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Chalk time

Cecilia and Inez Nixon took advantage of a warm spring day last month to break out the chalk and create several pictures on the sidewalk in front of their home. With recent rains, the palette surely is clean and ready for them to get back into their creative mode. According to the weather forecast at press time, they will be free from April showers for the next week or so. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Too close to call

Third seat on D86 board was still up in the air Wednesday.

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Burn prairie burn

John Finnell, Hinsdale's forestry and parks superintendent, uses a drip torch to start burning the prairie along Charleston Road in Hinsdale late last month. The annual burn along Charleston and the Jackson Street prairie occurs each spring to keep invasive species at bay and give room for the preferred prairie plants to grow. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Cauley: Hands are tied on 5G agreement

By Pamela Lannom
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Hinsdale officials told residents Tuesday night that there is little they can do to address concerns about a proposed agreement with Crown Castle Fiber LLC to roll out 5G in the village.

Village President Tom Cauley told residents the state and federal government have tied the village's hands.

"We have no authority to regulate the kind of equipment that telecommunications users provide," he said. "There is a federal policy about 5G and the federal government has said they want 5G to be throughout the U.S. and they have taken the rights of villages for health and safety concerns."

The state also passed a law — Illinois Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act — making it easier for telecommunications companies to do what they want.

"Our legislature has made it a law that these 5G antennas are a permitted use on the rights of way in our village," Cauley said. "They don't even have to prove to us there is a lack of coverage."

The village and Crown Castle, a wireless communications infrastructure provider, have been discussing for months the company's application to install 137 additional wireless facilities in the village over the next two years to provide enhanced 5G service. The company believes federal and state law entitle it to proceed, while the village has maintained the pending application is incomplete and deficient in various respects. If the parties cannot reach a settlement, Crown Castle has stated its intention to sue, according to village documents.

The proposed agreement would allow Crown Castle to install equipment on 135 existing poles and install two poles at new locations, Trustee Luke Stifflear said. Equipment will be installed at a minimum of 12 feet, higher than the proposed nine to 10 feet to keep it out of sight lines, and must be the same color as the pole. All cables must be enclosed in conduit.

Cauley said Stifflear and village staff worked diligently on the agreement and noted that if the village attempts to regulate more than location and aesthetics, it is likely to be taken to court — and to lose.

"I truly, truly, truly think this is the best we can do from an aesthetics and location perspective," Cauley said. "I think we've got the best deal we can get under this agreement."

Several speakers shared their concerns about 5G equipment, citing the danger of radiofrequency emissions, how those emissions will be monitored and the type of pesticide that will be applied to the poles.

Western Springs resident Heidi Hanson said she was pleased to hear Cauley say he is not afraid of litigation and suggested that puts the village in a position to negotiate a better agreement.

"Our village decided they were afraid of litigation and they said so frequently," she said. "I think that put them in a weak bargaining position. I have to think if they fought a little harder, they could have got a better deal."

"I wish you would consider fighting on a little harder and a little longer," she said.

Some speakers asked about the exact location of the transmitters. Cauley said the agreement includes proposed locations, but exact sites have yet to be determined.

Hinsdale resident Marilyn Bloom asked if the village had looked at the impact of the agreement on property values and wondered if she will be able to sell her \$3.5 million home.

"This still would not be a reason this board could oppose putting in poles," Cauley responded.

One speaker, who provided only her first name, asked why the villages aren't joining together to fight.

"If we had enough men that would take off their dress shoes and put on their boots and fight this war for us, we could win," she said. "Our children have no future if that is what happens. Our children are going to be glowing in the dark."

Cauley emphasized the village's legislative efforts.

"We proposed a state law," he said. "I wrote opposition. I know the staff did. We thought it was state law overreach. We were very, very much against it, but it is the law."

Trustees are slated to approve the agreement at their next meeting Tuesday, April 18.

"We'll take all the comments under advisement and we'll be back April 18 to talk about it again," Cauley said.

ONCE UPON A TIME

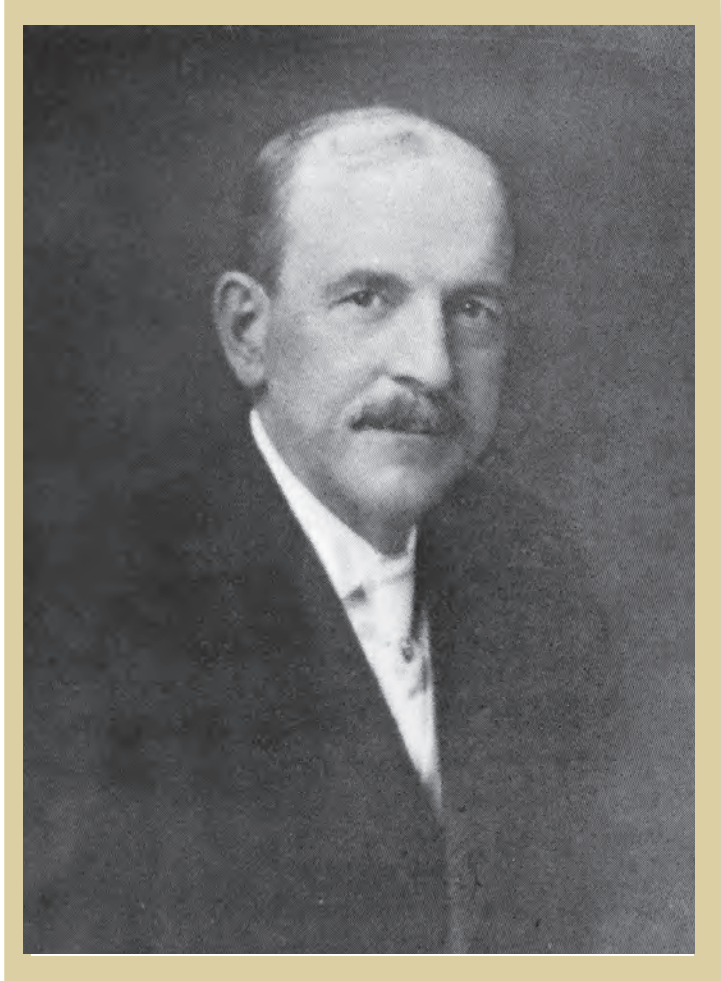
Presidential power —

This photo in Sandy Williams’ book, “Images of America — Hinsdale,” is of Hinsdale’s J.C.F.

Merrill, who was one of Hinsdale’s early village presidents. “Early homes and businesses relied on kerosene lamps to provide their lighting. In 1894, Hinsdale

wanted to offer its residents electricity, but with several public improvements ongoing, it had issued its statutory limit of public works bonds. In an extraordinary move,

Village President J.C.F. Merrill organized a consortium of resourceful residents an formed a privately held power company, Hinsdale Light and Power.”



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Gallo, Greenspon earn top vote totals

Who will fill third seat on D86 board still not decided as votes continue to be counted

By Pamela Lannom
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Kay Gallo and Cat Greenspon appear to have won two of the three open seats on the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board.

Gallo received 6,702 and Greenspon 6,615, according to unofficial totals in DuPage and Cook counties Wednesday.

"I am surprised," Gallo said. "It's so hard to know how it goes. I wasn't going anywhere yesterday. I just stayed home because I've been with a group where people didn't make it and that's really sad."

Less than 200 votes separated Asma Akhras and Andrew Catton Wednesday, with Akhras in the lead 5,109-4,914.

"We're just waiting patiently," Akhras said. "We haven't declared victory and he hasn't conceded. We said we would wait until Friday for the ballots to be counted."

"We're keeping our fingers crossed," she added. "Obviously we're optimistic from what the numbers are showing us right now, but we're waiting."

Multiple attempts to reach Catton were unsuccessful.

A mainstream message

Gallo and Greenspon both credited their victories to sharing a message that resonated with voters.

"I think with my messaging, I was very consistent, and I was just putting it out there the way I felt," Gallo said. "With as many votes as I've gotten, it possibly says to me a lot of people are feeling the same thing I was feeling."

An outspoken critic of Superintendent Tammy Prentiss, Gallo said she looks forward to be part of a board majority that will review FOIA legal fees, live stream and record all board and committee meetings and promote audience communication.

Greenspon pointed to her desire to support the entire district — with a focus on students — and her desire for collaboration at the board table and willingness to listen as reasons for her success.

"In my campaign, I worked very hard to make sure that all voices were heard and their rights to their opinion were respected," Greenspon said. "If any part of the community is excluded from the very, very crucial conversation of our students and our school district, than the conversation

is incomplete."

A more collaborative approach is needed at the board table, Greenspon said.

"I think that's going to be the responsibility of the board president, whoever that is — I have no idea," she said. "It has to be very clear the mission of the board is to support the district, all students, all employees and the entire community."

Gallo said she hopes to be elected board president.

"I've had the experience of being board president and I believe that's what's needed to get us through these times of what the district needs to do," she said.

She agreed with Greenspon that more voices need to be heard.

"I'm hoping the rhetoric can get toned down and we can start listening to one another, because I'm very adamant about listening to people who have different views than mine," Gallo said. "When you listen to people with different views, you learn things, and we all need to learn from one another."

Partisan politics

Gallo, Greenspon and Akhras all lamented the introduction of party politics and personal attacks during the campaign.

Gallo noted she is a registered Democrat and yet earned an endorsement from former state senator Kirk Dillard, a well-known Republican.

"It should not be Republican or Democrat. It should be doing the work to educate the students, getting them to be good global citizens — that's what it should be," she said.

Greenspon said she hopes a focus on students will help engender more unity.

"I think the division in the community is very clear and I hope that we all can come together in support of the school district, especially the kids, our students," she said.

Greenspon said everyone is entitled to their opinion, but some individuals carried things too far.

"It was hurtful. There is no question it was very hurtful," she said. "However, my personal feelings are not the priority. The priority is the students, and I can move forward with hurt feelings, still keeping my priority all students and the entire district."

Akhras said she was disappointed, but not surprised, by some of the tactics employed.

"It has been very brutal with the continued allegations and there has been a lot of smearing, and we have to keep the integrity of the highest values



And the winners are ... *

District 86

✓ Kay Gallo 6,702
✓ Cat Greenspon..... 6,615
✓ Asma Akhras..... 5,109
Andrew Catton 4,914
Debbie Willoughby 2,931

The following races were uncontested:

Hinsdale Village Board

Alexis Braden..... 1,622
Scott Banke..... 1,521
Luke Stifflear 1,511

District 181

Margaret Kleber 2,389
Sinead Duffy..... 2,280
Meg Cooper 2,241
Asim Aleem..... 2,207

Hinsdale Public Library

Four-year terms

Megan Mikhail..... 1,498
Magdalena Sokolowski . 1,481
John Bloomfield 1,450

Two-year terms

Kim Kiyosaki..... 1,603
Chun Ye 1,327
Ying Zhou..... 1,323

* unofficial results from
DuPage and Cook counties



Asma Akhras speaks to supporters gathered Tuesday night at The Mecca Center in Willowbrook. Although she had yet to declare victory Wednesday, she said she was proud of the work her campaign did and grateful for the support she received. (Jim Slonoff photo)

we can control," she said. "This experience has been a roller coaster, but at the end of the day, I feel so much gratitude for all the support we were able to receive."

Debbie Willoughby, who came in fifth, said she thinks her status as a relative newcomer to district hurt her chances.

"I'm happy that Asma, Kay and Cat won," she said, assuming Akhras would take the third seat. "Obviously disappointed for myself. I'm happy for them and know they will do a good job representing the district."

Would she consider running again in the future?

"I would definitely consider it," she said.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, April 13
Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets
www.d86.hinsdale86.org/boardofeducation

Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Commission

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.
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On the draft agenda: public meeting on exterior appearance and site plan review and sign permit review for 36 E. Hinsdale Ave. (Performance Wealth Management)

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business at their Tuesday meeting, trustees:

- talked about buying an \$840,000 pumping engine for the fire department to serve as the village's front-line engine. The engine it will replace, which is 11 years old, will become the second line engine, replacing a vehicle that is 25 years old. The price has increased \$300,000 over the last three years and supply chain issues have caused a wait time of two years for delivery. Village President Tom Cauley encouraged the fire department to look at ways to share equipment with neighboring villages given the high cost.

"An \$840,000 truck? It's huge, and we're a small village," he said.

The purchase will be on the consent agenda at the board's next meeting April 18.

- reviewed a \$29,000 contract with Scarlett Entertainment to produce a 30-minute light show in honor of the village's 150th anniversary at the conclusion of the final Uniquely Thursday concert Aug. 17. The show, which will be projected on the southern facade of the Memorial Building, will highlight photos of the village's past and present. The contract will be on the consent agenda April 18.

Residents invited to apply

The village is looking for residents who are interested in serving on one of the village's advisory boards and commissions to fill some existing vacancies.

The village has six commissions dedicated to economic development, finance, planning, historic preservation, electrical and parks and recreation. Residents also may apply to serve on the firefighters pension board, the police pension board, the board of

fire and police commissioners and the zoning board of appeals.

Interested residents should fill out the form online at www.villageofhinsdale.org/government/committees_and_commissions/board_and_commission_application.php. The form also may be downloaded.

The village president appoints the volunteer members to these groups with approval of the village board.

Correction

The introduction to the Page 5 story that ran March 23 on uncontested candidates in the April 4 election should have stated that there were four candidates for the four open seats on the Community Consolidated School District 181 Board. All four were included in the candidate write-ups.



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Village firms up plans for anniversary

By Pamela Lannom
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As April 1 — the 150th anniversary of the village's official incorporation date — approaches, village officials are anticipating a variety of ways to mark the occasion.

Unfortunately April 1 falls on the Saturday after spring break.

"As a result, we have decided that our official date where we will be recognizing and celebrating the 150th of the village will be May 2," said Andrianna Peterson, assistant village manager.

The event will be held in conjunction with the Hinsdale Village Board meeting. Legislators and community members are invited to attend the meeting, where village trustees will pass a proclamation and host a reception following the conclusion of business.

Prior to that meeting, eateries in town will celebrate Restaurant Week in April, with nods and twists to village history.

"We want to maintain all our signature events. We just want to make them a little more special," Peterson said.

Also in April the Hinsdale Historical

Society is presenting "Hinsdale in Lights — Celebrating 150 Years" April 21-23 at Immanuel Hall. Read more about the event in The Hinsdalean's April 13 issue on Page 7, which is devoted each week this year to covering anniversary events and village history.

Hinsdale's annual Restaurant Week, April 14-23, will give a nod to the anniversary with throwback drink specials and special menu items.

In July, to enhance the Independence Day parade, the village is looking to add some acts that don't normally participate. Peterson also encouraged community groups to march or build a float as part of the anniversary celebration.

"Maybe a retailer wants to partner with a nonprofit and do something special," she suggested.

Another summer celebration will take place following the last Uniquely



New banners around town call attention to the village's 150th anniversary this year.

Thursday concert on Aug. 17. The village will sponsor a laser light show using the south side of the Memorial Building as a backdrop.

"We're doing that in lieu of a fireworks display," Peterson said. "We did think about that, but we really think this is going to be

a unique, safe and environmentally friendly way of really celebrating the village's anniversary."

As summer comes to a close, Peterson said she hopes work will begin on the patio reconstruction project on the south side of the Memorial Building. Officials are still finalizing the design, but Peterson anticipates there will be an opportunity for residents and businesses to donate bricks and possibly landscaping as part of the project. If the timing works out, the plaza might be dedicated at the Christmas Walk.

The holiday celebration will offer another opportunity to celebrate the 150th. Peterson said she's talking with restaurateurs and retailers about a comprehensive theme that would be translated into window displays, decorations, menu items and cocktails.

"We really want that to be extra special," she said. "We may have special amenities as part of those holiday themes."

Peterson is excited for residents who are not yet aware of the anniversary to learn more about it.

"What we want to do is start to get the word out about it a little bit more," she said. "You're going to start seeing the banners go up."

She also hopes residents, groups and organizations will find their own ways to celebrate this milestone anniversary, as they have contributed to the vibrancy and success of the community.

"While we're celebrating the village's 150th, we're also celebrating the contributions of these groups and organizations, because they are what has shaped and defined the Hinsdale brand as well," Peterson said.

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POLICE BEAT

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DUI arrests

• John C. Hubeny, 20, 510 N. Richmond Ave., Westmont, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane use at 1:41 a.m. March 29 at Route 83 and 31st Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

• Crystal L. Mayfield, 30, 860 Foxworth Blvd., No. 213, Lombard, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, operating an uninsured vehicle, possession of open alcohol by driver, improper lane use and failure to signal when required at 11:06 p.m. March 29 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83. She was charged and released to appear in court.

Phone harassment

A known suspect made phone calls of a harassing nature to victim's place of employment in the 10 block of Salt Creek Lane at 8:30 a.m. March 30.

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 target distracted driving

In honor of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the Hinsdale Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies across the state to increase patrols and traffic safety enforcement zones throughout April.

"Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of motor vehicle crashes on our roads today," said Deputy

Chief Thomas Lillie. "During Distracted Driving Awareness Month, law enforcement will boost enforcement efforts, stopping anyone who is texting and driving. Remember, if you have a phone in one hand, you can expect a ticket in the other."

In Illinois, using a phone in anything other than hands-free mode is illegal. The distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.

Police release results of St. Pat's campaign

The Hinsdale Police Department announced that it made one DUI arrest and one arrest for driving with a suspended license during the St. Patrick's Day enforcement period.

It also issued 16 speeding tickets and eight citations for other violations to the Illinois Vehicle Code. The motorist who was arrested for DUI was also charged with a felony obstruction of justice com-

plaint.

"We strongly enforce traffic laws for one reason — to save lives," said Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie.

The department joined forces with state and local law enforcement and highway safety partners in the campaign, which was funded by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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■ “We know that mental health touches every aspect of life. There are so many topics that you could talk about.” — **Gargi Girotra**

Siblings launch podcast to reduce stigma

In the second half of Gargi Girotra’s freshman year at Hinsdale Central, the COVID-19 pandemic changed everything. Amidst the tumult and tragedy, Gargi found herself drawn to issues concerning mental health, joining the Operation Snowball and Strong Minds Bring Change clubs, which later merged to become Evolve.

“Being a leader and going on the clubs’ yearly retreats and seeing the impact we were able to have amongst our peers and community is what really sparked my interest,” Gargi said.

When her younger brother Shreyas joined her on campus, they discussed extending support beyond the local area. Shreyas proposed hosting a podcast.

“Let’s take it to the next level and maybe we can reach anyone anywhere,” Gargi recounted. “That’s where ‘The Mental Plateau’ came in.”

The siblings’ Mental Plateau podcast dropped its first episode earlier this school year. Shreyas said the name was borne out of their own journey through several family relocations.

“We like the idea of resilience or trying to get over

your own mental roadblock is where it came from,” said Shreyas. “During e-learning, I got quite involved in technology, and it seemed like the perfect time to try something new, where my sister and I could incorporate our own ideas and have an outreach to the public.”

In the debut segment, the pair give a short overview of the origins of mental health studies. They talk about pioneering researchers in the field and the evolution of viewpoints through both the warfare and scientific advances of the 19th and 20th centuries, but in a playful back-and-forth that makes it accessible to all.

For their second episode, Shreyas interviewed Central Principal Bill Walsh about the ways the school works to help students navigate their high school years successfully and his own mental wellness path, including an early teaching experience in South Korea.

“That was really cool to learn how he framed his own career through that,” Shreyas said.

Gargi said they want to broaden their examination of mental health beyond Red Devil Nation.

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viewing industrial workers to look at the importance of mental health in businesses,” she said. “We know that mental health touches every aspect of life. There are so many topics that you could talk about.”

Shreyas said they try to keep their ears open for potential subject matter.

“Our ideas come from peers who are trying to impact others, and then we try to engage

our listeners through those who are trying to have a positive impact on society,” he said. “We’re looking forward to getting our reach as far as we can.”

They’ve had nearly 200 listeners tune in, some even from Europe.

“I’ve heard from some at school say how they’ve been somewhat enlightened by what we’re sharing,” Shreyas

related.

Even though they’ll be at different campuses next year, Gargi said they plan to keep the podcast going.

“It’s great to know that people care what we’re talking about,” Gargi said. “It’s about driving that knowledge and awareness around mental health.”

— story by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

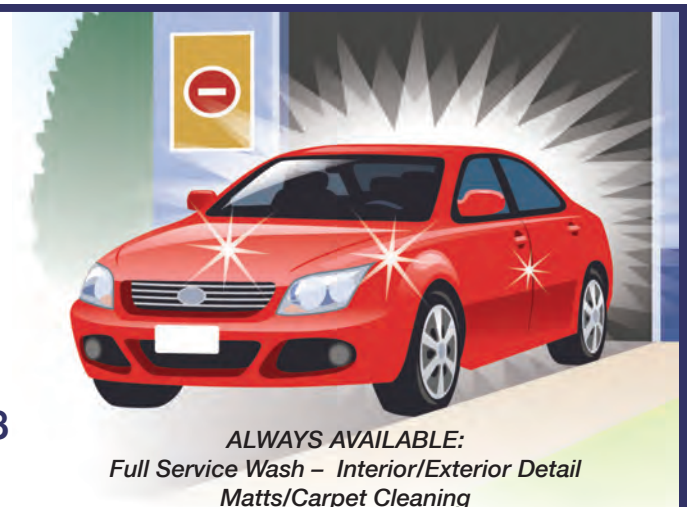
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

No place for partisan politics, personal attacks

In the decades we've been covering elections, we've rarely seen an election like this one.

The worst had been the race for village president in 2009, when someone sent out a juvenile email about then candidate Tom Cauley. The stunt obviously didn't do Cauley any harm, as he won that election — and three more since then.

In 2023, smear campaigns seem to find their home on Facebook more than email inboxes, where people are free to say whatever they want about the candidates and the volunteers who are supporting them.

We've come under fire as well on a Facebook site dedicated to District 86, where a resident offered a slanted and inaccurate summary of a conversation she had with The Hinsdalean's editor about a simple error in an article while praising her own "journalistic" integrity.

She and others are furious about the fake website Reid McCollum created to look like a campaign site for Andrew Catton. McCollum had been a volunteer for Asma Akhras' campaign but was asked to step down after he finally admitted to creating the page.

Do we agree with McCollum that there was nothing wrong with what he did? Absolutely not. What did Akhras know when? Well, despite the

circumstantial evidence offered, there's really no way of knowing unless she and/or McCollum agree to take a lie detector test.

And yet there's no outrage about the content of the site, which quotes a letter Catton himself wrote to the District 86 board. In it he claims the "DIE/Anti Racist agenda," as he calls it, "has an active subculture of violence and is a proponent of it, as long as it supports the Antiracist/DIE goal."

What?

We're most troubled by attempts to link Akhras to terrorists because she serves on the board of CAIR, the Council on American Islamic Relations. We don't even know what to say.

People clearly are willing to go to any lengths to find damning information about a candidate they don't like (and ignore other information about candidates they do like). But there's potentially damaging information about several candidates. All you need to do is find a few articles online and post them on Facebook, with some headlines circled in red and a conclusion written in all caps. Voila! Candidate discredited.

With groups like Awake Illinois and the Democratic Party getting involved in local races, school board elections are starting to look more



like state and federal races. Want more examples? Read the Chicago Tribune's March 26 titled "Conservatives are targeting suburban school boards; and the elections are becoming political battlegrounds."

School board elections are no place for the kinds of attacks we're used to seeing for governor or senator. They also are no place for partisan politics, regardless of what conservative or liberal groups might want you to believe.

The candidates who are running — whether you agree or disagree with their platform — are your neighbors. They're parents of your children's classmates. They deserve to be treated with respect.

The community at large needs to send a message that it will not tolerate personal attacks or partisan politics in a local school board election. Otherwise, before long, there won't be anyone who's willing to run.

COMMENTARY

Trip to Liverpool, London didn't let us down

My senior year in college, as part of a January "short term" group trip to France and England, we traveled by bus to Wales to read William Wordsworth's "Tintern Abbey" at Tintern Abbey.

I'm not a huge fan of poetry in general or Wordsworth in particular, but the memory of that day has stayed with me.

Last week I had a similar experience — this time, set to catchy tunes.

Dan and I took Ainsley to Liverpool and London to see the stomping grounds of her favorite band, The Beatles.

We enjoyed Sunday afternoon tea at Blakes Restaurant at the Hard Day's Night Hotel, then hopped on the Magical Mystery Tour bus Monday morning.

Our tour guide, Dale, explained to us that since we all knew The Beatles were a great band (or we wouldn't be on the tour), he was going to help us see Liverpool through their eyes. And that he did.

One of our stops was at Penny

Lane, of course, where we learned that most of the places in that song are actually along Smithdown Place, on the bus route the boys used to take when they were teens.

We saw the shop of the barber who showed photographs "of every head he's had the pleasure to know" and "the shelter in the middle of a roundabout" where the pretty nurse sold poppies from a tray. We even got a peak at the famed "blue suburban skies" — which doesn't always happen in cloudy Liverpool, Dale told us.

We saw the childhood homes of Richard Starkey (Ringo Starr) and John Lennon, the grammar schools they attended and Strawberry Field. The highlight of the tour for Ainsley was visiting Paul McCartney's home, seeing the window of the room where he "Woke up, fell out of bed" and then walking the very route he



Pamela Lannom

sings about in "A Day in the Life" — "Found my coat and grabbed my hat/Made the bus in seconds flat."

The tour ended at The Cavern Club, the spot where The Beatles played 292 times between February 1961 and August 1963. The site has a long history and the club has been rebuilt since those days, but live music is still played there seven days a week. It was a thrill for Ainsley to have her picture taken on the same stage (sort of) where her favorite group had entertained thousands of fans. She was out-of-her-mind excited most of the trip.

We were fortunate enough to have time to return to Strawberry Field before we left Liverpool. I listened to John Lennon's "Imagine" while sitting in front of the piano he used to compose and record the song, and then "Strawberry Fields Forever" while walking

through the site's beautiful garden.

In London, our Beatles walk took us past locations such as MPL Communications (McCartney's music publishing company), the famous Abbey Road Crossing and the site of the band's famous rooftop concert on Jan. 30, 1969. Standing in front of 3 Savile Row (now the offices of Abercrombie & Fitch), I could just imagine the band up there playing "Get Back" as the London bobbies made their way up the stairs and onto the rooftop. (I certainly watched enough footage of the concert at the Beatles exhibit at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last summer!)

I've loved England for many reasons (Jane Austen and Shakespeare at the top of the list) since my first trip there 35 years ago. Now I can add the Beatles to the list. These are places I'll remember, all my life.

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

GUEST COMMENTARY

We're No. 1!
We're No. 1!

We humans think a lot of ourselves.

And rightly so. After all, unlike other species, we can contemplate the past and look forward to the future. We humans can talk in actual sentences with distinct and nuanced words. All you other species, what have you got? Quack, quack. Oink, oink. Bah, bah. Tweet, tweet. Come on, you, you — animals!

And how about quantum physics? Any chimps or crows or dolphins thinking about that? Huh? Our greatest human minds can't figure it out, of course, but at least we're trying, right? We deserve credit for trying.

But let's get specific. Let's compare humans, side by side, to other species. Let's start with ants. Well, the best thing you can say about ants is that they're very good at being ants.

They're industrious. And they can carry, what? Something like 50 times their weight? Like me carrying around my Honda Civic. Okay. Impressive. Got to admit. Let's move on, though.

What about lions? The best thing you can say about lions is that they are very good at being lions. They can take down a dodging impala in one powerful leap. I could try that, but I'm sure the impala would find it hilarious. Darn impalas!

OK, OK, seems like I'm not making many points for humans. Let's try again. Let's try eagles. The best



Bill Barre

thing you can say about eagles is that they are very good at being eagles. They can soar thousands of feet. Oh-hum. We got airplanes, eagles. Airplanes! But, here's a big one for eagles: they pushed humans out of

contention for the symbol of our country. Our country! Which humans let that happen? Yeah. Letting an eagle get the best of a superior species. Can you imagine? I wonder if Aaron Burr had anything to do with that? You know, after he lost the presidency to Jefferson. He got mixed up in some pretty crazy plots. Yeah, Burr. I wouldn't put it past him.

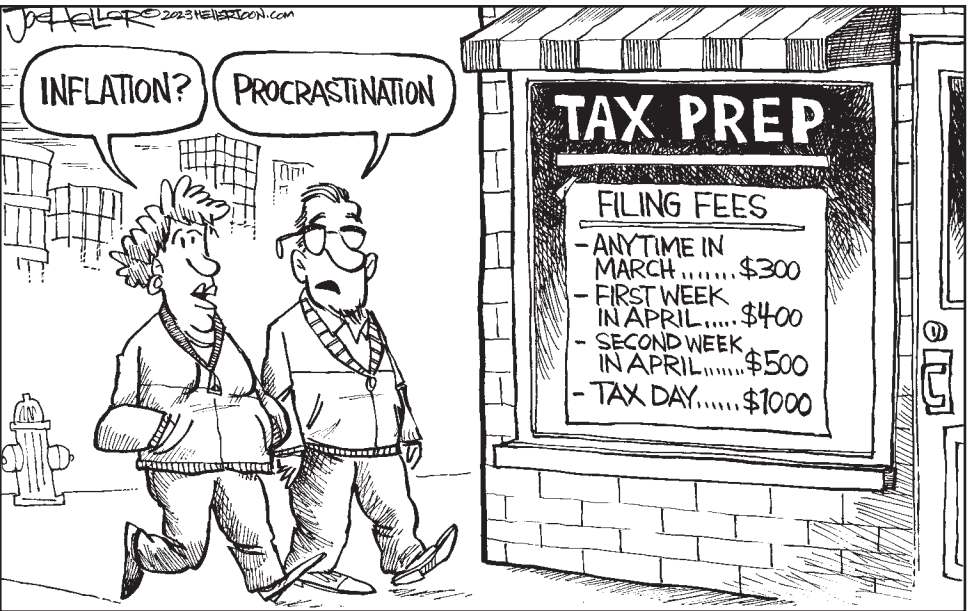
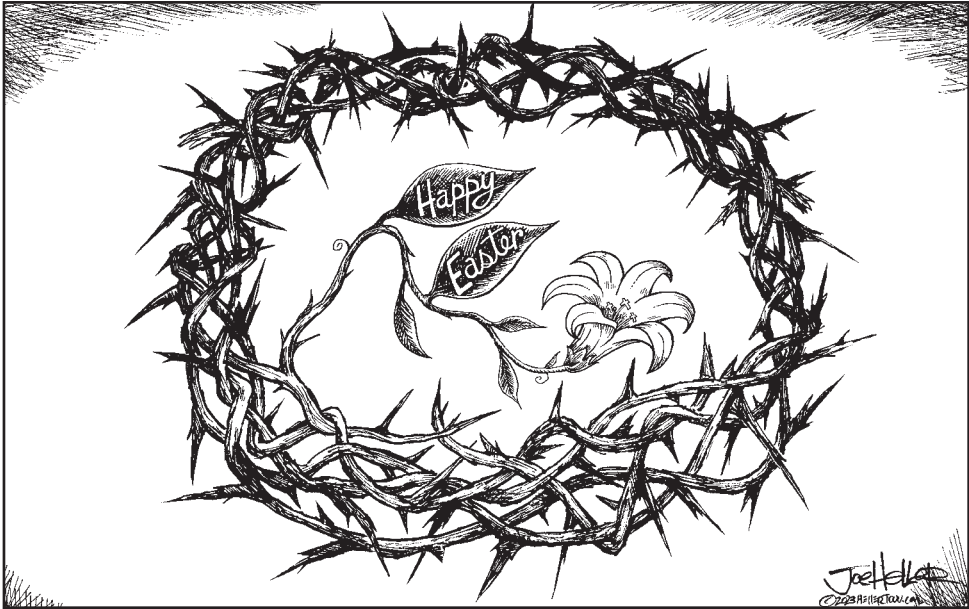
Oh, well. There are so many species to go through and we humans have such short attention spans (Oh, God, another one for ants). Let's just get right to the clincher. Ready? Show me an animal from another species who could write this wonderful, clever essay?

There you go. I rest my case. And my keyboard. Once again, humans triumph. We are, indeed, masters of the planet (what's left of it) and on our way to Mars. Mars! Where we'll be superior to all those Martians, too. You just wait. Because the best thing you can say about Martians is that they're very good at being Martians.

Oh, boy. Here we go again.

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

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OBITUARIES

Elaine Beuke

Elaine Beuke, nee Zanchetta, 93, of Palos Heights died March 29, 2023.

She is survived by her children, Richard (Re) Beuke of Hinsdale and Paula (Dwain) Halcomb; her grandchildren, Elizabeth (Ryan) Rosenstein, Nick (Valarie) Halcomb, Hannah (Dylan Hands) Halcomb, Peter (Katie) Beuke, and Ricky (Nicole) Beuke; and her great-grandchildren, Jackson, Nathan and Caden Rosenstein, MacKenna and Delaney Halcomb, and Lily, Zoey and Charlie Beuke.

She was preceded in death by her grandson,



Beuke

Matthew Fitzpatrick Beuke.

Visitation is at 9:15 a.m. Monday, April 10, at Our Lady of Snows Church, 4810 S. Leamington Ave., Chicago.

A funeral Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at the church.

Entombment is private at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to The Les Turner ALS Foundation at www.lesturnerals.org.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Susan S. Holt

Susan S. Holt, 87, a 59-year Hinsdale resident, died March 26, 2023, at King-Bruwaert House in Burr Ridge.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, William A. Holt II; her children, William A. "Trey" Holt III and James H.



Holt

Holt; and her grandchildren, Brandon, Evan, Liam and Alyza Holt.

A memorial service was held April 1 at Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services Ltd. in Willowbrook.

Rita F. Polivka

Rita F. Polivka, 60-year resident of Hinsdale, passed away March 30, 2023, at Burgess Square Health Care in Westmont.

She was born in 1925 in Chicago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert; her son, Ronald Polivka; and her brother, John (Terri) Karch

She is survived by her two sons, Allan (Becky) and David (Patricia); her grandchildren, Amber (Karl Kooistra), Daniel (Nori), Thomas (Katie) and Stephanie Polivka; her



Polivka

great-grandchildren, Elena, Grayson and Nadia; and her former daughter-in-law, Rebecca Polivka.

A funeral Mass was held April 3 at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethlehem Woods, 1571 W Ogden Ave, LaGrange Park, IL 60526.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Francis Joseph Sazama Jr.

Francis Joseph Sazama Jr. of Burr Ridge passed away peacefully April 1, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Francis graduated from the United States Military Academy West Point in 1962. On June 30, 1962, he married Susan Nerad, whom he loved dearly throughout his life. From 1964-69, he served in the U.S. Specialized Forces. After earning an MBA from the University of Chicago, he went on to become a successful business executive and owner of Chicago Bullet Proof Systems until retirement.

Francis will be remembered as a strong, athletic man with a great sense of humor. He played center on the football team at Riverside-Brookfield High School and at West Point.



Sazama

He enjoyed flying his plane, boating and fishing. He especially enjoyed duck hunting and was a member of the Senachwine Duck Club. He was a devoted husband and father and a devout Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; his children, Kristin, Susan, David and William; his sister Cynthia; his seven grandchildren; and his great-grandson.

Visitation service will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook.

Burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to www.heroes.vfw.org.

Help D86 find new assistant superintendent

District 86 is currently working with the Illinois Association of School Boards on the search for a new assistant superintendent for academics to replace Chris Covino, who is leaving at the end of the school year.

One of the key steps for

ensuring the success of this endeavor is to get stakeholder feedback. With this in mind, the district is asking parents/guardians, faculty, staff and community members to please use the brief survey found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/XJ79S8H to provide

information and insights that will help the search committee complete important tasks such as vetting candidates and developing interview questions. The survey will be open until noon tomorrow, April 7. Any comments received will remain anonymous.

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AGENT PROFILE

CATHY WALSH, JAMESON SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Everyone is familiar with the phrase about making lemonade when life hands you lemons. When the housing market was handed a proverbial lemon in the mid-2000s, home builder Cathy Walsh turned it into a new career in real estate.

"That was an impetus," Walsh said of her transition from general contractor and designer to full-time real estate agent.

"Real estate is now my primary focus," said Walsh, a Hinsdale resident and broker with Jameson Sotheby's International Realty.

She's no longer building houses, but Walsh said her background as a builder and interior designer is a valuable tool in matching buyers with their new homes. With inventory at a low, Walsh said a buyer's ideal home might not be available at the time they need to buy. She said her background allows her to look at a home and see what it can be.

"That's critical when inventory is low," she said.

Prior to earning a degree in interior design and a license in real estate, and building and selling several homes in and around Hinsdale, Walsh worked

as a nurse — a job that has more than a few parallels to her current career. She said empathy, good listening skills and a calming presence are key to both roles.

"I'm not someone who runs off the rails easily," she said, and her calming demeanor can help to relieve some of the stress and emotion involved with a real estate transaction.

Walsh said the decision by seniors to sell their home can be particularly emotional.

With so many baby boomers entering their senior years, Walsh said she's seeing an increase in customers looking for a home where they can age safely and comfortably.

"The ability to age in place is becoming a huge driving factor," Walsh said.

Older buyers often want homes with first-floor primary suites and laundry rooms. Homes with those features, or the space to add those features, are in particular demand, she said.

She speaks from personal experience when she talks about the difficulty seniors face when transitioning to a new, often smaller home. She recently helped her

100-year-old mother purchase and move into a townhome in Hinsdale.

"She is my oldest client," Walsh said.

Walsh said she has aligned a team of experts to help make the transition as smooth as possible for her older clients.

"I have great services that can come in and help. I've really worked hard at getting resources behind me," she said.

With few homes on the market in Hinsdale, Walsh said it's a good time to sell. Even with interest rates on the rise, they still are relatively low compared to the markets of the 1980s, when buyers paid rates in the high teens. But unlike the market of a few years ago, when buyers were waiving inspections and buying homes in as-is condition, Walsh said today's sellers might need to work a little harder to get the best price.

"The sellers are having to make adjustments at this point," she said.

Her job is to help buyers and sellers negotiate a deal that works for both.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Home inventory in Hinsdale is low, with some homes selling before they even hit the market. As a longtime Hinsdalean, Realtor Cathy Walsh said she has the knowledge and insight needed to put her customers first in line when the right home becomes available. (photo provided)

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GOOD NEWS

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By achieving echocardiography accreditation for 20 years from the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission, UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Medical Group Heart and Vascular Hinsdale has received a Bronze Milestone Recognition for demonstrating its long-term commitment to continuously improving patient outcomes and safety. Every three-year cycle, accredited facilities undergo an intensive application and review process to re-earn accreditation, with an assessment conducted by a panel of medical experts. The IAC accreditation process enables both the critical operational and technical components of the applicant facility to be assessed, including representative case studies and their corresponding final reports.

Echocardiography is used to assess different areas of the heart and can detect heart disease or signs of serious car-

diovascular conditions. The training and experience of the sonographer performing the procedure, the type of equipment used and the quality assessment metrics each facility is required to measure, all contribute to a positive patient outcome.

"The commitment to pursuing and maintaining this accreditation indicates our cardiovascular providers are dedicated to providing the highest level of care, as recognized by a national standard of excellence," said cardiologist and UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Medical Group Medical Director Dr. Daniel Krauss. "This should reassure both our patients and our referring physicians that they will receive the highest quality cardiac imaging. Our recent integration with UChicago Medicine will enhance our ability to maintain a program consistent with national standards."

Patients, referring physicians and insurers look for the IAC seal of accreditation as the 'gold standard' in the field

of echocardiography.

"We are proud to recognize long-time accredited echocardiography facilities through the new milestone recognition program," said Mary Lally, CEO of the IAC. "As we celebrate 25 years of accrediting echocardiography facilities, the recognized facilities are true champions of accreditation."

CEO SELECTED TO ATTEND SUMMIT

David Pequet, CEO and senior portfolio manager at MPI Wealth Management in Hinsdale, attended the 2023 Barron's Top Independent Advisors Summit March 15-17 in Dallas, Texas. The invitation-only conference is hosted by Barron's Magazine.

The Barron's Summit is a gathering of self-made leaders who have earned a distinct place within the financial services industry. The event offers the top independent practitioners a unique opportunity to interface and network with the peers who best

understand their businesses.

"As we celebrate our 37th year in business as an independent registered investment advisor, Matt (Pequet, senior vice president) and I are very proud that this is the 12th year in a row the firm has been invited to the Barron's conference," Pequet said.

Offered by Barron's Advisor since 2009, this curated experience has become the premier event for ranked independent advisors, with content designed to highlight the best practices and specific needs of independent advisors.

The three-day conference featured several respected speakers from the world of finance providing the attendees unique access and insight not normally available.

The Advisors selected by Barron's for the Summit are chosen based on the depth and breadth of service offering, assets under management, and regulatory records. Firm responses were voluntary, and no fee was paid to Barrons to be in the ranking.

HC DEBATE TEAM COMPETES AT STATE

The Hinsdale Central debate team competed in the state tournament March 17-18. The team took third overall in the public forum debate, thanks in large part to the placements that were earned by six students:

- Sebastian Attlan and Will Schmeltz, semifinalists
- Heidi Angelopoulos and Patrick Dugan, octofinalists
- Shrihan Atluri and Adam DiPasquale, octofinalists

Atluri and Dugan also were named to the All-State team.

HMS STUDENT ON TO NATIONAL BEE

Hinsdale Middle School seventh-grader Srinidhi Rao qualified to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee May 30-June 1 outside Washington, D.C. She was named co-champion at HMS before winning in the DuPage Regional Spelling Bee Feb. 23.



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Matters of the mind

Upcoming programs in Hinsdale address issues of mental health, wellness

By Ken Knutson

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The reopened post-pandemic society is one that has also seemingly created more room for conversations about mental health issues. That is certainly true in Hinsdale, which plays host to two mental health-related programs and one on Alzheimer's in the next couple of weeks. Here's a little about each of them to provide some food for thought.

Overcoming anxiety

Dina Scolan from The OCD & Anxiety Center said she's seen an increase in adolescent and teen anxiety since the pandemic.

"Kids are having difficulty socializing normally, and a lot of them are having trouble sleeping and it's impairing their lives," she said.

The good news is families are more willing to talk about it than in generations past. Scolan will help facilitate the conversation with parents with her presentation "Anxiety and OCD 101" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, in the Hinsdale Central library.

"Parents are doing the best that they can, but many don't have the strategies and skills to help their children overcome the anxiety," she said.

Through her presentation, which is sponsored by the D86 Parent Network Committee, Scolan hopes parents gain a basic understanding about the most common anxiety disorders along with tips to build resilience in their kids.

"People are looking for anxiety to be treated and removed, but everybody has a little bit of anxiety," she said. "The goal is to minimize it so it's minimally impairing but also develop resilience for the part that will likely remain.

"There's a little bit of acceptance that's going to have to occur," Scolan added.

Obsessive compulsive disorder, or OCD, is a medical diagnosis that can be extremely debilitating, she explained. But there are methods to bring it under control.

"Even for parents of a child who has a clinical diagnosis, the tips and strategies that will succeed are



Hadi Sinerty (left) and Dina Scolan are two of the speakers coming to Hinsdale in the weeks ahead to share their expertise on, respectively, Alzheimer's disease and dementia and managing anxiety. (photos provided)

going to build resilience in order to keep them on a healthy path," she said.

The library is located on the second floor of the school at 5500 S. Grant St. For more information, visit www.hcpto.org.

Responding to trauma

Similar to anxiety management, resilience is also a critical tool in taking back control after a high-stress or traumatic experience, according to Rev. Tammy Roach of Hinsdale Covenant Church.

Roach and her husband, Dan, a retired law enforcement officer and current training coordinator for the Northern Illinois Critical Incident Stress Management Team, will present the program "Resiliency After Stress & Trauma" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Hinsdale Covenant as part of the church's Mental Health Night series.

Roach, who also serves as chaplain for the Plainfield police and fire departments, said the program aims to help attendees identify and acknowledge stress and trauma in their life and equip them with holistic tools to restore emotional health.



"My husband and I teach resilience courses to first responders and their families," Roach said.

This talk is designed for everyone and is centered around the four dimensions of resiliency: mind, body, spirit and relationship.

"We focus on what we feel are the foundations to resiliency," she said. "We're going to do a brief overview of what that looks like and provide skills they can apply pretty much when they walk out the door."

Roach said she thinks individuals have become more receptive to the need for healthy coping methods in response to stress.

"I think more people are willing to take responsibility for their overall wellness and learn to adapt, in the face of the stress and traumas that we all face, in order to thrive and live a flourishing life," she commented.

And the techniques are transferable.

"When adults learn to build up these skills, they can model them for their children," she said.

Hinsdale Covenant Church is located at 412 S. Garfield Ave. Visit www.hinsdalecovenant.com for more information.

Understanding Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's Disease affects millions of Americans everyday, but it is simply the most common form of dementia. In the presentation Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Hinsdale Public Library, learn about the disease, the difference between Alzheimer's and other types of dementia, stages and risk factors, and current research and treatments available for some symptoms.

John Hosteny, volunteer community educator for the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, said the program will shed light on some of the mystery around the condition.

"We will explain that dementia is an umbrella term that captures many types of dementia, including Alzheimer's," he said. "We'll talk about how the disease affects the brain and the risk factors of Alzheimer's. The greatest risk factor is age: about one-third of all seniors age 85 have some type of dementia."

The program, which will be led by Hadi Sinerty, the association's senior manager for education & community volunteers, will also share the abundant resources available for caregivers, which include scripts for how to broach the sensitive subject with a loved one and how to discuss it with a doctor.

"We also have a 24-hour hotline where trained care specialists and master level clinicians will answer questions," Hosteny said.

The association is working to deepen connections with community-based organizations like libraries, he related, in an effort to erode any stigma and misconceptions.

"We explain the importance of an accurate diagnosis," he said. "Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging, and if people don't address it early, it could become a much bigger problem."

The library is located at 20 E. Maple St. To register for the program, visit www.hinsdalelibrary.info or call (630) 986-1976.

Sharing joy with lemon blackberry cupcakes

Homemade cake is one of life's great joys — something that should be enjoyed on more than just special occasions. Making time to bake is a wonderful way to celebrate the everyday.

Cake in my mind is a gift to be shared. This is one of the reasons that



Amy McCauley
Tails from the table

I love cupcakes. They are every bit as delicious as a large frosted cake and much easier to decorate and share. Mention the word cupcake and my daughters will run to the kitchen. All the measuring and mixing is worth it for a

taste of the batter.

This featherlight lemon cake is made with oil, which makes it moist, but it also has a small amount of potato starch that gives it a light texture. When I was creating this recipe, the cake was so good that my daughters were trying to eat them before I could even get them frosted. Still, don't skip the frosting because the blackberry buttercream is what puts them over the top.

Fresh blackberries give the icing a gorgeous color. This recipe makes a generous amount of icing because I like to give my cupcakes a couple of swirls of frosting. I recommend getting a large pastry bag, a coupler (a device that attaches the icing tip) and a large open star tip. However, if using a pastry bag feels like too much, then use a butter knife to frost them. They will still taste wonderful!

If you are looking for a way to brighten someone's day then these cupcakes are like a little love note from the kitchen. The blackberry buttercream is sure to put a smile on their face.

— Amy McCauley is *The Hinsdalean's* food columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

Lemon Cupcakes



Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 ½ teaspoons lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup potato starch
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ¼ cup milk

Directions

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. In the bowl of a stand mixer add sugar, eggs, lemon zest and vanilla. Mix on medium speed for one minute. Add in the potato starch, salt, baking powder and half of your flour with your milk and oil. Mix on low speed until just blended. Add in the remaining flour and mix until just incorporated. Line your muffin tins with a paper liner and lightly spray

with cooking spray. Fill the cups three-fourths of the way full.

Bake for 20 minutes. Let them cool completely before frosting.

Blackberry Syrup

- 2 cups blackberries
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup sugar

In a food processor puree the blackberries, lemon juice and water. Then strain the berry mixture through a fine strainer into a small saucepan. Once you have pushed all the juice through add one-quarter cup of sugar and heat the berry mixture over medium high heat. Stir the berry juice frequently until it reduces down to one-quarter cup. It's ready when you can pull a line down the pan with your spoon and it holds for a few seconds.

Blackberry Buttercream

- 1 stick butter, well softened
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup of the blackberry syrup
- 1/3 cup plus 3 tablespoons of milk

Using a mixer, beat together the butter and salt. Add in vanilla, lemon juice, blackberry syrup, milk and gradually add in your powdered sugar a few cups at a time. Beat the buttercream over medium speed until light and fluffy.

Decorate the cupcakes using a pastry bag with a large star tip. Pipe a swirl starting around the outside edge of the cupcake and finish the swirl with a second circular motion in the middle. Add a sprig of mint and a blackberry on top. Makes one dozen.



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OAK BROOK, AND DARIEN.**



The village's parks and rec department and The Community House will once again host the annual Easter Egg hunt, this year on Saturday, April 8. See the listing at right for details. (file photo)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ HPL Crochet Club

April 17
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join other crochet enthusiasts to learn and share knowledge while working on a project. Those without a personal project can use the materials on hand to crochet for a cause and create a blanket square. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

■ A Celebration of Quilts

April 21 & 22
Union Church
137 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale
www.saltcreekquilt.org

The Salt Creek Quilters will host this display of more than 200 quilts and two special exhibits. The event will also include a live quilt auction from 1 to 3 p.m. April 22, a bake sale, quilts mall and raffle baskets. A portion of auction proceeds will benefit Wellness House. For advance tickets, send an email to saltcreekquilt-guild@gmail.com. Hours: 3 to

7 p.m. April 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 22. Admission: \$7 at the door, \$6 in advance.

CENTRAL TIME

■ Scholarship application

April 7 deadline
www.chutehigher.org/hinsdale-central

Applications for the \$1,000 annual Christopher J. Chute Memorial Scholarship are being accepted from Hinsdale Central seniors. Candidates must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 (unweighted), plan to pursue a post-secondary education at an accredited college or university, have taken four years of a foreign language in high school and intend to participate in a study-abroad program during college. A recommendation also is required. Applications are available at the website above; email info@chutehigher.org for more details.

EGGCETERA

■ Egg hunt

April 8

Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Kids are invited to the annual egg hunt hosted by the Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department and The Community House. The Easter Bunny also will be available for visits. Participants will be separated into age categories for the hunt, and families are encouraged to be prompt. Time: 10:30 a.m. for 3 and under, 10:40 a.m. for ages 4-5, 10:50 a.m. for ages 6-7, 11 a.m. for ages 8-9 and 11:10 for ages 10 and older.

GAME ON

■ Youth Archery

April 18-May 23
KLM Park
5901 S. County Line Road
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 7-12 will learn the parts of an arrow and recurve bow, the basics of using a recurve bow and fundamental shooting skills in a safe

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environment. They also will learn the beginner's 9-step to the 10 ring progression. Both technique and games will be a part of the class; blunt-tipped arrows, bows and targets will be provided. Time: 5:45 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$92. RR, MD

Men's Bridge Open Play

Tuesdays through April 25
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecompanyhouse.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

Early Morning Bird Walk

April 15
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Join in this early morning

walk and see which birds are out and about. Time: 7 to 8:30 a.m. RR

Wildflower Walk

April 16
Sagawau Environmental
Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 257-2045

Enjoy a hike looking for wildflowers while learning how to identify these ephemeral beauties. The program is for ages 12 and up. Time: 1 p.m. RR

GREEN THUMB

Gardening for Pollinators

April 13
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecompanyhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kasey Eaves, owner of Vivant Gardening Services, will lead this workshop on caring for pollinators and their favorite food sources in one's landscape. Learn about valuable

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10:00 a.m.

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species and sustainable care practices to support flower friends and their future generations. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$23. RR, MD

■ Who's That in My Garden?

April 17
Indian Head Park
Administrative Building
201 Acacia Drive
The Suburban Garden Club hosts Jane Grillo of butterfly-jane.com to discuss butterflies, tips for identifying the most common species and what to plant in order to attract them. All interested gardeners are invited to attend. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

■ Creating Your Garden Plan

April 20
Fullersburg Woods
3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248
Bring yard drawings or photos and get customized recommendations at a 45-minute meeting with a plant expert who will help select native plants to match garden goals and growing conditions. Times: 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Cost: \$30 per session. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Chair Yoga

April 17
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga will help participants experience the benefits of yoga without getting down on the floor in this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program. Improve joint health, core strength, range of motion, balance and the ability to breathe deeply. Time: 11 a.m. to noon.

■ Fitness Hike

April 19
Country Lane Woods
95th Street east of Willow Springs Road near Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(312) 533-5751
Get a good workout on this faster paced 5-mile hike. Time: 10 a.m. RR

HELP WANTED

■ Park Clean-Up Day

April 20
Various Hinsdale locations
www.villageofhinsdale.org/departments/parks_and_rec-

reation/park_clean-up_day.php

The Hinsdale Parks & Recreation Department invites the community to celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day by helping with its annual spring clean-up event. Residents and nonresidents of all ages, scout groups, churches, businesses and other service organizations are welcome. Projects generally include plantings, painting and debris removal. Requests to

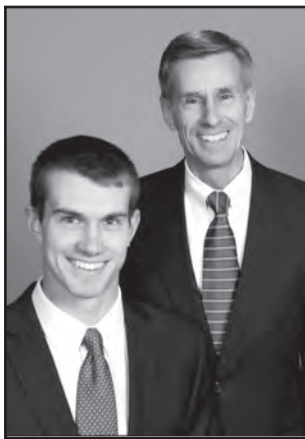
work in specific parks will be accepted, as will donations of materials. Sign up at the website above. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Crunchy Slime

April 18
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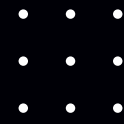
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Kids in grades three through eight can try out a recipe for crunchy slime. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Edible Mushroom Hunting for Beginners

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

Certified wild mushroom expert Hunter Le Duc will discuss the "fool-proof four," which refers to four of the more than 50 wild mushrooms that are easy to identify, abundant and delicious. Learn how to recognize these mushrooms and a handful more that can be found easily locally and turned into succulent and nutritious meals. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Plastic Pollution and Community Solutions

April 12
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,

Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

An expert panel, moderated by Daily Herald environmental reporter Jenny Whidden, will look at plastics from every angle, including the waste hauling system and recovery of certain plastics, how to reduce and reuse and potential legislation to address the issue. The in-person program is also offered via Zoom. Advance registration includes free parking. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Climate Progress - Is it Enough?

April 18
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Delve into the rapidly evolving policy and legislative landscape around climate change just in time for Earth Day. Learn about key causes of climate change, recently passed legislation, what more needs to be done, how climate change and climate policy affect the economy and more. The program is presented by Citizens'

Climate Education Lobby.
Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ Spring Fling

April 12
First Congregational Church of Western Springs
1106 Chestnut St.
www.westernspringsmusic.org

The Western Springs Music Club will salute the arrival of spring with this free program featuring vocalist Melissa Raub, cellist Thor Sigurdson, organist Michael Surratt, pianist Mo Xu and harpist Nicole Young. Time: 12:45 to 2 p.m.

STEPPING BACK

■ Hinsdale in Lights: Celebrating 150 Years!

April 20-23
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302 S Grant St., Hinsdale
<https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>

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- Tom, Western Springs

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- Susie, Clarendon Hills

Pet pic of the week

Duff is a sweet and special boy, who will jump right into your lap once he knows you. Because of his past experiences, Duff needs to go to a home with one person, preferably someone who does not plan on having a lot of new people over. Although Duff is very dog friendly and would love a doggie friend down the block, he does need to be the only pet in his home. He has been neutered and is up to date on his vaccinations. His adoption fee is \$300. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at www.hinsdalehumane-society.org before arriving. Call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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TEENS & TWEENS

■ Middle School Book Club: Eat and Chat

April 13
Hinsdale Public Library
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Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM
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Good Friday 7:00 PM
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Easter Sunday 10:00 AM
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Apr 2 9:30 am	Apr 6 7 pm	Apr 7 7 pm	Apr 8 7 pm



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Apr 9 at 9:30 am

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Easter

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PALM SUNDAY | April 2
9:00 & 10:45 a.m. | Oak Brook
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SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023
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Holy Week

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6	April 2023	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Service Sanctuary
7	April 2023	Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Service Chapel
Easter Sunday		9:07 a.m. Kid-Approved Service Outdoors or Chapel (weather dependent)
9	April 2023	10:00 a.m. Service, Children's Chimes + New Member Welcome Sanctuary + Online

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SUN APR 9 9AM Breakfast for Everyone

9:30AM Egg Hunt for Children

10AM Easter Worship

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Holy Week & Easter Worship

Palm Sunday - 8:30 and 11AM Palm Procession

Maundy Thursday - 7PM
Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday - 7PM
Lloyd Larson's *The Shadow of the Cross*
featuring Festival Choir

Easter Sunday - 8:30 and 11AM
Festival Worship with Choir & Brass

Easter Egg Hunt - 10AM

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Paschal Triduum Schedule

APRIL 6 Holy Thursday
Morning Prayer - 8:45am*
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm*
Adoration - 9:00pm-12:00am

APRIL 7 Good Friday
Morning Prayer - 8:45am*
Liturgy, Communion Service, Veneration of the Cross - 3:00pm*
Living Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm*

APRIL 8 Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer - 8:45am*
Blessing of Food Baskets - 1:00pm
Easter Vigil Liturgy - 8:00pm*

APRIL 9 Easter Sunday
7:30am | 9:30am* | 9:45am (Gym) | 11:30am

WEDNESDAYS:
Eucharistic Adoration - 9:15am - 4:00pm in Church
BEHOLD (Adoration, Praise & Worship) April 5- 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Confessions- 6:00pm - 7:00pm

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Holy Week and Easter – 2023

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Palm Sunday — April 2nd

Masses: 4:30pm [Saturday], Sunday / 7:30, 9:00, *10:30am & Noon

Confessions: Saturday, April 1st — 8:30am and 3:30pm

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week — April 3rd, 4th & 5th

Daily Masses: 7:00am & 5:00pm

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday — April 6th

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: *7:00pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows in the church until Midnight. Night Prayers at 11:45 pm.*

Good Friday — April 7th

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Afternoon Service of the Lord's Passion: *3:00pm

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm

Holy Saturday — April 8th

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Confessions: 8:30am

Blessing of the Easter Food: Noon

EASTER VIGIL — The Mass of the Resurrection: *8pm

Easter Sunday Masses — April 9th

7:30, 9:00, *10:30am & Noon

**Live streamed Masses can be viewed on SIJ.NET/special-event-livestream*

Palm Sunday / 10:30am Sunday

Easter Sunday / 10:30am Easter Morning Mass

Easter Sunday

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APRIL 9
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Matthew 28:6 "He is Risen, as He said."

Maundy Thursday, April 6
 Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7
 Tre Ore Service
 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm
 Tenebrae Service – 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 9
 Worship with Holy Communion at
 7:00 am & 9:30 am

REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County from Feb. 28 to March 24.

1. 548 Jefferson St., Jose Ortega and Nadia Abuzaineh to Zachary and Lisa Gallup, Feb. 28, \$975,000

2. 5814 Giddings Ave., Edward and Susan Ruff to Hussam Suradi and Maya Hamwi, Feb. 28, \$1,075,000

3. 419 S. Bodin St., Sari and Darcy Alamuddin to Megan and James Gill, Feb. 28, \$1,750,000

4. 801 Chanticleer Lane, Nancy Gibson to James and Carol Marshall, March 1, \$480,000

5. 808 Jefferson St., Kristin Haag, Kevin Mathews and HaagMathewsFamilyTrust to Trevor and Jessica Tessionalone, March 2, \$1,105,000

6. 412 Bonnie Brae Road, Jacqueline M. Calamos Trust and Laura Calamos to Georgia Levine, March 3, \$585,000

7. 324 The Lane, Thomas Trescott and William Trescott Declaration Trust to Courtyard Custom Builders Inc., March 3, \$395,000

8. 300 E. Claymoor St., Skydan Equity Partners LLC to Zvezdana Rojina, March 3, \$199,000

9. 17 Orchard Place, 17 Orchard Place LLC to 3 Light Realty LLC, March 7, \$495,000

10. 318 S. Lincoln St., 1st American Bank trusts to Nicholas Duffy, March 8, \$2,899,000

11. 5551 S. Stough St., Ann E., Sheila E. and Mary J. MacDiarmid revocable trusts to Rita Rollins, March 8, \$400,000

12. 423 58th Place, William Lundgren to Margaret M. Smego Revocable Trust, March 13, \$218,000

13. 441 E. Walnut St., Eric and Emily Hargan to Leah and Stephen Flaherty, March 14, \$890,000

14. 412 Ashbury Drive, Michael McMahon to Suzanne Bond, March 16, \$502,000

15. 122 S. Bruner St., Johanna Delaney Trust Agreement to Jennifer and Jacob Brumer, March 17, \$940,000

16. 360 Claymoor St., Nicholas Lombardi and Passaya Mahakijpassorn to Erhan Kalkan, March 27, \$232,000

17. 525 N. Grant St., Rick and Karen Mace to Elizabeth Unterberg and Trevor Dinatale, March 21, \$1,275,000

18. 913 S. Quincy St., Yaan Song and Tingting Zhou revocable trusts to Jennifer Palka and Nathaniel Nieot, March 22, \$535,000

19. 405 58th Place, Sarah Wiemeyer and Goran Nikolic to Katarzyna Majewska Revocable Living Trust, March 23, \$265,000

20. 817 N. Jefferson St., DuPage County Sheriff and Thomas Logue to PRS Property Group LLC, March 23, \$721,000

21. 822 S. Lincoln St., William and Jennifer Voss to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., March 24, \$2,250,000

22. 402 58th Place, Marquette Bank Trust to Yanfen Wu and David Ho, March 24, \$265,000

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Love is like a beautiful flower which I may not touch, but whose fragrance makes the garden a place of delight just the same. Helen Keller

The more often we see the things around us - even the beautiful and wonderful things - the more they become invisible to us. That is why we often take for granted the beauty of this world: the flowers, the trees, the birds, the clouds - even those we love. Because we see things so often, we see them less and less.

Joseph B. Wirthlin

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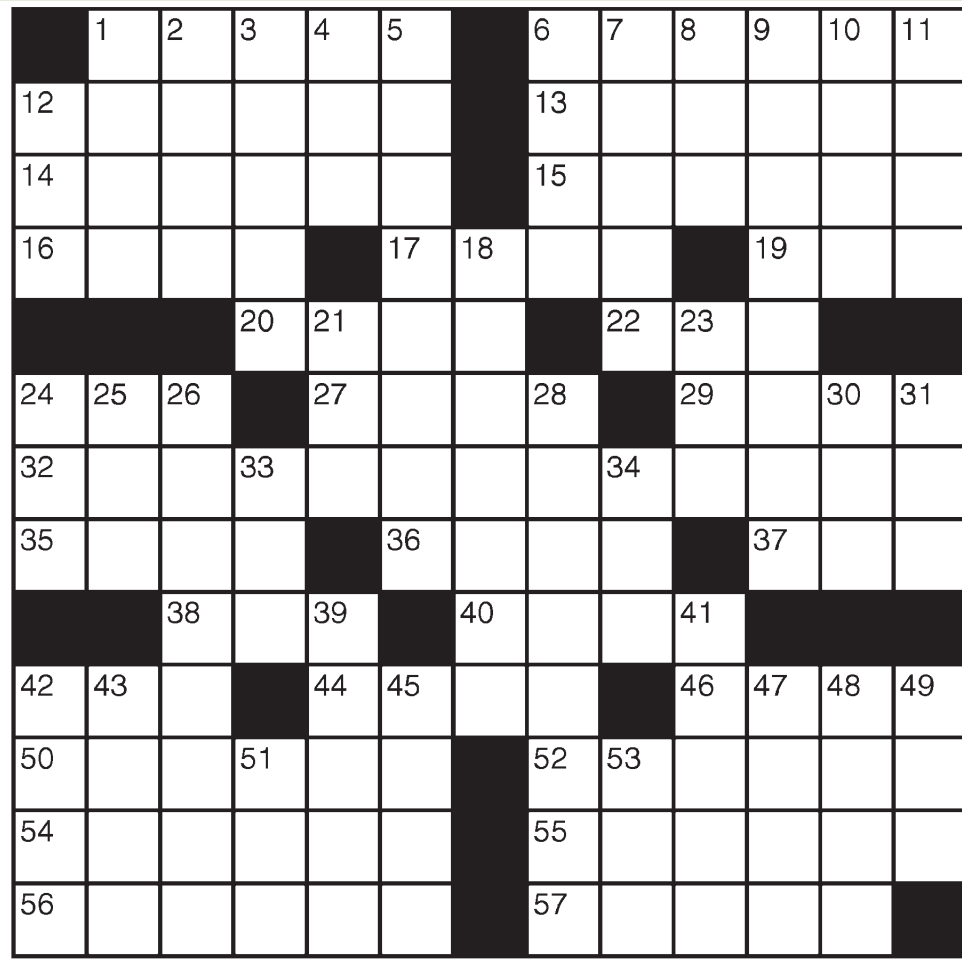
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by Linda Thistle

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HOROSCOPES

April 2023 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN — Dec 22/Jan 20

It is alright to feel uncertain about what the heart wants, Capricorn. Not everyone has things all figured out. Ponder your likes and dislikes to determine your path.



ARIES

ARIES — Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your emotions may cloud your judgement in the days to come. It's better to seek the advice of a third party who can guide you without the added drama.



CANCER

CANCER — Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if you haven't devoted enough time lately to taking care of yourself you might awaken this week with a foggy head. Take care of yourself.



LIBRA

LIBRA — Sept 23/Oct 23

You might find it challenging to articulate your feelings to a romantic partner, Libra. If you stumble over saying the words, why not write them down, instead?



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS — Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, messy work and small mistakes can sabotage all of your hard work thus far. Buckle down and focus on the details. Have someone check that everything is perfect.



TAURUS

TAURUS — Apr 21/May 21

Messages from the universe could come across as confusing or vague, Taurus. You might need someone with cosmic intuition to help you sort out what is going on.



LEO

LEO — Jul 23/Aug 23

Responsibilities could have you feeling overburdened, Leo. The trick is to ask others to lighten your load. There are bound to be several volunteers willing to lend a hand.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO — Oct 24/Nov 22

Sometimes your pragmatic side gets into a tussle with your optimism, Scorpio. Being a realist doesn't have to mean you give up hope. There are many things that can go your way.



PISCES

PISCES — Feb 19/Mar 20

People around you may be more temperamental than usual, Pisces. Avoid offering any unsolicited advice until things quiet down.



GEMINI

GEMINI — May 22/June 21

A stagnant energy has been surrounding you lately, Gemini. Fortunately, you are able to brush that away soon enough and feel rejuvenated.



VIRGO

VIRGO — Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, try not to compare yourself to others this week. Everyone is unique, with his or her own strengths and weaknesses. An unfair comparison could dampen your spirits.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS — Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, while you may feel like sleeping the week away, awaken to the possibilities before you. Numerous opportunities await, so answer the door when they knock.

New gym honors past, serves the present

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everything to make this the best it could possibly be.”

She and husband Ryan didn’t have to think twice about offering their financial support to the project.

“For us, just knowing how much he was dedicated to making this happen, the donation was a no-brainer. It was something we were happy and excited to do and be part of.”

Celebrating the legacy

The new gym is designed to honor the history of the boys and girls programs at Central, and Conger said her father had saved every score from every meet from every team he’s ever coached.

“It’s all in my garage,” she said with a laugh.

It fell to Central assistant girls gymnastics coach Myles Laffey to verify that information.

“I was more of a workman, double-checking — and we still have corrections to make — years and years of records,” he said. “Neil was really specific about wanting to find those people who were never champions but were state finalists.”

The old gymnastics gym also paid homage to program history, but it was too small to host competitions. So coaches and athletes would move the

equipment to the main gym or the field house for meets, then move it back afterward. Few people had the chance to see it.

“Certainly coaches from opposing teams always brought them down to the museum, so to speak,” said Laffey, who competed for Central as a pommel horse specialist from 1980-84. “I think my own parents when I went through the program, they were never in the gym. They were never immersed in it the way the athletes themselves were.”

Now that has all changed for spectators.

“They turn their backs to leave and there are a bunch of champions staring them in the face. It’s just a nice addition to our legacy,” Laffey said.

Mark Wanner, who coached the boys team to three state titles and multiple trophies before retiring in 2018, said it was fun watching the girls team, of which he was an assistant coach this year, compete in the new space this year.

“It was a lot of fun for the gymnasts and the coaches because when the meet ended, we didn’t have to move equipment down the hallway,” Wanner said.

Wanner’s efforts on the new gym have focused on the artwork that decorates the walls. He worked with the same



Myles Laffey, Neil Krupicka and Kim Estoque pose in the new gym last summer, when significant work still had to be done to get the space ready for practice and competitions.

company that designed the pool to create a large mural that depicts decades worth of history.

“We’ve been working on this for a while, so it’s really cool to see it all come together and just not move into the gym — now you move into the gym with all this tradition and history and it’s kind of cool. It’s a lot cleaner and more exciting now.”

A community effort

Those involved praised the way so many different groups worked together on the project, including athletic director Dan Jones.

“It was just great to see the community and the alumni and staff come together and get this done,” Jones said. “I’m really happy to be a small part of that and really looking forward to the celebration and the grand opening of the facility.”

Conger is looking forward to seeing what she described as the “cherry on top” of her dad’s career.

“To have all those people come and support him and see that all come together in one place, one moment, one time for him is going to be amazing.”

Her kids — daughter, Edie, 7 (also a gymnast), and son, Ben, 6 — are excited, too, are counting down the days to the open house.

“My kids are ecstatic because they just love their Pop Pop so much and he’s such a good grandpa to them,” she said.

Krupicka, who now lives in Palm Springs, Calif., said he too is looking forward to the event.

“A lot of people are coming from all over,” he said. “It’s going to be kind of like a reunion. I’m looking forward

to see them see their legacy and the work that they put into the past is now appropriately recognized and on display.”

He said his favorite part of the new gym is the Harrison Bull “Gallery of Champions,” named after a former assistant coach.

“It’s amazing with all the big murals and the banners,” he said.

Krupicka is also touched that his family’s legacy is captured in a plaque at the gym’s entrance. His wife, Cindy, also a Central graduate, ran the age-group program for years. Conger’s siblings, Adam (Class of 1997) and Lindsey (Class of 2002) also participated in the age-group program and the high school program. Lindsey and Erica were MVPs and All-Americans.

“I’m very honored and humbled to have had our name put on the entryway there, the Krupicka family name, and I really appreciate the school board and everyone who did that,” he said. “We’re really honored to have that. Cindy, Adam, Erica and Lindsey, the whole family, it’s been a major part of our life since 1967 — 1963, actually, when I was a freshman.

“It’s been great,” he added. “I just love the program and the kids are amazing and really it’s been a pleasure being able to be part of that whole thing.”



And Neil Krupicka knows something about winning. He coached seven state championship teams, five as head coach, and has received a litany of awards.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Nikolas Theotikos
Junior
Hinsdale

What’s your earliest memory of gymnastics?
I remember my coach, when I was like 8 or 9, teaching me how to do circles on the pommel horse, which helped make me good on the pommel horse all these years later.

What do you enjoy about the sport?
It’s just really incredible when there’s a trick you think you could never do, and a year later you’re doing it. I love the gymnastics community as well.

How have you evolved since freshman year?
I was definitely more timid and afraid as a freshman. But my coach helped me realize that I could do whatever I put my mind to.

Do you have any pre-meet routines?
I kind of just try and take my mind off things, like it’s just another practice, and try not to get in my head too much because that can really mess you up.

How would your teammates describe you?
I think they really value the help I give them, particularly on pommel horse, because I’m kind of like another coach. I really want them to succeed. Also, as one of the most hardworking people in

the gym.

What gets you pumped?
Definitely hitting a new skill for the first time. It’s so rewarding to be able to do something new that you never thought you could do before.

What are your goals for the season?
To place top-10 at state on pommel horse. I’ve really been working toward that.

Does playing chess translate to gymnastics?
It’s helped me a lot with handling pressure, because in chess you’re always racing against the clock. I hardly ever get nervous at meets.

Do you have any other special skills?
I play piano. It’s a nice way to escape life for a little while.

Why does coach CJ Johnson like having Theotikos on the team?
Nikolas is a dedicated young man. He’s a leader and does every single thing he can to help assist others, as well as working very hard to become the best that he can possibly be. He’s a concert pianist, he plays viola for the school and he’s a heck of a chess player. I am so happy to have him because he makes me smile every day as he works and works to improve.

— profile by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Baseball, boys April 3 vs. Proviso West V wins 17-2 Conners, 2 RBIs, 2 runs Davis, 2 RBIs, run Oosterbaan, 2 RBIs March 31 @ Palatine V wins 8-7	Gymnastics, boys April 4 @ Downers North V loses 136.4-152.5 Floor exercise Argyris, 1st (tie), 9.3 Cihlar, 5th, 8 Theotikos, 6th, 7.9 Pommel horse Argyris, 2nd, 9.1 Theotikos, 4th, 8.4 Cihlar, 7th, 5.1 Still rings Cihlar, 3rd, 7.4	Argyris, 4th, 7.2 Ashby, 6th, 6.4 Vault Argyris, 3rd (tie), 8.7 Cihlar, 5th (tie), 8.6 Theotikos, 7th, 6.8 Parallel bars Cihlar, 2nd, 8.3 Argyris, 6th, 7.1 Theotikos, 7th, 6.9 Horizontal bar Cihlar, 2nd, 8.8	Argyris, 5th, 7.4 Ashby, 7th, 5 All-around Argyris, 2nd, 48.8 Cihlar, 4th, 46.2 Lacrosse, boys April 4 @ Waubonsie Valley V wins 12-4 Soccer, girls April 1 vs. Oswego	V tied 0-0 Softball April 4 vs. Nazareth V wins 11-1 (5 inn.) April 3 vs. De La Salle V wins 20-14 Volleyball, boys April 4 vs. LT V wins 25-21, 18-25, 25-23
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Instant replay



Hinsdale Central’s Olivia Healy (No. 20) and Carter Knotts (No. 4) battle for position in front of the opposing goal after a corner kick but were unable to put it in the net during a home game Saturday against Oswego East. Teammate Claire Snodgrass does her best to advance the ball, but the Red Devils and Wolves ultimately ended their Dickinson Field match in a scoreless tie. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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<p>2016</p> <p>Boys Try Out Details: Wednesday May 3rd 4pm - 5:15pm @ Field 7 & 8 Friday May 5th 4pm - 5:15pm @ Turf Field</p> <p>Girls Try Out Details: Tuesday May 2nd 4pm - 5:15pm @ Turf Field Thursday May 4th 4pm - 5:15pm @ Field 2</p>	<p>2015</p> <p>Boys Try Out Details: Wednesday May 3rd 4pm - 5:15pm @ Field 7 & 8 Friday May 5th 4pm - 5:15pm @ Turf Field</p> <p>Girls Try Out Details: Tuesday May 2nd 4pm - 5:15pm @ Turf Field Thursday May 4th 4pm - 5:15pm @ Field 2</p>	<p>2014</p> <p>Boys Try Out Details: Monday May 1st 4pm - 5:15pm @ Turf Field Wednesday May 3rd 5:30pm - 6:45pm @ Fields 7 & 8</p> <p>Girls Try Out Details: Monday May 1st 4pm - 5:15pm @ Turf Field Thursday May 4th 4pm - 5:15pm @ Field 1</p>
<p>2013</p> <p>Boys Try Out Details: Monday May 1st 5:30pm - 6:45pm @ Turf Field Tuesday May 2nd 5:30pm - 6:45pm @ Turf Field</p> <p>Girls Try Out Details: Monday May 1st 5:30pm - 6:45pm @ Turf Field Thursday May 4th 5:30pm - 6:45pm @ Field 1</p>	<p>2012</p> <p>Boys Try Out Details: Tuesday May 2nd 4pm - 5:15pm @ Turf Field Thursday May 4th 7pm - 8:15pm @ Field 2</p> <p>Girls Try Out Details: Tuesday May 2nd 5:30pm - 6:45pm @ Turf Field Thursday May 4th 5:30pm - 6:45pm @ Field 2</p>	<p>2011</p> <p>Boys Try Out Details: Monday May 1st 7pm - 8:30pm @ Turf Field Wednesday May 3rd 5pm - 6:30pm @ Turf Field</p> <p>Girls Try Out Details: Tuesday May 2nd 5:30pm - 7pm @ Turf Field Thursday May 4th 5:30pm - 7pm @ Field 2</p>
<p>2010</p> <p>Boys Try Out Details: Monday May 1st 7pm - 8:30pm @ Turf Field Wednesday May 3rd 5pm - 6:30pm @ Turf Field</p> <p>Girls Try Out Details: Thursday May 4th 5pm-6:30pm @Turf Field Sunday May 7th 6pm-7:30pm @ Turf Field</p>	<p>2009</p> <p>Boys Try Out Details: Wednesday May 3rd 5:00 -6:30pm @ Turf Field Monday May 8th 6:30pm-8pm @ Turf</p> <p>Girls Try Out Details: Thursday May 4th 5pm-6:30pm @ Turf Field Sunday May 7th 6pm-7:30pm @ Field 1</p>	<p>2008-2005</p> <p>HS Boys Try Out Details: Monday May 8th 7:00-8:30pm @Turf Field</p> <p>HS Girls Try Out Details: Sunday May 7th 7:30pm-9:00pm @Turf Field</p>

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SPORTS

Gym honors past and serves present

HC boys and girls gymnastics have new home that pays tribute to program history

By Pamela Lannom
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As a young gymnastics coach at Hinsdale Central, Neil Krupicka would sit in on early morning swim practices, hoping to pick up some tips from veteran coach Don Watson. He knew Watson wanted a new pool for the program.

"I thought, 'This would be a nice gymnastics gym when you move,'" Krupicka recalled. "Sixty years later it happened."

Hinsdale Central will host a grand opening of the new gymnastics gym, which bears Krupicka's name, at an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday April 15.

While Krupicka had the idea for a new gymnastics gym decades ago, the opportunity didn't arise until a couple of years ago when he was back at Central for Homecoming. He took a tour of the new natatorium and learned the old pool space would be filled in. He said he was talking with Carol Bobo about the Hinsdale Central



Hinsdale Central will celebrate the official grand opening of its new gymnastics gym — located at the former swimming pool site — at an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Those interested in attending should RSVP to mlaffey@hinsdale86.org. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Foundation's involvement with the pool project

"She turned to me. She goes, 'Now it's your turn,'" he recalled.

So, with the help of the foundation, he began reach-

ing out to alumni.

"It was such a great response that we just took off with it," he said, estimating the campaign raised \$120,000 to \$130,000.

Bobo said foundation

leaders decided before the pool was built they would serve as the conduit for donations. They were happy to do so for the gymnastics gym and hope to do so again in the future.

"There's been a lot of support for what's been done," she said. "I hope that other groups will do that as well."

The foundation is always looking for opportunities to work with the community to provide more opportunities for kids, Bobo said.

"Every kid in a high school setting needs to find their niche," she said.

That's just what gymnastics provided for brothers Jim and Dave Hamman, 1979 and 1983 graduates of Central who both competed on the boys gymnastics team all four years. The two business partners were happy to make a donation to the campaign.

"In a big school like Hinsdale Central, you can get lost pretty easy," Jim Hamman said. "It gave us a sense of pride and impor-

tance and built character, and we just felt we wanted to do this to help Neil out."

Krupicka worked the gymnasts hard, Hamman said, but had a positive influence on their lives.

"Going through that, we made lifelong friends. Dave and I both had several gymnasts stand up in our weddings. We still take fishing trips together every summer or every other summer," he said.

Another donor and former Central gymnast is Krupicka's daughter, Erica Conger, who graduated in 1999, and now lives in San Diego. She said she's enjoyed watching her father work to make his dream come true.

"For so many years he had always thought and dreamt of having the gymnastics gym set up the way he thought it should have been," Conger said. "It's been amazing to watch. I think he's left no stone unturned. He's thought of

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Neil Krupicka and former gymnast and donor Tom Truedson stand in the old gymnastics gym — dubbed "the yellow submarine" in the 1960s — after the equipment had been moved out. (photo provided)

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