needed to safely and responsibly care for children and infants. The class includes a participant workbook, an emergency guide and a Red Cross Babysitters Training certificate. Attendance is required for the entire day to receive certification. Participants should bring a nut-free sack lunch and a drink. Time: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$85. RR

WEE ONES

■ Soccer Shots Classic

Sundays, April 2-May 21
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

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such as respect, teamwork and appreciation. Time: 4 to 4:35 p.m. Cost: \$125. RR, MD

■ Junior Expedition

April 3, 10 & 17
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

Children ages 3-5 will explore the changing seasons in this three-week drop-off program, including a search for signs of animals and instruction on how life adapts. Participants will engage with nature through play and discovery, deepening their observation and inquiry skills. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$125. RR, MD

■ Discover Dance

Mondays, April 3-May 22
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 3-5 will discover the magic of imaginative play with live singing, structured explorations and skill develop-

ment. Class offer and outlet for creative expression, physical growth and social interaction. Children will explore the essence of movement that will lead to the discovery of multiple styles of dance. Please wear comfortable, form-fitted clothing and bare feet. Time: 11:35 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Cost: \$72.

■ Coed U6 Beginners Lacrosse Clinic

Thursdays, April 6-May 25
Veeck Park
701 E. Chicago Ave, Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 4-6 will have fun, make friends and learn the basics of the game from East Avenue Lacrosse coaches and players. No experience is necessary, and all equipment and a free jersey for first-time players will be provided. Players should bring mouth guards and wear athletic footwear. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$150. RR

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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
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ESTATE OF
EDDIE MURILLO COULSON

CASE NUMBER
2023 PR 000138

Notice is given of the death of Eddie Murillo Coulson whose address was 5S030 Pebble Beach Ct., Naperville, IL. 60563. Letters of Office were issued on February 24, 2023 to Lisa Murillo, 5S030 Pebble Beach Ct., Naperville, IL. 60563, as Independent Administrator whose attorney is Mark C. Metzger.

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given to all persons and unknown heirs, who are heirs or legatees in this cause.

The estate Will be administered without Court Supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Court Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of CANDICE ADAMS, Circuit Court Clerk, 505 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before *9/2/2023 any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed with the Circuit Court Clerk.

Name: Mark C. Metzger
DuPage Attorney Number:
208026
Attorney For: Lisa Murillo,
Administrator
Address: 1807 W. Diehl Rd.
Ste. 105
City/State/Zip: Naperville, IL.
60563
Telephone: 630-615-6380
Email: mark@markmetzger.net

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A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.
William Arthur Ward

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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
NOTICE OF HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois for the purpose of considering various properties for inclusion on the Historically Significant Structures Property List within the Historic Overlay District of the Village of Hinsdale, in accordance with the regulations listed in Section 14-7-3 of Title 14 of the Village Code.

Copies of documents relating to the properties proposed for inclusion, including legal descriptions, are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours at the Village offices in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Please email Village Planner Bethany Salmon at bsalmon@villageofhinsdale.org for additional information. This request is known as HPC-04-2023.

The following properties, as described below by their common addresses and property index numbers, in Hinsdale, Illinois, 60521, are currently located within the established boundaries of the Village of Hinsdale's Historic Overlay District in Cook County, Illinois and DuPage County, Illinois, and are proposed to be considered for inclusion on the Village's Historically Significant Structures Property List:

Properties in Cook County, IL

1. 321 S. County Line Road in the R-1 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 18-07-110-022-0000)
2. 329 S. County Line Road in the R-1 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 18-07-110-002-0000)

Properties in DuPage County, IL

1. 137 N. Clay Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-01-322-001)
2. 15 S. Clay Street in the OS Open Space District (PIN: 09-12-105-001)
3. 306 E. First Street in the R-1 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-209-013)
4. 117 N. Garfield Avenue in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PINs: 09-01-414-026; 09-01-414-027)

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5. 735 S. Garfield Avenue in the R-1 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-404-006)
6. 302 S. Grant Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-112-016)
7. 17 E. Seventh Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-305-018)
8. 218 E. Sixth Street in the R-1 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-401-002)
9. 108 E. Walnut Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-01-414-001)
10. 304 S. Washington Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PINs: 09-12-124-005; 09-12-124-006)
11. 718 S. Lincoln Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-12-309-017)
12. 121 S. Monroe Street in the R-4 Single Family Residential District (PIN: 09-11-214-005)

Inclusion on the Village's Historically Significant Structures Property List, among other things, makes a property eligible for certain incentives as detailed in Chapter 14-7 of the Village Code.

At said public hearing, the Historic Preservation Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to the said applications, shall determine whether each property proposed for inclusion on the Historically Significant Structures Properties List possesses one or more of the criteria set forth in Subsection 14-7-3.B. of the Village Code, and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees as to whether each property should be included on the Historically Significant Structures Property List. The public hearing may be continued as to one or more properties as deemed necessary by the Commission. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated: March 13, 2023

Emily Tompkins,
Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
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PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to consider a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness application to demolish an existing single-family house and to construct a new single-family house located at 110 E. Seventh Street. The subject property is located in the Hinsdale Robbins Park Historic District. The application number is HPC-5-2022. The applicant is Courtyard Builders.

Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

The common address is 110 E. Seventh Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521 and legally described as follows:

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PIN: 09-12-404-001

At said public hearing, the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to said applications. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated: March 13, 2023

Emily Tompkins,
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CERTIFICATE NO. 78975 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on February 22, 2023 wherein the business firm of **MIDWEST INSPECTIONS** Located at 6926 Martin Dr., Woodridge, IL. 60517 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Jeffrey M. Robbins, 6926 Martin Dr., Woodridge, IL. 60517; Patricia A. Robbins, 6926 Martin Dr., Woodridge, IL. 60517.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 22nd day of February, A.D. 2023.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 78984 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on February 27, 2023 wherein the business firm of **COCOA MADE IT** Located at 4942 Cornell Ave., Downers Grove, IL. 60515 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Crystal Holland-Everson, 4942 Cornell Ave., Downers Grove, IL. 60515.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 27th day of February, A.D. 2023.
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DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 78973 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on February 22, 2023 wherein the business firm of **BVL COUNSELING SERVICES** Located at 290 Springfield Dr., Bloomingdale, IL. 60108 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Rebecca Van Loan, 4924 Riedy Pl., Lisle, IL. 60532.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 22nd day of February, A.D. 2023.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 78982 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on February 27, 2023 wherein the business firm of **SUPPER CLUB 90** Located at 1440 Stonebridge Cir., Apt. J6, Wheaton, IL. 60189 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Nieta Gates, 1440 Stonebridge Cir., Apt. J6, Wheaton, IL. 60189.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 27th day of February, A.D. 2023.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 78988 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on February 28, 2023 wherein the business firm of **COSMOS MARKET** Located at 190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL. 60126 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Edgar Tosoonyan, 190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL. 60126.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 28th day of February, A.D. 2023.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 78995 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on March 6, 2023 wherein the business firm of **LIFEMINDFUL THERAPY** Located at 718 Ogden Avenue, Suite 202-A, Downers Grove, IL. 60515-2957 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Andrew Schnell, 2969 Two Paths Drive, Woodridge, IL. 60517-4512.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 6th day of March, A.D. 2023.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising.
Mark Twain

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79001 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on March 13, 2023 wherein the business firm of **BEAUTY FLY** Located at 655 Pasquinelli Drive, Westmont, IL. 60559 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Yanjie Zhu, 419 58th Place, Unit 3A, Hinsdale, IL. 60521.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 13th day of March, A.D. 2023.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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In the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois
Marissa Martinez
vs. Chester Mullins.
Case No. 2023D530078.
Affidavit for Service By Publication. Pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/2-206- service by publication: affidavit; mailing certificate. Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/9-107 (Construction Service).
Marissa Martinez, on oath states as to defendant Chester Mullins that: defendant cannot be found after diligent inquiry. Defendant's place of residence is unknown, New York, New York. Cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry. His/her last known place of residence: 1017 Griffin Rd., Lakeland, FL. 33805. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109 that above signed certifies that the statements set forth are true and correct.
Filed March 2, 2023.
Iris Y. Martinez,
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Case No: 23MR148

FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

Public Notice is hereby given that on 6-5-23 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2005 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from: Arion Kelson-Andrew Huebner to that of Avilin Kelson-Angel Huebner, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 10, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Arion Huebner, Petitioner

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Case No: 23MR147

FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

Public Notice is hereby given that on 6-5-23 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2005 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from: Michael William Henderson to that of Evening Karina Duskheart, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 10, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Michael William Henderson, Petitioner

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79003 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on March 14, 2023 wherein the business firm of **DOLAN REALTORS**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 14th day of March, A.D. 2023.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.
Henry Van Dyke

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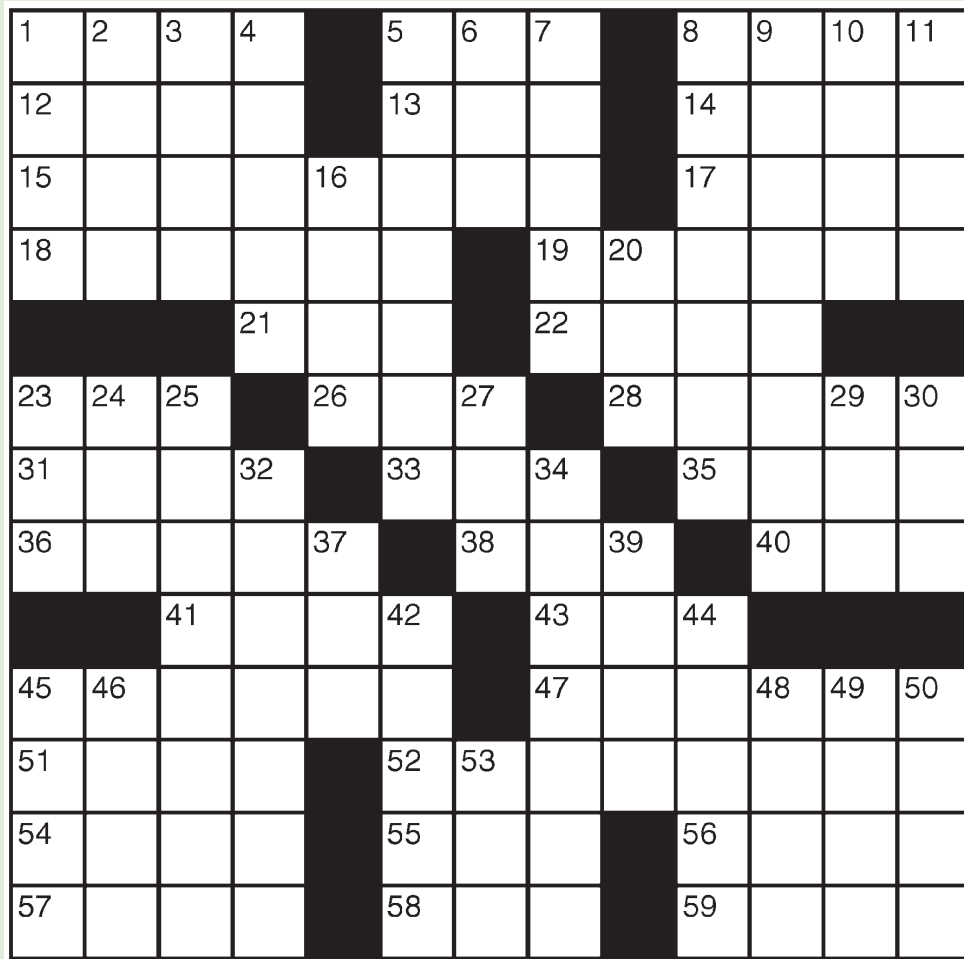


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18 START A ROUND
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33 WORK UNIT
35 MINN. NEIGHBOR
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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SCRAMBLERS

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1. Agent 2. Opine;
3. Charm; 4. Adore

Today's Word
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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HOROSCOPES

March 2023 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

This may be an emotional week for you, Capricorn. Your relationship will have to weather a few storms before things right themselves again.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

It is very important that you do not count your chickens before they hatch, Aries. Something you suspected was a sure thing may not pan out this week.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you could be defeating your own efforts this week. There may be something telling you that you're not good enough to go for your goals. A pep talk can put you back on course.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, no matter how much you want to spend time with family or friends right now, work seems to draw you away. Focus on finding more balance.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Poor habits can keep you from getting where you want to go, Aquarius. A friend or family member may need to step in to show you where you could be going wrong.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You have a secret desire that you want to let out, Taurus. But you're not sure of the timing. Stop letting your head dictate your heart and put plans into action.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

There's a fresh development in your love life coming down the pike, Leo. Romantic feelings solidify and you might be in for some exciting adventures in the weeks to come.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You might be feeling fed up with the pace of lessons being taught to you, Scorpio. If the teacher or mentor simply isn't effective, then you might need to find a new educator.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Help a partner heal by being sensitive to his or her suffering. You may not know all the ins and outs, but being supportive can help greatly.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Friendships could falter due to your insecurities, Gemini. Others want to be around you for good reason. Try to see the value in relationships and make the effort to socialize.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, the crowd around you may not be the support system you need right now. Making new friends can be tough, but it's worthy pursuit at this point.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, it might seem like having the utmost control sets you up for security, but that's not always the case. Being too controlling may push others away.

SPORTS

Red Devils rev up for spring seasons

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and worked on their fundamentals. I just hope the experience gives them a better understanding and confidence in the water. Our conference and sectional are really tough. Hopefully over the course of the year we can bring home some good wins.

Girls water polo

First match: March 6 @ Glenbrook North
(V won 13-3)

Last season: 13-13, lost in sectional

quarterfinal

Head coach: Chris Ortiz

Years as head coach: 10

Number of varsity members: 12

Team strengths: The girls are showing a lot of confidence and have been coming together really well these first two weeks, playing as a team and recognizing each other's strengths and putting themselves in good positions to score goals and playing really good defense. I think we'll be able to match up with everyone and make it a competitive game. Having the eight-lane all-deep pool

in the new aquatic center gives us good practice treading water and really helps on the conditioning end.

Areas for growth: Just the fundamentals, like being able to make a safe pass and put the ball where it should be. We've had some really good quarters, and we need to string those quarters together into a full game performance. It's not always easy, but it gives you confidence when you see you can do it.

Who to watch: Seniors Tessa Barber, Grace Van Houtte, Grace Stouffer and Abby McMillin — the

four of them are going to be our leaders and working to help communications within the team. Also junior Christy Boggs will be a big contributor. There are couple juniors and sophomores who will help us. We have a good mix there.

Outlook: To have a competitive season and represent ourselves and the school to the best of our abilities. We want to play like Red Devils and understand what it means to wear the red and white. That's something that's an asset for us, especially when we're hosting tournaments.

SPORTS SHORTS

HC RUNNERS SET RECORDS AT MEET

Athletes from Hinsdale Central competed March 9-12 at the New Balance Nationals Indoor meet in Boston, the top high school indoor national championship in the country.

Dan Watcke placed third in the 800 with a time of 1:49.59, an all-time indoor best for an Illinois athlete and currently No. 2 in the country. He also broke the indoor school record.

The 4x800 relay team of Aden Bandukwala, Michael Skora, Grant Miller and Watcke took first in 7:43.82.

They broke the school record and are currently No. 1 in the country and No. 2 Illinois all-time indoors.

A photo appears online at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean.

OOSTERBAAN EARNS RECOGNITION

Hinsdale Central's Ben Oosterbaan earned a pair of prestigious honors for his outstanding play on the basketball court this season.

He was named to the 2023 Chicago Sun-Times All-Area Basketball Team, which recognizes the "20 best players in the Chicago area for the

2022-23 high school basketball season." The Illinois Associated Press also named him to its All-State second team for Class 4A.

CENTRAL AD EARNS SERVICE AWARD

Dan Jones, athletic director at Hinsdale Central, has earned a Distinguished Service Recognition Award from the Illinois Directors of Student Activities.

This award honors people who have "made lifetime contributions impacting student activity programs."

Jones, who will retire at the of the school year, has been

the AD at Central for the past 12 years.

IDSA will recognize Jones and other winners at an April 13 banquet.

HOCKEY PLAYER A STATE CHAMPION

Hinsdale's Ryan Mahler and his Chicago Blues travel hockey team captured the 14U Bantam Illinois State Hockey Championship March 3 in Mount Prospect.

The Bensenville-based squad defeated the Orland Park Vikings in the final — which was played on Ryan's 14th birthday.

The team also won the

Northern Illinois Hockey League Championship and received the President's Cup for posting the best overall record for the season.

Ryan is an eighth-grader at Hinsdale Middle School.

DOLAN NAMED TO ALL-AREA TEAM

The Daily Herald recently announced the names of the student-athletes who were selected for its 2022-2023 DuPage County All-Area Girls Basketball Team.

Hinsdale Central sophomore Grace Dolan earned an honorable mention.

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STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Grace Van Houtte
Senior
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When did you start playing water polo?

I first started playing competitively when I was a sophomore. I originally was a swimmer, and a lot of my swimming friends said water polo is another really good sport to try if you enjoy swimming but just need a little bit of a break.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I really enjoy the team aspect. I feel like a lot of water polo is just figuring out people's strengths and weaknesses and figuring out how collectively we could be the best team possible.

How much endurance is required for the sport?

A lot. It's constant swimming back and forth, but also having a defender on you makes it a well-rounded athletic sport where you need a little bit of everything to make sure you can compete at a high level.

What do you hope to accomplish as a team captain?

I just try to follow my last year's captains, where they made it (so) we weren't just water polo friends. Our whole team became a big friend group in and outside of the pool. I'm just trying to continue that.

What is your goal for the season?

We had our first tournament this weekend and we earned a second-place plaque at the Red Devil Invite, which is the highest we've achieved in along time. I think this year we're hoping to set some new records for ourselves.

What are your plans for next year?

I'll be attending the University of Richmond. I'm studying biology with a concentration of neuroscience with a minor in psychology. I'm hoping to play club (water polo) in college.

Anything else?

I'm just super excited for our season. I feel like it's going to be a really good year.

Why does coach Chris Ortiz like having Van Houtte on the team?

She is one of my senior leaders this year and is also a captain. She has a relentlessly positive attitude and is always looking for ways to improve her game. Grace also goes above and beyond to connect with her teammates, which is a trait that every coach looks for out of their captains. In the water, Grace has a game awareness that comes naturally. Her attention to detail allows her to make adjustments in the water to counter our opponents.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Badminton March 14 vs. LT/ Lockport/Wheaton- Warrenville South Quad vs. WWS V wins 8-0 vs. LT V wins 8-0 vs. Lockport V wins 8-0	Gymnastics, boys March 14 @ York w/ Glenbard West V places 131.9 Floor exercise Argyris, 1st, 9.1 Theotikos, 5th, 7.8 Cihlar, 6th, 7.5 Pommel horse Theotikos, 1st, 8.1 Argyris, 2nd, 7.3 Cihlar, 8th, 5.5 Still rings Argyris, 1st, 7.8 Cihlar, 3rd, 7.2 Ashby, 7th, 6.3 Vault Argyris, 1st (tie), 8.6 Cihlar, 4th, 8.2 Balsys, 5th, 7.5 Parallel bars Cihlar, 1st, 8.3 Argyris, 3rd, 7.7 Theotikos, 5th, 7.4	Horizontal bar Cihlar, 1st, 7.2 Argyris, 2nd, 6.9 Ahuja, 10th (tie), 3.5 Ashby, 10th (tie), 3.5 All-around Argyris, 1st, 47.4 Cihlar, 3rd, 43.9 March 10 @ LT V placed 3rd with 131.5 points	Lacrosse, boys March 14 @ Andrew V loses 8-13	Track, boys March 11 @ York Invite 55 meters Bots, 15th, 7.06 Anjarwala, 16th, 7.08 Tingler, 21st, 7.2 Tresslar, 29th, 7.29 Korbus, 39th, 7.43 200 meters Anjarwala, 2nd, 23.97 Bots, 3rd, 23.99 Peterson, 9th, 24.47 Tingler, 15th, 25.4 Walsh, 26th, 25.94 400 meters Anjarwala, 1st, 53.09 Tingler, 5th, 54.38 Peterson, 6th, 55.57 Bots, 9th, 56.29	Goebel, 14th, 58.5 600 meter Maxwell, 3rd, 1:27.76 Sharma, 13th, 1:35.65 1,600 meters Gamboa, 1st, 4:33.95 Gruber, 2nd, 4:37.56 Lowe, 5th, 4:39.18 Doohy, 6th, 4:40.23 Kurimay, 8th, 4:46.71 3,200 meters Smak, 4th, 10:23.38 Matariyeh, 6th, 10:35.63 Gamboa, 9th, 10:54.05 Doorhy, 10th, 11:02.09 Bilyar, 11th, 11:05.06 55-meter hurdles Peterson, 3rd, 8.54 Segers, 7th, 8.92 Goebel, 13th, 11.12 4x400-meter relay V, 5th, 4:04.96 High jump Prieto, 1st, 6-5.25 Burt, 4th, 5-7 Harrison, 15th, 4-9 Long jump Cheung, 17th, 16-1 Reodica, 20th, 15-3.5 Novatney, 22nd, 14-6.75 Chan, 25th, 13-9.75 Triple jump Burt, 4th, 38-3.5 Peterson, 5th, 37-11.5	Reodica, 9th, 35-2 Eden, 10th, 35-1.75 Pole vault Khatau, 8th, 10-2 Bolenbaugh, 10th, 9-1.75 Bystriansky, 16th, 7-1.75 Shot put M. Ortiz, 3rd, 43-10.75 Koschik, 4th, 42-10.5 Stamer, 10th, 38-0.25 P. Ortiz, 12th, 36-0.75 Tamas, 13th, 35-6	Track, girls March 10 @ Batavia Invite 1,600 meters McCabe, 2nd, 4:53.97 Fischer, 7th, 5:03.25 Skora, 35th, 5:22 Boyd, 54th, 5:27.28 Dygon, 68th, 5:34.08 Griffin, 70th, 5:34.53	Water polo, boys March 14 @ York V loses 3-19 March 11 @ Bradley- Bourbonnais Invite vs. Lincoln-Way Central V wins 19-9 Driscoll, 8 goals Halabi, 3 goals	Adam, 2 goals Bernacki, goal Newcomer, goal Satre, goal Schmeltz, goal Sheppel, goal Turek, goal Whittier, 7 saves Gatzulis, 6 saves vs. Bradley- Bourbonnais V loses 7-9 vs. Shepard V loses 5-6	Water polo, girls March 14 vs. York V loses 3-14 March 11 vs. Red Devil Invite V placed 2nd vs. St. Ignatius V wins 10-2 Barber, 4 goals Alt, 2 goals Manning, 2 goals Deppe, goal Stoffer, goal vs. Glenbrook South V ties 6-6 vs. York V loses 2-13 March 8 @ Stag V wins 18-5
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SPORTS

Red Devils rev up for spring seasons

Central boys gymnastics team, boys and girls water polo programs back in action

By Ken Knutson

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The Red Devil boys gymnastics team, and boys and girls water polo squads are already into their regular season schedules, with postseason hopes on the horizon.

This is the second in a four-part series of spring previews.

Next up: girls badminton, girls soccer and boys tennis.

Boys gymnastics

First meet: March 4 vs. Wanner Invite (V placed 2nd with 133.65 points)

Last season: 2nd in sectional, 7th at state

Head coach: CJ Johnson

Years as head coach: 5

Number of varsity members: 9

Team strengths: They're putting in their time working on their tricks, and they're learning their skills. They get their job done every day — you give them an assignment and they do it. Doing the little drills has grown into the big skills we want them to do.

Areas for growth: We're very shallow as a team. We have one senior and three juniors, and the rest are underclassmen. We just have to make sure to direct them and make sure they stay focused on the task at hand. They've really been working and working to get better.

Who to watch: Freshman Elias Argyris is a natural gymnast and just led the team with fifth in the all-around at the LT Invite. Senior Grant Balsys, our only senior, is a transfer from Hinsdale South and qualified for state in vault and parallel bars last year. Sophomore Kyle Ashby has put on a lot of muscle mass and he's doing a nice job for us. Junior Nikolas



The Hinsdale Central varsity boys and girls water polo teams hope to make a splash this year, with their rosters blending veteran members and newcomers to the squads. Meanwhile, the boys gymnastics team will rely heavily on underclassmen this season in their bid to again earn a trip to the state final meet. (file photos)

Theotikos is very into taking direction and asking what else we want him to do. He's a natural on the pommel horse, just nice to watch. Junior Marc Cihlar gives us good veteran experience.

Outlook: It would be a big disappointment if we're not in the top eight at state — and we could be higher.

Boys water polo

First match: March 11 @ Bradley-Bourbonnais Invite (V went 1-3)

Last season: 7-19-1, lost in sectional quarterfinal

Head coach: Christy Brodell

Years as head coach: 9

Number of varsity members: 9

Team strengths: We've seen huge growth from our returning players. The boys are super dedicated and responsive. During our opening invite, from the first game we just kept improving our play. That's encouraging for the first time out, and the first time that a lot of the boys have

played a varsity competition. The showed good understanding and good game awareness.

Areas for growth: We have only three returning players from last year and a lot of new kids. I hope that we strengthen our ability to work together to make a better defense. I think that's going to be key for us to win this year. And also being confident in our offense and working to not just rely on one person to carry the team but to involve the whole unit.

Who to watch: Junior

Yaseen Halabi will be strong for us. Senior Holden Satre and our senior goalie Millan Whittier provide varsity experience. Sophomore Frankie Adamo is super competitive and really understands the game and wants to bring home wins. Freshman Jack Driscoll will also be key.

Outlook: We're a very young team in comparison to prior years. A lot of them played in the offseason

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