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Check — mate!

Mark Lin can hardly contain his disbelief that his king has fallen to Dominick Levinthal's queen in an after school chess match at Elm School. More that a couple dozen Elm school students were participating in the chess club under the direction of the Illinois Chess Teachers. The group that offers the club to schools across District 181. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Put it in park

Drivers have new options in downtown Hinsdale.

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Positive parenting

Psychologist, writer shares expertise on parenting teens.

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NEWS

Prentiss contract updates divide board

By Ken Knutson

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The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board split along familiar fault lines last week in approving a 31-day contract extension for Superintendent Tammy Prentiss along with added contract language intended to protect her from early termination.

The board voted 4-3 at its Jan. 26 meeting to extend Prentiss' contract to July 31, 2024, at which time she plans to retire. The additional days enable her to retire with a full pension.

A clause was also added to the contract prohibiting Prentiss from being fired for allegations related to "the drafting of language contained in versions of the Valbrun Consulting Group's letter/email of Jan. 12 and 13, 2022, notifying the Board of Ms. Valbrun's withdrawal of her proposal for services."

Board member Cynthia Hanson thanked Prentiss for giving the district early notice of her intent to retire.

"I personally appreciate the fact that we have all this time to prepare to perhaps engage an executive search firm to do the will of the community that's been asking for it," said Hanson, in the majority with board President Erik Held and board members Kathleen Hirsman and Terri Walker.

But board member Jeff Waters, opposing the measure with board members Peggy James and Debbie Levinthal, called the action "inappropriate" and "a breach of fiduciary responsibility" with a new board poised to be seated after the April 4 election.

"It's pretty apparent that this decision should be reserved for a future board," he said. "Eighteen months before a contract is set to expire, to me that's a clear and transparent

attempt to protect the superintendent and to tie any board's hands, including this one."

Equity consultant Valda Valbrun was considered for hire by the district until residents challenged her qualifications. Valbrun subsequently withdrew her name for consideration, and Prentiss read her withdrawal letter aloud at a board meeting, in which the community was called "a dangerous place." A Freedom of Information Act request showed Prentiss added two lines to the withdrawal letter. Some in the community responded with anger, demanding Prentiss' resignation.

According to the contract, and independent external investigation into the matter found "no cause to discharge the superintendent." Speaking with The Hinsdalean on Monday, Held would not comment on the investigation but suggested allowing Prentiss to reach retire-

ment enhances the district's reputation as a good employer to go with its record of academic excellence.

"A way that you do that is you treat your faculty and administrators with respect and dignity," Held said.

He rejected allegations of those critical of the extension that it would result in a "\$10 million payout" by the district, noting that the state is responsible for funding pensions. He said the actual percentage of the portion the district pays into the State of Illinois Teachers' Retirement System and the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund on behalf of Prentiss was adjusted down from 100 percent to 50 percent, with Prentiss making up the difference. Her salary is \$264,258 a year.

"Prentiss is covering more of (the

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Central salutes veterans

Local veterans and first responders were invited to Hinsdale Central's basketball game against York Friday night. Former Hinsdale resident and store owner Charlie Hartley was even forgiven for being a York alum, after it was mentioned he sent his five children to Central. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ONCE UPON A TIME



A beer for all seasons — This photo in Sandy Williams’ book, “Images of America — Hinsdale,” is of the Henry Schramm Bottling Works. “In 1884 German immigrant Henry Schramm started this bottling company in Fullersburg. Dealing in soda and mineral waters, birch beer, root beer, ginger ale and Weiss beer, he became one of the best-known bottlers in northern Illinois. The sizeable plant and barn burned to the ground in 1905, the worst fire in Fullersburg history.”



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Village, Trinity agree to settle lawsuit

By Ken Knutson

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A three-and-a-half year legal battle between Trinity Sober Living and the village has come to an end.

Hinsdale trustees Tuesday approved a consent decree with Trinity Sober Living and the U.S. Department of Justice to settle a lawsuit regarding Trinity's attempt to operate a group home in a residential neighborhood for those recovering from substance abuse.

Village President Tom Cauley said continuing to litigate against the DOJ and "its virtually unlimited resources" has become too costly and that a settlement was financially prudent.

"We were able to settle this case with the federal government on terms that thankfully maintain the fundamental character of our zoning code," Cauley said.

Under the agreement, the village will pay Trinity owner Michael Owens \$790,000 for monetary damages and

attorneys' fees and pay \$10,000 to the U.S. Treasury as a civil penalty. With insurance covering most of the cost, the budget impact to the village will be \$83,275.

In addition, the village must designate a staff member as its Fair Housing Compliance Officer, provide training to its community development staff on the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and send annual reports on its compliance for the next four years. Cauley said the case was never about not welcoming those with disabilities, however, but rather a village's authority to control zoning policy and make reasonable accommodations when warranted.

"Trinity simply bypassed the village board and never gave local government the opportunity to do its job," Cauley said.

Owens purchased 111 N. Grant St. in the summer of 2019 with plans to turn it into a home for up to 10 men recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. Only

three unrelated people are permitted to live in single-family residence under Hinsdale code, and the village filed a complaint in August 2019 in DuPage County Court to enforce the rule. Trinity filed a federal lawsuit against Hinsdale for discrimination a few months later. The DOJ joined Trinity's suit a year later claiming the village violated the Fair Housing Act.

An Owens email discovered by the village discussed setting up a group home "under the radar" and then suing the municipality in federal court if it objected, according to Cauley.

"Owens never had any intention of working with the village," Cauley said. "Had Mr. Owens come to the village board, we would have discussed his plans and attempted to reach an agreement."

In December, a federal court judge refused to allow Trinity to amend its complaint to claim the village had filed its DuPage County suit in retaliation.

Regarding the sum the village must

pay to Owens, Cauley said it is "far less than the legal fees we would have had to pay if this case went to trial against the federal government."

To date the village has spent nearly \$2.04 million in legal fees on the case.

Cauley said the consent decree creates a lot of bureaucratic paperwork but doesn't alter village policy.

"At the end of the day, we can still enforce the zoning code provision that no more than three unrelated people living in home in a single-family residential district is the rule in Hinsdale," he said. "I strongly believe that the village and this board has a legitimate interest in protecting its zoning code."

Owens declined The Hinsdalean's request for comment on the consent decree because the DOJ had yet to sign it. Asked if he hoped to open a sober home in Hinsdale one day, he responded, "Definitely yes."

Trustees also approved a release agreement to discharge all parties from future claims.

New changes mean more options for parking

Commuter lot opens for daily parking, permits now come in weekly, monthly increments

By Pamela Lannom

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Commuters who aren't traveling into the city every day now have the option of paying for daily parking.

Instead of having to purchase a six-month blue permit for \$316.50, commuters now can pay by \$3.50 a day, plus a small processing fee, to park in the village lot north of the tracks off Washington Street.

Signs posted at the lot include a QR code for drivers to pay by text.

Blue permits also will be sold by the week for \$22.50 and by the month for \$53.50.

"I don't know if this is the new normal or not at this point," said Brad Bloom, assistant village manager. "I know ridership is down significantly, especially on Mondays and Fridays, according to the information we get from Metra."

Even midweek, ridership is at only 46 percent of prepandemic levels, Metra officials told the village two months ago.

"If you look at the capacity of our parking lot on Mondays and Fridays, you can see that," Bloom said. "We used to have a three-year waiting list for blue permits and only open it to village residents."

Daily and permit parking also will be available in the lot behind the post office off Garfield Street, along Burlington Avenue between Garfield and Washington and Hinsdale Avenue between Lincoln and Grant streets (see blue areas map).

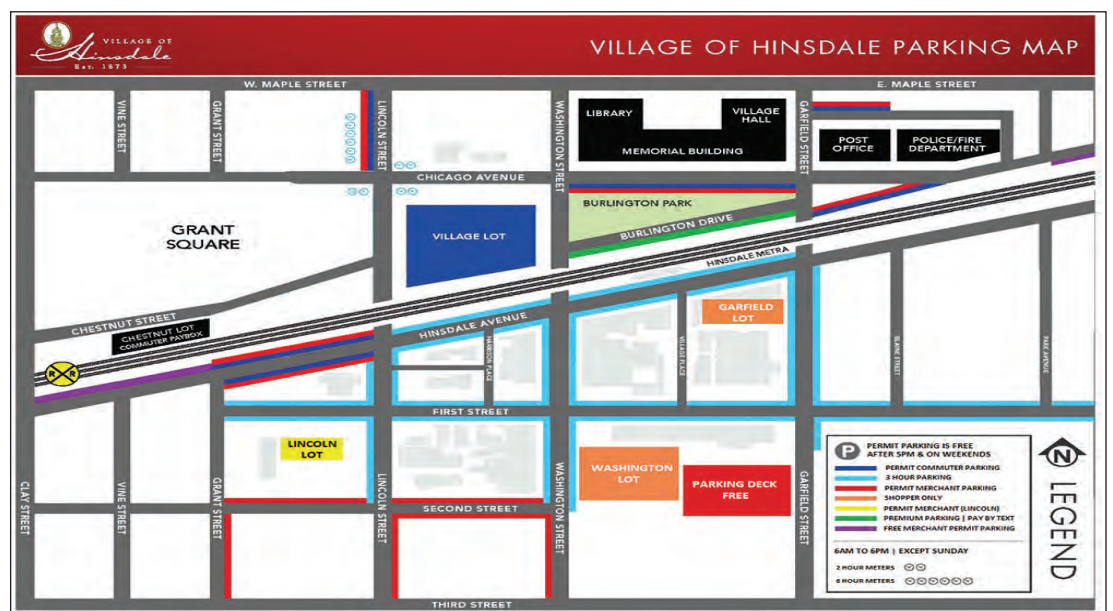
The spaces along Burlington have been designated as "premium parking." Designed to be used for the short term, these spaces cost \$10 a day.

Commuters also now have the option to purchase permits through a portal on the village website at www.villageofhinsdale.org.

Village officials reminded employees and merchants that they should use the parking deck or purchase a permit to park in a red zone.

"Village enforcement efforts have found that rather than parking in areas designated for employees and merchants, some users are parking within the three-hour permit zone intended for customers," Police Chief Brian King told The Hinsdalean. "Then these parkers are moving to the commuter lots."

Previously commuter lots were free after 9:30 a.m. Now a driver must have a blue permit or pay the daily fee to park there



The royal blue areas on this parking map show where commuters now can pay for parking on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Previously available after 9:30 a.m. for free parking, new regulations mean drivers must pay to park in commuter lots anytime between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. (map provided)

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Red permits cost \$180 for six months or \$31.50 per month. Purchasers must provide documentation that they work in downtown Hinsdale.

Free six-month permits for the purple parking zone — along Hinsdale Avenue between Grant and Clay Streets — are available for merchants and employees.

"Hopefully people take

advantage of that," Bloom said.

Village officials' main objective is to keep the three-hour free parking spaces downtown available for those who are shopping, dining or obtaining services there.

"The goal of the village's parking management in the central business district is to open up spaces for the benefit and use of our retail customers," King said.

The village also is selling per-

mits for Hinsdale Central students to park at Robbins Park. Thirty permits are available for \$400 a semester on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bloom said the village will continue to monitor parking.

"We're willing to make adjustments to this and we know we're going to have to," he said. "We'll have to see how people's parking habits change and what happens with demand."

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
www.d86.hinsdale86.org/boardofeducation

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: public hearing on 2 Salt Creek Lane (Mouse Automotive), public meeting on 218 W. Ogden Ave. (Karimi Estates)

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86

Among other business Jan. 26, board members:

- discussed proposed changes to district fees for the 2023-24 school year. The schedule includes proposed increases to 13 course fees related to issues such as newly created courses and rising textbook costs.
- approved one-year contract extensions with First Student for regular and special education transportation services. Prices for regular morning and afternoon routes are increasing from \$142.78 to \$180.62 per bus.
- approved the district's updated facility rental fee schedule, which added rates for two-hour rentals of a portion of the pool and the diving well.
- agreed to spend up to \$93,365 with Nelson Fire Protection, the lowest bidder, for fire suppression systems

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business Tuesday, trustees:

- approved the purchase of five new patrol fleet vehicles for \$197,601 from Thomas Dodge Chrysler in Highland, Ind. The move comes after supply chain issues in 2021 and 2022 forced the cancellation of the purchase of three of squad cars. The current capital improvement plan identified four cars for replacement. The fifth car, ordered in 2022 and due to be delivered and paid for at the end of CY 2022, was canceled in the last weeks of December without enough time to re-budget for 2023. The village received competitive pricing through the Southwest Conference of Mayors. Officials said the cost savings is about \$50,000 by ordering squads through Thomas Dodge instead of historical supplier Currie Motors. Patrol vehicles are recommended to be replaced every three and a half to four years and at about 85,000 miles. One of the cars will be the parking control vehicle equipped with license plate reader technology to enforce the new online permitting program.
- awarded a one-year extension for the Elm tree treatment contract to Kinnuca Tree Experts and Landscape Co. for \$137,930.76. The previous two-year contract with Kinnuca ended last year.

Number of new COVID cases climbs slightly

The DuPage County Health Department reported 14 new cases of COVID-19 in Hinsdale over the past week, bringing the total number of cases in the DuPage County portion of Hinsdale to 4,437, compared to 4,423 a week ago. The Cook County Health Department no longer reports on cases specific to Hinsdale.

The community level has

dropped to low in DuPage County.

District 181 reported 11 new cases Jan. 25-30, including nine students, one teacher and one staff member. The district has reported a total of 215 cases since school opened.

District 86 reported two new student cases at Hinsdale Central Jan. 27, for a total of 87 this school year.



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News writing has changed over the years

Imagining what life was like when the village was founded in 1873 is almost impossible, given the changes that have taken place in just the last quarter century. .

But a look back at early issues of *The Doings*, which started covering Hinsdale in 1895, offers not only a flavor of village life, but a sense of how local reporting has changed over time.

Consider these news briefs from the 1930s, 1960s and 1980s.

Hinsdale club's opening stag to be held tonight

Nov. 3, 1928 — All traffic rules will be thrust aside — lives of the “weaker sex” pedestrians will even be endangered, perhaps, in the mad, male scramble to get seats for the Opening Stag tonight at the Hinsdale Club. Of course, all the men are going — members, guests and Juniors. They always do, and a perusal of this evening's program leaves the impression that this year will be no exception to the rule, but rather that tonight's attendance will surpass that of any previous year.

As has just been suggested, the program for the evening looks mighty fine. It lists such well-know vaudeville stars as Dave O'Malley and Harry Maxfield, the inimitable Fred Lewis and Axel Christiansen himself — that famous monologist and character delineator. In addition to these, there will be other comedy features, together with

a three-piece orchestra and the traditionally good eats, that are always characteristic of the opening “stags” at the Hinsdale Club.

Were it not for an equally interesting schedule of attractions to follow at intervals throughout the coming season, it is quite likely that the ladies of our village might consider it nothing short of a calamity to miss this evening's celebration. However, they probably have in mind and are looking forward to the general opening event next Friday night, November 9. This, it is said, is to be a dinner dance “with all the frills”; the frills, possibly, being the singing and dancing entertainers and radio stars who will be present upon this occasion. Little further information about next Friday night need be given — excepting that reservations must be made by Wednesday, November 7, for the good times at previous parties have left lasting impressions.

Slaby's noodles aid astronauts

Aug. 26, 1965 — With his “noodles out of this world,” on Gemini 5, Jerry Slaby, 347 Ravine Road, Hinsdale, is a proud man as are his daughters, Laurie Beth and Pamela.

Officials in charge of feeding the astronauts in space have specified that “angel” hair or extra fine products of Mrs. Slaby's Noodle Co., Berwyn, be used.

In food testing experiments for the space pro-

gram, Pillsbury Foods Inc. found Slaby's noodles would cook with a meat base, freeze dry, and could be re-hydrated and packed in tubes without falling apart.

The family business started during the Depression, probably because Jerry Slaby's mother was such a good cook. Noodles are still made the old-fashioned way at the plant, with the dough worked and allowed to rest to let the chemical action blend and intermingle the ingredients.

Slaby understands that military forces are planning on more Slaby noodles when the Apollo manned flight to the moon takes place.

Furry little guests

Feb. 12, 1981 — Some unexpected visitors attended Monday's Hinsdale Elementary District 181 curriculum meeting at Madison School

A couple of mice were seen scurrying across the floor at several points in the meeting.

“They don't eat much,” Principal Robert Michalak said jokingly.

He said the recent renovation of the Madison heating system upset the nesting of the mice, causing them to become more visible. Some children wanted to name the uninvited guests, but there were so many it was hard to tell Fred from Albert, he added.

The exterminator was scheduled for Tuesday.



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POLICE BEAT

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required contribution) than she would have normally," he said.

Several district residents used the public comment period to voice their opposition to the amendments, with some alluding to the possibility of legal action.

Board member Kathleen Hirsman said she was proud of her vote.

"I am not going to be intimidated by people from the audience or other board members suggesting that I may have some personal liability for making a decision, which I believe is in the best interests of this school district," Hirsman said.

Board member Debbie Levinthal disagreed.

"At this time, I feel that approving this contract violates our fiduciary responsibilities to the district," she said.

Held said the amendments came out of "a few conversa-

tions that Tammy and I had," and that the rest of the board had been apprised well in advance.

"This was not something that simply came up two weeks ago and is being foisted on the district," he remarked.

The Hinsdalean contacted Hinsdale attorney Dan Walker, who specializes in employment law. He said while the Valbrun exclusionary clause is unusual, it's not unheard of.

"Often parties or one party to a contract want to clarify an issue or make sure that some prior act has been resolved and that the resolution is documented," Walker said.

Held said having Prentiss stay through July will allow her successor to make a smooth transition.

"I do believe that this contract is to the overall benefit both organizationally and financially to the district, and that includes all pieces of it," he said.

Sign up to shovel snow, get help with shoveling

Hinsdale once again is offering its snow shoveling program to connect residents in need with residents seeking ways to volunteer and contribute to their community.

Individuals looking to give back, or who are seeking community service/volunteer hours are encouraged to complete the application on the village website at www.villageofhinsdale.org. Contact information of participating individuals will be shared with residents in need of snow shoveling assistance. Residents will contact the volunteers directly when assistance is needed. The volunteer is responsible for snow shoveling or notifying the resident if they are unable to complete the work.

Residents seeking to join the

program are encouraged to fill out the snow shoveling referrals request form. Once registered for the program, contact information of participating volunteers will be supplied. The resident is responsible for contacting the volunteer, and scheduling a time for shoveling. This is a volunteer service and there is no requirement to exchange money and/or goods. However, any remuneration would be worked out between the parties.

The village does not do background checks on any of the participating volunteers, seniors citizens or persons with disabilities. Both parties should conduct their own interview and/or reference check if desired before signing on with a particular client or volunteer.

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■ Her degree in hand, Liss took her educational journey from sea level to a mile high when she enrolled in law school at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

New HCC chair hopes businesses will get involved

As someone who spent her childhood in Hinsdale and returned after college to live and work in the area, Laura Liss has watched her hometown grow and change. Now, she's helping to keep that growth and change going, both as a business attorney and as chair of the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

"It's both a personal and a professional sense of pride to be involved," said Liss, who joined the chamber as a member in 2019 and served as a board member and vice chair before stepping into her current role.

As board chair, Liss said she hopes to help maintain the chamber's busy calendar of events.

"We're really known for our activities that bring residents and visitors to our downtown," Liss said.

Those activities include time-honored traditions such as the Fine Arts Festival and the Christmas walk, along with newer events like the Wine Walk. Uniquely Thursdays and the farmers market also are important tools in bringing people to Hinsdale and its businesses.

During her tenure, Liss said

she hopes to also nurture events that will bring chamber members together to draw upon each others' experiences and commitment to the village. Monthly gatherings such as happy hours and breakfasts have begun, she said, and are gaining interest.

Raised by two attorneys, including fellow chamber leader Michael Liss, Liss said she considered the option to follow in her parents' professional path as she embarked on her post-high school journey — a journey that would quickly take an unexpected turn.

Liss toured the Tulane University campus on a picture-perfect 73-degree day. The teenager was convinced that New Orleans was the warm, sunny place where she would pursue her studies of political science and history.

But as hurricane Katrina closed in on Louisiana, move-in day doubled as evacuation day. Liss said she, her parents and her brother moved her belongings into her dorm and promptly left for higher ground. Liss, and the rest of the Tulane community, wouldn't return to campus until the following year.

"I enrolled at DePaul for the



LAURA LISS

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semester," she said, and spent her first months of college back in cold, snowy Illinois.

Her degree in hand, Liss took her educational journey from sea level to a mile high when she enrolled in law school at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. She said she chose the school for its practical curriculum.

"Law school doesn't necessarily get you ready to prac-

tice," but the Sturm College of Law focuses on preparing its students to put their education to work, Liss said.

Now a practicing attorney for more than a decade, Liss serves as chair of the DuPage County Bar Association Business Law Section and president of the Chicago chapter of Exit Planning Exchange.

Working with her father at Liss & Lamar, Liss addresses

the needs of small- and medium-sized businesses like those that are part of the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce.

She said she encourages anyone who does business in Hinsdale to check out what the chamber has to offer.

"We're always looking for more people to get involved," she said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Hinsdalean set to launch election coverage Feb. 9

For the first time in The Hinsdalean's history, there is a single contested race on the spring ballot.

Only Hinsdale High School District 86 has attracted more candidates than there are open seats in the Tuesday, April 4, election.

Asma Akhras of Darien, Andrew Catton of Hinsdale, Kay Gallo of Clarendon Hills, Cat Greenspon of Burr Ridge and Debbie Willoughby of Westmont are seeking three open seats on the board.

We typically begin covering the election in January so we have space for all of the articles we run on each of the races. This year, with just one contested race, we'll kick off our coverage next week with a look at the top issues in District 86. We'll also run information on registering to vote and early voting options.

For our second story Feb. 16, we'll talk to current and former board members about what serving as a school board member entails.

In the March 2 issue, we'll share basic biographical information about the candidates so readers can get a sense of who they are and also learn why they are running.

Each candidate will share their opinion on a variety of issues in charts that will run in the March 2 and March 9 issues. These charts will be compiled from 30-minute in-person interviews with each of the candidates and a written questionnaire.

Then, the paper will offer its recommendation on the three best candidates to serve the district in an editorial endorsement on March 23.

The Hinsdalean also is planning to hold a candidates night March 16 at The Community House so voters can have the chance to hear those running for office in person. More details on the event will be published closer to the date.

We are not ignoring the 13 candidates running uncontested for the Hinsdale Village Board, Hinsdale Public Library Board and Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board. We will run charts listing biographical information about each candidate and their priorities once in office.

Readers who want to express support for a candidate in a letter to the editor are welcome to do so. Read Pam Lannom's column below for more information on that process.



April might seem a long way off, especially with the return to more wintery weather this past week. But the election will be here in less than nine weeks.

We hope our coverage and candidates night help readers get to know these individuals better. We want to give voters all the information they need to choose the candidates they believe will do the best job in office. While serving as a school board member might not seem very glamorous, local elected officials can have just as much impact on our day-to-day lives as senators serving in the nation's Capitol.

For those who miss an issue or live outside of our circulation area, every election story will be posted on our website at www.thehinsdalean.com from the day it runs until the election.

Comments or questions? Please send them to news@thehinsdalean.com.

COMMENTARY

Readers invited to be part of election conversation

Next week we will begin our coverage of the Tuesday, April 4, election. Unlike most years, we have a single contested race to cover — the Hinsdale High School District 86 board, in which five candidates are running for three open seats.

Election season is one of my favorite times of the year. I firmly believe that helping readers learn more about the individuals who want to represent them in local government is one of the most important things community newspapers can do.

You can read more about the articles we will write and when they will run in the editorial above. Here I want to discuss letters to the editor.

We receive more letters in the weeks preceding an election than we do at any other time of year. Some write in support of a candidate, others write in opposition. Sometimes we even receive letters from the candidates themselves. Writers sometimes cite specific positions or reasons why voters should select a candidate and other times offer general assessments of character and compe-

tence.

We will publish our own opinion of the three individuals we think are best suited to serve residents of Hinsdale High School District in our March 23 issue. We also hope to hear from readers as to whom they support.

Those writing do need to follow a handful of basic rules.

The first is to limit the letter to 250 words, not including the signature. With letters at that length, we are able to run three each week.

Speaking of signatures, we do not run anonymous letters. Submissions also must include an address and daytime phone number. Neither will be published; these are for confirmation purposes only.

Any factual information cited in a letter must be supported by documentation. So, for example, if a writer cites comments a candidate made at a school board meeting, we need to know when that meeting was and the time stamp on the



Pamela Lannom

archived video in order to confirm it. Anything we have published in our paper or that is readily available via a Google search need not be documented.

We will not run letters that contain inaccurate information or libelous comments, both for our protection and that of the writer.

We send any letters we have concerns about to our libel attorney, who will either approve the content or suggest changes. I also will work with letter writers, if needed, to tweak the wording of a letter so it will meet our guidelines while still conveying the desired message.

Occasionally we are accused of holding letters we do not agree with. Let me assure you that is not the case. We run letters as soon as they are ready for publication, which means the writer has verified his or her identity over the phone and all factual information has been confirmed. Letter writers from Hinsdale, our coverage area,



do receive priority.

As we get closer to the election, if we have a significant number of letters, we will add extra pages to our opinion section.

We limit submissions from frequent writers (which means, in this case, writers can submit one election-related letter) and prohibit back-and-forth debating (which means a writer can't respond to someone else's rebuttal of her letter).

The easiest way to get us a letter is to email it to news@thehinsdalean.com. They also can be sent through the mail to The Hinsdalean, 7 W. First St., Hinsdale, IL 60521.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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

GUEST COMMENTARY

Not all actions need a reaction

When songwriters Paul Overstreet and Don Schlitz penned the country song “When You Say Nothing At All,” they didn’t mean keep your mouth shut when your loved one does something trivial that nonetheless annoys you.



Denise Joyce

what inspired it. He responded: “Some time in the ’80s, my mom saved a list of ‘life tips’ and put it on her fridge. At the time, I thought of them as bromides — trite, warm and fuzzy. “As I read them during the next few

years, and maybe matured a little, they took on a certain Zen. I made a copy for my own fridge. One morning I was fuming that for the umpteenth time my husband had left the milk carton out overnight, and I was ready to chew him out, for the umpteenth time plus one, when he came down for breakfast.

But I want to make the case that sometimes, keeping your mouth shut sings out how much you care.

The dining chair that your sweetheart forgets to slide back in place, the random lights left on, the clothes slowly building into a mound because they have been worn but aren’t judged ready for the laundry ... “you say it best when you say nothing at all.”

To be clear, I’m talking about healthy relationships, not those marked by passive-aggressive behavior or no meaningful engagement.

Related detour: A friend filed for divorce after decades in an unhappy marriage when her husband offered to get a her a cup a coffee but first had to ask how she liked it.

I didn’t spontaneously come up with what I’ll call SUMO (shut up/move on). I came across the advice in a Facebook post by friend and former Chicago Tribune coworker John Teets. Because I’ve found the tip so helpful, I recently reached out to John and asked him

what inspired it. He responded: “Some time in the ’80s, my mom saved a list of ‘life tips’ and put it on her fridge. At the time, I thought of them as bromides — trite, warm and fuzzy. “As I read them during the next few

years, and maybe matured a little, they took on a certain Zen. I made a copy for my own fridge. One morning I was fuming that for the umpteenth time my husband had left the milk carton out overnight, and I was ready to chew him out, for the umpteenth time plus one, when he came down for breakfast.

“But when I closed the refrigerator door one of the homilies hit me between the eyes: ‘Don’t sweat the small stuff; it’s all small stuff.’

“At which point I resolved to say good morning and smile when I saw the face I loved and let the milk go sour instead of me — and us. I wasn’t perfect about it over the next decades we had together, but it stopped me cold countless times from blurting out something stupid.”

Like John, I’m not perfect about following SUMO. But in the Joyce household, happiness reigns. And I like to think it’s partly because of that philosophy.

Or maybe it’s because my spouse adopted the SUMO mantra on Day 2 of our decades-long marriage.

— Denise Joyce of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist.

Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Superintendent contract extension a ‘shameful legacy’

The District 86 School Board presented a master class in abuse of power and obfuscation at its Jan. 26 meeting, when the majority bloc (Erik Held, Kathleen Hirsman, Cynthia Hanson and Terri Walker) voted, with only 48-hours notice, to extend the employment contract of Superintendent Prentiss by a mere 31 days (to 7-31-24) without any clear explanation of how the extension served the interests of the district and with no analysis of the financial impact to taxpayers.

Simultaneously, the majority amended Prentiss’ contract to prohibit any future board from terminating Prentiss for her well-documented deception in doctoring and publicizing an email from a DEI consultant that portrayed Hinsdale as racist and a “dangerous place.” After totally ignoring a petition signed by almost 2,300 individuals calling for Prentiss to be terminated (www.change.org/stop-prentiss), the majority bloc now attempts to contractually tie the hands of a newly elected board against taking such action.

The “red-herring” explanations offered by the lame duck members fooled no one. The purpose of this contractual amendment was obvious to virtually all in attendance: 1. to artificially inflate the already-rich retirement benefits for Superintendent Prentiss and 2. to prevent a successor school board, to be elected on April 4, from terminating Ms. Prentiss.

Shockingly, this brazen 4-3 vote was taken with no analysis or discussion of the underlying cost to taxpayers. In response to questions from the audience about the costs, the board majority simply sat in stone-faced silence.

What a shameful legacy these departing board members leave behind. — Dale Kleber, Hinsdale

Contract change illustrates need for new D86 board

Whose idea was it to absolve the D86 superintendent of responsibility for last year’s alleged lapses in loyalty and ethics?

Superintendent employment terms are not set by the superintendent, HR or counsel to D86. These are set by the D86 board.

This unjustified change is nothing more than an expression of spite by departing board members. The community needs a real board, not a board of three, plus four who blindly follow the superintendent, wherever she points. — Creighton Meland, Hinsdale



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OBITUARIES

Dritha P. McCoy

Dritha P. McCoy, 81, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away Jan. 15, 2023, surrounded by family following a brief illness at her daughter's home in Virginia.

Dritha was a devoted homemaker, artist and volunteer. She loved traveling, poetry, reading, and crafting. Dritha cherished the friendships and memories she made over the years.

She is survived by her sister, Anne P. Gardner; Wolftrap Road SE, Vienna, Va.



McCoy

her four children, John R. Vaughey Jr., K. Duffy Sturgeon, Kevin C. Vaughey and Amy V. Alley; her seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerald K. McCoy; and her parents, William and Dritha Pearson.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601

Evelyn Graham Peterson

Evelyn Graham Peterson, 95, a long-time resident of Clarendon Hills, passed away Jan. 22, 2023, with her family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas D. Peterson; her grandson, Brandon Hardy; and her siblings, Raymond J. Graham and Alice G. Kaide.

She is survived by her children, James (Elaine) Peterson, Celeste (Don) Hardy and Glenn (Ann) Peterson; her grandchildren, Alanna (Erin Childs) Peterson, Adam (Laura) Hardy, Diana Peterson, Shawn (Karl) Hardy,



Peterson

Nathan Peterson and Claire Peterson; and her great-grandchildren, Brennon, Adalee, Donovan, Callen, Riley, Dyllan and Jordan.

A funeral Mass was said Jan. 25 at Notre Dame Church in Clarendon Hills.

Interment was at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Notre Dame Food Pantry, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

William Kendall Rodi

William Kendall Rodi of Wilmette, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away Jan. 22, 2023.

Bill grew up in Hinsdale and was a graduate of Hinsdale Central High School, a 1990 graduate of St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., principal founder of RPM Advertising and a recipient of numerous advertising awards, including several EFFIE's. He was a beloved inspiration to the Chicago advertising community. Bill will be remembered for his brilliant and creative mind; as being a word-smith; for his quick, sometimes biting wit; for his love of knowledge, music and fast motorcy-



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cles; and for his urbane classy dress and his handsome face.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; his daughter, Kendall, his mother, Linda; his siblings, Renee Rodi and Chris (Ashley) Rodi; and his nieces, Kemper and Edy.

He was preceded in death by his father, William.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 30 at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale.

Interment was at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Malcolm "Shep" Shepherd

Malcolm Holmes "Shep" Shepherd of Sun City, Ariz., formerly of Clarendon Hills, passed away Jan. 7, 2023, at the age of 95.

Shep was born in 1927 in Independence, Mo., to Fred and Mabel Shepherd shortly after their immigration to the United States from England. He grew up in Clarendon Hills and as a young man joined the Army Air Corps, ultimately serving during World War II.

Shep attended Grinnell College in Iowa and graduated in 1951. Just a few years later, in 1953, he married his college sweetheart, Phyllis Fleming.

Shep enjoyed many years as an accomplished entrepreneur and sales and marketing executive. He and Phyllis loved to travel within the U.S. as well as many places around the globe. They retired to Idlewild (Sturgeon Bay),



Shepherd

Wis., and to Sun City in 1998.

Shep was an avid outdoorsman and also enjoyed most sports, especially the NFL and the Green Bay Packers. Shep's quick wit and tremendous sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Shep is survived by his wife, Phyllis; his son, Ted Andrew (Sarah Brown) Shepherd of Hinsdale; his daughter-in-law, Tami Schneck; and his grandsons,

Ian Armstrong Shepherd and Andrew Fleming Shepherd.

He was preceded in death by his son, Donald Richard Shepherd.

A service and interment is being planned in July Idlewild. Details will be available at a later date.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.sunlandmemorial.com.

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OBITUARIES

Edmund R. Wallens

Edmund R. Wallens, 87, of Willowbrook died Jan. 21, 2023.

Edmund graduated from Tri-State College as a civil engineer in 1959. He was a member of Sigma Phi Delta international engineering fraternity.

He worked for the Illinois Department of Transportation for 37 years and was named district bureau chief in 1992. He was also a member of the Illinois Association of Highway Engineers and the American Society of Professional Engineers.

He was outgoing, loved to read and was a wealth of knowledge. He was steadfast in his unconditional love and support of his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Mary L. Wallens,



Wallens

nee Foster; his children, Michael Wallens, Laura (John) Wallens-Morris, Nancy Williams and Joy (Kyle) Ebersole; and his grandchildren, Michael Wallens Jr., Miette Morris, Alexis Williams and Nathan and Matthew Ebersole.

A private funeral Mass was held Jan. 26 at Notre Dame Church in Clarendon Hills.

Internment was at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to St Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Theodore Clark Walters

Theodore "Ted" Clark Walters, 81, a longtime Hinsdale resident, died Jan. 28, 2023.

Ted was a veterinarian in the Chicagoland area for 37 years, spending the last 27 years co-owning West Suburban Veterinary Clinic in Westmont, and the Western Springs Veterinary Clinic.

After retiring in 2003, Ted enjoyed golfing, travel, winters in Pawleys Island (more golfing), annual summer family trips to Eagle River in Wisconsin and the luxury of being part of his grandchildren's lives.

He is survived by his wife, Michael Ann Walters, nee Sweet; his two sons, Steve Walters



Walters

and David (Leslie) Walters; his grandchildren, Grace, Ford, Ben and Sara Walters; his siblings, John (Barbara) Walters and Judy (Jim) Recksteiner; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

A memorial service will follow at the funeral home at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to may be made to AdventHealth St. Thomas Hospice, 119 E. Ogden Ave., Suite 111, Hinsdale, IL 60521; or First Tee Greater Chicago online at www.firstteegreaterchicago.org.

Melissa Daisley Wilson

Melissa Daisley Wilson, 63, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully Jan. 23, 2023, at her home in Clarendon Hills. Missy was married to the love of her life, Will, for 14 years (together for 30). Their greatest passion was spending time together at their farm in Grovertown, Ind., where Missy enjoyed chopping down trees, planting flowers and riding her ATV.

She graduated from Hinsdale Central High School in 1978 and later attended the University of Iowa. Missy worked at Xerox Corp for more than 20 years. Missy's smile could brighten up any room. She was a beautiful, kind and loving soul and will be missed by all who knew her.



Wilson

She is survived by her mother, Roberta "Mickie" Daisley; her sisters, Lori (Greg) Adams and Nancy Daisley; her nephews, Eric (Julia) Adams and Kevin (Jane) Adams; her great-nephew, Peter; and her great-niece, Claire.

Melissa was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell "Will" Wilson; her father, David N. Daisley Sr.; and her siblings, David N. Daisley Jr. and Alison

J. Daisley.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Grace Episcopal Church, 120 E. First St., Hinsdale.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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ASK AN EXPERT

LISA DAMOUR, PSYCHOLOGIST AND AUTHOR

What should parents know about teens and their emotions?

Consider emotions like a member of one's personal board of directors, advised psychologist and author Dr. Lisa Damour, borrowing a colleague's metaphor.

"Emotions help inform our decision-making and how we want to live," she explained. "They're very important to helping us navigate our lives, but very rarely are the ones calling the shots."

Adolescents, however, can often seem at the mercy of their emotions. Damour will offer Hinsdale-area parents guidance on raising psychologically aware teens who are able to manage their feelings in a Feb. 7 Zoom webinar based on her soon-to-be-released book, "The Emotional Lives of Teenagers" (see Page 22 for details).

"A huge part of how we connect within anyone is through shared emotional experiences and talking about what we're feeling," Damour said. "Teens that have fluency with

their emotional lives are better equipped to build and maintain stronger connections to others."

Damour will cover challenges that come with the life stage, like anxiety, risky behavior, friendships, romances and the influence of social media. That last one's a more recent factor, of course, but most stimuli are true of every generation.

"A lot of it can be explained by, 'Oh, they're teenagers,'" she said. "There are some very timeless aspects of adolescent development that can be sticky but not a sign that something is wrong."

She cautioned parents' to resist the urge to shield their children from adversity.

"It's totally natural to want to prevent or quickly get rid of pain in our children," she said. "But we send a very strong message that we don't think they can handle discomfort."

Instead, be available but let them work through their feelings.

"Part of why we want teenagers to develop a strong understanding of their emotions is so they don't have to feel afraid of very powerful feelings," Damour said. "Negative feelings are often quite instructional, and they help us be tolerant and accept a degree of distress, through

which they can learn quite a bit and grow."

Parents should recognize that forging healthy bonds with their teen isn't always a smooth process.

"It's natural that adolescents are going to find friction with their parents in their desire for more freedom and autonomy," Damour said. "When teens are sharing their distress with us, most of the time all they are looking for is a listening ear and some empathy."

Rather than reflexively offering advice, assure them that you're genuinely listening.

"Really tune in and say, 'That stinks!'" she suggested.

The goal, as they become adults, is for them to also be attentive to others' needs.

"When teenagers can be curious and accepting about their own interior landscapes, they can be curious and tender about other people's emotional experiences," she said.

And the more parents understand, the more they can find joy in the journey.

"Teenagers are great," Damour said.

— by Ken Knutson



Psychologist Lisa Damour aims to help parents understand where emotions fit into teens' lives through her upcoming webinar, "The Emotional Lives of Teenagers." Steady children through this bumpy stage requires more listening and less lecturing," Damour said. (photo provided)

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Hinsdale eateries plan sweet specials

Restaurants will serve up delicious menus, with other venues offering other options

By Pamela Lannom
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Couples hoping to enjoy a romantic gourmet meal to celebrate Valentine's Day need not look far. Vistro Prime Steakhouse, Il Poggiolo and Nabuki in downtown Hinsdale are offering special menus for a special day.

Vistro, in addition to its full a la carte menu, will offer a four-course dinner for two on Feb. 14. The meal will begin with a choice of beet salad (roasted and pickled) with a smoked apple vinaigrette, goat cheese, arugula and sunflower seeds or carrot and ginger soup.

For the second course, chef Rob Martino is offering a wood-fired seafood dish served family style, with diver scallop, Canadian lobster tail, tiger ship and backfin crab in a rich butter sauce with charred lemon.

The third course features Vistro Prime Beef Wellington, an 8-ounce tenderloin filet with mushroom duxelle, prosciutto and Dijon wrapped in house-made pastry served with duck fat potato, creamed spinach and bordelaise sauce.

Pastry chef Angelyne Canicosa has yet to announce what she will offer for dessert, but Martino assured diners it will be delicious.

"One thing is always certain with her creations — they will be amazing," Martino said.

For reservations, call (630) 537-1459 or visit www.vistroprime.com.

At Il Poggiolo, diners can choose from the regular a la carte menu and a host of Valentine's Day specials from Feb. 11 to 14.

A yellow fin tuna carpaccio with avocado, capers, fresno chiles and kalamata olives with sea salt and extra virgin olive oil is the antipasta special.

For the primi course, the chef will prepare a chicken ragu a la cacciatore with pappardelle pasta, red bell peppers, green olives and mushrooms with a pomodoro sauce with pecorino Toscano.

The pesce course features pan-seared scallops and creamy risotto with sun dried tomatoes, spinach and a citrus butter sauce.

The carne course is a blackened grilled 12-ounce prime ribeye with



Second City will add some laughs to Valentine's Day weekend with a special show at the MAC in Glen Ellyn, while Fullersburg Woods will serve as the site of romantic night hikes, complete with s'mores and hot chocolate. (photos provided)

grilled asparagus and porcini truffle butter.

A truffle cauliflower puree with sauteed mushrooms, sherry and sage is the contorni special.

And for dolce, or dessert, diners can enjoy a red velvet cake with chocolate-covered strawberry, raspberry sauce and candied rose petals.

For reservations, call (630) 734-9400 or visit www.ilpoggiolohinsdale.com.

Nabuki is offering two special rolls from Feb. 11-14.

The Forever Yours Roll features crab, avocado and jalapeño wrapped in soy paper and garnished with fresh strawberries, lobster meat, spicy mayo and unagi.

The Rosso Roll is shrimp tempura and spicy tuna rolled traditionally and covered with red crunchy tempura beets, topped with spicy crabmeat drizzled with unagi sauce.

For reservations, call (630) 654-8880.

Dinner with a view

Celebrate Valentine's Day weekend by sharing a delectable dinner with that special someone Friday, Feb. 10, while overlooking romantic Meadow Lake at the Morton Arboretum, 4100 Route 53, Lisle. Enjoy a five-course dinner with

wine pairings and live music from local classical guitarist Jim Perona. Seatings are at 5:30 & 8 p.m., and the cost is \$120, with a discount for members.

Make a reservation by calling (630) 968-0074 or visiting www.mortonarb.org.

Satisfy other appetites

- Experience the magic of an evening walk along lantern-lit trails on a self-guided, 1- to 2-mile journey Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11. Follow the candlelight to a roaring fire, complete with marshmallows to roast and hot chocolate. The program, for ages 18 and up, costs \$12 and hikes start at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Register by calling (630) 933-7248 or visiting www.dupageforest.org.

- Celebrate Valentine's Day with The Best of Second City at 5 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the McAninch Arts Center at the College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. The world-famous comedy company will take shots at heartbreak, missed connections and the mire of human relationships. The show may contain adult languages and themes. Tickets are \$30-\$48.

Call (630) 942-4000 or visit www.atthemac.org.

- Bring a favorite person to the



Sweetheart Night Hike at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs. Enjoy a guided walk and learn about the romance of the forest at a bonfire. This program is for those 18 and older and registration is required. Call (708) 839-6897.

Non-date night activities

- High schoolers can "avoid all of the mushy gushy consumerism of the 14th" at the Anti-Valentine's Book Tasting Friday, Feb. 10, at the Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St., to check out a fresh and definitely not romantic read. Refreshments will be provided. Friday library hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Teens and adults can crochet soft 3-D hearts to keep or give away at Crafterdark from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the library. Registration is required at www.hinsdalelibrary.info.

- Enjoy a talk on wild animals and how they "love" with one another as a way of survival at Nature in Love at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center. Registration is required by calling (708) 839-6897.



Hayley Rice and Andrew Behling star in First Folio's "And Neither Have I Wings to Fly," on stage through Feb. 26 at Mayslake Peabody Estate. Turn to Page 24 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Heartwork

Tuesdays monthly starting Feb. 7
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Professional artist Maureen Claffy leads this monthly series for adults focusing on art techniques through the lens of exceptional artists from around the world and on opening students' creative pathways for personal expression. The first class is waitlisted; the next session is March 7 examining color through the work of Joan Mitchell. All supplies will be provided. Register for one class or the entire series. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Art and High Energy Physics

Feb. 15
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

The library's featured artist Lindsay Olson will discuss how uncertainty and a sense

of adventure have inspired her during her residency at Fermilab and the CMS experiment at CERN to create art that draws viewers in to take a closer look at the world of high-energy physics. She will share her process of combining art and science and what it was like working with scientists in one of the world's most respected labs. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

CENTRAL TIME

■ Student-directed one-act plays

Feb. 9-11
Hinsdale Central auditorium
5500 S. Grant St.
<https://ticketpeak.co/hcdrama/events>

Hinsdale Central Drama presents three hilarious and artful student-directed one-act plays, each about 25 minutes. Times: 7 p.m. Feb. 9 & 10, 5 p.m. Feb. 11. Tickets: \$10, free with activities pass.

FAMILY FUN

■ Greg the Groundhog and

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Silver linings, secret to a delicious southern biscuit

I know a good biscuit when I taste one, but baking them at home was always disappointing. That is, until the pandemic flour shortage changed everything.

Suddenly, like a great silver lining to my empty shelf sadness, Pete's Fresh Market miraculously had a bag of White Lily flour. White Lily is the unicorn of flours. It's often talked about as being the key ingredient to the quintessential southern biscuit, but it's scarcely seen outside a small pocket of the South. Alas, after reading about it, I had not had the opportunity to taste it. So, I was thrilled to try baking biscuits to see if it made a difference.



Amy McCauley
Table to table

The first batch had a truly superior crumb. They were so tender, but they lacked the height that I had hoped for. Thus, I began my great biscuit experiment. How could I keep the tender crumb while increasing the rise? And what was I going to do when I inevitably used the last of my White Lily flour? The answer I learned was one part science and one part art.

As I delved into the science of flour, I learned that the distinguishing feature that sets White Lily apart is its lower protein content. However, as I looked into the percentages, I discovered that White Lily's soft wheat was very similar to cake flour. So, to create a fluffier biscuit, I used cake flour and then I added buttermilk and a combination of baking soda and powder. I found that using cake flour was the secret to replicating the taste of a White Lily biscuit.

Still, the most important part is the art of handling the dough. One of my favorite tools for making doughs is the food processor. It's quick and keeps the dough from being overworked. The other sometimes unspoken secret is how the biscuits are cut. Roll them thick and resist the urge to twist the biscuit cutter, because it can pinch the rise.

So far, I haven't seen White Lily flour at any grocery again, but thankfully I discovered cake flour. Now my favorite biscuits are the ones I bake at home. They are flaky, soft and wonderful with butter and jam. To add a Chicago twist, try making a biscuit sandwich with fig jam, prosciutto and burrata cheese. It's ridiculously delicious!

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

Cake flour biscuits



Ingredients

- 3 ¼ cups cake flour, plus more for rolling
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 12 tablespoons cold butter
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons melted butter

Directions

Preheat the oven to 400

degrees.

In a large food processor pulse together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut the butter into small cubes and add it to the flour. Pulse it until combined and cut into bread crumb sized pieces. Add the milk and buttermilk and blend in food processor until the biscuit dough begins to form. Note: the dough will be slightly sticky.

Place the dough on a floured surface. Using a lightly floured rolling pin roll out the dough out to about a 1/2-inch-thick

rectangle. Then fold the dough to double it and make a 1 inch-thick rectangle. Roll slightly to press the layers together.

Cut the biscuits by pressing down with a 2½-inch circular cutter. Make as many biscuits as you can out of each roll of the dough. Then repeat the steps with the remaining dough until you have about 8 to 10 biscuits.

Brush the tops of the biscuits with the melted butter. Bake on baking stone or parchment lined sheet pan for about 12 minutes until golden.



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Friends

Feb. 4
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy a scavenger hunt to find Greg the Groundhog and his animal friends. Register to book a time. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. RR

■ Archery: Families

Feb. 18
St. James Farm
2S541 Winfield Road,
Warrenville
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Kids ages 8 and up and their families are invited to learn safety tips, proper shooting techniques and basic skills — or use the skills you already have. Equipment will be provided. Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ Oak School book drive

Through Feb. 9
827 S. Oak St.
Fifth-graders at Oak School are collecting books with the goal of donating at least 250 new or like-new books for Oak's sister school, Drexel Elementary in Cicero. Donations of preschool to middle school level books can be dropped off in the bin at the address listed above. Questions? Send an email to carinne.elyse@gmail.com.

■ Heartfest

Feb. 4
Hyatt Lodge Oak Brook
2815 Jorie Blvd.
https://e.givesmart.com/events/tAa
Join this 16th annual event benefiting kids born with congenital heart defects. Enjoy a buffet dinner and open bar along with cupcakes, specialty drinks and live music. Proceeds support medical research, summer camp scholarships for kids and high school cardiac screenings in the Chicagoland area. Any style of dress is appropriate, but wear favorite red attire. Time: 6:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets: \$175, \$80 for children.

■ Soup & Bread

Feb. 5
Holiday Inn Banquet Center
6201 Joliet Road,

Countryside
www.beds-plus.org

This signature BEDS Plus benefit will feature about 20 soups to sample. Area breweries also will be present with craft beer choices, and live music will be performed. Hours: 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25, free for kids under age 12.

■ Sip & Shop

Feb. 7
Meredith Jaye
48 S. Washington St.,
Hinsdale

The Hinsdale Auxiliary invites community members to attend this fundraising event, with 15 percent of proceeds benefiting Children's Home + Aid. Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

■ Humane society fundraiser

Feb. 9
The Design Bar
880 Village Center Drive, Burr Ridge
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org
(630) 323-5630

Enjoy an evening of shopping and socializing while supporting animals in need, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Hinsdale Humane Society in honor of its 70th Anniversary. Drinks and light refreshments will be served, and raffle prizes will be awarded. Hours: 5 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Cupid Courts Misericordia

Feb. 10
Various locations
www.cupidcourts2023.givesmart.com
The paddle community in the western suburbs will enjoy a day of paddle tennis play to raise money for Misericordia Home. Take advantage of donated lessons, equipment and time from paddle tennis pros, and try to win a raffle item. Lunch will be served following play and the raffle at Salt Creek Club, 830 N. Madison St., Hinsdale. A men's evening event will also be held at 6 p.m. See the website above for details. Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

GAME ON

■ Basketball

Mondays, Feb. 6-27
Madison School
611 S. Madison St., Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Boys and girls ages 7-9 will learn dribbling, passing, shoot-

ing, positions and the importance of teamwork through drills and games, which will be played at the end of each class. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$65. RR

■ Board game program

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

Graham Carlson, community engagement manager at Fair Game board game stores in Downers Grove and La Grange, will talk about today's hottest family board games, how playing games can bring families and friends closer and create lasting memories and also let participants get hands-on with a few games. Time: 7 p.m. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Moon Walk

Feb. 5
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Let the full moon guide this walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place. Warm up by a fire afterward. All ages are welcome. Time: 6:30 p.m. RR

■ Poetry Trail: Black History Month

Feb. 8
Bemis Woods-South
Ogden Avenue west of Wolf Road near Western Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(312) 533-5751

In honor of Black History Month, walk a short, looped trail and read poetry for children written by Black authors along the way. Hours: 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Fishing: Hard Water Classic

Feb. 11
Blackwell Forest Preserve
Butterfield Road west of Winfield Road, Warrenville
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Anglers of all ages are invited to take part in the only competitive ice fishing tournament in DuPage, and then stick around for door prizes and awards. Those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the event. RR

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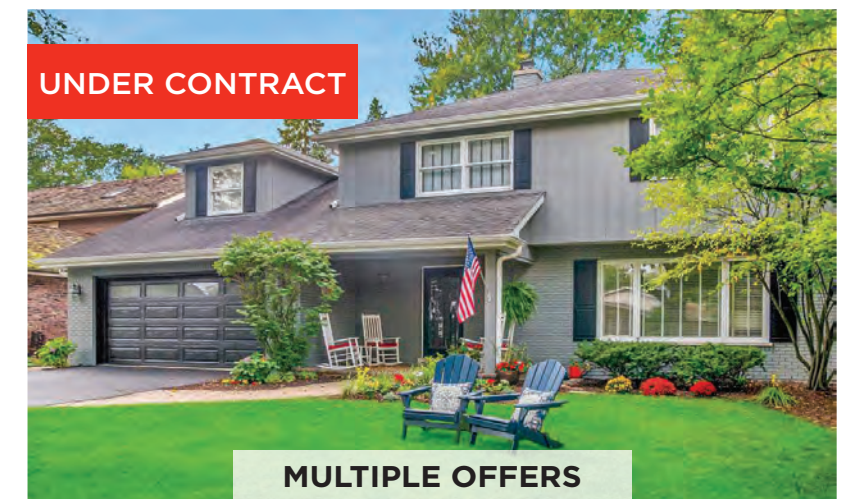
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GREEN THUMB

■ The Magic of Heirloom Seed Varieties

Feb. 4
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn about what heirlooms are, how to plant heirlooms in one's garden and what a Hinsdale garden might have looked like 150 years ago in celebration of Hinsdale's 150th anniversary. The event is co-sponsored by the Garden Club of Hinsdale. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Meditation for New Beginnings

Feb. 11
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Start the year off right with meditation as instructor Zelma Chamberlain teaches effective techniques to reduce stress, enhance relaxation, promote inner growth and improve health. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

■ Cancer Thriving and Surviving

Thursdays, Feb. 16-March 23
www.wellnesshouse.org

This interactive online workshop will help cancer survivors build mutual support and confidence in managing their health and maintaining an active and fulfilling life. Participants learn skills to help address concerns such as fear of recurrence, fatigue, pain, nutrition and more. To register, contact Marci Goldberg at (630) 654-5102 or mgoldberg@wellnesshouse.org. Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ My Little Pony Party

Feb. 4
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Come one, come all to Ponyville to celebrate My Little Pony! Bring your own ponies to play with and choose which activity to do. Enjoy a sweet treat and make sure to dress colorfully Time: 11 a.m. to noon. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ The Emotional Lives of Teenagers

Feb. 7
www.d181foundation.org

In this Zoom webinar, Lisa Damour, PhD, will offer guidance to adults on raising adolescents who are connected, capable and compassionate, including strategies of dealing with teens' arguments, risk taking, emerging romantic lives, friendships, social media and more. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

■ New Orleans travel talk

Feb. 16
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Learn about the culture, sites and food of this iconic American city just in time for Mardi Gras at this Voyagers Travel Discussion Club program. Samples of food inspired by New Orleans will be available to try. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ Jammin' in the Stacks

Feb. 3
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

As part of its HPL After Dark series, the library, in partnership with WDCB, hosts The Alyssa Allgood Quartet, with Allgood praised for her impressive voice, original lyrics and modern approach to jazz. Beverages and refreshments will be provided. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ African American music program

Feb. 13
Clarendon Hills Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org
(630) 323-8188

Historian/musician Clarence Goodman will present "An Unfinished Journey: African American Music in its Pivotal Decades," an hour-long multi-media/concert experience that explores key songs of the 20th-century Black experience, performed with voice and guitar. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Mark Dvorak and Mean Mary

Feb. 18
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.

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At ease on guitar and five-string banjo, Mark Dvorak is a performer, song writer, teacher and folk historian. Mean Mary (James) plays 11 instruments and produces music. The show is part of the Acoustic Renaissance Concerts series. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

ON STAGE

■ 'Roald Dahl's Matilda: The Musical'

Through Feb. 5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.stagedoorfinearts.com

Stage Door Fine Arts presents this beloved musical about a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers who's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, Miss Honey. Matilda's courage and cleverness in equal amounts The school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull,, and could be the school pupils' saving

grace. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Thursday, Feb. 2; 2 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$30.

■ 'Andy Warhol's Tomato'

Feb. 2-March 5
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

The Buffalo Theatre Ensemble will transport audiences to 1946 Pittsburgh, where an 18-year-old Andy Warhol finds himself in the basement of a working-class bar. Over the course of a summer, Andy gives and gets inspiration, guidance and friendship from a surprising source in this fictional take on an apocryphal story of an American legend. The production contains mature themes and language. A pre-show discussion with the director and designers will be held from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. Feb. 2; a post-show discussion with the director, actors and crew will be held Feb. 10. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$42, \$40

for seniors.

■ 'The Father'

Through Feb. 5
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com
(708) 246-4043

The play follows Andre, a cantankerous old widower suffering from dementia, who receives regular visits from his caring but frustrated daughter Anne. His mood swings and fits of temper result from his inability to grasp reality, a confusion complicated by occasional awareness of his previous existence. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25, \$12 for children and students.

■ Pilobolus: Big Five-Oh!

Feb. 5
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

The innovative dance company is celebrating 50 years with this tour, bringing audi-

ences a mix of pieces ranging from the vintage and visionary to the fresh and electrifying. After the performance the dancers will hold a 15-minute Q&A with the audience. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$55-\$65.

■ 'Almost Maine'

Feb. 10-12 & 17-19
Lincoln Center
935 Maple Ave., Downers Grove
www.groveplayers.org
(630) 415-3682

Grove Players present this collection of scenes mapping out the nuances of relationships and the love (or lack thereof) that comes with them. Times: 8 p.m. on Fridays & Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20, \$17 for students and seniors.

■ 'And Neither Have I Wings to Fly'

Through Feb. 26
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.firstfolio.org
(630) 986-8067

Family means everything in 1950s Ireland in this First Folio

production. So it seems only natural when Eveline Donnelly abandons university to care for her widowed father. But as her younger sister prepare to leave home, a visit from her mother's ghost makes Evie begin to ask, "When is it my turn?" Times: 8 p.m. Wednesdays & Fridays; 3 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays; and 4 and 8 p.m. Saturdays (captioned performances are 4 p.m. Feb. 11 and 8 p.m. Feb. 17). Tickets: \$29-\$59, \$20 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,

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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

■ **Living Well in your Own Home**
Feb. 8
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Lori Gibson of Home For Life Advantage will discuss the top 10 home modifications to maintain one's independence and age in place freely, comfortably and safely for life. Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. RR

■ **Marquee FilmTalks**
Wednesdays through April 19
The Community House
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www.thecommunityhouse.org
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Join these monthly discussions using a live Zoom stream to talk about different movie topics. Light movie snacks and coffee/tea will be provided. Verify the talk date when registering each month; fees are collected at the front desk. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$2 per talk. RR

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■ **Saying Yes to Your Story**
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Award-winning children's and young adult author and poet Kwame Alexander, author of "The Crossover," "The Undeclared" and most recently "An American Story," will share ways to say yes to one's story and persist in the face of rejection as he shares his own publishing journey. The virtual program is an Illinois Libraries Present event and intended for students in middle and high school through adults. Time: 7 to 7:45 p.m. RR

■ **Library Edition Book Club**
Feb. 15
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
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Join this monthly group for a discussion of "The Hacienda" by Isabel Cañas. Mexican Gothic meets Rebecca in this supernatural suspense novel

set in the aftermath of the Mexican War of Independence, about a remote house, a sinister haunting and the woman pulled into their clutches. Copies of the book will be available to check out from the Book Club Holds shelf. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Chocolate Weekend**
Feb. 4-5

Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
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Celebrate the cacao tree and the many delights of chocolate it provides by sampling an array of chocolates and unique items with a chocolate twist. The member preview event is from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 3. Tickets are \$17. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$16, \$14 for seniors, \$11 for ages 2-17. RR, MD

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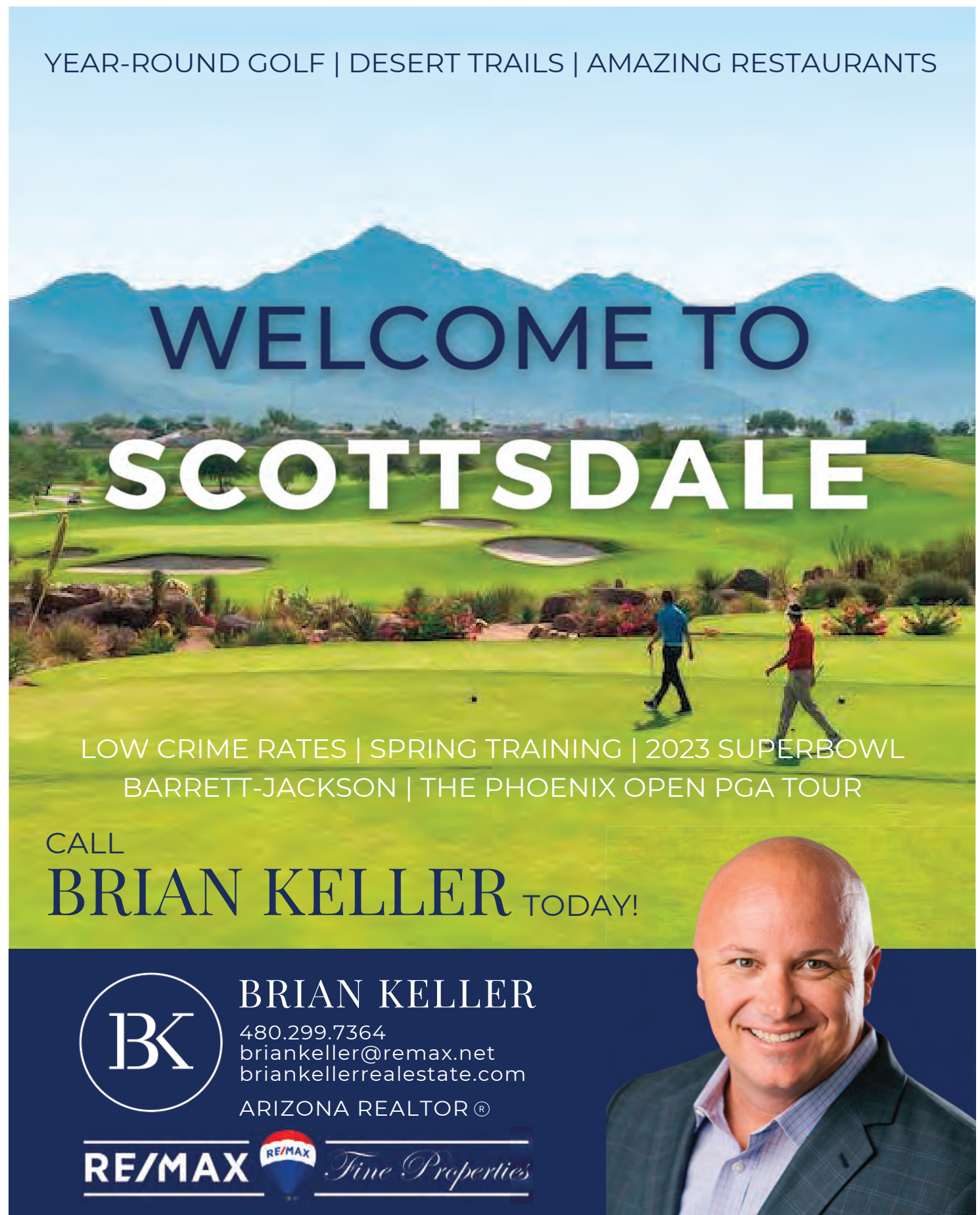
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■ **Middle School Book Club**

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Feb. 9
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Join the club in discussing "Hide and Seeker" by Daka Hermon. Copies of each month's title are available to be checked out from Book Club Holds shelf. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Manga and Anime Club

Feb. 9
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**ESTATE OF
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**CASE NUMBER
2023PR000002**

Notice is given of the death of Lydia Cannavos Dulyon whose address was 946 South Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale, IL. 60521. Letters of Office were issued on January 18, 2023 to Gregory Dady, 7848 11th St. N., Saint Petersburg, FL. 33702, as Independent Executor whose attorney is Dominic J. Mancini.

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tative and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed with the Circuit Court Clerk.

Name: Dominic J. Mancini
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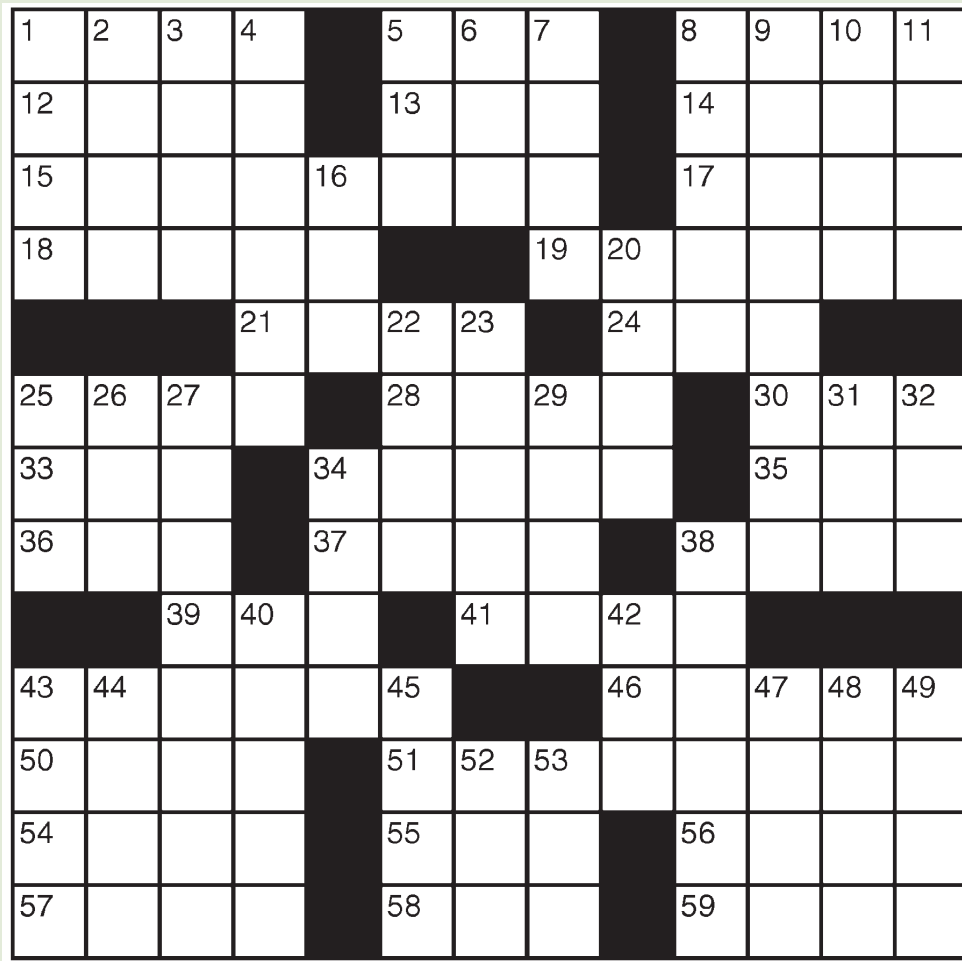
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41 FOR FEAR THAT
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48 LAKE BIRD
49 AWESTRUCK
52 NIPPER'S CO.
53 GOAL

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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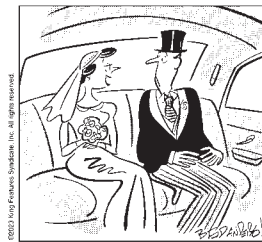
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1. Tribe 2. Crate;
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Today's Word
CHECK

SCRAMBLERS

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!



"I'm just dying to write my new name ... do you happen to have a blank _____?"

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TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

February 2023 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
A miscommunication could find you spending money you just don't have right now, Capricorn. This may be an instance when you need to seek a professional to sort it all out.



ARIES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Excessive spending in recent days may have you feeling nervous about your finances, Aries. In addition to bills, you could be waiting to be reimbursed. Be patient.



CANCER

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
A friendship could be tested when you get into a quarrel over money, Cancer. You each have different philosophies on spending. Try to see both sides.



LIBRA

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Make an effort to reconnect with someone you have known a long time who has become absent from your life. Resolve to maintain this connection in the years ahead.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, a project that has been on the calendar for some time finally gets completed. It has been a long time coming, but the results are better than you expected.



TAURUS

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may have been working so hard you haven't had time to spend with family and friends lately. Clear your calendar and make some time for recreation.



LEO

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Philosophy and religious principles are of interest to you lately, Leo. Explore the metaphysical and dive into these subjects with all of your energy.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Honest communication can take you through a rough patch you might be having with your romantic partner, Scorpio. Speak openly and honestly to resolve the issue.



PISCES

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Go through some old photos and reminisce, Pisces. It can be a quiet way to spend a day or two and enjoy the memories.



GEMINI

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
This week you may lock yourself behind closed doors and enjoy some alone time for a change, Gemini. Relax with a good book or binge watch some television.



VIRGO

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you could be longing for a vacation, so why not make it happen? If you've socked away some cash, put it towards a trip to recharge and relax.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Keep your eyes focused on the future, Sagittarius. It's easy to dwell on what happened in the past, but that won't matter much in the grand scheme of things.

SPORTS

Swimmers keep records spinning

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more records that had been set by their elder teammates.

"So our freshmen and sophomores started beating up on the guys that are actually here," said Barber, then turned to the upperclassmen before adding, "which motivates my seniors, maybe."

They team hasn't simply been feeding on home cooking. Central relay teams have rewritten records at virtually every one of their away meets. At the St. Charles North Invite Jan. 21, junior Nojus Bertulis, Bey, sophomore Henry Guo and senior Vidar Carlbaum swam a history-making 1:36 in the invite's 200-medley relay.

Pretty good. Then consider that Carlbaum and Bertulis, along with

juniors Nate Harris and Brody Marcet, swam it in 1:34.28 a week earlier to set a New Trier Invite record.

The swimmers say records are a rewarding byproduct of hard work and the joy of competing. But they check every host's pool and meet records to see which they can bring down.

"Before you're about to do a relay, everyone on the relay agrees that we can get a record, so everyone kind of hypes each other up to get the record," senior Andrew Fix said.

It's worth noting that Central swims in drag suits — think running with weights — making the accomplishments that much more impressive. When the team swam early in the season at Waubonsie Valley, site of a

sectional meet, Barber felt the pool records were all but untouchable.

"I said, 'No way,'" he related.

Challenge accepted. The team broke both the 200 and 400 freestyle relay marks, the latter of which had stood since 1996.

"It's unheard of to hear these kind of times, in season, in drag suits," Barber said. "What these guys are doing is pretty special."

Kassir's made a habit of breaking his own Central pool record, doing it five times to elevate the high-water mark from 259.75 to 302.15.

"I wanted the record bad, so I worked for it," Kassir said, noting he was most excited when he took back the record from someone who had broken his. "I didn't think I was going to break it, and I ended up

breaking it by like 15 points. It meant a lot to me because I know I get to see my name on the board when I come back."

Senior Andrew Gilbert said records are "a baseline, at this point."

Guo said beating one's competitors is always the main objective and cautioned against being obsessed with records.

"Records do come along with that but aren't something to be gawked at," he said.

Presumably, but at the rate they get taken down, it's hard to get too comfortable. Barber said a few more records are in their sights.

"We want to win our relays at state, and in order to do so, it's probably going to take close to the state records," Barber predicted.

opening doors . . .

The Magic of Heirloom Seed Varieties

**Saturday, February 4
3:00 pm–4:00 pm**

Learn about what heirlooms are and how you can plant them in your garden in celebration of Hinsdale's 150th anniversary. Register with the Library.

Living Well in Your Own Home

**Wednesday, February 8
5:30 pm–6:30 pm**

A certified Aging in Place Specialist shares the top 10 home modifications you can add now to maintain your independence and stay in your own home.

Library Edition Book Club

**Wednesday, February 15
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STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Amelia McLaughlin
Senior
Hinsdale

When did you first start playing basketball?

I played basketball first and foremost at Hinsdale Inferno and actually met a lot of my current friends there.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I love team sports in general. Just growing up in a family that has been kind of built around sports and the communities that come with them, I feel like it's something that I'm just not able to give up.

Do you enjoy playing multiple positions?

I actually really, really enjoy it. In the past, we've always had two really great strong posts. I've been predominantly in the wing spot. Being able to see the game from that perspective — in the post or as a guard — has been really fun this year.

How have you improved since your freshman year?

I feel like I've grown as a player and person and hope to help the ones around me do the same.

What is the best advice you've gotten from a coach?

Have fun. It's a game and life is too short to treat it any other way. Get to know the girls and build friendships.

What would people be

surprised to know about you?

I've grown up in an NFL family. My cousins have all played either collegiately or professionally. My uncle also played professionally. Currently I have three cousins that are playing (Bills, Chargers and 49ers). I also play softball.

To whom are you grateful?

Coach Navolio and Coach Rogala, they are new this year and they dedicate so much time to us as players and people in general. I'm grateful to have two awesome females guiding us not just in the game of basketball, but life. Also my family for supporting me.

Why does coach Erin Navolio like having McLaughlin on the team?

Amelia is one of only two seniors returning to our team this season. As a senior leader, she has been responsible for guiding our younger players as they adjust to varsity level of play. At the same time, she works to keep team spirits up during a particularly tough season. Off the court, Amelia is kind, selfless and an upbeat person. On the court, she is fearless and gives 110 percent at all times.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys Jan. 28 @ Lincoln-Way West Shoot Out vs. Lincoln-Way East V wins 61-54 Eck, 16 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals Collignon, 14 points, 12 rebounds, assist, steal Oosterbaan, 12 points, 3 rebounds, assist, steal Cernugel, 8 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists	Basketball, girls Jan. 31 vs. St. Charles North V loses 32-51 Dolan, 13 points Dani, 8 points McLaughlin, 6 points Sheehan, 4 points Sherpitis, point Jan. 27 @ York Phillips, 7 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals Graham, 4 points, 2 assists, steal Jan. 27 vs. York V wins 50-38	Gymnastics, girls Jan. 31 @ IHSA regional V places 2nd with 134.875 points Vault Hamelka, 3rd, 8.75 Uneven bars French, 5th, 8.275 Balance beam Hamelka, 2nd, 8.9 Inabnit, 3rd, 8.8 Floor exercise Austin, 2nd, 8.95 V loses 31-49 Jan. 25 @ Hinsdale South V loses 40-48	Hockey Jan. 28 vs. Sandburg V wins 7-4 Cook, 2 goals Devine, 2 goals Romberger, 2 goals Anderson, goal Hamelka, 5th, 8.575 All-around Hamelka, 2nd, 34.25 Austin, 3rd, 34 Jan. 28 @ WSC Invite V places 2nd with 134.425 points	Wrestling Jan. 26 @ Glenbard West V wins 35-31 113 pounds Murante, 11-1 132 pounds Munoz, forfeit 145 pounds Tavoso, 10-0 152 pounds Perez, fall (5 mins.) 170 pounds Taylor Riggi, win 220 pounds Ivanisevic, forfeit 285 pounds Koschik, fall (3 mins.)
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Instant replay



Hinsdale Central senior Ben Oosterbaan rises up against a defender to score a basket Jan. 27 against visiting conference rival York. The Red Devils defeated the Dukes 50-38 to register the team's 12th straight victory. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Swimmers keep records spinning

Whether at home or away, Central swim team registering times to remember

By Ken Knutson
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Hinsdale Central’s stunning new pool has brought with it a wave of fresh opportunities for the Red Devil swim program.

Among them, the chance to set a brand new set of pool records. And the varsity boys team seized the moment from season’s start — the Red/White intersquad meet — with records in the 200-yard medley relay, the 200-yard freestyle relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay, the 200-yard individual medley and diving.

Those first two lasted all of two weeks before they had to be rewritten as the team hosted Naperville Central. Senior diver Sami Kassir eclipsed his mark, too — then broke it again a week later against Oak Park-River Forest.

Head coach Bob Barber had a sense from the outset his roster would make quite a mark.

“My first captain meeting, these guys came in telling me that they wanted to break state records and they wanted to take down records in the pool,” Barber said. “I wanted to kind of have them prove it to me.”

Well, they have continued to prove it all season. A new top 200-yard freestyle relay time was also set against OP-RF, as was the 200-yard individual medley time when junior Jeffrey Hou shaved .65 seconds off sophomore teammate’s Josh Bey’s Red/White time.

Senior Noah Priest, a contributor to multiple relay records, pointed to the empty board on the wall where the records should be posted.

“It isn’t filled yet because (the records) get broken so frequently,” he said.

It became a budgetary matter, Barber admitted, to constantly be producing and removing plaques.

“At \$30 or whatever they may cost, it can get a little expensive,” he remarked.

Instead, they’ll wait until after hosting sectionals Feb. 18 to populate the board.

And Barber said underclassmen have joined the fast and furious frenzy, too, taking down sopho-

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Hinsdale Central swimmers stand under the record board in the school’s Don Watson Aquatic Center. The team has been on a record-shattering spree this season, setting new marks in both their home pool and at away meets en route to a undefeated regular season and visions of a successful state meet. (photo for The Hinsdalean by Jon Langham)

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- Follow steps to register your child



Mandatory Workout Day tryouts – 2/5/23:

- Where: Hinsdale Central High School Field House
- When: Sunday, February 5, 2023
 - 6yo – 8:00 a.m.
 - 7yo – 8:45 a.m.
 - 8yo – 9:30 a.m.
 - 9yo and any older kids new to HLL – 10:15 a.m.
- If you are unable to make your assigned time, please come when you are able.

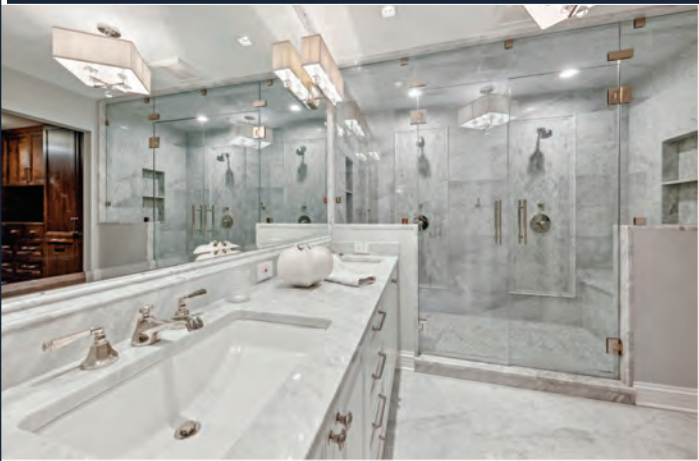
Coach Volunteers:

- As you register your child, there will be a section where you can volunteer to coach
- You will be subject to a background check
- Please note we cannot guarantee everyone will be able to coach as there may not be enough spaces – we will contact coaches shortly after registration closes

Tentative 2023 Season Schedule



- Registration started 1/9/23
- Registration closes 2/17/23
- HLL draft 3/4/23
- Watch your emails for more info!
- Practices start first week in April (weather permitting)
- Opening Day to be early April



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