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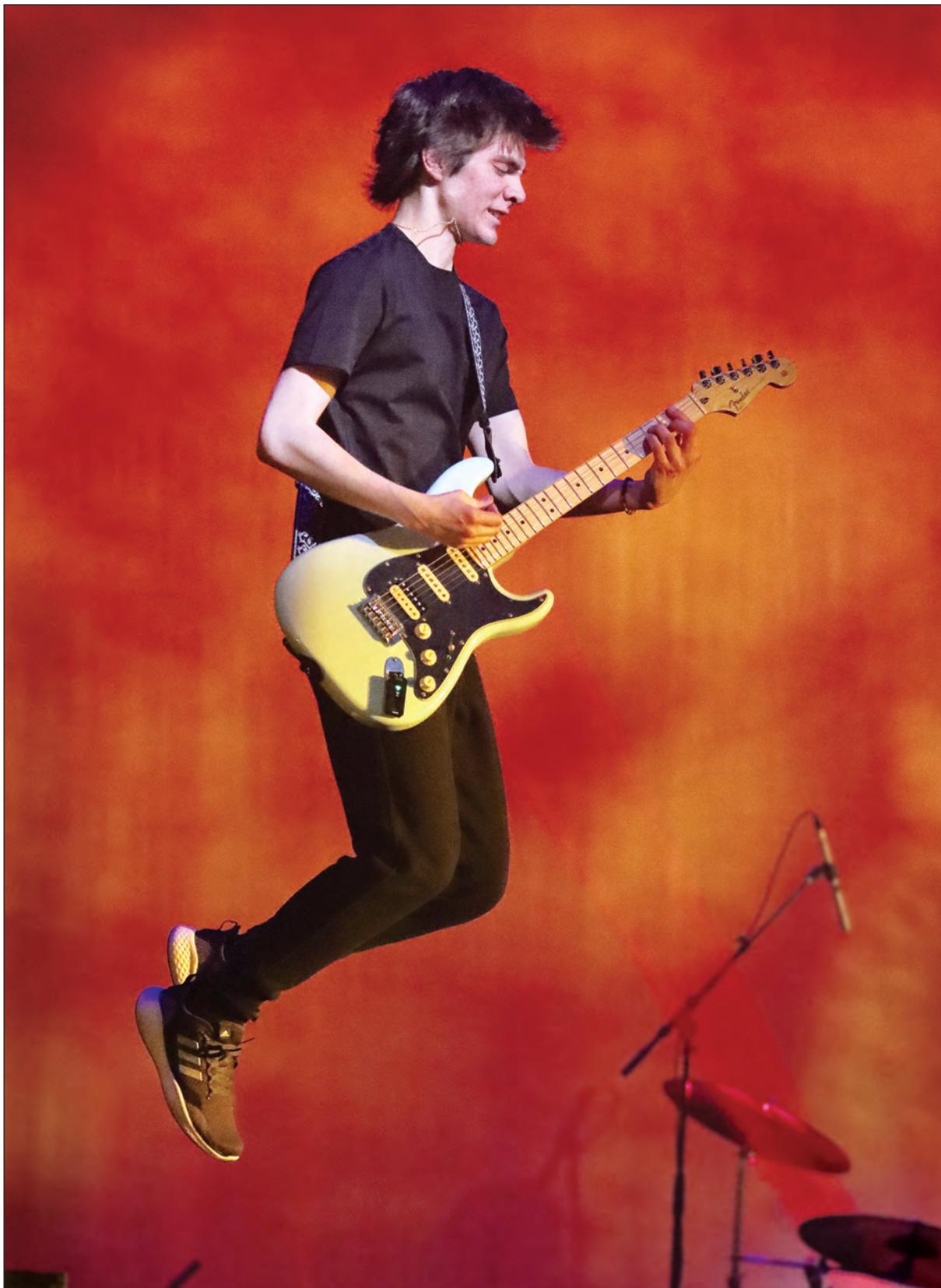
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One giant leap

Hinsdale Central students performed in the annual Variety Show last week. With 16 acts, 32 performers and 17 on the stage crew, the shows came off without a hitch. Ethan Hallberg took a leap on stage while performing with the rest of the band, "Down The Hall." Fellow band members include Gio Carlini, Owen Hallberg and Logan Melia. To see more pictures from the show, please go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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Creator of fake site asked to leave campaign

By Pamela Lannom
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Hinsdale High School District 86 Board candidate Asma Akhras has asked volunteer Reid McCollum to leave her campaign following his admission that he created a Facebook page appearing to belong to Andrew Catton, another candidate in the race.

"I'm very upset," Akhras said. "It's been very hurtful, because I had made it very clear to anyone who has been volunteering that my commitment is to keep the highest values and not engage in any political partisan type of strategies.

"It's been a constant message that anyone who is helping, you need to keep my values, and if you can't keep to my values, please don't volunteer," she added.

McCollum said he initially denied creating the website.

"I completely lied to them and said it wasn't me and emphasized the fact that no one needs to apologize for this, this is fine. This happens all the time," he said.

He then admitted to it March 18 after someone else learned he was behind it and informed Akhras. He also acknowledged purchasing several domains with candidates' names.

Catton said politics have no place in the classroom.

"I am disappointed to find out that Asma's FB page administrator and core team member, Reid McCollum, purchased several BOE candidate website addresses, one of which was used to pose as my own," he said. "It's also really unfortunate that one known political activist caused so much premeditated and purposeful disruption to our local nonpartisan high school D86 BOE election."

He added that McCollum is not focused on the best interests of the community or in further-



ing educational excellence.

The fake Catton website contained text from a letter Catton sent to the school board last year criticizing the district's diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. McCollum said he created it to show voters Catton's "true and espoused honest views" about DEI initiatives and racial issues. McCollum obtained Catton's letter in a Freedom of Information Act request dated Dec. 22.

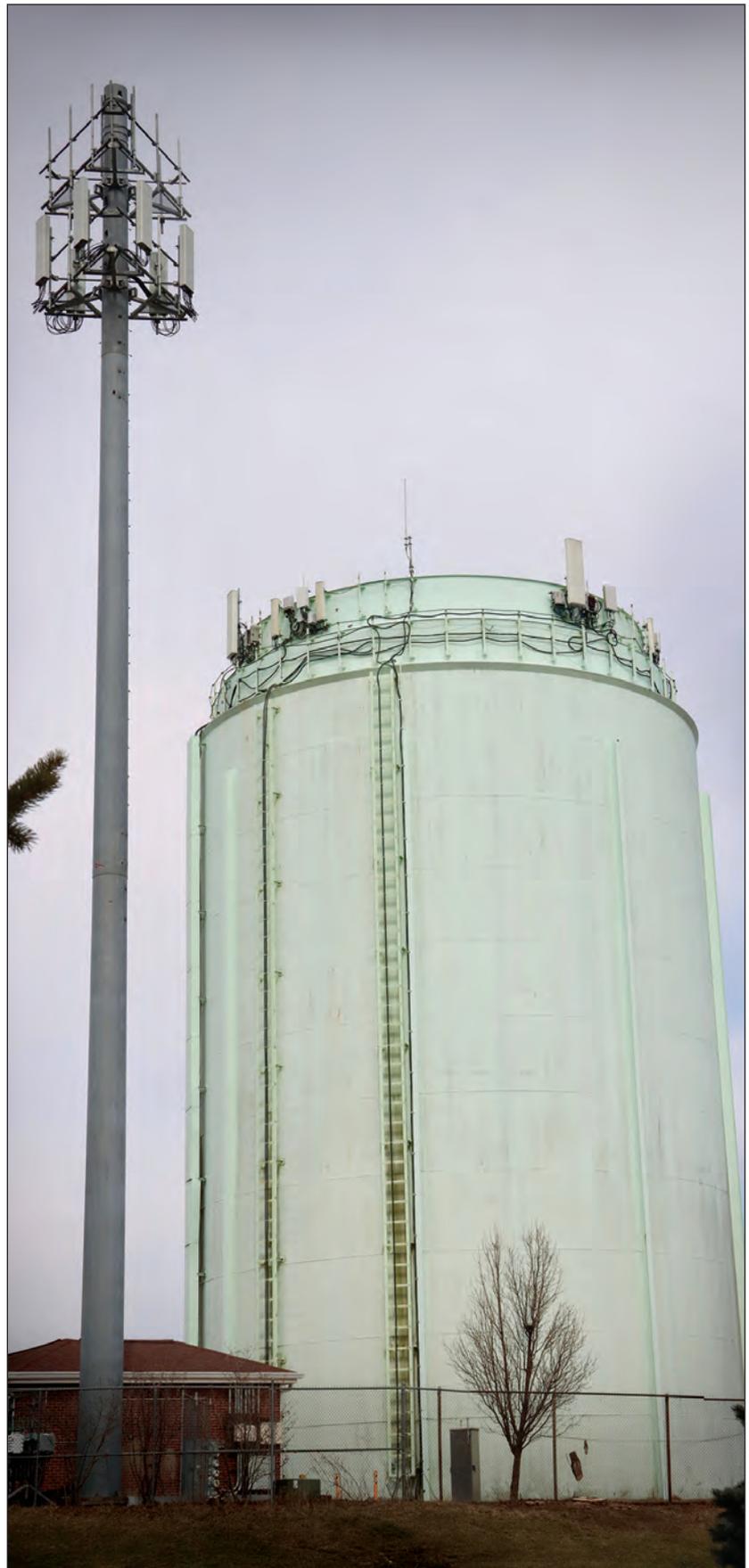
A statement McCollum posted on the D86 Straight Talk Facebook page and sent to The Hinsdalean indicates Akhras was not aware of his involvement.

"Neither Asma Akhras nor anyone on her team were in any way aware that I created this website, which I did not do on behalf of her campaign," he wrote. "In fact, I purchased the domain and several domains for other candidates in December before I'd even met the members of Asma's core campaign team, and I had no involvement in creating her actual website."

McCollum said Catton's generic website and publications like the DuPage Policy Journal prompt a need for concerned citizens to disseminate information.

Akhras encouraged voters to pay attention to her campaign, which has focused on her own message, and her qualifications and vote their conscience.

"At the end of the day, this is voting that is done by citizens," she said. "I have continued to show my utter commitment of doing the best of my capabilities and capacity of what a campaign should run like."



Pole-ing place

Telecommunications equipment that had to be removed from the village standpipe so it could be painted has been relocated on this monopole. The village is spending \$1.2 million to have the 1956 standpipe near Hinsdale Central rehabilitated, including a full blast/recoating of the interior and exterior, along with several other smaller improvements. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ONCE UPON A TIME



First spa — This photo in Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," is of KLM Lodge. "The KLM Lodge, a dining and recreation hall for the women's retreat, was built in 1926. It was designed by Hinsdale architect R. Harold Zook based on an earlier plan for the Legge home intended for the site. A dormitory followed, along with tennis courts, swimming pool and a convalescent cottage. In December 1973, International Harvester donated the retreat property to Hinsdale for use by the general public."



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Village and D181 races are uncontested

Candidates for open seats on two boards are running without opposition Tuesday, April 4

Three candidates for the Hinsdale Village Board and three for the Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board are running uncontested in the April 4 election.

The Hinsdalean reached out to the candidates to find out a little more about who they are and what they hope to accomplish.

Hinsdale Village Board

Who is Scott Banke?



Scott Banke

Scott Banke has served as a village trustee since 2019. He was a parks and recreation commissioner from 2009-16 and a board of fire and police commissioner from 2018-19. He's also volunteered with Hinsdale

Little League and HCHS Baseball Club.

Banke is a 59-year-old business systems integration manager who holds a bachelor's in finance from Arizona State University.

What are his top priorities?

1. public safety
2. maintenance of infrastructure and services
3. fiscal responsibility

Who is Alexis Braden?



Alexis Braden

Alexis Braden has been a member of Hinsdale's historic preservation commission since 2019. She also serves as a Hinsdale Historical Society trustee, volunteers with the Hinsdale Assembly and

sits on the Oak School future planning committee.

Braden is a 44-year-old public relations/marketing consultant who holds a bachelor's in print journalism from California Polytechnic State University.

What are her priorities?

1. to ensure public safety
2. to support Hinsdale's historic downtown and its local businesses
3. to promote fiscal responsibility

Who is Luke Stifflear?



Luke Stifflear

Luke Stifflear has served as a village trustee since 2015. He was a Hinsdale plan commissioner from 2010 to 2015. He's also served on the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana board and coached

girls lacrosse.

Stifflear is a 54-year-old portfolio manager who holds a bachelor's degree from State University of New York at Oswego and an MBA from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

What are his priorities?

1. ensure the police force has best in class leadership and resources to protect the community
2. maintain the village's "AAA" credit rating with a focus on prudent expenditures of necessary infrastructure and village services
3. preserve the character of Hinsdale through enforcement of its existing zoning code

District 181 Board

Who is Asim Aleem?



Asim Aleem

Asim Aleem has served as a District 181 board member since August of 2022 and on the district's finance committee since 2021. He also has served on the boards of AGAPE Youth Network and Mindful

Medicine Worldwide and as a mentor with Chicago Scholars.

Aleem is a 43-year-old chief financial officer who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in accountancy from the University of Illinois, and an MBA from the University of Chicago

Booth School of Business.

What are his top priorities?

1. set clear goals to enable all learners to achieve their full academic, social and emotional potential
2. utilize data-driven decision-making to responsibly and strategically manage resources to optimize instruction and student achievement
3. foster constructive relationships and work collaboratively with the community, board, superintendent and district team to improve student outcomes

Who is Meg Cooper?



Meg Cooper

Meg Cooper has been a District 181 Foundation board member for 25 years. She's also served as Elm School PTO president, as a Girl Scout leader, an AYSO soccer coach, an Assistance

League board member and a member of the HMS referendum and CHMS referendum committees.

Cooper is a 63-year-old executive director of the District 181 Foundation who holds a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University and an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago.

What are her priorities?

1. maintain a strong financial position and leadership team for the district
2. contribute to an environment that is collegial, transparent and respectful of all stakeholders
3. continue to develop social and emotional learning and a curriculum that offers appropriate challenges for all students

Who is Sinead Duffy?

Sinead Duffy has served as a District 181 board member since 2019. She's chair of the board's finance committee and has been active in organizing speakers and webinars for students through the D181 Foundation.



Sinead Duffy

Duffy served as a senior financial professional and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business studies from Trinity University in Dublin, Ireland.

What are her priorities?

1. build on the academic progress the district has made over the last four years
2. continue to review options for all-day kindergarten, the selection and building of a new administration building
3. ensure transparency and taxpayer value regarding school district finances

Who is Margie Kleber?



Margie Kleber

Margie Kleber has served on the District 181 board since 2017, serving as board president from 2020-22 and as facilities committee chair from 2018-20. She has volunteered with The Lane School PTO,

the Hinsdale Central High School track and field parent group and the Hinsdale Caucus.

The 61 year-old is the assistant to the president of a food company and holds a bachelor's degree.

What are her priorities?

1. implement a full-day kindergarten curriculum
2. purchase or build an administrative center to avoid excessive annual lease expenses
3. assist in the search for a new superintendent, as Hector Garcia will retire at the end of the 2026 school year

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, March 23
Hinsdale Central High School
55th and Grant streets
www.d86.hinsdale86.org/boardofeducation

On the agenda: 2023-24 staffing recommendation, IASB agreement for assistant superintendent search, Transition Center services presentation

The Hinsdale Village Board, Community Consolidated District 181 Board and Hinsdale High School District 86 Board are not scheduled to meet the week of March 27-31.

Early voting in Cook, DuPage is underway

Early voting is now available at 20 locations throughout DuPage County.

Hinsdale Village Hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave., will be available for early voting through April 1. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

DuPage County voters also may cast paper ballots at the DuPage County Fairgrounds (Building 5), 2015 Manchester Road in Wheaton, just off County Farm Road, east of the county's government administration buildings. Voting hours at the fairgrounds are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays through Friday, March 17; 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through March 18; 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays March 20 to April 3; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends March 25 to April 2.



Residents interested in voting by mail should complete an application available on the DuPage County clerk's election website at www.dupagecounty.gov/election or by calling (630) 407-5600. The last day to mail a ballot to a voter is Thursday, March 30.

Cook County voters may vote early at Brookfield Village Hall, 8820 Brookfield Ave., or Lyons Village Hall, 4200 Lawndale Ave. More information for Cook County voters is available at www.cookcountyl.gov/service-groups/voting-and-elections.



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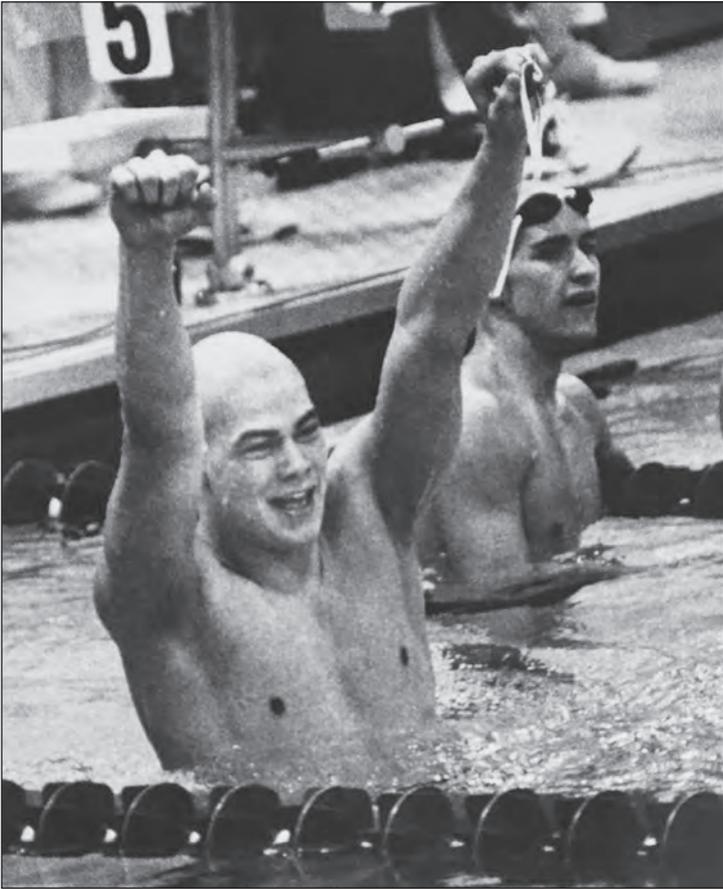


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Then and now



Hinsdale Central varsity boys swim coach Bob Barber — then a junior at Central — celebrates his victory in the 100-yard freestyle race at the IHSA state meet in this photo that ran in *The Doings* in February 1991. Barber also captured first-place as a member of the 400-yard freestyle relay and came in third in the 50-yard freestyle. “As soon as I touched the wall, I didn’t know who won. I had to look up at the clock. I saw who won and then I started jumping for joy,” he told the reporter at the time. His victories helped the team earn second place. Fast forward to this month, and Barber is celebrating another victory — his team won the state championship trophy at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont. It was his second title as head coach and the 19th in program history. (Hinsdale Historical Society/Hinsdalean file photos)

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police released the following reports March 21.

Stolen vehicle arrest

Julian L. Matino, 28, 186 Surrey Drive, Glen Ellyn, was arrested for felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle at 12:03 a.m. March 19 at the BP Gas Station, 149 E. Ogden Ave. A registration inquiry showed the vehicle had been reported stolen to police in St. Louis, Mo. Matino was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

DUI arrests

• Quinton M. Watts, 33, 619 E. Galena Blvd., No. 2, Aurora, was arrested on a felony complaint of obstructing justice, driving under the influence of alcohol, unlawful possession of cannabis by a driver, speeding, improper lane use, transportation of open alcohol by a driver and prohibited deposits on rights of way at 11:44 p.m. March 18 in the 600 block of West Ogden Ave. He was in possession of a plastic baggie containing and green leafy substance that field test positive for cannabis and had an open container of alcohol. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

• Police responded to a property damage accident at 2:15 p.m. March 18 in the 400 block of West Ogden Avenue and observed a suspect who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol but refused testing. A search warrant was obtained for a blood test, and the suspect complied. He was released; charges are pending the lab results.

Attempted trespass arrest

James A. McGann, 21, 234 S. Adams St., Hinsdale, was arrested on three misdemeanor complaints of attempted criminal trespass to residence on March 16. He was observed on surveillance videos attempting to enter the back doors of two homes in the 400 and 600 blocks of South Bruner Street between 1:04 and 1:11 a.m. Police located the suspect in the 400 block of South Bruner, where he was taken into custody before being charged and released to appear in court.

Retail theft arrest

Melissa J. Krok, 40, 7901 W. Tiffany Court, Palos Hills, was arrested on a felony count of retail theft and for resisting or obstructing a police officer at 1:25 p.m. March 16 at Yankee Peddler, 30 E. Hinsdale Ave. Police were called and found the suspect in possession of merchandise worth more than \$300 with the intention of taking the items. She was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

Suspended license arrests

• Luis A. Cortes Razo, 27, 3826 S. Honore St., Chicago, was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 12:48 p.m. March 16 at Jefferson Street and Fuller Road.

He was charged and released to appear in court.

• Madison J. Hamilton-Dryden, 38, 1472 Clybourne St., Batavia, was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 4:26 p.m. March 20 at Ogden Avenue and Vine Street. He also had an active arrest warrant out of DuPage County, for which he posted bond and was released to appear in court.

Forgery at gas station

A known suspect completed a transaction using a counterfeit \$100 bill at 3:38 p.m. March 9 at Shell Gas Station, 210 E. Ogden Ave. The incident was reported March 12, and the case is pending.

Arrests do not constitute conviction of a crime, and individuals listed here should be presumed innocent until proven guilty. If charges are dismissed or reduced or the accused is found not guilty, he or she can contact The Hinsdalean at news@thehinsdalean.com to provide us with documentation. Information will be updated online and in the next issue of the paper.



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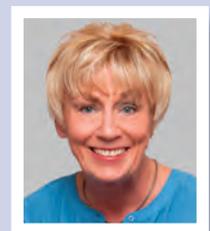
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■ “It’s great just being able to provide those different opportunities for kids. We are giving a space for everybody to be involved, and the families appreciate it.” —**Kelci Bednar**

Familiar face to lead Community House programs

Kelci Bednar relishes the scenes around The Community House that accompany summer’s arrival.

“It’s great to see the building so full,” she said, noting the many activities also are held outside in adjacent Robbins Park. “Parents come and go, ‘My kid’s here for camp.’ And we’ll answer, ‘Which one?’ because we’ll have, at any given day, like 15 camps going on.”

Bednar was recently hired as program director, returning to the organization she served as recreation supervisor from 2017-22.

“I feel like I never really left, and it was great because I was able to jump right back in,” Bednar said.

She became well-versed in rec management organizing popular large-scale youth sports leagues.

“It’s a lot of work putting together teams for 500 kids in flag football, 800 kids in Jodie Harrison (basketball), but it is great, after all of the hard work, you show up on game day, and it’s a blast watching it all come together,” she said.

She found coordinating the annual 3-on-3 hoops tourney to be one of the most rewarding undertakings.

“We’re taking our parking

lots and putting 19 basketball courts out there, and it’s all hands on deck,” she said.

Active pursuits have long been part of Bednar’s DNA. The majority of her childhood summers were spent swimming at Chatsworth’s public pool — reportedly the second largest in Illinois — and she competed in golf and track in high school.

At Illinois State University, she found a new passion in rugby. Helping lead the club actually helped her get a firm grasp on a career path.

“That’s where I found my niche,” Bednar recounted. “When I was captain, I got involved with the board of ISU rugby and the sports club side of it. That’s where I started to feel that I really enjoyed sports management.”

Working three part-time jobs after her 2016 graduation was less than ideal. But her efforts to land a full-time position in the Chicago-area had been unsuccessful. Then a friend told Bednar to use her suburban address instead of Bednar’s in Normal.

“Instantly I started getting interviews,” she said.

She had just accepted an offer in April of 2017 when The Community House made her



KELCI BEDNAR

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one she liked better.

“All within three weeks I quit (my three jobs), got a new job, went on vacation, quit the job I never started and started here,” Bednar said with a laugh. “It was kind of wild month.”

Suddenly she was someone others were reporting to.

“I was 23 and have like 15 or 20 high school staff that I’m now managing,” Bednar remarked.

Clarendon Hills Park District hired her away last fall, but she stayed connected to her Community House network and didn’t hesitate when the directorship opportunity came up. She looks forward to helping oversee visual and performing arts pursuits in addition to athletics alongside her colleagues.

“The things we do here mean a lot to our participants,” she

said. “There’s a lot of teamwork behind it.”

Bednar is happy to call The Community House her professional home.

“It’s great just being able to provide those different opportunities for kids,” she said. “We are giving a space for everybody to be involved, and the families appreciate it.”

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Six seek seats on Hinsdale Library Board

Three incumbents, three newcomers will be elected April 4 to three four- or two-year terms

None of the six candidates running for a seat on the Hinsdale Public Library Board in the Tuesday, April 4, election are contested.

Three are seeking three open four-year terms and three are running for three two-year terms.

The Hinsdalean reached out to the candidates to find out a little more about who they are and what they hope to accomplish.

Four-year terms

Who is John Bloomfield?



Bloomfield

Bloomfield is a retired consultant with Blue Yonder software company who was elected in 2019 to the library board, of which he is treasurer and chairman of the strategic planning committee.

An 18-year Hinsdale resident, he holds an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago and a bachelor's in accounting from the University of Illinois. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and served as the webmaster for Hinsdale Central girls lacrosse club and as a youth lacrosse coach. He is a past trustee of the Illinois Teachers Retirement System, past treasurer and board member of the Illinois Branch of the International Dyslexia Association and past president and treasurer of the Central girls lacrosse club.

What are his priorities?

1. strategic plan implementation — continuing to work with the board and library management to implement and measure the results and increasing utilization of all library resources
2. fiscal responsibility — increasing value provided per dollar of expense and increasing partnerships to broaden the library's value to the community
3. library satisfaction — serving the needs of all Hinsdale residents, making transactions as frictionless as possible and increasing residents' and employees' satisfaction with the library

Who is Megan Davia Mikhail?

Mikhail is a former attorney who was appointed to the library board in



Mikhail

the summer of 2021 to fill an open seat.

The 43-year-old holds a bachelor's degree from DePaul University and a juris doctorate from St. Louis University School of Law.

After working as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Energy at Argonne National Laboratory, she decided to pause her practice to raise her children full-time. She has been working as a substitute teaching and as a consultant for a strategic planning firm.

She has been an active volunteer with Hinsdale Community Preschool, Madison School and Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital.

What are her priorities?

1. to implement the HPL's new strategic plan successfully alongside the excellent leadership of Executive Director Karen Keefe and the fantastic library staff members who bring so much joy to our community
2. to continue the success of the HPL programs by supporting new initiatives in programming
3. to oversee to completion the various facilities projects planned for the upcoming years

Who is Magda Sokolowski?



Sokolowski

Sokolowski is a community volunteer who holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from Gdansk Technical University in Poland.

The 55-year-old mom of three has held a variety of PTO and other positions at Madison School, Hinsdale Middle School and Hinsdale Central. From 2013-20 she was a regional commissioner for AYSO. She has 18 years of volunteer experience working with students, teachers, coaches, administrators, support staff and contractors and has been an HPL cardholders since 2004.

What are her priorities?

1. contribute to the implementation of the new HPL strategic plan while utilizing her volunteer experience and engineering background
2. create opportunities to restore

pre-pandemic social connections in the community (e.g. programs for continuing learners, including "What's Your Hobby?" and, for teens, "Meet the Professional")

3. promote HPL as a community space to meet/make friends, expand horizons, deepen knowledge and have fun

Two-year terms

Who is Kim Kiyosaki?



Kiyosaki

Kiyosaki, a retired IBM executive, was appointed to the library 18 months ago and is president of the Hinsdale Book Study Club, a library "super-user."

The 66-year-old has a bachelors from Miami University, Ohio, whose experience with IBM prepared her to work across various groups of people, enhanced her strategic thinking and sharpened her financial skills.

What are her priorities?

1. With the recent completion of the three-year strategic plan, the top priority is now to execute the plan and to give patrons the materials they want when they want them — usually very quickly.
2. Support the village's wonderful schools and create more "lifelong learning" opportunities for our older adults.
3. Make sure everyone knows all the resources in the library that are readily available, such as 3D printing!

Who is Chun Ye?



Ye

Ye is a graphic designer and art instructor who has 11-year-old twin daughters.

The 51-year-old graduated with a degree in commercial art from Guangzhou Yniversit in China and with a degree in web and graphic design at College of DuPage. She also studied fine arts at the School of Art Institute.

She has more than 10 years of experience working with children in preschool through high school. As a mother and educator has developed an understanding of what children need



and what can help them learn and grow.

What are her priorities?

1. provide more help to teens and preteens to reduce pressure and prevent depression
2. bring more fun art projects to kids in the community
3. listen to the community about what they want and need from the library

Who is Ying "Lucy" Zhou?



Zhou

A former professor in bridge engineering from 1999-2008 in China, Zhou is a stay-at-home mom and tutor.

The 52-year old holds a doctorate in engineering and also worked as an online professor from 2008-10. She has been an active volunteer at the library, The Lane School and The Chapel Church. She is a board member of the Association of Chinese-American Scientists and Engineers, a workshop leader of the teen department of ACSE and director of the Department of The President's Volunteer Service Award of Asian-American Education and Culture Center.

What are her priorities?

1. promoting multiculturalism, such as having some multicultural festivals open to the whole village as a tradition from now on.
2. expanding services for teenagers, such as more volunteer activities/clubs for teens to take part in, decreasing their struggles in finding enough volunteer hours; and taking a leadership role in certain activities, rather than simply serving. This will enable them to showcase and develop their leadership skills.
3. executing the strategic plan, such as giving support to immigrant families who may not be familiar with English, culture, or the school system, and whose children may be experiencing significant difficulties in school

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■ And so the three new members who join the board after the Tuesday, April 4, election, must be thoughtful decision-makers and collaborative colleagues in order to move the district forward.

Hinsdalean lists endorsements for the D86 board

- ✓ Asma Akhras
 - ✓ Kay Gallo
 - ✓ Catherine “Cat” Greenspon
- Andrew Catton
Deborah Willoughby

A little more than two years ago, the newly seated board in Hinsdale High School District 86 spent two and a half hours taking 10 votes trying to choose a new board president.

Since that time, the board has been regularly divided on a host of issues large and small, from curriculum issues to the approval of minutes. A segment of the board and the community also has lost confidence in the superintendent, making board meetings even more difficult. And declining standardized test scores — a trend that is occurring nationwide — have raised even more concerns.

And so the three new members who join the board after the Tuesday, April 4, election, must be thoughtful decision-makers and collaborative colleagues in order to move the district forward. The Hinsdalean believes Asma Akhras, Kay Gallo and Cat Greenspon best fit that description.

We can't imagine a District 86 school board with no members living in the South attendance area, so we were happy to see Akhras launch her campaign. Fortunately she brings much more to the table than just her Darien address.

Her extensive experience in education would be a tremendous asset at a time when the board is involved (excessively so, at times) in evaluating decisions on curriculum and instruction. She has a firm grasp of the role of a board member and experience working collaboratively. We appreciate her assertion that providing opportunities for all students does not prevent the district from offering a rigorous curricu-



Akhras

lum and her views on the increased accountability created through curriculum and grading alignment.

The admission this weekend by one of her campaign volunteers that he created a fake website for one of her opponents has created ill will toward her is unfortunate. While we don't condone this type of political shenanigans, we don't believe it should affect her candidacy.

The mom of two Hinsdale South graduates and one freshman, she has firsthand experience with the district. While her positive view of the district seems overly optimistic at times, we think she will make an excellent board member.

Gallo is the only candidate who would bring previous school board experience to the office. The parent of three Central graduates, she served four years on a feeder district board and eight years on the D86 board, including two as president.

She has expressed concern about unpiloted programs and identified a desire to meet the academic needs of all students and address declining test scores.

While Gallo has been a very sharp critic of Superintendent Tammy Prentiss, she acknowledges the necessity of working together until Prentiss' contract expires next year.

Although it might be a result of her campaign strategy, Gallo has



Gallo

spent significant time calling for a return to the past. We hope that does not impede her ability to look to the future and trust that her experience will be an asset.

Greenspon is a longtime volunteer who's become quite active in the district over the past few years, serving on the Central PTO and music parents association boards along with the district PTAC and CELT committees. She brings almost 10 years' worth of experience serving on the Museum of Science and Industry and YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago boards.

The mom of a Central senior, she clearly is committed to the academic success of district students and promises to engender more collaboration among board members and district stakeholders. We encourage her to keep her focus on the future (and not on the Valda Valbrun incident, for example) and trust that the calm demeanor we witnessed during her interview and at the candidates night will be the one she brings to meetings as a board member. We believe her commitment to data-driven decisions, piloting programs and slowing the pace of change will benefit the district.

Catton is a successful businessman with financial experience who has been attending board meetings for the past couple of years. The father of three future D86 students,



Greenspon



he has identified concerns about addressing the COVID learning loss and declining proficiency scores that have been shared by other candidates.

But Catton's contentions that education methods that have worked for 100 years shouldn't be changed and that diversity happens "naturally" seem out of touch. He sees problems everywhere he looks — even complaining that the new teachers contract was negotiated behind closed doors, as is standard practice. His call for the superintendent to be fired seems at odds with his promise to benefit taxpayers, given the likelihood of a breach of contract lawsuit. He spends more time offering well-scripted criticism than in articulating specifically what he would do as a board member to make things better. Finally, he seems far less interested in a collaborative approach to decision-making than other candidates.

Willoughby, with the lowest profile of the five candidates, has promising qualifications. With an MBA in finance and almost 20 years of experience working for a large global corporation, she would bring business acumen — including a call for measurable key performance indicators — and financial expertise to board decisions.

She is focused on listening and working collaboratively with the community and administration to ensure strong academic performance and rebuild trust.

Having lived in the district for only a year, we'd like to see her get more involved in district committees and run again in two years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gallo can be trusted to make decisions in D86

Kay Gallo has the right temperament, judgment and experience to represent our community on the D86 board of education. Kay is the only candidate with previous D86 board experience. She has served two terms, from 2009-17, and was board president from 2015-17. She is a known quantity and has proven herself. She is supportive of students and teachers, holds administrators accountable to high standards and is fiscally responsible. Kay has a deep understanding of the issues facing the district. She has a level-headed, pragmatic approach to decision-making.

The strength of our public school system is critically important for our community. We stand at a crossroads where whom we elect to the school board will determine the direction taken. We need to

add board members that we can trust to make the right decisions for the community.

As a Hinsdale South graduate and 10-year Hinsdale resident with children currently at Hinsdale Middle and Hinsdale Central High School, I trust Kay Gallo to make the right decisions for our district, including: 1. Hiring an experienced, qualified superintendent and guiding replacement of exiting administrators; 2. Restoring academic excellence through data-driven decisions; 3. Supporting all students at both high schools; 4. Refining the district strategic plan; and 5. Serving as a steward for our taxpayer dollars.

I enthusiastically endorse Kay Gallo for the D86 Board of Education. — **Ankit Patel, Hinsdale**

Greenspon brings knowledge, dedication to D86

Catherine “Cat” Greenspon and I have crossed paths many times while advocating for students and our schools. As a D181 parent, as well as having served the last 10 years on a D181 PTO Board (three as a co-president), I have witnessed Cat working tirelessly to support all students and the schools. I got to know Cat more at a “meet and greet” where she shared her platform: choice for all students, accountability that D86 invest in student growth and true spirit of partnership with our community. When Cat took questions, I was impressed by her depth of knowledge on all D86 topics. And having a D86 senior herself, she’s experienced years of change, from academics to graduation, special education to finance.

I’ve followed D86 closely, not

only as an alum but as the mother of three in the district. Cat has attended meetings to advocate for students and witnessed years of changes that have not produced measurable positive results. She’s analyzed data that shows the decline of students meeting state standards since D86 rolled out new initiatives like de-tracking. We have students who need supports, others who need challenges and many in the middle — two levels alone cannot meet our students’ diverse needs.

I chose to raise a family in D86 because our community embraces our schools and that’s why Cat made D86 her home as well. I’m voting for Cat because she plans to make students’ growth and success in D86 the top priority. — **Dawn Dabagia Wood, Hinsdale**

Greenspon honest, hardworking, right for D86

I am honored to support my friend, Catherine Greenspon, for D86 school board.

Catherine deeply cares for all our D86 children, so much so that she tirelessly volunteers at both Hinsdale South and Central campuses. Catherine is laser focused on making sure each and every child in our community is given an opportunity to succeed, and I have no doubt she will do whatever it takes to get our kids the resources to grow and achieve success. I am

impressed with Catherine’s willingness to listen, learn and strive for consensus. She is honest, hardworking and, most importantly, has a huge heart.

I am a mother of two current students at Hinsdale South High School and one future South student (’26). Our D86 community would be blessed to have Catherine Greenspon as a D86 Board Member. — **Patricia Schiappa, Burr Ridge**

Vote for Gallo, Greenspon, Catton on April 4

Did you know that student math and English proficiency are down across the board over the last decade in D86? So why then did the D86 administration and board majority just approve a contract that will give students 18 fewer hours of instruction than they had in 2017-18, not more?

Yes, it’s true. Students at our high schools will be released early, nearly every Wednesday, nearly every week, for the next four years. Twenty-eight Wednesdays, at minimum, each year, plus several more half-day releases, which will translate into weeks of lost instruction, for every incoming freshman in the class of 2027.

The community pushed back heavily on the notion of early release Wednesdays when they were first proposed last Spring, due to less class time, unsupervised teenagers in empty homes and the conundrum of how to get students back for after-school practices and

rehearsals.

There are three board candidates who were at those meetings, voicing their concerns, writing to the board, warning about the risks of losing valuable class time. But the board majority and administration have largely ignored the community uproar.

Those candidates — Gallo, Greenspon and Catton — have been on the front lines asking the board to redirect focus back to students and squarely back on academic excellence.

Gallo, Greenspon and Catton will continue to listen to the community at the board table. With their combined involvement, experience, energy and their intricate understanding of current D86 issues, the villages and towns of D86 will gain much more by electing candidates two, three and four on April 4. — **Angela Sartori, Clarendon Hills**

DuPage Policy Journal ‘biased and questionable’

Voters in the Hinsdale Township school district need to be on the alert for a publication in their mailboxes that looks like a newspaper, the DuPage Policy Journal. It is not a member of the Illinois Press Association, nor is it eligible for membership in the association, according to that organization. It looks like right-wing propaganda by outsiders seeking to interfere in our local elections by touching on polarizing issues that distract us from the important issues facing

the school district.

Media/Bias Fact Check, which rates bias in media, says that the publication is “an imposter site, lacks transparency and published false information. As a result we rate them right-center, biased and questionable.” With the recent attacks on educators and librarians, we should be very wary of money spent by outside groups seeking to influence local school board elections. — **Linda Pieczynski, Hinsdale**

Firsthand look at police work yields high praise

I recently had the privilege of riding with Hinsdale police officers on an evening shift. I observed a high level of professionalism and supervisory competence. Officers displayed patience and restraint in difficult situations, efficient use of technology, excellent coordination of mutual operations involving

other police departments and an enthusiasm and dedication to duty. Policing is a difficult and dangerous profession. Next time you see a squad give them a waive, next time you see an officer, thank them for their service. — **Joseph Craig, Hinsdale**

Election letters due March 23

Due to spring break taking place the last week of March, all election letters must be received by 5 p.m. today, March 23.

As is the case with all letters, writers should include their name, along with their address and daytime phone number (not for publication). Letters must be 250 words or fewer and any factual information must be documented. Questions? Call (630) 323-4422.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Hinsdaleans, we need to stop

I closely eyeballed the stop sign at the intersection of Fourth and Lincoln streets. It appeared to be in good working order. "STOP" was spelled correctly, the red was the appropriate hue and all eight sides were visible. No branches, bushes, parked vehicles or other man-made shrouds blocked its view. I was perplexed. If the sign was in good working order, why were so many drivers not fully stopping? Or ignoring it altogether?

I thought about calling the manufacturer to ask if there was a secret switch that activated its powers. I also pondered calling the Hinsdale Police Department, but feared they'd think I was a loon.

So after much contemplation, I've concluded that some Hinsdaleans — and some simply passing through our burgh — consider stop signs optional. Yup, that was it. If you've driven around town at peak school hours in the morning or afternoon, you know exactly what I mean.

Obedying a stop sign here isn't a law, it's a polite suggestion. Kind of like, "Would you like some cracked pepper with your salad?" or "You may want to double cup your venti coffee — it's quite hot."

There are three kinds of Hinsdale drivers who cause stop sign havoc.

1. I'm on a roll

These drivers slow down and roll through the sign to get a good look at oncoming traffic, often leaving their front end hanging out in harm's way. They're annoying, but at least they stop.

2. The Gene Kelly

This driver is a pro at lightly



Kevin Cook

tapping the brake while approaching the stop, with no intention of coming to a full stop. The Gene Kelley also is adept at punching the gas to scurry through the intersection to avoid oncoming cars.

3. I have diplomatic immunity

These drivers are convinced that stops "are for thee but not for me." They have urgent business somewhere and simply can't be bothered with traffic sign trifles.

On the serious side, I've seen more than my fair share of near misses that took my breath away. Drivers eschewing full stops — or any for that matter — coming within inches of calamitous accidents or hitting kids on bikes or scooters.

Perhaps the worst intersection I frequent is at Lincoln Street and Hinsdale Avenue. Recently a car blew through the stop sign heading west on Hinsdale Avenue, a fraction of a second before I was coming out of my stop headed north on Lincoln Street to cross the railroad tracks. A split second earlier and my wife would've absorbed the full impact of a T-bone collision. I laid on my horn only to receive the middle finger salute from the offending driver, oblivious and indignant to the near tragic event of her making.

C'mon Hinsdale drivers, let's do better. We may be late or miss our train, but the sun will come up tomorrow. It only takes a split second for the sun to set, tragically, on someone in the aftermath of a violent accident.

— Kevin Cook of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist.

Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Akhras has right credentials to serve on D86 board

I strongly support Asma Akhras for District 86 School Board. A 31-year Hinsdale resident, I've attended D86 school board meetings for over a year, educating myself about issues animating our community. The result of attendance and listening: I'm convinced Asma Akhras is uniquely positioned to elevate the discussion on issues this next school board will address.

Asma's credentials are precisely those valued by, and needed now in, D86: 2+ years in education, Illinois licensed principal, master's degree curriculum/instruction and a national consultant in the field of accreditation. In addition, Asma's an involved D86 South parent. And while not mandated, having Hinsdale South campus representation is a principle toward board integrity I highly endorse.

Asma's collaborative temperament, data driven expertise focused

on student achievement, recovery and access, her leadership on various community boards, are competencies integral to moving our community forward.

Together with our committed and caring parents, there are many other stakeholders invested in D86 success. As one of those other advocates for our excellent schools, I'm grateful that current board votes have, among other finished business, conclusively settled and set the stage for the next board to hire a new superintendent and to proceed with the signed four-year teacher contract. As a result, D86 is well positioned to now focus on the core issues directly affecting the well-being and success of all our students. I welcome Asma's skill set and the fresh review she can contribute. Asma Akhras will be an invaluable school board member. — Kimberly Ochsenschlager, Hinsdale

DuPage Policy Journal isn't a real newspaper

I wanted to raise attention to a disgraceful political piece of mail disguising itself as real news. This week my household received a copy of the DuPage Policy Journal. If the name seems vaguely familiar it's because this was one of last fall's fake newspapers that were little more than political junk mail. Now with school board elections coming up, the imposter newspaper has returned from the dead (despite being widely called out and seemingly unsuccessful last time around). This time, they seem to be trying harder to hide their political affiliation, even adding a sports

section to masquerade as an actual newspaper. But a quick perusal of the paper reveals its true intentions (and the fact that of 11 articles, only one has an actual author).

Whatever your political affiliation, a partisan actor trying to spread their message by disguising themselves as a legitimate newspaper is deeply alarming. Make your political points, campaign for your candidate, but have the integrity to put your name on it. Don't hide behind a fake newspaper and the illusion of nonpartisanship. — Juliana Rev, Hinsdale

Catton, Gallo, Greenspon will put D86 students first

I've had the good fortune to live in D86 for 26 years, with four children who have either graduated or are now enrolled in D86. I'm writing to ask my community to vote for Andrew Catton, Kay Gallo and Cat Greenspon for D86 school board on April 4.

Sadly, I have witnessed a decline in academic standards, which, if unchecked, will do real harm to our students and community. Too often these have arisen from changes to academic approaches that are bad

for both students and educators.

Regrettably, the outgoing school board has played a supporting role in this decline.

It's time to elect board candidates that will hold administrators accountable while respecting the important role the family plays in their students' success. Catton, Gallo and Greenspon have been engaged and are ready to work with all stakeholders to return D86 to educational excellence by putting students first. — Courtney Willman, Hinsdale

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OBITUARIES

Richard G. Rademacher

Richard G. Rademacher, 85, of Oak Brook, died March 15, 2023.

He is survived by his wife, Carole A. Rademacher, nee Gajdos; his daughter, Amy (Frankie) Ho; and his grandchildren.

A funeral was held March 20 at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale.

Interment was private.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Colette Stermer

Colette Stermer, 90, of Chicago passed away peacefully on March 4, 2023, in LaGrange Park.

Born in 1932 in Paris, France, she was the second of two children of Rita Sciaky and Peppo Benveniste.

Colette arrived in Chicago in the summer of 1941 with her family and cousins. She went to the Laboratory School in Hyde Park, finishing high school in only two years by passing an entrance exam to the University of Chicago. Three years later she graduated from UC. In 1951, she entered the Art Institute of Chicago for a bachelor's in fine arts with a major in interior design.

Colette and Les were married on June 20, 1954, at Thorndike Hilton Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Chicago in Hyde Park. She worked as an interior designer for several years, but when Les joined the State Department in early 1957, Colette moved with him to Northern Virginia and this is where they started their family. She lived overseas with her family in Seoul, South Korea and Rangoon, Burma during Les's time with the U.S. Foreign Service as a diplomat. In 1973, Colette and Les returned to northern Virginia.

In 1981, Colette and Les moved from Virginia to Chicago for Les to take a role as the executive director of the International House at the University of Chicago.

Colette ran the gift shop at the I-House from 1981-94. Les and Colette moved to Kiawah



Stermer

Island, S.C., in 2001 for 14 years of tennis, painting, oyster roasts and potluck dinners with friends before returning to Chicago in 2015 to live at Plymouth Place.

To all her friends and family, Colette was known for her interests in painting, tennis and bridge. She and Les loved to travel, and she will always be remembered for her generosity and devotion to her family, as well as her world-famous chocolate chip cookies.

The family wishes to express special thanks to the nursing staff at Plymouth Place for their extraordinary care and compassion in Colette's final days.

She is survived by her three sons, Marc (Judy) Stermer, Dean (Rowena) Stermer of Hinsdale and Todd (Lisa) Stermer; and her five grandsons, Cooper, Griffin, Jackson, Mitchell and Davis.

Colette was preceded in death by her older brother, Samuel; and her husband of 63 years, Charles Lester "Les" Stermer.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Plymouth Place, 315 N. LaGrange Road, LaGrange Park.

Burial will be private in Falls Church, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance at www.ocrahope.org.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Buy Hinsdale stickers, tags by May 1

Vehicle sticker and animal tag applications are on sale now for Hinsdale residents and must be purchased by May 1. A \$25 late fee will be imposed for any vehicle stickers bought after the deadline. All vehicles registered in Illinois with a Hinsdale address must also be registered with the village through the purchase of a vehicle license sticker.

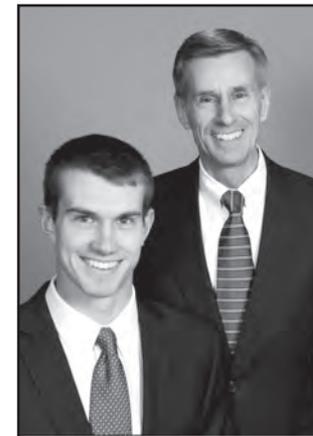
Residents should have

received a vehicle sticker application in the mail earlier this month and have the option of purchasing 2023-24 stickers online at www.villageofhinsdale.org. The sticker will arrive in the mail in about five business days after the online renewal is completed.

Residents still may purchase stickers in person at village hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or to buy vehicle stickers via

mail. Those who prefer to mail the application and payment should update the application form with any new or changed information and return it to the village's finance department along with the proper fees. Please be sure to return both the top and bottom forms when submitting the application through the mail.

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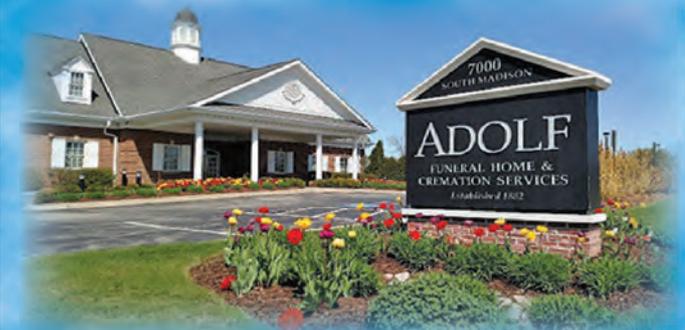
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Other exhibitions include Imagine the Moon, exploring how the moon has inspired human creativity, learning and exploration throughout history; and One World, One Sky in which visitors join Big Bird and Elmo on an unforgettable journey to the moon and back.

Basic admission is \$19, \$8 for ages 3-11; access to exhibitions is an additional cost. Parking is \$25.

The planetarium, 1300 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day but Wednesdays, when it's open from 4 to 10 p.m. and free for Illinois residents with proof of residency. Visit www.adlerplanetarium.org.

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During the pivotal decade of the 1930s, Salvador Dalí emerged as the inventor of his own personal brand of Surrealism.

Salvador Dalí: The Image



Disappears is the first Art Institute of Chicago exhibition devoted to the Spanish surrealist and presents more than 30 paintings, drawings, photos, surrealist objects and more that reveal Dalí's desire to be visible and his urge to disappear.

Other exhibits include Kwame Brathwaite: Things Well Worth Waiting showcasing work by the man best known as the photographer of the "Black is Beautiful" movement for his images of Black fashion, music, and events in the 1960s and 1970s. His prolific career documented the visual culture of everyday and celebrity life that unfolded alongside the civil rights and Black Power movements.

Admission is \$25, \$19 for seniors and students, free for age 13 and younger.

The art institute, 111 S. Michigan Ave., is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays to Mondays and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays. Illinois residents will be admitted free Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24, for the final two Free Winter Weekdays.

Visit www.artic.edu.



Field Museum

For every living being on this planet, death is the greatest mystery of them all.

The Field Museum's exhibit Death: Life's Greatest Mystery considers the ways that we experience death, celebrate life and wonder about what's next — while death is also a subject we often push aside. Explore perspectives on death and life through culture, science and art.

Other exhibitions include Underground Adventure, where visitors shrink to 1/100th of their size to take a closer look at the soil beneath our feet and meet a creepy, crawly cast of diverse characters that soil supports — and learn how every species needs soil to survive and thrive.

Admission is \$27-\$40, depending on the level of access, with discounts for seniors, students w/ID and kids ages 3-11. Parking in the Soldier Field lot is \$25.

The museum, 1400 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit www.fieldmuseum.org.



Museum of Science and Industry

Travel back in time to the city forever preserved in Pompeii: The Exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Preserved in a volcanic time capsule after the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius more than 1,900 years ago, Pompeii was once a bustling commercial port and trading center. Step onto Pompeii's amphitheater floor for a holographic gladiator display or to Mount Vesuvius for a 4D eruption simulation. Archaeological details present a unique record of Pompeii's industrial life, and more than 150 artifacts bring to life how people lived, loved,

worked, worshiped and found entertainment.

Admission that includes a timed-entry ticket for Pompeii: The Exhibition is \$39.95, \$26.95 for ages 3-11.

The museum, 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive, is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Visit www.msichicago.org.



Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Discover why wetlands, home to nearly two-thirds of the endangered species in Illinois, are so important to our everyday lives in Mysteries of the Marsh at the Peggy Notebaert Museum

See live, local and endangered species — including Blanding's turtles and an alligator snapping turtle — and explore interactive activities to see how scientists are working to help local wetland wildlife.

The interactive Critter Connection from 11:30 a.m. to noon reveals fascinating information about how the museum's turtles, snakes and other animals live. At Animal Feeding from noon to 12:30 p.m., see where animals find food and how a museum diet compares to wild dining. And watch swallowtails, long-wings and others at the Butterfly Release from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Check the calendar for other spring break programs available at an additional cost.

Admission is \$15, \$10 for students and seniors, \$8 for children and free for ages under 3.

The museum, 2430 N. Cannon Drive, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit www.naturemuseum.org.

PULSE

CENTRAL TIME

■ Scholarship application

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

Applications for the \$1,000 annual Christopher J. Chute Memorial Scholarship are being accepted from members of Hinsdale Central's Class of 2023. Candidates must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 (unweighted), plan to pursue a post-secondary education at an accredited college or university, have taken four years of a foreign language in high school and intend to participate in a study-abroad program during their college career. A recommendation from an HCHS faculty, staff member or guidance counselor is required. Applications are available at the website above; email info@chutehigher.org for more information.

FOR A CAUSE

■ Blood drive

March 28
Oakbrook Center
100 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook
www.rcblood.org/help

Donors of all blood types, especially type O donors and platelet donors, are encouraged to donate at this drive. Book a time to give by visiting the website above. All donors will receive a \$10 Visa Prepaid Card by email and will be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

GAME ON

■ Hinsdale Herd Boys

Lacrosse
April 3-May 25
Veeck Park
701 E. Chicago Ave., Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

This Hinsdale Herd program will meet for skill/practice sessions with boys ages 6-14 Mondays and Thursdays. IYLL league games versus teams in neighboring towns will be held on Sundays. Players must provide a stick, mouth guard, helmet, gloves, shoulder pads and elbow pads. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 6-10, 7 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 10-14. Cost: \$395 for younger boys, \$450

for older boys. RR

■ Hinsdale Herd Girls Lacrosse

Thursdays, April 6-May 25
Veeck Park
701 E. Chicago Ave., Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

This Hinsdale Herd program will meet for skill/practice sessions with girls ages 6-14. IYLL league games versus teams in neighboring towns will be held on Saturdays. Players must provide a stick, mouth guard and goggles. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 6-10, 7 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 10-14. Cost: \$255 for younger girls, \$300 for older girls. RR

■ Fencing for Everyone

Thursdays, April 6-May 25
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Young students will develop discipline, balance, coordination and sportsmanship as well as quicker reflexes and the ability to make lightning-fast analysis of tactical situations. All equipment is provided. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 7-10, 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 11-14. Cost: \$280. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Haiku Walk

March 25
St. James Farm
2S541 Winfield Rd,
Warrenville
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Learn about the Japanese poetic form haiku on a leisurely walk, then create a haiku inspired by the experience. The program is for ages 12 and up. Time: 10:30 to 11:45. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Maple Sugaring

Weekends through March 26
Kline Creek Farm
1N600 County Farm Road,
West Chicago
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 876-5900

Discover how sap becomes syrup, try tapping with tools from the 1890s, check the collection buckets, watch sap thicken over the fire and try a taste of real maple syrup. Call. Hours: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$5 suggested admission donation for ages 3 and up.

■ Woodcock Walk

March 31
Wolf Road Prairie
31st Street west of Wolf Road
near Westchester
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 366-6530

Witness the amazing spring courtship flight of the male woodcock bird on a walk led by John Elliot of Chicago Audubon. Time: 7 p.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Hot Topics in Colorectal Cancer

March 25
www.wellnesshouse.org
(630) 323-5150

Wellness House will host this online event with top oncologists, surgeons and health care professionals in the Chicagoland area. The Updates in Colorectal Cancer Treatment and Research panel will take place from 9 to 11 a.m., followed by the program Exercise and Healthy Living for Colorectal Cancer from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hours: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RR

■ Yoga In the Woods

March 26
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy an all-levels yoga class for ages 18 and up with a certified instructor. Bring a yoga mat/beach towel and water. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ Mindful Movement

April 1
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join this session of gentle stretching and movement, led by Westmont Body & Brain Yoga and Tai-Chi, to reduce stress and increase energy. All ages and levels of fitness are welcome. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Trout Fishing for Kids

March 25
Wood Dale Grove
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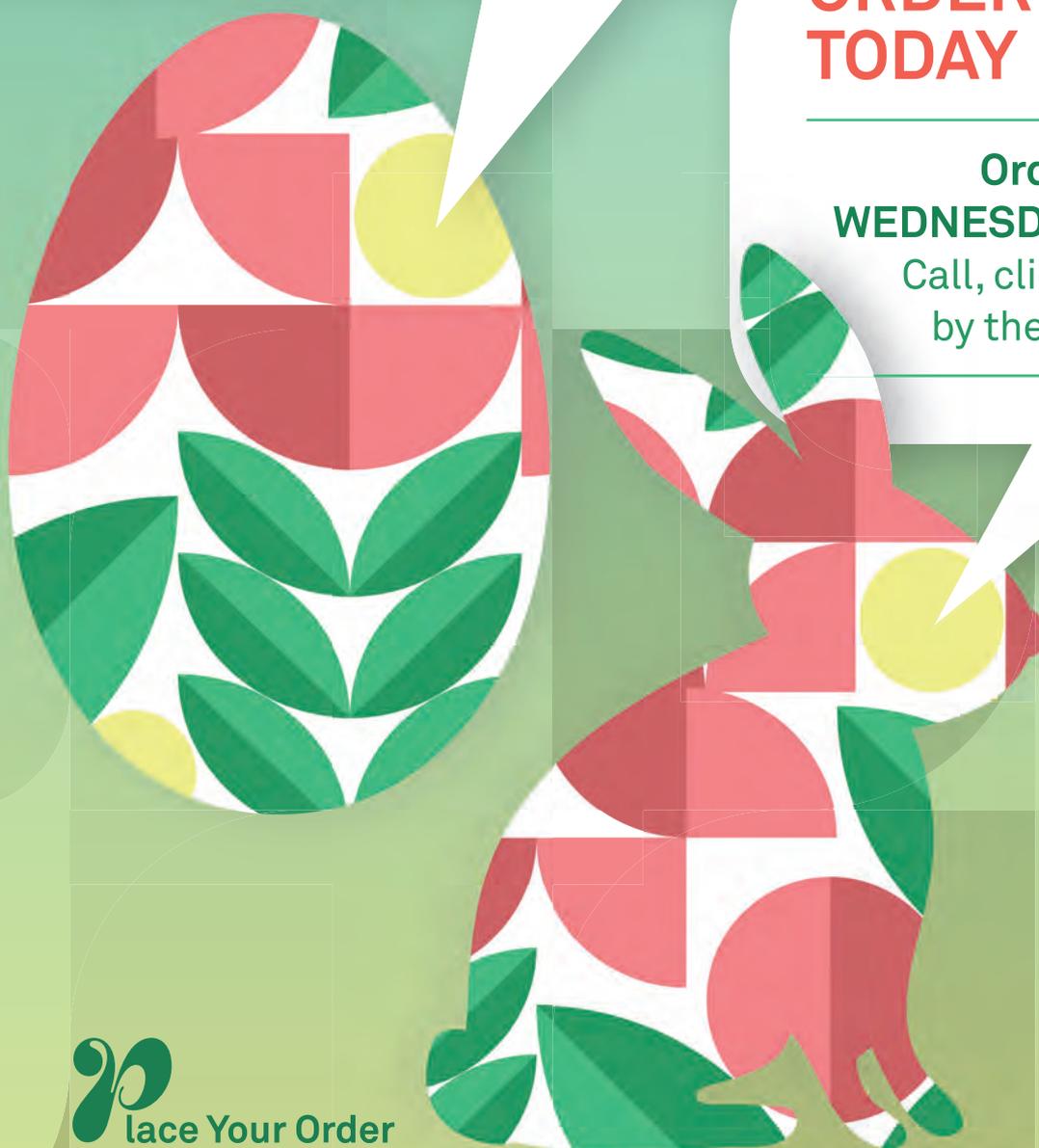
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Library spotlights great Windy City reads

Watching “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” at Northbrook Court in 2002, I did not understand why the line, “I’m going to the Jewel,” drew howls of laughter from the rest of the theater.

It wasn’t funny. None of the characters on screen laughed. But, the people around me roared. They were laughing because it was real. That insignificant little article in front of the grocery chain was how people in Chicago talked. They got it right! All those laughs were little “That’s us!” high fives reverberating through the seats.

Now that I’ve spent over half my life in the Chicago area, my ears prick up when a TV character says they were stuck on the Edens. I am insufferable when any part of a John Hughes movie comes on.

Chicago has captured the imagination of some of our best storytellers — Saul Bellow, Upton Sinclair, Theodore Dreiser, Richard Wright, Audrey Niffenegger, Sandra Cisneros, Sara

Paretsky, Jim Butcher.

And great new Second City stories keeping coming. One of the most anticipated books of this spring, “Hello Beautiful” by Ann Napolitano, is set in Chicago. William Waters arrives at Northwestern hoping the hustle of Big Ten basketball will replace the piercing grief he felt in his parents’ house. When he is sidelined by an injury, it is classmate Julia Padavano and her three sisters in Chicago’s vibrant Pilsen neighborhood who keep him moving. (Spoiler: This homage to “Little Women” is rumored to be a real tearjerker. Napolitano also wrote “Dear Edward,” now streaming on Apple TV Plus.)

Former “Chicago Tribune” columnist Dawn Turner’s memoir and social history, “Three Girls from Bronzeville: A uniquely American memoir of race, fate, and sisterhood”



Karen Keefe
Check this out

explores how the hope of post-sixties protests collided with the reality of life in low-income housing in the 1970s. Turner, her sister Kim and their neighbor, Debra, are two generations removed from the Great Migration. The better life their grandparents and parents sought for them in Chicago is jeopardized by a swiftly deteriorating neighborhood where gangs, drugs

and hopelessness are starting to take root.

“The Great Believers” by Rebecca Makkai was a fiction finalist for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award and explores the bonds of chosen family amidst the AIDS crisis in 1980s Chicago. Yale Tishman spends his days trying to raise money for a new art gallery at Northwestern University and his nights going to wakes. One of his fellow mourners is Fiona, a young woman who grew

closer to Yale and his friends when her family couldn’t accept her brother Nico for who he was. A secondary storyline finds Fiona in Paris trying to reconnect with her own estranged daughter. (The film/TV rights have been optioned by Amy Poehler’s production company.)

In Jennifer Close’s “Marrying the Ketchups,” Oak Park’s Bud Sullivan dies right before the Cubs win the World Series. The older generation assumes that even without Bud, the family restaurant will go on as it always has. But, like the Cubs curse, the spell that protected the restaurant from changing times and tastes has been broken. The members of the second generation also find that their settled lives are suddenly in flux, as they face a failing marriage, the impermanence of work as a cover band vocalist and saying no to playing second fiddle. A warm, funny, family saga to round out the list.

— Karen Keefe is the executive director of the Hinsdale Public Library.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

■ 'Dog Man' Release Party

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

Part dog, part man and all hero! Celebrate the newest release of the wildly popular Dog Man series by Dav Pilkey. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ Lunch with the Unsinkable Molly Brown

March 29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Hear about the life and times of the amazing, courageous "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" as portrayed by Lynn Rymarz. Margaret Brown, rescued after the sinking of the Titanic in April of 1912, was asked by a newspaper reporter to what she attributed her

survival. She responded, "Typical Brown luck. We're unsinkable." Travel back in time while enjoying a lunch menu from the actual Titanic. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$35. RR, MD

■ Unraveling the Myth of Sgt. Alvin York

April 6
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
Warrenville
www.cantigny.org

On Oct. 8, 1918, 17 soldiers from the 82nd Division, American Expeditionary Force, led by acting Sgt. Bernard Early, flanked a German machine gun nest that had inundated their unit with withering fire. Acting Cpl. Alvin York, a member of the patrol, received credit for taking control of the squad and single-handedly killing 20 Germans, capturing 132 prisoners and eliminating 35 machine guns, for which he received the Medal of Honor, was promoted to sergeant and rose to fame and glory. In this in-person and virtual

program, historian James Gregory Jr. tells the story of the other 16 soldiers who took part in the battle, recovering the part they played alongside York while revealing the process of myth-making in 20-century America. Registration is required for online participants. Time: 7 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Drop-In Friday Game Night

March 24
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Drop by the library for board games, snacks and a Nintendo Switch in the Teen Lounge. Time: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

■ Babysitters Training

April 1
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Youth ages 11-15 will learn

the knowledge and skills needed to safely and responsibly care for children and infants. The class includes a participant workbook, an emergency guide and a Red Cross Babysitters Training certificate. Attendance is required for the entire day to receive certification. Participants should bring a nut-free sack lunch and a drink. Time: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$85. RR

■ Genshin Impact Co-op

April 1
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Those looking for someone to help grind for primogems, fight that Hypostasis or explore Teyvat are invited to bring their device, with app already downloaded, and plenty of resin to spend. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

WEE ONES

■ Soccer Shots Classic
Sundays, April 2-May 21

Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets,
Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 3-5 will learn basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting through creative and imaginative games, along with a positive character trait each session such as respect, teamwork and appreciation. Time: 4 to 4:35 p.m. Cost: \$125. RR, MD

■ Junior Expedition

April 3, 10 & 17
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

Children ages 3-5 will explore the changing seasons in this three-week drop-off program, including a search for signs of animals and instruction on how life adapts. Participants will engage with nature through play and discovery, deepening their observation and

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Pet pic of the week

Giselle is a beautiful 2-year-old terrier mix dog. She is a chill girl who loves to eat snackies and is adoptable to families with children 10 years and older. She has been spayed and is up to date on her vaccinations. Her adoption fee is \$275. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org before arriving. Call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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inquiry skills. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$125. RR, MD

■ **Discover Dance**
Mondays, April 3-May 22
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 3-5 will discover the magic of imaginative play with live singing, structured explorations and skill development. Class offer and outlet for creative expression, physical growth and social interaction. Children will explore the essence of movement that will lead to the discovery of multiple styles of dance. Please wear comfortable, form-fitted clothing and bare feet. Time: 11:35 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Cost: \$72.

■ **Little Sprouts**
April 5 or 11
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

Children ages 3-5 with an adult will explore nature in a sensory-based program at the arboretum through hiking, playing, listening to stories and engaging in science and art activities. April's topic is Puddles and Petals. Time 9:30 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$27. RR, MD

■ **Coed U6 Beginners Lacrosse Clinic**
Thursdays, April 6-May 25
Veeck Park
701 E. Chicago Ave,
Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630)789-7090

Kids ages 4-6 will have fun, make friends and learn the basics of the game from East Avenue Lacrosse coaches and players. No experience is necessary, and all equipment and a free jersey for first-time players will be provided. Players should bring mouth guards and wear athletic footwear. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$150. RR

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GOOD NEWS

HOSPITAL BEGINS NICU RENOVATION

UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale celebrated its neonatal intensive care unit renovation project Feb. 8 with a special event at the hospital that featured celebratory remarks, a blessing and recognition of donors. Donors had the opportunity to sign a NICU wall leaving well wishes and blessings for patients.

The updated NICU will be designed for infants' healthy development, private family bonding and patient safety. The space will provide a state-of-the-art healing environment for the hospital's tiniest patients and their families.

The renovation project was made possible by donations to the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation, including a \$1 million gift from longtime philanthropist and community member Kay Birk. Kay, a former NICU nurse, and her husband Mike, also made a \$1 million gift to the hospital's Women and Children's unit in 1996.

"We are so grateful to Kay Birk and the contributions of all our donors," said foundation board Chair Karen Fiascone. "Each person in this room tonight helped get this project off the ground. We couldn't have gotten to this point without your support."

Adam Maycock, UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale president and CEO, also offered words of thanks.

"This is an exciting time for our hospital, community and team members. We couldn't have considered this much needed renovation without the support of our community, our foundation and the transformational gift from the Birk family," Maycock said. "The new beautiful space will complement the expertise and outstanding quality of care provided by our NICU staff and physicians."

During construction, the hospital will continue serving the most critical needs of infants across the region. The redesigned unit is scheduled for completion in late summer of 2025.

Photos appear online at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean.

STAFF WIN THOSE WHO EXCEL AWARDS

Hinsdale Middle School

staff members Leah Thulin and Michelle McGrath received Those who Excel Awards from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Thulin received the Admin Special Recognition award and McGrath received the Educational Support Personnel Excellence award.

Since 1970, the Illinois State Board of Education has sponsored the Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year program to honor educators who have made significant contributions to our state's public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. Awards are presented in seven categories. Application materials are evaluated by a selection committee composed of individuals representing various educational organizations. All awardees are honored at an annual banquet in the Spring.

STUDENTS UP FOR NATIONAL AWARD

Three seniors from Hinsdale Central — Ediz Canigur, Isabella Levinthal and Kevin Zhang — have been named candidates for the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

The program was established in 1964 to "recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors." It was extended in 1979 to "recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts." It was extended again in 2015 to "recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields."

Each year, up to 161 students are named Presidential Scholars, which is considered one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

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Board of Education of School District No. 181 Cook & DuPage, Counties, Illinois

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Jean Kaczmarek
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Public Notices

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF DUPAGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No: 23MR167

FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

Public Notice is hereby given that on 6-12-23 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2007 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from: Alec Robert Gruchalski to that of Charlotte Marie, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 20, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Alec Gruchalski, Petitioner.

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Marissa Martinez

vs. Chester Mullins.

Case No. 2023D530078.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF DUPAGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No: 23MR156

FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

Public Notice is hereby given that on 6-6-23 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2005 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, We will have our petition heard in the said Court for the change of our names from: Samuel William Gray to that of Amelia Wynter Knightley; Amber Keturah Davis to that of Alexavier True Knightley, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 15, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Samuel William Gray and Amber Keturah Davis, Petitioners.

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Much learning does not teach understanding. Heraclitus

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF DUPAGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No: 23MR148

FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF DUPAGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No: 23MR147

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 - 24 BEARS' HANDS
 - 27 CANDY-HEART WORD
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 - 37 BARKING MAMMAL
 - 38 DARK AND GLOOMY
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 - 48 CANNING JAR FEATURE
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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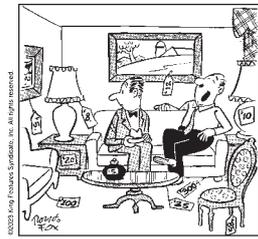
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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Entice
2. Forget;
3. Betray;
4. Tease

Today's Word
BARGAIN



"My wife is very proud of her _____ hunting."

SCRAMBLERS

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

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HOROSCOPES

March 2023 Horoscopes • Week 5

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Opportunity awaits if you know where to look, Capricorn. A new business venture could be right around the corner. Start thinking of ways to get involved.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Take a few deep breaths before forging ahead with a plan that you have in mind, Aries. You might need to think things through a little more in the days to come.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, right now is a big waiting game, and that could have you feeling a bit frustrated. If you are ready for action, take on a hobby or something else to stay busy.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
You may joke about something that someone else takes very seriously, Libra. Be careful with your words to avoid offending someone you care about.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, big project is finished and you could not be happier. That pressure may have been weighing you down and now you have more free time.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, when a new opportunity arises, you may feel like a fish out of water until you get into a routine. After that learning period, things will come more easily.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you may get wind that others are talking about you when you are not around. Remember that all publicity is good publicity. You're on their minds and that's important.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You may have a lot of ideas, Scorpio, but it is essential to figure out funding if those plans are to be put in motion. This includes home improvements.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, your own mind could be your only obstacle this week. Clear this mental hurdle and enjoy the challenges ahead.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, do not wait around for change to come. Sometimes you have to get the ball rolling yourself. Put plans in motion and figure out who will join you.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, after a few tumultuous months, you finally get into a groove and forge a new path for yourself. You may be surprised by what comes your way.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, it's time to embrace your love of culture, as you need to start pushing the creative side rather than the analytical one. Visit a museum when time permits.

Athletes are on the courts, in the field

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in the state. Also, as a team, we're pretty young.

Who to watch: Carter Knotts, she's just a really fun attacking player. She also is a captain and she represents the school really well. She's on Student Council, she represents the school on a principal's committee. She's a great kid and an extremely strong player. Ava Elliott is a center back. She's been a defender for three years on varsity. She's committed to play at IUPUI, a D-1 program. Cate McDonnell is a junior. She's a really quick, strong, attacking player. This is her third year on varsity. Our goal scorer last night (March 15) was Claire Snodgrass. She's a junior.

Outlook: I think we're going to do well. There's always ups and downs in a season, whether it comes in waves of wins and losses or just trying to figure out the identity of the team and the style of play. All in all, I say we should be pretty good and get

past the regional championship this year and see how far we can go.

Furthermore: We have a really strong emphasis on representing the community well. Sunday we did the annual Julie Heidecke clinic. She was on the team here and at ISU and passed away in that tragic car accident. Her family is still really involved. Her future nieces and nephews will be going through the school. We had a really strong showing again.

Boys tennis

First meet: April 5 v. University High School Chicago

Last year: first at state, undefeated season

Head coach: John Naisbitt
Seasons as head coach: 14th

No. team members: 25

Strengths: They're looking to be part of something special, another state title. We're — and they're doing it since

the season started — embracing the notion of team. We're going to win and lose this one by being a team. We're going for the 8th (title) of 11 years, which is a very dominant period for us in the history of our program, any program. It only happened once in the 1970s, when it was Hinsdale Central again that won nine straight. We're in the midst of a very nice run and to recognize it is to be responsible for it.

Challenges: We have a real challenge to live up to. We lost four amazing seniors that had been with us for four years. It's really hard to replace them. They were playing as freshmen and sophomores — they were that dominant. We are now reloading. We like our team. To live up to what happened last year, where we were unscathed, with be tough, but that is our aspiration. Our two second doubles guys are now our sole state returners. Four newcomers to state will have to step in and get it

done in May.

Who to watch: Junior Alex Kotarski. Last year as a sophomore he came in third at state in doubles. He is now our No. 1 singles player and captain. He's extremely talented. Sophomore Nathan Hernandez and his brother, junior Aidan Hernandez, they're the brothers of Noah Hernandez who was a very good singles player for us. He won state as a freshman in doubles. Senior year he came in second to Mujtaba (Ali-Khan). He's now at Brown University. We sure wish we could have him, but we have the next best thing. We have Nathan and Aidan and they are extremely talented. Winston Stangle, he is a sophomore and he is playing extremely well. He's really wonderful. In practice he's shown he's someone we need to keep an eye on. Bodie Teuscher is a sophomore. He looks like he's had a very good offseason. He's a very strong player. Senior James Theriault was third

place with Alex K. last year in doubles at state. He's back as a doubles guy and he'll clearly be a force to be reckoned with.

Outlook: Win state. That's always our goal. We only have one goal. We don't mess around. If we don't get it, we're disappointed. That's the legacy of the great Jay Kramer. I think you need that to win. If you don't have that, if you're like, 'Third place is great!' I just don't know if you're going to get first or second. I think you rise to the level of your expectations.

Furthermore: Assistant varsity coach Bill Alex is a tremendous asset for the boys and girls varsity. He's been here going on seven years and an absolute asset to us. His son, Peter, is now the junior varsity coach. Bill won a championship individually and as a team for Hinsdale Central. Peter got to the quarterfinals at state for Hinsdale South. We're really happy to have two Alexes. I think it's twice as good as one Alex.

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STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE

RESULTS



Jessica Han
Senior
Oak Brook

What drew you to the sport of badminton?

My older sister played at Central, and I kind of got roped in with it. Eventually I just thought it was really fun.

What do you enjoy about it?

I like that it's fast-paced and you don't need to much strength, which is good because I'm not super strong. I also like how you need good technique and also a lot of strategy to figure out how your opponent is going to react. It's kind of a mind game.

How would you describe your playing style?

This year I've gotten a lot more powerful so I can clear better and hit the birdie a little bit harder. I also try my best to play smart.

Any pre-game rituals?

I guess sometimes I try to pump myself up by doing some jumpers and also take deep breaths to try to relax as well. My teammates are pretty good at calming me and encouraging me.

How would your teammates describe you?

I hope fun and nice, I'm a little bit more on the chill side, but I can zone in when a match gets close.

What's your goal for the

season?

To make state, if I can, but I also want my senior year to be one where I don't stress out too much and just have as much fun as possible.

What other Central activities are you involved with?

I do JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society).

Who inspires you?

I admire my parents and my sister (Angela), how she managed to make her mark on the badminton team. My teammates, too.

Do you have other talents?

I can bake a good Key Lime Pie, and I like drawing.

Why does coach Katie Maley like having Han on the squad?

Jessica has been on the varsity team since her freshman year. She has truly showed all her teammates and younger athletes the meaning of grit. She has been playing the top singles spot for four years. Obviously, her freshman and sophomore year she had some really tough matches, but she learned from them and got better and really improved her skills. She has qualified for the state tournament the last two years as well, and I know she will do great things this year throughout the season and at the state tournament.

— profile by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

Badminton
March 20 vs. Naperville North
V wins 13-2
March 18 @ Hornet Invite
V places 2nd with 50 points
March 15 @ Downers North Quad
vs. Downers North
V wins 7-1
vs. Willowbrook
V wins 8-0
vs. Andrew
V wins 8-0

Baseball
March 21 vs. Neuqua Valley
V loses 2-4

Gymnastics, boys

March 21 vs. LT
V loses 131.2-146.4
Floor exercise
Argyris, 2nd, 8.9
Cihlar, 4th (tie), 8.4
Theotikos, 7th (tie), 8.1
Pommel horse
Theotikos, 2nd, 7.5
Argyris, 3rd (tie), 7.2
Cihlar, 5th, 5.7
Still rings
Cihlar, 4th, 7.6
Argyris, 5th, 7.5
Ashby, 6th (tie), 6.9
Vault
Cihlar, 3rd, 8.3
Argyris, 5th (tie), 6.7
Theotikos, 7th, 6.6
Parallel bars
Cihlar, 2nd, 8.4
Theotikos, 4th, 7.5
Argyris, 5th, 6.6
Horizontal bar
Cihlar, 2nd, 8.5

Argyris, 4th, 7.2
Ahuja, 7th, 3.6
All around
Cihlar, 2nd, 46.9
Argyris, 3rd, 44.1
March 17 vs. Red Devil
Krupicka Invite
V places 5th with 137.275 points

Lacrosse, boys

March 21 @ Libertyville
V loses 9-14
Webster, 4 goals, 2 assists
Walsh, goal, 2 assists
Schwalb, goal, assist
Collignon, goal
Merz, goal
Salvatore, goal
Bergin, assist
Berger, 4 saves

Lacrosse, girls

March 21 @ Glenbard West
V wins 21-1
Conley, 5 goals, 5 assists
Napier, 4 goals, 4 assists
O'Connor, 3 goals
Venetsanopolous, 3 goals, 2 assists
Tavoso, 2 goals, assist
Kearney, goal
Matthews, goal, assist
Moncrief, goal, assist
Parker-Briones, goal
Golo, 4 saves
Schultz, 2 saves

Soccer, girls

March 20 @ Waubonsie Valley
V wins 4-3
Knotts, 2 goals
Edgewater, goal
Elliott, goal

Snodgrass, assist
March 15-16 @ City-Suburb Connect Invite @ Whitney Young
V ties 0-0
vs. Walter Payton Prep
V wins 1-0

Track, boys

March 17 @ WSC meet
55 meters
Bots, 11th, 6.98
Anjarwala, 13th, 7.14
200 meters
Bots, 9th, 23.86
Lyne, 13th, 25.21
400 meters
Morrissey, 6th, 54.11
Anjarwala, 8th, 54.28
600 meters
Bandukwala, 1st, 1:21.01
Sharma, 14th, 1:36.94
800 meters
Miller, 3rd, 1:58.33
Lowe, 11th, 2:09.1
1,600 meters
Watcke, 1st, 4:19.6
Skora, 2nd, 4:22.31
3,200 meters
Gamboa, 2nd, 9:31.17
Gruber, 6th, 9:48.24
55-meter hurdles
Segers, 5th, 8:1
Peterson, 7th, 8:41
Namkung, 11th, 9:08
4x200 relay
V, 6th, 1:38.14
4x400 relay
V, 4th, 3:37.64
4x800 relay
V, 6th, 8:44.56
High jump
Prieto, 1st, 6-4.75m
Triple jump
Peterson, 12th, 36-3m
Shot put

Koschik, 5th, 46-11m
Ortiz, 8th, 42-10.5m

Track, girls

March 17 @ WSC meet
V places 2nd with 118 points
55 meters
Reed, 1st, 7.35
Dorris, 3rd, 7.43
200 meters
Doris, 3rd, 26.7
Reed, 4th, 26.9
300 meters
Hodneland, 3rd, 43.04
Chandler, 6th, 44.23
400 meters
Hodneland, 3rd, 1:01.73
Chandler, 4th, 1:02.01
800 meters
McCabe, 1st, 2:13.9
Skora, 3rd, 2:17.57
1,600 meters
Fischer, 1st, 5:06.53
Griffin, 10th, 5:35.04
3,200 meters
Fischer, 3rd, 10:56.46
55-meter hurdles
Leech, 2nd, 9.29
Varchetto, 6th, 10.1
4x200 relay
Dorris, Hodneland, Leech, Tresslar, 2nd, 1:50.27
4x400 relay
Hodneland, Skora, McCabe, Sakho, 1st, 4:02.98
4x800 relay
Sakho, Gilmartin, Dygon, Boyd, 5th, 9:58.12
Shot put
Veliz-Hernandez, 6th, 8.96m
Johnson, 8th, 8.27m
High jump
Chillo, 4th, 1.42m

Pole vault
Bisch, 7th, 2.52m
Hamelka, 9th, 2.22m
Long jump
Reed, 1st, 5.11m
Moser, 8th, 4.61m
Triple jump
Moser, 8th, 9.75m

Water polo, boys
March 17-18 @ Mundelein Invite
V places 4th
vs. Glenbrook North
V wins 10-6
Satre, 4 goals
Adamo, 2 goals
Driscoll, 2 goals
Bernacki, goal
Halabi, goal
Whittier, 14 saves
vs. Mundelein
V loses 5-7
vs. Libertyville
V loses 7-13
vs. Lockport
V wins 15-2

Water polo, girls

March 20 vs. Neuqua Valley
V wins 17-6
McMillin, 5 goals
Alt, 4 goals
Stoffer, 4 goals
Boggs, 2 goals
Chang, goal
Deppe, goal
Menon, goal
March 18 vs. Maine South
V wins 13-3
March 17 vs. St Charles East
V wins 16-3

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central gymnast Elias Argyris performs his floor routine during a home varsity meet against LT Tuesday. Red Devil teammates Kyle Ashby competed on the still rings and Marc Cihlar on the pommel horse in the conference battle, which was won by the Lions, 146.4-131.2. (Jim Slonoff photos)

SPORTS

Athletes on the courts, in the field

Red Devil badminton, soccer, tennis teams all expect strong starts to spring season

By Pamela Lannom
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Red Devil athletes on the girls badminton and soccer and boys tennis teams have their sights set high for the season, with goals ranging from winning a regional championship to winning the state title.

This is third in a series of four spring previews.

Next week: baseball, softball and boys volleyball.

Girls badminton

First match: March 14 vs. LT/Lockport/WWS Quad (V 3-0)

Last year: 12th at state

Head coach: Katie Maley

Seasons as head coach: 13th as varsity coach, 15th year coaching at Central

No. team members: 16

Strengths: We have a lot of experience, which is good. I have a couple of girls on my team who have been on the varsity team since they were freshmen, so that is awesome. It really paved the way for them to learn how to play at these tournaments, have the stamina for these tournaments, be strategic. They have been playing No. 1 and 2 singles and No. 1 doubles. It's really helped them. It was rough playing the top dogs, but now it's helped them because they are the top dogs. Our other strength is they all love the sport. These girls are so committed to our team, so committed to badminton. They really do eat, sleep and breathe badminton. To have the passion for the sport makes you a better athlete and makes the team better as a whole.

Challenges: One, half our team are seniors, so we are going to be losing a lot of girls next year. The other challenge is I don't know a lot of the girls since I wasn't here last year (on maternity leave). It took a while to have a feel as to how these girls play, whose better at singles, whose better at doubles. I still don't know 100 percent.

Who to watch: Our No. 1 doubles team is two juniors, Maria Jiao and a transfer, Rachele Cameli, from Hinsdale South. They are awesome. They are super fun to



The girls badminton and soccer teams and boys tennis teams all are returning experienced players this year, which should help them make it to post-season play. (file photos)



watch. They're both really skilled. They've only been playing together since summer camp, but they have awesome chemistry on the court and great communication. My No. 1 singles player, Jessica Han, who has been on the team for four years. She's really graceful on the court and has awesome placement. She's really quiet, but she always hangs in there and does a really good job.

Outlook: Knock on wood, I think we're going to do well. Obviously the West Suburban Silver Conference is really hard. They always have really good teams in it. In our conference I think our biggest challenge will be York, who was good two years ago. They had some young players last time I coached. I'm pretty confident that we'll hopefully get some medals at

the state tournament. I feel like my singles players will have earned it. This will be their fourth year going to state. My No. 1 and No. 2 doubles went to state last year when they were only freshmen (Jiao in singles). They all have experience at the state tournament.

Furthermore: I'm just really excited to be back. This is a really good group of girls and, like I said, this team loves badminton, so it makes my job a lot easier.

Girls soccer

First game: March 15 vs. Walter Payton Prep (V won 1-0)

Last year: lost in regionals to Morton (3-4)

Head coach: Tony Madonia
Seasons as head coach: 5th

No. team members: 21

Strengths: Leadership. We have three extremely involved and strong captains, who combined have 10 years of varsity playing experience. We're really technical and prioritize defending.

Challenges: We play one of the most difficult schedules in the state. We play the New Triers, in the Naperville Invitational (with 70 to 80 percent of the teams you'll find in the final 16), teams like that. When you're playing a tough schedule, it's always, as a coach, a challenge to help everybody see the bigger picture of why we are playing these hard teams. Sometimes we sacrifice a strong record because we're aiming to prepare for the toughest teams

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