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Maple express — You can build up some pretty good speed scootering down east Maple Street. Ellie and Finn Kane spent some of Presidents Day afternoon racing down the hill with their mom, Maureen. The two were enjoying the day off from Oak School Monday and what seems like one of our every other spring days. With any luck the weather will warm up next week for a chance to get back outside. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Editor shares her own adoption story in series finale.

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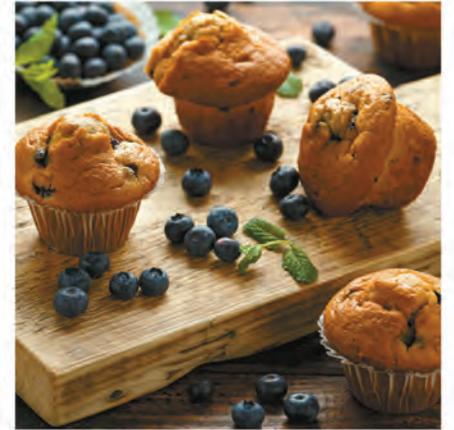
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NEWS

Dist. 86 board votes to make masks optional

By Ken Knutson

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For the first time this school year, Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South students were not required to wear masks this week.

The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board Friday voted unanimously to make masking optional for students, staff and visitors. Close contact exclusions and testing exclusions also were shifted from required to strongly recommended, but not enforced.

The vote came after the board met in closed session. In a subsequent statement, board President Terri Walker and Superintendent Tammy Prentiss said the decision was based on several factors, including updated DuPage County Health Department guidance on Feb. 14, local case rates and the Feb. 17 Illinois appellate court ruling to dismiss the state's appeal of the temporary restraining order issued by a Sangamon County

judge Feb. 4, which enjoined Gov. JB Pritzker from ordering districts to require universal masking.

Before he cast his vote, board member Jeff Waters also cited the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules vote Feb. 15 to suspend the Illinois Department of Public Health's school masking requirement.

"The rule cannot be enforced again until JCAR agrees to withdraw the suspension," Waters said.

The vote drew cheers from attendees, several of whom expressed their opposition to the mask mandate during public comment before the closed session. Speakers cited the numerous surrounding school districts that had switched to mask optional in the last week. Hinsdale Central parent Stephanie Dillard urged board members to follow suit.

"It is time for the kids to get back to learning. Stop pushing your agenda and your politics on our

children," Dillard said. "They need to start living and start learning normally again."

Hinsdale Central's Ethan Pan said he and was among a group of students protesting the mask mandate on Feb. 10 in the school's gym when they received verbal abuse from other students. Staff, he said, stood by watching.

"When the school is teaching us to be polite, honest and responsible, I'm very disappointed that the teachers and the school employees are not following the same rules," he said.

The change applies to all on-site events and activities at district facilities, such as sporting events, fine arts performances and board meetings, according to the district statement. Other existing mitigation strategies — including physical distancing, ventilation and cleaning — will remain in place.

The board also directed the administration to continue consulting with the DuPage County

Health Department on the district's mitigations. Waters sought and received confirmation that the board was making the decision as an independent elected body even as it maintains a consulting relationship with the health department.

Board member Eric Held said the district should give the DCHD and other health organizations due deference on public health matters.

"(The DCHD is) one of our trusted advisors as our local health board, and so we wouldn't want to take action or not consider their guidance with regard to ongoing mitigations," Held said.

The district will continue to receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund dollars, a district spokesman said, as the funds are not conditional on a district mask mandate. The district has been allocated almost \$3.2 million as part of the federal relief program.

Practice makes perfect at Jodie Harrison camps



Noah Trainor works his way toward the basket during a recent training session at The Community House. Former collegiate and professional players led the campers in improving skills from dribbling to shooting to ball handling. Children from first through eighth grade were able to participate. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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Finding birth family starts new chapter

Discovery of half-sister in DNA tests also leads to relationship with birth mom and dad

By Pamela Lannom

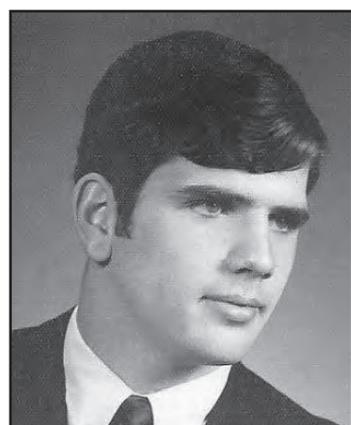
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I've known I was adopted for as long as I can remember.

My birth mother loved me so much, my mom would tell me often, that she gave me up to make sure I would have a good home. And she and my dad had picked me to be their daughter. It was a story of love all the way around.

As I grew up, my understanding of being adopted deepened. I didn't want to find my birth mother, but I did think about her. I thought about her more after my own daughter was born. And yet I did nothing.

I think I thought if I went looking for my birth mom



Among the early photos I received of my birth parents were these shots from high school — Bob's senior portrait and one of Pat from her high school yearbook.

it was some sort of referendum on my life — that I didn't have good parents or a good childhood or somehow wasn't a complete person.

When Illinois changed its adoption laws in 2012, I took the first step and requested and received a copy of my original birth certificate. While I had known my birth mom's last name due to a clerical error during the adoption process, I never knew her full name. There it was. Patricia Jane Shelton of Berea, Ohio. Eerily similar to my own name: Pamela Jane.

It didn't take too many months for me to piece together what I believed to be basics of the story. She was in high school in Ohio when she got pregnant, and her parents must have sent her to live at Lake Bluff Children's Home — which was also a home for unwed moms-to-be. I found a Patricia Shelton Callahan on Facebook who graduated from the University of Illinois at about the right time, and I was pretty certain it was her. Friends told me to message her on Facebook.

"That is not the way to get in contact!" I protested — something I would chuckle about later.

I thought about writing her. But without knowing for certain that this was the woman who gave birth to me, I never did.

Fast forward to 2020

People are dying from COVID-19. My birth mom is 70, according to my birth certificate, and I have no idea what other health conditions she might have. I've got a 23andMe kit a friend gave me for Christmas a while back. But it's past the expiration date. I send in for a new one and decide to use Ancestry.com, too. I send in my samples. And I wait.



This photo is of my parents, Donna and Tom Lannom, and me at my first birthday party in the basement of our house in Homewood, where I grew up.

When my results come in, at the top of my list of relatives is a Chris Duffield, with about 28 percent shared DNA, listed as my niece. She's nine years younger than I am. I do a quick search to determine what percentage of DNA half-siblings share. Twenty-eight percent. Most likely she's my half-sister. I've waited this long, so I decide to wait for my Ancestry.com results before reaching out.

Fortunately Chris is not as patient. I get a message from her on a Friday afternoon.

"Hi, Pamela," she wrote. "According to 23andMe, we might be half sisters! Do you know anything about your family tree. I believe my dad had another baby when he was in high school but never knew what happened to him/

her. I'm wondering if it's you!"

Over the course of dozen or so messages we determine that her father, Bob Short, and his high school girlfriend, Patty Shelton, are my birth parents. We agree to talk after work. That two-hour conversation leads to a four-hour meeting in Indiana Sunday afternoon halfway between here and her home in Cleveland. She's an only child, too. We talk about everything under the sun, including her father. Our father. I ask her if she thinks he will want to meet me.

"I don't know," she responds.

And I'm OK with that. He likely closed this door more than 50 years ago and might not be willing to open it

■ FAMILY TIES

This is the last in a series of articles about adoptees who have connected with their birth families.

again. And so I wait again.

In the interim, I spend more time looking at Patricia Shelton Callahan on Facebook, convinced now that she is my birth mother. And then, on Oct. 5, I get a friend request from her and freak out. Did she somehow see I've been stalking her page? I accept.

A few minutes later, I get a Facebook message from a Robert C. Short.

"You have been talking to my daughter Chris," he wrote.

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"I just wanted to let you know my phone number in case you wanted to call."

He also let me know he has talked to Pat. Soon Pat sends a message, too, indicating she would like to talk as well.

And so it begins

We start off with phone calls and moved to FaceTime and Zoom. Talking to them, I learn the pieces of my story that I did not know. They started dating in ninth grade and were quite the couple — he played football and basketball and she was a cheerleader — when Pat's dad was transferred to Chicago for work. The family moved to Arlington Heights, and she began her sophomore year at Wheeling High School. Bob came to visit that following summer, and she learned she was pregnant that fall. She gave birth to me five days after she turned 17.

From what they tell me, I think there's a possibility they might have gotten married and raised me, had their parents supported that decision. Instead — even though Bob's mom had been forced to place a child for adoption before she was married — the families pushed for adoption and an end to the relationship.

Within a couple of months of first contact, we have plans to meet Bob in March and Pat in June at their homes in Florida and Maryland, respectively. I also have quite a collection of photos, including one Pat sent me of a note she wrote in her journal the day after our first phone call.

"I woke this morning with a feeling so intense and overpowering that it brought tears to my eyes. I stood still, wondering what it was. And then I knew — a mother's love."

She's a writer, too.

The first meeting

I was pretty calm in the weeks leading up to our spring break trip to see Bob and his second wife, Shari. After all, we had talked on the phone weekly for five months, had Zoomed several times and had exchanged Christmas and birthday gifts. How nerve-racking would it

be to meet in person?

Very.

When we arrived at his house after about an hour drive from the airport, the weight of what was about to happen finally hit me. I got out of our rented minivan and stood in the driveway. No one came out of the house. Time seemed to stand still, and I felt a wave of panic wash over me.

Our first meeting felt like something out of a dream or a movie. Everything felt a bit surreal for a couple of days — until we are diverted by our excursion to Harry Potter World at Universal Studios.

I remember sitting at our table on the patio of Hard Rock Café that night, watching the lights of shops and restaurants across the little lake brighten as the sun set.

"I am part of this family," I thought to myself. And smiled.

The second first meeting

As Dan, Ainsley and I began our road trip to Maryland in June, I had a little better idea of what to expect. Nerves. Some sleepless nights. And an eventual settling in.

I was a little more composed when I first met Pat, and we all got along well with her and her husband Steve. She told me later that she has asked Steve what he thought of our interaction.

"You seem like old friends," he told her.

We had a great week, enjoying the charter fishing and beaches the Chesapeake Bay has to offer. We talked and cooked and took Percy, her golden retriever puppy, on walks. Before I knew it, it was time to leave.

Pat had decided ahead of time that it would be easier to say goodbye if we knew when we would see each other again. So I promised to visit over a long weekend in November.

I did, and I will see Bob and Pat and Chris — in the next few weeks when they come here to visit on different weekends in March.

Writing the next chapter

It's been 16 months or so since I first made contact with my birth family. We've all had the chance to spend more

time together, and I'm finally starting to remember some of the family stories they've known their entire lives. We are settling into a rhythm and figuring out how these relationships are going to work.

I can't help thinking how strange it is the way the pieces of this family puzzle have come together. I am an only daughter to Pat, an only sister to Chris, an only niece to my Pat's sister Barb, an only cousin to Barb's daughter Erin. Ainsley is an only granddaughter on both sides, an only cousin to Erin's daughter Kalika. It seems hard to imagine now that we would not have all found one another.

An important element of this story must be noted. My mom passed away in November 2020, one day short of one month after I got the first Facebook messages from Pat and Bob.

Losing your only living parent (my dad died in 2002) is never easy, but the timing of her death was particularly difficult. COVID-19 rules at her assisted living facility interfered with regular PET scans and my ability to visit. I knew she was battling cancer, but I had no idea how quickly it would take her.

And I didn't know quite how to manage the happiness I felt finding my birth relatives with the grief I felt losing her. So I wrote a column, because writing is the best way for me to process things, about endings and beginnings.

"I had hoped to find them at a time when my life was void of other big emotional events," I wrote of my birth family. "I've struggled to accept how everything has unfolded, with this juxtaposition of joy and sorrow."

A week later I posted the column on my Facebook page, and I am so grateful for all the people who wrote such lovely messages in response. One in particular really touched me: "Your birth mother gave your parents the gift of having you as their daughter and in some way the universe is returning you to your birth family."

My birth parents will never replace my mom and dad. But meeting them and my sister certainly has opened a new chapter in my life.

I can't wait to see how the story unfolds.



My half-sister Chris and I met at Pokogan State Park in Indiana less than 48 hours after learning of each other's existence on 23andMe. Pat and I met for the first time at our rental house in Chestertown, Md. This photo of Bob and me is from his visit here in July.

ONCE UPON A TIME



Early downtown — This photo in Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," was taken on west First Street looking east, almost in front of The Hinsdalean's office. "In this interesting view of east First Street in 1909, only the Hinsdale State Bank, built eight years earlier, is visible on the south side of the street. Just beyond the bank on First Street, construction activity can be seen on a safety deposit vault annex, 'to be wired with a burglar alarm, the latest and best in bank protection.' A new bank building, which still stands, replaced this on in 1927."

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Old Zion school building might go condo

Local developer wants to convert school into 12 age-targeted two- and three-bedroom units

By Pamela Lannom
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The old Zion Lutheran School will be converted to condos if the Hinsdale Plan Commission and Hinsdale Village Board approve the proposal.

Holladay Properties Services Midwest Inc. wants to buy the existing two-story building at 125 S. Vine St. to create 12 age-targeted lifestyle housing units. The project is tentatively named Vine Street Station.

"We're really excited to be here tonight," Hinsdale resident Drew Mitchell, vice president of Holladay Properties in Clarendon Hills, told trustees at their Feb. 15 meeting.

Mitchell said he first began thinking about the building after District 181 considered it as administrative office space.

"I thought, 'What could be there? I just don't want to see two single-family home lots,'" he said.

Mitchell said his company loves to work on "transformative developments" that salvage old buildings. The firm also has completed several new construction projects in neighboring towns, including Burlington Station in Clarendon Hills.

"There are so many empty-nesters that are looking for product like this," he said.

The concept plans calls for two three-bedroom units and 10 two-bedroom units with underground parking and an elevator. Outdoor amenities on the .61-acre site include a courtyard area for residents and a pocket park open to the public. Twenty-two parking spaces would be available in the underground garage. The units, which would range from about 1,200 to 1,600 square feet, likely would sell for \$600,000 to \$900,000, Mitchell said.

Trustees seemed receptive to the plan.

"I believe there is huge

demand for this type of project," Trustee Luke Stifflear said.

Village President Tom Cauley said he didn't see any issues with density, parking or height, but added he would want the village to approve the homeowners association agreement and indicated the units should be age-restricted, not age-targeted.

"We hate unnecessary hand-cuffs," Mitchell said.

"We love unnecessary hand-cuffs," Cauley replied.

Holladay will need a text amendment and special-use permit to allow lifestyle housing units in the 0-1 district and a major adjustment to the Zion Lutheran Church planned unit development to pull the site from that PUD, along with approval of a detailed plan and rezoning of the parcel from IB institutional buildings to O-1 office.

The village board will vote March 1 whether to refer the



A Clarendon Hills company wants to convert the old Zion school building on Vine Street, built in 1931 with a major addition in 1961, into condos. The stone details, masonry work and two-story stained glass window would be preserved. "It really has a lot of details you're just not going to find any more," said Chris Walsh, principal architect of Tandem Inc. (rendering provided by Tandem Inc.)

proposal to the plan commission. Plan commissioners will hold a public hearing on the concept plan and make a recommendation back to the village board. If trustees approve the concept plan, the plan

commission will hold a public hearing on the official rezoning request.

"We are patient and willing to spend the time to get a project right," Mitchell said.

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Number of new COVID cases continues to fall

Fifteen Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 15 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department has indicated five previously reported cases were not COVID-19.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 3,575, compared to 3,565 last week. Amita Hinsdale Hospital had one confirmed COVID-19 patient and no patients awaiting test results as of Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Hinsdale Central High School reported two positive cases, seven in isolation and no one in quarantine as of Feb. 18. Vaccination rates are at 82 per-

cent for Central students and 95 percent for Hinsdale High School District 86 staff.

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 reported seven cases Feb. 16-22, all involving students.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 4.2 percent on Feb. 19, compared to 5.2 percent on Feb. 13.

Illinois has administered more than 21 million doses of vaccines. An average of 18,543 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 22,066 last week. The percentage of individuals fully vaccinated is almost 47 percent in DuPage County and more than 78.5 percent in the 60521 ZIP code.

Marcus employees stop potential theft Tuesday

The quick thinking of Marcus employees likely prevented a theft Tuesday afternoon.

At 1:37 p.m., a group of five individuals wearing masks attempted to enter Marcus at 101 S. Washington St. but were barred at the door.

Store employees did an exceptional job noticing a vehicle back up near the front of the store and five individuals get out, mask up and line up to enter the store, Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King said.

"I applaud their initiative and that they were immediately able to call the police," he added.

Early descriptions indicate the male suspects were African-American with heavy face coverings and traveling in a white Ford Edge. The vehicle was also used in an attempted retail theft a short time later in north suburban Deerfield.

"We were able to deter the theft in Deerfield by putting out a bulletin with the vehicle associated with it," King said.

The group then headed to the Gold Coast and committed a grab-and-dash theft at Tom

Ford on Oak Street, engaging Chicago police in pursuit through the 18th District, King said.

"My understanding is that pursuit was terminated due to speed," he added.

Two individuals stole several pieces of high-end merchandise from Marcus Oct. 21, The Hinsdalean reported. One of those individuals is in DuPage County Jail awaiting trial, King said. The other might have been part of this week's crew.

"We think one of the individuals yesterday may be associated with that prior theft," King said Wednesday.

Police are providing additional patrols in the business district. Anyone who observes a suspicious person or vehicle is urged to call 911.

If the suspects are caught, they will face felony charges and will be arrested and detained. The DuPage County state's attorney takes retail theft seriously, King said.

"That might be unusual in Cook County," he said. "It is not unusual in DuPage."

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Local man of faith steps up to the pastoral plate

Paul Jepsen answered a lot of calls during his decades with the Oak Park Police Department.

Now the retired sergeant is responding to a different calling that connects him with prospects instead of suspects. Jepsen serves as team chaplain for the Chicago Dogs, a four-year-old independent professional baseball franchise in Rosemont.

“I’m a layperson, I’m not an ordained minister,” he’s quick to point out.

That didn’t stop Dogs’ manager Butch Hobson last year from approaching Jepsen when the position opened up. He knew Hobson from the seasons Jepsen’s son-in-law was on the Dogs’ roster, and Jepsen had been open about his deep Christian faith.

Jepsen, a former minor league baseball player himself, had attended Chicago White Sox chapel services Sunday mornings with his friend the late Ed Farmer. Jepsen prayed for discernment about the opportunity and also sought his pastor’s take.

“He said, ‘You would fit right in with those guys,’” Jepsen related. “So I did it, and it’s been very, very rewarding.”

Team chaplains join Baseball

Chapel, an organization that provides training and a schedule of Bible readings for Sunday services.

“I do both home and visiting teams, the umpires, the front office, and, as soon we close the gates at 3 o’clock to start the game, I do the grounds crew, too,” Jepsen said. “So five communion services every home Sunday.”

Services on game day are an efficient 15 minutes. In his debut, Jepsen had misread the speaking plan and tried to swing for the fences. In his weekly Baseball Chapel report, he submitted a plea for help.

“I said, ‘How are you supposed to get through a whole chapter of Romans in 15 minutes?’” Jepsen recounted. “My coordinator goes, ‘Paul, you don’t do the whole chapter, just the first four or five verses.’”

Initially envisioning a career as an insurance agent like his father, he turned to public safety, getting top marks on the police exam. His spiritual journey has evolved as well. A humanitarian mission trip to an impoverished region of Haiti two years ago revealed to him the meaning of living by faith in profound way.

“They have nothing,” he said. “They have no cooking,



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no bathrooms. They wash their clothes in filthy river water. And yet they’re so thankful for what they have.”

Attendance at the Sunday sessions has been encouraging, Jepsen reported.

“Between the coaches and the players, I have anywhere between 19 to 23 every week,” he said, noting he also emails out Scripture commentaries during the offseason. “I just

want to keep them involved, give them five, six minutes of something to read.”

His goal of igniting one person’s faith during the season was realized within the first couple of months. A young man was moved to buy his first Bible and share his daily devotions with Jepsen.

“I thought, ‘Well, that didn’t take long. I guess I need to up the goal,’” he said with a

chuckle.

A main mission now is finding host families for Dogs’ players from early May until Labor Day, a little longer with playoffs. Interested residents can call Trish Zuro at (708) 203-5000.

Jepsen looks forward to resuming the fellowship.

“It’s a rewarding experience,” he said.

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EDITORIAL

This is the season to explore matters of the heart

February is American Heart Month, an annual reminder not to neglect the life-sustaining organ.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., underscoring the vital importance of heart-healthy living. Prioritizing your heart can help prevent severe illness and reduce the risk of COVID-19 complications. Lung damage caused by the virus prevents oxygen from reaching the heart muscle, which in turn damages the heart tissue and prevents it from getting oxygen to other tissues.

Self-care can keep our hearts healthy, and for most it doesn't require major lifestyle adjustments. And when we take care of our hearts, we set an example for those around us to do the same.

The American Heart Association, Mayo Clinic, the Heart Foundation and the CDC also offer tips to lower the risk of heart-related medical issues.

- Be smoke free

Smoking doubles the risk of a heart attack and triples the risk of stroke.

- Manage cholesterol levels

High cholesterol increases your risk for heart disease and stroke. Total cholesterol levels of less than 200 milligrams per deciliter are considered

desirable for adults. A reading between 200 and 239 mg/dL is considered borderline high and a reading of 240 mg/dL and above is considered high.

- Manage blood pressure

Experiencing high blood pressure over a long period of time is one of the main risk factors for heart disease. A reading under 120/80 is considered optimal. Readings up to 129/80 are considered elevated, those of 130-139/80-89 indicate Stage 1 hypertension and those of 140/90 or higher mark Stage 2 hypertension.

- Manage diabetes

Type 2 diabetes raises LDL (bad) cholesterol and lowers HDL (good) cholesterol, raising the risk for heart disease and stroke.

- Be physically active

A good starting goal is 150 minutes a week, with the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommending 150 to 300 minutes of moderate physical activity each week. Find forms of exercise that are enjoyable and build more opportunities to be active in your daily routine.

- Enjoy a heart-healthy diet

Control portion size, eat more fruits and vege-

tables, select whole grains, limit unhealthy fats, choose low-fat protein sources, reduce sodium intake, create daily menus and allow an occasional treat to achieve a healthier diet.

- Look after your mental health

Those who have depression, are socially isolated or do not have good social supports can have a greater risk of heart disease.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute suggests this weekly regimen to stay on course.

- Kick off the week with Self-care Sunday by creating your health checklist for the week.

- Mindful Monday is the time to check your blood pressure numbers and other heart stats.

- Try a delicious, heart-healthy recipe on Tasty Tuesday.

- Put your heart into your fitness routine on Wellness Wednesday.

- On Treat Yourself Thursday, show your heart some relaxation and fun.

- Share who inspires you to show your heart more love on Follow Friday.

- Encourage friends on #SelfieSaturday by posting about a favorite heart-healthy practice.

So put your heart into heart health and reap the benefits!

COMMENTARY

Good reminders for troubled times — or any time

I first discovered Charles Mackesy in November 2020 when CBS Sunday Morning was doing a piece on him and his book, "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse." We were enjoying our annual Thanksgiving weekend getaway in Saugatuck, so I had time to sit down with my coffee and enjoy the show.

"In a quaint barn in the English countryside, there's a man, with a dog, documenting the human condition in its simplest form, through sketches about kindness and empathy, as we all navigate this new world," correspondent Seth Doane said as he opened the segment.

Then Mackesy spoke.

"I sort of got quite obsessed with making drawings that encourage people not to give up," he said. "It just sort of came out of nowhere."

An English illustrator with a dog living in the countryside trying to make us all feel better? I was hooked.

The book, which ended up under our Christmas tree as a gift

for Ainsley, is charming, just like Doane's report.

"I hope this book encourages you, perhaps, to live courageously with more kindness for yourself and for others," Mackesy writes in the introduction. "And to ask for help when you need it — which is always a brave thing to do."

Each page features a wonderful drawing, almost always accompanied by a little gem of wisdom — often presented in response to a question from the boy.

"What do you think is the biggest waste of time?" he asks.

"Comparing yourself to others," said the mole.

"What do you think success is?" he asks.

"To love," said the mole.

"What do we do when our hearts hurt?"

"We wrap them with friendship, shared tears and time, till they



Pamela Lannom

wake hopeful and happy again," said the horse.

The book has had more success than Mackesy ever imagined. Initially only 10,000 copies were printed, but it's sold more than 2 million and spent 51 weeks on the New York Times' best-seller list. Oprah read it aloud live for the Chicago Public Library,

using voices for the different characters, and it has been made into an audiobook, narrated by Mackesy himself.

Even Britain's health service has looked to Mackesy, using some of his lines to promote mental health, Doane reported.

"What is the bravest thing you've ever said?" said the boy.

"Help," said the horse.

Mackesy also has been posting inspirational sketches on Instagram and Facebook for a couple of years. One person on Instagram indicated Mackesy convinced him to ask for help

rather than take his own life.

I think what I appreciated most about Mackesy was his humility. He said he really doesn't have the answers to life's complicated questions.

"I'm not on this side of the river saying, 'This is how you get across,'" he told Doane. "I'm on your side of the river going, 'Wow! That's a big river. How are we going to do this?'"

I also really appreciated the insight he offered on social media, where posts seem to depict perfect lives — and where people feel free to weigh in on all sorts of topics.

"You've got plenty of critics, so don't be your own critic," he said. "Encourage yourself. Be kind to yourself."

His book might look like it's for children, but his messages are ones we all need to hear. Especially now.

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

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Who's gonna fill their shoes?

For no reason in particular, my son and I have an out-of-town hockey tournament tradition of streaming classic country on our way to games. Hopefully I've passed the torch in keeping alive one of my favorite musical genres to the next generation.



Bret Conway

Most country artists who were popular from the '40s through the '70s have long passed (Willie and Loretta are the remaining icons), but the music lives on forever. This is American music to the core with very little exposure these days, so I wanted to shine a light on it. Here is my suggested playlist to get you started.

- "My Bucket's Got a Hole in It" by Hank Williams

The G.O.A.T and to me the true father of rock 'n' roll who lived fast and died young. Lyrics so simple but with a profound cut-to-your-heart delivery. Always my answer to the parlor question of "If you can have dinner with anyone in history," but it would be drinks.

- "Wine Me Up" by Faron Young

One of my all-time favorite songs where Faron thanks the folks who "raised the grapes way out in California, and I'm hoping this year will be their biggest year." Sadly, he died at 64 of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

- "The Race is On" by George "No-Show" Jones

The Possum is the only one on this list I got to see live at Chicago House of

Blues in 1998. He was given his other nickname, "No Show," early in his career for failing to appear at concerts after too much revelry.

- "Mama Tried" by Merle Haggard

I still regret not catching Merle on tour before he

passed in 2016. Merle was a 20-year-old inmate at San Quentin and in the audience when Johnny Cash changed his life with a legendary prison performance.

- "Buckaroo" by Buck Owens

A great instrumental representing the west coast Bakersfield twang sound. Owens was so much more than the guy on "Hee Haw."

- "Cash on the Barrelhead" by the Louvin Brothers

Best known for their fire and brimstone 1958 album with the greatest cover ever, "Satan is Real." Give a listen to the "Cocaine and Rhinestones" podcast about Charlie and Ira. Come to think of it, give every "C & R" podcast a listen for amazing country music stories.

- "San Quentin" by Johnny Cash

Not sure how this didn't turn into an all-out riot in 1969 when he sang to prisoners: "San Quentin, may you rot and burn in hell."

Spend some time on your streaming service and revisit these songs. Better yet, hit me up and I'll lend you my "Satan is Real" album.

— *Bret Conway of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist.*

Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former board president calls for superintendent's removal

I am a former board member (and president) of school District 86. I recently posted a petition on www.Change.org/StopPrentiss, which gathered over 800 signatures in a few days. It calls for the removal of Superintendent Prentiss because of board policies I believe she has failed to uphold and because she has broken the trust of our community.

By contract, Superintendent Prentiss must abide by policies approved by the elected members of the BOE; however, she has failed to uphold this obligation.

Policy 3:40 states: Administration/ Superintendent /Qualifications: "The superintendent must be of good character and of unquestionable morals and integrity. The superintendent shall have the experience and the skills necessary to work effectively with the board, district employees, students and the community."

Superintendent Prentiss recently demonstrated her lack of integrity and effectiveness.

She revised an email from a consultant (withdrawing a DE&I training proposal) and then unnecessarily sensationalized the altered email without disclosing her own embellishments, a blatant exaggeration and misrepresentation.

The added language labeled the district "dangerous" and "shameful." Prentiss also released a statement to the media calling audience members "abhorrent and inexcusable." Is that the posture of a leader who wants to bring our community together?

A school board's primary responsibility is to hold the superintendent accountable. If this board does not, Prentiss will continue to exhibit her contempt for the D86 community and label anyone who disagrees with her decisions as "abhorrent and inexcusable".

Prentiss' word and her judgment can longer be trusted. If you agree, please sign the petition. — **Kay Gallo, Clarendon Hills, District 86 Board President 2015-17, member 2009-17**

More discussion of DEI will benefit the community

In looking for the silver lining with the controversy surrounding the D86 equity consultant, I'm very encouraged by the letters and sponsored ads in The Hinsdalean in support of listening to each other and continuing the conversation of diversity and equity in our community. I think all would agree that understanding (and progress) happens when people engage with each other with civility and respect.

Even if some believe this is all just "equity drivel" and "Hinsdale kids already know right from wrong," it doesn't mean that incidents aren't happening. We should listen to the stories of our fellow residents and seek to understand how people are personally impacted.

The idea behind education, especially public education, is to expose learners to

different ideas and perspectives, and then to teach critical thinking so individuals can come to their own conclusions. I fully support a curriculum that is a complete account of historical events, including the struggles and wrongs of all people. Any discomfort possibly felt by students learning about our country's past pales in comparison to what victims and survivors have endured and continue to experience. Feelings of guilt do not need to be felt personally, but can still lead to awareness and positive change.

The fact that this topic brings out strong feelings on both sides tells me that there is both a need and a place for an equity awareness program. I am optimistic that an increased focus and continued dialogue will benefit our community and do more good than harm. — **Keith Giltner, Hinsdale**



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Feb. 22.

DUI arrest

Marco A. Ruiz, 31, 6097 Knollwood Road, Willowbrook, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, improper lane use and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 2:17 a.m. Feb. 20 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83. He was charged and released to appear in court.

License violation arrests

• Justin M. Bruegger, 37, 622 Barnsdale Road, LaGrange Park, was cited for driving with a suspended license, operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended for noninsurance and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 8:37 p.m. Feb. 15 in the 400 block of West Ogden Avenue. He was cited and released to appear in court.

• Josh D. Tate, 22, 1637 S. 58th Court, Cicero, was arrested for driving with a suspended license, operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended for noninsurance and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 11:51 p.m. Feb. 18 at 55th Street and Garfield Avenue. He was cited and released to appear in court.

Men arrested on warrants

• Nicholas C. Svoboda, 28, 946 S. Bodin St., Hinsdale, was arrested on a warrant out of Will County at 8:55 p.m. Feb. 19 at 55th Street and Route 83. He was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for an equipment violation. He posted bond and was released to appear in court. The driver was issued a warning.

• Ryan M. Criswell, 31, 247 Galewood Drive, Bolingbrook, was arrested on a warrant out of DuPage County at 12:57 a.m. Feb. 16 at the Hinsdale Oasis on Interstate 294 after he was stopped for a registration inquiry. He was unable to post bond and was taken to DuPage County Jail.

Car window shattered

The rear window of a vehicle parked on the street in the 100 block of North Vine Street was shattered between 10 a.m. and 3:20 p.m. Feb. 15. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

Identity theft, fraud reported

• Someone opened a bank account using the information of a resident of the 300 block of South Garfield Avenue. The incident was reported Feb. 16.

• A resident of the 5500 block of South County Line Road reported that someone claiming to be from PayPal instructed him to wire transfer money for a subscription renewal on Feb. 16.

• A resident of the 500 block of South Garfield purchased \$400 in gift cards Feb. 16 and sent the information to a suspect who had hacked into her friend's email account and requested gift cards.

Wallet stolen from shopper

A woman's wallet containing her cell phone, drivers license and credit cards was stolen while she was shopping at Whole Foods, 500 E. Ogden Ave., at 1 p.m. Feb. 19. She found her wallet and cell phone on the ramp from Ogden Avenue to Interstate 294. Her credit cards were used to make \$444.89 in purchases at a Melrose Park store.

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.

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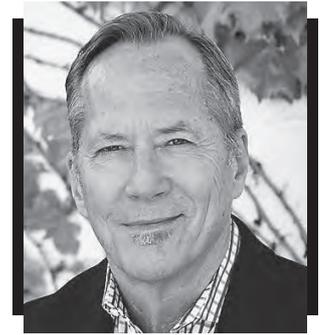
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OBITUARIES

Beverly Boothby Bell

Beverly "Bebo" Boothby Bell, 89, a lifelong Hinsdale resident, died Feb. 17, 2022.

She was born in Chicago in 1932 to Mary May and Palmer Chase Boothby. Bebo attended and graduated from Hinsdale Central. She received her bachelor's degree from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. After college she returned to Hinsdale and began working at Hinsdale Federal Bank where she met her future husband, Robert. They were married at Union Church in Hinsdale in 1957 and built their dream home in town where they raised their two daughters.

Bebo was greatly known in town and loved by many for her friendly outgoing personality. Over the years she was active in many organizations: The Service Club of Chicago, The Hinsdale Humane Society, The Robert Crown Center, Wellness House, The Hinsdale Assembly Board and The University of Chicago Cancer Research Board after the passing of her husband,

Robert to cancer. She started a scholarship at Hinsdale Central in his memory, The Robert R Bell Family award, a scholarship for female athletes. Bebo loved to play golf and was a member of the Hinsdale Golf Club.

She is survived by her two daughters, Pamela (Thomas) Gaynes and Sharon (Scott) Ewald; her grandchildren, Bryant (Cortney) Gaynes, Claire (Tyler) Rex, Angela (Chad) Gockman, Amanda (Roberto) Martinez, Michael Carbone, Matthew Miller and Natalie Miller; her great-grandchildren, Palmer and Bauer Gaynes, Carson and Grady Rex, Christian and Johnny Gockman and Briella and Daniella Martinez.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Roy Bell.

Memorials may be made to the Hinsdale Humane Society, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521, or online at <https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org>.

Jay J. Hoendervoogt

Jay J Hoendervoogt, 90, passed away Feb. 13, 2022, in Chicago, surrounded by loved ones.

One could say that the grass never grew under Jay's feet. An architect by trade, he graduated from Chicago Vocational School and in 1952 became the youngest registered architect in Illinois at only 21 years of age. He designed homes throughout the Chicagoland area inspired by his architectural touchstone, Frank Lloyd Wright. An avid sailor, Jay spent his free time sailing on Lake Michigan and the waters around Florida.

Later in life he also enjoyed painting abstract studies of color inspired by his frequent wanderings through the Chicago Art Institute. Jay was a knowledgeable aficionado of classical music, filling his home with the sounds of Shostakovich, Beethoven, Bach, Mozart and Haydn while playing online chess against opponents around the world (and anyone else brave enough to accept his challenge).

Jay is survived by his wife of 13 years, Wendy Cobrin;

his four children, Valerie Lee Hoendervoogt Steiner, Jana (Patrick) Hughes, Eva (Michael) Field and Jason (Elizabeth) Hoendervoogt; his seven grandchildren, Joseph (Sarah) Hughes, Julie Hughes, Sarah (Chris) Villanueva, Patrick (Britta) Hughes, Jack Hughes, Matthew (Heather) Field and Lauren (Zach) Bubinas; his six great-grandchildren, Henry, Muriel, Benjamin, Grace, Hunter and Brooklyn; and Wendy's family, Angela (Matt) Landis and Andrea Cobrin, and their children, Hollis and Jake Long and Willem and Ella Landis.

Jay was preceded in death by his first wife of 55 years, Shirley Muriel Savage; his grandson, Michael Hughes; his parents, Minnie Bawalda and Joseph Hoendervoogt; and his step-father, Vincent Suchy.

A celebration of life and services will be held in the spring.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements

John E. Rohan Sr.

John E. Rohan Sr., 90, longtime resident of Clarendon Hills, died Feb. 17, 2022.

John proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He retired from General Motors as a pattern maker in 1986 after 30 years of service and was the former assistant fire chief in Clarendon Hills for 42 years. John enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, golfing but most of all he was an avid collector.

He is survived by his children, Deborah (Dave) Sobottke and John Jr.; his grandchildren, John and Marissa Rohan; his sister, Mildred Kipp; and his former wife, Wilma.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 tonight, Feb. 24, at Cappetta's West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 39 N. Cass Ave., Westmont.

Interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien is private.

Richard Vincent Styczynski

Richard Vincent Styczynski, aka Rick Styfer, Stitch and the Blond Bomber, passed away at his Burr Ridge home surrounded by 20 family members on Feb. 21, 2022. He was 83.

Rick was born in Chicago in 1939 and grew up in Marquette Park. He had fond memories of playing football for St Rita High School and continued his football dreams at St Ambrose College as a scholarship athlete. There he met his future wife, Suzy. He established Styfer Construction in 1961 and built the family's first home in Oak Lawn. In 1980, after a long weekly "Sunday after church" search, he found the perfect wooded lot in Burr Ridge, where he built the family's second home. He took great care in maintaining the home, and especially tended and admired his backyard, Styfer Park.

Besides his family, his greatest passion was his custom printing company, Creative Menus. He specialized in restaurant and hotel printing. He also built the Creative Printing Co. building in 1976 as a full-service printing company. He employed all his children, along with several of their friends. He perfected his R&D by taking a menu from every restaurant he frequented.

Rick continued to sell menus and work his business until his passing. He was a great storyteller, quick witted and loved his hot dogs, pork roast and a Maxwell Street pork chop sandwich. The ultimate love of his life was his family. He loved to tell the story of meeting Suzy Fischer on her first day of college at Marycrest in Davenport, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Suzy; his children, Cindy (the late Charlie) Morgan, Suzy (Will) Marcus of Hinsdale, Amy (Tom) Sabin and Rich (Nicole) Styczynski; and his grandchildren, Richard, Hope, Sierra, Weston, Peter, Holly, Alexandra and Jonathan.

He was preceded in death by his children, Janie (Ray) Soto, and Teddy and Julie, who died as infants.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St. Willowbrook.

Family and friends will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, for a funeral Mass at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 709 S. Plainfield Road, Darien.

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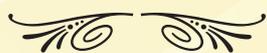
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ASK AN EXPERT

SHARON HAND, TRAVEL AGENT

Is it too late to plan a spring break trip?

The mention of spring break often conjures images of rowdy, hard-partying college students. But the annual weeklong hiatus from school also serves as a way for families to get away.

Prior to COVID-19, spring break destinations required bookings several months ahead of time.

"Now, there are spots available here and there. It isn't as important to book early," said Sharon Hand, of Hinsdale Travel Service.

But it is important to know the ever-changing rules and requirements of the destination. Some countries require forms to be filled out prior to travel. Others require COVID-19 testing. Many countries won't honor a passport that is within six months of expiring.

Hand said knowledge and attention to these and other vital details are among the many reasons to consider using a travel agency when booking a trip. She keeps abreast of the rules and restrictions so her clients don't have to.

Mexico, South Florida, Arizona, Costa Rica and the Bahamas are all

great places to escape the cold, but climate isn't the only thing to consider when booking a vacation, Hand said. She encourages clients to consider what each person in a family or travel group will enjoy.

Multigenerational trips can be difficult, Hand said, but there are options to keep everyone happy. An all-inclusive resort, for example, will have activities for the children as well as adults. And although cruises have lost some popularity recently, Hand said they're a great option for groups with different interests.

Panama's beautiful beaches are making it a popular destination, Hand said. And she's seeing the all-inclusive resorts of Jamaica making a comeback.

Not everyone chooses to escape the cold and snow. Ski getaways also are popular — and a great way for families to spend time together.

No matter the destination, Hand said a travel advisor can help you budget not only money, but time, offering suggestions on how to fit as much in as possible while still making the trip relaxing and enjoyable.

"You can't try to see or do everything in one trip," Hand said.

Hand advises all of her clients to purchase travel insurance. In these

uncertain times, it's more important than ever, she said.

After five decades years in the travel business, Hand said she still enjoys helping others plan their dream vacations.

"I enjoy working with people. I enjoy the research that goes into it," she said.

Rather than charge travelers, travel agents typically collect commission fees from the airlines, hotels and other businesses on their customers' itineraries.

"A travel agent is the best bargain around," Hand said.

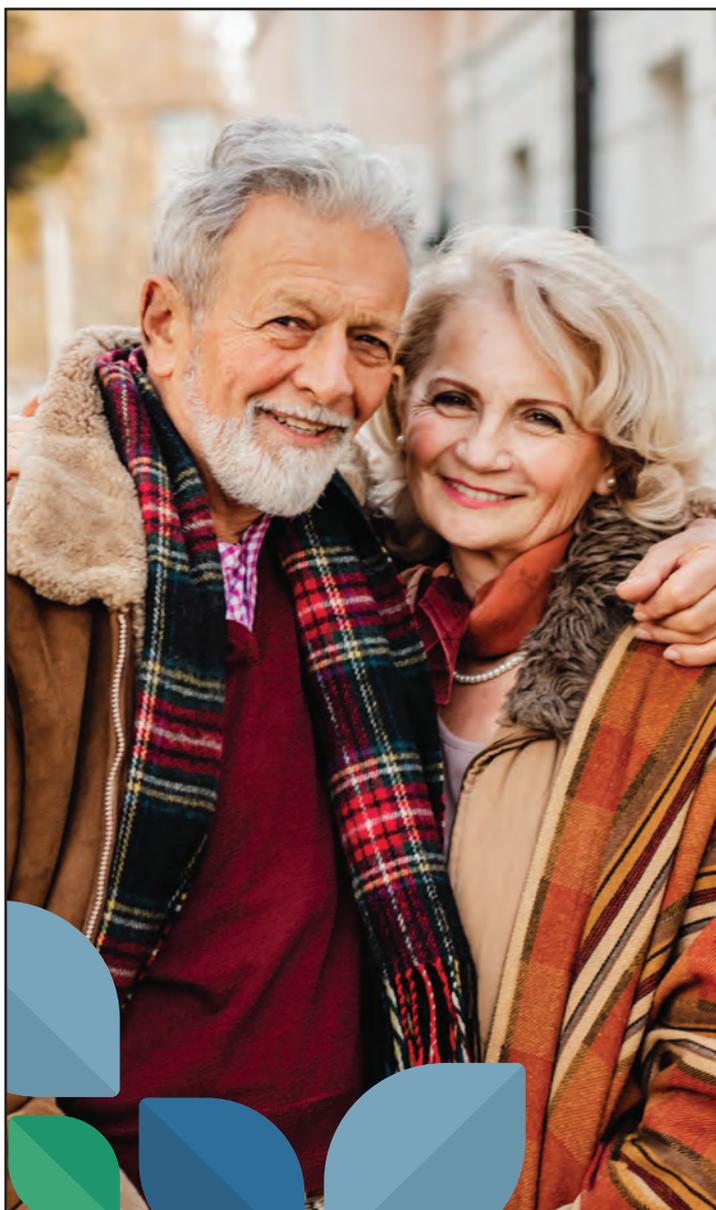
Just as she still enjoys helping others to plan their dream vacations, Hand also enjoys traveling herself. Trips to China, Israel and a cruise from Singapore to Hong Kong stand out as highlights of her many adventures. South Africa remains on her list of destinations she would like to explore.

Hand listed visiting museums, seeing original artwork and "living history outside the framework of a book" among the many things she loves about travel, and the things she hopes to help others enjoy by sharing her experience and expertise.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



From experiencing new cultures to dining at a new restaurant, travel agent Sharon Hand said travel is all about enjoying new experiences. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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Revue returns at the perfect time

Musical pokes fun at all things Hinsdale to entertain and unite

By Ken Knutson

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When life deals a pandemic, you can be sure The Community House Players will tease the humor out of it.

The veteran troupe is back with its 2022 Community Revue, "Hinsdale Unmasked," on stage at 6:45 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, March 4-5 and 11-12 at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St.

The musical parody of the village's vagaries and hot-button local issues may be just the tonic people need after a crazy two years of hardship and polarization, according to producer and longtime cast member Susan O'Byrne.

"That's been my mantra from the beginning: One thing we need right now is a good laugh," she remarked. "Times have been divisive. Comedy can really bring people together."

Through song and dance, performers find the folly in the fraught times in a way that all can relate to, O'Byrne said.

"Your age, your politics, your stance on the school board or parking will not make any difference," she said. "We're all here to have a good time."

Dave Heilmann, who has directed the biannual Community Revue productions for more than 25 years, reflected on the 2020 edition "Hinsdopoly" that wrapped just as the COVID curtain was descending.

"It was really the last weekend of shows. They all started shutting down everywhere," Heilmann recounted.

It's good to be back, he said, but quipped that safety protocols this cycle has impaired his assessment of the cast's artistry.

"It's the first time that we've rehearsed for two months in masks. I have no idea what they sound like," Heilmann said. "Singing and dancing in masks is not easy."

Rookie cast member Allison Peters said another challenge has been the constant script revisions to keep pace with the most recent developments.

"I think our community has so much turmoil going on right now, and this is my preferred form of therapy," said the seasoned musical theater actress. "The script does a good job at balancing both sides, and I think everyone can see themselves



Mike Kinnavy rehearses a song for the Community Revue, "Hinsdale Unmasked," which opens a week from Friday at The Community House. He and other cast members are working with music director Gail Mangurten on several songs, including pop music and Broadway show tunes, whose lyrics have been rewritten to fit the show. Audience members will see their friends and neighbors dancing, too — and maybe even doing a little tap. (top left photo by Brooke Heilmann, other photos by Jim Slonoff)

in the show and also see their neighbors."

Heilmann said the goal is give the audience a fresh and timely experience.

"This is the first show where the events are unfolding in real time, so that's really fun," he said. "The lines on the first night will not be the same on the second night or the third night."

"I think audiences appreciate that," Heilmann continued, then added with trademark irreverence, "If not, there's no refunds so I don't care."

Peters' fellow newbie Mike Kinnavy has enjoyed leveraging his improv and cover band background. "It's been great. I'm having a lot of fun," said Kinnavy, store manager at Hinsdale's Kramer Foods.

He commended the professionalism of the production, which has tempered his aversion to rehearse.

"I'm one that doesn't like rehearsals. I hate going," he said. "But when I get there everything is great and I have a good time and it just flies by."

Learning the dance steps and song lyrics require lots of repetition, noted

Kinnavy, who finds private moments for run-throughs.

"I'm embarrassed about doing it at home, so I do most of it in the car," he said, adding his family is very supportive of his involvement.

Peters said her children are too young to attend the show but they've been helping her prep.

"My girls are giving me dance pointers," she remarked.

O'Byrne said welcoming newcomers to the cast is rewarding, as is reconnecting with longtime cohorts.

"It really is great to get back with this gang," O'Byrne said. "The jokes start up again and the camaraderie is there."

She expects the joy in putting the show together will translate into an enjoyable night for audiences.

"Just hearing that there is a reaction out there is the best. That's why we do it," O'Byrne said. "It's a labor of love."

Heilmann said the labor over the past two months has been intense.

"They've just worked their hearts out," he said of the cast. "It's going to be a fantastic show. The theater, especially the humor side, is some-

thing that lifts and something we need, that break from reality."

He spoke wistfully of Community Revue legends Dick Johnson, BJ Chimenti and Ly Hotchkin, who all passed away since the 2020 show.

"We talk about them — what would they want us to do? They'd want us to get out there and make them laugh, make them smile," Heilmann said.

Performances will take place on the newly dedicated Dick Johnson Memorial Stage, and proceeds support The Community House programs that reach a diverse cross-section of area residents.

"When you can do this and benefit a cause like this, that's pretty worthwhile to everyone," Heilmann said.

It's not yet clear whether audience members will have to wear masks. O'Byrne warned people they'll be exposed one way or another.

"Our eyes are looking everywhere in town, so no one is safe," she said.

Tickets are \$125 and include an open bar, hors d'oeuvres and dessert.

Visit <https://www.thecommunityhouse.org> or call (630) 323-7500.



The Dirty Dozen Brass Band will be one of the performers at Mardi Gras Mambo March 6 at the McAninch Arts Center at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn. See Page 34 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Tiny Art Exhibit

Through Feb. 28
Clarendon Hills Public Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.
<https://clarendonhillslibrary.org>
(630) 323.8188

This exhibit features landscapes, still life, animal portraits, decoupage and even a 3-D piece — all created by Clarendon Hills residents using acrylic paints on a 4-by-4-inch canvas.

■ 2022 Winter Exhibition

Through Feb. 28
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

This juried show from the Chicago Alliance of Visual Artists features a variety of media include drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, collage, photography, fiber art, sculpture and ceramics. Visitors can experience the grandeur of Mayslake Hall while being immersed in artistic interpretations of the natural

world. Hours: noon to 3 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

■ Procreate 101

March 12
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Procreate is among the most popular and user-friendly apps available for novice and professional artists. Learn what this amazing illustration app can do. Students must have their own iPad and Apple Pencil with the Procreate app installed. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$36. RR

■ The Artful Soul of Faust

Through April 16
Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook
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After a long and snowy winter, we are so excited that spring is just around the corner. It's the perfect season to flip through cookbooks and find new recipes that celebrate fresh, local vegetables. We happen to have an amazing selection just waiting for you on our shelves right now.

- "Cook Real Hawai'i" by Sheldon Simeon

One of the NYTimes best cookbooks of 2021. See Simeon on Tuesday, April 5, with the AAPI Communities in Conversation author series. Find out more at <https://hinsdalelibrary.info/aapi>.

- "Cook this Book" by Molly Baz

A staff favorite, this book combines bold flavors and comforting recipes.

- "The Korean Vegan Cookbook: Reflections and Recipes from Omma's Kitchen"

This flavorful and plant-filled cookbook celebrates the relationship between food and family.

- "The Mom 100 Cookbook: 100 Recipes Every Mom Needs in her Back Pocket" by Katie Workman

The perfect companion for a busy parent.

- "Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking" by Samin Nosrat

Master the four elements of cooking with this instructive guide.

- "That Sounds So Good" by Carla Lalli Music

Follow along every Tuesday as Music posts a YouTube video preparing one of her kid friendly, down-to-earth and comforting recipes.

- "Zaitoun: Recipes from the Palestinian Kitchen" by Yasmin Kahn

An HPL Bite Club favorite, Zaitoun is a beautiful dive into Palestinian food and culture.

If you want those veggies to be as local as possible, learn to grow vegetables in your own backyard at our "Vegetable Gardening for Beginners" class at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 19.

From the basics of building raised beds to keeping your plants produc-



Lizzy Boden
Check this out

tive, this class will equip you with all you need — including the plants! You'll plant seeds in class and wait for your seedlings to sprout in the library until they are ready to be planted in your yard.

Regardless of gardening acumen, every resident can get excited for Hinsdale's very own Chef Grace Goudie to join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

Chef Grace recently gained national attention on The Food Network's "Chopped: Casino Royale" series. She will join us to demonstrate a favorite recipe, answer questions and share some Chopped secrets. In-library attendance is limited, so register soon. A virtual option also will be available.

Want to try your own hand at a Chopped Secret Ingredient Basket? Sign up for HPL's Chopped Challenge! You'll receive a basket with a variety of interesting ingredi-

ents. Prepare a dish using all of them and send us a photo and description of what you made. We will post the dishes on our Instagram page for voting. The winner may just have a chance for a photo opportunity with Chef Grace.

Here's one more book that can help you succeed:

"The Chopped Cookbook: Use What You've Got to Make Something Great" by Food Network Kitchen

Register for our events at <https://hinsdalelibrary.info/events/>. Include an email address when registering to be sent a virtual meeting invitation or other instructions.

And hey, some more big news from the library. We're about to transition to a new online catalog. Features include a more accurate search with all formats in one result and title recommendations based on your ratings — so you'll have an easier time finding every cookbook in our collection.

— Lizzy Boden is the adult services manager at the Hinsdale Public Library.

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Faust is told in 14 large cameos carved by Dieter and Andreas Roth. The collection was carved from 2007-13 at the Roth-Cameo studio in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. The Lizzadro Museum is the first to premiere this exhibit in the U.S. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. Admission: \$10, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for students, free for children under age 7, free admission Wednesdays.

CASTING CALL

■ **'Disney's Descendants: The Musical'**

Feb. 26
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
<https://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>

Young actors of all experience levels in second through eighth are invited to audition for this Stage Door Fine Arts production. Based on the popular Disney Channel Original movies, "Disney's

Descendants: The Musical" is a brand new musical comedy featuring the beloved characters and hit songs from the films. Auditionees can sign up online for a one-hour time slot. Time: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ **'Bring It On: The Musical'**

March 5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
<https://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>

Young actors in high school are invited to audition for this Stage Door Fine Arts production. Bitingly relevant, sprinkled with sass and inspired by the hit film, "Bring It On: The Musical" is filled with the complexities of friendship, jealousy, betrayal and forgiveness. Auditionees can sign up online for a one-hour time slot. Time: 4 to 7 p.m.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ **Women's Life Bible Study**

Thursdays starting March 3
The Village Church
4475 Wolf Road, Western Springs

<https://www.wsbc.info/women-life>

Women are invited to study the book of Joshua and take a detailed look at this Old Testament book about God's unending promises to his people. This 10-week study will use the book "Joshua: All God's Good Promises" by Kathleen Nielsen and will include live speakers followed by small group discussion. Programs provided for children through kindergarten age. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$15. RR

FAMILY FUN

■ **Winter Story and Stroll**

Feb. 27
St. James Farm
2541 Winfield Road,
Warrenville
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Kids ages 5-8 with an adult can join a guided walk to look for signs of wildlife, including the tracks they leave behind. Then warm up with a winter-time story in the indoor riding arena. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ **Chinese Nursery Rhymes**

March 7 & 14
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

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

FOR A CAUSE

■ **Unleashed**

Feb. 26
<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org>

This Hinsdale Humane Society virtual fundraiser will offer furry friends and fun from the comfort of participants' sofas. The livestreamed VIP happy hour includes music, trivia, a puppy-cam and a gift mailed to homes. The main event will feature a live and silent auction, a facility tour, meetings with special two- and four-legged guests, and stories from alumni and staff. Times 6 to 6:45 p.m. for VIP happy hour, 7 to 8 p.m. main event. Cost: \$50 for VIP happy hour; free for main event. RR

■ **Trivia Night**

March 5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>

Get a team together and take part in this sixth annual Hinsdale Historical Society fundraiser. There will also be a 50/50 raffle at the end; the winner need not be present. Beer and wine are included for those who buy a table; bring your own snacks. Singles or small groups interested in joining a team should contact Denise Marron at (773) 580-4736. Time: 7:30 p.m. trivia starts. Tickets: \$25, \$100 for five, \$450 for 10-person table.

■ **Tablescapes**

March 13
Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort
3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook
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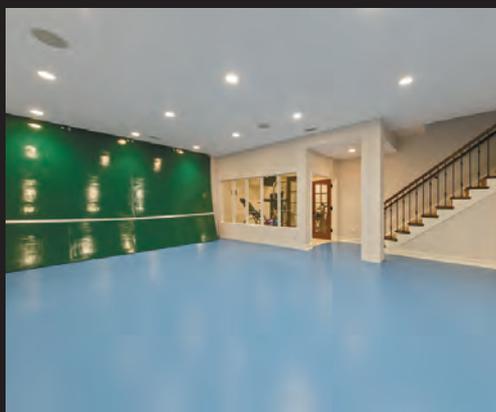
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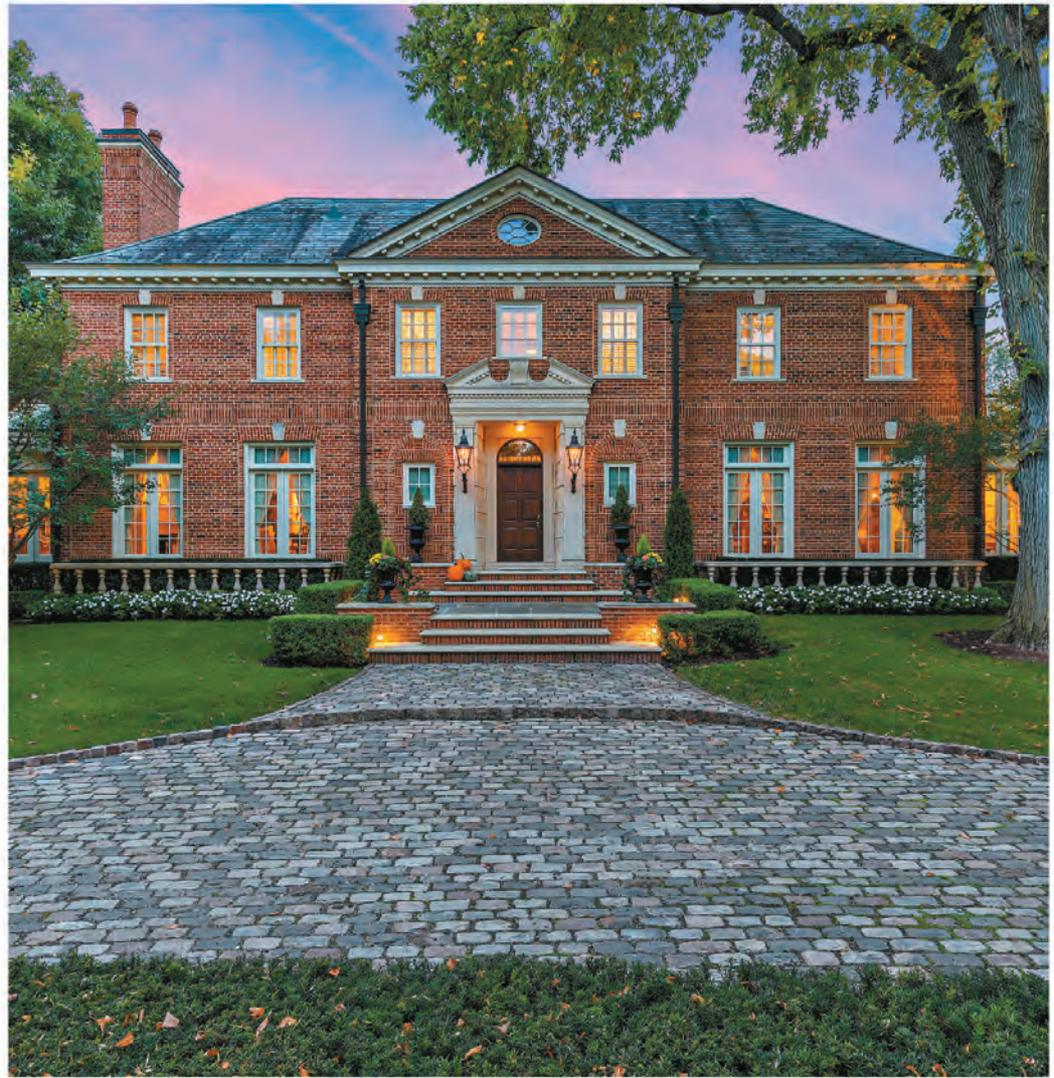
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“Gather.” The event will feature raffles, and guests can pre-purchase wine at \$50 per bottle that will be ready and waiting at the table. Proceeds from wine sales directly benefit the Angel Harvey Infant Welfare Society. The registration deadline is March 10. Time: noon to 4 p.m. Tickets: \$135.

GAME ON

Jodie Harrison postseason clinic

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 15-24
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
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This program run by Breakaway Basketball, the largest skill development in Illinois, is for basketball players in grades two through eight who want to enhance their passion for working hard and improve their individual skill set. Coaches will teach fundamentals, fun drills and the rules of the game. Players should bring a ball. Times: 5 to 6 p.m. for second and third grade, 6 to 7 p.m. for fourth to sixth grade, 7 to 8 p.m. for sixth to eighth grade. Cost: \$115. RR, MD

GREAT OUTDOORS

Seasonal Pop Up

Feb. 26
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
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Through Feb. 27
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
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(630) 257-2045

Ski with wood skis, wool knickers and bamboo poles or dress like a Viking to win a prize. Test your knowledge of the Birkebeiner Ski Race by answering a daily trivia question. The week will culminate at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 on Birkie Race Day, when people are invited to watch live the American Birkebeiner, the larg-

est Nordic ski race in the U.S., and visit exhibits. Activities are contingent on weather conditions.

Woodpecker Walk

Feb. 27
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Learn about Illinois woodpeckers and look for sights and sounds of these hard-headed friends on a relaxing morning walk. Time: 9 a.m. RR

Campfire Foods 101

March 5
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Learn how to make campfire foods for that next campout by walking through different yummy items to cook. Samples and materials will be provided. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. RR

GREEN THUMB

Chicagoland Daylily Society

March 6
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<http://www.chicagolanddaylily-society.org>

All are invited to this first society meeting of 2022 to get acquainted and bring questions to the roundtable presentations offered by knowledgeable daylily judges, award-winning photographers and hybridizers of registered daylilies. Time: 2 to 5 p.m.

Native Landscaping Q & A

March 11
The Preserve at Oak Meadows
900 N. Wood Dale Road, Addison
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Sip a drink in the clubhouse while discussing common challenges faced in native gardening and find answers to questions that have arisen from personal experiences. Come prepared with at least one question about native landscaping or a challenge encountered. Drinks will be available for purchase 30 minutes before the program starts. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$10. RR

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THE KIDSDALEAN

A little bit of fun for our younger readers

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

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

1. What is our "Expert" an expert in?
2. Who has the most expensive house for sale?
3. Name one person/event 'on stage' this week?
4. What sport is featured in instant replay?
5. What page is the editorial on?

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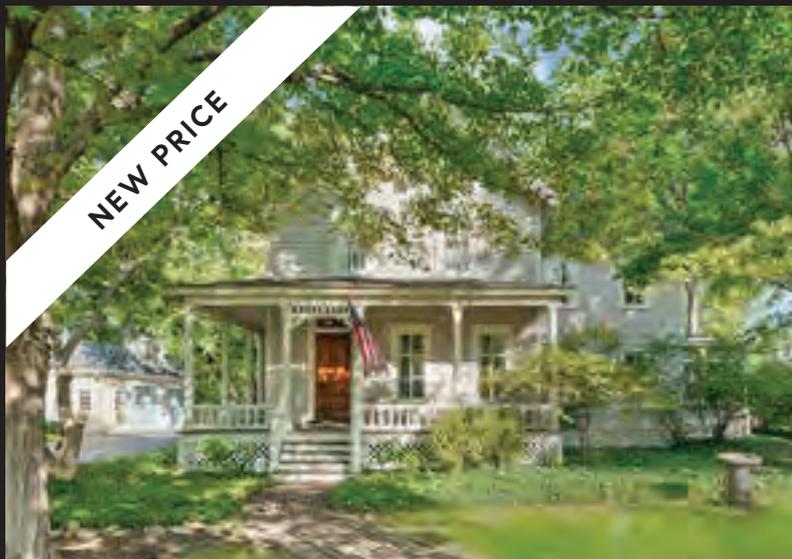
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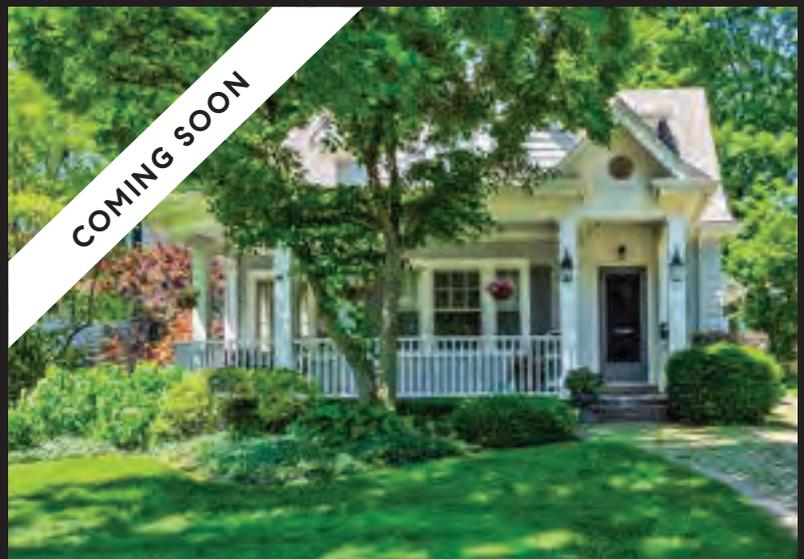
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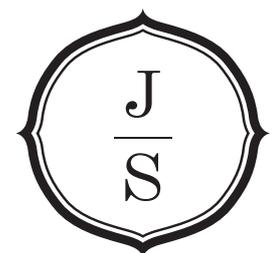
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Personalized Medicine for Lung Cancer

March 8
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>
 Dr. Cheryl Czerlanis of Loyola Medicine will discuss how lung cancer treatment can be tailored to an individual's needs based on their cancer's genetic make-up. Clinical trials and future treatment options will also be covered. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays, March 9-April 27
 KLM Park
 5901 S. County Line Road
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
 (630) 789-7090

This slower paced yoga class for older adults uses yoga poses and breath control to maintain health and slow down the effects of aging. Warm-ups are done seated in a chair, and standing poses include chair access for balance. Participants should bring a yoga mat and towel for head support. Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$75. RR

■ Heart Saver CPR

March 12
 Burns Field
 304 N. Vine St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
 (630) 789-7090

This AED class is intended for people who need or desire certification in CPR but are not health care professionals. Time: 8 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Zumba!

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

Join instructor Sima Mehta Madhiwala for easy-to-follow moves on Sundays and/or instructor Estela Medina's energizing style on Thursdays to decrease one's waistline and enjoy fellowship. This fitness party mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance combining cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Time: 9:30 to

10:30 a.m. Sundays, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays. Cost: \$90 for 10-punch card; \$15 drop-in fee. MD

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Unicorn Princess Glam

March 2
 Westmont Community Center
 75 Richmond St.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

(630) 789-7090
 Ages 3-9 are invited to join Glitzy Girls for a princess makeover — complete with crown — and nail polish application with unicorn nail stickers. Design a unique craft with unicorn and princess touches and a beaded bracelet with princess/unicorn dangle. A cute fashion show complete with props ends the night and parents can come back for photos. Time: 6 to 7:15

p.m. Cost: \$30. RR

■ St. Patrick's Day Celebration

March 10
 Hinsdale Public Library
 20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
 (630) 986-1976
 Children are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day early by picking up a bag filled with fun activities. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Helping the Pandemic Generation Thrive

March 8
<https://www.nazarethacademy.com>
 Dr. Michele Borba will lead this virtual program as part of Nazareth Academy's Parent Speaker Series, which is open

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PULSE

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to everyone. Register at the website listed above under the Student/Parent tab. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Changes to College Aid and Awards

March 10
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
 (630) 986-1976

Parents of high schoolers are invited to join Heidi King of College Inside Track in this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program to learn more about changes to FAFSA and scholarship awards that could impact the amount of aid a student will receive for college. Find out new strategies to consider to give students the best opportunity to be admitted and maximize scholarships and financial aid. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Rank Choice Voting

March 10
<https://www.cantigny.org>

Learn about this electoral method and why more cities and states are adopting it in this virtual program with Daniel Biss, mayor of Evanston, who began his career as a mathematics professor at the University of Chicago before becoming an organizer and an elected official. This Civic Awareness Series program is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Wheaton, the League of Women Voters of Greater Kane County and Cantigny's Robert R. McCormick House. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ Elmhurst Jazz Festival

Feb. 24-27
 Elmhurst University
 190 Prospect Ave.
<https://www.elmhurst.edu>

This 55th annual festival kicks off with the high school invitational and performances by featured artists Wayne Bergeron, Denis DiBlasio and Steve Wiest playing with the Elmhurst University Jazz Band. Other acts during the festival include John Beasley's MONK'estra, the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra and bands from Harper College, Roosevelt University, Michigan State and Purdue universities. Bergeron, DiBlasio and Wiest will hold a free clinic and masterclass on Feb. 26. Visit <https://www.elmhurst.edu/about/spe->

cial-events/jazz-festival for a full schedule and ticket pricing.

■ Ellis Paul

March 5
 Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
 11 W. Maple St.
<https://www.acousticren.com>
 (630) 941-7797

This American singer-songwriter and folk musician is a key figure in what has become known as the Boston school of songwriting and helped ignite the folk revival of the 1990s. His pop music songs have appeared in movies and on television, bridging the gap between the modern folk sound and the populist traditions of Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger. This performance is part of the 2021-22 Acoustic Renaissance Concert season. Shows are available in person or via livestream; the livestream option can be viewed up to two weeks after the performance. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

■ Mardi Gras Mambo

March 6
 McAninch Arts Center
 College of DuPage
 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
 (630) 942-4000

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, pioneers of the modern New Orleans brass band movement, will be joined by Nathan and The Zydeco Cha Chas for this master class in blues, cajun, New Orleans soul, zydeco and R&B from two of Louisiana's best. Mardi Gras-themed drink specials will be available. A MAC chat will be held at 6 p.m. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$55-\$65.

■ DuPage Community Concert Band

March 7
 McAninch Arts Center
 College of DuPage
 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
 (630) 942-4000

Founded in 1969, this band aims to entertain audiences with great music while stimulating its performers, consistent with the growth of the college and community band. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

ON SCREEN

■ 'I'm No Longer Here'

March 2
 McAninch Arts Center
 College of DuPage
 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>

(630) 942-4000

In this 2019 film set in the slums of Monterrey, Mexico, street gang Los Terkos is committed to hanging out, dressing in bright/baggy clothes, sporting eccentric hairdos and dancing to slowed-down cumbia music. But, after a mix-up with a local gang, their 17-year old leader Ulises is forced to migrate to the U.S. to save his life, leaving behind his family, friends and everything he loves. The movie is in Spanish and English. Times: 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

ON STAGE

■ 'Now & Then'

Through Feb. 27
 Theatre of Western Springs
 4384 Hampton Ave.
<https://theatreofwesternsprings.com>
 (708) 246-4043

This heartfelt romantic comedy is about the costs of the choices we make and the people who make them with us. A post-show talkback will be held following the Feb. 25 performance. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$23-\$25, \$15 for students.

■ 'Agatha Christie's The Secret Council'

Through Feb. 27
 Mayslake Hall
 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.firstfolio.org>
 (630) 986-8067

In the wake of the Great War, England is under attack from a Secret Council of its enemies, who are plotting to undermine and subvert one of the bastions of freedom. Can Tommy and Tuppence, Agatha Christie's most dashing and romantic sleuths, thread the maze of mysteries and murders to save the country from the Bolsheviks? Time: see website for full schedule. Tickets: \$49-\$59, \$44-\$54 for seniors, \$20 for students (22 and younger).

■ 'Women Playing Hamlet: A Comedy'

Thursdays to Sundays, March 3-13
 Theatre of Western Springs
 4384 Hampton Ave.
<http://www.theatrewesternsprings.com>
 (708) 246-3380

This modern comedy about an old tragedy will be staged

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■ **'The Dining Room'**

Thursdays to Sundays through March 13
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Covering seven decades of upper middle class WASP family life, this slice-of-life play shares vignettes with a range of compassionate humor and abundant humanity, demonstrating that change is inevitable. A pre-show chat with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 24; a post-show chat with the director and actors will be held

on March 4. The play contains adult themes and language. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students and seniors.

■ **'Evita'**

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

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

SIGN UP NOW

■ **HHS Women's Board luncheon**
March 10

Hinsdale Golf Club
140 Chicago Ave., Clarendon Hills
<https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>
(630) 789-2600

The Hinsdale Historical Society's Women's Board will hold its annual luncheon with the theme "Bringing Color Back ... in a New Way." Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets: \$100.

■ **Buddy's Place**

Tuesdays March 22-May 17
<https://www.pillarscommunityhealth.org>
(708) 745-5277

This eight-week session, part of Pillars Community Health, is a family-based bereavement support group that provides support and grief education. Children are in groups with similar aged peers, and the adults gather together to learn how to support the children. The meeting location will be included with registration confirmation. The registration deadline is March 11. Time: 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Princess Diana Exhibit**

Through Feb. 27
Oakbrook Center
19 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook
<https://princessdianaexhibit.com/chicago>
(630) 686-3444

Enter a stunning visual journey paired with exclusive, never-heard-before stories that trace Diana's emotional path as she modernizes motherhood, revolutionizes fashion and shows the world how to be human. Time slots are available every 15 minutes, and the exhibit takes 60-90 minutes to complete. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets: \$25 and up.

STEPPING BACK

■ **Timeline Troubles**

March 4
<https://www.cantigny.org>

Pit your knowledge of McCormick family history from the late 1800s to the 1950s against friends and family in this virtual game honoring

Women's History Month hosted by the McCormick House. Learn about the amazing lives of the powerful women in the Medill/McCormick family before being tasked with arranging four of their personal events in the correct order. The virtual host will share the stories of the events in each round. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ **Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Exhibit**

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

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

■ **People of the Prairie: 12,000 years in DuPage County**

Through June 5
Elmhurst History Museum
120 E. Park Ave.

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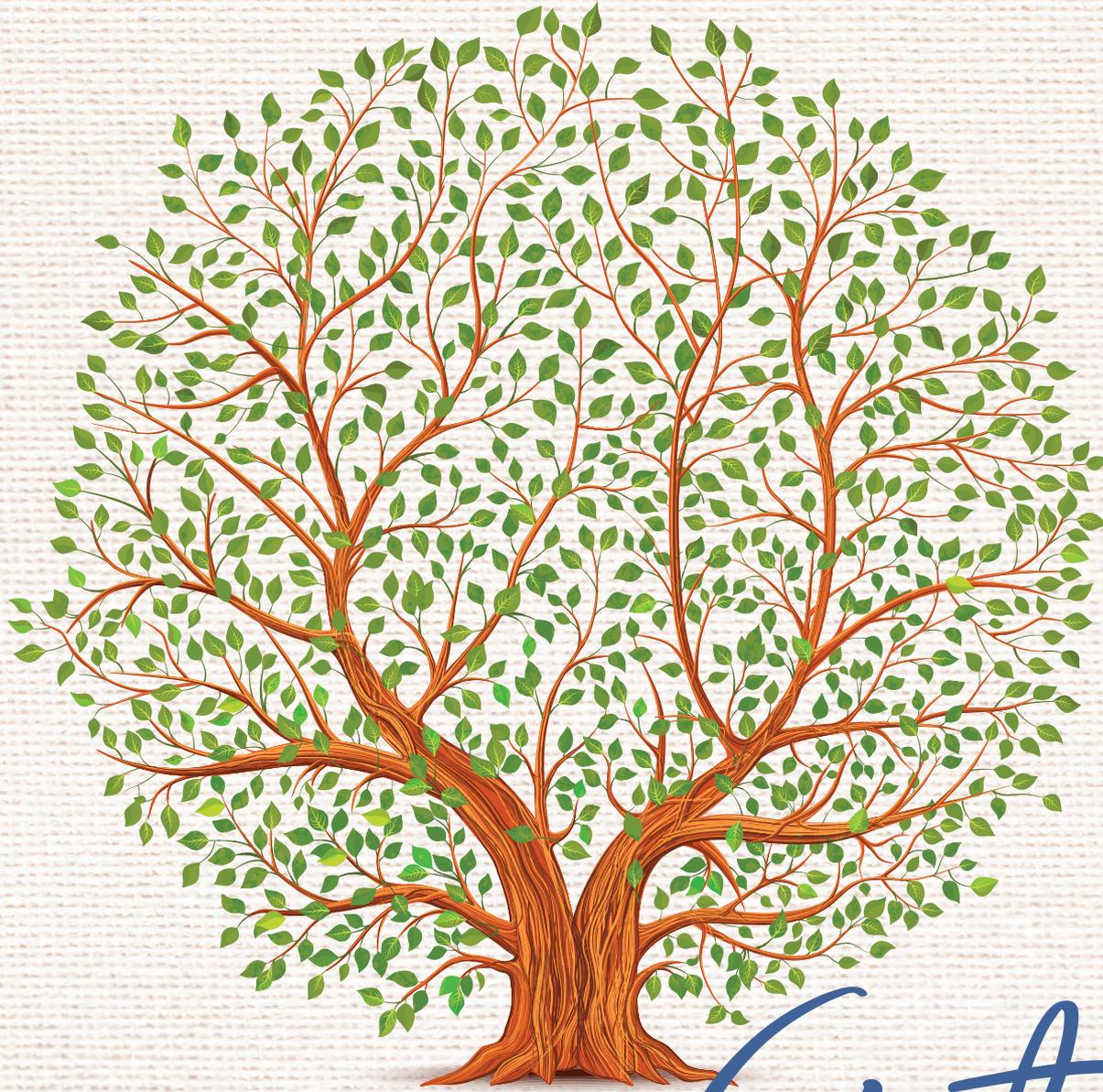
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<http://www.elmhursthistory.org>
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Gain a deeper understanding of the native people who lived in the area through an archaeological lens and learn about how they survived and interacted with their neighbors. Featured displays include a timeline comparing tribes from different archaeological eras, a digital map depicting the displacement of Native people in the 18th and 19th centuries, and artifacts from archaeological sites in northeastern Illinois including tools, arrowheads, pottery and more. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

WEE ONES

■ Soccer/T-Ball Combo

Mondays, Feb. 28-March 21
Madison School
611 S. Madison St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

This class for ages 3-4 will provide an introduction to soccer and T-ball, socialization, teamwork, following directions and key motor skills. Having fun will be the focus in this noncompetitive environment. The first three weeks will cover soccer; the second three, T-ball. Parent participation welcome. Time: 4:30 to 5:20 p.m. Cost: \$48. RR

■ I am a Scientist

March 2
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Children ages 4-5 with an adult will nurture their sense of wonder and curiosity as they explore, experiment and make discoveries while immersed in the natural world. Tools will be provided. Time: 10 a.m. RR

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This application requests relief from the fence requirements set forth in 9-12-3 and 7-1D-4 of the municipal code in order to construct a 6' solid fence in the corner side yard on lots 9 & 2 in the Kensington Court Subdivision. The applicant is requesting all other necessary and appropriate relief for the property commonly known as **527 and 541 Kensington Court Subdivision, Hinsdale, Illinois**, and legally described as follows:

**Permanent Index Numbers
09-02-213-001 and 09-02-405-030**

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DATED: February 17, 2022

/s/ Kathleen A. Gargano
Village Manager

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SPORTS

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The following members of the Hinsdale Central boys swimming and diving team will represent Red Devil Nation at the IHSA state final Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26 at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont:

- senior Braxton Bokos in the 500-yard freestyle
- senior Samuel Daw in the 100-yard backstroke
- senior Conor Furlong in diving
- junior Andrew Gilbert in the 50-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle relay, 400-yard freestyle relay and 200-yard medley relay
- junior Sami Kassir in diving
- junior Noah Priest in the 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle

relay and 400-yard freestyle relay

- sophomore Nojus Bertulis in the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard medley relay
 - sophomore Nate Harris in the 200-yard IM and the 500-yard freestyle
 - sophomore Jeffrey Hou in the 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard IM, 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay
 - sophomore Brody Marcet in the 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard freestyle relay
 - freshman Joshua Bey in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard medley relay
 - freshman Henry Guo in the 200-yard freestyle relay
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Jones named finalist for national AD award

Hinsdale Central's Dan Jones has been named a finalist for National Athletic Director of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

Jones has been the AD at Central since 2012 and previously held the same post at DeKalb High School.

The association is dedicated to serving high school coaches and athletic directors through education, recognition and support. It will present its awards at the National Coaches Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, June 18-22.



Jones

RESULTS

Basketball, girls

Feb. 18 @ IHSA regional vs. Whitney Young (final)
V loses 33-71
Monyek, 11 points
Sarros, 10 points
Howe, 8 points
Sheehan, 2 points
Dolan, 2 points

Hockey

Feb. 19 vs. Waubonsie
V loses 2-5
Devine, goal
Haag, goal
Cook, assist
Dugan, assist
Feb. 18 @ Waubonsie

V loses 3-4 (OT)

Swimming, boys

Feb. 19 @ IHSA sectionals
V places 1st with 304 points
200-yard medley relay
Bertulis, Bey, Hou, Gilbert, 2nd, 1:33.76
200-yard freestyle
Priest, 2nd, 1:43.65
Bokos, 4th, 1:44.48
200-yard IM
Hou, 1st, 1:54.37
Harris, 2nd, 1:55.52
50-yard freestyle
Gilbert, 1st, 21.17
Guo, 5th, 22.08
1-meter diving

Furlong, 2nd, 494.05
Kassir, 4th, 449.95
100-yard butterfly
Hou, 1st, 50.49
Guo, 2nd, 51.93
100-yard freestyle
Priest, 5th, 47.08
Marcet, 6th, 47.58
500-yard freestyle
Bokos, 1st, 4:38.1
Harris, 3rd, 4:39.43
200-yard freestyle relay
Gilbert, Guo, Priest, Marcet, 2nd, 1:25.37
100-yard backstroke
Daw, 4th, 51.97
Bertulis, 5th, 52.32
100-yard breaststroke

Bey, 1st, 56.84
Fix, 5th, 59.44
400-yard freestyle relay
Gilbert, Priest, Marcet, Hou, 2nd, 3:08.54

Track, girls

Feb. 18 @ York Meet
V places 2nd with 133 points
55-meter dash
Reed, 1st, 7.55
McCoy, 3rd, 7.6
200 meters
Reed, 1st, 27.57
Hodneland, 2nd, 28.35
300 meters
Hodneland, 1st, 46.02
Dorris, 3rd, 47.9

400 meters
McCabe, 1st, 1:01.9
600 meters
Sakho, 2nd, 1:49.92
800 meters
McCabe, 1st, 2:21.14
Terry, 7th, 2:31.1
1,600 meters
Fischer, 2nd, 5:19.22
3,200 meters
Thanos, 3rd, 12:16.18
4x200-meter relay
McCoy, Chandler, Dorris, Hodneland, 1st, 1:54.11
4x400-meter relay
Terry, Milligan, McCabe, Chandler, 1st, 4:16.01
Shot put

Veliz-Hernandez, 6th, 7.9
Schuurman, 11th, 7.55
Pole vault
Chandler, 7th (tie), 1.85
Long jump
Reed, 1st, 4.76
Chandler, 3rd, 4.6
Triple jump
McInerney, 4th, 9.1
Schuurman, 8th, 8.35
Feb. 17 @ Proviso West
Indoor Quad
V places 3rd with 45 points

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SPORTS

Devils perform at individual state meets

Gymnast, two wrestlers make it to the podium at their respective IHSA competitions

By Pamela Lannom
plannom@thehinsdalean.com

Three Hinsdale Central High School athletes earned top-six finishes at individual IHSA state meets last weekend.

Senior gymnast Kelly Klobach placed fourth on vault with a score of 9.65 in the individual state finals Saturday at Palatine High School. At the individual state wrestling finals in Champaign Saturday, sophomore Marko Ivanisevic placed fifth in the 220-pound weight class and junior Cody Tavoso placed sixth at 132 pounds.

In her first appearance at state, as there was no meet last year, Klobach said she placed higher than she expected with her Yurchanko layout vault.

"Because the competition there was so difficult, it motivated me to really push myself and do the best vault I could possibly do," she said. "That was definitely some external motivation.

"Internally, I think just because it was my last gymnastics meet ever and the last vault I was going to do, I wanted to say I went out on a good note and ended my gymnastics career how I

wanted it to end. I think that also was something that was driving me."

Klobach earned ninth with a score of 9.175 in her bars routine. Central varsity girls gymnastics coach Kim Estoque said a change in the way the rotation was created had Klobach competing on bars immediately after finishing her vault.

"The biggest challenge I think in the finals was she had to go right from vault to bars, which I thought was kind of difficult," Estoque said. "She didn't have any down time between the two."

Klobach said at first she was stressed by the scheduling but was able to calm herself down.

"Score-wise it wasn't as high as I would have wanted it to be. Overall, I think the bar routine was pretty good," she said.

Estoque praised Klobach for her efforts all season long. "She's a great kid. She works really hard," Estoque said. "She deserves everything she got."

Klobach, who has been dominant throughout the season, also competed in beam and floor exercise in the preliminary events on Friday. She said competition



Kelly Klobach earned ninth place on bars and fourth on vault at the individual state gymnastics finals Saturday. (photo by Joel Lerner for The Hinsdalean)

at state was stiff.

"I would say the top schools were Prairie Ridge and DeKalb, and we don't usually compete against either of them, so I was seeing them for the first time at state," she said.

Junior Charlotte French finished 30th on uneven bars with one of her higher personal scores, Estoque said.

"She struggled on one skill, but she just kept plugging away at it and she finished without falling off," Estoque said.

Klobach said she enjoyed moving from club gymnastics to the high school team last year.

"It really brought back the love of the sport for me," she said.

Landing the final dismount at state was an emotional end to her career as a gymnast, Klobach said.

"I was trying to hold back the tears but I don't think I did too well," she said.

Grapplers finish fifth, sixth

A life-size painting of a podium in the wrestling room at Hinsdale Central reminds athletes of what they are striving toward.

"The expectations are not

just to be a state qualifier, but to go down and be All State, which is our ultimate goal," varsity wrestling coach Jason Hayes said.

Ivanisevic and Tavoso met that goal, both placing in the top six. Ivanisevic wrestled with toughness to earn fifth in the 220-pound weight class, Hayes said.

"He's in great shape," his coach said. "He wore guys out. He got them tired in the third period and that's how he won his matches. He had to beat the same kid twice in the tournament, the kid from DeKalb, which is a tough feat to do."

Ivanisevic said he is happy with the improvements he's made since his freshman year. He did not qualify last year for the competition held in lieu of the state meet, which was canceled due to COVID.

"I was really hoping to place higher in the tournament, but I guess my mindset was not ready for that big step up into the state tournament," Ivanisevic said.

He offered thanks to everyone from Central athletic director Dan Jones to his brothers and parents to his coaches at all levels, especially Hayes, Juwan Edmond

and Ernest Battaglia.

Ivanisevic said the experience will serve as motivation to return to the state finals as a junior — hopefully with more of his teammates making the trip.

"I'm reflecting on it right now, thinking about what my goals are going to be for the next season and what I need to work on," he said. "It was a great learning experience."

Tavoso would have liked to finish higher than sixth at 132 pounds, Hayes said, but he wrestled with heart.

"Cody is a smart wrestler and he competed in a very tough weight class," Hayes said. "If you wrestled in that weight class next week, you might have different medalists. That's how the margin of error is at that level. He beat a really good kid from DeKalb in the quarterfinals to earn All State."

Both athletes were dedicated throughout the season, Hayes said, participating in early morning practices or wrestling after school to get more time on the mat.

"I'm very proud of them," Hayes said. "The amount of work these guys put in, I'm so happy they were able to get on the podium."



Marko Ivanisevic placed fifth in the 220-pound weight class and Cody Tavoso placed sixth in the 132-pound weight class at the individual state wrestling finals, also held last weekend. (photos courtesy of Jason Hayes)



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