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Spring training — Members of Hinsdale Central's varsity baseball team spent part of their Monday afternoon practice getting their field back into shape. The Red Devil season opens March 22 against Metea Valley. Last year the team made it to the sectional finals, eventually coming up short against Brother Rice. (Jim Slonoff)



Teen appreciates opportunities to help others.

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NEWS

Village may kick meters to the curb

Staff recommends moving to three-hour free parking in the central business district

By Pamela Lannom
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Come June 1, the need to feed parking meters in downtown Hinsdale could be a thing of the past.

Trustees and staff discussed a plan to allow three-hour zoned parking in the central business district at Tuesday's Hinsdale Village Board meeting. Village President Tom Cauley said officials have been talking about removing the 300 meters for some time.

"It's something we started considering before COVID but shelved during COVID. COVID had just started when we opened the new parking deck," he said.

Removing the meters and allowing three-hour free parking should bring more people downtown, Cauley said.

"We think that would be long enough for most people who want to use the central business district, either to shop, to go to a beauty parlor, to have lunch," he added.

Police would use license plate readers to monitor how long a vehicle has been parked in the zone. The three-hour limit would apply to the entire area, eliminating the practice of moving from one metered spot to another to avoid a ticket.

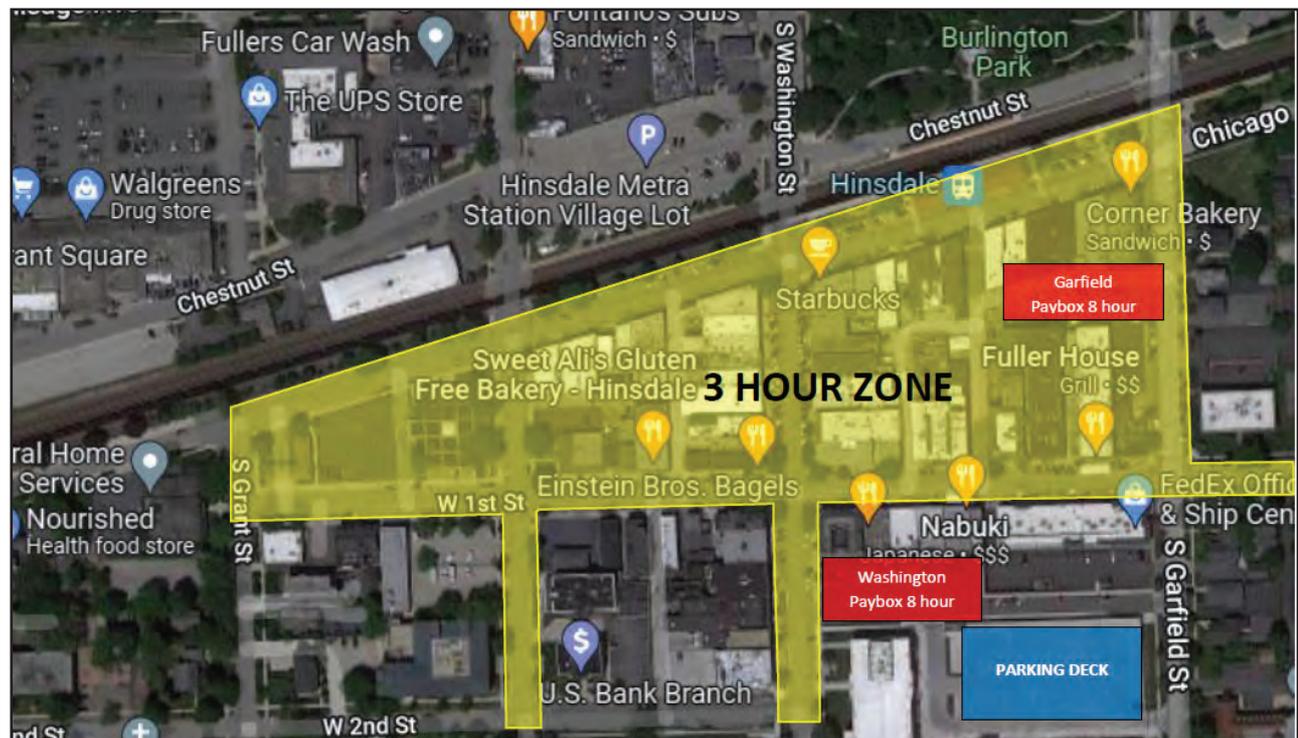
Tickets for parking at an expired meter are \$8. Tickets for violating the three-hour limit would be \$25.

"We haven't projected any additional revenue from raising the ticket price to \$25," Cauley said. "We just don't really know how that's going to work."

Six-hour parking still would be available in the lots off Garfield Avenue (42 spaces) and Washington Street (49 spaces). The rate is \$1 an hour in the Garfield lot and will be increased from 25 cents to \$1 an hour in the Washington lot as well. There is no limit as to how long drivers can park in the parking deck, which has 189 spaces on the lower level, Cauley noted.

The meters have generated as much as \$260,000 a year in 2019 and as little as \$120,000 in 2020. A price increase from village vehicle stickers and the increase in the cost of parking in the Washington lot will help offset some of the lost revenue.

"I think there will be a margin-



The Hinsdale Village Board seems agreeable to trade in the parking meters in the downtown business district for zoned parking that would allow people to park for three hours a day anywhere in the zone. Shoppers or diners who needed to spend more time in the downtown could park in the lots off Garfield Avenue or Washington Street or in the parking deck. The change would take place June 1 if officially approved by trustees. (map provided, Jim Slonoff photo)

al increase in sales tax and food and beverage tax because you have more people coming downtown," Cauley said.

New signs would notify drivers of the three-hour limit, and parking ambassadors would be out when the change is first enacted, Police

Chief Brian King said.

"The real goal in this is to create turnover in space availability for retail customers," he said.

The number of spaces with a 15-minute time limit to accommodate people making deliveries or picking up carryout will increase,

King added.

Trustees, who ultimately will have to vote to approve the change, expressed support for the plan.

"This is really the ultimate payoff of our investment we made in the parking deck," Trustee Neale Byrnes said. "It's a big payoff."

ONCE UPON A TIME



Safe harbour — This photo in Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," shows The Life Boat Rescue Home for unwed mothers and abandoned children. The home was started and managed by the Hinsdale Sanitarium. "Relocated in 1903 from Chicago to Hinsdale, the home was strongly supported by village residents, expanding in 1909 to the building shown here at 328 Phillipa St. The home provided shelter, counseling, adoption placement, employment assistance and the opportunity for a new life. After offering refuge to 1,363 young women and 1,500 children, the home closed in 1932."

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Central students spearhead relief effort

Run/Walk for Ukraine to benefit Red Cross is scheduled to take place Sunday morning

By Pamela Lannom

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When Hinsdale Central student Niko Rhodes learned Russia had invaded Ukraine, his first thoughts were of how to help the people there — including members of his own family.

He has relatives in both countries on his mom's side of the family, and his stepmom and two young half-sisters were in Kyiv at the time of the invasion.

"They couldn't drive out because the traffic jams to the west were so massive," he said. "Buses, same problem. Trains were not running, or the train stations themselves were super crowded."

Rhodes said he had just arrived home from a mock trial tournament at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 when his mom told him an uncle who used to work in Ukraine intelligence said the invasion was expected to begin.

"Around two hours later, at 9 o'clock, the headlines started rolling in," said Rhodes, who lives in Clarendon Hills.

The initial hope was that the Russians would stop when they reached the Donbas region in southeastern Ukraine.

"Then they bombed the airports, so we knew it wasn't just Donbas," he said.

By day three of the conflict, Rhodes had decided to launch a fundraiser at Central to support the work of the Ukrainian

Red Cross.

"The initial plan was just to collect during classes, to have the teachers hold onto envelopes and give a little pitch and have students involved give pitches in their classes," he said.

Then his girlfriend, Bridget Kallas of Hinsdale, had an idea.

"I was part of Habitat for Humanity and I know they had a lot of success with the 5K they do in the fall," she said.

She spoke to a number of people at Central who helped her plan the event, which is set for this Sunday, March 20, at Dickinson Field. Check in is at 8:30 a.m., and participants will walk around the track from 9 to 10 a.m. Everyone is asked to wear yellow and blue to show solidarity.

"People at the school have been very willing to help," she said. "It's been nice having support at the school."

The minimum donation to participate is \$20, but Kallas and Rhodes hope people will contribute more. They also plan to sell mini-doughnuts at the event. Their goal is to raise a total of \$20,000 for relief.

"I've given pitches to all my classes about what I'm doing, my story, and teachers are giving me the opportunity to step out of class for a minute to go talk to other classes if I want to," Rhodes said.

The two also have partnered with the Citizen Club at Central to start collecting donations during lunch this



Bridget Kallas and Niko Rhodes hope to raise \$20,000 to donate to the Ukrainian Red Cross, in part by hosting a run/walk Sunday, March 20, at Dickinson Field. People who can't make it to the walk can send a check payable to Hinsdale Central to the high school with the word "Ukraine" on the memo line. (Jim Slonoff photo)

week. Students can use cash, a credit card, a check or Venmo.

"When they sponsored us, we got a lot more manpower," Rhodes said of Citizen Club.

The ultimate hope is to raise more awareness about what is happening on the other side of the world.

"It's so easy to distance yourself from the issue because it's so far away and we're not really connected with what is happening," Kallas said.

Rhodes said most students have a cursory knowledge of the invasion, but some have a much deeper understanding. He pointed to John Hines-S,

who wrote a recent letter to the editor encouraging Hinsdaleans to offer financial support.

"He's constantly prowling on the news like I am for new information about everything going on," Rhodes said.

With so many disturbing images available on social media, it can be easy for teens to get discouraged, Kallas said.

"They are seeing footage and devastating pictures and they don't know how to help, and we're giving people a way to help," she said.

Rhodes said many of his family members have been

enlisted to fight. Others are trying escape. As for his stepmom and half sisters, they eventually made it to Hungary.

"Eventually the trains opened up for a brief window and they were able to get out after a week," he said.

Rhodes and Kallas said their efforts to support Ukrainians will continue even after the run. Rhodes said he is grateful to people for any donation they can make.

"Any amount is appreciated by me, my family and obviously the people of Ukraine that this money is going to," he said.

D181 set to purchase new math resources

By Pamela Lannom

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Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 plans to spend about \$703,000 to buy new math materials, including textbooks and digital resources, for the 2022-23 school year.

The Math Subject Area Committee recommended i-Ready Classroom Mathematics for students in kindergarten through fifth grade at a cost of \$555,833 and EdGems math for sixth-through eighth-graders at a cost of \$147,526. Those costs include paper and digital resources as well as teacher training.

Kathy Robinson, assistant superintendent of learning, highlighted the

advantages the committee saw in each of the recommended resources.

The i-Ready Classroom offers multiple-day lessons, with one day to explore a new concept, three to develop it and one to refine it.

"There is a focus on really deepening the conceptual understanding instead of just memorizing an algorithm," she said.

While the resources include videos with teachers presenting concepts, those will be used only in certain situations, such as when a student is absent or a sub is in the classroom.

"This is direct instruction happening during the development days," Robinson said.

EdGems offers materials for whole

class instruction, collaborative work groups and individual activities and practice exercises for students who are struggling, working at grade level or in need of enrichment.

Both resources also offer materials for parents to help support their children.

The district began planning for a math pilot in 2019-20, initially looking at 10 different resources for focus, coherence, rigor, mathematical practices and usability for students and teachers. The committee narrowed the list to four, and two resources were piloted at each of the levels. The pilot, delayed due to COVID-19 was completed this school year.

The five-year implementation cost is

slightly less than the \$800,000 budgeted. Math resources are typically the second most expensive to implement, after elementary language arts, Robinson said. The last math resource pilot and purchase was in 2014-15, which included K-5 Math in Focus, 2007 edition, and 6-8 Big Ideas, 2013 edition.

Parents may view resource kits for each of the programs in Suite 203 of the district's main office at 115 W. 55th St. in Clarendon Hills.

If board members approve the purchase at their April meeting, the Math SAC will develop sequence and pacing, and work on common assessments. Students would begin using the new resources when school opens in August.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, March 24
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org>

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22
Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

On the draft agenda: confidentiality of records, PCI security, behavior and room use policies, funds transfer resolution, staff recognition expenses

COVID cases in town drops to single digits

Eight Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week. The DuPage County Health Department reported an increase of seven cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported one new case.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 3,601, compared to 3,593 last week.

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

Hinsdale Central High School reported no new positive cases since March 4. The district is no longer tracking students in quarantine or isolation given the updated guidance. Central's

vaccination rates are at 82 percent for students and 94 percent for staff.

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 reported three cases March 9-14, involving two students and one teacher.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 2.2 percent on March 13, compared to 2 percent on March 6.

Illinois has administered more than 21.2 million doses of vaccines. An average of 8,511 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 10,323 last week. The percentage of individuals fully vaccinated is almost 74.6 percent in DuPage County and more than 78.8 percent in the 60521 ZIP code.

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business March 10, board members:

- discussed the three-minute pitch process that the board has been using to determine future agenda items and potential creation of a new process for determining future agenda items that would replace the pitch. Some board members think they should not need a majority of board members to agree to add an item to the agenda as is now required. Consensus was not reached, and board President Terri Walker recommended that the topic be revisited at a later time.

- discussed the preliminary staffing recommendation for the 2022-23 school year. The recommendation calls for a districtwide increase of 1.8 FTE with a net impact of \$165,048 on the financial forecast for fiscal year 2023. The increase is primarily due to the board's directive to look at staffing through a course parity lens. Among the needs are additional science teachers with the board's recent decision to offer district students two science tracks, a traditional biology-first sequence and a physics-first track. Hinsdale South has offered only the physics-first model that last three years, while Hinsdale Central has provided multiple pathways. Central's FTE will actually drop by 1.7 while South's will increase 2.9 under the plan.

Correction

Ashley Principe was pictured working with a student on his resume in a photo than ran with a March 10 story on the District 86 Transition Center. She was misidentified in the caption.



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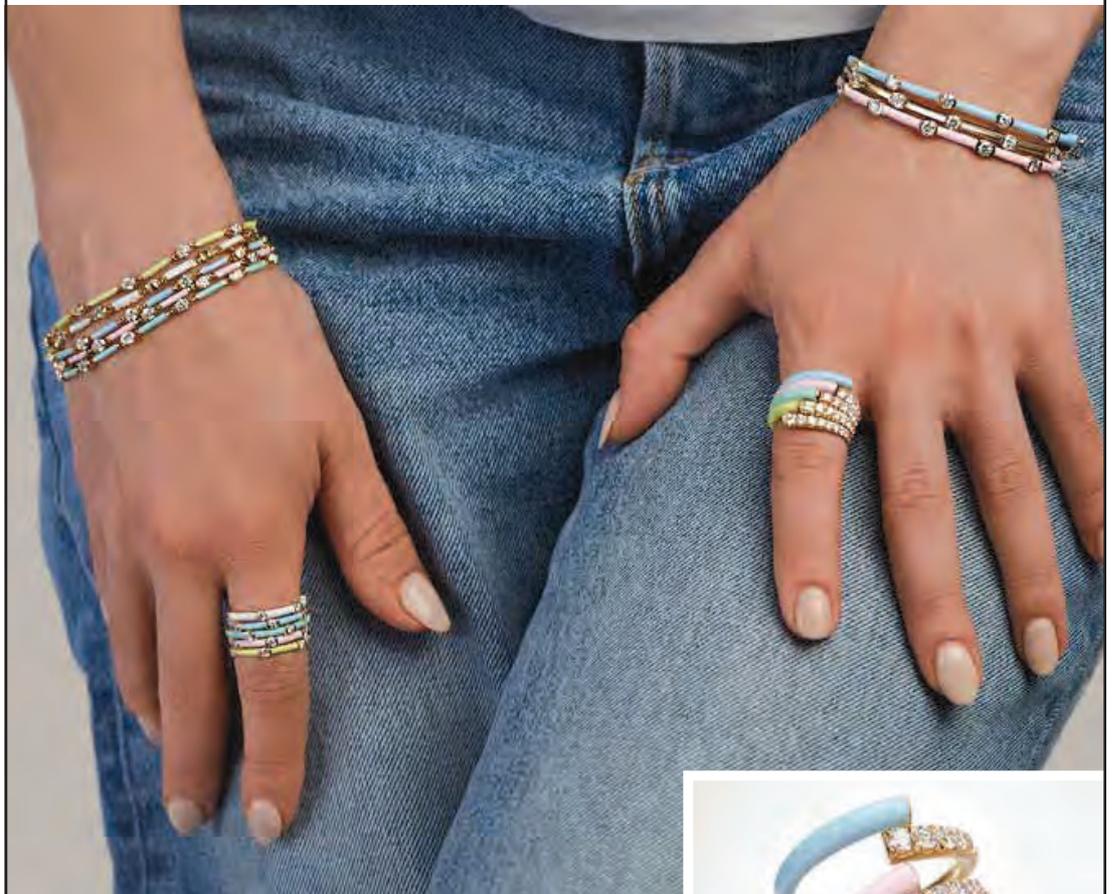
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Dist. 86 mulls more early release days

Administrators say they want to bring consistency to schedule, but some have reservations

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale Central students would get out of school by 1 p.m. Wednesdays most weeks during the year under recommended changes to the district's calendar.

At the March 10 Hinsdale High School District 86 committee of the whole meeting, board members discussed a proposal from the district's calendar committee to replace the current mix of late-start Mondays and flex-learning Wednesdays with early-release Wednesdays.

Central Principal Bill Walsh said the shifting rhythms to make time for professional development resulted in confusion for students and families.

"It became a consistency problem what the start time was for students," Walsh told board members.

Chris Covino, assistant superintendent for instruction, said class times will also be better balanced throughout the day. On late-start Mondays now, several periods have classes that are 10 minutes shorter than the lunch periods.

And he noted late-start days typically generate a disproportionate number of tardies.

"Even though they're allowed to come late, they come even later," Covino related. "That's something the deans have been frustrated about and teachers, too."

The proposal was reviewed by several district groups and committees, Covino said, and he noted move to early-release Wednesdays would reduce instructional minutes by a total of one hour for the entire school year.

"What it does get us is more consistent start times and it provides that (teacher) resource time on Wednesday afternoons," he said.

Prior to the discussion, board member Jeff Waters had voiced his resistance to the early release Wednesdays concept.

"That (change) throws a wrench in what otherwise has been a normal cadence dating back to, jeez, forever," Waters said during board comments.

Addressing concerns by about monitoring student-athletes who have after-school practice. Walsh said the district

has more student safety officers and security personnel enlisted who to provide supervision, as they have done the past two years on flex-learning days.

"We can provide safe opportunities for students to hang around school, get a meal and, in some cases, practice (early) if their coach is not a District 86 teacher," he said.

Board President Terri Walker asked Covino about peer districts' practices. He responded that late starts are generally more common than early release.

The calendar also includes a later start date for the 2022-23 school year. To accommodate ongoing construction activity at both schools, classes will start Sept. 6 and end June 6. Covino said this is a one-time deviation from the norm.

"I don't think anybody loves going late into June or starting after Labor Day," he remarked, adding that semester exams would be held after winter break.

Looking ahead to the ensuing 2023-24 and 2024-25 calendars, Covino said they have been drafted with an eye toward returning to a more traditional schedule aligned with feeder schools



"Our goal as a committee was to get back, by the end of this construction schedule, to the type of calendar

that everyone has become used to." — Chris Covino

and other districts in DuPage County.

"Our goal as a committee was to get back, by the end of this construction schedule, to the type of calendar that everyone has become used to," Covino said.

The board members postponed a vote on the three-year calendar proposal to an April meeting so provide families with more time to review the recommendations and provide feedback.

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DUI arrest

Kevin C. Backus, 51, 437 Ridge Ave., Clarendon Hills, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08 and speeding at 1:13 a.m. March 10 in the 5900 block of South Madison Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Arrests on warrants

• James R. Pantel, 32, 38575 N. Lewis Ave., Beach Park, was arrested on a warrant out of Lake County at 10:26 p.m. March 12 at County Line Road and 55th Street after a property damage crash. The suspect was a passenger in one of the vehicles involved. He was taken to DuPage County Jail.

• Benino Nino, 27, 260 N. Calhoun St., Aurora, was arrested on a warrant out of the Aurora Police Department at 1:01 a.m. March 12 at Ogden and Cass avenues after being stopped for a registration inquiry. He was given court information and released on bond.

Vehicle theft suspect pursued

Police were notified of a suspect who fled from Villa Park Police in a stolen vehicle south on Route 83 from Roosevelt Road at 12:27 a.m. March 13. The suspect was located in the 500 block of West 55th Street but fled from police attempting to stop him. The suspect later crashed his vehicle in North Riverside and was taken into custody by North Riverside Police.

IBLP windows vandalized

Windows were damaged at the Institute in Basic Life Principles, 950 N. Madison St., between March 4 and 7. The damage appeared to have been caused by large rocks that were found on the ground by the damaged windows. There were no signs of entry to the building, and nothing was reported missing. The incident was reported March 9.

Fraud incidents reported

• Someone claiming to be an employee of Union Church, 137 S. Garfield Ave., emailed the church a request to change bank account information for direct deposit between Feb. 1 and March 10. A loss of \$2,532.64 was reported.

• An unknown suspect cashed a fraudulent check for \$4,000 against the checking account of a resident of the 200 block of Racquet Club Court between March 7 and 14.

• Someone cashed a fraudulent check against business checking account of AKAT Scrap Metal, 15 Spinning Wheel, on Feb. 11. The incident was reported March 8.

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.

Judge finds Hinsdale man not guilty of DUI

Gregory Kentra of Hinsdale was found not guilty Jan. 26 of driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident in connection with an incident March 11, 2021, at Madison

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■ “I’ve always wanted to help other people and that’s what I want to do with the rest of my life.” — **Emma Gerhard**

Teen promotes heart health with junior board post

Extracurricular activities can help students make new friends, explore their creativity or hone their athletic skills. They also can save lives.

Hinsdale resident Emma Gerhard is a junior at Benet Academy in Lisle and co-president of the Young Hearts For Life Junior Board. Founded by Dr. Joseph Marek in 2006, YH4L performs cardiac screenings on thousands of high school students each year. In its 16-year history, YH4L has screened more than a quarter million teenagers and referred 3,100 students for potentially life-saving follow-up screenings.

“Basically, we give free EKGs to high school students,” said Gerhard, who has been a member of the junior board for three years. She’s one of 20 high school students from 12 area schools who help to organize and facilitate screenings throughout the Chicago area. Junior board members also raise money for the program and create educational videos to raise awareness of the screenings and the life-threatening conditions they are designed to detect.

Gerhard and the rest of the six-member executive board meet monthly to further their own knowledge and to plan future events. They sometimes have guest speakers, such as a doctor in the field or someone who has suffered from a heart condition.

Cardiology has long been of interest to Gerhard, but she said her involvement with YH4L stems not only from her desire to be a doctor one day, but from her desire to help others.

“I’ve always wanted to help other people and that’s what I want to do with the rest of my life,” Gerhard said. “I am so excited to be a part of an organization that promotes such important, life-saving work in the community.”

She plans to be in attendance when YH4L visits Hinsdale Central High School on Thursday, March 24 (see Page 18 for details.) She encourages every student to register for a screening. The last time YH4L visited Hinsdale Central, 13 students were referred for further testing.

“With each screening we end up detecting a number of kids with problems,” Gerhard said.



EMMA GERHARD

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Having had the screening herself, Gerhard said the test is simple and painless. It involves placing sticky patches to the arms, legs and chest to detect potential problems with the heart or circulation.

“It’s very short,” she said. “It’s pretty quick and relatively easy, and it can quite literally save a life.”

Those who attended the screening two years ago

should get screened again, Gerhard said, because conditions can develop over time.

Prior to becoming involved with YH4L, Gerhard said she thought EKGs were just for people who had suffered a heart attack or had a diagnosed heart condition. That’s just one of many things she’s learned as a part of the junior board.

“It definitely solidified that I want to go into medicine,” she said.

YH4L not only helps to prevent the loss of life, it also provides medical and emotional support to those who have lost loved ones to cardiac events.

“It really fosters a sense of community,” Gerhard said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

New season brings new ways to appreciate village

In just three days, we can officially bid farewell to winter.

At 10:33 a.m. Sunday, March 20, the Northern Hemisphere will celebrate the Spring Equinox, the time when daylight begins to win out over darkness.

Some TV meteorologists might have led you to believe that the start of spring — “meteorological spring” — was March 1. They made that up.

The vernal equinox marks the halfway point between the winter solstice in December and the summer solstice in June, marking the shortest and longest days of the year, respectively.

All this has to do with the migration of the sun’s rays from the Tropic of Cancer to the Tropic of Capricorn and the earth’s orbit and other things like that. But hey, we’re not meteorologists. We’re just excited for the start of spring, especially here in Hinsdale.

After all, there is plenty to enjoy about springtime in this town. Here are a few of our favorites.

- Watching the piles of snow that have spent the winter in the parking lot at the Hinsdale Community Pool shrink from mountains to rolling hills.

- Seeing phrases like “spring bulbs” and “floral attire” are appearing on our pages (in a Vern Goers ad and Society Spotlight column, respectively).

- Hearing the Hinsdale Village Board talk about plans for outdoor dining in the central business district.

- Observing the blankets of white snow that surrounded homes in real estate ad photos have been replaced by verdant green lawns.

- Holding on to hope in the west wing of The Hinsdalean’s office that the Cubs will have a better season than the White Sox (while the east wing hopes the opposite).

- Anticipating the first Uniquely Thursdays concert, which is only 13 weeks away.

- Seeing the smiling faces of rows and rows of pansies blooming in the greenhouse at Vern Goers.

- Enjoying fun-filled and relaxing week on a sunny beach or on the slopes or overseas or even right here in town during spring break.

- Watching hundreds of plastic eggs disappear from the field at Robbins Park in less than two minutes during the village’s annual Easter egg hunt.

- Noticing tips of tulips sticking up through the ground in the central business district.

- Taking advantage of opportunities to get outdoors and raise money to support worthy causes, including the Walk for Ukraine this Saturday, the Walk for Wellness May 1 and the Walk the Walk for Mental Health May 15.

Happy spring, Hinsdaleans!

COMMENTARY

Laughter, good friends get us through tough times

We stood in the green room Saturday night before our final performance of “Hinsdale Unmasked” and talked about all that’s happened since our last Community Revue in 2020.

We’ve lost three longtime cast members — Dick Johnson, BJ Chimenti and Ly Hotchkin. We’ve dealt with individual losses and unwelcome diagnoses and other challenges. Oh, and there’s been that other little thing: the global pandemic.

It was the most emotional pre-show gathering I’ve experienced in the eight shows I’ve done since 2004. We shed a few tears. We hugged. We also laughed.

We’ve laughed a lot since our first rehearsal in January — mostly when our director, Dave Heilmann, was desperately trying to help us create a show that was actually funny.

Some of my favorite moments were while Dave was coaching everyone on the “Cheers” song and how to behave when they saw my character, Karen (the original Karen, Hinsdale Karen, after which

all other Karens got their name). He tried to give them something to compare this truly awful character to: a zoo animal, a car accident, a freak, the scourge of the town, a repulsive pile of vomit. Yes, I kept a list. And cracked up with each new horrible descriptor he offered.

We laughed when we realized Tony and Maria’s wedding would be officiated by the Pope (only the best for Hinsdale weddings!). And that my real-life husband, Dan, would play the Pope and tell me to go to H-E-double hockey sticks on stage.

We laughed when Gina first did a crazy little bit from “A Chorus Line” during the therapy scene that ended up being set to music and one of the highlights of the show. We laughed when Laura all of a sudden started playing Brenda as completely neurotic. We laughed when Amanda tried to teach us dance steps we were pretty sure we were not coordinated enough



Pamela Lannom

to do.

Laughter, Dave always reminds us, is the light that gets people through darkness. How lucky, he told us in the green room Saturday, that we had the chance to make the audience laugh.

Audience members like Norm Chimenti, who lost his wife, BJ, to cancer in 2021. He stopped by before Saturday’s show

to give each one of us a hug and a rose from BJ.

Make him laugh, Dave told us after he left the green room. He needs it.

Dave has needed to laugh, too. Two years ago, when he played the Chance Man in our production of “Hinsdopoly,” it was the first time he had been back on stage since losing the love of his life and mom to his four kids, Erica, to cancer in 2018. She fought for eight years. She was 43.

You might think after a loss like that, a pain he said he never knew existed, he would have a tough

time laughing again. But humor, he told me, was a powerful enough lift to give him the legs to walk onto that stage.

Dave has long seen humor as an escape from the things that haunt us, if only for a couple of hours while we’re rehearsing or performing in or watching a show. And this year, he wrote in the stagebill, we all need to laugh a little bit more.

We also need to know, perhaps now more than ever, that someone has our back. Dan H. reminded us of that before every performance.

So to all my revue friends — Megan, Deanna, Tim, Teri, Dave, Dan H., Mike, Gina, Laura, Bill, Dan L., Alisa, Craig, Susan, Michelle, John, Neil, Peggy, Steph, Jim, Amanda, Gail and Rick — thanks for being more like family. Thanks for making me laugh. Thanks for working so hard to make others laugh. Thanks for having my back. I am extremely fortunate and beyond grateful to have you all in my life.

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

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Tips from one adult to an (almost) adult

Incredibly, we will be celebrating my youngest child's 21st birthday in a couple of weeks. Now I know you're probably expecting another "I can't believe I'm that old" column, but instead I thought I



John Bourjaily

would take this opportunity to impart some sage advice to my soon-to-be-legal daughter. It just might be good advice for all of us.

Enjoy your first beer (insert "wink" emoji here). Maybe even two. But I'm telling you, it only goes downhill after that. I may or may not be speaking from experience. But trust me, it's just not worth it.

Eat your vegetables. Take it from a junk food fanatic who can't stop at just one (or two, or three ...) potato chips. You'll be much happier when you go to bed at night.

Exercise. But do not exercise because of what you see in the mirror. Exercise for what's between your ears. I find the solace of a good workout essential to my mental well-being. And it's when I come up with my best writing ideas!

Which reminds me: Be creative. The world is too analytical. I'm probably the least creative person I know. But every so often I manage to conjure up a few words that lead to a few sentences that somehow lead to a whole newspaper column. Writing isn't your thing? That's OK. Learn to draw. Take up basket weaving. Teach yourself to play the tuba.

Take chances. It took me 48 years to realize this one. You'll sense if it doesn't feel right. But you'll never know what will happen if you don't risk taking that first step.

Be honest.

Despite what you see and hear around you, there is no replacement for being honest with others and with yourself. We live in a disingenuous universe. Even if it's not what you think other people want to hear, it really is the best policy.

Don't judge. This is a big one. Physical appearance, politics, personal preferences, what kind of coffee you drink. We all think we're right, and it's ruining humanity. Respect others' issues, opinions and approaches to life no matter how different they are from yours. One day you may find you actually agree with someone with a seemingly different viewpoint. But you'll never know if you always presume that they're wrong.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot there's one more thing you must always remember. I will always be your dad and you will always be my little girl. That means I still get to hug you in public, reminisce about our "lunch" trips to Costco and embarrass you in front of your friends.

At least now we can both have an adult beverage while I'm doing it. Cheers!

— *John Bourjaily of Golfview Hills is a contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why is the superintendent on Zoom with clergy leaders?

Superintendent Prentiss has now been revealed (FOIA 1099) to have met on Zoom with a group of local clergy leaders. In an email between Prentiss and a local pastor on Jan 27, the pastor discusses the need for "people with political skill sets" to be brought into their conversations. On Jan. 28, just one day after community members begin publicly calling for Prentiss' resignation, Prentiss indicates her preference for meeting with a group of clergy because "I think we are at ICU level."

On Feb. 8, that meeting with local clergy leaders takes place with Prentiss. BOE President Terri Walker also twice confirmed that she would attend the call, although her actual participation is not documented. What is the "ICU level" Prentiss refers to? Could it be that Prentiss caused her own emergency on Jan. 13

by reading and publicly releasing a consultant's incendiary letter that Prentiss, herself, helped write. The letter, co-written by the consultant who visited Hinsdale for one single morning and Prentiss, slanders Hinsdale, labeling it as "dangerous" and "not safe." Why is Prentiss seeking help from "ICU level?"

Since the reading of the doctored letter and revelations about the Zoom meeting with clergy leaders, calls for Prentiss resignation have reached a fever pitch. When will the D86 Board of Education come to the conclusion that D86 needs trustworthy leadership, not manipulation? Until they do, please join over 1,300 of your neighbors in calling for Prentiss' contract to be terminated. Sign the petition at Change.org/StopPrentiss. — **Angie Sartori, Clarendon Hills**

Just1mike junior board members promote screenings

As Hinsdale Central students and just1mike Junior Board members, we wanted to inform families about the Young Hearts for Life free in-school EKG heart screenings being held at Hinsdale Central on March 24 and Hinsdale South on April 7.

Just1mike is co-sponsoring the free EKG screenings facilitated by YH4L. Just1mike was founded after Michael Brindley, a sophomore at Hinsdale Central, died tragically in 2016 from sudden cardiac arrest.

Michael's family is dedicated to ensuring no other family suffers the tragic loss of a child due to SCA. Many are unaware that each week in the United States, 60 young adults suffer sudden cardiac

death. Also, SCA is the No. 1 killer of student athletes and the No. 1 cause of death on school campuses nationwide. EKG tests can detect up to 70 percent of hidden heart defects, but if there is no test, there is no result, and no knowledge.

At previous EKG screenings held at Hinsdale Central, six students were ultimately diagnosed with hidden heart conditions. Lives were saved! The screenings are completely free, but you must register your student. Please visit Hinsdale Central or Hinsdale South websites for further information. — **Nikolai Rhodes, Bridget Schwarz, Connor Schwarz and Isabella Styka, just1mike Junior Board members**



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OBITUARIES

Barbara L. Dorn

Barbara L. Dorn, 94, of Clarendon Hills passed away peacefully Dec. 23, 2021.

Born and raised on the South Side, Barbara loved White Sox baseball and Chicago. She was an active church-goer, avid reader and life-long learner who enjoyed travel, opera and a nightly Manhattan. She generously gave her time, volunteering with the local library, the Girl Scouts and the PTA, and helped the Infant Welfare Society launch the Christmas luminaria program.



Dorn

She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas E. Dorn.

She is survived by her children, Marilyn, Thomas (Deborah) and Karen (Greg); her grandchildren, Jennifer (Ken), Trae (Crysta), David and Samantha (Brian); and her great-grandchildren, Ethan and Amelia.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Ave., Downers Grove.

Thomas McCleary

Thomas McCleary, a 19-year Hinsdale resident, passed away March 12, 2022, after fighting a courageous battle against cancer.

Tom, 63, was born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit. He lived in New York City and Chicago before settling in Hinsdale.

He received an engineering degree from University of Michigan and an MBA from the Wharton School Business. He spent 30 years in the financial markets and upon retiring, joined his wife, Megan, in residential real estate.

Tom was married to the love of his life, Megan, for 23 years, and he adored his two children, Sean and Anna.

He had a contagious positive attitude and brought joy, enthusiasm and kindness to everything he did. A passionate golfer, Tom was a member of Beverly Country Club, Calusa Pines and a founding member of The Chicago Highlands. He was also an avid scuba diver and lover of life, living with no regrets with his mantra of "do it today and don't put life off until tomorrow."



McCleary

Tom was a proud and active supporter of Greenhouse Scholars mentoring and donating his time and wisdom to help high achieving, low-income students succeed in college and beyond.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia McCleary.

He is survived by his wife, Megan McCleary, nee Hughes; his children, Sean and Anna; his father, Jack; his siblings, Therese (Ed) Joseph, Cathy (Thomas) Tesauro, Dan McCleary, and John (Lori) McCleary; his parents-in-law, Bill and Margaret Hughes; his siblings-in-law, Pam (Chris) Shannon, Beth (Gen) Lane-Hughes and Amy Beu; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A funeral Mass was held March 15 at Notre Dame Church in Clarendon Hills.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Greenhouse Scholars at <https://greenhousescholars.org> or to the American Cancer Society at <https://www.cancer.org>.

Virginia A. Rea

Virginia A. "Ginny" Rea, nee Battershell, 76, of Darien died March 11, 2022.

Ginny was a proud alum of Longwood Academy, where she solidified lifelong friendships. Ginny loved to dance, travel and spend time with her friends and family. She will be missed dearly.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Robert J. Rea; her children, Kerry (Michael) Turgeon of Hinsdale and Kelly (Pete) Yensel; her grandchildren, Ryan, Katie and Meghan Turgeon and Jack, Will and Joseph Yensel; and many cousins, nieces and



Rea

nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Inurnment will follow at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the West Suburban Humane Society at www.wshs-dg.org are appreciated.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

David F. Shutack

David F. Shutack, 69, a longtime Hinsdale resident, passed away unexpectedly, March 7, 2022.

He was born in 1952 in Oak Park.

Dave was a free spirit and had fond memories of backpacking through Glacier National Park and exploring the Bahamas. He peppered conversations with jokes that ranged from the simple and silly to the irreverent and complex. A contemplative man who earned a master's in philosophy from the University of Chicago, he crafted clever messages for commercials during his career in advertising.

A lifelong Bears and Cubs buff, Dave was an even bigger fan of any team or endeavor his children pursued. He loved to travel and take his family on wonderful trips and his generosity knew no bounds. He adored his beloved pets, Harry



Shutack

and Wynne. His family appreciates the kindness and friendship of Wabi, Ray and Wassim.

He is survived by his children, Laura and Jack; his friend and former wife, Patsy; his step-siblings, Kate McDonnell, Molly Pelzer, Dan Duffy and Nora Duffy; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Peter and James; and his parents, John and Suzanne.

A time of remembrance was held March 16. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls of Chicago, 1140 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 or online at <https://www.donate.mercyhome.org>.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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GOOD NEWS

CENTRAL WRITERS RECEIVE AWARDS

Sixteen Hinsdale Central students were recently recognized by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers in conjunction with its Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Entries submitted for the competition from students at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South earned a total of 63 awards, which included 12 Gold Keys, 22 Silver Keys and 29 Honorable mentions.

Central winners are

- Jacqueline Bousquette, honorable mention, painting
- Elia Crisan, honorable mention, drawing and illustration
- Amy Dong, three Gold Keys, painting; Silver Key, art portfolio
- Ella Graeb, honorable mention, ceramics and glass
- Yanning Jiao, two Gold Keys, Silver Key and two honorable mentions, drawing and illustration; Silver Key, mixed media
- Fatima Khan, Gold Key, Silver Key and honorable men-

tion, digital art

- Wilhelmina Kratz, honorable mention, art portfolio
- Isabella Levinthal, Gold Key and honorable mention, painting
- Bridget McBride, honorable mention, mixed media
- Abigail McMillin, two honorable mentions, drawing and illustration
- Madeline Miller, honorable mention, digital art
- Doreah Salti, honorable mention, drawing and illustration
- Mara Severts, honorable mention, art portfolio
- Audrey Song, Silver Key, drawing and illustration
- Tiffany Tu, Gold Key, painting; Silver Key and two honorable mentions, drawing and illustration
- Rachel Zuo, Gold Key, painting

OAK SCHOOL WINS BATTLE OF BOOKS

Oak School won a tie-breaker with Madison School to capture first place in the District 181 Battle of the Books compe-

tion Feb. 24 at Elm School.

Team members are Amelia Bingham, Sloane Breton, Emily Catton, Saira Joshi, Talie Mason and Caroline Thangamani. The team was coached by Colleen Malone, Jessica Brady and Anne Rigazio.

This year, 275 fourth- and fifth-graders in District 181 participated. Preparation began a year in advance as teacher-librarians researched and read multiple titles to select the books and then wrote questions of varying difficulty for each book.

Clubs begin meeting in late October through early November and worked for about 12 weeks reading, discussing and answering questions about the 20 different books. Students were required to know the full title and author's last name when they answered questions during the competition. A top group was selected from each school to move on to the districtwide competition.

"Battle of the Books is so much more than just the fun of competition," said Susan

Petersen, teacher-librarian at Elm. "It promotes a love of reading, exposes students to a variety of award-winning books and authors, and it also fosters camaraderie and a sense of belonging being part of a team with their peers."

A photo appears online at <https://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean>.

COLLEGE STUDENTS EARN RECOGNITION

• Peter Didicher of Hinsdale recently earned membership into Delta Phi academic honor society and the Academic Fourragere Award at Missouri Military Academy.

Delta Phi fosters high ideals of character, encourages scholarship, promotes the best interest of the corps of cadets and cherishes and preserve the traditions of the academy. To qualify for membership, cadets must remain in high academic standing for consecutive marking periods.

The Academic Fourragere Award is presented by the academic dean to cadets who earn

a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for two consecutive marking periods.

• Christina Aucoin of Hinsdale was one of more than 150 University of Iowa students who served in leadership positions for the 28th annual student-led Dance Marathon, which generated more than \$1.3 million for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. She was a member of the finance committee.

FENWICK SENIOR A MERIT FINALIST

Lindsey Drumm of Hinsdale, a senior at Fenwick High School, is among the 15,000 individuals from across the country who have been named finalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

In order to qualify as a finalist, students must continue to meet specific requirements and criteria, including having a record of consistently very high academic performance in all of grades nine through 12 and in any college course work taken.

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ALEX KENNEDY AND SAM BELL, ATHLETIC TRAINERS

What do athletic trainers do?

The state runner-up trophy was on the line for Hinsdale Central's boys swim and dive program late last month. But injuries threatened to undermine a key relay team's performance.

Athletic trainers Sam Bell and Alex Kennedy came through, and so did the relay, helping the Red Devils bring home the hardware.

"One kid came over to me and was like, 'Thank you so much!' and just gives me the biggest hug, because he wouldn't have been able to swim the race," Bell recounted. "That was a really cool moment."

March is National Athletic Training Month, acknowledging those who administer treatment — often on short notice — to keep young athletes on their game, from pre-game ankle taping to post-competition shin splints.

"It's never-ending influx of people," said Kennedy in the basement training room.

And spring can be extra relentless.

"The 13 sports brings a lot of kids, more than our winter

season" Kennedy said.

Plus they have to be ready to respond when Central is the host school.

"We have a lot more home events per day in the spring than we typically do in the fall or winter," Bell said. "Some days we have 12 home events. Just juggling that between the two of us and running around making sure that everyone's taken care of."

A thank-you poster features comments from appreciative students, often of the tongue-in-cheek variety.

"They taught me about Frederick Douglas," reads one.

"The sweetest!" proclaims another. "They laugh at my pain."

The remarks speak to the close connections Kennedy, in her fifth year on staff, and Bell, in her third, forge with their prep patients. Some stop by for the relational care as much as the medical care.

"We have our 'frequent fliers,'" Kennedy quipped of their regular visitors.

From dating to college decisions, they become pseudo-therapists for more than physical recovery.

"They'll just sit and talk to us for hours on end," Bell added. "Them having that comfort allows us to

help them as much as possible."

As former high school athletes themselves, they can easily relate to the teens.

"We both played sports in high school and both of us were injured," Kennedy said. "That kind of led us here."

"I wanted to be around sports even after I was done playing," Bell commented. "This way I was able to help people, which is very nice."

While some might regard meeting with an athletic trainers as a harbinger of going on the injured list, that's not how they see their role.

"We're here to keep your athletes on the field," Kennedy said. "We're going to do everything we can to keep you on the field."

Reconnecting with alums is among the payoffs

"They'll stop back all the time and come say 'Hi' to us," Bell said.

And knowing that students were able to pursue their passions is the sweetest reward.

"Just that we were there to support them through their career," remarked Kennedy.

"It's fun to get to see them grow up and mature as a person over the four years," Bell said.

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale Central athletic trainers Alex Kennedy and Sam Bell say their job requires an even-tempered approach with students. "You have to go with the flow and have a good sense of humor," Bell said, "but also have the ability to put your foot down when you need to." (Jim Slonoff photo)



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GOOD NEWS

CHMS HONOR ROLL RELEASED

Clarendon Hills Middle School has announced the names of students who earned a place on the honor roll for the first semester of the 2021-22 school year.

Sixth grade Honor roll

Cameron Andrejevic, Kaden Aucoin, Angel Bazan, Ethan Brubaker, Everleigh Carter, James Clapacs, Thomas Clark, Hanna Darin, Gavin Dejuras, Nicholas Hadden, Taylor Haggerty, Jack Hamman, Stella Heintskill, Lucy Hoyt, Hunter Kauffman, Joseph Kearney, Jessie Keiner

Cameron Livingston, Reese Marcet, Liam McFarland, Finnegan McInerney, Ella Myall, Andrew Nield, Jaelynn

Okuyama, Jack Omienski, Charles Parwani, Carl Pedersen, Connor Plunkett, Charles Tomforde, Charles Tornabene, Gabriella Trejo, Braden Ward

Principal's honor roll

Danya Ahmed, Olivia Alt, David Altman, Sofia Angeletti, Marin Backus, Audrey Bailey, Jay Baird, Jordan Baker, Eva Balzekas, Caitlin

Bannon, Cameron Barnes, Jayden Bhattacharyya, Luke Carmody, Thomas Chase, Alina Chaudhary, Mila Chemmachel, Aslan Choi, Abigail Cooper, Henry Crabb, Iris Crisan, Liam Dawravoo, Cole Dean, Tanvi Desai, Arik Devata, Samuel DiPasquale, Avery Draudt, Anne Earley, Emma Erwin, Isabella Feng, Theodore Fikri, Weston Flanagan, Kendall Forcash, Charles Foster, Warner Freve

Amelia Gaffney, Jack Gerrard, Evangeline Gin, Gabriella Gjeldum, Alex Griebenow, Mihir Gupta, Surav Gupta, Cole Gurland, Olivia Harding, Hannah Herrick, Grace Hill, Molly Hill, Nathan Horton, Natalie Jiang, Jayna Johnson, Michael Jorski, Kotryna Kaminskaite, Laura Kaminskaite, Arjun Kaushal-Goel, Qays Khartibil, Clare Killeen, Claudia Kitley, Charlotte Knotts, Jason Koranda, Nolan Korn, Amelia LaCrosse, Henry Lauerman, Evelyn Letizia, Henry Letizia, Hannah Lindenmeyer, Capriana Lipari, Livia Luo, Riley Lynch

Madeline Maggio, Zoe Manning, Ella Marchese, Abigail Matricaria, Kieran Matthews, Benny Maxwell, Nellie McInerney, Augustine McLinn, Graham Moody, Veronica Mool, Zahra Musabji, John Ordway, Elliott Pain, Joshua Park, Luke Petersen, John Phillips, Elizabeth Podboy, Christos Rackos, Trifon Reed, Emily Richardson, Evelyn Saxton, Fiona Duffy Schimpf, Grady Schroeder, Anusha Sekhadia, Norah Seraphin, Michael Sharples, Evan Shayan, Madison Shum, Yash Singh, Lawson Stanner, Natalie Sullivan, Peyton Szurgot, Linus Szymanski, Naomi Tang, Joshua Tarnowski, Dylan Tekwani, Abigail Thies, Riyan Thukral, Larissa Toro, Kavin Tucke, Nina-Maria Utsi, Sophia Virmani, Elsa Voight, Molly Waters, Kylie Wheeler, Allison Whiteside, Colette Wilson, Henry Wiseman, Kylin Woods, Anjana Yalamanchi, Sophia Yarzagaray, Nicolette Zahn, Luke Zajicek

Seventh grade Honor roll

Caitlin Alsmann, Samantha Anglin, Tayah Arnouk, Eva Butterbach, Justin Carlevato, Lana Chiarito, Oliver Clary, Riley Collins, Daniel D'Aprile, Lorenzo DaSilva, Ryan Davis, Sahil Desai, James Erceg, Caroline Gantar, Samuel Gilman, Annabel Hawk, Jack Hickey, Luke Injaychock, Charlie Jeffords, Sophia Kavuliak, Sophia Kostich, Kaleigh Kozlowski, Zachary Kunitz, Samuel Lawrence, Johnna Levine

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Local artist's work part of new exhibit

C/Overt Observations features work of well-known artists and one emerging photographer

By Pamela Lannom
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The C/Overt Observations exhibit at Virgil Catherine Gallery in Hinsdale includes works by celebrity photographer Udo Spreitzenbarth and painter Guy Stanley Philoche. Oh, and Hinsdale Central graduate Jared Callaway.

Five of 21-year-old Callaway's photographs are part of the exhibit organized by gallery owner Catherine Ponakala. She first learned of Callaway when his mom, Hinsdale's Kathryn Occhipinti, stopped in and mentioned her son was a photographer with a number of Chicago scenes.

"We didn't have someone representing Chicago photojournalism," Ponakala said. "We had this show, C/Overt Observations coming up, it seemed like a great fit."

Callaway said he's been taking pictures since he was about 10 and got a point and shoot camera. A junior at Columbia College, now living in the city, he shoots a variety of subjects for the school paper, the Columbia Chronicle. But all of his photographs for this exhibit are of Chicago. Some offer expansive views of the skyline or down Michigan Avenue. "Alleyway Archive" focuses in on a specific building.

"I really like this," Callaway said.

"You see look-up shots of buildings, but a lot of times it is a daylight shot. This is changing it up, doing it at night.

"I think this building is really interesting because it's very ornamental," he added. "It's actually in the alley. It's the back of the building — it's not even in front of it."

Callaway said he's inspired by photographers he follows on Instagram and what he observes while spending time in the city.

"A lot of time I don't necessarily plan out what I'm going to shoot," he said. "I do like just walking around and doing street photography and other types of photography, too."

Ponakala said she appreciates the opportunity to showcase the work of artists like Spreitzenbarth and premier Canadian photographer Laura Jane Petelko alongside that of young artists like Callaway.

"These are people who are getting a lot of attention, nationally and internationally, which is really great for an emerging artist," she said. "That's one of the things we've always tried to do as a gallery. If you don't give people a break, how does their work ever get seen?"

Ponakala, who co-curated the exhibit with Philoche, said they looked for a theme that fit with the pulse of the world as it endured and emerged from the



Hinsdale's Jared Callaway stands next to two of his photographs that are part of the C/Overt Observations exhibit at Virgil Catherine Gallery in Hinsdale. They are titled "Wabash at Night" and "Alleyway Archive." The young artist said he took every photography class offered at Hinsdale Central. (Jim Slonoff photos)

COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think it was a time of reflection and I think it was a time of observation," she said. "People are both observing and being observed. That's what happens during an art reception. You are observing the work and people are observing you observing the work."

The gallery will host a reception

for this exhibit from 5 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 19. This is fifth artist reception the gallery has hosted since it opened in June 2021, and Ponakala said she expects a couple hundred people to pass through the doors over the three hours.

"People come in and out. We always have a bartender. This will be nice. This will be the first one with no masks," she said.

Ponakala said people don't need to be art experts in order to attend the reception or make a purchase.

"I always tell people it's about having fun," she said. "This isn't serious business. Come in, have a glass of wine, talk to the artists, relax and have fun.

"You don't have to understand art history. You just have to know what you love," she added.

People also should know they don't have to spend \$30,000 on a piece of art — especially if they are buying from an emerging artist like Callaway. His 24-by-36-inch photos are selling for \$2,600 each.

"Our whole tagline is 'I bought early,'" Ponakala said.

Callaway said he's excited to attend his first reception as one of the artists on exhibition.

"It should be cool," he said. "I'm definitely looking forward to it."



Several works by renowned art, fashion and celebrity photographer Udo Spreitzenbarth, who has captured celebrities such as Tyra Banks, The Jonas Brothers, John Legend, Cindy Crawford and more, are part of the exhibit, which runs through Saturday, April 16.

PULSE



Dan Thompson, wildlife ecologist for the DuPage County Forest Preserve District, releases a Blanding's turtle to the wild. The turtle hatched at Brookfield Zoo as part of a "head-start" program for the species — the topic for a virtual lecture on March 23. See Page 24 for details. (photo by Jim Schulz/CZS-Brookfield Zoo)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Figure Drawing with Live Model

March 24
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Gather for this wine and paint party in a relaxed atmosphere for people of all levels. The instructor will guide participants through the materials and techniques to create a masterpiece to take home. Art supplies and stemware are provided. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$45. RR, MD

■ Hinsdale Art Contest

April 1 deadline
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.

Junior village artists are invited to submit an original or a copy of artwork for display in the library's Youth and Young Adult Department. Patrons will vote on their favorite artwork and winners will be announced April 20. Entries can be submitted by

April 1 in person or via email at youth@hinsdalelibrary.info. Artwork will not be returned.

■ Ayanah Moore

Through April 10
Cleve Carney Museum of Art
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

The Chicago-based artist presents her exhibit "I Wish I Could Be You More Often," utilizing paintings, prints, drawings and performance to generate alternative histories, often repositioning the subject as a corrective gesture or to create counter narratives. Her work engages subversive and demonstrative displays of blackness that locate love, fear, myth and desire. An Artist Talk will be held at 11 a.m. March 22. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.

CENTRAL TIME

■ **Student heart screening**
March 24

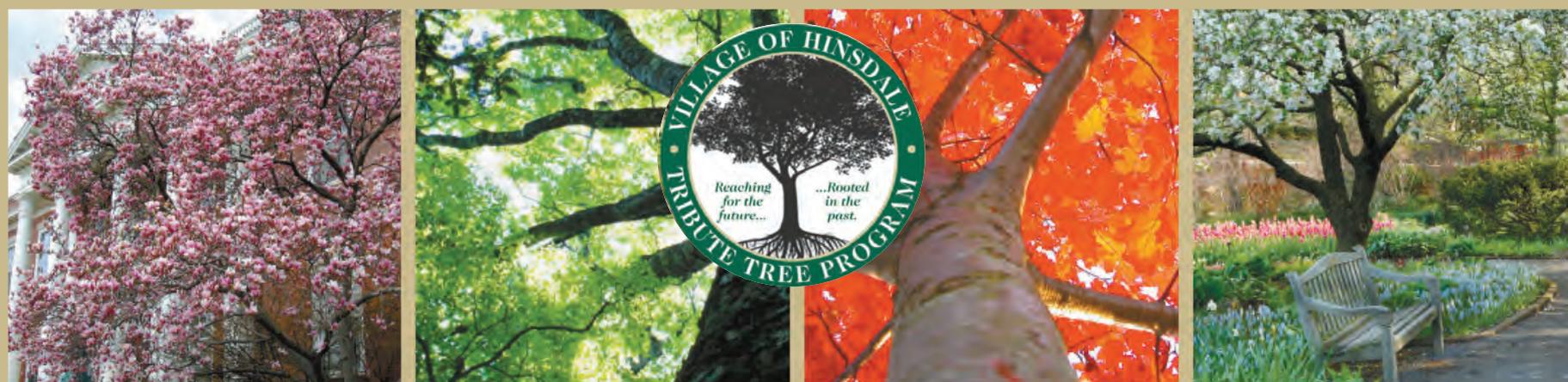
https://screenings.yh4l.org/YH_enroll.aspx?echo=false

Hinsdale Central will host a free heart screening for students in partnership with Young Hearts 4 Life during their PE/Health/drivers ed class time. At the last such screening, 13 Central students were identified with previously undiagnosed cardiac conditions. Students must register to receive the screening using the website above; if they do not have a PE class in their schedule, they can complete the screening during their lunch period or study hall on March 23. Adult volunteers are needed to help on screening day, and volunteers can sign up at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/ecure/1106989303285982054/false#/invitation>.

FAMILY FUN

■ **Chinese Nursery Rhymes**
March 21 & 28
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

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- Supt. Tammy Prentiss intentionally misled District 86 stakeholders, the Board of Education and the media during the 1/13/22 Board meeting when she read a divisive and defamatory withdrawal letter received from Valda Valbrun, a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion consultant.
- Supt. Prentiss failed to disclose that, shortly before the BOE meeting, she added two highly inflammatory sentences to Valbrun’s original language, which labeled Hinsdale as “shameful”, “a dangerous place” to work and stated that Valbrun feared for her physical safety.
- Supt. Prentiss acted dishonestly and unethically in deliberately creating the impression that the doctored withdrawal letter had been submitted by Valbrun.
- Supt. Prentiss read the embellished letter aloud at the 1/13/22 BOE meeting, without prior Board approval, triggering highly negative media coverage (including the Chicago Tribune and TV news) that portrayed Hinsdale and other District 86 communities as racist and openly hostile to persons of color.
- Supt. Prentiss exhibited unsound and unprofessional judgment, and a callous disregard for the welfare of D86 students, by also distributing the misleading and divisive withdrawal letter in a communication emailed to all students and their parents.
- **Tammy Prentiss can no longer carry out her responsibilities as the Superintendent of District 86. Her divisive conduct, lack of integrity and inability to build consensus have negated her ability to effectively perform her job.**

Original Valbrun Email (January 12, 2022 10:41 PM)

From: Valda Valbrun on behalf of Valda Valbrun <valda@valbrunconsulting.com>
 To: Tammy Prentiss
 Cc: Michelle Dore
 Subject: Withdrawal of proposal
 Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 10:41:18 PM

Good evening Superintendent Prentiss,

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

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

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

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

Best,
Valda Valbrun
Chief Executive Officer
She/Her

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Prentiss Revisions to Valbrun Email (January 13, 2022 1:43 PM)

From: Tammy Prentiss on behalf of Tammy Prentiss <tprentis@hinsdale86.org>
 To: Valda Valbrun
 Subject: please review
 Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 1:43:52 PM

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

Respectfully, the events of today (1/12), coupled with the manner in which I was treated upon visiting your district, lead me to conclude that The Valbrun Consulting Group is not the right partner. The vitriol and lack of professionalism in the direct messages I received from members of your school community, demonstrates a clear lack of goodwill to address issues of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in your district. **I got several messages yesterday and really think Hinsdale is a dangerous place and would not be physically comfortable there.**

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

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

—
Tammy Prentiss Ed.S.
Hinsdale Township High School District 86
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tprentis@hinsdale86.org

For the complete language of this Petition, please visit and sign:

www.change.org/StopPrentiss



Paid for by CUSP (Citizens United to Stop Prentiss), Kay Gallo, Spokesperson
(former Member and President of Hinsdale Township School District 86 Board of Education)

GOOD NEWS

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(630) 986-1976

This virtual Hinsdale Public Library family program is open to all who want to learn Chinese language and culture. Time: 10:30 to 11 a.m. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ Tree-Plenish

March 24 order deadline
<http://tpevents.org/school/2255>

Support Hinsdale Central's Ecology Club sustainability effort to offset the school's paper use by purchasing a sapling, with a selection of pin oak, red maple or red oak, species native to the region. At least 150 saplings must be planted to compensate for the school's 1.5 million sheets of paper used. Volunteers will distribute the saplings April 24 on campus. Questions should be directed to club sponsor Cherise Lopez at clopez@hinsdale86.org. Cost: \$5 per sapling.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Wingin' it with Waterfowl

March 19

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

Figure out who's who on the pond. Dabble or dive into waterfowl identification using some simple methods with an indoor presentation. The program is for ages 14 and older. Time 1 p.m. RR

■ Trout Fishing for Kids

March 26

Wood Dale Grove Forest Preserve
Wood Dale Road north of Lake Street, Wood Dale
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Kids ages 15 and younger are invited to feel the thrill of catching fish from a freshly stocked Grove Lake before the official spring opener. Family members 16 and older are welcome to join the young anglers but may not fish themselves. Bait is provided and some equipment will be available for loan, but participants are encouraged to bring their own gear. Time: 8 a.m. to noon.

■ Watch Out for Woodcocks!

March 31

Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 833-7248

Walk with a birding expert on a search for the amazing mating displays of the American woodcock. Learn about the mysterious lives woodcocks lead and witness their displays firsthand. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Story Walk: Daniel Finds A Poem

April 1-June 30

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

The lushly illustrated pages of "Daniel Finds a Poem" by Micha Archer come to life on large displays along a half-mile path that encourages children and their families to explore their surroundings and their inspirations. Discover that nature and poetry are all around while following the story. Time: XX RR XX

GREEN THUMB

■ Green Before Spring

March 19

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

Learn about these early spring invasive plants — now in plain sight — that are threatening the overall health of our forests. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. RR

■ Suburban Garden Club

March 21

Indian Head Park Village Hall
201 Acacia Drive

Guest speaker Gina Roxas, program director and medicinal garden project manager at Trickster Cultural Center, will discuss cultural connections to native plants of Illinois, using them in gardens, and effects of climate change on these and other plants. New members and guests are welcome. Time: 7 p.m.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ 'No Cure for Being Human' book study

Tuesdays, March 22-April 19

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

In her new book, "No Cure for Being Human: (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)," New York Times best-selling author, theologian and cancer survivor Kate Bowler asks how does one move forward with a life that was not chosen? Join this virtual group to read Bowler's witty and honest explorations of living with limitations in a culture that says anything is possible. The last session will offer the opportunity to discuss Bowler's live presentation from 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 14. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Hot Topics in Colorectal Cancer 2022

March 26

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

Join the top oncologists, surgeons and health care professionals in the Chicagoland area to learn about the latest updates in the research and treatment of colorectal cancer in this virtual program. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. RR

■ Here Comes the Sun

March 27

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

Enjoy naturalist-led mindfulness activities and a short hike to help mind, body and spirit sync with the rhythms of the natural world. Time: 8 a.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Cookies and Canvas

March 19

The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunityhouse.org>
(630) 323-75000

Kids ages 6 1/2 and up and parents are encouraged to drop in together for an afternoon of paints and sweets. Work with all kinds of painting approaches, and take creations home. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$28. RR, MD

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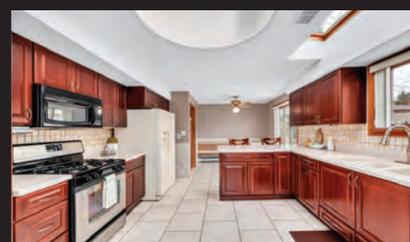


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■ The Thrills and Chills of Spring Ice Cream

March 21
Westmont Community Center
75 E. Richmond St.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-13 can become experts on the billion-dollar ice cream industry as they make a batch of homemade spring-themed ice cream while exploring the science and history of the beloved amusement park treats Dippin' Dots, waffle cones and the first novelty ice cream bar, the Eskimo Pie. Then participants in this Lisa Lombardi Coaching program will sit down for an ice cream-eating contest. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$25.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Sustainable Architecture

March 19
Elmhurst Art Museum
150 S. Cottage Hill Ave.
<https://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org>
(630) 834-0202

In this moderated conversation, architects Nathan Kipnis, Tom Bassett-Dilley and Doug Farr will introduce how key technologies have transformed their practice and will share how their current work has contributed to a more efficient and sustainable design. Time: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Admission: \$15, \$12 for seniors, free for age 18 and under.

■ Blanding's Turtle Recovery Program

March 23
<https://www.CZS.org/LectureSeries>

In this online presentation, Dan Thompson, wildlife ecologist for the DuPage County Forest Preserve District, will share the daunting task of saving a species that is at the brink of extinction. The forest district began the region's first Blanding's turtle "head-start" program in 1996. Learn how a team collects the eggs from pregnant females found in the wild to give them a "head-start" on survival before the turtles are released back to the wild. A Q & A session will follow. The program is part of the Brookfield Zoo's virtual

spring lecture series. Time: 7 p.m. Cost: \$10 donation appreciated. RR

■ Classic Film Cameras and Lenses

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

While digital cameras and smartphones have led to the apparent demise of film, classic cameras and their lenses have had a recent renaissance. Learn what's possible with vintage photography equipment in this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ The Addiction Inoculation

April 5
<https://www.d181foundation.org>

In this webinar, Jessica Lahey, an educator and New York Times bestselling author, will discuss her new book, "The Addiction Inoculation: Raising Healthy Kids in a Culture of Dependence," and help parents and educators understand the roots of substance abuse and identify who is most at risk for addiction, offering practical steps for prevention. The program is part of the Community Speaker Series presented by District 86 and District 181. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Biological Diversity in the Forest Preserves of Cook County

April 6
<https://www.CZS.org/LectureSeries>

Join Chris Anchor, wildlife biologist for the Cook County Forest Preserve District, for an informative discussion about the research and management relative to the conservation of biological diversity in the forest preserves, including knowledge about the Urban Coyote Study, fish telemetry, zoonotic disease surveillance, as well as insight about bears, wolves, mountain lions, North American river otters and badgers. The program is part of the Brookfield Zoo's virtual spring lecture series. Time: 7 p.m. Cost: Free, \$10 donation appreciated. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ DuPage Symphony Orchestra
March 19

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THE KIDSDALEAN

A little bit of fun for our younger readers



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

THIS WEEK'S WINNER
of a Kid's Pizza Kit from Altamura Pizza is:
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THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

1. What page is 'police beat' on?
2. Who is the contributing columnist this week?
3. What sport is on our first sports page?
4. Name 2 things that Kramer Foods has on sale.
5. Who is the editor?

Who's Havin' a Birthday?
Send in your birthday and you may be listed in our Page 4 greeting.

Name: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____
Address: _____
Answers:
1. _____
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Wentz Concert Hall
North Central College
171 E Chicago Ave.,
Naperville
<https://www.dupagesymphony.org>
(630) 637-7469

The DSO's concert "Reflections" will open with the music of William Grant Still, including his colorful musical portrait of The American Southwest, followed by Michael Udow's "The Shattered Mirror Suite" and Tchaikovsky's exhilarating "Capriccio Italien." The winner of the DSO 2022 Young Artists Auditions for high school musicians will also perform as part of the program. Time: 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$38-\$43, \$39-\$43 for seniors, \$15-\$20 for students.

■ **The Ten Tenors**

March 27
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Enjoy this vocal group's signature brand of music featuring 10-part harmonies, dynamic and choreographed performances, and the skillful ability to seamlessly transition from operatic arias to soulful ballads, chart-topping pop and rock songs. A pre-show Mac Chat discussion will be held March 27. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$66-\$85.

■ **Sam Baker**

April 9
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
<https://www.acousticren.com>
(630) 941-7797

The characters in Sam Baker's songs face many challenges — alcoholism, car wrecks, racism, drug addiction, a mother's abandonment — but they persevere, much like Sam himself. This performance is part of the 2021-22 Acoustic Renaissance Concert season. Shows are available in person or via livestream; the livestream option can be viewed up to two weeks after

the performance. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

ON STAGE

■ **'Evita'**

Through March 20
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
<https://www.drurylanetheatre.com>
(630) 530-0111

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

■ **'Jane Austen's Emma'**

March 23-April 24
Mayslake Peabody Estate

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

First Folio Theatre presents this refreshing adaptation of Austen's classic novel from Jeff-nominated playwright Phil Timberlake which follows Miss Emma Woodhouse, a young woman of England's landed gentry with perhaps too much time on her hands. Unable to resist inserting herself into the love lives of her neighbors, Emma leaves a muddle of passions and a tangle of heartbreak in her wake. Times: 8 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays with some Thursday matinees. Tickets: \$49-\$59, \$44-\$54 for seniors, \$20-\$29 for preview shows March 23-25.

■ **'Badger'**

Thursdays to Sundays,
March 24-April 3
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

During World War II, five

young women take newly available jobs at the Badger Ordnance Works. Facing dangerous work in a hostile work environment, the women bond through joy and heartbreak. The play features adult themes and language. A pre-show talk with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. March 24; a post-show talk with the director and actors will be held April 1. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students & seniors.

■ **American Ballet Theatre Studio Company**

March 25
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
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(630) 942-4000

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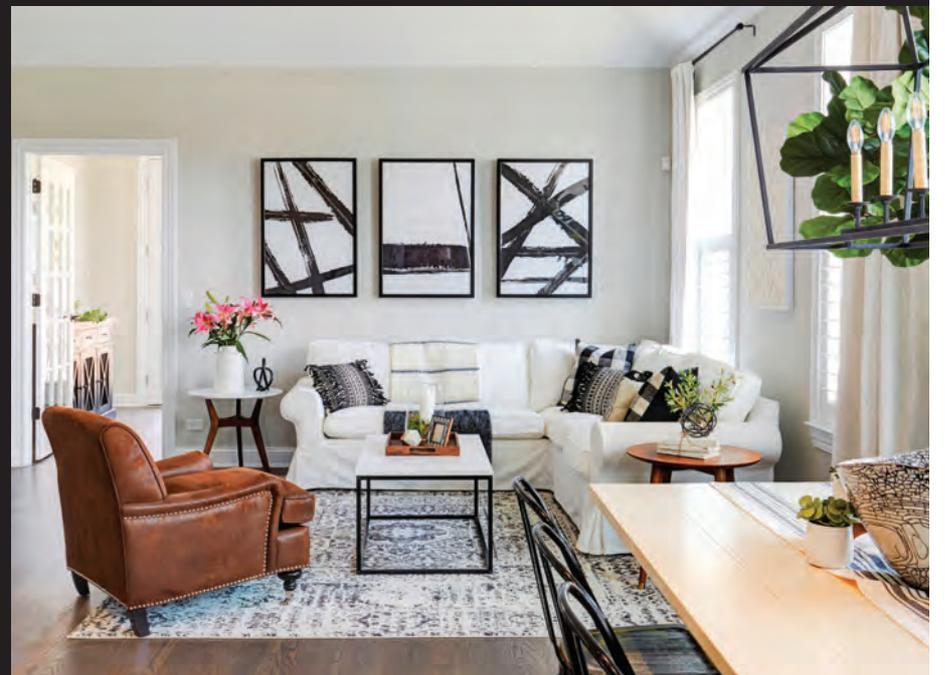
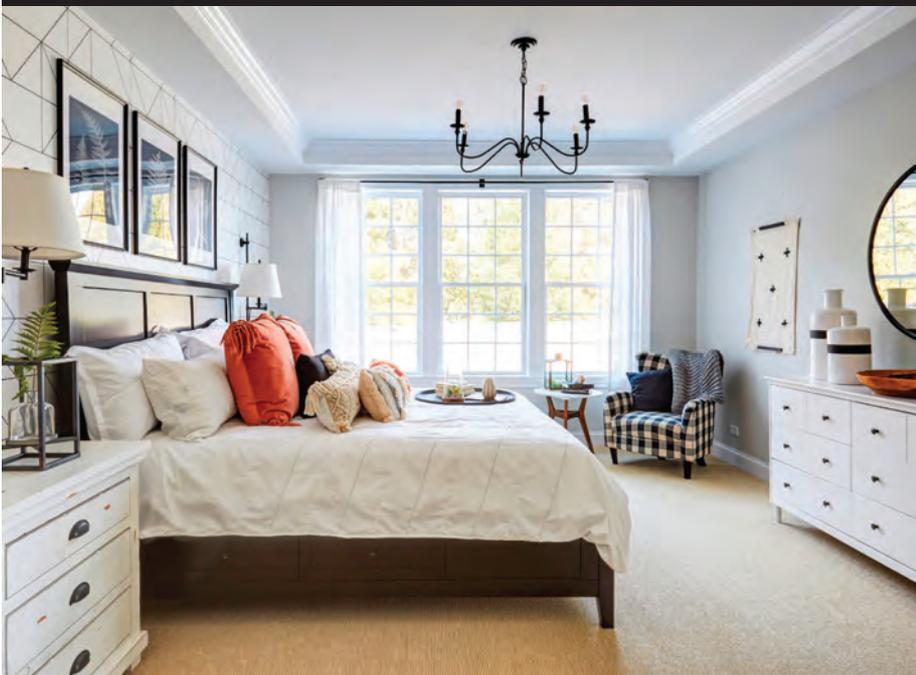
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PULSE

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■ **'Rodgers & Hammerstein's The King and I'**
April 1-May 22
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
<https://www.drurylanetheatre.com>
(630) 530-0111

British tutor Anna Leonowens and the King of Siam struggle with cultural differences after Anna arrives at the royal palace in Bangkok in this Rodgers and Hammerstein tale of the human experience featuring beloved songs like "Shall We Dance?" and "Getting to Know You." Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$59-

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■ **Drumming Circle**
March 21
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

Encourage spring's arrival by drumming in the warmer weather in Mayslake Hall's historic library. Bring a drum or borrow one; no experience is necessary. The activity can be done seated in a chair (provided) or seated on the floor. The program is for ages 12 and older; those younger than 18 must be with an adult. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ **An Evening with Jenny Lawson**
March 30
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

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- 1 egg
- ½ cup sour cream
- 3.4 oz instant vanilla pudding mix
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp mint extract
- 1 drop blue coloring + 7-10 drops green coloring
- 1 ½ cups chocolate chips

INSTRUCTIONS

Cream together sugar and butter. Add egg, sour cream and pudding mix. In a small bowl, combine flour, salt & baking soda. Incorporate flour mixture into the pudding mixture and mix until well combined. Add mint extract and food coloring until desired color is achieved.

Add in chocolate chips. Any combination is wonderful (i.e. chocolate, mint, etc.).

Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 375° for 10 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack and enjoy!

Recipe source: <https://butterwithasideofbread.com>

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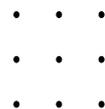
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Join this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program with award-winning humorist and journalist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, "Broken (in the best possible way)" and her brilliantly funny body of work in which she is known for great candor in sharing her struggle with mental illness. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Mobile DMV

March 18
Westmont Centre
1 S. Cass Ave.
<https://www.RepMazzochi.com>
(630) 852-8633

State Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R-47, Elmhurst) is hosting a Mobile Driver Services Facility, offering services including drivers license renewal, state ID cards, corrected licenses and vehicle renewal stickers. Standard Secretary of State fees will be required as posted on <https://www.ilsos.gov>. Appointments are required and can be made through the website listed above. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. RR

■ Pet Adoption Special

March 17-20
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
<https://www.hinsdalehumane.org>
(630) 323-5630

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, people are invited to change a shelter pet's luck with 17 percent off adoption fees for all pets. Check out the Adoptable Animals page at the website above, put in an online adoption application, and visit the shelter to find a lucky "4-legged" clover.

■ Princess Diana Exhibit

Through March 31
Oakbrook Center
19 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook
<https://princessdianaexhibit.com/chicago>
(630) 686-3444

Enter a stunning visual journey paired with exclusive, never-heard-before stories that trace Diana's emotional path as she modernizes motherhood, revolutionizes fashion and shows the world how

to be human. Time slots are available every 15 minutes, and the exhibit takes 60-90 minutes to complete. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets: \$25 and up.

SPRING BREAK

■ Spring Break Camp

March 28- April 1
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5-14 can enjoy fun games, crafts and more, with different activities each day including art, science, and STEM, plus a field trip on March 30. Campers must bring a sack lunch daily. Sign up for single days or the entire week. Extended hours are available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for \$30. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$350 for the week, \$75 per day. RR, MD

■ Chicago Elite Volleyball Spring Break Camp

March 28-30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 6-14 will either be introduced to the game of volleyball or continue to improve their individual skill development in the sport in areas such as passing, setting, attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided according to skill level and age. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$75. RR, MD

■ Jedi Engineering

March 28-April 1
Burr Ridge Community Center
15W400 Harvester Drive
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

The force awakens in this introductory engineering course from Play-well Teknologies for young Jedi ages 5-7, who will create motorized and architectural projects with imagination and engineering using Lego materials to construct the Ewok Village on Endor, fly through space on X-Wings and defend the Echo Base on Hoth. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$156. RR

■ Little Medics: Wilderness Medicine

Micah is a tortoiseshell kitty who is ready to meet her new family. She would do well with kids 5 years and older. She's a super cute and sweet 3-year-old whose adoption fee is \$75. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at <https://www.hinsdalehumane-society.org> before arriving. Call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)

Pet pic of the week



March 28-April 1
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 6-12 will explore some of the dangers in the wild such as bug bites, snake bites and poisonous plants. These future emergency medics will learn how to splint a broken leg, tie a tourniquet, filter dirty water, the effects of hypothermia and 20 ways to use a bandana in emergencies. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$165. RR, MD

■ Little Medics: Little Veterinarian School Dog 1

March 28-April 1
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 6-12 are given white coats and, through role play and hands-on activities, will learn to assess the health of a pet dog, about animal nutrition, how to care for stitches, how to check for ticks and about the many veterinary professions available. Each child goes home with an adopted plush pup. Time: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$350. RR, MD

■ Spring Break Pee Wee Soccer Camp

March 28-April 1
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 3-7 can learn the basics of passing, dribbling, shooting and defense along with teamwork and sportsmanship through fun games, competitions and challenging skill-building activities. Campers should bring a labeled water bottle. Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$85. RR, MD

STEPPING BACK

■ **Edith Rockefeller McCormick**
March 24
<https://www.cantigny.org>
(331) 200-4773

Join this virtual program to learn about this forgotten woman of Chicago history and the vital roles she played as the founder of Brookfield Zoo, a supporter of Chicago Grand Opera, a patron for Carl Jung and James Joyce, and founder of her own real estate firm. As the daughter of John Rockefeller and wife of Harold McCormick, she serves as an excellent window into the ini-

tially confining but gradually broadening opportunities for women in the U.S. in the early 1900s. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Delightful Details

March 25
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

Learn about Mayslake Hall's early days when Francis S. Peabody lived at the mansion. Hear about two different areas of the hall, and then take a short tour of each. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$10. RR

■ Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Exhibit

Through May 31
Hinsdale History Museum
15 S Clay St.
<https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>
(630) 789-2600

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

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BUNNY BREAKFASTS

■ Breakfast with the Bunny

April 15-16
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 725-2066
<https://www.mortonarb.org>
Enjoy a tasty springtime buffet and a visit from the Easter Bunny, who will pose for photos and pass out an Easter treat. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$45 adults, \$36 children ages 3-12, free for children 2 and younger. RR, MD

■ Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

April 16
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
Hop in for a delicious hot breakfast and one-on-one time with the Bunny. After breakfast hop on over to Robbins Park for the egg hunt. Time: 9 to 10:15 a.m. Cost: \$22. RR, MD

EGG HUNTS

■ Bunny Bash

April 11
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
(630) 323-5630
<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org>
Enjoy an Easter egg hunt, bake sale treats, crafts and photo ops. Mistie Psaedas will sign her new children's book, "The Truth about the Tooth." Registration opens soon. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. RR

■ Easter egg hunt

April 16
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
Kids 11 and younger are invited to bring a basket, hunt for treats and visit with the bunny. Areas will be divided by age group. Kids crafts and activities will be offered inside The Community House immediately after the egg hunt and there will be a petting zoo in the park. Please be prompt. Time: 10:30 a.m.

■ Easter egg hunt

April 10
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
(630) 668-5161
<https://www.cantigny.org>
Hundreds of plastic eggs will be hidden around the McCormick House at this colorful rain or shine event for all ages. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free with \$5 parking.

EASTER BRUNCH

■ Easter Brunch

April 17
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 725-2066
<https://www.mortonarb.org>
Enjoy the holiday with an Easter brunch and early spring blooms. Visitors will enjoy chef-carved prime rib, made to order omelets, a cash bar and more. The Easter Bunny will have a designated area for photos. Time: seatings at 9 or 11:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. Cost: \$64 adults, \$34 children ages 4-12, free for 3 and younger. RR, MD

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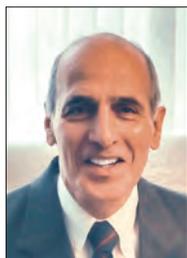
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 - 14 “OOPS!”
 - 15 PICNIC SPOILER
 - 16 VACUUM’S LACK
 - 17 NOVELIST JAFFE
 - 18 CHINESE FOOD ASSORTMENT
 - 20 SOME MIXOLOGISTS
 - 22 DOCS’ ORG.
 - 23 “UH-HUH”
 - 24 TOUSLE
 - 27 “LOCKSLEY HALL” POET
 - 32 YEAR IN MEXICO
 - 33 SOCK PART
 - 34 STOP – DIME
 - 35 SHORT RECITAL PIECE
 - 38 UPPITY ONE
 - 39 SPIKE’S WARNING
 - 40 THREE, IN ROME
 - 42 JFK’S VESSEL
 - 45 BROTHER’S SON
 - 49 LEVELING WEDGE
 - 50 JURIST FORTAS
 - 52 “I DID IT!”
 - 53 ANTITOXINS
 - 54 “– THE SEASON ...”
 - 55 IRELAND
 - 56 TINY AMOUNTS
 - 57 SIX-PACK MUSCLES
 - 58 HEAD, TO HENRI

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 - 4 SUNFLOWER STATE
 - 5 “BILLIONS” ACTOR PAUL
 - 6 “EXODUS” HERO
 - 7 ATTIRE
 - 8 “OKLAHOMA!” CARRIAGE
 - 9 OSCAR-WINNING ACTRESS EMMA
 - 10 TOP-OF-THE-LINE
 - 11 COMPARED TO
 - 19 HESITANT SOUND
 - 21 OBJECTIVIST RAND
 - 24 MORE (SP.)
 - 25 POPULAR CARD GAME
 - 26 LARK, FOR ONE
 - 28 VERY LONG TIME
 - 29 FASTIDIOUS TRAIT
 - 30 YOKO OF MUSIC
 - 31 COLLAR
 - 36 SCENTS
 - 37 LA-LA LEAD-IN
 - 38 MUSIC FOR SEVEN
 - 41 CONCERNING
 - 42 “HEY!”
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 - 44 “TAKE -- TRAIN”
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ANSWERS TO TODAY’S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

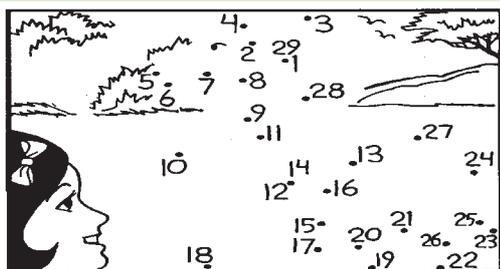
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOROSCOPES

March 2022 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
It’s easy to give opinions and pick sides, but don’t get pinned down to a particular position until you’ve tried several different options, Capricorn. Then you’ll have a good idea.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Spending time alone could be good for you this week, Aries. While working toward your goals, you also are enjoying some much-needed peace and quiet.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, a longing for adventure points you in all sorts of different directions over the next few days. You have to try on a few different hats to find the right fit.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, a rigid schedule may work for some, but not everyone. Incorporate a little flexibility into your life and others may be flocking to your laid-back style.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Others may not understand the way you manage money, Aquarius. But you have a clear understanding of your particular brand of logic.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Your friends may be pushing you to move forward since you seem to be stuck in the past, Taurus. Don’t stay stagnant for too long or you may lose motivation for change.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, a fantastic investment opportunity comes your way but there is a lot of red tape that could get in the way if you let it. Work through all angles to make things happen.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Talk to someone about a creative idea that you have had, Scorpio. This person may offer valuable feedback that can guide you as you try to flesh out your idea into something tangible.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, friends are a strong presence in your life right now and you are very grateful for all that they provide you. Let them know.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
A collaboration with someone close to you yields surprising results, Gemini. You may have been looking for inspiration for some time and finally found it.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, idolizing someone can have its pluses and minuses. You may have a picture of a person that is impossible to live up to. Temper your expectations.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you may be interested in having a lot of fun, but someone keeps throwing a wet blanket on your ideas. Don’t let it derail your plans.

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Colin Xiang
Year: senior
Hometown: Clarendon Hills

When did you first start gymnastics?

I started my sophomore year of high school. My friend was doing it at the time. I went in for practice one day and I was kind of on the team.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I think being able to overcome your challenges and achieving your goals is really cool. Once you get a skill that you've been practicing for a while, it's a lot of satisfaction.

How did you become a pommel horse specialist?

I just think it looks cool. I made a lot of progress early on, so I kind of stuck with it. There are a lot of challenges on pommel horse. I think there is an element of creativity to gymnastics that I really like a lot. You get to experiment, which is not always true for other sports.

What are you excited about this season?

I think we have a lot of new talent in freshmen who have joined the team. I'm excited to impart some of my knowledge and see them grow as gymnasts.

How have you improved since you started?

Overall I think my mindset is the most important thing

I've improved.

How does your coach motivate the team?

I think that my coach always tries to make us more open to try new things. He tries to incorporate that element of creativity. I think he always keeps it light-hearted. He tells you to try your best, and at the end of the day, it will be OK. We're there to have fun.

What is your goal for the season?

I want to break a 7.0. I want to learn some new tricks on pommel horse — probably circle-related skills.

Will you continue with gymnastics?

I know some colleges have club teams and intramural teams, so hopefully I will be able to continue. I think gymnastics has left a big impact on my high school career, so I hope to continue that.

Why does coach CJ Johnson like having Xiang on the team?

He is a leader — his work ethic is one of his best qualities. He is a sound athlete that will do all he can to help others. He's very respected by his teammates and never begrudges teammates when asked for help. He's very down-to-earth.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Badminton

March 15 @ HC Quad
 V wins 8-0

Gymnastics, boys

March 11 @ LT Invite
 V places 6th with 113.8 points
 All-around
 Matthew Cihlar, 4th, 52.2
 Reyes, 14th, 39.3
 Floor exercise
 Matthew Cihlar, 13th (tie), 8.2
 Reyes, 17th (tie), 7.9
 Pommel horse
 Matthew Cihlar, 11th, 7.9
 Theotikos, 14th, 7.5
 Reyes, 21st, 5.4
 Still rings
 Matthew Cihlar, 3rd, 9.3
 Banerjee, 17th, 7.9
 Reyes, 23rd (tie), 7.2
 Vault
 Cihlar, 2nd, 9.2
 Reyes, 14th, 7.3
 Parallel bars
 Matthew Cihlar,

2nd, 9.4
 Banerjee, 21st, 6.9
 Reyes, 26th, 5.9

Lacrosse, girls

March 14 vs. Naperville North
 V wins 18-3
 Ciupek, 4 goals
 Howe, 4 goals, assist
 Napier, 4 goals, 2 assists
 P. Matthews, 3 goals, assist
 Brankin, 2 goals
 Venetsanopolous, goal, assist
 R. Matthews, 4 assists
 Leigh, 2 assists
 Beargie, assist
 Schultz, 3 saves

Soccer, girls

March 14 @ Jones College Prep
 V wins 2-0
 Pjesky, goal
 Turnbull, goal
 Florence, assist
 Panveno, assist

Track, boys

March 12 @ York

Invite
 55-meter dash
 Limjuco, 3rd, 6.82
 Skokna, 20th
 Bots, 22nd, 7.22
 200-meter dash
 Dynis, 5th, 54.54
 Reodica, 13th, 24.5
 Bots, 19th, 25.04
 400-meter dash
 Dynis, 5th, 54.54
 Miller, 6th, 55.21
 Morrissey, 8th, 56.2
 600-meter run
 Hill, 5th, 1:29.69
 Maxwell, 8th, 1:30.54
 Revord, 9th, 1:31.44
 800-meter run
 Skora, 4th, 2:07.16
 Reddy, 6th, 2:07.63
 Kurimay, 13th, 2:16.68
 1,600-meter run
 Mahajan, 5th, 4:40.95
 Gamboa, 14th, 4:54.89
 Gruber, 15th, 4:54.95
 3,200-meter run
 Lacayo, 12th, 11:22.72
 White, 13th, 11:24.9

Doorhy, 14th, 11:34.3
 55-meter hurdles
 Dynis, 4th, 8.78
 Lyne, 7th, 9.56
 Segers, 15th, 10.4
 4x200-meter relay
 V, 4th, 1:41.16
 4x400-meter relay
 V, 2nd, 3:41.98
 High jump
 Burt, 3rd (tie), 5-3
 Walsh, 3rd (tie), 5-3
 Stach, 10th, 4-11
 Long jump
 Reodica, 4th, 19-2.75
 Towerly, 9th, 17-5.5
 Cain, 16th, 16-3.25
 Triple jump
 Burt, 2nd, 36-9.25
 Yang, 4th, 35-6.75
 Cain, 6th, 34-6.25
 Pole vault
 Sauder, 2nd, 13-1.75
 Babaran, 19th, 5-8
 Shot put
 Ortiz, 6th, 39-10
 Narcisse, 13th, 36-1.75
 Stamer, 19th, 34-6.25
 Track, girls

March 11 @ Batavia Invite
 1,600-mtr run
 McCabe, 4th, 5:04.83
 Fischer, 10th, 5:11.37
 Miiligan, 17th, 5:18.16
 Griffin, 31st, 5:30.26
 Skora, 40th, 5:36.18
 Lu, 64th, 5:49.22
 Sakho, 69th, 5:51.65
 Boyd, 80th, 6:04.15
Water polo, boys
 March 12 @ Boilermaker Invite
 V places 6th
Water polo, girls
 March 15 vs. York
 V loses 4-14
 March 12 @ Red Devil Invite
 V places 3rd vs. Lincoln-Way West
 V wins 16-10 vs. Glenbrook South
 V wins 8-3
 March 9 @ Stagg
 V wins 14-3

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central senior water polo player Madison Rose evades a York defender to score the team's second goal in the third period of Tuesday afternoon's home match. Unfortunately it wasn't enough, as the Red Devils fell to the conference rival Dukes 14-4. (Jim Slonoff photo)

SPORTS

Devils relish competing like it's 2019

Sense of normalcy returns for Central boys gymnastics, boys and girls water polo teams

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It feels like old times with Hinsdale Central athletes readying for full schedules free of masks. Gymnasts are eager to show their talents, while water polo players are taking advantage of opportunities for growth in the new Don Watson Aquatic Center.

In this second installment of a four-part series previewing the Red Devils spring sports scene, coaches of the boys gymnastics and boys and girls water polo teams offer their expectations and visions for the 2022 seasons of their respective programs.

Boys gymnastics

First meet: March 5 @ Wannan Invite (V placed 2nd)

Last season: 1-3, 2nd at IHSA sectional

Head coach: CJ Johnson

Seasons at Central: 4

No. of varsity members: 12

Team strengths: We've got some good kids who are working. If one team member is off, we have another to replace that score. We have an almost all-senior team that gives us our scores. We're coming close to learning a lot of new skills that are going to help our overall score.

Areas for growth: We had two sprained ankles and a hyper-extended knee in one week, so we've had some injury problems. COVID kicked our butts because we haven't been able to recruit kids for the program. We're going to recover, but it's taking a little bit of time. The freshman, we're pushing them to compete at the JV level. I'm challenging the boys daily to not get complacent in what they're doing, I always want them to do a



The Hinsdale Central boys gymnastics team and boys and girls water polo squads have begun their 2022 competitive schedules as they work toward improving over the course of the season with the hope of postseason success later this spring. (file photos)



little bit better.

Who to watch: 2021 state qualifiers seniors Matthew Cihlar and Chris Reyes. Chris has done a lot better than he did last year, so I'm hoping for better things from him. Senior Connor Schwarz scored his highest score on high bar at the Wannan Invite. Sophomore Marc Cihlar is another key all-arounder.

Season outlook: I'm really pleased with this group of kids that I have. We're going to be in the state final, provided we get healthy and do our job. We're right on pace, and we've got the ability.

Boys water polo

First meet: March 7 @ Glenbrook North (V wins 15-5)

Last season: 11-6, lost in IHSA sectional quarterfinal

Head coach: Chris Ortiz

Seasons at Central: 9

No. of varsity members: 14

Team strengths: They have chemistry. We're

heavy in senior leadership, so it helps having that experience playing at the varsity level. Being as young as we were last year has really allowed us to hit the ground running this year. Our counterattack is one of our strengths because we have so much speed up top.

Areas for growth: Being able to continue to grow as a team and for the new girls to be able to step in and contribute — which they already have starting doing. We need to develop the new girls and get them what will hopefully be a full season under their belt.

Who to watch: Senior goalie and co-captain Olivia Zelenka is very good tactically, and she's our leader on defense. Senior Roslyn Thomas is another leader on defense and she was one of our leaders in steals last year. On offense, senior Madison Rose has gained strength since last season. Junior Tessa Barber's speed and strong shot are huge assets. Sophomore Christy Boggs already has a number of goals for

us this season.

Season outlook: We're picking up where we left off last season, and the sky's the limit. It's nice being able to have tournaments in play again and get back into a (pre-COVID) rhythm. I want us to grow together and develop relationships and become a team that will leave them with memories that will last a lifetime.

Boys water polo

First meet: March 12 @ Boilermaker Invite (V places 6th)

Last season: 5-8, lost in IHSA sectional quarterfinal

Head coach: Christy Brodell

Seasons at Central: 8

No. of varsity members: 12

Team strengths: They like each other, they support each other. Good morale. Great leadership from my juniors and seniors. There are some really good players and chemistry on this team, and I think there's a lot

we can do.

Areas for growth: For our juniors, they're playing their first tournaments ever. The majority of our team has played just 20 games (due to COVID restrictions the last two seasons). I just want to see growth from all of them in all areas and just more confidence in the water and better decision-making.

Who to watch: seniors Michael D'Aprile and Chris Rakos, juniors Aidan ElDifrawi and Millan Whittier, and sophomore Yaseen Halabi.

Season outlook: We just want to be proud of our record. There are 120 quarters, and we want to win all of them. What I like about coaching them is, win or lose, the boys are always having fun. My coaching strategy has always been let's make better human beings and move forward a little bit. Not everyone can win a state championship, but we can all get better. I'm excited we have some normalcy again.

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