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Pile up on Madison

While kids had to spend most of Friday e-learning, when “school” was out kids across Hinsdale flocked to the Madison hill for a chance to finally enjoy some outdoor winter activities. And in spite of it being a rainy afternoon, it didn’t stop the fun. Please turn to Page 30 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Mama bear

Hinsdale mom devoted to improving lives of children.

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Nautical nonsense

‘The SpongeBob Musical’ latest show from Stage Door Fine Arts.

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NEWS

New superintendent, third interim hired

By Pamela Lannom
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As expected, the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board last week hired Michael Lach as its new superintendent.

"He's a listener," board President Cat Greenspon said prior to casting her vote at the Jan. 10 special meeting. "Those that come to the board meetings very regularly might actually recognize him, because he took the time to come to our board meetings and get to know our community prior to interviewing. And that, to me, speaks volumes of his intention to understand the means of this community."

"He also sees our beautiful community," she added. "He sees all of us. He appreciates our strengths and clearly articulates that we are great, there are areas that we can work on and he is willing to do to the work."

Several other board members also complimented Lach before voting to approve his three-year contract.



Lach

"I'm excited about both the breadth of experience and the possibilities that you, Dr. Lach, bring to our district," Peggy James said. "You are data-driven and analytical, which are two characteristics very near and dear to my heart."

Asma Akhras quoted Lach's comments about focusing on what is best for children and families, staying grounded in what is known about how change occurs in complex systems, achieving improvement year over year and supporting teachers and administrators.

"That right there was extremely powerful," Akhras said. "You have a clear vision on how we're going to improve and continue to improve and excel in District 86 and ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed."

"I know you are going to be a valuable asset to District 86," she added.

Who is Michael Lach?

The new District 86 superintendent brings more than 30 years of experience as a teacher and administrator.

- **current post** — assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment for Township High School District 113

- **previous experience** — senior fellow at Achieve in Washington, D.C.; director of STEM and strategic initiatives for UChicago STEM Education at the University of Chicago; special assistant for science, mathematics, engineering and technology education for the U.S. Department of Education; administrator in Chicago Public Schools

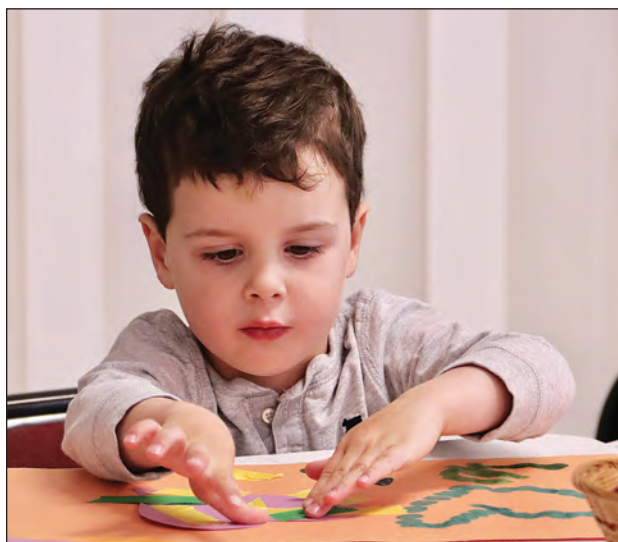
- **accolades** — during his nine years as a high school science teacher in New Orleans, New York and Chicago, Lach earned the Radio Shack National Teacher Award (2000), Outstanding Illinois Physics Teacher of the Year (1999), National Board certification and was a finalist for the Golden Apple Award (1998)

- **education** — bachelor's degree in physics from Carleton College, master's degrees in science education from Columbia University and educational leadership from Northeastern Illinois University, and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Illinois Chicago

The single no vote came from Jeff Waters, who said District 86 needs a leader who has worked as a superintendent in a similar district.

Lach is currently assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment for Township

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Day of service

Members of Union Church held a Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Monday morning. Volunteers could choose one or more of the six stations set up and tie blankets, braid pet toys, make valentines, make welcome packs, pack snack bags and sandwiches and create placemats. The items were then donated to nearby agencies helping people in need. Jimmy and his mom, Lauren Apostolou, work on a valentine card. Jake Haunty along with Graeme and Luke Carmondy work on braiding a pet toy and Rhys Lawler puts the finishing touches on a placemat. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, a Hinsdale Central graduate, moved to Hinsdale in 1971 and spent many years here in his youth. Having spent more than 40 years with the village, there isn’t a lot about Hinsdale he doesn’t know or hasn’t photographed. This photo from 1979 is of Rich Port Realtors which was located at 28 W. Hinsdale Ave. The building is now home to Trumeau Design & Decor. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com.



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Program throws lifeline to aging homes

Village's preservation incentives spur homeowners to save, not raze, historic residences

By Ken Knutson

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In 2001, Hinsdale established a voluntary landmarking program to help protect the village's architectural legacy.

Today 24 homes are landmarked.

In 2022, the village board enacted a Historic Overlay District to advance the preservation effort by offering incentives to renovate vintage dwellings instead of tearing them down. Interested homeowners can apply to be on the Historically Significant Structures list.

Today 79 homes are listed, with more poised for approval.

"The program has been more successful than we imagined," village planner Bethany Salmon said.

The fruit of that success was on display at the most recent historic preservation commission meeting Jan. 11 where the commission, in its authority under the Historic Overlay District, granted three homeowners zoning relief, building permit fee waivers and expedited village processing to streamline their proposals.

"Three good projects tonight," commission Chairman John Bohnen

remarked after all had been approved. "This is a good thing."

Additionally, commissioners recommended the village board extend property tax rebates and matching grants to offset personal investments (see sidebar for list of incentives) for each applicant. If the village board agrees at their meeting next month, it would bring the total to 10 applications granted full incentives. Salmon said the projects range from allowing a couple of feet for a deck extension when the program was first rolled out to recent proposals for significant additions.

"Now that we're approaching a year, we're seeing the larger additions come in and we're seeing the bigger projects," she commented.

Last week the owners of 515 S. Lincoln St. appeared before the commission with proposed rear and side building additions and a new detached garage for their 1896 Colonial Revival-style home. Commissioners already had approved a request for incentives last August. This time the owners were seeking a recommendation for the monetary benefits.

"Since (last August), the

homeowners have obtained a cost estimate for the proposed project and are now able to apply for a preservation incentive application for a property tax rebate and matching grant," village officials stated in the commission memo.

At 217 W. Hickory Street, the homeowners plan to build two additions onto the 1875 specimen featuring gabled-ell architecture.

"This works with the house. It's contextual. I have no issues with it," said Commissioner Jim Prisby, whose position was echoed by his colleagues.

The proposal for a rear building addition at 605 E. Third St. along with a patio, pergola, small swimming pool and deck also earned the praise of Prisby.

"It's all one story, so we're not creating these huge masses back there," Prisby said of the planned updates to the 1935 Tudor Revival. "It's exactly what I would want to see."

"It's all in the back. There's not a streetscape issue," Commissioner Bill Haarlow added. "Really nice plans."

Salmon said all three of the properties may have had different outcomes if not for the incentives.

"I'm really excited that some

of these projects are coming through," she said. "Otherwise that may have been threatened by demolition."

Robb McGinness, building commissioner and director of community development, joked that his department's workload has spiked as a result.

"We're a victim of our own success," he said. "The goal was to move the needle (on preservation). Nobody anticipated some of these projects. We've got people making changes to accessory structures."

Salmon said local real estate agents have been instrumental in promoting the preservation incentive program to prospective buyers. And all take pride in reviving a piece of village heritage. "It gives them a chance to celebrate their preservation success stories and showcase them to other homeowners," she said. "The numbers don't lie of how successful this has been. Overall I think we've had some really good projects come through, and I'm excited for the next one."

Haarlow indicated commissioners are pleased, too.

"They should all be this easy," he quipped to his colleagues.

Carrots for conservation

To promote the preservation of vintage homes, properties on the Historically Significant Structures Property List are eligible for the following incentives to help homeowners modernize their homes while maintaining their historic character.

- **alternative bulk zoning regulations** — more flexible rules help families modernize their historic homes, construct building additions or complete other exterior improvements that they otherwise would not be able to take advantage of if pursuing demolition and new construction

- **fee waivers** — village fees for building permits, landmark or historic district designation applications, Certificate of Appropriateness applications and other zoning applications may be waived

- **expedited processing** — building permits and applications for landmark designation, historic district designation and other zoning approvals may be provided in an accelerated timeline for certain projects

- **property tax rebate** — homeowners making a minimum investment of \$50,000 may receive a rebate for the village portion of their property tax bill in exchange for substantial exterior alterations, rehabilitation or restoration work over a maximum five-year period

- **matching grant** — funding for 50 percent of eligible project costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per project, may be provided by the village. Funds are reimbursed to the applicant after all work is completed, inspected and approved by the village.



This rendering of 605 E. Third St. shows the original Tudor Revival home built in 1935 with the proposed addition, new patio area and pool. The homeowners received zoning relief and fee waivers and likely a tax rebate and grant money to

complete the work under the village's historic preservation program. They are among a number of residents taking advantage of the incentives for saving a vintage home. (art provided)

NEXT WEEK

Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22
Hinsdale Middle School
100 S. Garfield Ave.
www.d181.org

On the draft agenda: full-day kindergarten bid update, food service presentation, special education mid-year report, award summer project bids

Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: award KLM custodial and event set-up services contract

*New superintendent,
third interim hired*

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High School District 113 in Highland Park and Deerfield.

"Without experience at those levels, I do vote no," Waters said. "However, that is not a testament against Dr. Lach or his particular interest and some of the kind things that were said about him."

"I'm simply representing what I believe to be the characteristics or qualities that I held in the highest regard," he continued, adding that he supports the will of the board and looks forward to working alongside Lach.

"I appreciate all the kind words and I hear you, member Waters," Lach said after the vote. "I'll work to get there, and I'm going to count on your help."

Lach said he brings significant experience from working in a number of schools.

"I'm not coming with an agenda," he said. "My plan is to listen. I have a lot to learn."

"I know there's a lot of passion and interest in what we do here, and that matters," Lach continued. "I want to do this because I see an incredible amount of potential. Everyone — to a person — loves these

buildings, loves the people. The students are wonderful. You can see just walking the halls all the accolades and the accomplishments. It's really inspiring, and I want to build on that."

Lach acknowledged the district has faced some tough times but expressed confidence the community can come together in the best interests of families and students.

"There's no reason District 86 can't be the best school district in the state by any measure for every single child," he said, "It's not going to happen overnight. It's not going to happen in a year, but we should aspire to be the best for every single student that's here."

Lach, whose starting base salary is \$255,000, will start July 1.

At the committee of the whole meeting Jan. 11, the board hired another interim superintendent to replace Linda Yonke, who resigned in December. Rebecca Nelson will work for \$1,300 a day for up to 120 days through June 30.

Interim Superintendent Ray Lechner said he has worked with Nelson before in a co-interim superintendent role.

"It's going to be a good combination," he said. "I think you will be well-served."



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Legislator looks toward spring session

Hinsdale's state rep shares accomplishments, priorities in Illinois General Assembly

By Pamela Lannom
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Just before the spring session of the 103rd General Assembly began Tuesday in Springfield, The Hinsdalean spoke with the village's state representative and state senator about their recent accomplishments and priorities for this session. This is the first of a two-part series, with an article on state Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton set to run next week.

State Rep. Jenn Ladisch Douglass (D-45, Elmhurst) celebrated her first year in office Jan. 11, just days before the spring session started.

"It's been a whirlwind of a year, but it's been an incredible time," she said. "I've really, really enjoyed it and am looking forward to this year."

An attorney who worked for Sidley Austin for three years from 2005-08 and then started her own firm in 2011, Ladisch Douglass said she has learned a lot in the past year.

"I have enjoyed getting a better understanding of the legislative process and knowing what needs to be

done now to get things passed and through," she said. "From the first half (of the session) to the second half, I figured that out, and I was able to move bills a lot more quickly because I understood the process."

The legislation she is most proud of passing is the Access to Affordable Insulin Act. She was the lead sponsor on House Bill 2189 and credited Rep. Will Guzzardi for his work on it as well.

"I was very happy to be able to make some changes and create new policy to improve access for people who are uninsured," said Ladisch Douglass, who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes as a teen.

"Having to work on my own healthcare for 31 years and find coverage and work on affordability has driven me to this role to try to help with policy to make things better," she said.

She also worked on bills to address a property tax assessment issue, provide free death certificates for individuals who have served in the military, mandate larger buildings to have water



Ladisch Douglass

filling stations, require the state to continue to cover telehealth visits with mental health providers and extend the personal income tax exemption that was set to sunset.

In the spring session, she plans to work on adding coverage for continuous glucose monitors for Type 2 diabetics to state health plans.

She also is working on a bill that would require prescription drug manufacturers to come to Illinois to help address compliance issues with medications made overseas and drug shortages.

"If we can work on taking some of those common drugs that are off-patent and make them here, it could be really good for the constituency," she said.

She also hopes to pass bills to reduce the cost of the bonds libraries must obtain for their treasurers, address language that was inadvertently removed from a bill that eliminated the terms of forest district commissions and update real estate licensure requirements.

"I know I'll be working on some other bills related to mental health, possibly with our schools, and I've talked to a lot of people in the last couple of weeks about some issues and look forward to helping out however I can," she said.

Ladisch Douglass, who serves on seven committees and two subcommittees, is co-chair of the violence reduction and prevention subcommittee of the appropriations committee for public safety.

"I knew going into this that public safety was extremely important to the district and got on appropriations for public safety because I wanted to, of course, learn but be present with our law enforcement and emergency services and be able to help make sure they got what they needed to be able to do their jobs."

Ladisch Douglass said she's eager to begin her second year in office.

"I really care about the community and am here to serve and to try to help," she said. "I hope people will reach out." Constituents can call her Westmont office at (630) 413-1080 or email her at office.repjld@gmail.com.

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Jan. 16.

Battery arrest at hospital

Amanda Perez, 24, 103 E. 55th St., Westmont, was arrested on two felony counts of aggravated battery at 10:22 p.m. Jan. 10 at UChicago Medicine AdventHeath Hinsdale, 120 N. Oak St., for making contact of an insulting or provoking nature with registered nurses performing their official duties. She was charged and released to appear in court.

Arrest for weapon

Dasha R. Temple, 31, 3936 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, Wis., was arrested for felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon at 11:13 p.m. Jan. 12 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83 after the vehicle in which she was a passenger was stopped for disobeying a traffic signal. Police located a loaded handgun in her purse, but she did not have a valid FOID card. She was charged and released to appear in court. The driver was cited for disobeying a traffic control signal, having no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Warrant, controlled substance arrest

James M. Meyer, 38, 434 S. Lincoln St., was arrested on arrest warrants out of DuPage County at 2:12 p.m. Jan. 13 at Fourth and Lincoln streets. He also was in possession of a suspected controlled substance and paraphernalia. He was taken to DuPage County Jail for the warrants. Additional charges are pending the results of a lab report.

Burglary reported

Suspects were observed on surveillance video forcing entry into Current Automotive, 300 E. Ogden Ave., and attempting to open vehicles parked in the garage at 3:14 a.m. Jan. 13. Wheel lug nuts were reported missing.

Forgery case

A business check was forged using bank account information belonging to Continental AutoSports, 420 E. Ogden Ave., between Dec. 29 and Jan. 5. The incident was reported Jan. 10.

License plate stolen

The rear license plate was stolen from a vehicle while it was parked in the 900 block of South Vine Street between 4 p.m. Jan. 10 and 11:30 a.m. Jan. 11.

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.

Holiday enforcement results

The Hinsdale Police Department partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement across the state for the holiday "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" drunk-driving enforcement campaign.

From Dec. 15 through Jan. 2, the Hinsdale Police Department showed zero tolerance for impaired driving, arresting three offenders for

the potentially deadly crime.

Hinsdale police also arrested one driver for felony aggravated fleeing to elude a police officer. The department issued 16 citations for speeding, one for driving without a valid license, two for operating of an uninsured motor vehicle, one for possession of cannabis by driver and 15 for other violations to the Illinois Vehicle Code.

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Mom dedicated to making life better for all kids

As a child, Jeanne Hendrie remembers seeing her mother, a teacher, pack up food to bring to students in her classroom who didn’t have access to breakfast. Hendrie said she’s not sure if that experience sparked her own commitment to helping children, but the Hinsdale mom is dedicated professionally and personally to making life better for kids.

Not long after moving to Hinsdale from Chicago in 2019, Hendrie discovered The Community House. Along with the many benefits the facility offered to her own family, she learned of the organization’s efforts to support residents of Willowbrook Corner. When schools went to a remote schedule due to COVID-19, Hendrie volunteered to help keep kids safe and engaged in learning. She continued helping with the after-school program at Willowbrook Corner on Monday afternoons once classes returned to normal.

“I still pop in occasionally,” she said, but these days, Hendrie’s job with CASA of DuPage County takes up much of her time. CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate,

is a network of volunteers who are partnered with children in the foster care system. Volunteer advocates meet regularly with their assigned child and serve as liaisons to the court system, advocating for that child’s best interests.

“There are a lot of CASA volunteer advocates in Hinsdale,” and there is a need for even more, Hendrie said, citing a specific need for individuals who speak Spanish.

“It’s a commitment,” Hendrie said, but one that is flexible and rewarding.

Prior to taking the job of advocate supervisor, Hendrie was a volunteer advocate herself, doing her part to protect children and reunite them with their families if possible.

That’s also the goal of Safe Families for Children, with which the Hendries — Jeanne, husband Andrew, and their three children — participate as a host family. The nonprofit’s mission is to keep children safe and to keep families together by providing temporary care for children who need a place to go but who don’t require placement in foster care. Hendrie said the program can offer respite to parents in a time of crisis, giving them peace of mind that

their children are cared for. “That really speaks to me,” Hendrie said. Hendrie remains involved with The Community House, as well as a member of its board and advancement committee. One of her main goals as a board member is to educate the community about the need for funding. Many incorrectly assume that The Community House is a public

facility, Hendrie said.

“We’re working on new and creative ways to let people know that The Community House is privately funded,” she said.

Meanwhile, Hendrie is reaching beyond her own three children to help develop a giving spirit in a new generation. She and several other moms relaunched Madison School’s Kids Care Club in

2022. It gives Madison students the opportunity to participate in charitable endeavors such as collecting summer camp supplies for kids in need and packing lunches for a Chicago ministry that helps people who are homeless.

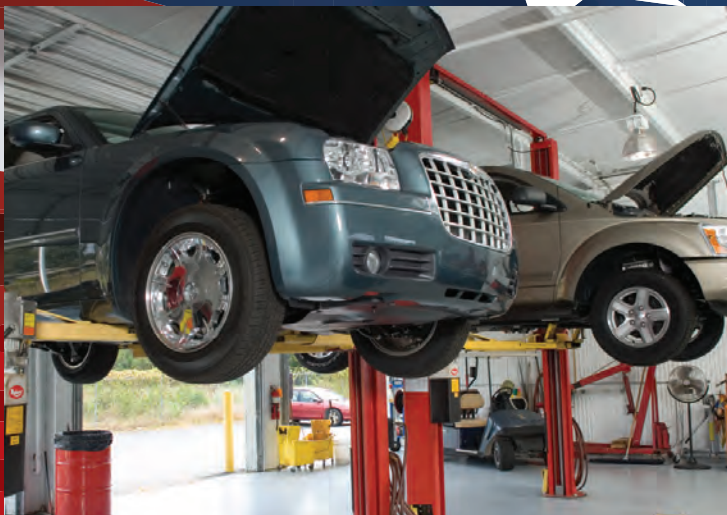
“It’s a really good opportunity for kids to think beyond themselves,” she said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Here's hoping for better weather in District 86

It's been a stormy eight months in Hinsdale High School District 86, but we see signs that the skies are clearing.

Board members say they're excited about their superintendent hire, Michael Lach, who currently works as assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment in Township High School District 113. Lach, in turn, says he's very excited about the opportunity.

So what could go wrong?

Well, we won't dwell on that answer.

But we will say that the board must remain as committed to working with Lach as it is now once he actually starts working in the district. It has been an expensive process bringing him on board, what with paying Tammy Prentiss \$23,000 a month to remain on paid leave for 11 months, paying assistant superintendents to serve as acting superintendents, hiring a search firm and paying \$1,300 a day for now three interim superintendents to work up to 299 days. (Linda Yonke resigned in December after working 59 days, and Ray Lechner and newly appointed interim Debra

Nelson are allocated 120 days each).

Lach acknowledged the challenges the district has faced when he addressed board members at a Jan. 10 special meeting, after they voted to hire him.

"I may be old-fashioned," he said. "I still believe communities can come together and argue and debate, do that warmly, do that productively, do that respectfully in the service of families and children. That's what you should expect from me and that's what I'm going to expect of all of you, because I think that's how we make things better."

Argue and debate are common in District 86, but often not done warmly, productively or respectfully. The two sides that seem to exist on every issue become entrenched in their viewpoints, unwilling to compromise.

One of the biggest sources of contention arises from the belief of some board and community members that preserving the status quo is the best way to protect the "tradition of excellence" that is frequently cited at board meetings. But the

district's excellence, in fact, is the result of educators changing with the times. Preserving the status quo is the equivalent of remaining stagnant, and it doesn't take a Harvard MBA to know what happens to organizations that follow that course.

For the district to move forward, board members have to be open to change. They have to listen to the professional opinions of the administrators and teachers who have been hired to educate students. And they have to learn to trust.

Lach knows the work won't be easy.

"There aren't silver bullets. There's not a single solution," he told board members. "It takes lots of different pieces working in concert. It takes lots of different voices listening, advocating, thinking, pushing back. It takes cheering, because the work is humbling and hard. You all know that."

"If we do that, that's how we can get real change."

Lach closed his comments by saying he's excited to get started.

As far as we're concerned, July 1 can't get here soon enough.

COMMENTARY

Hinsdale home to youngest TEDx speaker

I haven't watched all that many TED talks, but my favorite is one by a Hinsdale resident.

Oh, did I mention that he's in preschool?

At 4 years, 9 months and 22 days old, Bennet Haried became the youngest TEDx speaker Oct. 23 at an event organized by his preschool, Avery Coonley in Downers Grove.

Bennet spoke on "Building Big Dreams: You Have to Make it Stable."

It all came about when Kenny Bae, director of STEAM innovation at Avery Coonley, decided to organize a TEDx event at the school, Bennet's dad, Alex Haried, told me. Bae thought it would be fun to have the youngest speaker ever do a TEDx talk and asked teachers to recommend a 4-year-old. (The record was held by a 5-year-old.)

"Mrs. Evans immediately thought of Bennet," Alex said.

The next step was to get his parents on board.

"We got the phone call in the middle of the summer asking if we would be interested in supporting this journey," his mom, Melanie Lamoureux, said. "We said

that we would.

"We were excited about the opportunity because TED talks are amazing and to have a 4-year-old accomplish something so big is an exciting thing to witness as a parent," she added.

Her dad, Bennet's grandpa, started playing "let's give a TED talk" with Bennet. And eventually the idea to focus on stability emerged.

"Bennet loves to build stuff. He's always building with his toys at home," Melanie said.

And if his parents' structures toppled over, he always has the same advice.

"It fell down because you didn't make it stable. You have to make it stable," he would say," Melanie said. "We took that idea and related the idea of building stability in your towers out of toys to building stability in your educational journey."

Melanie and Bae worked on the script, with help from Bennet.

"I took out some words," he explained.



Pamela Lannom

And then came memorizing the four-plus minute speech. After spending a week learning his first line — introducing himself — he got more excited, his mom said. And they divided the talk into chunks to make it easier to learn.

"He would be like, 'I want to learn two chunks today,'" Melanie

said.

And the adults knew how to motivate Bennet once he had made the commitment.

"Mr. Bae gave him a sucker every time we had a rehearsal," his mom said. "Yes, we had to bribe him with pizza and taco lunches and lots of candy."

On filming day, his parents were nervous he might experience some stage fright.

"He didn't feel any of it and just gave one of the best ones I'd seen him practice," Alex said. "It just came together and we were like, 'Oh, this looks really good.'"

I met Bennet Monday, along with his older sister, Juliette, who is 6, and his younger sister, Zoe,

who is 18 months. Things were a little crazy at times, as you might imagine with three small kids.

"A lot of rehearsals looked like this," Alex said. "A lot of rehearsals looked really good."

Apparently Bennet's experience giving his TEDx talk didn't translate to answering reporters' questions.

"We're practicing his interviewing skills," Melanie told me. "You are getting much more than the CBS television interview."

Bennet demonstrated his bow for me (with some help from dad) and shared his catch phrase: "You have to keep it stable."

I asked if he'd like to do another TEDx talk and got an immediate thumbs down. But I think he'll still be able to meet the goal his parents have set for him.

"I got a C plus in my freshman year speech class at St. Ignatius and then got better," Alex said. "We're hoping that he does better in his freshman year speech class than I did."

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

GUEST COMMENTARY

A story about moments of grace

I grew up nestled together with my family of four on a puffin shaped lake in Michigan. My mom stayed at home and my dad managed his business in town. Lazy summers were spent on the water, and in winter we built snow forts, went ice skating or cozied up inside reading and watching movies.



Jade Cook

In lots of ways, my childhood was enchanting, but like many families, there were tiny fissures happening beneath the surface. During my junior year of high school, my parents decided to separate and ultimately divorced as amicably as two people can.

In the years that followed, my mom and dad moved to opposite sides of the country. My older brother graduated from the Naval Academy and left on three deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. It felt as though my insulated family of four had fractured in all directions.

While my story isn't particularly unique or tragic, I was truly heartbroken. It's no small thing to feel your family's foundation shaken to its core and live into a decision you didn't make.

The aftershocks from the divorce reverberated into holidays, my wedding day and the years when my children were born. While there was still plenty of love and laughter, the puzzle pieces of my family never fit together in the same way again.

For many years, my husband and I juggled Christmases amongst three

sets of our children's doting grandparents, rotating our time and trying to keep things as equitable as possible. We avoided dual invites and shared celebrations, until this past year, when we decided to ask all our loved ones to join us in Florida for the holidays.

I know for some families, this sounds less like a dream and more like a nightmare. Reconciliation isn't always possible or healthy, and keeping everyone in their separate corners is what makes the holidays bearable. But in our case, time has done its work, and for the first time in more than 20 years, my parents were both in attendance around the Christmas table.

Now into their 70s and 80s, my mom and dad brought their significant others, stories about their health, and their humility and grace for one another. We took walks along the water, dined at restaurants and worshiped together during a candlelight Christmas Eve service.

Was it awkward? Perhaps at times. Was it anything like the Christmases from my youth? I hope for my children it was. I hope years from now they will appreciate the experience for what it was: moments laced with forgiveness and redemption alongside a family gathering together with a shared love for the two of them.

— Jade Cook of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schools should take role in advocating gun safety

Like any parent, I am accustomed to receiving a lot of emails from my kids' school – many of which relate to safety. Whether the communications relate to crossing the street, bundling up during the winter or staying home when sick, it is clear our schools are invested in students' welfare.

Why, then, don't schools communicate with parents about the No. 1 cause of death among children in the U.S.? This danger is not the flu, crossing at a crosswalk or forgetting a scarf – it is firearms. Every year, 350 children in America gain access to a firearm and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else, according to Be SMART. If schools care about our children, they should educate parents about securing firearms in the home.

But we all know why schools neglect

this one topic. Guns are political. Imagine the outcry if schools took a side in the gun debate.

But schools don't need to take a side. Every parent in the district should agree that keeping kids safe is paramount and that firearms are lethal. Informing parents about the importance of securing guns is common sense and should not be controversial.

4.6 million children in the US live in a household with a least one loaded, unlocked gun. Some of these children reside in our district. Schools should be doing everything they can to protect these children – and all our children who unwittingly visit homes with unsecured guns – from this real threat. Let's encourage our schools to ignore the politics and protect our kids. — Elizabeth Schieber, Hinsdale



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OBITUARIES

Barbara Anderson Danly

Barbara Anderson Danly, 97, of Traverse City, Mich., passed away Jan. 6, 2024.

Barbara was born in Elmhurst to Virginia Wolfe Anderson and John Bernard Anderson. In the late 1930s, her family moved to Hinsdale, where she attended high school and met her future husband, John Richard Danly. After graduation she went to nursing school in Middletown, Conn., while John studied engineering at Yale University and served in the United States Navy during World War II.

The couple married in June of 1947 and settled in Hinsdale. Over the next decade they raised six children before moving their family to Weybridge, England, where John worked for Danly Machine Corp. in London and on the Continent. Between 1960 and 1964, Barbara and John traveled widely with their children — introducing them to English schools, the dramatic coast of Cornwall and skiing adventures in the Alps. A seventh child arrived before the family returned to Hinsdale in the summer of 1964.

While raising her children in Hinsdale, Barbara developed an interest in handcrafts when she volunteered at the Graue Mill in Oak Brook and later held workshops for hand-spinning yarn and weaving at her home on Washington Street. She also contributed to several Chicago-area nonprofit and social organizations, with commitments to Chicago Commons, The Fortnightly Club and King-Bruwaert House. Throughout the years, Barbara reveled in her role as a warm and supportive mother to many kids and high schoolers in the neighborhood, and, later, to young family friends relocating to the Chicago area.

When John retired in 1985, the couple moved to northern Michigan and renovated the family summer cottage into a small, year-round farm. They embarked on a joint project to raise llamas, both for the wool and for the opportunity to explore new horizons. Their llama adven-



Danly

tures took them all across the upper Midwest to meet other breeders, on llama treks to the Rockies and to local schools and nursing homes to share their love of llamas with the local community. It was an unusual hobby that grew from their lifelong love of rural Michigan and delighted their grandchildren, who visited each summer.

When John was diagnosed with dementia in his 80s, they moved to in Topsham, Maine, to live near their daughter Susan. After John passed away in 2015, Barbara returned to Michigan to live at Cordia, the senior living facility in Traverse City, close to her sons, Bill and Peter. In her later years, Barbara remained passionate about her many interests, which included wooden jigsaw puzzles, an art collection that reflected her many travels, the Chicago Symphony, the Cubs and her unending search for the best vanilla ice cream (we think it was Moomers).

She was a woman of great spirit and infinite energy — devoted to family, friends and community.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, John; her daughter, Carrie; her brothers, Bob and Roger; and her sister, Mary Ann.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan (Jim) and Martha (Calvin); her sons, John Jr. (partner Holly), Peter (Carol), Bill (Dea) and Patrick (Michelle); and her grandchildren, Abbie, Jack, Emma and Ally.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix, Mich., in the summer of 2024.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy at www.gtrlc.org or the Lake Charlevoix Association at www.lakecharlevoix.org.

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City, Mich., handled the arrangements.

William Edward Walsh

William Edward Walsh, 74, of Willow Springs died peacefully January 13, 2024, surrounded by family.

Bill was born in 1949 and raised in St. Denis parish on the south side of Chicago. He started his own plumbing business at age 31. His brother, Jim, soon joined him. Together they operated and grew Walsh Services Inc. for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Jeanne, nee Baker; his children, Douglas (Tianlin Meng), Adam (Courtney) and Zachary; his grandchildren, Sophia, Ethan and Sam; his siblings, Ellen (the late Richard) Szynal, Edward (the late Diana), Jeanne Johnson, Patrick, Kathryn (Stephen) Kozlowski, James (Judith) and Richard (Eileen Danovich); his



Walsh

parents-in-law, James and Janet Baker; his brothers-in-law, Jay (the late Lisa) and William (Dawn); his two aunts; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William E. Walsh and Ruth V. Walsh; and his brother-in-law, James Baker.

Visitation is from 3 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Zion Lutheran Church, 204 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made online to Team Karen Foundation at www.teamkaren.org/campaigns/donate/.

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Bob Brown, Oct. 2
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Carol Cikanek, Dec. 7
Dolores Coco, April 11
Jim Curtin, May 10
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Patricia Dietrich, May 29
Iole DiMenco, May 16
Dr. Andrew Dingwall, July 24
Shirley Dolack, Dec. 29
Bob Donatelli, Aug. 4
Newenka DuMont, May 4
Douglas Dussman, Aug. 9
Virginia Ertle, July 18
Dawn Feller, Sept. 16
Susan Fournier, Nov. 14
Marianne Fox, June 19
Francis Gardner, Nov. 27
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Dorothy Girgis, May 4
John Glatz, July 14
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Diane Halbrook, Sept. 15
Chuck Hansen, Oct. 10
Jim Healy, April 12

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Pat Hindman, Nov. 24
Elizabeth Hoffman, April 7
Susan Holt, March 26
Roy Houff, Sept. 14
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Norah Johnson, Feb. 2
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Sophie Mineo, Aug. 15
Dr. Gabriel Mooney, Aug. 17
Don Moritz, Aug. 19
Don Morrison, Jan. 18
Betty Myers, Jan. 29
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Lucy Weiss, Oct. 5
Rita West, Aug. 31
Melissa Wilson, Jan. 23
Lorraine Wolfe, Jan. 19
Jerry Woolley, Sept. 6
Bob Zerbs, April 4

We also remember local friends and family members.

Jane Banks, April 6
Jill Bates, Feb. 17
Adeline Joy Bauer, Dec. 22
Margery Bergstrom, Sept. 29
Elaine Beuke, March 29
Robert Bobber, Oct. 1
Lou Bourjaily, Aug. 9
Jane Bouterse, Sept. 9
Henry Bronson, March 6
Patricia Chase, Dec. 9
Philip Clarke, Dec. 6
Jim Davidson, June 10
Carol Deering, Jan. 15
Jim Devine, Oct. 27
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Bob O'Connell, Feb. 13
Sophie Paro, Sept. 18
Carol Parrillo, Dec. 15
Joe Pellegrino, Aug. 7
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Rita Reed, April 19
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Courtney Schrey, Nov. 13
John Scott, Nov. 24
Marion Scott, Nov. 1
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Rich Sidor, Aug. 16
Joe Simpson, March 18
Smitty Smith, June 12
Jerry Sobieraj, Oct. 16
Darlene Spalo, April 14
Colette Stermer, March 4
Bill Tucker, June 24
Doug VanVlymen, Aug. 1
Patsy Villano, Oct. 15
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Nancy Walters, May 13
Joan Westerdahl, Nov. 12*
Sue Windsor, June 29
Wieslaw Wroblewski, May 6
Phyllis Zimmerman, Sept. 13
Erna Zoberis, May 14
Suzanne Zuver, Oct. 15

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OBITUARIES

Nadia Farra

Nadia Farra, nee Toutounji, 94, of Hinsdale died Jan. 10, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Raymond Farra, M.D.; and her siblings, Edgar (Agnes), and Roger (the late Samia) Toutounji.

She is survived by her children, Charles (Loretta), George (Beverly) and David (Carrie) Farra; her grandchildren, Emily, Elizabeth (Chichi Xu), William, Jad, Leah, Riley, Haley, and Katlyn Farra; and her siblings, Nicole (Pierre) Toutounji-Kfoury and



Farra

Roland (Mireille).

Visitation is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

A funeral Mass will follow at the church at 10:30 a.m.

Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Erwin Forde

Erwin Forde, 92 of Plainfield, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully Dec. 10, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Forde; and his brother, Peter (Mary) Forde.

He is survived by his wife, Roslyn Jones Forde; his children, Danon (Amy) Forde, Carla (Charlie) Gude, Leslie (Clinton) Johnson, Brian Jones and Yolanda (Todd) Stepney; his grandchildren, Ethan, Eric, Christine, Lindsday, Ashley and Whitney; and his brothers, Winton (April) Forde, Nathan (Ruth) Forde and Hawley



Forde

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A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Hinsdale Seventh Day Adventist Church, 201 N. Oak St.

Interment will be private at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Pathfinder Trailblazers, 201 N. Oak St., Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Dr. Leo J. Roberts

Leo J. Roberts, M.D., 90, passed away Jan. 15, 2024, while surrounded by his children.

Leo earned his medical degree from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. After completing his internship and residency and a stint in the U.S. Air Force, he completed a second residency in ophthalmology at the University of Illinois Ear and Eye Infirmary in Chicago. In 1966, he and opened a private ophthalmology practice in Hinsdale.

Leo is survived by his wife, Joyce Ann Roberts, nee Woods; his children, Mary Joyce Roberts, Bessy (Ryan) Friedrich, Jennifer (Jason) Matiyow, Nelly Musso, Robby Roberts and Jessica



Roberts

Roberts; his grandchildren, Kelsey, Jacob, Jonah, Wyatt, Willa, Odin, Behrett, Henry, Hudson, Duke, Scout, Boone, Quincy, Lilly, Aiden, Avery Lane and Olivia; and his brother, Lawrence (the late Pat) Roberts.

Visitation is at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

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

Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

ASK AN EXPERT

PRACHI SHAH, FAMILY MEDICINE PRACTITIONER

What should we know about the new COVID variant?

COVID-19 is certainly not making daily headlines as it was a few years ago, but that doesn't mean the coronavirus no longer requires attention.

Dr. Prachi Shah, a family medicine practitioner with UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Medical Group in Hinsdale, said the current and most widespread COVID-19 variant, JN.1, is more contagious than its predecessors but appears to be causing less severe illness.

"The JN.1 variant is a strain of the Omicron virus. It's not any more serious but it's just easily transmissible," Shah said. "We've been seeing a lot more COVID cases in our office in the last couple of months."

As with past variants, the symptoms typically resemble cold-like signs, with congestion, a fever and lots of fatigue. While these symptoms might not necessarily indicate COVID, Shah encouraged people to take a test to determine whether it is or isn't.

"If you do have a fever, I always want you to test for COVID at home," she advised. "A lot of times COVID is just presenting as a cold. Give it two days (of fever) before testing. It may not come back positive within the first 24 hours of symptoms."

Those who do test positive can reach out to their primary care physician to see if they are eligible for the medication Paxlovid.

"They usually feel better within the first 24 hours of starting the medication," she said.

And try to avoid close contact with others while contagious, which is generally 10 days after the onset of symptoms. The elderly and those with underlying health issues could be at higher risk if exposed.

"Wear a mask if you're going to be around a bunch of people," Shah said.

The most important preventative step is receiving the latest COVID shot.

"The current one does target the most recent (JN.1) variant, so it helps. The vaccine isn't going to prevent you from getting COVID, but it will keep it from being more severe by having those antibodies

in your system," she explained.

The common cold that is typical this time of year seems to be extending its stay in many cases.

"The symptoms seem to be a little bit worse than they were in the past. I've been seeing people sick for two to three weeks with their symptoms instead of a few days," she said.

The respiratory illness RSV as well as the seasonal flu also has been making the rounds this winter. COVID and flu cases spiked in November and December around the holidays, but that activity has calmed down recently.

She suggested purchasing a HEPA air purifier to help eliminate pollen, mold, bacteria and other airborne particles. And everyone should remember to wash their hands, get enough sleep and stay hydrated to support good health, Shah underscored.

As for COVID, the worst impact may be behind us, she said. But it's not gone.

"I think it will be something that we have to get comfortable with," Shah said. "It's sticking around and I don't think it's going away anytime soon."

— by Ken Knutson



Primary care physician Prachi Shah said the most recent variant of COVID-19 is easily transmissible but causes less severe symptoms in patients compared to previous strains of the virus. (photo provided)

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'The SpongeBob Musical' opening soon

Stage Door brings Bikini Bottom to Hinsdale for a fun romp under the sea

By Pamela Lannom
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Hinsdale Central senior Caroline Walsh didn't watch "SpongeBob Square Pants" as a kid. But the Hinsdale resident is having a great time playing one of its main characters, Patrick Star, in the Stage Door Fine Arts production set to open Jan. 26 (see Page 24 for details).

"It's such a fun role," said Walsh, who has been doing Stage Door shows since second grade. "He's so goofy and I feel like it's not what I usually do, so I was really excited to be able to do it."

The group of 99 actors, split into three casts, have been rehearsing since October, but Walsh said she doesn't mind devoting so much time to the production.

"It's super fun for me to go through the whole show with my friends who I share the stage with. You're always creating something whenever you do it. I don't think I've ever done a run that's the same as the last."

Maddie Starr, a sophomore at Central and Hinsdale resident, plays Karen the Computer in the show.

"Karen is Plankton's wife," she explained. "We're the two comedic evil geniuses in the show. I kind of work with him to try to help cause an avalanche to stop SpongeBob from completing his plan."

Starr, who takes voice and tap lessons, has enjoyed bringing humor to the stage.

"I like being the comedic role. I love hearing the audience laugh during our scenes," she said.

Both teens said they enjoy working with the younger cast members.

"For the little kids, it's cool to see those friendships that are getting made," Walsh said. "Right now my



best friends are people I met here. Some of them don't do it anymore, but we're still really, really close."

Starr, who started with Stage Door in fourth grade, said she enjoys getting to know all the kids in the different casts.

"It's fun to see how they are growing as people, knowing I used to be that young doing these shows," she said.

In addition to a fun story and amusing characters, the show offers a great song list, said Paula Taylor, SDFA co-founder.

"Every song is by a different artist," she said,

naming Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Aerosmith and Sara Bareilles. "It's kind of unique in that way, because my musicals are usually written by the same composer. It's fun because they are kind of pop-y — because they are pop writers — but each song is different. Nothing sounds the same."

The show's setting in Bikini Bottom provides a visual panorama for audiences. Taylor said she and co-founder Don Smith and their team work hard to create professional-looking sets.

"Especially a show like



Hinsdale's Caroline Wilson, who plays Patrick in the Amoeba Cast of "The SpongeBob Musical," has been performing with Stage Door Fine Arts since she was in second grade. "With every show I've grown a lot more throughout the process by discovering what I have in common with this character," she said. The Coral Cast rehearses a number and SDFA co-founders Don Smith and Paula Taylor offer some pointers. (Jim Slonoff photos)

'SpongeBob,' there is so much to look at, there are so many elements," she said. "It comes from a cartoon, so it has to be colorful and spectacular. We do put a lot of pride into the work we put into the sets."

The actors and their director agree the show will appeal to people of all ages — and they don't need to be fans of the cartoon to enjoy it.

"I would say it's not just for younger kids, because it's just a fun and funny show to see," Starr said. "The story isn't just like the TV shows. There's an actual plot to follow. The end-

ing of the show is happy to watch and it's fun to just experience the show, because we do engage with the audience as well."

Everyone in the cast is having fun, Walsh said, which makes for a fun time for audience members.

"Even if you don't know anybody that's going to be in it, it's going to be a super great experience," she said.

Taylor said the show is heartfelt, warm and uplifting.

"You want to do that when it's negative 10 degrees outside," she said.



The Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra will perform its winter concert Sunday in La Grange. See Page 22 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Introduction to Watercolor

Saturdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 10
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 968-0074

Students in this beginning class will paint a simple element of winter's flora while learning about watercolor materials, color mixing, painting techniques, and perspective and composition. Foundational drawing skills are required. All supplies will be provided; students are also welcome to bring their own. The program is for ages 16 and up. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$180. RR, MD

■ Collage, Nature and Image Transfers

Tuesdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 27
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 206-9566

Explore the connection to nature by creating an art journal using collage and

other techniques. Learn three different ways to create image transfers for mixed media art, and create a final project to trim into handmade cards or framed art. Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$140. RR

■ Sip & Paint

Jan. 25
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org
(630) 323-5630

Gather with friends at the humane society and learn to paint a beautiful nature image on a canvas to take home while sipping wine and sparkling beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). Supplies, beverages and light snacks are all included. Time: 6 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$50. RR

FAMILY FUN

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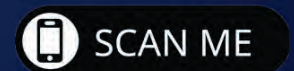
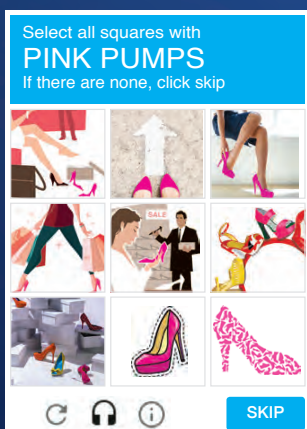
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Generally, your PCP comes from one of three specialties: family medicine, pediatrics or internal medicine. You can choose any doctor with whom you are comfortable. But as a family medicine practitioner and the chief medical officer of UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Medical Group, I would like to put in a good word for family medicine.

Family medicine providers have access to the same specialized training, information and referral provider panels as any other PCPs. And I believe we offer some special things that can have a positive

impact on care.

Family medicine focuses on what is most important to you: your family. A family medicine doctor can treat patients for their whole lives. Pediatricians work with babies and children, but their patients eventually age out. Even with the best communication between the pediatrician and the doctor taking over from there, it is not the same as having the same doctor throughout. Having a long-term relationship with a PCP can actually lengthen your life (JAMA Intern. Med. 2019;1799(4)506-514).

And a family medicine doctor can treat everyone in your family, from infants to great-grandparents. This can make things easier for you, because you don't have to go to multiple doctors for care and hope that the doctors communicate among each



Kenneth S. Nelson
Healthbeat

other. It also can improve the level of care because the doctor gets to know everyone in the family and can gain insight into family dynamics, stressors, etc.

A doctor who is treating one family member can talk with other family members about how to help the ailing family member and handle the family's concerns. For example, if a grandparent is dealing with problems

of aging, the doctor can ask the parents and children about how they are affected. If a child is having problems in school, the doctor can talk with the child and the parents about possible ways to approach the problems.

This interconnectedness can help to encourage communication and the building of deeper relationships between doctors and patients. And the better the communication and relationship, the more effective the

care can be. In the end, your doctor depends on you to be open about how you are feeling, what your concerns are and whether you can and will follow the treatment plan. Good communication and honesty can have a significant impact on your healthcare.

Relationship-building also benefits the doctor. Most family medicine doctors choose this specialty because we really want to help people live their best lives. We enjoy getting to know our patients and building trust with them. Family medicine is a very rewarding field because of the relationships we have with our patients.

If you think that it would be good for your healthcare to have a doctor who treated and came to know everyone in your family, you should consider choosing a family medicine doctor for your PCP.

— *Kenneth Nelson, MD, is chief medical officer of UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Medical Group.*

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Stop by to share stories, songs and complete a craft at the end. Time: 10 to 10:45 a.m. RR

■ Bingo Boogie

Jan. 29
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Play a few rounds of book BINGO and dance to some favorite tunes. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Story Stroll

Through Jan. 31
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Enjoy a casual stroll in the library's Youth Services Department while reading "A Blue Bird and Her Little Tree" by Jin Bo and Zhao Guangyu.

FOR A CAUSE

■ D181 Foundation Trivia Night

Feb. 9
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.d181foundation.org
Get ready for an evening of laughter, friendly competition and brain-teasing fun at this second annual event hosted by the District 181 Foundation. Teams of eight will compete for bragging rights, and there also will be a cash bar, 50/50 raffle and snacks. Teams also can bring their own food. Time: 7 p.m. doors open, 7:30 p.m. start. Tickets: \$75, \$500 for table of 8. RR

GAME ON

■ Softball clinic

Feb. 3
Hinsdale Central fieldhouse
5500 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalecentral.8to18.com.

Kids in fourth through eighth grades are invited to learn the essential skills needed for success on the diamond from Hinsdale Central softball coaching staff and current Red Devil players. Participants will be split into two grade-level groups and should bring a glove, water and a bat, if available. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$30. RR

■ Competitive Mah Jongg

Open Play

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

Enjoy American Mah Jongg in this lively weekly co-ed group for players who know the game well. Walk-ins are welcome; the fee is paid at the door. For more information, email Cheryl Wrzesinski at sharedmemories@aol.com or Gloria Javor at gloriajavor@comcast.net. Time: 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$2

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Freeze Frames

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

Participants ages 13 and up can use their cameras to observe nature on a guided photography walk. All levels and camera types are welcome. Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ Winter Tree ID

Jan. 21
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Join a naturalist to discover several ways to identify trees in winter. The program is for ages 18 and older and is weather dependent. Time: 1:30 p.m. RR

■ Moon Walk

Jan. 25
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ment and bait. All ages are welcome. Time: noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$20 at the event. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Yoga In the Woods

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

Take in the natural beauty of our grounds while enjoying an all-levels yoga class with a certified instructor. Ages 18 & up. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Yoga for Strength and Stability

Tuesdays, Jan. 30-March 5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

This six-week class is designed to mindfully build strength, flexibility and balance. Time: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$80. RR

■ Burning Beats

Through April 30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
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Get a high-energy dance workout that is equal parts fun and fitness. Beginners and seasoned dancers are welcome to tone their bodies and burn calories while listening to a motivating soundtrack of pop anthems and Latin grooves. Times: 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 to 10 a.m. Fridays. Cost: \$15 for adult walk-ins, \$5 for ages 10-17; \$109 for a 10-class punch card.

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■ Spring CTWS Classes

Jan. 22-April 25
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com/classes
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Kids ages 6-10 will role-play the key responsibilities of a doctor and explore the human optical system and different parts of the ear, learning about life-saving skills, emergency preparedness, nutrition, using splints/casts and how to read X-rays. Time: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$209. RR, MD

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Clear the Clutter

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

Certified professional organizer M. Colleen Klimczak will provide simple steps to save time and money while regaining control of one's home by recognizing and eliminating clutter. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. RR

■ The Gift of Failure

Jan. 22
www.nazarethacademy.com
As part of Nazareth Academy's 2023-24 virtual Parent Speaker Series, writer Jessica Lahey will speak on "The Gift of Failure — How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed." These sessions, conducted via Zoom, are free and open to all. Register through website above, under the Student/Parent tab. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

■ How to Use DNA in Genealogy Research

Jan. 24
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
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Professional genealogist Caron Brennan will provide examples for incorporating DNA results into family history research. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Children's Character-building Setbacks

Jan. 31

The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.d181foundation.org

Michelle Icard, author of "8 Setbacks That Can Make a Child a Success," will help parents understand what to say, what not to say and what to do to help their children develop character and grit after situations like a bad report card or a poor behavioral choice. The talk is part of the Community

Speakers Series sponsored by District 181, District 86 and the District 181 Foundation. Times: 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

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■ Celebration of the Dance

Jan. 20
Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S Garfield St.
www.elmhurstsymphony.org

(630) 941-0202

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will perform this program, including works by Lully, Telemann, Rameau and Bach. Featured performers are Craig Trompeter on the viola da gamba and flutist Mary Stolper. The orchestra also will perform the program at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road.

Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$45, \$32-\$42 for seniors, \$12-\$17 for students.

■ Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra

Jan. 21
First United Methodist Church of La Grange
100 W. Cossitt Ave.
www.saltcreekchamber-orchestra.com
(708) 252-3855

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— Pam & Jim





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The chamber orchestra's winter concert will feature Boulogne's Symphony No. 2, Haydn's Trumpet Concerto and Mozart's Symphony No. 41. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$20, \$15 for seniors and students.

ON STAGE

■ **'Fiddler on the Roof'**
Jan. 24-March 24

Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
www.drurylanetheatre.com
(630) 530-0111

Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story follows Tevye in his tight-knit Jewish community in Czarist Russia as he tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of political and social change. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays,

1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 & 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$100.75-\$111.25.

■ **'Pygmalion'**
Jan. 25-Feb. 4
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatrewesternsprings.com
(708) 246-3380
In this classic tale from George Bernard Shaw, linguist

professor Henry Higgins is challenged to pass off Eliza, a low-class street flower girl, as a respectable royal lady of high society through grueling training. But she finds herself caught between her new world and the one from which she came. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays & Fridays, 2:30 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$28, \$15 for ages 18 and under.

■ **'The SpongeBob Musical'**
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threat — and hope for unexpected heroes to rise. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays & Thurs., Feb. 1; 2 p.m. Sundays & Sat. Jan. 27; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28. Tickets: \$25-\$30.

■ 'The Outgoing Tide'

Feb. 1-March 3
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College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
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Set in Chesapeake Bay, this story of a family's struggle with memory loss and aging is sensitive, humorous and uplifting, as Gunner has a plan to safeguard the family's future while his wife and son have other plans. The play contains adult themes and language. An ASL performance will be held Feb. 22. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$44, \$42 for seniors.

SENIOR SCENE

■ Self Defense for Seniors (55+)

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

Learn effective strategies to prevent incidents along with simple, effective self-defense strikes and escapes. Those who are differently abled and use walking aids are welcome to attend. All techniques can be adapted for each attendee. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$49.50. RR, MD

■ Prime Time A+

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through April 30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
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(630) 323-7500

This easy-to-follow class for adults 50 and older features low-impact workouts to improve cardiovascular fitness, strength, balance and flexibility. Time: 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Cost: \$85 for a 10-class punch card.

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■ Peabody's Pages Book Club

Feb. 2 & March 1
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
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Discuss great reads with fellow book fans. February's selection is "Founding Gardeners" by Andrea Wulf; and March's discussion will be on "A 1,000 Mile Walk to the Gulf" by John Muir. Time: 10 to 11:15 a.m. Cost: \$10.

STEPPING BACK

■ 'Miniature Rails, Massive Impact'

Jan. 20, Feb. 3 & 17
Hinsdale History Museum
15 S. Clay St.
www.hinsdalehistory.org

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Through March 30
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TEENS & TWEENS

■ Trivia Through the Decades

Jan. 26
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

High schoolers can grab their friends for a friendly trivia competition covering each decade in this after-hours event hosted by the HPL's Junior Advisory Board. Sign up as an individual or with a team of up to six. Each player must register. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

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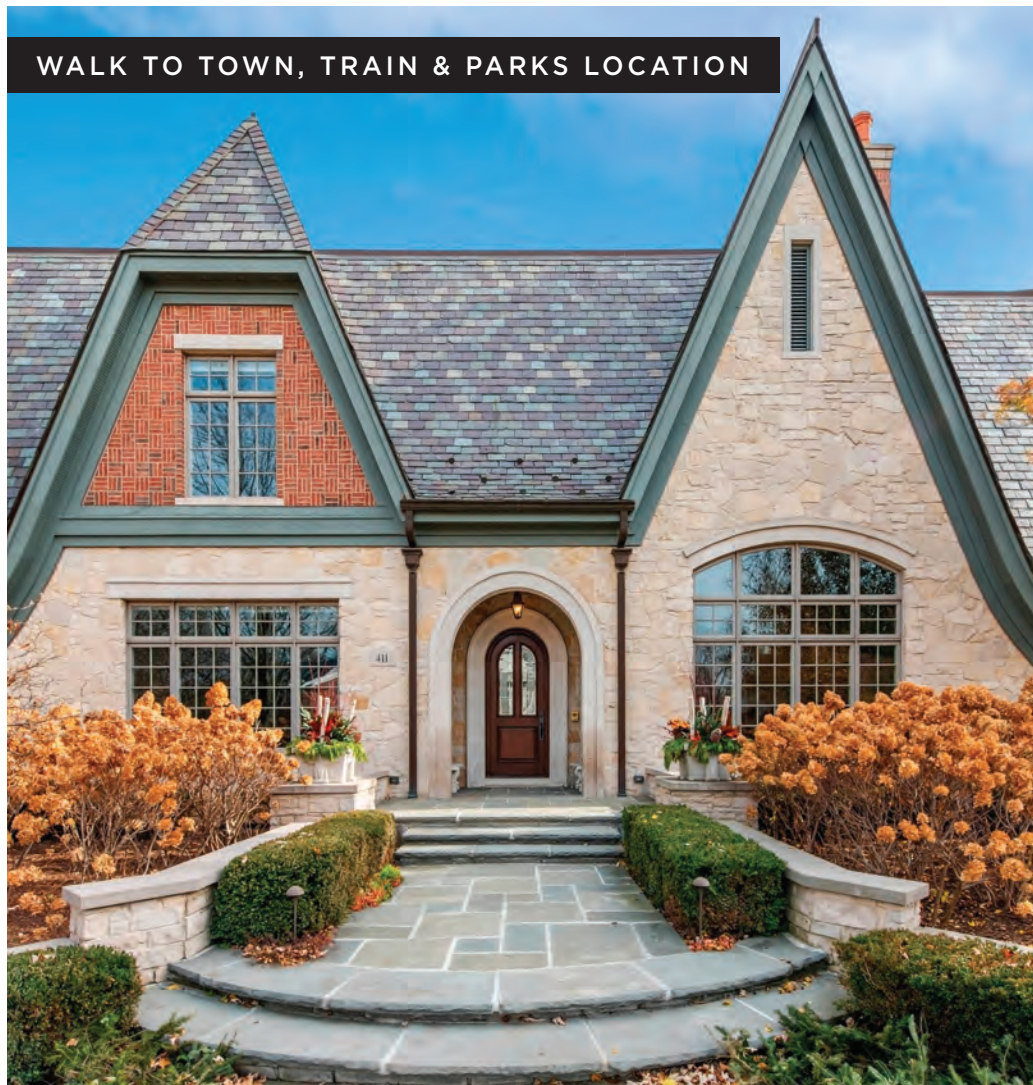
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Pet pic of the week

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provide care for children and infants. Participants receive a workbook and training materials as well as a certificate; attendance is required for the entire day to receive certification. Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$105. RR, MD

■ Practice ACT Exam

Jan. 27
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

High school students can prepare for the ACTs by taking a proctored practice exam. Test takers will receive a personalized analysis of their results from The Village Tutors within two weeks. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. RR

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■ Little Veterinary School

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‘Snow day!’

While it wasn't a snow day of the past, as schools switched to remote learning Friday, but as soon as they could, kids flocked to the Madison hill for some sledding. Theo Biesanz and Henry Lattanzio start their descent. Chase Morris flies through the air after hitting the make shift snow ramp. Rose Clary and Noelle Yammine race down the hill seconds before spilling out of their tube. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Plan Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois for the purpose of considering an application from Montessori Gifted Prep Preschool for a Special Use Permit to allow for the operation of child day care services within a portion of the Hinsdale United Methodist Church building located at 945 S. Garfield Avenue in the IB Institutional Buildings District. In accordance with Section 7-305 of the Zoning Code, child daycare services operated by or for a membership organization (SIC 835) is considered a Special Use in the IB District. Hinsdale United Methodist Church also intends to continue to lease parking spaces to students from Hinsdale Central High School located several blocks to the west of the site at 5500 S. Grant Street as an accessory use. No changes are proposed to the building or the site. This request is known as Case A-43-2023.

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

The common address is 945 S. Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale IL, 60521 (PINs: 09-12-412-008; 09-12-412-016; 09-12-412-018; 09-12-412-019; 09-12-412-020; 09-12-412-021; 09-12-412-023) and legally described as follows:

LOTS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 18 IN WM W. THOMPSON'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST quarter OF THE SOUTHWEST quarter OF THE SOUTHEAST quarter OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 14, 1927 AS DOCUMENT 231565, EXCEPT THAT PART OF LOTS 7, 8, 9 AND 10, AFORESAID, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 7; THENCE RUNNING NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 7 A

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DISTANCE OF 27 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY A DISTANCE 21.21 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT 15 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 7 AND 12 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE RUNNING EAST ALONG A LINE 12 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 7, 8 AND 9 TO A POINT 335 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 7 AND 12 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 150.08 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT 485 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 7 AND 7 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 10; THENCE RUNNING EAST ALONG A LINE 7 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 10, A DISTANCE OF 109.1 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 10; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 10 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINES OF SAID LOTS 10, 9, 8 AND 7 A DISTANCE OF 594.1 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

At said public hearing, the Plan Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to said application and shall consider any and all possible zoning actions, including the granting of any necessary special permits, variations, other special approvals, or amendments to the Zoning Code that may be necessary or convenient to permit development of the proposed type at the described property. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated: January 15, 2024

Emily Tompkins,
Village Clerk

Published in The Hinsdalean on January 18, 2024.



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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE NOTICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to consider a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness application to demolish an existing single-family house and to construct a new single-family house located at 425 E. Eighth Street. The subject property is located in the Hinsdale Robbins Park Historic District. The application number is HPC-19-2023. The applicant is Michael Abraham Architecture.

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

The common address is 425 E. Eighth Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521 and legally described as follows:

LOTS 8 AND 9 IN DART ADDITION TO HINSDALE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JANUARY 28, 1937, AS DOCUMENT 376741, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN(s): 09-12-407-007; 09-12-407-008

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

Dated: January 16, 2024

Emily Tompkins,
Village Clerk

Published in the Hinsdalean on January 18, 2024.

When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself. Tecumseh

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 22nd day of December, A.D. 2023.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

Published in The Hinsdalean January 4, 11 & 18, 2024.

CERTIFICATE NO. 79314 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on January 9, 2024 wherein the business firm of

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Located at 312 Park Avenue #275, Clarendon Hills, IL. 60514 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Christopher White, 18 Gilbert Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL. 60514; Bridgette White, 18 Gilbert Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL. 60514.

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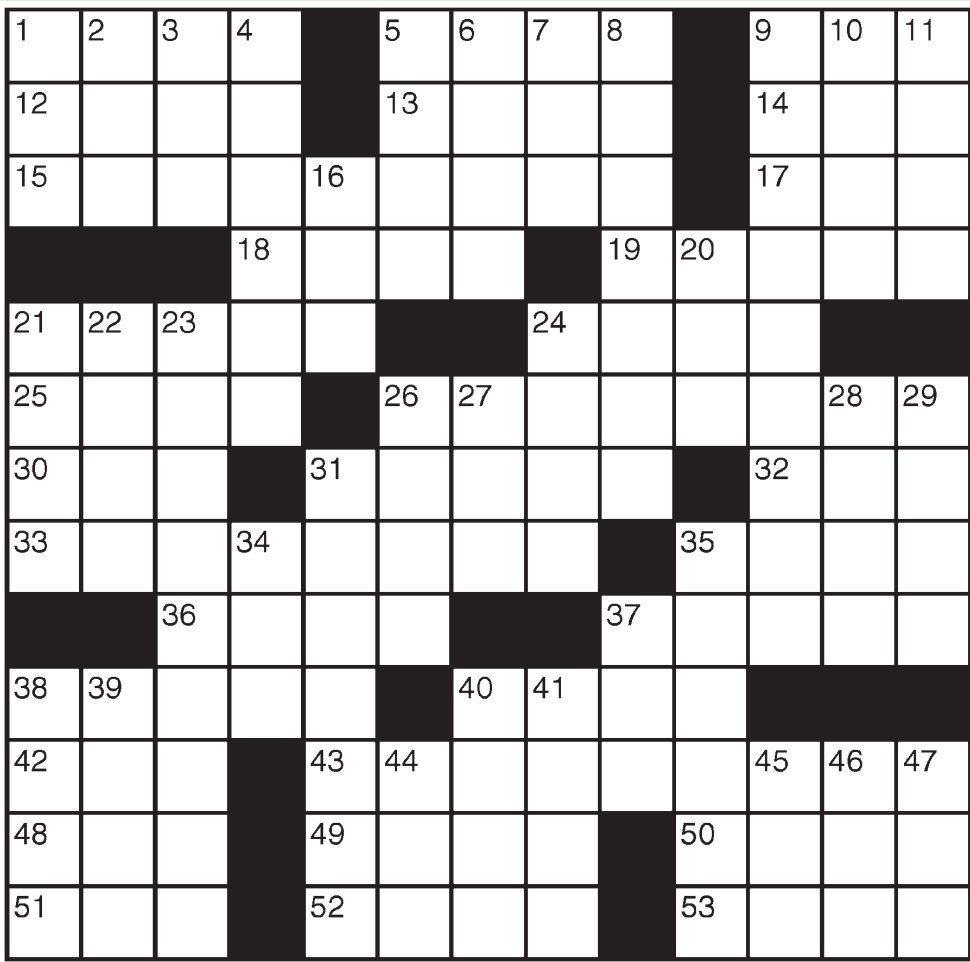
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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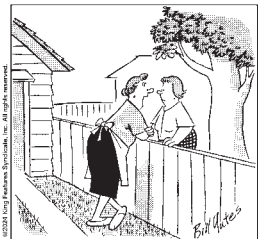
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Today's Word
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



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HOROSCOPES

January 2024 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, a romantic encounter you have been counting on may not pan out this week, or it may be less exciting than you imagined. Wait a few days before reevaluating things.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may have an artistic talent that you haven't explored yet. Events this week may spur you on to try something new because inspiration is high for you right now.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you might be asked for assistance by a close friend having financial troubles. Be careful about lending out money at this juncture because you don't want to cause issues for yourself.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, when you discover a mutual interest with someone you consider a friend, your bond may grow even deeper. Have fun spending time together.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't put all of your trust in new information this week, Aquarius. It is likely unreliable, so take everything that is said with a grain of salt.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, your household may not agree on which remodeling changes to make. Unless you come up with a compromise, nothing will get done at all.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
This week you may have a hard time integrating yourself into a group, Leo. Make a concerted effort to be supportive of others. This can be an effective way to get back into the group's good graces.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, something important to you doesn't seem to be moving along at the pace you had hoped it would. You might have to be a little more patient in this situation.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Your imagination is riding high this week, Pisces. Don't hinder it in any way so you can explore all of the creativity that is flowing out of you right now.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
A miscommunication with a loved one could have you trying to make amends soon enough, Gemini. Don't worry, you will easily resolve your differences in time.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Speaking with friends this week could help to address a number of things you're wrestling with, Virgo. Don't hesitate to lean on this support network.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
General malaise may have you wondering if you are sick. It's likely nothing more than stress and fatigue. Keep an eye on symptoms moving forward.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Nate Anderson
Clarendon Hills

When did you first start playing hockey?

When I was about 4 years old, my neighbor dropped off a pair of skates. It was in the wintertime. I went to a frozen rink near me. I skated for the first time. I started playing hockey about a week later. My dad got me lessons, and I just stuck with it.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

The team effort and the overall competitiveness that comes with the sport. Your team is like a bunch of brothers. Battling with them is the best part.

What is the most challenging part of the game?

It's overall a grind. We're on the ice probably six, seven days a week.

How have you improved since your freshman year?

I think I've just overall gained a lot of confidence each year getting older and growing as a player and a person.

Do you have any pre-game rituals or routines?

I put all my left gear on before my right.

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

No matter what, just keep going. If you're not playing well and you're not scoring, keep going and it will come

as long as you work hard.

How would your teammates describe you?

I'm hard-working, I'm always supportive of them and I'm just a good guy to be around in the locker room.

What is your goal for the season?

Make a run in the playoffs and hopefully win our league championship.

Will you play hockey in college?

I'm going to try. I'll always be involved with hockey.

What advice can you share?

If you're in eighth grade or middle school, definitely come play for Hinsdale Central hockey. It's the best four years and you'll have the most fun as compared to club.

Why does coach Spencer Anderson (no relation) like having Anderson on the team?

Nate has evolved into an exceptional two-way center, significantly elevating his performance over the past year to become one of the team's most dominant forwards. His positive attitude and leadership qualities not only elevate his own game but also play a crucial role in driving his teammates toward success.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys Jan. 16 vs. Glenbard West V 44-32 Jan. 15 @ Fenwick V loses 54-61	Hinsdale South V loses 2,323-2,665	Sullivan, 3rd, 8.45 Driscoll, 6th, 7.7 Hannah, 8th, 7.6 Balance beam Koulouris, 2nd, 8.65 Inabnit, 4th (tie), 8.2 Hannah, 6th, 7.9 Driscoll, 7th, 7.8 Floor exercise Inabnit, 2nd (tie), 9 Driscoll, 5th, 8.7 Hannah, 6th, 8.6 Danhaussen-Brun, 8.4 All-around Driscoll, 4th, 32.9 Hannah, 6th, 32.65	200 freestyle Guo, 3rd, 1:43.38 Harris, 4th, 1:43.88 Pelinkovic, 10th, 1:48.99 200 IM Hou, 4th, 1:55.26 Bertulis, 7th, 1:57.84 50 freestyle Marcet, 10th, 22.48 100 butterfly Hou, 2nd, 50.59 Guo, 5th, 51.12 Gao, 9th, 53.69 100 freestyle Harris, 2nd, 47.53 500 freestyle L. Vatev, 4th, 4:47.34 Pelinkovic, 10th, 4:57.2 200 freestyle relay Bertulis, Harris, Marcet, Guo, 1st, 1:25.65 100 backstroke	Marcet, 6th, 53.13 Adamo, 10th, 54.43 100 breaststroke Bertulis, 3rd, 57.84 M. Vatev, 4th, 58.05 400 freestyle relay Guo, L. Vatev, Hou, Harris, 1st, 3:07.99
Basketball, girls Jan. 16 @ St. Charles North V loses 37-53 Jan. 15 @ Fremd V loses 48-83	Bowling, girls Jan. 11 vs. Morton V loses 1.939-2,803 Wu, 471 Montanye, 364 Reinhardt, 336 Groom, 277 Oranu, 256 Lopez, 235	Swimming, boys Jan. 13 @ New Trier Invite V places 3rd with 163.8 points 200 medley relay Marcet, Bertulis, Hou, Suliga, 2nd, 1:34.65		Wrestling, boys Jan. 10 vs. Proviso West V wins 60-18 126 pounds Martinez, fall 5:28 132 pounds Muñoz, fall 2:37 138 pounds Barrios, fall 3:24 144 pounds Ravanasa, fall 1:40 150 pounds Menendez, fall 1:25 175 pounds Kruse, fall 0:15 285 pounds Ivanisevic, fall 1:09
Bowling, boys Jan. 13 @ IHSA regional V places 10th with 4,593 pins Kowalkowski, 30th, 1,041 Dynis, 39th, 950 Hyland, 46th, 756 Hester, 50th, 648 Kwon, 51st, 611 Berger, 53rd, 587 Jan. 10 vs.	Gymnastics, girls Jan. 10 vs. OP-RF V loses 134-55- 134.7 Vault Hamelka, 1st, 9.3 Driscoll, 5th, 8.7 Hannah, 6th, 8.55 Danhaussen-Brun, 8th (tie), 8.2 Sullivan, 8th (tie), 8.2 Uneven bars Hamelka, 1st, 8.8			

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Vincas Bruzelis rises over a defender for a lay-up as the Central hosted Glenbard West Tuesday night. The Devils overtook the Hilltoppers on their next possession and went on to defeat their conference rival 44-31. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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HLL Website – Please follow accordingly:

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Mandatory Workout Day tryouts – 2/4/24:

- Where: Hinsdale Central High School Field House
- When: Sunday, February 4, 2024
 - 6yo – 8:00 a.m.
 - 7yo – 8:45 a.m.
 - 8yo – 9:30 a.m.
 - 9yo and any older kids new to HLL – 10:15 a.m.
- If you are unable to make your assigned time, please come when you are able.

Coach Volunteers:

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

Tentative 2024 Season Schedule



- Registration started 1/8/24
- Mandatory Workout Day 2/4/24
- Registration closes 2/16/24
- HLL draft day 3/2/24
- Practices start first week in April (weather permitting)
- Opening Day to be early April
- Watch your emails for more info!

SPORTS

Central girls get their bounce back

Basketball team makes adjustments, develops resilience after coaching turmoil

By Ken Knutson

kknutson@thehinsdalean.com

Rebounding is second nature for basketball players. But getting a grip on the sudden mid-season departure of the entire Hinsdale Central varsity girls basketball coaching staff was a challenge — and, team members say, an opportunity.

The setback was delivered when Central head girls varsity basketball coach Erin Navolio and two other members of the girls basketball team coaching staff resigned on Dec. 4. No reason was articulated, so, of course, speculation ran rampant.

More importantly, however, a group of girls who had committed to representing Red Devil Nation on the hard court were now without a sideline conductor. For senior Greta Dani, in her final high school season and harboring hope to play in college, the path forward was murky.

"We were all confused about what the next steps were going to be," Dani remarked following practice on Monday.

Athletic director Mike Jezioro stepped in initially but soon was able to enlist the interim services of Ryan Sasis, a former coach at Marian Catholic



and other schools.

"Great kids, great AD, awesome school," Sasis said after running the girls through offensive sets in preparation for a game later that day. "It's a very good opportunity. Just one day at a time, basically."

He admitted this was his first time stepping in mid-season with a team, though in his younger days his job was to come to the rescue of struggling McDonald's locations.

"Just jumping into stuff and trying to make the best out of the situation has

always been something I've prided myself on," Sasis related.

Central equipment manager Brad Warble was brought in as interim varsity assistant coach. Warble played college ball at Eastern Illinois University and has coaching experience. Interim junior varsity head coach Gia Pellizzari also assists with the varsity squad. The Central alum, former Red Devil and North Central College basketball player and a professional personal trainer, said she was excited to be offered the position.

"I wanted to come back and really get this program up to speed (in) strength training, speed and agility," said Pellizzari, who also coaches Central girls lacrosse. "It's been the most rewarding. A lot of the girls already knew me, so that was an easy transition."

She acknowledged that the mood was low at first, but the energy injected by Sasis and some strong play recently has flipped the script.



Hinsdale Central interim head varsity girls basketball coach Ryan Sasis leads practice Monday morning. Sasis took over last month after the former coach resigned. (Jim Slonoff photos)

"It has been such a positive, moving-on experience," she said. "It's almost like they felt a weight had been lifted off their shoulders. They got over a hump and you could see them come alive."

Senior Luella Sheehan said she and her cohorts have seized the chance to unite in the face of the adversity rather than break apart.

"We've done a really good job to use it as motivation, and I think you can definitely see that on the court. That's something that I'm really proud of us for doing," Sheehan said.

Sasis said having a group of dedicated, smart players makes his job a lot easier.

"They're a joy to coach. Everyone wants to get better," he said. "When I have kids who have a good understanding of the game and know how to think the game, it's really nice to be able to give them a little more freedom to make decisions out there. Because that translates to things that happen outside of basketball."

Dani said Sasis' confidence has rubbed off on them.

"I feel like we are more of a team and we can perform well as a unit," Dani said. "You can tell he really believes in us."

Luella agreed.

"He has a really positive attitude and it makes us want to work even harder," Luella said.

Pellizzari has been impressed with how quickly the girls have scaled the steep learning curve.

"They've just been taking everything on. Everything's just going in the right direction," she said.

Sasis said his young charges are the priority.

"I'm here for the kids and just want to make the best situation for them. As long we compete and get better, that's all I can ask," he said.

Sheehan said the team's fresh mentality is evident.

"Each practice, each day, we're excited to show up, we're excited to play," she said. "I think as a team we've all chosen to take this and use it as something to bring us closer together."

Jodie Harrison Night

Hinsdale Central girls basketball will host its inaugural Jodie Harrison Future Red Devil Night at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the Central main gym, 5500 S. Grant St., as part of the varsity Devils game against Riverside-Brookfield.

Families should arrive by 6:45 p.m. for pregame festivities. Jodie Harrison players will receive a free T-shirt, and during the halftime break in the game, Jodie Harrison players will take part in a shooting contest.

Celebrate the instrumental role The Community House's Jodie Harrison league has had in launching the playing careers of most of the Central girls basketball players at this community-oriented event.

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