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Spelling bee champ — Advait Balakrishnan delivers the correct answer during the District 181 spelling bee in February at Hinsdale Middle School. He went on to capture the district's first place spot, which gave him the opportunity to compete on the countywide level. He also won the DuPage County Bee. He will now compete at the Scripps National Bee in Washington, D.C., in May. This is the fifth consecutive year that a District 181 student will go on to nationals. Please turn to Page 16 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Hinsdale woman happy to stay out of the spotlight.

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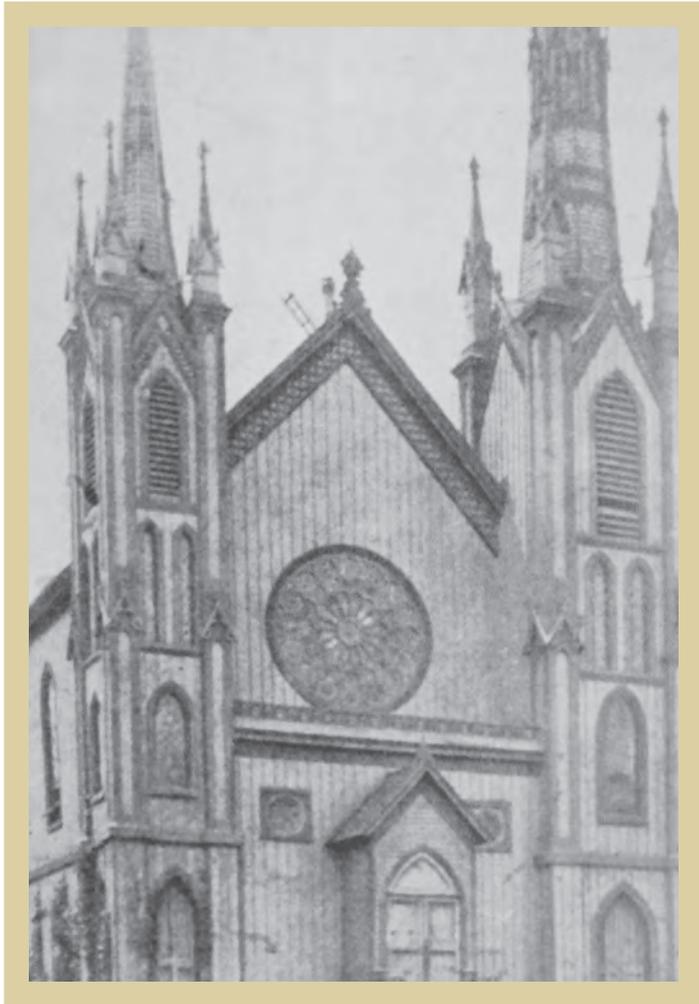
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First church of Hinsdale

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D181 students interview NASA scientist

Ellis discusses returning to the moon, landing on Mars and many other topics in webinar

By Pamela Lannom
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It's not every day that you get to interview a rocket scientist.

But that's exactly what eight students from Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills middle schools did last week for a District 181 Foundation webinar with David Ellis of the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

"I was always really interested in space and wanted to meet an astronaut for a long time," said Taylor Muehlhauser, a seventh-grader at HMS. "I thought it was a really cool opportunity to talk to someone with this professional experience and status so they could tell us what it's like to work at NASA."

The slots were open to all interested middle school students and were filled on a first-come, first-served basis, said Meg Cooper, the foundation's executive director.

"This webinar was not just a speaker that the District 181 Foundation thought would be interesting to D181 students, it was a format designed to give students a 'real world' opportunity of being an interviewer in a live program," said Cooper, noting that students worked with Heather Scott, an HMS language arts teacher.

The students each did research on their own before meeting as a group to choose the questions to pose to Ellis.

"We just had sessions where we would brainstorm and review questions, and we had a session where we all picked a few favorite questions," said HMS



Hinsdale Middle School seventh-graders Taylor Muehlhauser and Connor Mason were two of the eight students who posed questions to Ellis during the webinar. (Jim Slonoff photo)

seventh-grader Connor Mason, noting the group started with a list of 40 possible queries. They narrowed it down to 18.

Both said they were a little nervous asking the questions on Zoom.

"We couldn't see how many people were watching us," Muehlhauser said. "We tried to present ourselves as best as possible."

Mason said he noticed at one point that the audience was more than 150 people.

"It was pretty stressful to think if you mess up all those people are going to see that," he said. "You have to put your best self forward."

Muehlhauser said she enjoyed hearing about the various compo-

nents of Ellis' job at NASA, while Mason was most interested in how many planets Ellis estimated might be home to life forms.

Mason said he would be interested in going to Mars if he had the opportunity but worried about the health risks. Muehlhauser was a definite yes.

NASA's goal to travel there was a repeated theme in Ellis' presentation and in the questions he answered. NASA expects to perform a fly-by mission to Mars around 2035 and to land people on the planet by 2040, he said.

"You are about at the right age now to be on the first trip to Mars, so think about this in the future," he told students.

First, NASA plans to return to the moon, where it will build an orbiting outpost and a small habitat on the surface.

"I grew up when we were going to the moon," he said. "It was really exciting. Everyone was behind it."

The millions of tons of ice on the moon will be a valuable resource, he said, and the time spent there will enable NASA to get to Mars.

"There is a very good chance we will build the space ship that goes to Mars on the moon," Ellis said. "By 2040 our plan is actually to put people on the surface of Mars."

Having humans on the moon and Mars is an excellent strategy for survival of the species, he noted.

"We know things fall on the earth every so often," he said. "Just ask the dinosaurs."

It is rocket science

Following are some of the 18 questions student panelists posted to NASA rocket scientist Davis Ellis of the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland during a Feb. 23 webinar.

• "Did you ever want to be an astronaut instead of a rocket scientist?"

Growing up in Florida in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Ellis said he saw the Apollo Saturn 5 rockets taking off.

"Back then everybody wanted to be an astronaut," he said.

Eye issues short-circuited that plan.

"I ended up being a rocket scientist instead," he said.

• "What do you usually do at work?"

"I do a lot of breaking of stuff," Ellis said.

He describes tensile testing, which is pulling on both ends of an object until it breaks.

"If I know the strength of it, I can tell the designer, who needs that information to make sure something he's building — a rocket ship or your PlayStation — doesn't break," Ellis said.

• "What are the requirements to apply for a job at NASA?"

NASA hires people with all types of skills, Ellis said — graphic designers, photographers, publication experts, electricians, mechanics, machinists and administrative assistants. It also offers several internship programs for students who live near a NASA center, such as the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

• "How many G forces do astronauts experience when their rocket ship is lifting off?"

About 3 in the space shuttle and 3.9 in Saturn V, Ellis responded, compared to 5.2 on the Max Force roller coaster at Six Flags Great America.

"You're actually having more G force (on the coaster) than the Saturn V rocket or the space shuttle," he said.

• "Do you believe other life forms exist?"

"The answer is yes and that's pretty much an official NASA answer," Ellis said, noting that he was not referring to intelligent life.

Something called The Drake Equation, used to estimate the probability of life, estimates there are 125 million potential habitable planets in just the Milky Way.

"I'm hoping personally there is other intelligent life out there, but I cannot say, 'Yes we have definitively found it,' because we have not," he said.

• "What solar system destination are you most excited for NASA to explore in the future?"

Ellis listed Mars; the three moons of Jupiter, Ganymede, Callisto and Europa; and Enceladus, the moon of Saturn.

The moons all have oceans under the surface ice, which means the possibility of liquid water.

"We may very well find our first extraterrestrial life forms in one of these destinations," Ellis said.



District 181 board member Sinead Duffy arranged for David Ellis, a materials research engineer at NASA, to speak and be interviewed by middle school students in a Feb. 23 webinar. (photo provided)

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, March 10
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org>

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: findings and recommendations for 5837 S. Madison St. (Hinsdale Discount Tires and Automotive) and 137 S. Garfield Ave. (Union Church parking lot lighting), sign permit review for 114 S. Washington St. (Sauced Pizzeria) and 16 W. Hinsdale Ave. (Silver Birch)

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business Tuesday, trustees:

- witnessed the swearing in of two new police officers. Aurora native Thelonious Hicks graduated from Ohio State University with a bachelor's in chemical engineering and previously worked in sales, logistics and commercial real estate. Hicks is married and has two sons, ages 3 and 7 months. Jonathon Wheaton was raised in Lockport and received dual-major degrees in national security and political science from King University. He received his master's in counterterrorism from the University of Essex in the UK and played professional volleyball. Both were hired in August 2021 attended and graduated from Macon County Law Enforcement Academy.

- referred to the plan commission a proposal by Holladay Properties to convert the former Zion Lutheran School building at 125 S. Vine St. into 12 condominiums. The units were originally conceived to be age-targeted for residents age 55 and older. But the developer has also indicated a willingness to make them age-restricted.

- held a first read on a request from Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave., to replace its existing parking lot light fixtures with new LED fixtures. The church wants to make the change to take advantage of a ComEd energy efficiency program that would cover some of the cost of the improvement. Next-door neighbor Nancy Cox said the church's current landscaping does not adequately screen the light from her property. Cox and the church have agreed to work with village forester John Finnell to select the proper arbor vitae for the church to plant to address the issue.

Rise in COVID-19 case numbers remains small

Fifteen Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week. The DuPage County Health Department reported 15 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported two new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 3,590, compared to 3,575 last week.

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

Hinsdale Central High School reported no positive cases as of Feb. 25. The district is no longer tracking students in quarantine or isolation given the updated guidance. Vaccination rates are at 82 percent for Central

students and 100 percent for Hinsdale High School District 86 staff.

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 reported 13 cases Feb. 23-March 1, involving 12 students and one teacher.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 2.8 percent on Feb. 27, compared to 4.2 percent on Feb. 19.

Illinois has administered more than 21.1 million doses of vaccines. An average of 12,967 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 18,543 last week. The percentage of individuals fully vaccinated is more than 74 percent in DuPage County and more than 78.6 percent in the 60521 ZIP code.



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D86 reports on first semester grades

Administrators review how changes to grading system affected final marks for students

By Pamela Lannom
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Administrators have offered a first look at how changes to the grading system in Hinsdale High School District 86 affected first semester grades

More students are earning A's and many F's are being replaced by incompletes, said Chris Covino, assistant superintendent for academics, at the Feb. 24 board meeting.

"The intent was not to try to create more A's," he said. "We have very strong academic students and moving grades to be more summative in nature is a clear indication we have a strong sense of work ethic and academic achievement in most of the student body."

This semester, teachers were asked to base between 70 and 100 percent of a student's total grade on summative assessments and 0 to 30 percent on formative assessments. The district also started using "M" for missing and "ME" for missing essential assignments rather than giving a zero. Assignments that are never turned in will receive 50 percent instead of a zero.

The changes are designed to focus on evaluating what students can do and what they know rather than their behavior, Covino said. Course data collected during the first semester indicated students are achieving at high levels regardless of how the course is weighted, he reported. Some charts also showed how individual (unidentified) students performed. Educators examined those cases to compare the students' performance last year with this year.

Central Principal Bill Walsh said former grades might not have accurately represented what a student knew. Instead, they might have reflected how good a student was at turning in work.

"We're only going to grade a student on what they know and not detriment them or put them in a hole for those zeros," Walsh said.

Several board members worried that having homework constitute 30 percent or less of a student's grade might discourage them from doing it.

"Students aren't doing their homework," Covino acknowledged. "It's one of the harder things for a teacher to do is to create motivation, regardless of what

the grade is going to be. It's something we as teachers are challenged by all the time."

Teachers and administrators will continue to work on grading, including developing better summative and formative assessment, Covino said.

"We shouldn't be surprised by a student's unit exam result," he said. "We should know because our formative assessments tell us so."

Best practices for relearning and reassessment also will be examined.

"These are not consistent in the district. They never have been, and they will be in the future," he said.

Board members also said they worried that guaranteeing 50 percent on a homework assignment, even if it's not turned in, might encourage students to skip it.

"The punishment for not doing the work is doing the work and doing it well, because that is our expectation for every kid," Covino said.

Board member Jeff Waters asked how "no harm" finals might have affected first semester grades. Covino said 15 percent of students elected to take a final exam with the hope of improving their grades.

Board member Debbie Levinthal wondered if the same approach will be taken with second semester finals.

The district is leaning toward a return to normalcy, Covino said, adding that parents should receive a communication with more details about second semester exams in the near future.

Before the presentation, Meeta Patel, a former Community Consolidated 181 Board member, described the changes in grading practices as "slipped into the school year in a disingenuous fashion" and said the slide presentation offered only "broad, sweeping statements" that did not include enough specifics. She also said students should have been surveyed about grading changes and added this is one of many concerns she has spoken about over the past three years.

"We don't understand how this affects student motivation to do the critical formative work that is the foundation of learning," she said. "I ask this board and its leadership to please take stock of what's happening and make the right decisions for this district, which would include a national search for a new superintendent."



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Man arrested for shoving nurse

Ryan J. Davis, 39, 16W337 95th St., Burr Ridge, was arrested for aggravated battery to a nurse on Feb. 24 for a Nov. 30 incident at Amita Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale, 120 N. Oak St., in which he shoved a nurse while she was performing her official duties. He posted bond and was released with a court date.

Driver arrested for brass knuckles

Manuel Rural Hernandez, 27, 1717 W. Mansard Lane, Mount Prospect, was arrested for unlawful use of a weapon and speeding 35 mph or more over the limit at 9:57 p.m. Feb. 28 at Route 83 and 55th Street after being found with brass knuckles during a traffic stop. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Arrests for license violations

- Ismael Rivera, 23, 35 King Arthur Court, Northlake, was arrested for driving with a revoked license, operating an unlicensed vehicle and speeding at 7:58 p.m. Feb. 23 at Route 83 and 55th Street. He was also found to have an active arrest warrant out of Cook County. He posted bond on the arrest warrant and was charged and released to appear in court.

- Robert C. Scriba, 19, 215 51st Place, Western Springs, was arrested for driving with a suspended license, unlawful possession of cannabis by a driver, operating an uninsured vehicle and improper lighting at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 28 in the 200 block of West Ogden Avenue. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Identity theft reported

Information belonging to a resident of the 200 block of South Clay Street was used to open a bank account Jan. 1. The incident was reported Feb. 25.

Hit and run reported

A work truck was hit between 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 and 6:05 a.m. Feb. 28 while parked in the lot at 15 Spinning Wheel Road.

Driver leaves scene

A white semi-truck was observed on surveillance video Feb. 16, during the time a light pole and fence were damaged at RML Specialty Hospital, 5601 S. County Line Road.

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■ “We try to ensure that we support the children in a holistic way.” — **Loren Williams**

Community House hires director of social impact

Loren Williams joined The Community House as director of social impact late last year, but her work toward the organization’s mission began more than a decade before.

As a volunteer with the Community Consolidated District 180 Saturday reading program and later as a part-time clinician at The Community House, Williams has shared the organization’s goal to provide social services throughout Hinsdale and the surrounding communities.

When the search for a director of social impact began, Williams said she saw an opportunity to have a bigger impact in her quest to make mental health services available to everyone.

“When a community is under-resourced, it cannot thrive the way that it should,” Williams said.

Although it’s located just a couple of miles from Hinsdale and just blocks away from several wealthy neighborhoods, the community known as Willowbrook Corner in District 180 remains one of the area’s most under resourced areas. It’s also a major focus of Williams’ job.

“A great foundation has already been laid there,”

Williams said.

Held at Anne M. Jeans school, the After the Bell after-school program offers help with homework, a social outlet and supervision for children whose parents are at work when the school day ends. Students have access to games, crafts and snacks as well as information about nutrition, exercise and the importance of mental health. Two therapy groups help students dealing with issues related to anger management and impulse control.

“We try to ensure that we support the children in a holistic way,” Williams said.

Along with the programs already in place, an arts program for middle schoolers soon will be available. Middle schoolers will learn about African-American artists throughout history and enjoy opportunities to create art of their own.

“We’re also bringing a basketball program to Willowbrook (Corner),” she said. Both boys and girls will have opportunities to play this summer, and talks are in the works to bring other sports to the neighborhood, as well.

Williams and The Community House team are



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also working to provide more support groups for the community.

“The pandemic has really taken a toll on a lot of peoples’ mental health,” she said.

To that end, and as supervisor of counseling services at The Community House, Williams said two counselors soon will be added to The Community House staff.

“There are exciting things

going on,” she said, including an opportunity for the community to help make these and other services of The Community House possible. The 15th annual Walk the Walk for Mental Health event is set for Sunday, May 15. It’s intended to raise awareness, acceptance and money for mental health services.

Williams said her new role combines her work as a leader,

mental health professional and community advocate.

“It just happened to fit with what my future plans were,” she said. “It just seemed like a good fit.”

Most importantly, she said, her new role gives her a chance to help others.

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EDITORIAL

March time to lift up Hinsdale's leading ladies

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— President Jimmy Carter

With those words, our nation's 39th president designated March 2-8, 1980, as National Women's History Week. Seven years later, Congress passed a law designating March Women's History Month.

We continue to celebrate the contributions of women each March. The 2022 theme — selected by the National Women's History Alliance — is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope."

We'd like to focus on something a little more local this month, namely women who have been part of Hinsdale's history — or are busy making it.

We've published variations of this list, which

is by no means exhaustive, in previous years. We're limited not only by space constraints but by a lack of documentation of many women's accomplishments. But we think it's important to continue to lift up the names of women who helped shape Hinsdale's history and those who continue to bring credit to this town.

- Dr. Mary Paulson, who with her husband, Dr. David Paulson, founded the Hinsdale Sanitarium (now Amita Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale), which opened in June 1905

- Nelle Schmidt, who organized the Hinsdale Red Cross Society in June 1916

- Virginia Kettering, who in 1958 with husband Eugene co-founded the Hinsdale Health Museum, predecessor to the Robert Crown Center for Health Education, which is now Candor Health.

- Ly Hotchkin, who in 1961 became the first executive director of The Community House, an agency she went on to lead for more than three decades

- Rozanne Bates, who in 1963 co-founded the Hinsdale Assembly, which has raised more than \$3 million in support of Hinsdale Hospital

- Joyce Skoog, who in April 1993 became the first female village president in Hinsdale's 120-year history

- Tomi Adeyemi, a 2011 Hinsdale Central graduate and author of the best-selling books — reportedly to be made into films — "Children of Blood and Bone" and "Children of Virtue and Vengeance"

- Kimberly Stevens, a three-time All-American swimmer at the University of Iowa, who was the first female swimmer inducted to the school's athletic hall of fame

- Carol Bobo, former Red Devil swim coach and 1973 graduate of Hinsdale Central, who has been named coach of the year eight times by the Illinois Swimming Association, once by the National Federation of High School Associations and is a member of the Hinsdale Central Hall of Fame and Woodbury Hall of Fame

- Amanda Lannert, CEO of Chicago-based software company Jellyvision, who was named CEO of the Year at the Moxie Awards in 2014 and 2015, Woman of the Year for the Chicago Rotary Club of 2018, and inducted in 2021 inducted into Chicago Innovation's Hall of Fame.

COMMENTARY

If laughter is best medicine, revue is Rx for you

Tomorrow night is opening night.

I am certain I can speak for all of the cast of "Hinsdale Unmasked" — the 2022 Community Revue — when I say we can't wait to perform for an audience. We've had our fill of applauding for each other and laughing at our own jokes and are ready to share this hilarious show with you, dear residents of Hinsdale.

Before I proceed, I should let you know that all of us have been SWORN TO SECRECY about the show's contents. I wrote a column 18 years ago in advance of my first revue, "Hinsdale: Reality Factor," and mentioned we were doing a song by Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gormé. You would think I had divulged state secrets to the Russians.

I assume you suspect from the show's title that COVID-19 and masks will be among the topics we address. I have received permission from our esteemed producer, Susan O'Byrne, to confirm that you are correct. She also agreed to answer a few other questions for me.

Will the show include Broadway

show tunes with lyrics that apply specifically to Hinsdale?

"Yes, we will have show tunes — but lyrics that have any resemblance to people you know or think you know is purely coincidental," she said.

Must we sometimes cram those lyrics in because they have more syllables than the original lyrics?

"Yes, we've had to limber up our jaws to get all those words out," O'Byrne said.

Might there be tap dancing?
"That I answer with an affirmative yes — and it will be fabulous," she said.

"Do some of the characters feel privileged and entitled and better than everyone else because they live in Hinsdale?"

"I plead the Fifth," she said.

Will we disparage neighboring towns for not being as good as Hinsdale?

"See above."

Are we likely to offend someone? O'Byrne, who is also an



Pamela Lannom

authority on all things Shakespearean, referenced a quip from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" character Nick Bottom: "If we offend, it is with our good will."

"I'm just going to quote Shakespeare there," O'Byrne said.

As our director, Dave Heilmann, likes to say before every revue, if we don't make fun of you in

the show, it's because you're not important.

Of course, not all audience members have the requisite sense of humor (although the open bar before the show usually helps). I was blasted in an email after performing "Everyone's a Little Bit Racist" one year. I explained to the writer that the song was from "Avenue Q" — a bona fide Broadway show — and that it was satire. She was not satisfied.

Hopefully our audiences this year will not be confused about the purpose of our lines and lyrics. They are designed to generate a laugh.

Why do we need to laugh — and

laugh at ourselves?

I posed this question to Heilmann.

His first response was philosophical.

"Stress is at its highest point, both in our work and personal lives," he said. "Humor is one of the healthiest things we can do, physically and mentally, because of how quickly it can lower those stress hormones. And that's not coming from me, that's the Mayo Clinic, Oxford and several other leading medical institutions.

"What's interesting are the number of studies which support that humor boosts your immune system," he added.

Then he started to sound more like the Dave I know.

"So if you come to the revue and laugh, you'll likely never catch another virus in your life. For \$125."

Get your tickets at <https://www.thecommunityhouse.org>. Proceeds benefit the wonderful work of The Community House.

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

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Hinsdale, mi encanto

If you are anything like me — a parent who spends countless hours in the car because your kids have a more robust social calendar than you do — your driving playlist has been one thing and one thing only as of late: the “Encanto” soundtrack.



Lex Silberberg

Hard to believe, but even after hearing it on repeat for the last month-plus, I still love it. When the tunes aren’t streaming through our car speakers or the Echo, it’s blaring from the television. My college roommate and I regularly exchange Madrigal-centric memes via Instagram and I’m guilty of mimicking Luisa’s dance moves while cleaning my kitchen. Then there are my kids’ a cappella renditions of every song, which are admittedly pretty good for two guys with no training — yet seldom performed at opportune times. (My sincere apologies to the shoppers and employees of Kramer’s.)

After several viewings, I realized an interesting parallel: Hinsdale is an encanto of its own. A special place and a truly interconnected community. How many times have I been speaking with someone new when we’ve both had that a-ha moment over a common acquaintance? Too many to count. What about when I’ve picked up my phone to text a mom friend about something that just made me laugh/ponder/angry and a message from that very person about that very same thing is already flashing on the screen? More

often than I ever would have imagined.

We are lucky to live in a village bursting with these synergies. Maybe you weren’t aware of it before but next time you reach for the exact library book as a stranger,

recite an identical sandwich order as the person ahead of you or share a knowing look with another parent as they attempt to wrangle their child out of the Walgreens candy aisle, I defy you not to smile.

These days, we are all Madrigals: keeping some semblance of order like Abuela, shifting like Camilo as regulations change, listening closely for important details like Dolores, shouldering heavy burdens as Luisa does, cheering from the sidelines in Agustin’s supportive way and just trying to find our place like Mirabel. Recalling the theme from my last column, it’s truly magical that we’re all living this life together.

Hinsdale — our encanto — is the sum of its parts. Each and every one of us adds to its charm and it would do us all good to support one another. Keep that in mind every day — even when you run into me as I’m rocking my messy mom braid and third-string leggings.

We’re still not talking about Bruno, though.

— Lex Silberberg of
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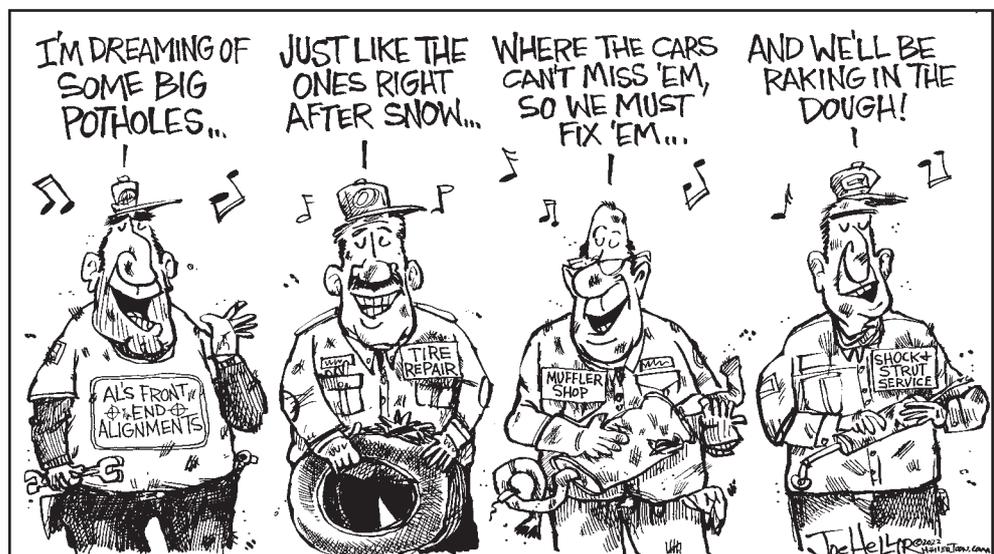
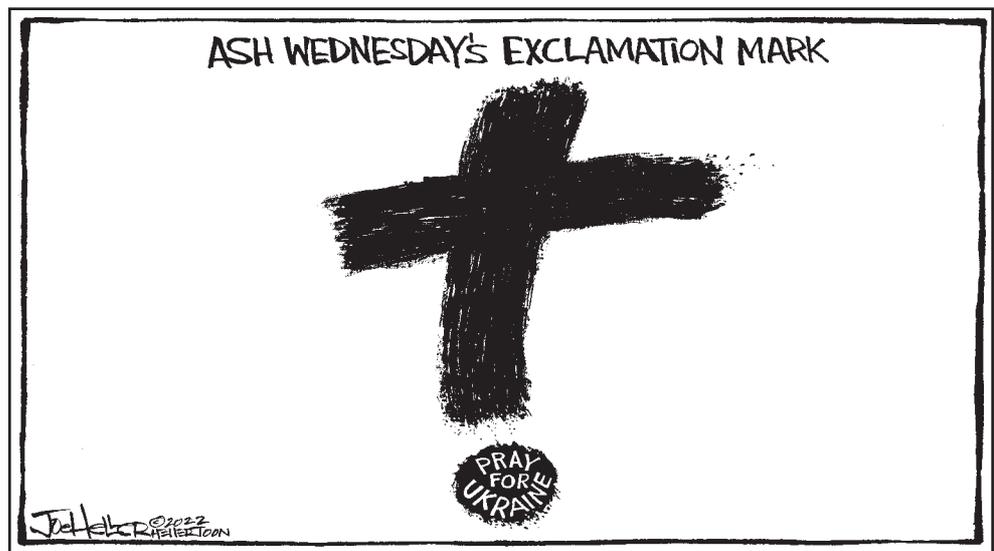
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Central students call for support for people in Ukraine

The recent events in Ukraine have been horrific. In just one week over 600,000 refugees have fled Ukraine, with that number potentially rising to 5 million over the coming weeks. These refugees were forced to leave their homes, jobs, family and friends behind, only taking their most important possessions, to then wait in multi-day long lines in freezing temperatures to escape Ukraine. Simultaneously hospitals in Ukraine are running dangerously low on medical supplies such as oxygen, yet continue to take care of the public and injured soldiers.

At Hinsdale Central, a fundraising effort is being started by Nikolai Rhodes, someone who has relatives stuck amid the war in Ukraine. This isn’t an isolated incident in our community, as the Chicagoland area has a large Ukrainian

population. Over the past week many fake online fund-raisers have taken advantage of the generosity of people; therefore, we the students of Hinsdale Central believe it is important to offer real donation services that will give resources to refugees, hospitals and generally to the people of Ukraine. On behalf of the group of students at Hinsdale Central involved in the fundraising effort, we recommend donating to the International Committee of the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis site and the care.org Ukraine Crisis Fund, organizations that will give medical supplies to Ukrainian hospitals and assist those who have been displaced either internally or as refugees. Please donate to the people of Ukraine and support Ukrainian businesses. — **John Hines-Shah on behalf of students at Hinsdale Central**



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OBITUARIES

Peter B. Ayres

Peter B. Ayres, 90, passed away Jan. 21, 2022.

Pete was born in 1931 to Robert and Helen Ayres. He grew up during World War II and was a lifelong resident of Hinsdale and Western Springs. His great-grandfather, Anson Ayres, was an original developer and founder of the town of Hinsdale, and Ayres Street continues to bear his family name to this day.

Pete graduated from Hinsdale Central in 1949 with his class being fondly coined "the 49ers." He went on to graduate from the University of Illinois, where he was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the ROTC. He later served in the Army as a lieutenant motor pool officer for the 2nd armored division of Patton's "Hell on Wheels" stationed in Germany.

Pete met his future bride at the York Tavern after a softball game and married Joan Winkler in 1958. Pete and Joan enjoyed weekends at Twin Lakes, winters in Tucson, end-of-summer vacations at Paw Paw Lake, road trips to Hilton Head and many more fun and memorable adventures with their beloved family and friends.

Pete served as commodore of the Twin



Ayres

Lakes Sailing Club, president of the Hinsdale Jaycees and coached Little League baseball. In his spare time he often could be found plotting practical jokes to get back at his mischievous friends, cheering on the Chicago Cubs, playing tennis and competing on the local "Hardly Ables" softball team.

Pete established a very successful insurance agency, Peter Ayres Co., and had loyal long-time insureds throughout his career.

He took pride in providing the very best in old fashioned customer service, and many of his clients were also dear friends.

Pete was preceded in death by his two brothers, David and John.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joan; his three children, Stephen (Pamela) Ayres, Sandra Averill and Nancy (Andrew) Roach; his grandchildren, Robert, Christopher, Jennifer and Kyle Ayres, Bridget (Jordan) Foster, Alyssa and Connor Roach; and his great-grandchild, Reiter Foster.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made online to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org>.

A celebration of his life will be held this summer.

Wesley Edward Sedlacek Sr.

Wesley Edward Sedlacek Sr., 76, a 30-year Hinsdale resident, died Feb. 26, 2022.

He was a proud alumnus of Stetson University in Deland, Fla., and of Indiana University in Bloomington, where he received a master's degree in economics. Wesley spent his entire career at Olympic Savings and Loan as an executive vice president, treasurer and chief economist. Wesley was an avid collector of cars, automobile and train memorabilia, guns and antiques.

He is survived by his wife, Roxane Sedlacek, née Campbell; his children, Karen (Bryan) Hunt, Milena Totorich and Wesley Edward



Sedlacek

(Melissa) Sedlacek Jr.; his grandchildren, Adeline Marie, Aileen Susan and Alexander Sean Hunt, Onya Isabella Totorich, Wesley Edward III and Lilly Joy Sedlacek; his cousins, Maryan (Joseph) and Nathan Traiser; and his brother, Frank "Tom" Sedlacek.

Service and inurnment will be private at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Stetson University at <https://www.stetson.edu/administration/development/give.php>.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Mary Elaine Shouvin

Mary Elaine Shouvin, 65, of Hinsdale, passed away unexpectedly Feb. 7, 2022, in Calhoun, Ga.

She was born in 1956 in Chicago to George and Bernice (Sieloff) Duncan.

Mary was a graduate of Emma Willard School and attended DePauw University. She was a mortgage processor and underwriter for Condotek. Her hobbies included renovating her homes, caring for her cats, walking and reading. As a young woman she was an avid tennis player. She enjoyed discussions on politics and social justice issues.

Mary had many long-lasting friendships, among them Lia, Michelle, Cyndy, Marilyn, Meg, and Christine. Her numerous friends were a network of support and kinship across the country.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband,



Shouvin

Raphael Joseph Shouvin, who passed away in 2017; and her parents.

She is survived by her sister, Martha (Michael) Kelly; her nephew and nieces, Henry Kelly, Grace Greene and Hope DiGiusto; and their families.

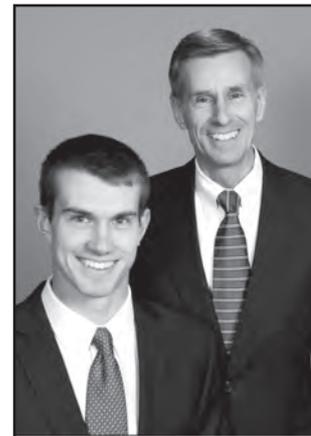
A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at St. Mark's Church, 320 Franklin St., Geneva.

The service will also be streamed via Zoom.

Burial is private at Ferncliff Cemetery & Arboretum in Springfield, Ohio.

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

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GOOD NEWS

HMS ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

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

Sixth grade HMS honor roll

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ner Gomez, Jonathan Grein, Benjamin Grunow, Brooke Hartenstein, Jack Hulett, Caroline Hurley, Syed Hus-saini, Aiden Idrees, Owen Issa, Victoria Jovanovic, John Judge, Sebastian Kawa, Vic-tor Kirchev, Theodora Kirk, Richard Kluchenek, Robert Knuepfer, Camden Koniec-zka, Meera Kumar, Lucas Lapica, Alexander Leddy, Hudson Lyons, Ayana Malik, Shaun Masood, Trevor McCarthy, Ava Menza, Gavin Merchant, Jordan Meyers, Megan Monteleone, Drew Murante, Oliver Murphy, Otis Naito, Nicholas Naw-racaj, Lily Nelson, Mack Newton, Scott Nicholson, Riley Orozco, Samuel Ouim-ette, Emma Owens, Madison Pieczkowski, Jacqueline Piolet, Chase Pomeroy, Natalia Ribeiro, Mason Ruangsuknukul, Sapna Saraf, Maliah Schuler, Christina Shin, Amaya Shingala, Loren Smith, Anthony Spatara, John Storino, Violet Sullivan, Mark Tang, Izzah Tariq, Nidas Tautvydas, Abiso-la Toukourou, Adewale

Toukourou, Tessa Turek, Camila Valencia-Men-dez, Lilah Vargo, Andrew Wagner, Caroline Wagner, Taylor Wanless, David Waterman, Nathan Weich-man, Finn Wickramasinghe, Ethan Wong, Savannah Wood, Aidan Ying, Marceli-no Yoakim, Eartha Ziemers

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mann, William Geiersbach, Olivia Giannini, Isabella Giovingo, Melina Gong, Eliana Guirguis, Ammar Hameeduddin, Brady Hannigan, Andrew Hart, William Hart, Lily Harting, Lianna Hassaballa, Jadelynn Hau, Isabelle Head, Gavin Hoang, Amarie Hsieh, Marin Hughes, Ava Hulett, Sam-hitha Jaliparthi, Conner Jia, Ethan Kim, Madelyn Kir-choff, Audrey Klotnia, Mat-thew Kluchenek, Noah Lawrence, Rohan Levy, Megan Lipman, Cath-erine Liu, Jonah Lyons, Lia Malhes, Spencer Mangone, Elena Medra-no, Asad Memon, Aaron Mikhail, Michael Miluti-novic, Hunter Minon, Alexis Mitchell, Rashida Moosab-hoy, Laine Morris, Alexandra Murante, Mia Nehme, Alex-ander Nemeth, Ian Nguy-en, Marilyn O'Day, Dylan O'Neill, Chukwuemeka Ojiako, Aileen Oveis Gha-ran, Rian Patadia, Esha Patel, Jemma Patel, Connor Perucki, John Perugini, Wil-liam Pitts, Jibrán Qazi, Sarah

Quevedo, Annika Raina, Hanna Rifai, Ryan Rogero, Rutger Ronaldson, Parker Rowe, Eva Scharkey, Addison Schreiber, Jackson Schreiber, Charlotte Seiler, Zayan Shaikh, Sophia Sheth, Olivia Short, Uliana Shvydkoy, Rohan Singh, Aila Smajkic, Lila Sodikoff, Rex Staver, Sean Stirlen, Elay-na Stokes, Selene Sullivan, Eleanor Szafarczyk, Nathan Terry, Timur Turba, Elena Vaughn, Hunter Velco, Zander Vossoughi, Heather Wang, Peter Warren, Finley Wood, Isabella Wu, Kalyan Yadava, Colton Zeikus, Emily Zhou, Alexander Zloza

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ASK AN EXPERT

SHARON SOBOTKA, ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

What does an assistant stage manager do?

Theater was Sharon Sobotka's passion from a young age, as she longed for moments in the limelight.

But a lack of roles while pursuing a performing arts degree at Loyola University flipped her script from acting to stage management.

"I wasn't on stage as much as I had hoped," Hinsdale's Sobotka related. "You need an army of people to do all the tech work. So I learned tech, and I loved it."

Those backstage skills will get a workout as she fills the role of assistant stage manager for "Women Playing Hamlet," opening at 8 tonight, March 3, at the Theatre of Western Springs (see page 26 for details).

Sobotka said the same abilities that helped her flourish professionally in corporate operations have application in the world of stagecraft.

"I can look at things and figure out the fastest way to get it done," she said.

Her exposure to running sound,

lighting and stage directions in college equipped her with a multi-faceted understanding of a production.

"You have to pay attention to all the cues. You have to know what the blocking is. You have to know the lighting cues and what kind of lighting," Sobotka explained, adding that typically a pair of assistant stage managers are employed to man the left and right sides backstage. "You have to be very organized."

And invariably a knack for resourcefulness comes in handy.

"I found out I was very creative in that, when things were going wrong, how fast I could think of a solution," she remarked.

Sobotka joined TWS in 2003 and was given a part in the cast for its staging of "Cyrano de Bergerac." But it was not to be as she soon learned that her young family would be moving to Russia for her husband's work.

"God is telling me, again, 'You're not supposed to be on the main-stage,'" Sobotka exclaimed with a laugh.

Fortunately she found an outlet working with the theater at the international school in Moscow that her two children attended. After five years they relocated to Jakarta,

Indonesia, where Sobotka joined the Jakarta Players. Founded as an ex-pat drama troupe in the 1970s, the group had evolved into a mix of both local and foreign members — though it never shed its nomadic status.

"We would perform everywhere because we were a community theater without a venue," Sobotka said. "I did stage managing as well as acting as well as producing."

She recounted putting on "12 Angry Jurors" and how it revealed cultural differences in responding to tense situations. Sobotka said her blunt style didn't always translate well where indirect communication is the norm.

"When I get backstage, I'm all business. It's like military precision because we're working magic," she said. "I'd have to explain my motive to them if I'm giving a harsh order."

Sobotka is excited for audiences to experience "Women Playing Hamlet" — even though she's technically never seen it.

"I'm back behind the stage," she said "As a stage manager, you're hoping somebody's taking a video so maybe you can see the whole thing after the show's over."

— by Ken Knutson



Sharon Sobotka's interest in theater work was affirmed by an unlikely source — her Loyola University counselor Sister Jean, now the most famous booster of Ramblers basketball. "She told me, 'You've got all your theater credit. You know, if you focus on business, you could become a stage manager,'" Sobotka recounted. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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IN FOCUS

Hinsdale Middle School hosts districtwide spelling bee



Students across District 181 participated in the annual district spelling bee last month at Hinsdale Middle School. Participants included (clockwise from left) Srinidhi Rao, HMS; Madeline McNaughton, Walker; Cody Bankert, Monroe; Celsey O'Hare, Elm; and Nayan Rao, Prospect. (Jim Slonoff photos)

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a red blazer over a white top and a colorful necklace, is sitting and looking slightly to the right. In the background, there is a white sculpture of a person.

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Ryan Coglianeese (center) as Pinocchio does a song and dance with the cast while Mia Angeletti plays the role of Princess Fiona during a showcase performance of “Shrek Jr.” at Hinsdale United Methodist Church Feb. 13. BAM’s Junior Conservatory Ensemble went on to win a top award with the performance Feb. 18 at the Junior Theatre Festival in Sacramento, Calif. (photos by Steve Johnston for The Hinsdalean)

BAM ensemble wins top honor at festival

Performance of “Shrek Jr.” earns young actors ‘outstanding production’ award

By Pamela Lannom
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Twenty-two years ago a 13-year-old Melanie Lamoureux was running summer theater camps out of the backyard of her Hinsdale home.

Last month she took students that age and younger to compete in the prestigious Junior Theatre Festival in Sacramento, Calif. BAMtheatre’s Junior Conservatory Ensemble was one of six groups to win the festival’s highest award for outstanding production.

“We’ve always wanted to go and we finally felt like we had a group that was ready to take this on and incorporate this component within the curriculum,” said Lamoureux, BAM’s owner and artistic director. “We were so excited to go for our very first time. We had no expectations whatsoever. We were shocked and so proud that we were awarded outstanding production.”

Twenty-eight students in third through eighth grades performed a 15-minute piece from “Shrek Jr.” for the judges.

“Our kids are so dynamic. They

have a great sense of humor. We have a lot of variety within our student ensemble,” Lamoureux said. “‘Shrek’ is a show that really celebrates that.”

Alex McCarty, a fifth-grader at St. Isaac Jogues who has been with BAM for five years and played Gingly, said she enjoyed the trip.

“I like my solo and I liked dancing with the other cast members,” she said.

For Sophia Sheth, a sixth-grader at Hinsdale Middle School, playing the role of teen Fiona was a highlight.

“I think the funnest part was to see how Fiona grew up while in the tower scene, and it was really cool to have someone younger than me and someone older than me playing the same character,” said Sophia, who has been involved with BAM since age 5.

Caroline Hurley, a sixth-grader at HMS who played young Fiona, also enjoyed working with actors of different ages.

“I just enjoyed how the harmonies were really interesting and hard and how I got to work with

people who were older than me and have fun with them,” she said. “The tower scene was so much fun because it was so interesting.”

The festival also featured workshops, performances and concerts. Alex, Sophia and Caroline all identified the dance workshop as their favorite. They also unanimously named Ovation’s production of “Flat Stanley” as the best performance they watched.

Caroline enjoyed watching her friends compete in the Tech Olympics, where they had to complete various costume and set tasks.

“We didn’t win but it was still really fun,” she said.

Julie Peterson, BAM’s managing director, said she enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the ensemble members better and to watch how they conducted themselves both during the performance and throughout the festival.

“We had the adjudicators coming up to us all weekend and congratulating us on our sportsmanship at the festival,” she said. “They are just such a good group of kids.”

The BAM entourage — which included 36 parents and staff in addition to the 28 ensemble members — did an incredible job of working together, Lamoureux said, noting they like to use the term “BAMily.”

“It’s not just a community theater organization where we produce shows and classes,” she said. “It really is a kind of a family. It’s a community. We celebrate the people involved — the students and the parents alike — and I think everyone is part of that.”

Alex’s mom Christine McCarty witnessed that spirit while the kids were singing with their instructors around the piano one night.

“It was just a wonderful, wonderful moment to see these kids all coming together with the teachers and having a blast,” she said.

Sophia credits the ensemble’s success with the devotion of the entire group.

“The directors, the parents, the students, they all worked together and supported each other,” she said. “Without that, we could not have won.”

PULSE



Drum Tao will offer its modern, high-energy performance March 12 at the McAninch Arts Center in Glen Ellyn. See Page 26 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ **Procreate 101**
March 12
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

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

■ **Figure Drawing with Live Model**

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

Gather for this wine and paint party in a relaxed atmosphere for people of all levels. The instructor will guide participants through the materials

and techniques to create a masterpiece to take home. Art supplies and stemware are provided. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$45. RR, MD

CASTING CALL

■ **'Bring It On: The Musical'**

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

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

FAMILY FUN

■ **Chinese Nursery Rhymes**

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

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

■ **Story Trail**

March 9
Bemis Woods-South Ogden Avenue west of Wolf Road near Western Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(312) 533-5751

Walk a short, looped trail and experience a story unfold with every step. A related craft will be available to take home after completing the story trail. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

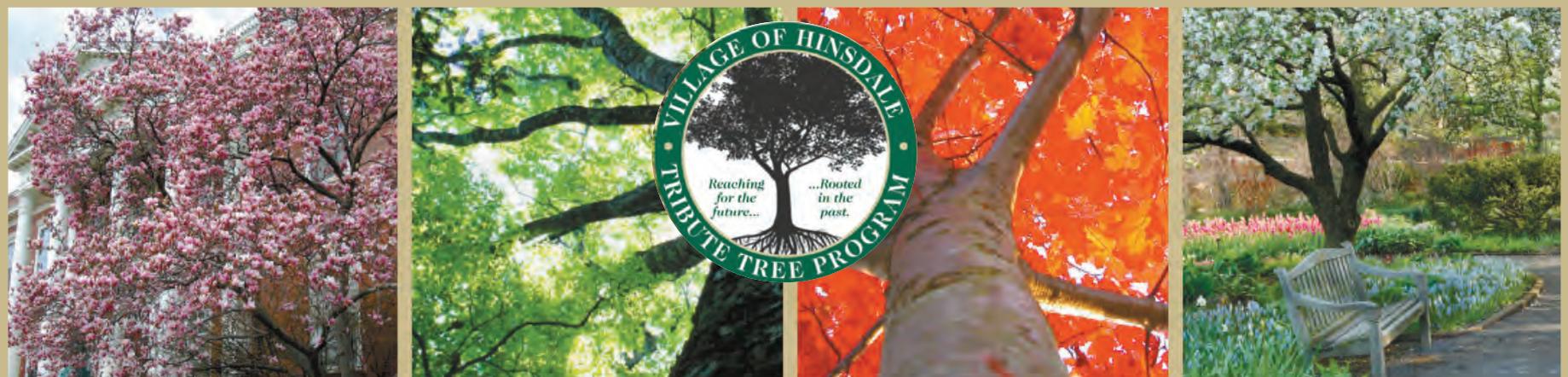
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How to make calorie counting work for you

If you've been trying to lose weight at the gym since New Year's, you may not be getting the results you wanted. The good news is it's not just you, and there is something you can do about it.

Weight loss begins in the kitchen, not the gym. This is what I tell my patients who are having trouble reaching their weight goals. And it's easy as 1-2-3. Because it literally is 1-2-3: calorie counting.

How does calorie counting work?

A calorie is the standard measure of energy contained in a food or drink. When we consume more calories than we use, however, the excess amount gets stored as fat. This is where most of us run into trouble. Research suggests that people are not great at gauging their caloric intake accurately, and often consume more than they think they have. We also struggle to get portion sizes right. Not all calories are created equal, either. Your body handles 100 calories from a banana differently than it does 100 calories from a slice of sponge cake.

By counting calories methodically, we make ourselves aware of how many calories our typical diet contains, and where those calories are coming from. Once we have an accurate count of our

calories, we can adjust our diet and lifestyle so that we take in less than we use. The result over time is sustainable, safe and lasting weight loss.

Calorie-counting apps

The mobile phone has been the best thing to happen to calorie counting since the invention of numbers. With mobile applications ("apps"), it's never been easier to log your calories anytime, anywhere.

You'll have a lot of calorie-counting apps from which to choose. A number of these are free, with the option of paying for premium features. As you shop for the right app for your needs, keep these features in mind:

- Syncs automatically with health tracker apps

Sync your calorie-counting app with a fitness/health tracker app to automatically calculate your net gain or loss in calories on a day-to-day basis.

- Barcode scanner

This is hands down the easiest way to input the portion and nutritional infor-



Dr. Mohammad Adnan Ul Haq
Healthbeat

mation for almost everything you eat.

- Nutrient breakdowns

Some apps break down the calories of a food into carbohydrates, fat, protein and more so that you always understand the nutritional value of what you're eating.

- Easy-to-understand user interface and visuals

Many calorie-counting apps favor a bright, clean design and produce graphs and charts that are easy to

decipher at a glance.

- "Gameification"

The best calorie-counting apps feel fun to play with. They deliver little endorphin-releasing rewards to keep you coming back to the app so it becomes a daily habit.

Getting started

For your first week or two after you've downloaded a calorie-counting app, focus on getting into the habit of using it to log what you eat every day, whether it's a full meal or a small snack. The data from this period should give you a good

baseline on your caloric intake.

Next, it's time to calculate your calorie target. Multiply your current weight by 15. That is the number of calories per day you need to maintain your current weight if you are getting about 30 minutes of physical activity (including walking, yard work, shoveling snow) each day. A safe, sustainable rate for losing weight is 1-2 pounds per week. To achieve this, you need to trim 500-1,000 calories from your total caloric intake.

Count calories with your doctor

Now that you have your data and your target, I highly recommend that you meet with your primary care provider to design a food plan and an exercise regimen that suits your age, fitness level and unique health needs.

Remember, you will not see results overnight. It takes your body time to adapt to the changes in caloric intake and respond physiologically with a decrease in weight. Don't give up. Keep counting calories and stick to the plan. You'll be glad you did.

— Dr. Mohammad Adnan Ul Haq is a board-certified internal medicine doctor with Amita Health.



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■ **George Will**

March 9
Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
Elmhurst University
190 Prospect Ave.
<https://www.elmhurst.edu/events>

George Will, political commentator, prolific author and Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper columnist, will deliver the talk, "The Political Argument Today," as part of the university's 150th anniversary celebration. His most recent book is the New York Times bestseller "The Conservative Sensibility." Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15.

■ **Changes to College Aid and Awards**

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

Parents of high schoolers are invited to join Heidi King of College Inside Track in this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program to learn more about changes to FAFSA and scholar-

ship awards that could impact the amount of aid a student will receive for college. Find out new strategies to consider to give students the best opportunity to be admitted and maximize scholarships and financial aid. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

n Rank Choice Voting March 10
<https://www.cantigny.org>

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

■ **Using Online Calendars**

March 15
Hinsdale Public Library

20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Explore the pros and cons of some of the most versatile and popular calendar apps for a fresh start to the new year, and learn what apps are best for multiple platforms, multiple users and multiple schedules. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ **Ellis Paul**

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

This American singer-songwriter and folk musician is a key figure in what has become known as the Boston school of songwriting and helped ignite the folk revival of the 1990s. His pop music songs have appeared in movies and on television. This performance is part of the 2021-22 Acoustic Renaissance Concert season. Shows are available in person or via livestream; the livestream

option can be viewed up to two weeks after the performance. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

■ **Symphony, Secrets and Song**

March 6
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org>

This Sinfonietta Bel Canto concert will feature Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor, as music director Dan Pasquale D'Andrea, with the full chamber orchestra, reveals secrets of this iconic masterpiece. Singers from the SBC Voice competition will perform with the orchestra, vying for a \$100 audience favorite award. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. \$7 for students accompanied by an adult.

■ **Mardi Gras Mambo**

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

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, pioneers of the modern New

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

■ **DuPage Community Concert Band**

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

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

■ **Nazareth Spring Band Concert**

March 9
Nazareth Academy
1209 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park
<http://www.nazarethacademy.org>

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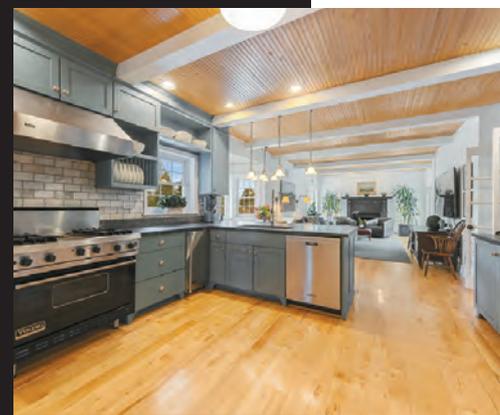
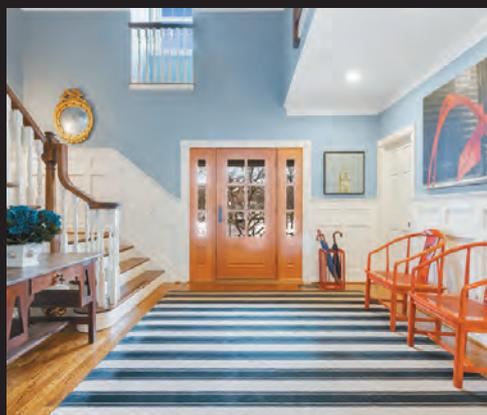
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The school's spring band concert will take place on March 9 with the combined programs performing John Philip Sousa's "The Thunderer" and Andrew Boysen's Symphony No. 4 for Winds and Percussion. The percussion ensemble and beginning band also will perform. Time: 7 p.m.

■ Drum Tao

March 12
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Experience Tao's modern, pulsating, high-energy performances combining highly physical, large-scale Japanese drumming with contemporary costumes, precise choreography and innovative visuals. A pre-show discussion with COD percussion professor Ben Wahlund will be held one hour prior to each performance in MAC Room 140. Tickets: \$40-\$49. Times: 3 and 7 p.m.

ON STAGE

■ 'Women Playing Hamlet: A Comedy'

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

This modern comedy about an old tragedy will be staged TWS' in Cattell Theatre and features an all-female cast performing multiple roles. When Jessica is cast as Hamlet in a New York production, it sends her into a tailspin. How can Jessica figure out "to be or not to be," when she can't even figure herself out? Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays & Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$23-\$25.

■ 'The Dining Room'

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

Covering seven decades of upper middle class WASP family life, this slice-of-life play shares vignettes with a range of compassionate humor and abundant humanity, demonstrating that change is inevitable. A pre-show chat with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 24; a post-show chat with the director and actors will be held on March 4. The play contains adult themes and language. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students and seniors.

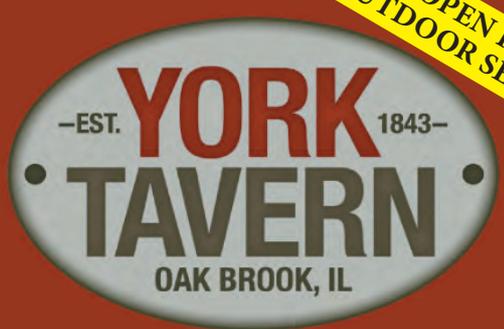
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■ HHS Women's Board luncheon

March 10
Hinsdale Golf Club
140 Chicago Ave., Clarendon Hills
<https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>
(630) 789-2600

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Pet pic of the week

Kevin is a gray and white cat who is ready to meet his family. He would do well with kids 8 years and older. He's a super snuggly and sweet 4-year-old whose adoption fee is \$75. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center has re-opened to the public. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Capacity will be limited to about 20 visitors. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at <https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org> before arriving. Call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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the theme "Bringing Color Back ... in a New Way." Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets: \$100.

■ **The Challenge: Live Quiz Game**
March 17
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1. 206 N. Lincoln St., David R. Ash Jr. Revocable Trust to Margaret Harper, Feb. 2, \$1,775,000

2. 552 N. Vine St., Karen Shannon to Stephen and Kelly Dykun, Feb. 3, \$1,300,000

3. 22 Orchard Place, Kevin and Theresa McClear to Dorothy and Jeffrey Gagnolati, Feb. 3, \$1,275,000

4. 36 E. Fifth St., Heather M. Gleason Living Trust to Gaja Djokic, Feb. 7, \$812,000

5. 40 S. Adams St., Steven Hartschuh and Jane Chaloupka to Eugene and Camryn Fiks, Feb. 7, \$1,275,000

6. 212 S. Thurlow St., Imir Arifi to Ada Velcani, Feb. 7, \$450,000

7. 1445 Fox Lane, Thomas and Mary Story to Howard Baldwin and Patricia Flannery, Feb. 8, \$665,000

8. 8 E. Kennedy Lane, Charles J. Welling Trust to Michael and Mary Martin, Feb. 8, \$580,000

9. 107 W. 59th St., Hossein and Fatemeh Ardehali to Ajay Goswami, Feb. 8, \$898,000

10. 222 E. Walnut St., DS Homes Hinsdale LLC to Amiee and Jason Thomas, Feb. 8, \$2,465,000

11. 130 N. Grant St., Michael and Jacqueline Moran to Oakley Home Builders Inc., Feb. 9, \$1,155,000

12. 313 W. Fourth St., Jay and Erin Finnegan to Lisa and Andrew Desmarais, Feb. 10, \$965,000

13. 217 Ravine Road, Monica Ashe to John McIlwee and Carney Trust, Feb. 10, \$1,110,000

14. 136 N. Washington St., Christian and Amanda Hmura to Andrew O'Connor and Kathleen Lambert, Feb. 11, \$975,000

15. 1429 Fox Lane, Lisa J. Gaynor Trust to William and Siobhan Hartsell, Feb. 14, \$785,000

16. 630 S. Bruner St., Wayne C. and Carol A. Bryan living trusts to Colleen and James Laha, Feb. 15, \$390,395

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Trust to Michael Hallman, Feb. 15, \$3,060,000

18. 214 S. Clay St., Michael and Kathleen Hajack and Hajack Joint Trust Agreement to Courtyard Custom Builders Inc. Feb. 16, \$462,500

19. 121 W. Ayres, Rosalind Ludwig Revocable Trust to Christopher and Jenna Asher, Feb. 16, \$1,491,894

20. 901 S. Stough St., Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Devon Bank, Feb. 16, \$1,062,500

21. 39 E. Birchwood Ave., Edward and Monica Newmann to Crescere LLC, Feb. 17, \$1,400,000

22. 149 W. Kennedy Lane, Raja Sadiq to Margaret Powers and Richard Brueckert, Feb. 17, \$636,000

23. 121 E. Walnut St., Benjamin G. Burnett Living Trust and George Burnett to Megan and Thomas McCleary, Feb. 17, \$699,000

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28. 830 Jackson St., Steven Hill and Heidi Kreplin to Michael Lebiecki Trust, Feb. 18, \$305,000

29. 5514 S. County Line Road, Kyle and Sarah Abbott to Heidi Wendland and Jacob Fishstrom, Feb. 18, \$493,000

30. 706 W. 55th St., Frank Murphy to Maureen Claffy, Feb. 22, \$299,000

31. 616 S. Monroe St., Caragh & Colin LLC Series to Alex Haried and Melanie Lamoureux, Feb. 22, \$391,250

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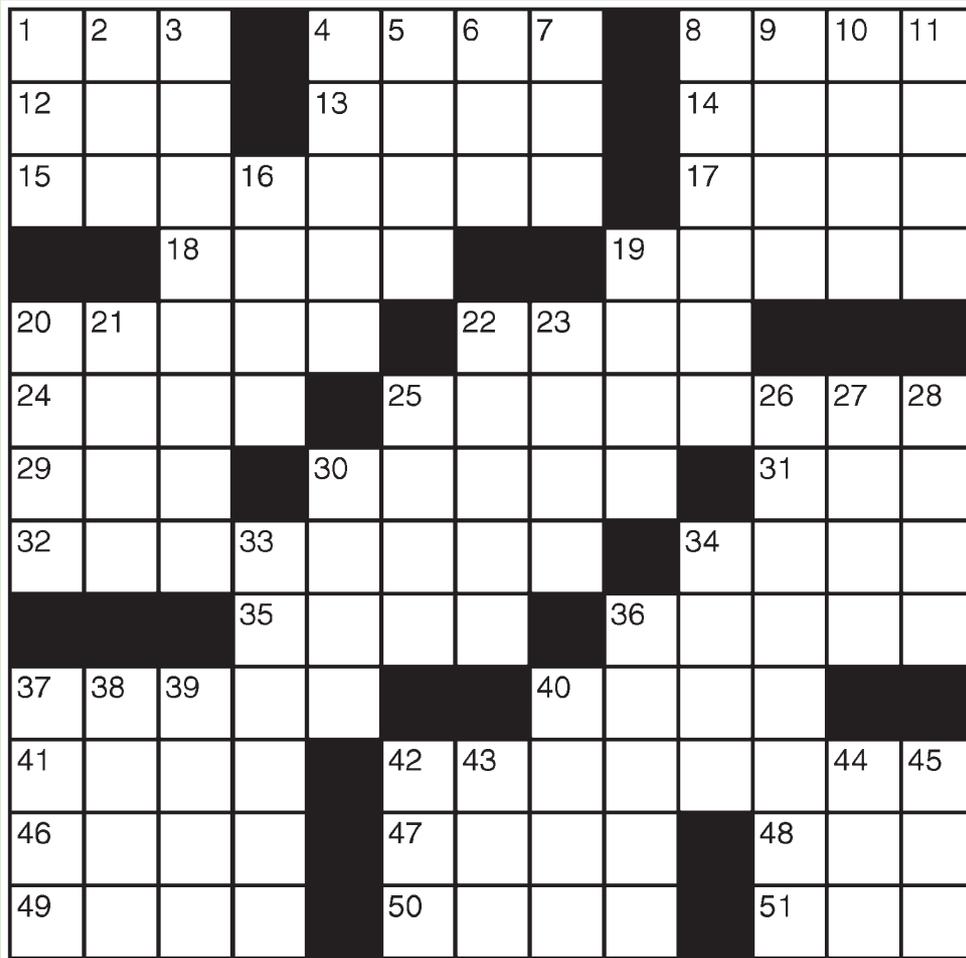
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 - 12 BASHFUL
 - 13 CAMEO SHAPE
 - 14 RUSSIAN RIVER
 - 15 HOME
 - 17 WHEELS OF FORTUNE?
 - 18 ONE OF THE FAB FOUR
 - 19 DOZE
 - 20 CON GAMES
 - 22 FACEBOOK ACTION
 - 24 DIRECTOR WERTMULLER
 - 25 TYRANNIZE
 - 29 VICHY WATER
 - 30 CHURCH KEYBOARD
 - 31 BIG D.C. LOBBY
 - 32 REALM
 - 34 HERTZ RIVAL
 - 35 SWISS PEAKS
 - 36 JUSTICE KAGAN
 - 37 WATERLOGGED
 - 40 MIDEAST AIRLINE
 - 41 SAY IT'S SO
 - 42 RECTANGULAR GAME PIECES
 - 46 PAINTER MAGRITTE
 - 47 REGARDING
 - 48 SHELL-GAME ITEM
 - 49 INITIAL CHIP
 - 50 OPTIMUM
 - 51 STATELY TREE



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- 1 LEARY'S DRUG
 - 2 DISCOVERER'S CALL
 - 3 EAR MEMBRANE
 - 4 VENUE
 - 5 SATAN'S FORTE
 - 6 LASS
 - 7 FLAMENCO CHEER
 - 8 MOROSE
 - 9 BUFFALO'S LAKE
 - 10 HOBBLING
 - 11 BROADWAY FAILURE
 - 16 "-- ROCK"
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 - 20 ROSEBUD, TO KANE
 - 21 PISA FAREWELL
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 - 26 FAUCET PROBLEM
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 - 39 BLOKE
 - 40 911 RESPONDERS
 - 42 WEE DOLLOP
 - 43 SUGARY SUFFIX
 - 44 MORAY, FOR ONE
 - 45 AMERICA'S UNCLE

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

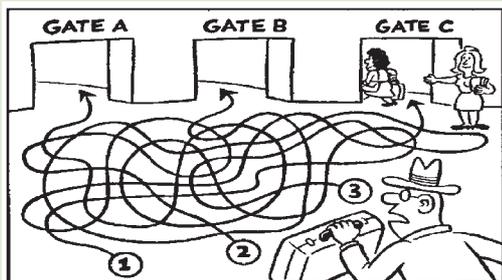
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

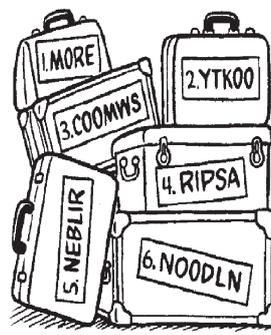
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IT'S FLIGHT TIME! Which route will get this late traveler to Gate C? Take a guess.

CITY SCRAMBLE! Our friends have logged a lot of air miles on their global holiday. The stickers on their luggage display the names of the cities they explored. However, we've scrambled the letters to make a puzzle for you. What cities did they visit? Time limit: 2 minutes.



1. Rome, 2. Tokyo, 3. Moscow, 4. Paris, 5. Berlin, 6. London.

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HOROSCOPES

March 2022 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Look for ways to delve into the arts this week, Capricorn. Explore unique hobbies or visit a museum with a new exhibit. Work with your hands as much as you can.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, the universe is subtly trying to tell you to slow down a bit. Don't ignore those nagging feelings that you should take breaks whenever you can manage them.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Something surprising may help you feel more connected to the universe around you, Cancer. Sensory overload can be enhanced by spoiling yourself with something special.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, only a few months into the new year you may be having trouble staying motivated with your resolutions. A partner or cheering squad can keep you going.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, invest in your home space with some upgrades that will add warmth and a feeling of coziness. Creature comforts can have a profound impact on your mood.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Prioritize your goals and put yourself first for the time being, Taurus. All eyes will be on you and you want to be sure that you are presenting the best version of yourself this week.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, the small steps you are taking lately will eventually cover much distance, so keep up the progress. Some things take time and right now it's a lesson to learn.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Physical affection is a great way to showcase your love right now, Scorpio. Take advantage of all the hugs, kisses and subtle touches you can muster in the days to come.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
This week you will need to assert yourself at work, Pisces; otherwise, others may overlook your contributions. Get what you deserve.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, take every opportunity to foster growth in your professional ambitions. Network as much as you can and explore continuing learning offerings through your job.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, even if things seem like they are a bit out of control, find ways to put yourself in a good place. Slow down and stay grounded as much as you can.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, space out your tasks so the week doesn't seem like it is rushed early on. Don't put too much pressure on yourself to get everything done immediately.

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Kaila Kuo
Year: senior
Hometown: Hinsdale

When did you first start playing softball?

I did taekwondo from third grade up until middle school. My dad wanted me to get involved in team sports. He said I could do track or softball. I figured softball would have less running, so I did softball.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I just like meeting new people, hanging out with them and being able to build that team relationship. It's not like other friends you find at school that you hang out with. You work toward a singular goal together.

Which is your best pitch?

My curve ball. I like throwing that one.

Which pitch is most challenging?

I've gotta say a screw ball, which is the exact opposite of a curve ball.

How have you improved since your freshman year?

I think just personally I'm a lot more confident than I was as a freshman. I'm more sociable and less nervous talking to people and talking to coaches.

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

Be open to adjusting, whether it's in the moment

in the game or adjusting your mechanics.

What is your goal for the season?

I think definitely just to be more of a leader than I have been in the past, especially since I'm a senior and I have to be a role model for the underclassmen.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

People are pretty shocked when they hear I'm a second degree black belt in taekwondo.

What are your plans for next year?

I might play intramurals or club, but I don't think I'm going to play for school necessarily. I'm going to the University of Illinois to study material science and engineering.

Why does coach Brittany Zust like having Kuo on the team?

Kaila Kuo is a four-year varsity starter for us. Kaila brings leadership, experience and most importantly determination to the program. She is dedicated to be the best player she can be while recognizing what it takes to work hard. Kaila wants to see her teammates shine as well. We are lucky to have her in our program and on our team. I cannot wait to see what she brings to the table as a senior.

— profile by Pamela Lannom,
photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys
Feb. 23 & 25 @ IHSA regional
V loses 43-46
Oosterbaan, 23 points
Collignon, 6 points
Quast, 6 points
Eck, 5 points
Phillips, 3 points
vs. Morton (semifinal)
V wins 74-60

Hockey
Feb. 23 @ Lake Forest
V loses 0-5

Swimming, boys
Feb. 25-26 @ IHSA state final
V places 2nd with 117.5 points
200-yard medley relay
Daw, Bey, Hou, Gilbert,

3rd, 1:32.22
200-yard IM
Hou, 8th, 1:51.43
Harris, 11th, 1:52.12
50-yard freestyle
Gilbert, 5th (tie), 20.95
1-meter diving
Furlong, 9th, 463.85
100-yard butterfly
Hou, 7th, 49.09
500-yard freestyle
Bokos, 9th, 4:33.51
Harris, 10th, 4:34.43
200-yard freestyle relay
Gilbert, Marcet, Priest, Harris, 4th, 1:24
100-yard breaststroke
Bey, 2nd, 54.96
400-yard freestyle relay
Gilbert, Marcet, Priest, Harris, 3rd, 3:05.75

Track, boys
Feb. 25 @ U High

Midway Miles
60-meter dash
Limjuco, 1st, 7.32
Anjarwala, 10th, 7.82
Lee, 14th, 8.00
Russo, 28th, 8.59
200-meter dash
Contreras, 8th, 25.87
Bots, 9th, 25.96
Lyne, 13th (tie), 26.36
Lee, 13th (tie), 26.36
Raza, 18th, 28.28
400-meter dash
Shah, 6th, 56.96
Jia, 10th, 59.75
Namkung, 11th, 1:00.72
Segers, 14th, 1:02.19
800-meter run
Mahajan, 1st, 2:06.56
Gooding, 2nd, 2:07.54
Lowe, 4th, 2:12.1
A. Doorhy, 6th, 2:13.67
Lacayo, 8th, 2:13.87

Maxwell, 9th, 2:13.95
Pothuganti, 11th, 2:22.98
Q. Doohy, 19th, 2:30.37
1,600-meter run
Watcke, 1st, 4:23.71
Revord, 2nd, 4:24.23
Bandukwala, 3rd, 4:29.08
Hill, 4th, 4:38.69
Skora, 5th, 4:38.71
Reddy, 6th, 4:45.44
Miller, 7th, 4:55.22
Doorhy, 8th, 4:59.57
3,200-meter run
Matariyeh, 1st, 10:47.04
Naess, 2nd, 10:52.51
Kamenev, 3rd, 10:52.73
Kurimay, 4th, 10:55.4
Sharma, 5th, 10:55.69
Smak, 6th, 11:11.36

Ferren, 7th, 11:13.47
60-meter hurdles
Dorris, 1st, 9.18
Dynis, 3rd, 9:68
4x200-meter relay
V, 1st, 1:38.8
4x400-meter relay
V, 2nd, 3:42.12
4x800-meter relay
V, 6th, 10:00.27
High jump
Iqbal, 5th, 4-11.75
Towery, 7th, 4-11.75
Long jump
Reodica, 1st, 18-3.25
Pothuganti, 6th, 16-10.75
Stach, 10th, 15-9.25
Yang, 12th, 15-5.75
Chan, 19th, 13-3.5
Triple jump
Yang, 2nd, 36-4.25
Iqbal, 3rd, 34-10

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Finley Bisch competes in the pole vault and Christina Tresslar competes in the high jump during the Red Devill Tri Feb. 25. The meet was not scored. (photos by Steve Johnston for The Hinsdalean)

SPORTS

Devils finish season in strong fashion

Boys swim and dive squad earns runner-up honors at state, sets school records

By Ken Knutson

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Denied a postseason last year due to COVID-19, Hinsdale Central's boys swim and dive team made the most of its 2021-22 campaign, capping one of the best runs in its storied history with a second-place finish at last weekend's IHSA state final.

"It's the best season that we've put together for dual meets, invitationals and postseason," varsity head coach Bob Barber said.

And it was a true team effort.

"We didn't have one individual that we said, 'You have to score in the top six for us to get a trophy,'" he said.

Some solo performances did make a splash, however, with freshman phenom Josh Bey's second-place 100-yard breaststroke among them. Competing like a veteran in his state meet debut, Bey posted a time of 54.96 and shattered the sub-55-second mark for the first time in program history.

"I knew I had something in me, but I really didn't see that coming," Bey said of his exploit in front of the many enthusiastic supporters who made the short



Hinsdale Central freshman Josh Bey (left) greets Stevenson's Colin Zhang after the 100-yard breaststroke state finals Saturday. Bey finished just behind winner Zhang and set a new school record. (photos by Joel Lerner for The Hinsdalean)

trip to the FMC Natatorium in Westmont. "I was surprised, and it was just crazy. I thanked all the supporters for cheering for me."

Barber said pressure does not seem to phase Bey.

"It's just kind of crazy what he was doing," Barber said, noting Bey rewrote both the sophomore and varsity record books with the swim. "I would have set that as a four-year goal, not a first-year goal. He showed us just how talented he could be given the opportunity to swim fast."

Central finished with 117.5 points to capture runner-up

honors behind state champion Stevenson's 167. It was the Red Devils' highest finish in five years, and the first time since the 1993-94 season that both the boys and girls programs earned state trophies in the same season. Sophomore Jeffrey Hou also set a new school record in the 200-yard IM with 1:51.43 (see full results on Page 37).

Senior Braxton Bokos helped the cause with a ninth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle, Right behind him in 10th was sophomore teammate Nate Harris.

"The nice thing about our team is we have a lot of

depth," remarked Bokos, saying the team felt confident heading into the meet after a strong sectional showing. "We felt like we were in a pretty good spot"

Shaving their body hair and reducing practice intensity — or tapering — to promote rest also imparts a feeling of optimal condition, he said. But there are no guarantees of making it the final heats

"On Friday you really have to put everything into (prelims) to make it to the final on Saturday," Bokos said.

He not only made it to the final for his last race as a Red Devils but broke his personal mark.

"I was pretty happy with my place, and I got four-second time drop from my personal best," he said.

Senior diver Conor Furlong also placed ninth to earn points for the squad.

He admitted to feeling nerves at his first state championship meet.

"The night before I just couldn't sleep. Prelims were probably the most nerve-wracking experience of my life," he said. "Once the meet started, I just zoned in and breathed in and hit all my dives and was just staying positive about my

performance."

He praised the fans for energizing the competitors with their exhortations.

"It was so loud, and I got super happy," he said.

Furlong, Bokos and 200-yard medley relay member Sam Daw were the only seniors among the 12 team members on the state contingent.

Bokos said the team felt motivation to prove that its relatively young, unproven roster could rival anyone.

"Our goal ever since the beginning of the season was to prove the projections wrong," he said of the perceived underdog status. "Through my four years of swimming, I feel like this year was a lot different in the pool. We were trying to squeeze every ounce of energy out of each other."

Emotions were high afterwards knowing this chapter was over.

"It was the last time I'll see a lot of people. It was a bittersweet moment after putting all that time into the sport," Bokos said.

Furlong echoed that sentiment

"I'm sad that I had to end my career. But I'm just as happy that I ended it lifting a trophy with my teammates," he said. "You create these relationships that you probably would never have had otherwise."

Furlong suggested the underclassmen may soon be in class by themselves.

"We have so many studs on our team, it's just absurd," he said,

Bey said he wanted to "set the bar pretty high for himself." The team expectation seems to be pretty lofty now, too.

"I think in the next few years we will definitely be winning state," he boldly predicted.

Barber shares his vision.

"You get pretty excited for the future," he said.



Samuel Daw, Joshua Bey, Jeffrey Hou and Andrew Gilbert pose with their medals after finishing third in the 200-medley relay at state. The three Red Devil relay teams all finished in the top four, contributing 70 of the team's 117.5 total points.

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