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In the spotlights

Hinsdale Central hosted its annual variety show Feb. 21 and 22. With 17 acts and more than 30 performers, the show was a big hit with the audiences. Lea Ayson performed "Venetian Boat Song No. 2" by Mendelssohn and "Capriccio" by Hassler. Please turn to Page 34 for more photos. (Jim Slonoff photo)





Time change
Turn clocks ahead one hour on
Sunday, March 10.
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Ten-year-old makes the right call
and saves dad's life.
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NEWS

Village board studies preschool proposal

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale trustees Tuesday night signaled their support for a plan to run the Montessori Gifted Prep Preschool out of Hinsdale United Methodist Church beginning in the fall.

In a first reading of the application for a special-use permit to operate the program, village board members were apprised of the proposal for the Monday-to-Friday preschool with hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The preschool would serve up to 77 children ages 6 weeks to 5 years and have a maximum staff of 17 at the church located at 945 S. Garfield Ave

The discussion focused on student

drop-off and pick-up arrangements in light of the entrance to the church lot being in close proximity to the busy Garfield and 55th Street intersection. To alleviate vehicle stacking onto Garfield, student drop-off and pick-up will be done on the east side of the building to allow ample room for a waiting line.

Trustee Luke Stifflear noted that the preschool that operated at the church from 1966 to 2018 had a different traffic flow.

"Previously pick-ups and dropoffs were on the north side of the building, so a much shorter distance between Garfield Street and where the pick-up and drop-off occurred," he said. "Now they'll go all along the north side of the building, make a right-hand turn ... that will allow for a greater amount of available space."

The window for morning drop-off will be from 7 to 8:30 a.m., depending on the student's scheduling. The midday pick-up will be from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m. at the end of the day. Vehicles will then proceed east and exit the site onto Ninth Court

Stifflear said language has been added to the proposed ordinance "that allows the village manager to adjust drop-off and pick-up times to address any future traffic issues."

Peter Coules, attorney for the preschool, said school staff will meet students at the vehicles.

"The parents do not park and bring the kids in," he stressed. "There's no night classes, there's no weekend classes." Hinsdale Central High School students lease some spots in the church's lot, but officials say plenty of capacity exists for Central students, school staff and church staff.

"The takeaway from this is we don't anticipate any parking problems whatsoever," Stifflear said.

Trustee Alexis Braden expressed safety concerns about Central students crossing Garfield in between stopped traffic on their way to the school. Police Chief Brian King said his department will monitor the situation.

At Feb. 15 village plan commission meeting, commissioners voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the application. The village board is expected to vote on the special-use permit at its Tuesday, March 19, meeting.









WWII day at HMS

Hinsdale Middle School held its annual World War II Day last week. Honour Caruso, Lila Sodikoff and Ava Menza do an impression of Rosie the Riveter, while HMS teacher Rick Dusek explains some of the WWII relics on display. Sarah Meltzer views the headlines from the war era. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale's building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. Baird and Warner and Odegaard's Laundry and Cleaners were located at 108 and 110 S. Washington St. Today Better Homes and Gardens County Line and the Home Design Center occupy the storefronts. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We'd love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com.



Happy Birthday! Colin Taylor turns 8 March 8

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D181 staff members bring home the awards

Those who Excel recognizes a dozen employees, from administrators to support staff

By Pamela Lannom

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District 181 will have a large contingent traveling to Illinois State University in May for the Those Who Excel banquet. Twelve staff members or more than a quarter of all recipients in DuPage County were recognized (see sidebar).

"We know we're filled with these outstanding educators, and to have a large number of them represented in this award obviously made us smile," said Hector Garcia, superintendent of Community Consolidated Elementary District 181. "We're very proud of their work."

Recognizing staff has been one of the district's goals, and Garcia praised Jeffrey Alstadt, communications director, for his efforts to spread the word about nominations. So did award winner Kathy Robinson, assistant superintendent of learning, who received an award of special recognition.

District 181

Award of Excellence Kelly Pelak, teacher

Award of Meritorious Service **Student support** personnel Jennifer Steinhebel

Teachers

George Andrikokus Dana Bednar Amanda Leydon Jennifer Pestka

Award of Special Recognition **Administrator** Kathleen Robinson

Educational service personnel Mary Lynch

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District 86

Award of Meritorious Service Teacher Maria Cotter





Kelly Pelak, one of a dozen Those who Excel honorees in District 181, said moments like this motivate her to continue to strive for excellence. She was nominated by her

"Jeffrey is excellent in terms of communicating to staff if there is someone who has gone out of their way and really shines, take time to nominate them," she said.

Robinson was nominated by Gabrielle Pastiak, a teacher on special assignment.

"I was so excited," Robinson said of learning of her nomination. "I found her immediately and thanked her and gave her a big hug and told her it wasn't necessary, but definitely very much appreciated that she took the time out to recognize the work that I had done.

Robinson is excited to return to the Illinois State University campus in Normal, where she is an alumni.

"It's nice that I get to go back to where I started to accept the award," she said.

Robinson said she always knew she wanted to work with children and still tries to do so as a district administrator.

"I try to get into the classrooms as much as I possibly can," she said.

Seeing the words Pastiak wrote about her work with teachers is almost better than receiving the award, Robinson said.

"That means the most to me — not the award itself, but someone taking time out of their day to write down what it means to the district and to the kids and teachers in the

district," she said.

Nine District 181 teachers were recognized, including Hinsdale Middle School sixthgrade science teacher Kelly Pelak. She received the top Those who Excel honor, the award of excellence, after being nominated by a colleague and supported in a letter from former student Celsey O'Hare.

"She wrote a phenomenal letter and had the opportunity to expand on her first-hand experience of being in my class and being directly impacted by my teaching," said Pelak, who has worked in District 181 since graduating from the University of Illinois. "That was a really incredible experience to read her thoughts.'

O'Hare wrote a two-page single-spaced nomination letter, describing Pelak's efforts to not only make science class fun, but to challenge students.

"I can truly say that, without a doubt, I have never had a teacher as engaging, passionate, dedicated and fun-loving as Ms. Pelak," O'Hare wrote. "She goes above and beyond in every sense of the phrase, from creating interactive games for her students to making sure we got to participate in real handson labs almost every week of the year."

has worked at Pelak Clarendon Hills Middle School and Hinsdale Middle School for all but two of her 24 years in

colleague, Kate Klara, whom she has known since 2010 when the two taught together on an eighth-grade team. (Jim Slonoff photos)

The Lane). She said she enjoys working with middle school kids.

"I love it," she said. "I love the challenge. I love the unpredictability of what a day will look like in a middle school classroom. Every day is unique."

Middle-schoolers are often misunderstood and get a bad rap, she said, adding that she thinks they are as excited about learning as kids at any other grade level. They just face some additional challenges.

"I really enjoy this group. I wouldn't change it for anything," Pelak added.

Growing up downstate with two aunts who were teachers and having wonderful teachers in school — including Mr. Nesbit in U.S. history, which whom she remains in touch - inspired her to go into edu-

"I wasn't naturally drawn to U.S. history but I loved it because he was so passionate about it and he enjoyed what he was doing so much," she said. "It was contagious."

Pelak considers herself blessed to work in a beautiful building with talented colleagues and dedicated staff.

"The work environment is one of the things that I love the most, but it's really the kids that make this job so special and make it easy to get up every day to do. I love being with them. I

the district (which she spent at love the connections you have an opportunity to build with them." she said.

The most important thing she has learned from her students is that the lessons she teaches might not be the most important thing to students.

"Often times years later a student will come back and talk about the impact you had on them and their life, and often times it had nothing to do with the content that you're teaching and more about how you made them feel," Pelak said.

With so many deserving of recognition, Pelak said she feels humbled.

"I also recognize that I wouldn't be where I am today without the colleagues that I currently have and the mentors that I had. I was blessed to have some legendary teachers — Jim Cox, Ed Doebert that mentored me when I first started my career. I wouldn't be who I am without them," she said.

Garcia said the awards verify what many parents already know about the great staff members working in the district. "I don't think it's groundbreaking news that their teacher is outstanding," he said. "What I think is really neat for parents and students to know is there is another one around the bend and another one after that and another one after

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, March 7 Hinsdale Central High School 55th and Grant streets www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

On the agenda: initial staffing recommendation for 2024-25, course proposals for 2025-26, approve 2024 summer school program of studies, authorize legal intervention in property tax

Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Commission

6 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org

Hinsdale Plan Commission

6 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: public hearings on text amendments to Hinsdale Zoning Code regarding short-term rentals and landscaping and screening standards, findings and recommendations on 945 S. Garfield Ave./Montessori Gifted Prep Preschool

Early voting site open until March 18 in town

voting early in the Tuesday, March 19, primary can do so at Hinsdale Village Hall.

Village Hall at 19 E. Chicago Ave. opened Monday as an early voting site for DuPage County voters. It will remain open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends through Monday, March 18.

Residents also can complete and submit an online application to vote by mail on the village's website at www.dupagecounty.gov under elected officials > election and voter information > voting information. An application to vote by

Residents interested in mail also can be obtained by calling (630) 407-5600. A ballot will be mailed upon receipt of a completed application. The last day to vote by mail is Thursday, March 14.

Cook County residents may vote early at Brookfield Village Hall, 8820 Brookfield Ave.; or Lyons Village Hall, 4200 S. Lawndale Ave. Hours at both locations are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through March 18.

Residents can request a ballot to vote by mail online at cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/vote-bymail.

DST starts at 2 a.m. Sunday

Residents are reminded to turn their clocks forward one hour when daylight-saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 10.

Daylight-saving time is used in more than 70 countries worldwide and affects more than 1 billion people every year.

But the practice of changing the clocks twice a year could come to an end in the United

Lawmakers in more than two dozen states are trying to keep DST permanent. On March 15, 2022, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the Sunshine Protection Act introduced by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. But for the bill to become law, allowing states to observe DST year-round, it must also be approved by the House of Representatives and signed into law by the president. Federal law allows states to opt out of DST, but not to follow it year-round.

Another 10 states are considering legislation that would do the opposite and preserve standard time year-round.

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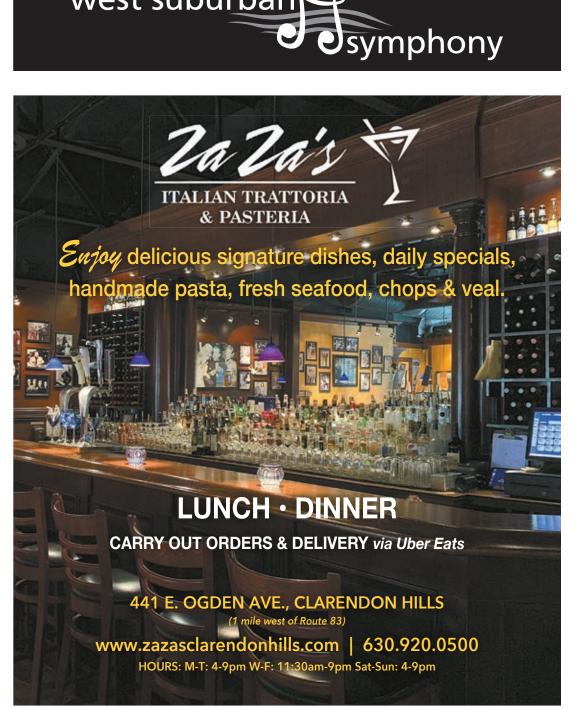
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NEWS

Magnolia shuts down for renovations

Major overhaul project is likely keep downtown senior living center closed well into 2025

By Ken Knutson

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Magnolia Dial Senior Living in downtown Hinsdale has temporarily suspended operations, The Hinsdalean has learned, as the parent company considers "a comprehensive remodel" of the facility.

Last month, officials at the Nebraskabased Dial Senior Living, which purchased the former Eve Assisted Living in 2021, notified The Hinsdalean that Magnolia would be suspending operations as of March 1. In an email response to questions about the firm's plans for the property, Alie Hrabe, Dial's vice president of sales and marketing, revealed that the move was prompted by the need to conduct sweeping building improvements.

"Our initial intent was to undertake an extensive renovation of the community. However, due to the challenges of acquiring the property during COVID, our ability to immediately start the project was limited," Hrabe stated. "Collaborating with architects, engineers and contractors revealed



Magnolia Dial Senior Living at 10 N. Washington St. temporarily suspended operations March 1 as the company prepares to extensively remodel the 47-year-old building. (photo provided by Dial Senior Living)

a larger-than-anticipated renovation scope, leading us to opt for a comprehensive remodel encompassing structural, mechanical and aesthetic improvements."

Those envisioned improvements include fully remodeled apartments and a modernized HVAC system, she detailed. Community amenities also are part of the project, such as a tea-

room and bistro, a library, a fitness area for group or individual exercise, an updated multi-functional theater space, a cocktail bar and a private dining room.

Asked about the timeline for the project, Hrabe indicated construction is estimated to take up to 14 months once the plans receive village approval. Village officials said an application

for the project has not yet been submitted.

Prior to the temporary closing of the 69-unit living center, residents, in consultation with their loved ones, were each relocated "to a community that aligned with their needs and expectations," Hrabe stated.

"We provided residents with a three-month notice and conveyed our willingness to support those needing additional time during the transition," she added.

If all goes according to plan, Hrabe suggested that those considering Magnolia for their future place of residence will have a top-quality facility to look forward to.

"We're reimagining what's possible at Magnolia. From the project's inception, our mission has been to enhance the safety and functionality of the community, creating an environment that's deserving of the residents of Hinsdale and their families," she stated. "Our ultimate goal with this remodel is to elevate Magnolia to standards that align with those of Hinsdale."



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports March 5.

DUI arrest

Yolanda Diaz, 43, 1539 N. Artesian Ave., Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, improper lane use, speeding, disobeying a lane control signal and transportation or possession of open alcohol by a driver at 3:27 a.m. March 2 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83. She submitting testing that indicated she was over the legal limit before being charged and released to appear in court.

Retail thefts

Someone was observed on surveillance video taking bottles of alcohol from Whole Foods, 500 E. Ogden Ave., without paying for them at 7:51 p.m. Feb. 20 and 8:26 p.m. Feb. 28.

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.

Police plan holiday enforcement campaign

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner, and many Illinoisans will be celebrating with parades and parties featuring green beer and cocktails.

To remind motorists of the dangers of drunken driving and to help keep our streets safe, the Hinsdale Police Department is teaming up with the Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation for a stepped-up traffic safety campaign.

"Because St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, we anticipate that alcohol consumption will increase both that day and throughout the weekend," Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie said. "We ask everyone to celebrate responsibly, starting with a plan for a sober ride home before you leave the house."

St. Patrick's Day can be a dangerous one on America's roads due to increased alcohol consumption and drunken driving. There were 272 lives lost in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday between 2017 and 2021.

In addition to looking for alcohol- and cannabis-impaired drivers, Hinsdale police will step up seat belt enforcement, particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are lowest. Speeding, distracted driving and all traffic laws will be strictly enforced.

Whether you're attending a party, hosting friends or going out to a bar, keep safety at the forefront of your day and night. Follow these important tips:

- Drunk or high, it doesn't matter. It is never OK to drive impaired. Designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- When it's time to leave, make sure your designated driver is sober.
- Remember that walking impaired can also be dangerous, so designate a sober friend to walk home with you. Designated drivers: Be alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement
- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take the keys away and plan to get your friend home safely.
- Always buckle up!

The St. Patrick's Day enforcement campaign is funded by federal traffic safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered by IDOT.

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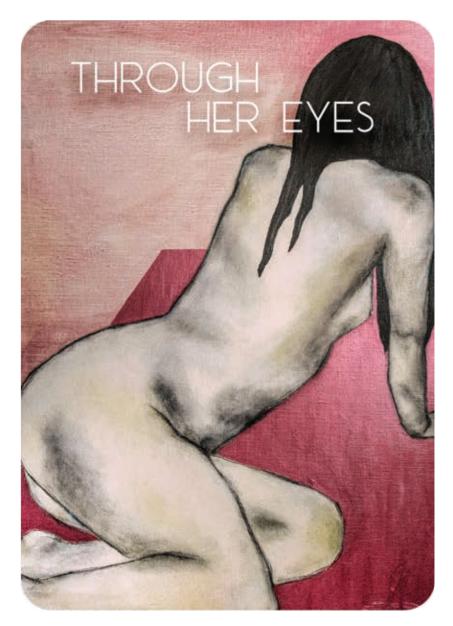
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- Village President Tom Cauley

Boy's composure in crisis provides lifeline for dad

Nov. 12, 2023, is a day the Meltzer family of Hinsdale will long remember.

The late autumn Sunday began with a drive to the bike shop for 10-year-old Jacob Meltzer and his dad, Bob, to get Jacob's wheel fixed. Returning home, Jacob hopped out in the driveway and Bob proceeded into the garage. But something was off.

"When my dad pulled in, he started hitting the garbage can," recounted Jacob, who jokingly admonished his dad to watch where he was going.

It quickly became evident that this wasn't a joking matter

"He didn't answer me, and I started to get worried. Then I could see the right side of his lip drooping down, and he was trying to loosen his collar with just one hand," Jacob said. "He was just moaning."

He called his mom, who was with his older sister at ballet rehearsal in Chicago and unable to assess the situation. Jacob drew on his knowledge of what do in an emergency.

"I called 9-1-1, and they asked me where he lived and what his name was," he related.

The village's emergency responders arrived within

minutes as neighbors stepped outside to determine the cause of the commotion.

"I felt happy because I knew that (the paramedics) were going to come very fast and take care of my dad," Jacob said. "I thought to myself, 'I know my dad's going to recover.'"

According to the Hinsdale fire department's report, "Jacob remained calm and answered the medic's questions about what had happened and when the symptoms started. This vital information made it possible for the firefighters to activate a 'Stroke Alert' with Hinsdale Hospital, which reduced the scene time significantly and allowed the hospital to initiate critical tests and treatments before the ambulance even left the scene."

At the house, Jacob was placed in the ambulance, too, until his uncle came with older brother, Alec, who had been spending the night with their grandparents. They were overcome with emotion at seeing their dad in such a state.

"My and my brother were crying so much. We were really scared," Jacob said.

The whole family eventu-



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ally met up at the hospital. Their dad was still unable to speak, stoking their anxiety. But after getting so called "clot buster" medications while being airlifted to UChicago Medicine downtown for potential surgery, Bob's condition dramatically improved.

"How come I couldn't go in the helicopter?" Jacob asked his dad.

The Madison School

fifth-grader has certainly earned a ride on his desired mode of transportation, and at Tuesday night's village board meeting, Jacob's actions earned him a Life Saving Award in recognition of his courage.

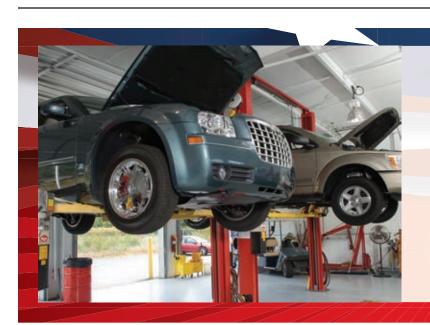
"His ability to remain calm and collected in a frightening and chaotic situation exemplifies what it means to be a hero," Village President Tom Cauley read in a proclamation. "His bravery and quick thinking saved his father's life."

Cauley added that it was only the third such honor he had bestowed in his 15 years as village president.

Jacob said he's just glad his dad is OK.

"If a situation like that comes up again, I know exactly what to do," he said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Paper presents local awards in advance of Oscars

A host of actors, filmmakers, composers, costume designers and other talented individuals will take home an Academy Award Sunday night.

With Hinsdale being such a high-achieving community, we thought it only right that some local people, places and things receive an award as well.

So, without further ado — or a big opening number or jokes from Jimmy Kimmel — we recognize the following:

- Best performance during an election Cat Greenspon presented herself as a reasonable individual whose priority was district students, not forcing District 86 Superintendent Tammy Prentiss out before her contract was set to expire at the end of this school year. Then, shortly after candidate Greenspon became board President Greenspon, Prentiss was put on paid leave for 11 months, costing the district hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Most distracting co-star Kyle Comstock's son, who ran around in circles in front of the trustees' seating area while his dad complained last year about a lack of baby-changing tables in a privately owned medical building in town.

We get the point he was trying to make about the challenges of caring for a toddler and all, but watching the boy zip around the room made it a little tough to concentrate on his dad's message.

- Most unexpected departure Linda Yonke, interim superintendent, who cut out in December after working only 59 days in Hinsdale High School District 86. Runners up are board member resignees Debbie Levinthal and Kay Gallo. Which leads to our next category ...
- Biggest mystery what prompted Yonke, who worked for years as a superintendent and interim superintendent, to leave a \$1,300 a day part-time job and Levinthal and Gallo to resign from the board? Are things even more dysfunctional behind the scenes than what we witness at board meetings?
- Best sesquicentennial celebration With a summer light show, wonderful exhibits by the Hinsdale Historical Society and, dare we say it, our own weekly coverage and special section, Hinsdaleans had plenty of opportunities to learn about and celebrate village history in 2023.
- Biggest melodrama the debate whether Hinsdale High School District 86 students who

take human geography honors instead of world history honors as freshman will have any chance whatsoever to attend a reputable college and make something of their lives.

- Longest awaited opening Frederick Lynn Haberdashery first appeared in a news story in January 2021, when owner Aaron Comes applied for a liquor license. At the time, he was in the process of purchasing the building at 33 E. First St. Three years and a couple of months later, the store still hasn't fully opened.
- Most popular preservation program the village's new incentives for owners of homes on the Historically Significant Structures Property List have attracted a lot of interest since they were rolled out in 2022. Kudos to village leaders for creating such a successful program.
- Best pay-us-to-make-fun-of-you show the Community Revue fundraiser for The Community House, which opens tomorrow night under this year's title, "Artificial Hinstelligence." This one-of-a-kind musical performance pokes fun at all things Hinsdale, and everyone in the audience seems to believe it's about their neighbors, not them.

COMMENTARY

Move over, Academy — here are my best film picks

The 96th Academy Awards will be presented Sunday night. And, as usual, I will have not seen most of the films up for awards.

I am a big fan of one of the best picture nominees this year — "Barbie" — which also earned nominations for best supporting actor and actress, a pair of nominations for original songs and nods for costume design, production design and adapted screenplay. I even saw this one in a theater.

I appreciated the performances of Annette Bening (best actress nominee) and Jodie Foster (best supporting actress nominee) in "Nyad." And I've watched two other nominated films, if you go down to the less exiting categories of original score, sound and visual effects.

I really enjoy movies, so I'm not really sure why I've seen only 10 of the 79 movies nominated for best picture since 2015 — even though I've had almost a decade to watch some of them.

Since I can't really opine on most of this year's nominees, I've decided to create my own list of award-winning films, nominated and selected by yours truly, with no sorting or tabulating of votes by PricewaterhouseCoopers accountants required.

• Best film recommended by my in-laws goes to "Shakespeare in Love" (1998)

My late in-laws always had great recommendations for my husband

and me, from staying at a castle in Durnstein on our first trip together to Europe to watching "Downton Abbey." This winner of best picture (along with six other Oscars) was one of their best suggestions.

• Best film starring Colin Firth not as a romantic lead goes to "The King's Speech" (2010)

I am a fan of many Colin Firth films — even "What a Girl Wants" with a rotten tomatoes score of 36 percent — and was blown away by this film, which won four Academy Awards, including best actor for Firth and best picture.

• Best film starring Colin Firth



Pamela Lannom

as a romantic lead goes to "Pride and Prejudice" (1995)

While technically a BBC television series, I was not about to leave this five hour and 27-minute masterpiece off my list. I've watched this incredible adaption of Jane Austen's most well-known novel countless times, laughing and crying even though I

know the story by heart. (Kudos to Greta Gerwig for her nod to it in "Barbie"!)

• Best film seen on school field trip goes to "Gandhi" (1982)

My two-year History and Thought of Western Man class exposed me to literature, music and films I never would have found on my own as a high school sophomore and junior. I wasn't alone in loving this film, which took home eight Oscars, including best picture.

• Best film to prompt nightmares goes to "Wizard of Oz" (1939) Even though my mom pointed out Margaret Hamilton in Maxwell House coffee commercials multiple times during the year, every time I watched Dorothy travel to the Land of Oz I had recurring nightmares of the Wicked Witch of the West chasing me around haystacks. I was banned from watching the movie for several years as a result.

• Best film to while away the hours while waiting to give birth goes to "Hook" (1991)

This wonderfully silly, funny, nostalgic film has long been a favorite of mine and my husband, so it was a natural choice for viewing while waiting for my daughter to be born in January 2009.

• Best final line of a movie goes to "Ironman" (2008)

Armed with a stack of notecards outlining his alibi to present at a press conference, Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark goes off script with three simple words that create a frenzy. "I am Ironman."

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

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

What are you afraid of?

When I backed into a neighbors parked car a couple years ago, I developed a fear of driving through narrow spaces. Embarrassing? Absolutely. Seemingly irrational? Of course, but fear doesn't always make sense.



Jade Cook

My sister visited recently and was highly amused as I slowly maneuvered through the Portillo's drive-thru, my hands at 10 and 2, my car's camera programmed on the screen to help guide me.

"I should be videoing this and sharing it with the rest of the family," she giggled as we inched our way through the concrete polls. I laughed along with her, appreciating the humor — but unable to calm my nerves.

The irony is I used to love driving, windows down, music up. Before I had kids, I would go on drives just for the fun of it, and at one point (don't laugh) I thought about being a race car driver like Danica Patrick.

Fear does this. It changes us. It warps the truth and casts shadows of insecurity over our experiences and abilities. It speaks lies that make our lives a little bit smaller, a little less vibrant, a little less authentic.

A quick Google search tells me what I already know to be true: I'm not alone. There are fears of seemingly everything, from snakes, flying and public speaking, to mascots, peanut butter and beards. In other forms, fear masquerades as worry: for our kids, our jobs, our health, our future, our world ... the list is endless.

Fear isn't wasted when it spurs us into positive and productive action in response to a genuine threat, but sometimes it's the bully immobilizing us into passivity or frenzied chaos, whispering doubts and holding us back from living

into the fullness of joy and purpose.

I find it comforting that one of the most repeated phrases in the Bible is the encouragement not to be afraid. This tells me God understands the frailty of our humanity. Fear is universal and natural, and at the same time, not meant to be a permanent condition.

Often this encouragement to be unafraid is paired alongside this reason: God is with us. This with-ness doesn't always look like the immediate relief from our circumstances. Rather, it might be the sister in the passenger seat who doesn't take life so seriously, the resources to get help from a professional, the strength and wisdom to face the challenge, the hope of eternity with Him.

I don't know what you're facing today, whether it's an absolutely terrifying diagnosis or a nightmare parking situation. If every day feels like an insurmountable struggle, it's time to reach out for help. Life can be legitimately frightening, but please be encouraged that you're not alone. Keep moving, keep pressing into joy and purpose, one inch forward at a time.

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

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OBITUARIES

Mary Margaret Feely

Mary Margaret "Peggy" Feely, 93 a longtime Clarendon Hills resident, died peacefully Dec. 30, 2023.

Mary was born in 1930 to William and Etta Johnston in London, Ontario, Canada. In 1952, she graduated from Hamilton General Hospital as a registered nurse. She would move to the United States to work in her field. She loved working at Chicago

Welsey Memorial Hospital, now known as Northwestern Memorial, in surgery on the orthopedic floor.

Mary married Leon "Lee" Feely, a Chicago native, and they would go on to have two children, Mary Ellen and Catherine. Mary became a citizen of the United States in November 1968. She was a longstanding member of Grace Episcopal Church in Hinsdale, actively involved in the Altar Guild and Grace Episcopal Churchwomen. There she developed many lifelong friendships. She volunteered with many organizations, including St. Thomas



Feel

Hospice. Mary loved spending time sewing, needle pointing, knitting and doing crossword puzzles. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and her great-grandson, Henry, whom she adored.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon A. Feely, in 1997; her daughter, Mary Ellen (Thomas) Reynolds in 2023; and her brother, Ted, in 2021.

She is survived by her daughter, Catherine (John) Price; her grandchildren, Charles, Mary Elizabeth, Lee and Jane; her great-grandson, Henry; and her siblings, Jane and Jim.

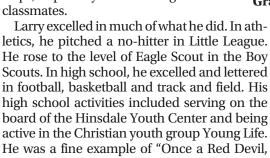
A memorial service will be held in the spring. Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Episcopal Church, 120 E. First St., Hinsdale, IL 60521 (online at www.gracehinsdale.org) or Shriners Children's Chicago, 2211 N. Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707.

Lawrence Grandy

Lawrence Grandy, 74, a longtime Hinsdale resident, passed away peacefully Feb. 22, 2024, at his home.

He was born in Indianapolis in 1950. He graduated from Hinsdale Central High School in 1968 and was a proud alum of the University of Michigan. He developed many dear lifelong friendships, especially with his high school classmates.



always a Red Devil."

What many will remember about Larry is his kindness and generosity. He was a guy you could count on, a devoted friend, a genuine and caring soul. His passions were his guitars and his friendships — he had lots and lots of both and valued each and every one. Larry loved deeply and he was deeply loved.

This year's University of Michigan's Rose Bowl win over the University of Alabama in overtime brought him immeasurable joy.



Grandy

His first dog, Bogey, an extra-large Rhodesian Ridgeback, and his last dog, Roxy, a very lucky rescue dog, each special in their own way, made Larry very happy, as they truly were his best friends.

Larry spent 30 years in upper management with Harbour Contractors and the O'Hare Airport Transit System Inc. He was instrumental in a leadership

role in many projects, including securing new rail for the people mover system from Taiwan.

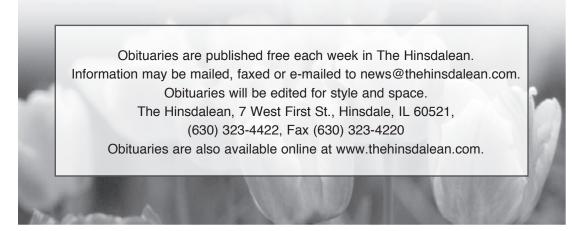
Larry loved all his family. He was devoted to his Kelsey whom he considered his daughter, and was "Papa" to her daughters, Abbey and Penny.

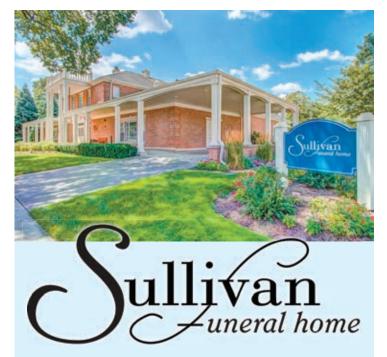
He is survived by his brother, Richard (LingLing) Grandy; his sister, Deborah (Richard) Burns; his nephew, Stephen Grandy; and his nieces Laura Greco (Louis) and Julie Burns.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert "Bob" and Rae Grandy; and his nephew, Adam Grandy.

Visitation is at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St, Willowbrook.

A celebration of life memorial service will begin at 3 p.m. followed by a reception at the funeral home.





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OBITUARIES

June Barrow McGannon

June Barrow McGannon, 96, of Wheaton, formerly of Hinsdale, died Feb. 28, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas V. McGannon Jr.; and her sister, Ann Barrow Goulding

She is survived by her children, Ann (James) Compton, Thomas V. McGannon III, Marcie Cavanagh, Patrick (Bea) McGannon, M. Kathleen

McGannon and Laura (Larry) Stavenger; her Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at the church. grandchildren, Jesse (Choi Kwun) McGannon, Brett McGannon, Jenny Blauvelt, Shannon (Jamie) Strabala, Jamie (Dennis Hull)



Cavanagh, Kimberly (Garett) Dietrich, Patrick M. McGannon, Abigail June Stavenger, Matthew Stavenger and Mark Stavenger; her great-grandchildren, Tyler, Zachary, Mikayla, Aidan, Madilyn, Avery and Alex; and her brother, George (the late Mary Ann) Hieronymus.

Visitation is at 9 a.m. Friday, April 12, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale. A memorial

Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Karen Buddig Noble

Noble

Karen Buddig Noble, 70, passed away Feb. 20, 2024, at her residence in Salt Lake City, Utah, surrounded by her family and siblings.

Born Karen Ann Buddig in 1953, she was the daughter of Robert and Mary Buddig. Karen grew up in the Beverly area of Chicago and the suburb of Palos Park, where she attended Carl Sandburg High School. She graduated from the University of Denver.

Dedicating more than three decades of her career to her family business, Carl Buddig and Co., Karen served as the executive vice president of human resources and as a member of the board of directors. Her unwavering dedication, warmth and guidance touched many lives within the company, leaving behind a legacy of professionalism and compassion that will be remembered by all who had the privilege to work alongside her.

Karen cherished her family and countless

friends. Whether hosting her annual Kentucky Derby party, holiday events, spending time at her cottage on Indian Lake in Michigan or skiing in Utah, Karen's welcoming nature was conta-

She survived by her husband of 31 years, Michael Noble; her son, Carl Noble; her brothers, Tom (Alexis), Robert (Mary) and Tim (Felicity) of

Hinsdale and Roger (Barbara) Buddig; and 12 nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. today, March 7, at The DoubleTree by Hilton, 5000 W. 127th St., Alsip.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Rush Cancer Center, 1520 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60607; or The Huntsman Cancer Institute, 2000 Circle of Hope Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84112.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.





ASK AN EXPERT

What inspires you to create your art?

It isn't uncommon for sixth-grader Rosie Sun's teachers to return assignments with notes attached. But rather than suggestions or comments about her math or language arts homework, the messages often include compliments about the doodles she's included along the margins of the page.

Any blank piece or portion of paper is an opportunity for Rosie to create something new.

Rosie discovered her love of art at age 4 while living in China and continued to practice and learn when her family moved to Hinsdale in 2018. She celebrated her seventh birthday with an art party in the LyArts Gallery and has been expanding on her abilities ever since.

Some of Rosie's favorite creations are the subject of an exhibit now on display at The Community House. From a childlike painting of a snowman created at age 7 to a more recent, intricately accurate portrait of her older brother, the exhibit illustrates the artistic jour-

ROSIE SUN, ARTIST

ney that Rosie has taken and the progress she's made in just a few years.

"It's really a retrospective, I feel like," said Gabrielle Tufano, art instructor at The Community House and Rosie's private art teacher.

Throughout her short but prolific time as an artist, Rosie has experimented with many media and genres of art. She's used paint to create landscapes, pencil to draw self portraits and an iPad to explore digital art. She's even tried sculpting, but soon returned to creating two-dimensional art forms.

Rosie said inspiration for her art comes from many places. Sometimes, she uses a photograph or drawing to guide her, while other pieces come straight from her memory or imagination. Rosie said her favorite subjects tend to be people. Whether it's a portrait of a real person, an image of a favorite anime character or someone she creates in her mind, Rosie said she enjoys expressing a subject's thoughts and feelings through her art.

"You can tell stories with the characters," she said.

Unlike some young artists who

give up easily when something doesn't go right, Tufano said Rosie perseveres, learning from her mistakes.

"She just keeps trying something else," Tufano said.

It's a skill that Tufano said could benefit Rosie in whatever she chooses to do.

Rosie said she's considering a career in art, but of course, she still has plenty of time to decide. At 12 years old, she already is an international artist, having displayed her work in both China and the United States.

In China, Rosie created a mural on the wall of a motorcycle driving school.

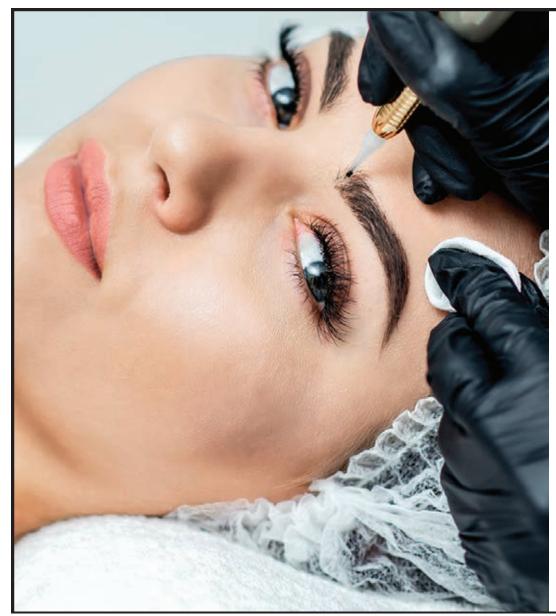
China will no doubt see more from Rosie in the years to come, as her family prepares to return to the country in the coming months.

Tufano said Rosie will leave having made her mark on Hinsdale and The Community House.
Rosie's show is the first solo exhibit by a Community House student, and Tufano said she hopes other young artists will see Rosie's exhibit and be inspired to share their own work on the walls of The Community House.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Drawing and painting are like eating and sleeping for Rosie Sun. The Hinsdale Middle School sixth-grader said she spends time every day practicing her art, which is on display now at The Community House. (Jim Slonoff photo)





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Time to get out your green

St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner, as are spots to celebrate

Few places mark St. Patrick's Day like Chicago and its surrounding suburbs. And with several local events already green-lighted for this weekend, there are plenty of opportunities to soak up lucky vibes between now and March 17. Check out these offerings.

• Elmhurst's 27th annual St. Patrick's Day parade will step off at noon Sunday, March 9, from Wilson Street and Spring Road. The procession will head north on Spring and end at the railroad crossing one block south of St. Charles Road in front of Silverado Grill.

The parade will feature more than 80 floats, marching units and animated characters along with local organizations, businesses and clubs along the one-mile stretch. Irish dancers, the Shannon Rovers, team mascots — like Benny the Bull, Southpaw and Tommy Hawk — and the Elmhurst Armpit Orchestra featuring the world's largest drum are just some of this year's parade participants.

Visit www.elmhurststpatsparade.com for details.

• Palmer Place, 56 S. La Grange Road in La Grange, will hold its 41st annual two-weekend Shamrockfest celebration Friday to Sunday, March 8-10 and 15-17.

Among the attractions are the Dublin Duo at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9; the Chicago Highlanders Pipes & Drums at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9; the Onórach Mulhern Geraghty School of Irish Dance at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 15; and the Shannon Rovers at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 16 and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17.

For a full schedule of performances, visit www.palmerslagrange.com or call (708) 482-7127.

• Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Restaurant, 5157 Main St. in Downers Grove, hosts St. Practice Day Saturday, March 16, featuring a lineup of dancing and musical performers beginning at 2:30 p.m. A \$7 cover goes into effect at 3 p.m. The main event on Sunday, March 17, starts early with the Kegs & Eggs breakfast at 8 a.m. Live music, Irish dancing and bagpipers will continue throughout the day and night. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door begin-



The annual Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade at noon Saturday, March 9, will help kick off a series of local festivities leading up to the grand celebration March 17. (photo provided)

ning at noon.

Visit www.ballydoylepub.com or call (630) 969-0600 for tickets or more information.

• Imperial Oak Brewing, 501 Willow Blvd. in Willow Springs, will also extend its 10th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration over two weekends starting Sunday, March 10, and continuing Friday through Sunday, March 15-17.

The Harlin School of Dance will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10, and the Trinity Irish Dancers will entertain guests with multiple shows on each of the other three days at the Willow Springs and Brookfield (9526 Ogden Ave.) locations. Enjoy food trucks and the yearly release of the brewery's Udder Madness Imperial Milk Stout, along with a handful of themed beer infusion and special cocktails.

For more information, visit www.imperialoakbrewing.com or call (708) 330-5096.

• Drury Lane's Lucille
Restaurant, 100 Drury Lane in
Oakbrook Terrace, will serve St.
Patrick's Day Brunch at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 17. Enjoy traditional Irish dishes such as comed beef and cabbage, while listening to the joyful tunes of live Irish music.
Don't forget the endless champagne cocktails and velvety Irish coffee laced with aged whiskey to complete the celebration.

Reservations are \$75 per person, \$30 for ages 5-12 and free for ages 4 and under. Visit www.lucillerestaurant.com for reservations or more information.

• Irish Times, 8869 Burlington Ave. in Brookfield, will host its annual St. Patrick's day fest from 11 a.m. Sunday, March 17, to 1:30 a.m. Monday, March 18. Visit www.irishtimespub.com for

more information.
• There's still time to sign up for Naperville's perennial St. Patty's

Day 5K this Saturday, March 9.

The race begins at 8 a.m. at Centennial Beach, 500 S. Jackson Ave. All ages and ability levels are welcome, and participants are invited to wear their best St. Paddy's Day outfit for a chance to win \$100.

Entry is \$40 — just \$35 for ages 14 and under — with proceeds benefiting both local and international charities.

Then enjoy the city's St. Patrick's Day parade from 9 a.m. to noon starting from Naperville North High School, 899 N. Mill St. Visit www.saintpaddysday5k.com for race registration.

— compiled by Ken Knutson



The Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual egg hunt March 23 at Robbins Park. See the Eggcetera listing on Page 30 for details. (file photo)

ARTFULLY DONE

Through Her Eyes
Ongoing
Virgil Catherine Gallery
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www.virgilcatherinegallery.

The gallery is holding this exhibit featuring a number of local female artists, including Hinsdale's Maureen Claffy. An artists' reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 14.

■ Micro Minis Nature Collage Tuesdays, March 19-April

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FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship

March 13 Union Church 137 S. Garfield Ave. ejung@uchinsdale.org (630) 688-1706

This month's luncheon features speaker Valerie Van Heest, underwater explorer and maritime historian, giving the talk "Diving the Lady Elgin" about her experience diving a sunken ship in Lake Michigan. AIFF aims to promote inclusivity while also supporting charities that reduce hunger, domestic

violence and other worthy causes through contributions. Reservations are due by March 8. Time: 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. RR

FAMILY FUN

■ '101 Dalmatians Kids

March 7-9 Avenue Christian Church 5750 Holmes Ave., Clarendon Hills www.ticketpeak.co/bam/ events

In this BAMtheatre Broadway Minis show, all the dogs of London must help in a daring rescue of puppies from Cruella De Vil and her bumbling henchmen. Times: 7 p.m. March 7, 5 p.m. March 8, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. March 9. Tickets: \$20-\$24.

■ 'Mean Girls Jr'
March 8 & 9
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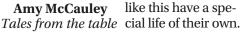


A spring salad to share with family and friends

This mandarin orange salad is the kind of dish that has you wanting seconds from the first bite. My aunt is the one who first made it for us at a family gathering, and she graciously shared the recipe she had gotten from a friend. Since then, this festive salad has become one of my go-to sides for

ne of my go-to sides for brunch or spring celebrations.

Shared recipes are some of my favorites, because I know a recipe that has been passed along for years between family and friends is usually going to be a really good one. Recipes that travel like this have a spe-

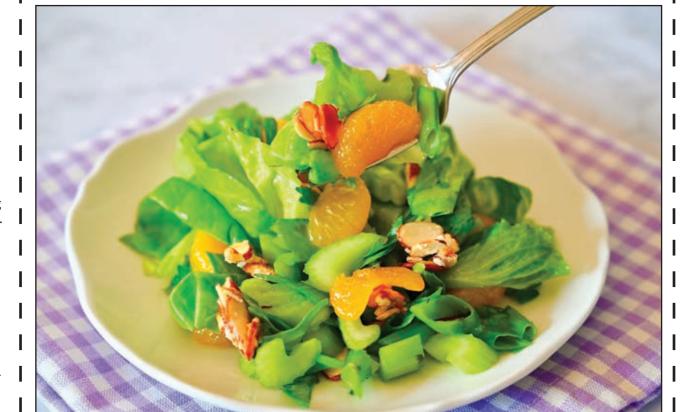


I have changed the vinaigrette slightly over the years by adding champagne vinegar and my own herbs. So, I have added my own stamp to the recipe, but I still think of my aunt and my mom every time I make it. Recipes like this salad are an important way to remember the people we love and the meals we've shared.

This salad is a classic in our house and it finds its way on the menu for many special occasions. Those canned mandarin oranges may be a bit retro, but they make this salad delicious and easy to assemble. I love the look of this colorful orange salad for Easter. Since it's a showy salad, I usually serve it on a large platter or in shallow bowl because it brightens any buffet.

Sometimes when you're entertaining or putting a holiday meal together you need a simple side. This salad dressing is something you can make ahead and have in your fridge. The almonds can also be made the day before and stored in a airtight container. I think the flavors of the oranges and almonds pair well with quiche, ham or any breakfast casserole. So now in keeping my family's tradition, I am sharing this recipe with you.

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



Mandarin Orange Salad

- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons of granulated sugar
- 1 head of butter lettuce
- 1 (4.5) oz container of baby romaine lettuce like Gotham Greens
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 1 (11oz) can of mandarin oranges, well drained

Champagne Vinaigrette

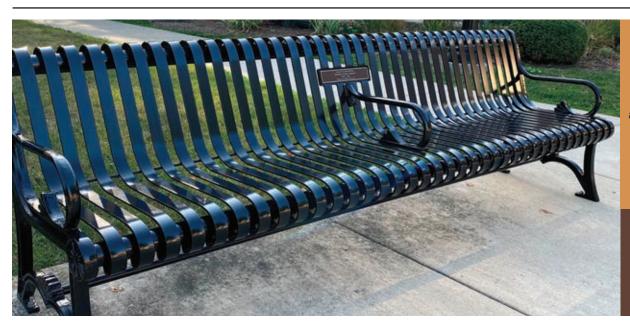
- 4 tablespoons champagne vin-
- 4 tablespoons of granulated sugar
 - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper

- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon dried chives
- ½ teaspoon dried tarragon
- ½ cup vegetable oil

First, prepare the candied almonds. Place a medium sized nonstick skillet over medium heat and add 2 tablespoons of sugar and ½ cup of almonds. Keep a close eye on the almonds as they toast and the sugar begins to melt. Stir with a rubber spatula. Continue to stir to evenly coat the almonds. Remove the almonds from the heat when the sugar begins to turn golden. Have a plate or piece of aluminum foil ready to put the nuts on to cool. Once cool, break any clumps apart so they can be sprinkled on top of the salad.

Next, make the vinaigrette. In a small mixing bowl whisk together the champagne vinegar, sugar, salt, pepper and herbs. Once well mixed, slowly drizzle in the oil while continuing to whisk until the dressing comes together and thickens. If you make the salad dressing in advance, whisk it again before serving.

Finally, chop or tear the lettuce into bite sized pieces. Then assemble the salad in a large salad bowl by tossing together the lettuce, celery, green onions, mandarin oranges and almonds. Add the salad dressing to taste right before serving. Serves 4 to 6. This recipe can be doubled for a larger gathering.



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In this BAMtheatre Broadway Kids show, Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. Cady and her friends take on the school's popular trio The Plastics to end ruthless leader Regina's reign. But what happens when the lines between the real Cady and her Plastic self get blurred? Time: 7 p.m. March 8, 2:30 p.m. March 9. Tickets: \$22-\$26.

■ Weaving Workshop March 14

Swallow Cliff Woods-North

Route 83 west of La Grange Road, near Palos Park www.fpdcc.com (312) 533-5751

Families with kids age 10 and older can create a small wall hanging art piece using natural materials. Supplies and instruction will be provided. Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FOR A CAUSE

■ Tablescapes 2024

March 10 The Drake Oak Brook 2301 York Road www.hinsdaleiws.com/ tablescapes2024

IWS' Hinsdale Auxiliary will hold its annual benefit for the Infant Welfare Society's Angel Harvey Family Health Center. Guests will enjoy a three-course lunch, live music, shopping from the Western suburbs' premier boutiques, a grand raffle, silent auction items and more. Additionally, each of this year's signature themed Tablescapes will be paired with a unique experience. Time: noon to 4 p.m. Tickets: \$175. RR

■ Blood drive

March 21 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.redcrossblood.org

The American Red Cross invites residents to help address a critical blood shortage with a donation to help those in need. To make an appointment, visit the website above and type in zip code "60521" to find the drive. Hours: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GAME ON

■ Chicago Elite Volleyball Development Club

Mondays & Thursdays, March 18-May 13 Willow Springs & Lombard www.thecommunityhouse. org

(630) 323-7500

Boys and girls ages 8-12 can learn the fundamentals and rules of volleyball and have the opportunity to play in games against other teams within the league. Chicago Elite will select all teams, which may be co-ed. Efforts will be made to place individuals from the same school together. Practices are at TPS Sports+Fitness, 8300 Wolf Road, Willow Springs, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays; and at the Connect 44 Center, 1514 S. Main St., Lombard, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays. Cost:

\$288. RR, MD

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Sunrise Walk

March 10 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Join this a "before hours" walk to experience the dawning of a new day. Time: 6:45 p.m. RR

■ Winter Bird Walk

March 16 Fullersburg Woods 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

The Hinsdale Public Library is sponsoring this program, led by the DuPage Birding Club, to find, identify and learn about local birds. Binoculars will be provided along with instruction on how to effectively use them to view birds. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Signs of Spring

March 16 Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont www.fpdcc.com (630) 257-2045

Join this walk to look for signs of spring's arrival and learn how plants and animals respond to the longer days. Time: 1 p.m. RR

■ Wildlife Tracking and Observation

March 17 McDowell Grove 4S500 Raymond Drive, Naperville www.dupageforest.org (630) 942-6200

Reconnect with nature by developing an acute awareness of the stories told by local wildlife and the natural world through observation and deduction. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Maple Sugaring Weekends in March

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Kline Creek Farm www.dupageforest.org (630) 876-5900

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Advances in Treatment of Neuroendocrine Tumors

March 12 Wellness House 131 N. County Line Road www.wellnesshouse.org (630) 323-5150

Drs. Xavier Keutgen and Andy Liao of UChicago Medicine will discuss advances in the treatment of neuroendocrine tumors. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Mental Health Tune-Ups March 17 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Help raise awareness of the importance of mental health while benefiting from time spent in nature. Time: noon.

■ The Healing Power of Meditation

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

Gain tools to cope with everyday stress and enhance relaxation as instructor Zelma Pierce Chamberlain shares how meditation can improve physical, mental and spiritual health. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Burning Beats

Through April 30
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JUST FOR KIDS

■ Safe at Home

March 9 Clarendon Hills Community Center 315 Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org/

(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-9 will learn how to handle themselves when confronted with a challenge, such as answering the telephone or the door when parents are away or occupied elsewhere in the home, proper use of keys, what to do in an emergency, how to respond to strangers and general house rules. A workbook is included. Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$36. RR

■ First Aid for Kids

March 9 Clarendon Hills Community Center 315 Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr

(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-9 in this American Red Cross class will learn basic health and safety tips focusing on shock, bleeding, choking, the Heimlich maneuver and more. Students will receive a Red Cross certificate at the end. Time: noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$30. RR

■ String Canvas Art

March 12 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Create a unique pattern on canvas using string. Dress for

mess. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

■ Take Home Craft: Green Head Planters

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

Kids in kindergarten through second grade can pick up a kit to create their very own grass head planters. RR

■ Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors

Tuesdays to Thursdays in March & April Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can drop in to receive one-on-one homework or reading help from a local high school student volunteer. Time: 4 to 5 p.m.

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■ The North American Solar Eclipse

March 11 Clarendon Hills Library 7 N. Prospect Ave. www.clarendonhillslibrary. org

(630) 323-8188 Michelle Niche

Michelle Nichols of the Adler Planetarium will prepare attendees for the April 8 solar eclipse, when the moon's shadow will block out all but a small sliver of the sun in one of nature's greatest spectacles. Learn about the different types of eclipses, where to see them and how to view them safely. Each attendee will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses or solar viewer. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Southern Illinois Travel

March 12 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Library staffer and noted Illinois enthusiast John Kokoris will share secrets to a successful visit to the Shawnee National Forest, including landmarks, hikes, lodging and food. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ How to Stay Safe Online

March 14 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Learn about common online scams, including how to spot and avoid phishing and other threats while navigating online. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Ruth E. Carter and Costume Design

In this virtual program, the

March 20 www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

two-time Academy Awardwinning costume designer of the "Black Panther" franchise will discuss how she develops an authentic story through costume and character. Her research and diligence to the craft also was evident in her work on Spike Lee's "Malcolm X," Steven Spielberg's "Amistad" and Ava DuVernay's "Selma." Carter will be joined in conversation with Aisha Harris, co-host of NPR's Pop Culture Happy Hour. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ 'Hollywood'

March 10 Wentz Concert Hall 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville www.westsubsymphony.org (630) 887-7464

The West Suburban
Symphony orchestra and
chorus will perform hit
movie tunes by composers
such as John Williams and
Andrew Lloyd Webber and
from films including "Saving
Private Ryan," "Alien,"
"Forrest Gump," "It's a
Wonderful Life," "The Greatest
Showman" and more. Time:
3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30, \$25 for
seniors, \$5 for teens, free for

ages 12 and younger.

■ Majestic Bruckner

March 10 Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church 149 W. Brush Hill Road www.elmhurstsymphony. org

(630) 941-0202

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will be joined by the Apollo Chorus of Chicago in this concert featuring Anton Bruckner's Psalm 150 and "Te Deum" and Mozart Symphony No. 36 ("Linz"). Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$45, \$32-\$42 for seniors, \$12-\$17 for students.

■ International Guitar Night

March 10 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

Guitar luminaries Luca Stricagnoli, Thu Le, Marco Pereira and Minnie Marks will showcase their diverse talents as part of the 24th anniversary of this touring festival, performing solos, duets and quartets that highlight the boundless virtuosity and diversity of acoustic guitar. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$48-\$58.

■ Hinsdale Central concert

March 14 Hinsdale Central auditorium 5500 S. Grant St.

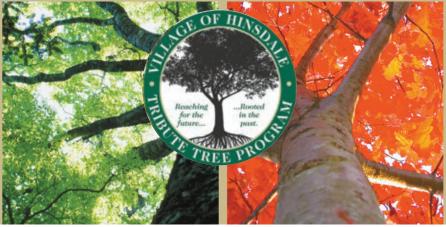
Movements from Mozart's "Missa Brevis" KV140, a short Latin Mass, will be performed by Hinsdale Central's combined choirs, chamber strings from philharmonic orchestra and four professional soloists from the Chicago area. Each of the school's five curricular choirs will perform separately before assembling for the Mozart piece. The choir concert will be followed by the Central orchestra concert at 7:30 p.m. Time: 6:30 p.m.

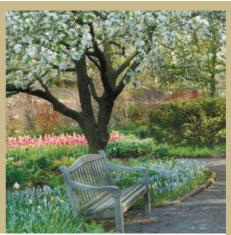
■ Ostrega Uhl Project

March 22 Union Church of Hinsdale 137 S. Garfield Ave. www.eventcreate.com/e/ bestofbrahms

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ON STAGE

■ 'Artificial Hinstelligence'
March 8-9 & 15-16
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.
org
(630) 323-7500

The Community House Players return to the stage for their hilarious antics and affectionate mockery of all things Hinsdale in this year's edition of The Community Revue. This original musical comedy promises to walk right up to the edge of appropriate humor and, sometimes, jump right by it. Proceeds benefit The Community House. Time: 6:45 p.m. Tickets: \$125. RR

■ 'The Odd Couple (Female Version)'

March 15-17 Theatre of Western Springs 4384 Hampton Ave. www.theatreofwesternsprings.com (708) 246-4043

The Children's Theatre of Western Springs High School Repertory presents this fresh spin on Neil Simon's classic comedy by reimagining Felix and Oscar as Florence and Olive, mismatched roommates navigating the ups and downs of friendship and domestic life in 1980s New York City. Times: 7 p.m. March 15, 3 & 7 p.m. March 16, 2 p.m. March 17. Tickets: \$16, \$13 for ages 18 and under.

■ 'Good Kids'

Through March 17 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

Set in a world of high school athletes, popular girls and an outsider armed with smart phones and social media, this play from Naomi Iizuka explores the very public aftermath of sexual assault. The production contains material of a highly sensitive nature and includes strong language. A pre-show discussion with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 29; a post-show discussion with director, cast and crew will be held March 8. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students.

SENIOR SCENE

■ Senior Eating for Health and Vitality

March 11
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.
org
(630) 323-7500

Join this monthly session of the Golden Brunch Club for a nutritional workshop led by fitness expert Cathy McMahon, who will explore healthy eating options, exercise tips and self-care practices to keep the senior years fun and exciting. Brunch worthy snacks and refreshments will be provided. Time: 10 to 11 a.m.

■ Prime Time A+

Tuesdays & Thursdays through April 30 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org (630) 323-7500

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

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■ HPL Spring Spice Club

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

Receive a monthly spice selection curated especially for Hinsdale patrons along with information about the spice and two recipes highlighting it. Return the box, including the spice jar, for new selections in April and May. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ The History of Barbie

March 9 Clarendon Hills Library 7 N. Prospect Ave. www.clarendonhillslibrary. org (630) 323-8188

The library welcomes historian Leslie Goddard for a close look at the doll that's been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized and loved -Barbie. Learn about the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative - and intensely competitive — Ruth Handler. You'll find out what inspired Handler to develop Barbie in 1959, how Barbie helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture. Time: 11 a.m. RR

■ Leslie Goddard as Rachel Carson

March 23 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook

www.dupageforest.org (630) 206-9566

In this historical portrayal, Goddard performs as the famed biologist and author who warned the world of the potentially dire environmental impact of chemical pesticides in her best-selling 1962 book, "Silent Spring." Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ At Home With Nature House Tour

Through March 30 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook

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TEEN & TWEENS

■ Teen Game Time

March 8 & 15 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

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a classic board game in the Community Meeting Room. Time: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

■ Teen Self-Defense Workshop March 17

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

(630) 323-7500

Middle school and high school students will be introduced to basic physical self-defense skills and techniques focusing on the areas of mindset, skill set and planning. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$41. RR, MD

■ Babysitters Certification

March 23 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org

(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 11-15 in this one-day American Red Cross course will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly provide care for children and infants in the absence of parents, along with leadership skills and tools for developing a babysitting business. Participants receive a workbook, training materials and a training certificate at the end. Attendance is required for the entire day; participants should pack a sack lunch. Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$105. RR, MD

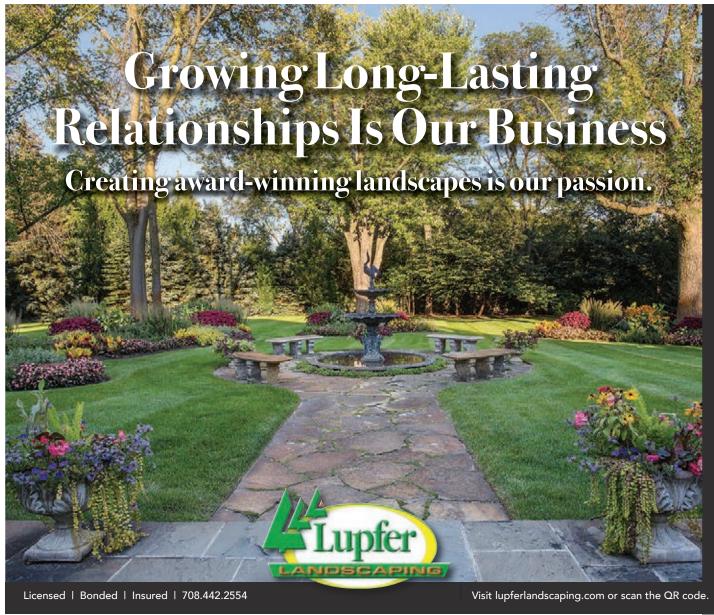
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■ Baby Playdate: Fun with Music!

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

Baby and parent will explore interactive music and play stations. Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. RR

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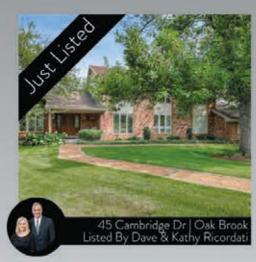


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BUNNY BREAKFASTS

■ Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

March 23 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. (630) 323-7500 www.thecommunityhouse. org

Hop in for a delicious hot breakfast and one-on-one time with the Bunny. After breakfast, head over to Robbins Park for the egg hunt (see details below). Time: 9 to 10:15 a.m. Cost: \$37. RR, MD Wheaton (630) 668-5161 www.cantigny.org

Hundreds of plastic eggs will be hidden around the McCormick House at this colorful rain or shine event for all ages. Each child may redeem five eggs for a prize. Take a photo with Mr. and Mrs. Bunny and enjoy a screening of "Hop" in the visitors center at 10 a.m., noon

and 2 p.m. Crafts, concessions and a brunch buffet also are available for a fee. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free with \$5 parking.

EASTER BRUNCH

■ Brunch with the Bunny

March 23, 30-31 Brookfield Zoo 8400 31st St. www.czs.org In addition to a delicious brunch buffet, the event features visits with the bunny, an interactive DJ with games and more. Seatings: 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$75, \$35 for ages 3-11, free for 3 and younger.

■ Lucille Restaurant at Drury Lane

March 31 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace www.lucillestaurant.com (630) 530-8300

Enjoy this elegant springtime brunch, complete with an Easter egg hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny. Unlimited champagne, mimosas, bellinis, bloody Marys, coffee and tea are included. Time: 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$100, \$40 for ages 5-12, free for 4 and younger. RR

EGG HUNTS

■ Easter egg hunt

March 23 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets (630) 789-7090 www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr

Kids ages 11 and younger are invited to bring a basket, hunt for treats and visit with the bunny. Areas will be divided by age group, with hunts starting every 10 minutes. Please be prompt. Time: 10:30 a.m. ages 3 and younger, 10:40 a.m. ages 4-5, 10:50 ages 6-7, 11 a.m. ages 8-9, 11:10 a.m. 10 and older.

■ Bunny Hop

March 23 Brookfield Zoo 8400 31st St. www.czs.org

Hop on in with the kids for an all-day scavenger egg hunt throughout the zoo (while supplies last), a photo opp with the Bunny, educational spring activities and a Bunny Hop dance party. Seasonal food and beverages will be available for purchase. Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Zoo admission: \$29.95, \$24.95 for seniors, \$20.95 for ages 3-11, free for 2 and younger plus \$17-\$20 parking.

■ Easter egg hunt

March 24 Cantigny Park 1S151 Winfield Road.

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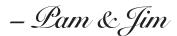
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GOOD NEWS

HINSDALE STUDENTS EARN DEGREES

The following students from Hinsdale participated in December commencement ceremonies at their respective colleges and universities.

- Jack Gerami, bachelor's in U.S. culture and business practices, University of Kentucky
- Nick Giammanco, Georgia Tech
- Samantha Guido, bachelor's in mechanical engineering, magna cum laude, Iowa State University
- Adam Motzel, Georgia
- Maggie Rowe, bachelor's in psychology, University of Iowa
- Jake Wertz, doctorate in sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

CENTRAL TEACHER WINS BOOK AWARD

Angelique Burrell, an English teacher at Hinsdale Central, writer and mom, can now add "award-winning author" to her long list of accomplishments.

Her young adult novel, "A Mark in the Road," was chosen winner of the Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author Project book competition Jan. 23.

"I was honored to be a finalist and winning is beyond my expectations, especially after learning about the talented authors who were also finalists," Burrell said. "I am without words, partly because I'm jumping up and down."

Burrell will win a cash prize and the opportunity to appear at author events at Illinois libraries, as well as the chance to have her novel included in a select collection of ebooks available to the public through their libraries.

CHESS TEAM PLACES 12TH AT STATE

The Hinsdale Central chess team placed 12th at the IHSA state finals Feb. 9-10 at the Peoria Civic Center. Senior Wilburt Chu was undefeated at Board 3, earning 5.5 points for the team, and junior Akshay Naik was undefeated at Board 6/7, earning 5 points.

Other competitors on the state team finished the seven-round competition as follows.

- senior Sebastian Aziz, 5 points, five wins
- senior Marwan Hamoui, 5 points, five wins
- freshman Theo Han, 5 points, five wins
- junior Rebecca Cortez, 4.5points, four winssenior Shivum Banerjee, 4
- points, four wins
 senior Nikolas Theotikos,
- 2.5 points, two winssophomore Rajinder
- Atluri, 1 point, win
 freshman Atharva Naik, 1
 point, win
- freshman Sohan Chamarthi, .5 point, draw

The team was ninth at sectionals and first at conference, earning its third consecutive WSC championship.

The following students

competed at conference:

- Theotikos, 5th
- Chamarthi, 6th
- Cortez, 9th
- Hamoui, 12th
- Chu, 13th
- Han, 14th
- Naik, 18th
- freshman Joanna

Marsten, 21st

The team ended its regular season undefeated, and three students finished the regular season with perfect scores: Theotikos, 8-0; Chamarthi, 7-0; and Aziz, 5-0.

FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES GRANT

HCS Family Services was one of 16 food pantries to receive a total of almost \$1 million from the DuPage County Board to assist with vehicles, capital equipment and technology purchases. HCS' share was \$29,050.

In August 2023, the county established the Local Food Pantry Infrastructure Investment Program to provide funds from the American

Rescue Plan Act to food pantries. These funds will assist with capital equipment purchases that help the pantries store, package and deliver food or essential commodities. Funds also may be used for information technology investments for data collection, reporting or for issuing payments.

COLLEGE STUDENTS RAISE MONEY

Emma Canty and Jacob Chaudhry of Hinsdale, students at the University of Iowa, participated in the school's Dance Marathon 2024, raising \$1.4 million for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

They were among more than 1,100 students who participated in the 30th annual event. Dance Marathon is the UI's largest student organization and has raised more than \$35 million since its first event in 1995.



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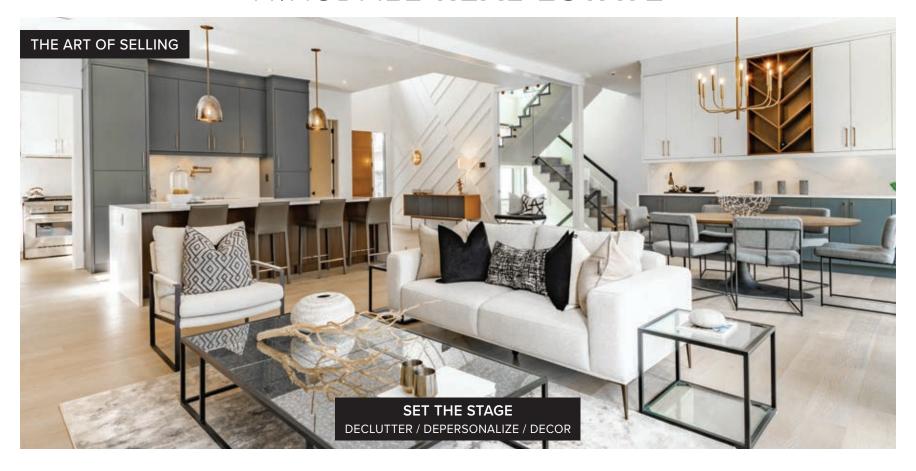


Central's got talent

The annual Hinsdale Central Variety Show performances were held Feb. 21 and 22. With 30 students performing in 17, acts the stage was filled with plenty of talent. Among the performers were (counter-clockwise from top left) Stefani Andrews, Jacob Zhang, Teagan Dunn, Kayla Liang amd Mackenzie Ford. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County Feb. 2-22.

- **1. 19 E. 57th St.,** Domas Lapkus Living Trust to Kenny Gomolplitinant and Liliann Nguyen, Feb. 2, \$1,060,000
- **2. 22 N. Quincy St.,** John and Cheryl Gibson to Juan and Leslie Asensio, Feb. 5, \$1,600,000
- **3. 149 W. Kennedy Lane,** Timothy and Sonja Neumann

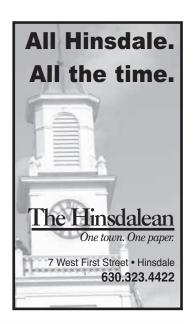
to David and Barbara Slaw, Feb. 5, \$739,000

- **4. 242 E. Ogden Ave.,** KOB Inc to CMK82 LLC, Feb. 6, \$2,190,000
- **5. 1401 Burr Oak Road,** Jill Finnigan to Patrice Sweeney and Steven Wilk, Feb. 7, \$595,000
- **6. 526 Bonnie Brae Road,** Virgil D. and Diane F.
 Oostendorp trusts to Mark
 Murtaugh and Bryana Yergler,
 Feb. 7, \$615,000
- **7. 102 Chanticleer Lane,** Sherrie C. Litke and Litke Revocable Trust Agreement to Bo Lin and Jingyuan Jiang, Feb. 7, \$440,000
- **8. 1401 Burr Oak Road,** Mary Connelly to Stanley and Danuta Panek, Feb. 8, \$530,000
- **9. 528 N. Garfield Ave.,** George and Linda Makdah to Donald W. and Kara A. Cunningham trust agreements, Feb. 14, \$2,075,000
- 10. 626 S. Quincy St., Sara A.

Sorrentino Revocable Trust to Ben and Jessica Mills, Feb. 21, \$1,650,000

- 11. 304 E. Chicago Ave., Efrain Ayala Johnson to James and Laura Roush, Feb. 21, \$957,000
- **12. 5507 S. Stough St.,** Sunflower Properties LLC to Thomas and Katherine DeMogerontas, Feb. 22, \$345.000

Source: DuPage County Recorder of Deeds





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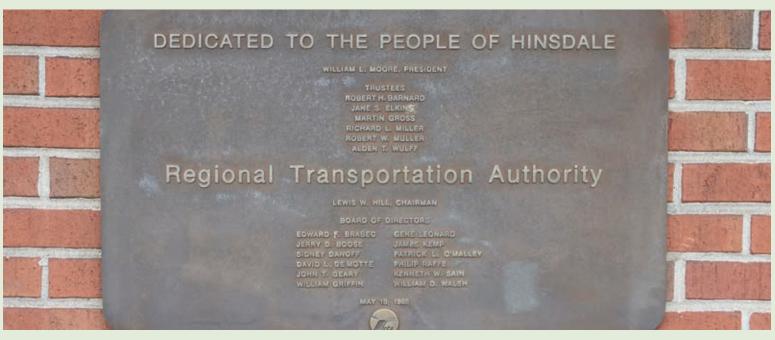
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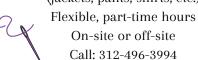


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 1st day of March A.D. 2024. Jean Kaczmarek DuPage County Clerk

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My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style. Maya Angelou



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18	"YIPPEE!"
19	APPLE MUSIC SERVICE
21	PRIDE PARADE INITIALS
24	"LET ME THINK"
25	VALLEY IN CALIFORNIA
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33	ROCKER ROSE
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26	CHOPPER
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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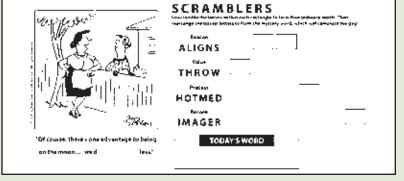
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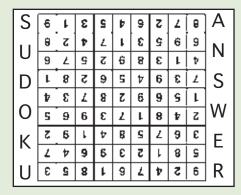
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Today's Word

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March 2024 Horoscopes · Week 2



CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, now might be a time to figure out how to reduce some stress, especially if you find that people are avoiding you as of late. A change in attitude is all it takes.





ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, if you notice you have been running into obstacles as you work to achieve your goals, you may want to step back and try to figure out another course of action.

CANCER

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, take a break when you can because there is soon to be a whirl-wind of activity coming in your direction. Enjoy down time while it is still available to you.



* LIBRA – Sept 23/0ct 23 LIBRA – Sept 23/0ct 23
Libra, you will need to pick
a course and stick with it,
especially over the next
few days. There is a lot of
temptation out there but
if you don't commit you'll
never get things done.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18 AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You might be ready to delve into the next chapter of a relationship, Aquarius. Figure out what means the most to you and move those priorities to the forefront.



TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, an offer that notes your efforts and achievements comes your way. Do not let this immediately go to your head, but enjoy the fruits of your labors.



Leo, exercise caution so that your actions are not misinterpreted. You do not want others thinking you are doing things for the wrong reasons. Try to lighten up and be positive. lighten up and be positive this week.



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 SCORPIO

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PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Inspiration comes your way this week, Pisces. You will have plenty of time to do anything your mind to. Start making that running list of ideas.

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SPORTS

Red Devils spring season is heating up

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really good things. I've got two solid hurdlers as well, senior Keira Leech and senior Leena Abu-Ghazalah. The sprinters coming back on the relay are seniors Zari Dorris, Christina Tresslar, Ana Hodneland and Maya Redd, who is a state qualifier in the long jump. Senior Mallory Moser, she's a long and triple jumper. Senior Pola Dygon, she's a distance runner.

Outlook: We want to get through our indoor season and stay healthy. I'm excited for what outdoor season brings for us. We're excited to run the indoor championship and make that step forward from what we did last year. I'm excited for the girls coming back. They've got great attitudes. They've done everything I ask them to do. I'm excited to see what they can do.

Furthermore: This is my last year with these kids. I told

these senior kids I'd see them out. I'm going to really miss it and I'm going to miss these younger kids. I wish I could stick around for them. It's time for me to fly.

Boys water polo

First meet: March 8 vs. Curie

Last year: 13-16-1, lost in sectional quarterfinals

Head coach: Christy Brodell

Seasons as head coach: 10 No. team members: 12

Strengths: I think the group is extremely eager. They're very coachable and they want to learn and they want to win and they want the most experiences possible. Some of the older kids have asked me, "Can we just scrimmage for half the practice every day?" They want to learn the most they can.

Challenges: The team is really young. We play some

of the best teams in the state. We play some of these really experienced teams — Naperville Central, Naperville North, York, LT. Our varsity team this year is a lot of kids that moved up from JV last year, and they don't have those experiences to know game play.

Who to watch: Yaseen Halabi will be fun. He's a senior. He is one of our strongest players and most experienced. Jack Driscoll will also be fun to watch. He's a sophomore and he has worked really hard in the off-season. Sohan Whittier is a sophomore goalie, and he'll be really fun to watch. He's worked really hard in the off-season, also.

Outlook: I think we're going to be really strong. Our team is going to be young, but they're really eager and they're motivated. I think we will definitely have a year of learning, but we'll

be competitive.

Girls water polo

First meet: March 4 vs. Glenbrook North (V lost 6-8) Last year: 14-13-1, lost in sectional quarterfinals

Head coach: Chris Ortiz Seasons as head coach: 11 No. team members: 13

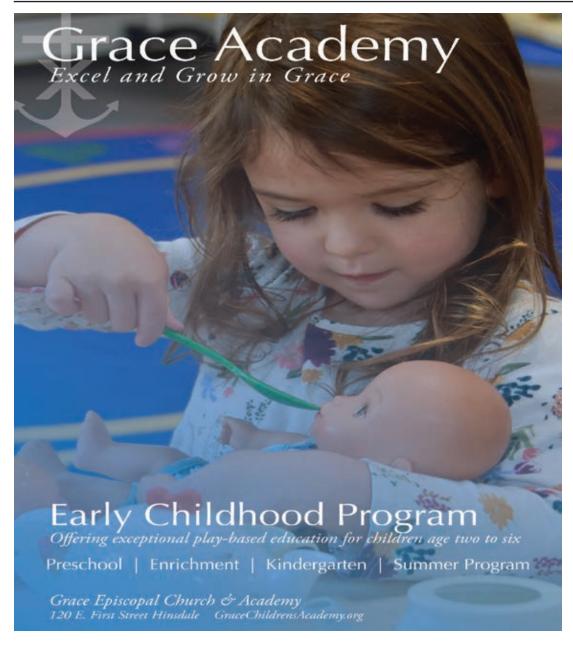
Strengths: Many of our girls have committed to playing club, so there's a good amount of experience on the team even though we had four graduating seniors. We can plug those spots with girls who have been playing in the off-season.

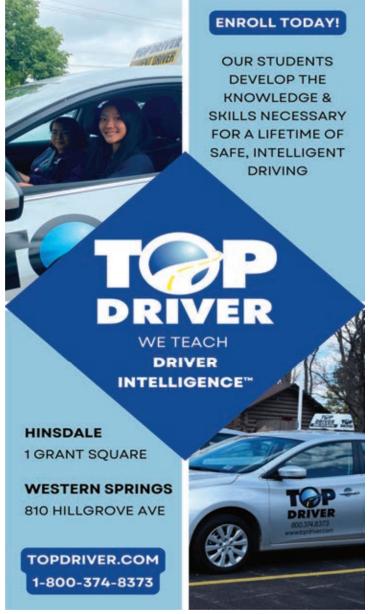
Challenges: Since we are a little younger, it's going to be nice to see how the girls gel together. Our sectional is one of the harder ones in the state when you're looking at Naperville North and Naperville Central being at the top. Metea Valley is going to be a tough team as well. With that youth comes a lot of expe-

rience, so I'm looking forward to see how the girls step up in their new starting roles.

Who to watch: We have Christy Boggs returning after scoring 47 goals last year, and that's always a plus. We're excited for freshman Chloe Van Houtte who is coming in, who is a very versatile player and will be able to play almost any position we want. Our goalie, junior Allie Tonjes, this is her second full year starting. Having that one full season as a starter at the varsity level is huge for any goalie. She's going to be able to build upon that. I'm also looking forward to seeing one of our wing players, Anna Deppe. She's a great defender. Her land-handed shot off the wing is a big asset.

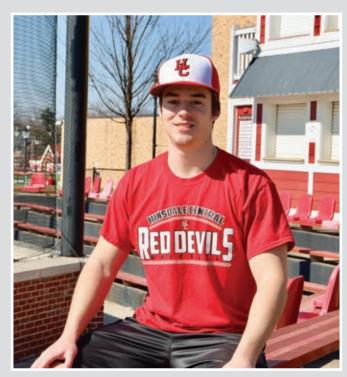
Outlook: I think we're going to be very competitive. Our girls have been playing together much of the off-season, so hopefully we're going to pick up right where they left off with the club season.





SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Luke Jurack Hinsdale

What are you looking forward to in your senior baseball season?

A lot more people will be looking up to me now for guidance. It will definitely be a change of pace. It's pretty good to be in this role now and help shape the team and win some games.

How have you grown as a player?

I was more focused on myself and my recruiting process as a freshman. Now I put the team first and just try to help the team out in any way possible.

When do feel the greatest reward?

I definitely feel the most reward at the plate. There's nothing better than that feeling of hitting a home

What's your preferred position?

I've played all over the place, but I'm definitely looking to play shortstop this year.

How would your teammates describe you?

Most would say I'm a bit of a quiet guy at first. But after a while I definitely open up more and have a great time with the guys.

What's your goal for the season?

I'm looking to hit my first

home run of my high school career. Just play loose and let everything go, swing as hard as I can and try to hit the ball as far as I can.

Any pre-game routines?

I stretch and use my Theragun for a while to get my legs loose. And I do three or four sprints to get ready.

How do you like to kick

I spend a lot of time lifting with my oldest brother. And I also hit in my cage with my dad as much as possible.

Future field of study?

Probably agricultural accounting.

Why does head coach Jason Ziemer like having Jurack on the team?

Luke has been a fouryear starter in the program, which could not have been accomplished without the work and time put in that got him to the varsity level at such a young age. Luke hit .400 as a freshman and played a big part in that team's success. His ability to play multiple positions on defense, along with his speed, make him an extremely well-rounded player. With the program's success over the past three years, and Luke being a big part of that each year, he will go down as one of the winningest players in Hinsdale Central baseball history.

— profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

L. Hodneland,

Gymnastics, boys March 1 vs. Wanner Invite V places 4th with 114.15 points Floor exercise Cihlar, 10th, 8.1 Theotikos, 11th, 7.7 McDaniel, 14th, 6 Pommel horse Theotikos, 3rd, 8.8 Cihlar, 12th, 4.8 Ashby, 14th, 2.6 Still rings Cihlar, 10th, 7.15 Ashby, 14th, 6 Theotikos, 15th, 5.2 Theotikos, 11th, 6.8 Ravanasa, 12th, 6.7 Cihlar, 15th, 5 Parallel bars Theotikos, 6th, 7.8 Cihlar, 7th, 7.5 Ashby, 15th, 5.7 Horizontal bar Cihlar, 2nd, 8.7 Theotikos, 12th, 5.3 Ashby, 14th, 4.3

All-around

Cihlar, 9th, 41.25

Track, boys
March 4 @
Downers South
Relays
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Lyne, Parkins, 21st,
1:36.39
4x400 relay
Bots, Parkins,

Theotikos, 8th, 41.6

Tingler, Morrissey, 8th, 3:34.75 4x800 relay Revord, Maxwell, Tarasi, Bandukwala, 10th, 8:08.27 March 1 @ Homewood-Flossmoor Invite V places 6th with 79 points

Track, girls March 4 @ Downers South Relays 4x800 relay Boyd, Dygon, Gilmartin, 6th. 9:32.53 March 2 @ Wheaton Warrenville South V loses 55-63 Feb. 29 @ NCC Cardinal Indoor Classic V places 4th with 42.5 points 55-meter dash Dorris, 7th, 7.58 M. Gilmartin, 22nd, 7.9 200 meters Dorris, 7th, 27.27 M. Gilmartin, 13th,

400 meters K. Gilmartin, 7th, 1:02.37 Abu-Ghazalah, 11th, 1:04.84 Elsdon, 13th, 1:05 800 meters

Tresslar, 15th.

27.73

L. Hodneland, 2nd, 2:19.01 Dygon, 5th, 2:22.28 1,600 meters Satre, 16th, 5:33.6 Boyd, 18th, 5:36.46 Skay, 23rd, 5:45.25 3 200 meters Griffin, 9th, 12:02.48 Furey, 21st, 12:48.87 55-meter hurdles Abu-Ghazalah. 7th. Leech, 10th, 9.52 Brooks, 32nd, 10.62 4x200 relay Dorris, A. Hodneland, Tresslar, M Gilmartin, 3rd, 1:49.93 4x400 relay L. Hodneland, A. Hodneland, K. Gilmartin, Elsdon, 4th, 4:13.88

Boyd, Satre, K.

Gilmartin, Hughes, 4th, 9:53.98 Shot put Woszczyk, 18th, 7.88m Veliz-Hernandez 26th, 7.54m Kawa, 34th, 7.06m High jump Chillo, 10th, 1.4m Prieto, 20th, 1.35m Pole vault Crisostomo, 12th, 2 6m Bisch, 13th, 2.6m Long jump Moser, 6th, 4.97m Bonino, 7th, 4.87 Reed, 8th, 4.87 Triple jump Moser, 8th, 10.19m Bonino, 11th, 10.13m Lacayo, 12th, 10.01m

Water polo, girls March 4 @ Glenbrook North V loses 6-8

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Kyle Ashby executes a maneuver on the horizontal bar Friday as the boys gymnastics team hosted the Red Devil Wanner Invite. The Devils placed fourth overall in the season-opening competition. (photo by Steve Johnston for The Hinsdalean)



SPORTS









to state after coming off of top-five and top-10 finishes last year, the sectional quarterfinals in this year's postseason. (file photos)

The Hinsdale Central boys and girls track teams would love to return while the boys and girls water polo teams would like to make it past

Red Devils spring season heating up

Track teams well into indoor contests, while water polo teams are starting matches

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

With the Red Devil boys and girls track teams competing indoors and other teams facing their first opponents this month, it's time for our annual look at the spring sports season at Hinsdale Central.

Spring is the busiest season at Central, with 13 teams competing. Four are highlighted in this, the first of a four-part series.

Next week: girls badminton, boys gymnastics and boys volleyball.

Boys track

First meet: Feb. 9 indoor, April 4 outdoor

Last year: fourth at state Head coach: Jim

Westphal

Seasons as head coach:

No. team members: 145 at all levels

Strengths: Historically we've been a little stronger in the relays and some of the middle distance events, especially the last couple of years. I think this year we've got a nice balance between our short sprinters and our field events.

Challenges: As always, we go up against high-quality competition almost on a weekly basis. That's always a challenge to try to maintain that high-level competitiveness as a team. For us, just staying healthy and making sure key guys in certain event areas are healthy when it counts.

Who to watch: Michael

Prieto in high jump and Mark Ortiz in shot and disc. Aidan Bandukwala, middle distance/distance, should be fun to watch. And Evan Bots, he's a sprinter.

Outlook: We lost some high-end talent to graduation last year. I think as long as we stay healthy and we can put key guys in those key events for big meets, we'll fare well. It's still kind of a work in progress in how we think things will end up by mid- or end of May. I'm hopeful we'll be competitive and our kids will compete at a high level.

Girls track

First meet: Feb. 10 indoor, April 6 outdoor Last year: ninth at state Head coach: Pat

Richards

Seasons as head coach:

No. team members: 108 at all levels

Strengths: We are returning our girls from our 4x100 meter relay that was a top medal winner in the state. I think we've got some depth in the sprints. We've got some kids that are stepping up and helping our distance team. Our jumping group — long and triple jumpers — is pretty good. They're solid. They're probably one of our more talented groups this year. We've got a lot of good point scorers back from that group.

Challenges: We lost three really good seniors — two distance runners and one hurdler — so we've got some big shoes to fill. We

lost some good kids but we've got some good kids coming back. As always, the West Suburban Silver girls track and field conference overall — one through seven — it's probably the strongest conference in the state. There's so much depth there. There are so many good teams. That's probably our biggest challenge, being able to compete with so many great schools and track programs. Otherwise, still trying to find our identity of what we're going to do with these kids.

Who to watch:

Sophomore Lily Hodneland has converted over to being a distance runner. I think she's going to do some

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