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Red goes green — Members of Hinsdale Central's FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Club work on creating an entree for 128 clients of the DuPage PADS program earlier this month. Shelby Rastorfer, Keira Leech, Xi Xi Liu, April Wo and Chloe Chang work on completing the entree, stuffed green peppers. Please turn to Page 5 for more photos. (Jim Slonoff photo)



High schooler has places to know, bees to win.

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NEWS

D86 teachers contract extended one year

By Pamela Lannom
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Teachers in Hinsdale High School District 86 now have a contract through June 30, 2023.

The current contract was set to expire June 30, 2022. The extension was ratified by Hinsdale High School Teachers Association members the week of Jan. 3 and approved by the school board Jan. 13.

The board, administrators and teachers union representatives have had a positive dialogue about the future of the contract, according to a joint statement released last week.

"While that dialogue has rein-

forced our commitment to working toward and achieving a long-term deal, it also galvanized our shared belief that helping our students, staff, schools and community successfully navigate the pandemic must remain our top priority at this time," it states.

"With this goal in mind, we have agreed to a one-year extension of the current teacher contract, which will now run through the 2022-23 school year. By extending the contract, we can reward the hard work and dedication of our educators, provide additional time and opportunity to collaborate on a new agreement and, most importantly, keep our energy and attention fully

focused on meeting the needs of our students."

The base salary for teachers will increase 1.4 percent for the 2022-23 school year, in accordance with the consumer price index, according to the memorandum of understanding between the two groups.

The starting salary for 2022-23 for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience is \$57,632. The highest salary, for a teacher with a master's degree and 60 hours of education, will be \$141,166.

Other pay rates, such as extra-curricular stipends, summer curriculum work and internal subbing, also will increase by 1.4 percent.

Efforts on the part of the teach-

ers union, board and administration were tireless, according to the release.

"We want to thank the community for its unwavering support of our schools, especially in the face of so much adversity the past couple of years," the release states. "We also want to thank our students for the tremendous joy and sense of purpose they instill in us. We look forward to continuing the important work we do with them on a daily basis to help them down the path toward their ideal future."

The current two-year contract was approved in January 2021, after the previous contract had expired, due to delays caused by COVID-19.

Multi-sport camp helps kids get ready for opening day



Trevor Lorek, a senior at Elmhurst University, introduced a group of boys to T-ball last month as part of a winter break multi-sport camp offered at The Community House. In addition to working on throwing and hitting, he taught the kids how to run to first base. (photos by Jon Langham/for The Hinsdalean)



ONCE UPON A TIME



Vintage view — Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," contains several photographs of what the central business district looked like in the 19th century. "This scene, looking north on Washington Street, was taken about 1880. The trees are the most obvious changes but also the number of buildings and general activity on the street. On the left is one of the downtown's kerosene streetlamps." Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We'd love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com



Happy Birthday!

Ethan Hoenig
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Bad look, no violation in board member tiff

By Ken Knutson

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An angry exchange between Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members Erik Held and Jeff Waters after a meeting was a “bad moment” and should underscore the importance of public officials behaving respectfully toward one another, according to an investigation into the Oct. 28 incident.

In presenting the report of the investigation at the district’s Jan. 13 school board meeting, attorney Dana Crumley of the law firm Franczek P.C. said the intent was to “give everyone a bit of grace.”

She said board policy had not been violated and eschewed placing blame in favor of using the episode to encourage a more constructive approach to handling opposing views.

“I think the board will be best served if you take this as one isolated incident and move on from it,” Crumley told board members.

Held had filed a formal complaint against Waters alleging that Waters

slapped his back in a threatening manner in the Hinsdale South parking lot and used profanity to express his displeasure with comments Held made during the meeting.

Detailing her findings, Crumley determined that Waters’ right hand made unwelcome contact with Held but “was not a hit or a strike and did not constitute an assault,” and that Waters did utter a profanity. The two continued to talk as they walked toward their cars until a member of the Hinsdale South security staff, observing the commotion, advised them to end their conversation.

“The verbal exchange between Mr. Held and Mr. Waters ceased momentarily,” Crumley reported. “Before leaving the parking lot, Mr. Held stopped his car behind Mr. Waters’ car and told Mr. Waters not to put hands on him again.”

Held was advised to continue exiting the lot, she said, after which Waters told the security staffer he would appreciate it if he did not mention the incident to anyone.

“While Mr. Waters’ comment and his touching of Mr. Held initiated the

dispute, the conflict persisted due to Mr. Held’s actions, despite opportunities to disengage,” Crumley stated in her report.

After talking with both as part of her investigation, she concluded that little would be gained by handing down punishment.

“I don’t think ... that it was a reflection of who they are overall as people,” Crumley told board members at last week’s meeting. “Both parties acknowledge that they played a role in the conflict. And I think both parties acknowledge — and this is very important — that this incident is not representative of how they want to interact with each other moving forward.”

Instead, she recommended that the board accept her finding that there was no violation of board policy but also underscore the expectation that board members exhibit appropriate behavior, including refraining from using profanity or threatening language at meetings, on district property or at any district-related event.

“The findings reiterate that you do all affirm to hold up your policies and

to live by those policies while you’re serving your board duties,” Crumley said.

She noted that less contentious meetings also would contribute to a healthier climate. Disagreements are natural in a deliberative process, Crumley said, but an open dialogue can quickly become a heated debate when board members simply repeat the same talking points instead of seeking consensus.

“That means limiting your conversation sometimes,” she said, “You’re probably not going to change people’s minds.”

She said Held and Waters indicated their understanding that the board and the wider community would be better served by “achieving a process for (working through) future disagreements.”

The board unanimously accepted Crumley’s determination. Both Waters and Held thanked Crumley for her work, and pantomimed an air hug as a gesture of reconciliation.

The district has yet to receive a final invoice from Franczek for the investigation, a spokesman said.

Central students serve up a special course



Members of Hinsdale Central’s FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Club spent some time after school earlier this month creating an entree for a meal to be served to DuPage PADS clients. The students prepared 128 servings of stuffed peppers. Nancy Wang, Ivy Shen and Alex Yang place the roasted peppers in serving containers. Shelby Rastorfer and April Wo work on creating the mix of beans, rice, onions, sausage and seasonings with which to fill them. (Jim Slonoff photos)



NEXT WEEK

Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24
Hinsdale Middle School, 100 S. Garfield Ave.
<https://www.d181.org>

On the draft agenda: CSCI results, Illinois School Report Card Results, resolution to prepare tentative budget

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org>

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25
Virtual meeting, <https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

On the draft agenda: 2022 operating budget revision, appropriation resolution, backflow repair, policy approval, emergency operational changes

Slight drop in number of new Hinsdale cases

One hundred and twenty-three Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 117 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported 6 new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 3,155, compared to 3,032 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had 36 confirmed COVID-19 patients and no patients awaiting test results as of Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Hinsdale Central High School reported 44 positive cases, 8 in isolation and 8 in quarantine as of Jan. 14. Vaccination rates are at 81.6 percent for Central

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

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 reported 102 cases Jan. 12-18, involving 93 students, 8 teachers and 1 staff.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 16.8 percent on Jan. 16, compared to 20.8 percent on Jan. 9.

Illinois has administered more than 20.1 million doses of vaccines. An average of 46,866 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 51,745 last week. The percentage of individuals fully vaccinated is 72 percent in DuPage County and slightly more than 77 percent in the 60521 ZIP code.

Get vaccine, booster at D86 clinic on Monday

District 86 is partnering with Jewel-Osco to host a COVID-19 vaccine and booster shot clinic in the auditorium at Hinsdale Central from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24.

This event is open to community members who are 12 or older, District 86 employees and their family members, and employees from feeder districts and local villages and their family members.

The Pfizer vaccine and booster are the only ones that will be offered during this event. Those who wish to receive the booster shot must have completed the two-dose series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least five

months ago (no later than Aug. 24) or received the single-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine at least two months ago (no later than Nov. 24).

Jewel-Osco has made 500 slots available for this clinic, but can add more if needed. Parents/guardians who are signing their children up for the vaccine or booster are welcome and encouraged to attend the appointment.

Appointments can be scheduled online at <https://bit.ly/3zUs9io>. The entire appointment will take 30 to 45 minutes.

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Lifelong Hinsdalean was a true friend

Steve Foster never shied from embarking on new path, extending love every step of the way

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale's Steve Foster took a good friend to Wrigley Field last Labor Day to watch his beloved Cubbies. Suddenly a foul ball sailed their way and landed just behind their row. Steve was quick to retrieve it.

"Just as quickly he handed the ball to me with a request to give it to the young girl sitting across the aisle from us," according to an account by that friend, relayed by Steve's brother Jim at a Nov. 13 memorial service.

Jim held back tears as he read how the girl's face beamed with joy.

"This small gesture epitomized Steve's life," he continued. "His actions toward people were easy, natural and visceral, because Steve put others before himself."

The village native and proud Hinsdale Central alum passed away Oct. 4, survived by his mother, Jane, and older brothers Jim and Mike, along with a large extended family. Steve was 56.

The Foster home of Steve's childhood sat right near Burns Field, the hub of activity any time of year, whether skating in winter or Whiffle ball games in warmer seasons.

"On summer nights he could not finish dinner fast enough to go over the park to watch the men's 16-inch softball games," Jim related.

Salt Creek Club was also a favorite haunt.

"He was in the water constantly," mom Jane said.

Steve attended Monroe and Walker schools and Hinsdale Middle School en route to becoming a Red Devil like his father and brother before him.

Jane said her youngest son was also her most independent.

"He was not a snuggler from the time he was born," she remarked. "He wanted to do what he wanted to do. And he did it."

From working as a graphic designer and a caregiver to being an extra on big and small screen productions and announcing Central sporting events, Steve found numerous outlets for his talent and versatility.

Jim recalled how radio broadcasting was his baby brother's early interest.

"He would record the likes of John Records Landecker, Larry Lujack, Steve Dahl and Jonathon Brandmeier. He would then record himself doing those same shows," he said.

The Young Life youth ministry was a vital community for Steve in high school, and his Christian faith remained a defining part of his life. After graduating from Central in 1983, "Little Fos," as he was often called, earned an associate's degree at College of DuPage followed by a degree in visual communications from Northern Illinois University.

He was involved in a serious head-on vehicle crash in 1990 that required weeks of hospitalization and rehab and left him with some permanent

IN MEMORIAM

facial paralysis and hearing loss. But he battled through.

"God had more time for him here," Jim said.

Steve headed west to work as a graphic designer in Denver, and twice traveled with members of his Colorado church community to Uganda for mission work. He was so stirred by the needs he witnessed that he began financially supporting a 7-year-old Ugandan girl, an ongoing investment that continued to the present.

"She's now just a beautiful young woman, still living in Uganda," said Jim, who had been in touch with her.

Returning to town, he helped with marketing at the family's C. Foster Toys shops in Hinsdale and Oak Park but was not interested in taking over the business from his dad Chuck, according to Jane.

In 2005 he landed his most cherished job handing PR for the Chicago Bandits of the then-startup women's professional softball league, often accompanying star pitcher Jenny Finch to events. He later held jobs in communications with the Christian Church of Clarendon Hills and most recently worked as a certified caregiver and taught students with special needs.

Throughout he lent his vocal gifts to his alma mater whenever called upon. Central athletic director Dan Jones said Steve was an invaluable resource.

"Not only did he announce, but he also worked the game clock for games in basketball,



Steve Foster was a regular at Hinsdale Central sporting events, often behind the mic as the announcer and always willing to help his alma mater as a second generation and proud Red Devil alum. (photo provided)

soccer and lacrosse. If we ever needed somebody at the last minute, he was there, and many times volunteered his time to just be at the event to help us," Jones said. "Steve is missed at HCHS and we are grateful for the time he spent with us."

Steve lovingly cared for his aunt in her final years, was a leader in local Celebrate Recovery support groups and was a familiar face in multiple faith communities.

"He touched a lot of lives. There were at least 14 churches that were praying for him," Jane said.

When Steve was admitted to Amrita Hinsdale Hospital in late

September for what he thought was kidney stones, close friend Lisa Wilkins offered to bring him home. She never had the chance as he suffered respiratory distress and never recovered.

At his service she read the Serenity Prayer — Steve's favorite — seeking surrender to God "so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next."

A decorative Christmas tree still stands on Jane's balcony, right where Steve would set it up for her every year. She's in no rush to pack it away.

"I think of him every time I look at it," she said.



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POLICE BEAT

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DUI arrest

Amy L Caveney, 45, 421 N. Bruner Place, Hinsdale, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, failure to give information after striking an unattended vehicle, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving without a front license plate at 2:57 p.m. Dec. 2 in the parking lot of ManorCare, 600 W. Ogden Ave. after a hit and run crash in the lot. Police located the suspect crashed into another vehicle in the 500 block of West North Street, and she was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries. Police obtained a search warrant for her blood and urine after she refused to provide a sample. She was served complaints on Jan. 13 and released to appear in court.

Shoplifting incident

A purse valued at \$1,000 was stolen between 4:54 and 5:13 p.m. Jan. 15 from Kelsey's Boutique, 49 S. Washington St. The suspect was described as a black man with braided hair and tattoos wearing beige pants and a multi-colored jacket.

Identity thefts reported

- The identity of a resident of the 300 block of The Lane was used to attempt to open a bank account at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 13. No dollar loss was reported.
- Someone used the identity of a resident of the 800 block of West Seventh Street to attempt to open a bank account on Jan. 15. No dollar loss was reported.

Fraud reported

A person attempted to log in to a computer at Surwest Corp., 120 E. Ogden Ave. between Jan. 12 and 14 and received an error message. The victim called the number on the message and was instructed to wire money from his bank account.

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

Holiday enforcement campaign nets results

The Hinsdale Police Department made one impaired driving arrest during the recent holiday enforcement effort.

Hinsdale police also made one battery arrest, cited one individual for distracted driving and cited two drivers for having an invalid/suspended/revoked license. In addition, they issued 19 speeding citations and three citations for other Illinois Vehicle Code violations.

Law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois participated in this effort to save lives by getting impaired driv-

ers off the roads and more people buckled up. The enforcement campaign took place from Dec. 17 through Jan. 3.

During the mobilization, extra emphasis was placed on enforcement during late-night hours, when statistics show the most unbuckled and impaired driving fatalities occur.

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■ “It’s taught me to think on my feet. I learned the importance of studying and being prepared.” — **John Augustyn**

Geography champ gearing up for next national competition

John Augustyn is running out of places to display his collection of trophies, plaques and medals, but that’s not stopping the three-time national geography champion from pursuing even more accolades.

Augustyn’s ascent into the world of academic competition began in fifth grade at the 2018 Chicago Regional National History Bee. Then a student at Notre Dame School in Clarendon Hills, he competed against students older and far more experienced.

“I somehow won the whole competition,” said Augustyn, who went on to enjoy a four-year run of regional championship titles.

Topping Augustyn’s long list of successes are his first-place wins in the 2021 United States Geography Championships, the 2020 National Historical Geography competition and the 2018 International Geography Bee. He’s currently preparing for the National History Bee, U.S. History Bee, International Geography Bee and U.S. Geography Championship which, COVID permitting, will take him to Arlington, Va., this spring.

Preparation for a competition means countless hours of reading — a favorite pastime that Augustyn said first piqued

his interest in subjects like geography and history. As a young reader, he devoured the “Who Was?” series of biographies. Today, his reading material comes in the form of the Wall Street Journal and The Economist, both of which he reads daily.

Geography is about more than knowing where things are located, and history is about more than memorizing dates and names, Augustyn said. Competitions require him to understand how events in history, as well as the natural geography of an area, affect its culture and the people living there.

“Political geography is interwoven into how historical events play out,” he said.

His studies of history and geography have taught him about the people who live in any particular area, the foods they eat and even about animals. A recent competition required him to know the effect of the invasive water hyacinth on the climate of the southern United States.

Competitions take place in a variety of formats, including bees, bowls and exams.

“I like the bees the most because I feel as though it is the purest test of your individual knowledge,” he said.



JOHN AUGUSTYN

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Augustyn said a wealth of facts and historical perspective are just the start of what he has gained from academic competition.

“It’s taught me to think on my feet,” he said. “I learned the importance of studying and being prepared.”

Reading about the world isn’t enough for this history and geography champ. He also enjoys setting foot on the places he learns about in books and

articles.

“I’ve visited over 100 historical sites and national parks,” Augustyn said.

Some are well-known landmarks, while other destinations are lesser known and harder to find. In summer 2021, he embarked on an 8-mile drive down a remote gravel road in South Dakota to find the geographical center of the United States — a spot marked with a simple pole and located nearly

20 miles from the more opulent monument that claims to mark the country’s middle.

“It was an extremely unique experience for me,” he said, and one that only adds to his vast pool of knowledge about the people and places that make up the world around him.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff

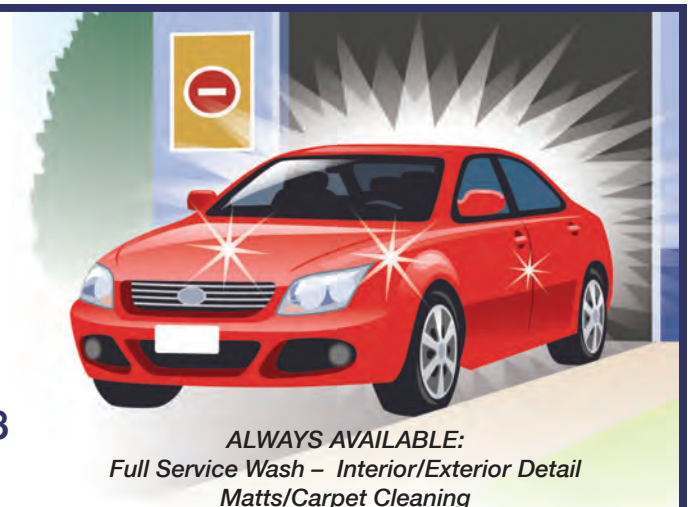
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EDITORIAL

Board shouldn't need a scolding to behave properly

Men behaving badly.

That admonishment is essentially the conclusion of investigation into an October parking lot incident between board members Erik Held and Jeff Waters. The attorney hired to conduct it, Dana Crumley of Franczek P.C., presented her findings at last week's Hinsdale High School District 86 Board meeting.

We're not sure how much the district will have to pay for this ruling, as the firm has yet to submit a final invoice. Whatever the amount, it's too much.

We're not suggesting the district should have ignored the complaint Held filed under the uniform grievance procedure — or that they should have tried to complete the investigation in-house.

Nor are we blaming the attorney. We think her advice to skip punishment (what would she do — make them each sit in the corner at the next board meeting?) and try to move on is sound. And we truly appreciate her assessment that less

contentious meetings would make it less likely that board members would be mixing it up in the parking lot after meetings.

Let's hear that one more time: Less contentious meetings are better.

Of course sparring has been par for the course since the arrival of newly elected board members Waters, Debbie Levinthal, Peggy James and Terri Walker in May. Remember how it took 10 votes for the group to choose its president? A harbinger if ever there was one.

Many board votes have been painful, due not only to board members' sharply divided opinions but also the behavior of some. Waters likes to bulldoze his way to his preferred solution and Held tries to talk his way into his, no matter how long it takes.

Even former slate mates Levinthal and Walker, who seem to disagree more vehemently the longer the latter serves as president, are having trouble maintaining civility in their exchanges.

The optics were adjusted last week when Held

and James switched seats in a symbolic move to try to bridge the chasm. We're not sure that move will have any effect on board dynamics, but if it does, perhaps a game of musical chairs before each meeting is in order.

We'd also like to encourage more civil behavior by those who attend board meetings. Many act as if they're at a sporting event, hooting and hollering when something happens that they like and throwing out one-liners when something happens that they don't. If the board meeting resembles a boxing match, residents should feel concerned, not energized.

Our issue with the cost of this investigation is that it had to occur in the first place. Board members shouldn't be arguing with and swearing at one another in the parking lot. They should be setting the example for the students on whose behalf they claim to be acting.

We're happy to hear all board members promised Crumley to play nice in the future.

We'll believe it when we see it.

COMMENTARY

Observations on a look back at our pages in 2021

I've spent a lot of time thinking about 2021 lately.

It's not because I'm stuck in the past. Like many of you, I was ready for a new year (and the hope that it would be our last with COVID as a pandemic!).

I've been immersed in 2021 for two reasons.

1. We are preparing our "Year in Review" special section, which will be inserted in next week's paper. So we've been looking for quotes and photos to include on the pages of this annual retrospective.

2. We are selecting our entries for the Illinois Press Association's "Best of the Press" contest. The pressure is on for this one, as we've won the sweepstakes trophy the last two years in a row.

After looking through all 53 issues that were published in 2021, I've come to several conclusions, which I thought I'd share with you.

- In an age of globalization, Hinsdale remains a true small town.

From graduations to the Fourth of July parade to the Family Fall Fest to the Christmas Walk, the village is

filled with opportunities for families to gather and appreciate their connection to one another.

- "Returns" was a theme in 2021.

Students returned to in-person school, athletes returned to the field, performers returned to the stage. We all felt relief when they did.

- Hinsdale's high schoolers are amazing.

They win state titles in sports, make the honor roll, conduct food drives, star in plays, earn honors for their musicianship. I've said this before and I'll say it again. When people worry about our collective future for whatever reason, I do not. I've had the honor of talking to the teens whose generation will lead us one day, and I am completely confident in their abilities.

- Hinsdale has a lot of real estate agents who like to advertise in our paper. Hinsdale has some really nice houses, too. (And so does Naples!)



Pamela Lannom

- Football in March is just weird.

- I love our contributing columnists.

They share so many wonderful stories and insights each week. I feel lucky to be reading along with you.

- There were weeks in 2021 when we had no new cases of COVID in Hinsdale. Sigh.

- Lots of cats available for adoption from the Hinsdale Humane Society look like Gatsby.

Gatsby, an orange tabby, was my first cat, also adopted from the humane society. A bit random but true.

- I am really getting old.

We started the paper 5,475 days before I wrote my 15th anniversary column Sept. 23. Add 119 days that have passed since then. That's a long time, especially when you consider I worked in Hinsdale for 18 years before we started the paper. Yikes.

- I love what I do.

My first job here, in the summer of 1988, was at the Hinsdale pool. I had no intention of working here past Labor Day.

Then I interviewed for a proof-reading job at The Doings, which I was offered. That led to a series of jobs that kept me at that paper for 18 years before we launched this one in 2006. As the years I worked here turned into decades, it became more and more apparent that I would spend most, if not all, of my career here.

Journalism is a good fit for me, even though I stumbled upon it rather unwittingly.

This town has been a great fit, too. I'm constantly amazed at the people I get to interview, who are smart, talented, generous and brave. And I am in awe of the trust they place in me to tell their stories.

Here's to another year of more of the same.

Minus COVID.

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

New year brings new chapter

Happy New Year! Like every other New Year's Eve, this one was no different. We rang in the new year with a festive and fun-filled celebration with the family. Lots of hugs, kisses and high-fives in my household.



John Bourjaily

is I remember my wedding day as if it were yesterday. And it seems like the day she was born was just a few days ago, too. This whole growing up thing is way more complicated than I thought. All those old fogies who

But then, out of nowhere, my daughter Anna dared to blurt out the words I will never forget as long as I live:

"Happy wedding year!"

Wait, what? What are you talking about? And how dare you utter those words in front of your father.

Clearly, she recognized the dumbfounded look on my face.

"This is the year I'm getting married!"

Impossible! Maybe she's drunk. Or maybe I am.

"Are you sure? Aren't you like, 8 years old? And aren't I like, 25 years old?"

As I slowly regained consciousness, the realization began to set in. This is in fact the year my first born is getting married. Now, it's not like I forgot about the fact that she got engaged last summer. But the August 2022 wedding date seemed so far off in the distance, it didn't really dawn on me until exactly at 12:00:05 a.m. Jan. 1.

The good news is, despite my decades-old fear of the day I have to give my daughter away, she found a wonderful guy, and I couldn't be happier for them both. But that doesn't change the fact that it's still a pretty big pill to swallow.

I think part of the problem

used to rant all the time about how fast time flies and how youth is wasted on the young? It turns out they were spot on.

Then everyone else chimes in.

"Have you started working on your speech yet? Do you know what your father-daughter dance song will be?"

Lord, give me strength. It was hard enough looking at wedding venues and comparing plates and napkins (I'm not kidding). Honestly, the father-of-the-bride speech should be no problem. Give me a microphone and a room full of half-inebriated people and watch me shine.

But when it comes to the dance, I'm pretty sure that's when I will lose it. I hope she doesn't mind dancing to Metallica because that may be the only way I don't bawl my eyes out.

Seriously, I couldn't be more excited. It was one of the happiest days of my life and I know it will be for Anna, too. And my tears? They will definitely be tears of joy. Well, mostly.

— John Bourjaily of Golfview Hills is a contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plan to hire consultant, reading withdrawal letter hurt D86

The last two years have been very difficult. The stress caused by the pandemic has splintered our school community. Knowing this, we should strive to meet each other on common ground, not engage in conduct that drives us further apart. For this reason, it was wrong for D86 to consider hiring The Valbrun Consulting Group as a diversity, inclusion and equity consultant. It was likewise wrong for Superintendent Prentiss to share Valbrun's withdrawal letter at the recent D86 BOE meeting and in a districtwide mailing.

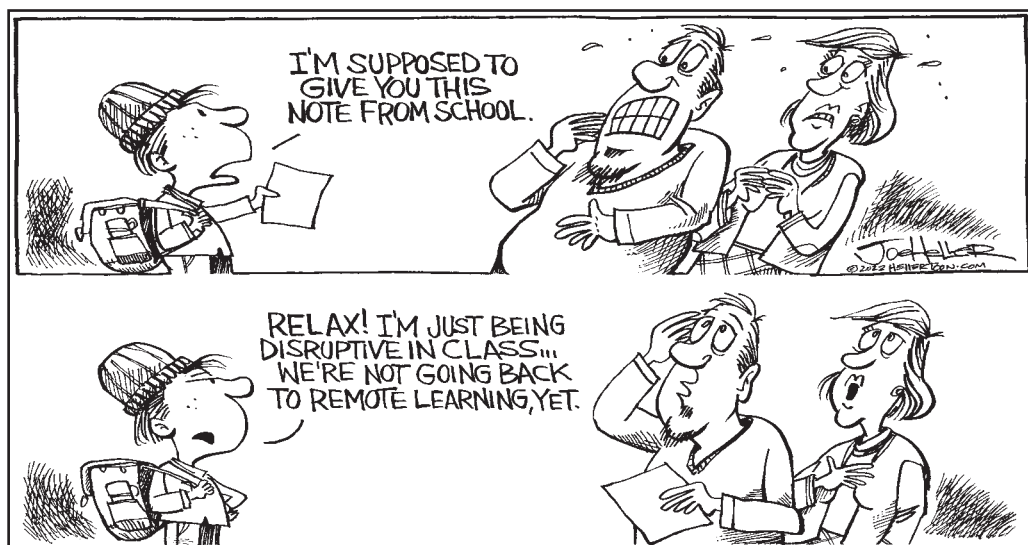
Valbrun's values, as demonstrated through public statements and publicly available social media posts, are not representative of what should be the goal of our community: working together, respecting each other, finding common ground. These values were questioned by some in our community, prompting Valbrun's withdrawal after writing an unnecessarily

divisive letter.

Superintendent Prentiss asked Valbrun for permission and shared the letter without context or verification of Valbrun's claims. There was no acknowledgment of Valbrun's alienating posts or the numerous letters sent by community members stating their concerns. Sharing Valbrun's letter in this manner served no purpose but to promote further division within our community.

Vitriol.

Lack of professionalism. Lack of goodwill. Dangerous. These are some of the words Valbrun used to describe our community, but these terms more aptly describe its own behavior. In the future, D86 should focus on hiring companies that value transparency and engaging others. Our superintendent should defend our community rather than assisting others in dragging it through the mud. — Leah and Mark Torsberg, Hinsdale



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OBITUARIES

Leonardo D'Alessio

Leonardo D'Alessio 65, passed away peacefully in his Burr Ridge home Jan. 7, 2022, after a long illness.

Leonardo was born in Bologna, Italy, in 1956. He came to the United States in 1977 for a vacation, but the sounds of the city made him stay.

He began a culinary path at Orso's restaurant and continued onward. He was the founder of Via Emilia Ristorante in 1996; founding partner of Trattoria Roma in 1983; and founding partner of critically acclaimed La Locanda Ristorante in Chicago in 1990. The authentic Italian dishes he introduced to Chicago diners in the early 1980s are now considered commonplace items on almost every Italian menu.

Leonardo did not create the dishes, he simply introduced them to his customers. He treated his customers intelligently. Leonardo knew that his diners were eager to discover and learn about the many regional dishes of Italy. On top of introducing trends, Leonardo at times unwittingly created them, silently and without recognition.

Leonardo was a creative, musical and spiritual man whose love of life was immeasurable. He has left a void in the hearts of his family and



D'Alessio

friends. He knew he was ill, but he was not ready to leave and was still fighting the cancer. He did not complain one single day in the three years he endured pancreatic cancer, which was brutal.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy D'Alessio, née Salamone; his children; Damiano, Christian and Gabriel D'Alessio; his siblings in Italy, Silvio (Carla) D'Alessio, Diana (Marco)

Comellini and Lucia D'Alessio; his nephews, Gianluca (Laura) Comellini, Sauro and Alessandro D'Alessio; his nieces, Sophia Comellini (goddaughter) and her twin, Martina Comellini; his siblings-in-law, Joe and Lilly Salamone and Vito Salamone; his cousins, Frank (Lina) Milito, Tony (Renee) Milito and Joey (Sally) Milito; and many great-nieces and -nephews.

A funeral was held Jan. 15 at St. Cletus Parish in La Grange,

Entombment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

Memorials may be made online to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at <https://www.pancan.org>.

Sullivan Family Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Patricia Anne Geraghty

Patricia Anne Geraghty, nee Rowe, 83, a longtime Hinsdale resident, died Jan. 16, 2022.

She is survived by her husband, Martin James Geraghty; her children, Angela Catherine (David) Rouse, Kerry-Anne Morgan, Vincent James (Susan) Geraghty and Jennifer Margaret Grace (Don Reimus) Reimus-Geraghty; her grandchildren, Richard (Esther) Rouse, Rebecca (Tristan) Bowman, Hannah (fiancé James Holding) Rouse, Samantha (Charles Willey) Rouse, Grace, Liam and Emmet Morgan, and Walter, Thompson and Margie Geraghty; and her



Geraghty

great-grandchildren, Eliza, Lachlan and William.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Sr. Margaret Mary Rowe; and her granddaughter, Vivien Reimus-Geraghty.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale (livestream at <https://www.sij.net>).

Inurnment is private at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

Flowers are requested.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Wilfred Edward Shea

Wilfred Edward Shea, of Monroe, Wis., died peacefully Jan. 13, 2022 at Monroe Clinic Hospice Home.

He was born in Hinsdale in 1930 to Wilfred and Kathleen (Hague) Shea and was raised in Clarendon Hills. Wil was the eldest of five children in his proud Irish Catholic family. He attended St. Isaac Jogues School in Hinsdale and Quigley High School in Chicago.

He committed his life to the Catholic faith for approximately 40 years. He loved to travel and was fortunate enough to have been around the world twice. He had an expansive vocabulary and spoke many languages. Wil married Marilyn (Gensler) Ripp at 52 years old and had the two loves of his life, his children, Sean and Craig.

Besides spending time with his kids and grandkids, Wil loved to read, filling his house with towers of books.

He also enjoyed cigars, coffee, martinis,



Shea

dancing to big band and jazz, watching pro football and Notre Dame football, politics and fine dining.

Wil had a way of making a lasting impression on everyone he met; always making you feel special. His positive attitude and kind heart will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his children, Sean (Cara) and Craig (Kalie); his step-children, Ryan (Ruzica) Ripp, Kari (Dan) Rosenstiel, Brent (Kelly) Ripp and Tyler Ripp; his three grandchildren, Cillian, Niall and Evelyn; his siblings, Terry (Pat) Shea and Annie (Larry) Emmons; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Kay (Tom) Heylin and Mary (John) Knowles; and his nephew, Larry.

A graveside service was held Jan. 19 at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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ASK AN EXPERT

RON LIEBER, FINANCIAL COLUMNIST

How should families approach the college search?

New York Times financial columnist Ron Lieber and his wife had set aside money for their daughters' college education, and he'd used his platform to provide college saving and spending guidance.

But feedback from readers revealed they were seeking criteria by which to justify the level of outlay.

"I realized I had missed the question of 'What to pay for college?' and that was a question about value," Lieber said in a phone interview. "Parents started to ask me where is the big data set that explains why, for example, Northwestern's tuition is more than Champaign."

So Lieber set out to find answers. Those became the basis for his New York Times best-selling book "The Price You Pay for College" and his upcoming webinar on the topic at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, sponsored by the local school districts and D181 Foundation (see page 24 for details).

While a school's prestige, alumni network and job placement record can be important factors, Lieber said

emotional and social considerations are also vital.

"It's not just, 'Is my kid going to get a job?' but 'What is my kid going to learn? 'What is the return on friendship going to be? Will they be happier and more well adjusted than when they started?' " he advised.

Of course, affordability looms large, as it does in making a major consumer purchase like a home or car.

"An undergraduate education is a sort of luxury product for people," Lieber said. "For some, your most efficient path financially is probably through community college first and then your local state university. And there's nothing wrong with that."

Lieber spoke with a number of college presidents about the challenges families have in identifying the best fit.

"(The presidents) are hearing that they need to work a little harder to prove themselves more," he remarked.

Lieber was surprised to discover the wealth of options available.

"There are all sorts of schools out there that most people have never heard of that do an incredible job of helping undergrads get smarter and giving them a credentials that are

meaningful in many industries," he said. "It deserves more investigation and self-knowledge and emotional intelligence about what your child's needs really are."

Then at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, Lieber will present the webinar "How to Talk to Your Kids about Money," helping parents impart healthy habits.

"I want people to have a better sense of how and when and why to have these conversations and what to say when you do," he said.

He said how we manage money speaks to larger character traits: spending reflects our level of modesty, saving fosters patience and giving demonstrates generosity and gratitude.

"It's useful to reflect and become evermore aware of your own good fortune and privileges that can come with that," he said.

Instituting a 24-hour timeout before clicking the order button on that discretionary purchase, for example, can help counteract the on-demand mentality.

"We need to slow kids down dramatically, particularly the first 10 years that they are spenders," he said.

— by Ken Knutson



Financial columnist Ron Lieber aims to encourage his Feb. 1 webinar audience to approach the college selection process with a willingness to look beyond the standard issue list of schools to truly find the best match. "I want to help people think more expansively about what their definition of success may be," he said. (photo provided)

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GOOD NEWS

MUSIC STUDENTS EARN ALL-STATE

Ten students from Hinsdale Central High School earned All-State selections for band, chorus and orchestra from the Illinois Music Education Association. They were chosen from among the more than 10,000 individuals who auditions for this honor.

They are Ann Ascher, honors chorus, soprano I; Evan Carlson, All-State Chorus, tenor II; Athena Deng, orchestra, violin; Lely Gerami, honors chorus, alto I; Vanessa Ivanov, honors chorus, soprano I; Arun Marion, band, oboe; Grace Stafford, honors chorus, alto II; Emily Wang, orchestra, violin; April Wu, orchestra, violin; and Isabella Xu, orchestra, cello.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ON DEAN'S LISTS

Several college students from Hinsdale have earned a place on the dean's list or the equivalent for the fall 2021 semester.

- Elizabeth Anderson, St.

Mary's College

- Carolyn Bone, Wheaton College
- Clay Cash, University of Kentucky
- Hana Freburg, University of Alabama
- Piper Huffman, University of Kentucky
- Susannah Melkus, DePauw University
- Daniel McKay, Colgate University
- Olivia Morrissey, St. Mary's College
- Grace Rogowski, Lehigh University
- Olivia Smagala, St. Mary's College
- Kristiana Strtak, University of Vermont

U.S. NEWS LISTS HINSDALE SCHOOLS

All Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 schools earned the "Best Elementary" or "Best Middle" school badge and placed among the top 30 percent in the state in the U.S. News and World Report first rankings of public elementary and middle schools.



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HINSDALE LOVES LOCAL



Young traveler shares her cancer journey

End of treatments means things are getting back to normal for 10-year-old Elise Allison

By Pamela Lannom
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At first, 8-year-old Elise Allison noticed she was feeling tired and getting bruises on her legs. When she turned very pale after running in the Madison School Dash & Bash at the end of September 2019, her mom, Maggie, knew something was wrong.

A trip to the doctor confirmed every parent's worst fear. Elise had cancer. Leukemia.

After receiving the devastating news, Maggie and Matt had to figure out how to deliver it to their daughter.

"That night when we came home, my mom and my dad talked and I went into my room," Elise said. "And when they told me, I didn't know it was cancer for a second. I said, 'At least it's not cancer.'"

Her dad corrected her.

"I started crying. I was really sad," she recalled.

Elise had B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia, one of several types of leukemia and the most common cancer among children.

"That's the better one," Elise said. "The treatment for it is a lot better."

The next morning Elise was in the operating room getting a port so chemo could begin. Her treatment included intravenous infusions and lumbar taps, along with oral chemo she would take at home. The chemo made her tired and crabby, she said.

But those weren't the only side effects.

At one point in March 2020 her white blood cell count dropped to zero and she developed a severe case of mucositis, painful mouth sores that prevented her from eating or drinking. On top of that, she had to get a nasal swab to test for COVID-19 when she arrived at the emergency room.

"I was one of the first kids to get the test, and it annoyed me so bad," she said. "I started crying it hurt so bad. My mouth hurt so bad. It was a very bad experience."

Elise needed a transfusion to raise her counts, but blood was in short supply due to the pandemic. She said that was the most frightening part of her whole cancer experience.

"I was freaking out with COVID just happening and there was no



Elise Allison, a fifth-grader at Madison School, rings the miniature bell she received as a reminder of the day she rang the bell at Lurie's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders to mark the end of her leukemia treatments. (Jim Slonoff photo) Elise (second from right), sister Nora and parents Maggie and Matt Allison celebrate the end of two years of treatments Dec. 8.

blood," she said. "I was terrified.

"But then somebody found blood. We were so happy."

On the advice of Elise's doctor, who wanted her life to be as close to normal as possible, she was back in the classroom two weeks after her diagnosis. She continued to go to school throughout her treatments, unless she was too sick. When she had to stay home, her teacher, Amanda Layden, was there to support her.

"We loved our teacher that year," Elise said. "She used to come to my house and help, and now my sister has her and we're really glad."

Her classmates learned more about cancer and what to expect when a woman from Gilda's Club, a nonprofit cancer support community in Chicago, came to Madison School to talk to them. She spoke with Elise's Girl Scout troop as well.

"She was amazing," Maggie said.

Another organization that has made a difference is Make a Wish. Elise's wish took the form of a tri-color Bernadoodle puppy she named Luna.

"She is adorable. I love her," Elise said.

Even before her treatment at Lurie's Children's Hospital ended, Elise started eyeing the bell she would be able to ring to mark its completion.

"You walked by it every time you went to clinic," her mom said.

Elise said she would see it and send it a message.

"I'm like, 'I'm coming for you,' " she said.

Then, in December, the big day came.

"I was kind of trying to hurry it so I would be fully done," Elise explained. "You have to read something. I was reading it really fast. And then when I rang it, I was so happy."

Now Elise is ready to enjoy the everyday life of a 10-year-old.

"I'm really looking forward to everything being back to normal and hanging out with my dog," she said.

The experience has given the whole family a new perspective, her mom said.

"We appreciate every day, Maggie said. "We've come to realize that today is OK, and we don't worry too much about everything else. Our community is amazing, and I'm thankful for Lurie."

Their neighbors organized meal trains and car pools to get Elise's sister, Nora, to her activities. Among those neighbors is Elise's aunt, Liz Weir.

"My sister lives down the street. I don't know what I would do without her," Maggie said.

"We have some good friends here," Elise chimed in.

The family now hopes to help others. They donate blood at their club, Salt Creek Club, which began holding blood drives in the spring of 2020. And the family is working to support kids with cancer through Elise's fundraising page, <http://foundation.luriechildrens.org/goto/SweetEliseShares>. They've already raised \$500.

"All my mom's friends are helping us donate to charities," Elise said.

Elise also has worked to make sure other kids with cancer can enjoy the bubble baths she loved to take after her treatments. The family convinced the Lush company to donate its bubble bars for the in-patient kids on Lurie's oncology floor.

"Elise is so proud of that and happy to help brighten their day a little," Maggie said.

The strength Elise has exhibited over the past two years has amazed her mom.

"Elise, in my mind, was just a rock," Maggie said. "Even knowing it was going to be a bad day of treatment, she would get up and never complain and go. She just got through it."

For someone so young, Elise has developed a very pragmatic look on life.

"Sometimes it can surprise you, but you've just got to keep working through it," she said.

Who needs a pneumococcal vaccine? And why?

No one likes being sick. But sometimes, a wet cough, fever and all-over aches and pains are more serious than your average flu. Caused by the bacteria *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, pneumococcal disease is the most common cause of bacterial pneumonia and middle ear infection. And that could be bad news for certain at-risk people.

Not counting mothers giving birth, pneumonia is the most common reason for being admitted to a hospital. Seniors face the most risk, with about 85 percent of all pneumonia deaths occurring after age 65. Adults with chronic conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma and diabetes also face a higher risk of complication from pneumococcal disease.

The good news? There's a pneumococcal vaccine that's your best bet to fight off the disease. But is getting the pneumococcal shot right for you? Read this who-what-when-why guide to figure it out.

Who needs it?

A lot of people do. Only about 69 percent of adults ages 65 and older have received a pneumococcal vaccination.

That means nearly one in three people leave themselves wide open to a potentially deadly disease. The risk comes from the fact that the immune system weakens as the body ages. Conditions such as diabetes and cancer can also hamper the immune system, so adults older than 19 years suffering from chronic illness should consider getting a pneumococcal immunization shot as well.

Lifestyle and circumstance can also contribute to your risks from the disease. Smokers and heavy drinkers are more vulnerable than others, and so are people recovering from surgery or a major illness. But you don't have to wait until you're in the most risk to protect yourself with the pneumococcal vaccine — and you certainly can't wait until symptoms start to appear. Get the shot when you're feeling healthy and you won't regret it when you aren't.

Which shot do you need?

The pneumococcal vaccine comes in two varieties: pneumococcal conju-



Sunny Sharma
Healthbeat

gate (also known as PCV13 or Prevnar 13®) and pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23 or Pneumovax23®). It's not a matter of one being better than the other, since each protects against different strains of the bacteria. If you can, get PCV13 first, and PPSV23 a year later. If you already got PPSV23, just make sure you wait at least one year before getting PCV13.

When should you get it?

Just one pneumococcal shot can protect 80 percent of infants from serious infections and 75 percent of seniors from invasive pneumococcal disease. It can also prevent about 45 percent of instances of pneumococcal pneumonia in seniors. All of which is to say that it's never too early to get this vaccination — but if you have diabetes, make sure you get a Pneumovax23® shot before the age of 65.

Unlike flu shots, the pneumococcal vaccine is available all year long, and you can even schedule your pneumococcal shot at the same time as your

flu shot, as long as you get them in different arms. Remember, if you got one between the ages of 2 and 64, you might need a second shot between 5 and 10 years later. But if you received your pneumococcal vaccinations after age 65, you probably won't need a booster shot at all.

Why should you stop putting it off?

Both pneumococcal vaccines are covered by most insurance plans, as well as by Medicare Part B, and at zero cost under original Medicare with your doctor's approval. Also, despite what you may have heard, the vaccine cannot give you pneumonia — they include only an extract of the bacteria, not the infectious live bacteria themselves. The worst side effects you'll experience will be swelling, soreness or redness at the point of injection.

There's no reason to be skittish about making this appointment, and it could quite literally save your life.

— Dr. Sunny Sharma is a board-certified internist with Amita Health with a clinical interest in preventive medicine, weight loss and management, complex chronic conditions and sports medicine.



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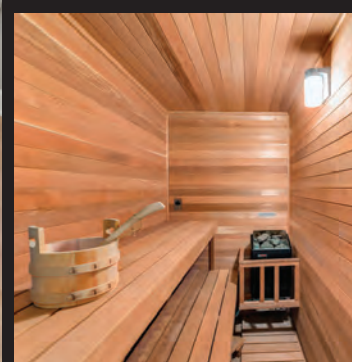
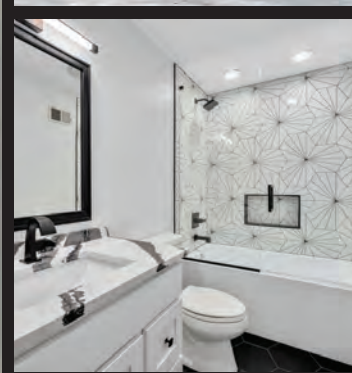
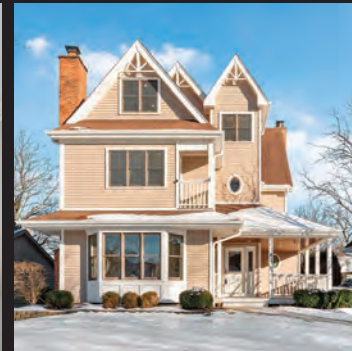
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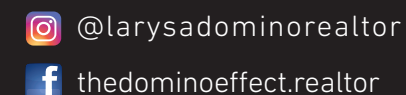


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New York Times best-seller Silvia Moreno-Garcia will discuss her new book, “Velvet was the Night,” in an Illinois Libraries Present webinar Jan. 26 offered by the Hinsdale Public Library. See Page 28 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Eco Ugly Art Workshop

Jan. 22
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

Beat the winter blahs and learn to use recycled materials to create ugly art and get inspiration for future “upcycled” projects. Materials will be provided. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 2 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

■ Tony Fitzpatrick in conversation

Jan. 23
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Join artist Tony Fitzpatrick as he discusses his artwork with director, writer and producer Steven Conrad. The program coincides with the exhibit “Jesus of Western Avenue” at COD’s Cleve Carney Museum of Art, with more than 100 distinctive Fitzpatrick works, which runs through Jan. 31. Fitzpatrick will sign copies of his new book, “The Apostles of Humboldt Park” following the

program. Conrad’s portfolio includes films such as “Patriot,” “The Pursuit of Happiness” and “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.” A streaming link option is available as is on-demand access through Feb. 25. Cost: \$14.50 in person, \$10 virtual. Time: 3 p.m.

■ Drawing Birds

Jan. 30
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(630) 257-2045

This class will focus on sketching and developing a completed drawing of an avian subject. The program is for ages 12 and up. Time: 1 p.m. RR

FAMILY FUN

■ Earth Wind and Fire

Jan. 30
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy a fun, interactive evening of storytelling by the fire. Learn how the world around us was shaped by wind and

fire and how those two natural forces continue to play a vital role in shaping the earth today. Time: 6 p.m. RR

GAME ON

■ Winter with the Herd Lacrosse

Sundays, Feb. 6-27
East Avenue Training Facility
833 Church Road, Elmhurst
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 8-13 are invited to this program, which is open to players of all skill levels but geared toward introducing new players to the sport. Get ready for the spring season by joining The Herd this winter. Time: 8 to 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$225. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Feeder Watch

Jan. 22
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(630) 257-2045

What birds are visiting the feeding station? Watch the feeders while learning how to identify resident birds and winter migrants. Time: 10 a.m. RR

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■ Cast-Iron Cooking

Feb. 5
Herrick Lake
Butterfield Road west of
Naperville Road, Wheaton
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Help prepare a hearty meal over an open campfire and learn tips for cooking with cast iron. The program is for ages 8 and up. Participants should dress for the weather and bring water. Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

■ Greg the Groundhog and Friends

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

Join in on an interactive scavenger hunt adventure on the trails to find Greg the Groundhog and his animal friends. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. RR

■ Hard Water Classic

Feb. 12
Blackwell Forest Preserve
Butterfield Road west of
Winfield Road, Warrenville
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Compete in the only competitive ice-fishing tournament in DuPage, and then stick around for door prizes and awards. Participants should bring their own equipment and bait. All ages are welcome. Time: noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the event.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Top Questions Breast Cancer Patients Ask

Jan. 25
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>

org
(630) 323-5150

Dr. Kirti Kulkarni, a radiologist at UChicago Medicine and a representative from Siona Health Care will discuss topics from genetics and follow-up screenings to lymphedema and mastectomy bras in this virtual Top Doc lecture. Learn about common questions and misconceptions survivors can have during breast cancer. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ The Pine Pacer

Through Jan. 31
<https://mortonarb.org>

Start the new year off on the right foot with the Morton Arboretum's centennial year Pine Pacer mileage challenge. Participants set a monthly goal to walk or run 25, 50 or 100 miles, and mileage is tracked on the virtual results website. Participants receive free admission to walk or run at the arboretum in January (but miles can be completed whenever and wherever they choose), as well as a commemorative arboretum zip-up jacket and a challenge completion sticker. Cost: \$40. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ It's Magic

Jan. 21
Westmont Community Center
75 Richmond Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Children ages 5-12 will learn a collection of fascinating and mesmerizing tricks from magician Gary Kantor to amaze family and friends. All materials are provided and each child receives a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped by age and are taught age-appropriate tricks. Time: 5 to 5:55 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

■ Crafts & Cartoons

Jan. 29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunityhouse.org>
(630) 323-7500

Kids 5 and older are invited to the art studio to watch classic animation while making cool stuff. Supplies will be provided. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$22. RR, MD

■ Valen-Slime Lab

Feb. 4
Downers Grove Park District

4500 Belmont Road
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-12 can have the slime of their life making Valentine's Day themed slime in this Lisa Lombardi Coaching class. Customize the aroma and color, then use the batch of slime to capture Cupid in slimy Valentine game. Attendees will take their slime home and receive a life coaching lesson on greed, gratitude, love and removing winter worries. Time: 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Cost: \$25

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Raising 21st-Century Teens

Jan. 27
<https://www.nazarethacademy.com>

Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park invites the community to sign up for this virtual program, part of its Parent Speaker Series by Dr. Ferney Ramirez, presented in Spanish. Register at the website listed above under the Student/Parent tab. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Discover Gap Years!

Jan. 27
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Join Katherine Stievater, founder of Gap Year Solutions, for a virtual presentation and Q&A about the benefits of gap time, and how to plan a transformational and purposeful gap year on any budget. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ The Price You Pay for College

Financial webinars
Feb. 1-2
<https://www.d181foundation.org>

New York Times financial columnist and best-selling author Ron Lieber will present two webinars for the Community Speaker Series. In "The Price You Pay for College" Feb. 1, he will offer families a much-needed guide to help them through the difficult and often disconcerting journey. In "How to Talk to Your Kids about Money" Feb. 2, he will discuss how, when and why to talk to kids about money, whether they are toddlers or teens. Both programs will be offered via live-stream and recordings; registration is required for both. The series is presented by Districts 86 and

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Time: 7 p.m. Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 2.

NOTEWORTHY

■ The Greatest Love of All

Feb. 4
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>

(630) 942-4000

This tribute to Whitney Houston celebrates the talent, music and memory of the revered singer, featuring the vocals of Belinda Davids accompanied by a fabulous six-piece live band and dancers. Experience two hours of nostalgia and joy through Whitney's greatest hits, including "I Will Always Love You," "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and "How Will I Know." Time: 7:30

p.m. Tickets: \$49-\$69.

■ Violin & piano concert

Feb. 6
Community Presbyterian Church
39 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills
<https://www.chcpc.org/concert-series>
(630) 323-6522
Violinist Robert Chen, concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and

Chicago concert pianist Matthew Hagle will perform. The program also will be available via livestream. A free-will offering will be taken. Time: 3 p.m.

ON SCREEN

■ 'NO'

Feb. 2
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn

<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

In this 2012 Chilean political drama, it's 1988 and military dictator Augusto Pinochet is forced to a referendum to decide his presidency. The opposition enlists a young daring advertising executive to head its campaign. Against all odds, with scant resources and under scrutiny by the des-

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pot's minions, he and his team devise a bold plan to win the election and free their country from oppression. Times: 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ON STAGE

■ 'Agatha Christie's The Secret Council'

Jan. 26-Feb. 27
Mayslake Hall
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.firstfolio.org>
(630) 986-8067

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■ 'Naperville'

Thursdays to Sundays, Jan. 27-Feb. 27
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble presents this play by Mat Smart set in Naperville in 2012 at Caribou Coffee. Anne works on a new project, TC is working his first shift as a new manager and Candice and son Howard are back from Seattle. A day full of cups of coffee and eccentricity lead to conversations revealing the value of community. MAC Chats will be held at 6:45 p.m. before the Jan. 27 show and after the Feb. 4 performance. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$42, \$40 for seniors.

■ 'All Shook Up'

Jan. 28-30 & Feb. 4-6
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<http://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>
(630) 708-7332

The music of Elvis comes alive in this Stage Door Fine Arts production. Inspired by Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," the show is set in a small Midwestern town that is thrown into a frenzy with the

arrival of Chad, a good-looking, motorcycle-riding roustabout with a guitar on his back, blue suede shoes on his feet and a song in his heart. The repressed town begins to come alive under Chad's influence, all in one zany night that will change the town forever. Times: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28-29 & Feb. 4 & 5; 2 p.m. Jan. 30 & Feb. 6. Tickets: \$20-\$25.

SIGN UP NOW

■ Archery: Adults

Jan. 22
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Participants age 18 and older will learn safety tips, proper shooting techniques and basic skills. Equipment will be provided. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Drumming Circle

Jan. 24
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

Encourage spring's arrival by drumming in the warmer weather in Mayslake Hall's historic library. Bring a drum, or borrow a homemade percussion instrument. No experience is necessary. The program is for ages 12 and up. Dress in layers as the building can be chilly. Drumming can be done seated in a chair or seated on the floor. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Jan. 26
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Bestselling author Silvia Moreno-Garcia discusses her newest book, "Velvet Was the Night," and her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror in this virtual Illinois Libraries Present program offered through the Hinsdale Public Library. Moreno-Garcia is also the New York Times bestselling author of the novels "Certain Dark Things," "Gods of Jade" and "Shadow and Mexican Gothic." Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR


■ Crafternoon — Playful Pets

Jan. 29
Hinsdale Public Library

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4. What page can you find a cartoon on?
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3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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

Participants will make a no sew heart toy for their pet and a second toy to donate to the Hinsdale Humane Society. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ Not Your Typical History Class

Jan. 24 & 31
<https://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org>

Experience this two-part virtual survey of the last 100 years of American history like none you've seen before. Using photos, film clips and music, John LeGear leads participants through events from World War I all the way through the 2020 election and discusses what lessons have been learned and insights gained from special historical moments. Part I on Jan. 24 covers 1914-61, and part II on Jan. 31 covers 1964 to today. Register to receive the

Zoom link. Time: 7 p.m. RR
 ■ 100 Years Around the Arboretum
 Jan. 26

Morton Arboretum
 4100 Route 53, Lisle
<https://www.mortonarb.org>
 (630) 719-2468

Watch history come to life in this special centennial-themed lecture about the arboretum from two of its most knowledgeable historians, The program is in person, but also available via Zoom. Following the presentation, in-person guests are invited to a special open house of the Sterling Morton Library, where special and rarely seen items from the collection, including works of art, will be on display. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$17. RR, MD

■ Delightful Details

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

Learn about Mayslake Hall's early days when Francis Peabody lived at the mansion.

Hear about two different areas of the hall, and then take a short tour of each. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$10. RR

■ The Path from World War I to Prohibition

Feb. 3
<https://www.cantingy.org>

Join Claire White, educational programs manager at The Mob Museum in Las Vegas, as she explores the role that World War I played in passing the 18th Amendment in this virtual program, "Water is the War Drink." Learn about mounting support for temperance, the temporary dry laws enacted during WWI and how larger cultural shifts during wartime affected Prohibition's enforcement. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Jewelry Making

Tuesdays, Jan. 25-Mar 15
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design and create their own jewelry, working with young designers to learn how to create beautiful handmade necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Learn from real designers in the industry and leave class wearing a handmade creation. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$425. RR, MD

■ Fashion Design & Sewing Workshop

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■ American Red Cross

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Jan. 29
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 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
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■ Lights, Literature, Action

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ents and ability to move in this class combining dramatic arts with classic children's literature and lots of movement, music and theater drama. Time:: 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Cost: \$44. RR

■ Animal Adventures

Tuesdays, Feb. 8-22
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17W063 Hodges Road,
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<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
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■ Wines in the Wild

Feb. 12
Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Road
<https://www.czs.org/winesinthewild2022-2>

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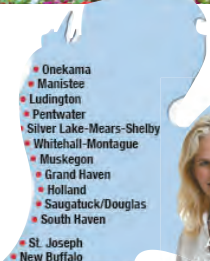
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Leo Buscaglia

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Dated this 18th day of January 2022.

By: Bill Cotter, Secretary
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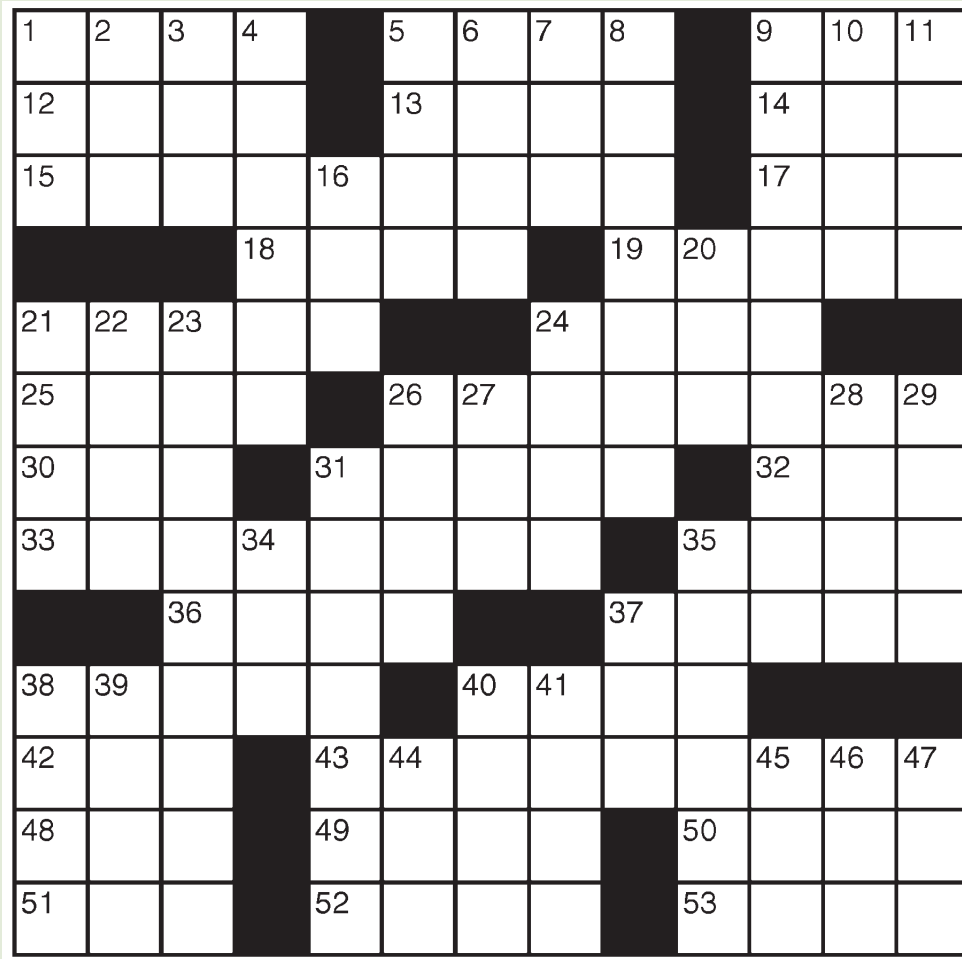
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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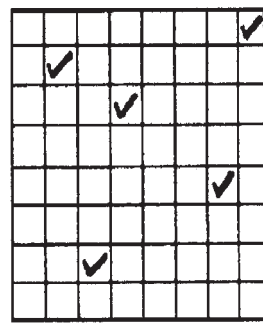
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Remember there are to be eight checks in all; no two in any row, including diagonals.

How quickly can you comply?

Time limit: Two minutes.

Check first square fourth row down, fifth square sixth row down, sixth square on bottom row



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HOROSCOPES

January 2022 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Getting romance off the ground this week may seem like climbing Mount Everest, Capricorn. Mixed messages may cloud the waters. Keep finding a way to connect.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Your affection for someone could affect your impression of a certain situation, Aries. You need to take a step back or remove yourself from the situation.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, a heavy load at work is manageable. Challenges keep you engaged and you thrive on the pressure. Enjoy the responsibility and all that comes with it.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, a chance to take a leadership role in your community is on the horizon. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and give it your all.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, think about what you can bring to the table at work, and then promote your strengths to the higher-ups. They may be slow to come around but you'll catch their attention.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Someone in a position of authority may want to invest in your future, Taurus. Even though you may be flattered by the interest, you have to weigh all of your options.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Sometimes you need to put passion ahead of stability, Leo. That means explore all possibilities when it comes to relationships. You may connect with someone unexpected.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, this week you may be pulled in two directions, but it's nothing you haven't handled in the past. Look to trusted confidantes for advice and even a little help, if necessary.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if you are feeling overworked, you may have to ask others to pitch in and take on a bigger share of the tasks at hand.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You may learn something about a person if you're willing to get involved in deep conversation, Gemini. Have a talk with someone you're eager to get to know.



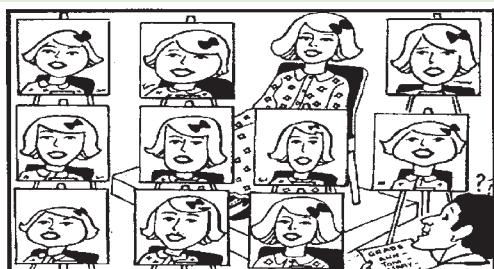
VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you may be able to move through chores and other things on your to-do list quite quickly this week. That opens up opportunities for some rest and relaxation.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, find some time to delve into your passions. Figure out what piques your interests and pursue it with your customary energy. Others will admire your enthusiasm.



MODEL POSE! Which canvas bears the closest likeness to the model posed above? Check carefully before you decide.

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Braxton Bokos
Year: senior
Hometown: Oak Brook

When did you first start swimming?

Competitively I started swimming around 6 or 7 at the Oak Brook Stars. My parents come from a heavy swimming background, so they had me in the water from two weeks out of the womb.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I enjoy the team bonding you get through the sport. I come from a triathlon background as well, and the one thing I enjoy most about swimming is you have a lot of teammates who rely on you and you rely on others as well.

What is your favorite event?

The 500 is my favorite event. During the high school season, it's the longest event you can swim. During club, I swim a lot of the mile and the 1,000, so it seems more like a sprint.

What is your most challenging event?

I'd say the 1,000, because it's in between that 500 and the mile.

What is your goal for the season?

As a varsity captain, my goal is to have a strong team finish overall and be a finalist in the 500.

How is it competing in the new pool?

It's nice that I got to swim at least once through this pool. There are some parts that I do miss from the old pool, having that legacy feeling of looking up at the record board and seeing team records that were 60 years old.

You compete nine months a year in triathlons. How is that going?

This past year, I was able to win the national title for the mixed team (four members) relay. I also won the national title for the points ranking for the 17-18 age group.

What are your plans for next year?

I'm going to be attending Queens University of Charlotte. I'm going to be doing triathlons.

Why does coach Bob Barber like having Bokos on the team?

Braxton is an animal when it comes to training. No matter what we throw at him, he always seems to want more. He is the most considerate person I know and is always finding ways to encourage his teammates. His true passion lies with triathlons, so we are very fortunate to have him as a four-year varsity athlete with the program.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys

Jan. 15 vs. Plainfield East
V 64-42
Jan. 14 @ St. Charles North
V 52-50

Basketball, girls

Jan. 15 @ MLK DeKalb Shootout vs. Dundee Crown
V wins 65-25
Monyek, 16 points
Sarros, 10 points
Howe, 9 points
McLaughlin, 6 points
Qiu, 6 points
Sheehan, 5 points
Knapp, 4 points
Mehta, 4 points
Ahdab, 2 points
Gin, 2 points

Dolan, point vs. Belvidere North
V wins 52-51
Monyek, 26 points (career high)

Bowling, boys

Jan. 15 @ IHSA regional
V places 5th with 5,508 points
McKay, 1,169

Bowling, girls

Jan. 13 vs. Willowbrook
V loses 2,351-2,619
Andersen, 423
Katsis, 414
Wu, 412
Vladisavljevich, 382
O'Neil, 367
Molfese, 353

Hockey

Jan. 16 vs. Neuqua Valley
V loses 2-5
Jan. 15 vs. Oswego
V wins 5-3

Swimming, boys

Jan. 15 @ New Trier Invite
V places 3rd with 180 points
200-yard medley relay
Daw, Bey, Gao, Gilbert, 10th, 1:42.37
200-yard freestyle
Priest, 7th, 1:48.36
Bokos, 10th, 1:51.41
200-yard IM
Hou, 4th, 1:59.87
Bey, 11th, 2:01.81

50-yard freestyle
Guo, 8th, 22.88
Marcet, 9th, 22.96
100-yard butterfly
Hou, 3rd, 52.93
Guo, 6th, 53.96
100-yard freestyle
Gilbert, 7th, 48.89
Priest, 11th, 50.06
500-yard freestyle
Bokos, 9th, 4:54.24
Harris, 11th, 4:59.3
200-yard freestyle relay
Gilbert, Priest, Shvydkoy, Bertulis, 5th, 1:29.55
100-yard backstroke
Bertulis, 6th (tie), 54.59
Daw, 17th, 56.23
100-yard backstroke
Bey, 7th, 1:01.64
Bhatt, 12th, 1:03.27

400-yard freestyle relay
Gilbert, Priest, Shvydkoy, Bokos, 4th, 3:18.14
Jan. 14 vs. Glenbard West
V wins 143-21

Wrestling

Jan. 15 @ Batavia Invite
132 pounds
Tavoso, 3rd
145 pounds
Perez, 7th
170 pounds
Riggi, 4th
220 pounds
Ivanisevic, 2nd
285 pounds
Pamfili, 7th
Jan. 14 @ LT
V loses 22-54

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Jake Quast rises for a layup after making a steal during Central's game against visiting Plainfield East. The Red Devils defeated the Bengals 64-42 in the matinee matchup. (Jim Slonoff photo)

SPORTS

Club trains HC wrestling's next gen

Hinsdale Red Devils Wrestling Club focuses on instilling resilience in participants

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale fifth-grader Jake Knapp had heard about the rigors and rewards of wrestling from a couple of family friends who compete at the Division I collegiate level.

"I just kind of wanted to try it and get to know the sport," Jake said,

He didn't need to go far, joining the Hinsdale Red Devils Wrestling Club three years ago and continuing this year. The instructional program for kids in second through eighth grades runs November through February, with twice-weekly practices in the Hinsdale Central wrestling room.

Dad Chris Knapp said Jake and his older brother, Bo, are in the club.

"They really love it," he said, noting both also play football. "You're engaging with somebody (on the other side) and it's technical, and it builds your strength."

Brian Bazan helps lead the club and said most of the 70 or so kids are getting their first taste of wrestling.

"The majority of them are beginners," he said. "A lot of them had heard of wrestling, but until they get on the mat they don't really know what it's about."

Through a positive approach, the coaches — all well experienced wrestlers including members of Central's program — impart both the technique and tenacity required to excel, according to Bazan.

"As they learn moves and all the things that go with it, they learn to overcome adversity," he said. "They're the only one on the mat against the opponent, there's no one coming to help them, so they develop the self-reliance for them to be successful."

This training for grade school grapplers has been around in various forms in



Former Hinsdale Central wrestler Tim Quirk works with his first-grade son during the Hinsdale Red Devil Wrestling Club practice Tuesday at the high school. Juwan Edmond, a 2016 Central alum and standout wrestler, demonstrates a move for club kids, many of whom hope to join the Red Devils' roster one day. (Jim Slonoff photos)

the community for decades. Tim Quirk, a 2002 Central grad and Red Devil wrestler, remembers being in a previous iteration of the club. Now his son Will is following in his footsteps.

"Will loves it, and mostly because his friends are doing it," Quirk said.

Sean Parker, who runs the club with Bazan, said his son's involvement in the club for the last few years has borne fruit.

"There was a tangible improvement in his confidence and his sense of resilience mentally and physically," Parker said. "I've seen firsthand what an impact it can have."

He acknowledged that some parents are apprehensive about signing up their child for such a physical sport.

"After they've seen a couple of practices, all of it feels extremely positive," Parker said. "They're excited to see their kids being out and active, and learning moves and how to string moves together."

In the wake of last year's canceled club due to

COVID, Bazan and Parker weren't sure what to expect.

"We were surprised.

We started getting tons of responses. Now we've got a pretty decent turnout for practices," Bazan said.

Members participate in meets every other week or so. Two weekends ago the club brought 18 wrestlers to a competition at Marist High School.

"Ten of them finished first. They all stepped up and acquitted themselves well," Parker reported, underscoring the development it reflected. "You're putting the kid in front of another kid who they've never seen before. There's a certain amount of mental resilience that's required to go into that."

Central varsity wrestling head coach Jason Hayes and assistant coach Richard Pauliukonis, a two-time Olympian, run the practices, enlisting the help of varsity and JV wrestlers. Hayes said the instruction is patient but consistent — and not a grind.

"You've got to have a little fun with them. You've got to

push them and try to expose them to new things," he commented.

Hayes referenced his own late introduction to the sport in high school and how he would have benefited from such a youth club.

"I tell them, 'You guys are miles ahead of where I was. But you've got to stick with it,'" he said.

He cited the key role the club has played as a pipeline for Central wrestling.

"Over half of our starting lineup would have been club kids (but for a few injuries)," Hayes stated.

Bazan, a high school wrestler whose father also wrestled, enjoys watching his 8-year-old son evolve.

"I think it's one of the harder sports but it pays dividends," he said. "It's kind of fun to have the family ties there."

With minimal equipment needed and kids of all sizes welcome thanks to different weight classes. Parker touted wrestling's accessibility.

"Almost any kid that's willing to put in the work can develop a certain acumen and technique that will

make them a competitive wrestler," he said.

Quirk said kids are rewarded by their perseverance in the form of good results.

"It's the fruits of their labor. The more that they're wrestling, the better they do and the more that they pay attention," he said.

Today at Central wrestling's senior night, the kids will cheer on their mentors at the home meet.

Hayes hopes the experience leaves a lasting impression.

"A feeder program is definitely needed. This is how we get the bulk of our kids," he said. "You want the elementary kids to have fun, and the middle school kids you want to try and develop them with a little more technique."

Bazan sees the club's growth potential.

"As more people talk about it, I think we're going to see a bigger influx (of kids)," Bazan said. "It fills both buckets — individualism as well as supporting teammates."

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