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## Getting their Garba on

**The Hinsdale Central** South Asian Student Union hosted a Garba in Central's fieldhouse in November. The event is an Indian communal dance form involving dancing in a circle. Several parents from the group were on hand to teach their children, and others joined in to learn the custom. Other dance forms were also included, such as Dandiya Raas and Bhangra. Please turn to Page 30 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photos)



### Year in review

Nonprofit leaders share look back at 2023 in part two of series.

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# NEWS

## D86 announces Lach as new superintendent

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members were poised to name Michael Lach as the new superintendent at a special meeting Wednesday night after The Hinsdalean went to press.

Approving a new superintendent contract for 2024-27 at a base salary of \$255,000 was one of two action items on the agenda. No additional information was provided.

Lach's name first appeared on an email sent Tuesday night

announcing that a welcome reception for him will be held at 5 p.m. today, Jan. 11, in the Hinsdale Central library. The board meeting will follow at 6 p.m.

Tammy Prentiss, the district's current superintendent, has been on paid leave leading up to her resignation in an agreement she reached with the board last spring. The district has been led by two interim superintendents, Ray Lechner and Linda Yonke, since July. Yonke resigned from the 120-day, \$1,300-a-day job in December, without specifying a reason.

Lach has spent the last 4 1/2 years as assistant superintendent of curriculum, instruction and assessment at Township High School District 113 under Superintendent Bruce Law, who was the top administrator in District 86 from 2013 to 2019. District 113 has two high schools, Deerfield and Highland Park.

Prior to joining District 113, Lach was director of STEM and strategic initiatives at The University of Chicago for almost eight years and special assistant for science, math, engineering and technology

education for the U.S. Department of Education for two years, according to his LinkedIn profile. He also spent four years at Chicago Public Schools and a year at Northwestern University.

He has a bachelor's degree in physics from Carleton College, a master's in teaching in science education from Columbia University and a doctorate in education leadership and administration from the University of Illinois Chicago.

Lach's first day presumably would be July 1.



## Camp kicks boredom out of break

Kids had fun learning to follow directions and competing in scrimmages during the 5 Star Winter Soccer Camp last week at Hinsdale Central. The camp for ages 7-12, offered by The Community House, focused on teaching the fundamentals and unlocking the game within. (Photos for The Hinsdalean by Jon Langham)



ONCE UPON A TIME



**Places from the past** — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, a Hinsdale Central graduate, moved to Hinsdale in 1971 and spent many years here in his youth. Having spent more than 40 years with the village, there isn’t a lot about Hinsdale he doesn’t know or hasn’t photographed. This photo from 1979 is of Griffin’s in the Village, which was located at 18 E. First St. It is the current home of Nabuki. 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](mailto:jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com).



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# Village's service agencies take stock

*Chiefs of local nonprofits share their thoughts on meeting community needs in 2023*

By Ken Knutson

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In part two of our annual feature looking back at the past year — and one wish for the year ahead — for the seven major Hinsdale-based nonprofit agencies, the leaders of Candor Health Education, Community Memorial Foundation, HCS Family Services and The Community House offer their reflections. The first installment ran Jan. 4.



## Candor Health Education

Candor Health Education began the overhaul of its programming in 2016. This past year saw that effort reach completion.

"Every program is now infused with social-emotional skill-building and decision-making scenarios that prepare every student to deal with the challenges that they face during adolescence," said Executive Director Barb Thayer.

As Candor, formerly the Robert Crown Center for Health Education, marks a half-century of helping adolescents in fourth through eighth grades navigate their formative years by delivering instruction on puberty, sex education and substance abuse prevention, the organization is reflecting on its legacy.

"There's more than 6 million former students out there still in the Chicagoland area, so that's kind of a big deal," Thayer said.

She expressed pride in the fact that Candor now offers its instruction via in-person programs as well as through live virtual and online interactive platforms in partnership with area schools.

"Our student learning gains for both our live virtual and online interactive programs closely match those of our traditional in-person programs," Thayer said. "We've had a quite a few schools that have stuck with live virtual (instead of in-person)."

Online interactive programs are self-paced for convenience.

"And students are more comfortable asking difficult questions online (anonymously) because

their peers don't know who they are," she added.

In 2023 Candor began expanding its reach into Wisconsin — and the results exceeded expectations.

"We have been fortunate enough to engage with over 500 students in the Milwaukee suburbs this year. That has empowered us to continue to expand to more schools outside of the Chicago area," she said. "It seems that there is more interest than what we thought."

In September the Illinois legislature passed Louie's Law, named for a young man who died of a heroin overdose, which requires the Illinois Board of Education to develop a comprehensive drug education curriculum.

"We have prepared materials that all schools have access to," Thayer said of Candor's response to the legislation. "We are improving the standard of substance abuse prevention in schools."

She said the organization grew from 14 to 18 educators to serve some 86,000 students. With kids having access to unhealthy influences through cellphones at younger ages, getting accurate information from a trusted adult becomes even more critical.

"Our goal is to provide young people with science-based, age-appropriate information that will help them to learn to keep their bodies safe as they develop into adults," she said.



## Community Memorial Foundation

"2023 was a productive year filled with partnerships and local impact," said Greg DiDomenico, president and CEO Community Memorial Foundation.

Exemplifying that was the opening of the Loft at Eight Corners in Brookfield in March, a collaboration with NAMI Metro Suburban and Pillars Community Health to address teen mental wellness.

"This was certainly a highlight of the year," DiDomenico said of the state-of-the-art center, which

welcomes visitors seven days a week. "It's open to all teens and their families, and all services are free and available on a walk-in basis. It responds to the need to be able to address the growing need for youth mental health services."

The guiding vision of CMF is to create the healthiest region in the country in the western suburbs, and DiDomenico highlighted grants issued to four Hinsdale organizations who buy into that goal: Candor Health Education, HCS Family Services, The Community House and Wellness House.

"We have a saying that we carry out our mission through our grantee partners. We are grateful for all that they do every single day," he said.

Programs introduced last year endeavor to give the agencies the right tools and training to thrive with an inclusive approach.

"We continue to focus on building the capacity of our grantee partners by supporting leadership development through a new middle managers coaching program and our shared vision for advancing racial equity by adding a consulting program through existing workshops, peer learning and our coaching program," DiDomenico said.

The Young Community Changemakers program, or YC2, turned five in 2023, empowering teens from local high schools to have a positive impact in their orbits.

"We had 60 teens from Hinsdale Central, Lyons Township, Nazareth and Riverside-Brookfield learning about the art and science of grant-making and of making local change in the community," DiDomenico said. "I learn every year from these students, and the impact has been really terrific and the partnership with the schools."

He also detailed a study conducted in partnership with the Healthy Communities Foundation on the growing Latino community in the western suburbs over the last 10 years.

"The data highlights the demographic changes in our combined service region in Cook and DuPage counties and illustrated the intersection of social and structural health inequities for the Latino community," he said.

"It has inspired ideas and further

conversation."

DiDomenico said resources to help citizens procure basic needs — food and housing along with mental health and wellness services — are critical.

"That will continue to be a focus for us," he said



## HCS Family Services

A typical week sees as many as 350 families rely on HCS Family Services' two food pantries.

"The biggest and most important accomplishment in terms of our mission is being able to feed the number of people that we're feeding," said Wendy Michalski, executive director, on the organization's response to the need. "Record-setting numbers of families are coming through (Hinsdale) and Anne M. Jeans (School)."

That is made possible by partnerships with large chain stores like Costco, Whole Foods and Jewel, which provide a regular supply of staples, as well as the philanthropic efforts of local churches and residents.

"The month of December we probably had 15 food drives, which really helps stock our shelves during the holidays," Michalski said. "Every piece is important and allows us to do what we do."

In order to continue to meet the demand, HCS received approval in September to convert the old Hinsdale Humane Society shelter at 22 N. Elm St. into its new pantry and offices.

"We are actually on the road to a move, which is very exciting," she said, noting that work has already begun on the project in anticipation of a late spring or early summer opening. "We've also ordered a walk-in cooler and freezer to replace our stand-up units. We'll be able to store more healthy foods, which provides more choice for our neighbors. And we'll be able to serve our increasing numbers with better quality foods."

In advance of that, the mobile food pantry that had been oper-

## One wish

Nonprofit leaders shared their hopes for 2024.

"I hope for more community engagement in what we're doing. We want the community to celebrate with us as we mark 50 years." — **Barb Thayer, Candor Health Education**

"My wish is that we continue to lift each other up with gratitude, support and hope." — **Greg DiDomenico, Community Memorial Foundation**

"That we are able to see our neighbors provide food for themselves and not be dependent on the pantry." — **Wendy Michalski, HCS Family Services**

"Continue to have a physical plant here at Eighth and Madison that meets the needs of the community." — **Dan Janowick, The Community House**

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## NEXT WEEK

### Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11  
Hinsdale South High School  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
[www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings](http://www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings)

**On the agenda:** approve interim superintendent contract, discuss RFP process for legal counsel

### Historic Preservation Commission

6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** public meetings on preservation incentives for 515 S. Lincoln St., 217 W. Hickory St. and 605 E. Third St.

### Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** approval of final decision on 24 E. Eighth St.

## Village coordinates shoveling volunteers

Hinsdale residents who are 60 and older or individuals with disabilities are invited to register for the village's snow shoveling program.

People can fill out the online request form at [www.villageofhinsdale.org/snow-shovelprogram](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/snow-shovelprogram) or print, complete and mail a paper request. Once registered for the program, participants will receive contact information for participating volunteers. The resident is responsible for contacting the volunteer and scheduling a time for shov-

eling.

Those interested in volunteering for the 2023-24 winter season can fill out the online form or print, complete and mail a paper request. Residents will contact volunteers directly when assistance is needed. The volunteer is responsible for shoveling or notifying the resident if unable to complete the work.

The village's involvement is limited to matching residents and volunteers. It does not do background checks on any participants or volunteers.



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# Dist. 86 board gets primer on staffing

*Curriculum has been a flashpoint, but teacher employment is a separate assignment*

By Ken Knutson

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The effort to provide equitable access to classes across both Hinsdale High School District 86 campuses faces financial and functional constraints.

In a staffing framework presentation at the Dec. 21 district board meeting, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Cheryl Moore laid out the process through which students' course requests, number of faculty and classroom availability are fashioned together into daily schedules.

The enrollment disparity between Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South, which has roughly half the number of students, means that some classes offered at Central may not reach minimum 15-student interest threshold at South. While some in the community have proposed allowing smaller classes at South, Moore questioned such a deployment of resources.

"Practically speaking, each class that runs for a full year costs roughly \$20,000," she said. "If collectively we

decide to run an extra 10 classes at low enrollment ... that's \$200,000.

"We don't need to run smaller class sizes for algebra at Hinsdale South," she added. "It wouldn't make sense to have 25 per class as Central and 20 (per class) at South."

Fewer students per class also can adversely impact the academic experience, Moore said.

"Many classes rely on having 15 or more students to have meaningful, engaging discussions, activities and energy for the students to benefit," she said, noting 25 students, plus or minus two, is the ideal size.

Moore's comments were designed to help board members understand how the staffing level is set by the administration, who will ask the board to approve its recommendation in March. Staff is measured in full-time equivalent hours, or FTE. One FTE represents a employee with a five-class schedule. Last year the district employed 358.7 FTE, slightly below the previous year's 361.2.

"We need to know how many FTE

will be approved in order to determine if a reduction in staff is necessary," Moore said of getting board buy-in of the process as students' requests are being evaluated. "This is a massive undertaking, and it's needed to be completed before we can actually start building students' schedules."

For example, she related, if 46 students want to take business law, the department chair will divide 46 by 25 — the ideal class size — and recommend two sections of 23 students. If 53 students are requesting, the recommendation would still be two sections but at an average size 26.5 students, within the desired margin.

"I can assure you, every conversation puts students first," Moore said.

Classes with fewer than 15 requests could be "stacked" or combined, like putting French II and French III together under differentiated instruction.

Interim Superintendent Linda Yonke, attending her final district board meeting, said solutions like cross-campus transportation or

remote learning could be used before deciding to cancel a low-enrollment course. Moore said having more than one section available affords more options.

"The more singleton (single section) classes you run, the more chances you will have of conflict in the student's schedule," she said.

And less access. Moore cited a case this school year when three students were denied admission to South's one AP chemistry section because it was full. She said going forward foundational subjects will given special consideration to accommodate demand.

"We thought we should prioritize those situations to find a way to run those, because it's a core academic class," she said.

Board President Cat Greenspon questioned whether the academic success committee had a role to play in these decisions. Moore said staffing is separate from curriculum.

"The staffing process is about sections and the number of teachers that we employ," she replied.

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## Forgery reported

Someone intercepted a check issued by the village of Hinsdale, 19 E. Chicago Ave., changed the payee information and fraudulently deposited it between Nov. 15 and 22. The incident was reported Jan. 5.

## Identity theft reported

The identity of a resident of the 800 block of North Oak Street was used to open a cellular phone account and purchase three phones between July 1 and 30. The incident was reported Jan. 8.

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## Metra will have new fare structure Feb. 1

Metra riders will experience some changes in the early months of 2024.

Metra closed its remaining ticket windows at outlying stations on the BNSF Line Monday and windows at all other lines, including downtown stations, will close Feb. 1.

Tickets will be available for purchase through the Ventra app, the new ticket vending machine at the Hinsdale station and on the trains.

A new fare structure also will go into effect Feb. 1, with a variety of new fare prices, products and rules. The new structure reduces the number of fare zones from 10 to four. Fares under the new structure are set at or below pre-pandemic levels.

Riders traveling from

Hinsdale, which is in Zone 3, to Chicago, which is in Zone 1, will pay \$110 for a month pass and \$5.50 for a one-way ticket.

The \$7 Saturday, Sunday or holiday day pass will still be available from machines, conductors or the Ventra app, and the \$10 weekend pass will be available on the Ventra app only.

February monthly passes will not be available for sale until Feb. 1 due to the transfer to the new structure.

The 10-Ride ticket will not be available for purchase after Jan. 31. The 10-ride ticket is being replaced with a Day Pass 5-Pack, which will be available through the Ventra app.

For a detailed breakdown of fares, visit [www.metra.com/2024FarePlan](http://www.metra.com/2024FarePlan).

## Village offers pickup for live holiday trees

The village of Hinsdale is offering free Christmas tree collection services for residents to help keep the community clean and green after the holiday.

Trees may be placed at the curb; all decorations and trim-

mings must be removed. The final Christmas tree pickup will take place on the week of Jan. 15, on the regular pickup day.

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■ “It sure reinforces how lucky we are and the advantages we have, and sure reminds us of helping people who need a hand. I feel good every time I go.” — **Dick Resseguie**

# Hinsdale church member lends hand of hospitality

Dick Resseguie’s high school Spanish is being tested in a way he never could have imagined.

Since last month, the retiree has been serving alongside fellow members of Hinsdale’s Grace Episcopal Church to help care for 25 asylum seekers being housed by a congregation nearby.

“They’re all about 20- to 30-year-old single men,” Resseguie said of the migrants, who arrived on buses from Texas in late November.

Grace Episcopal Church in Oak Park has been providing and food and shelter to them while efforts to find a long-term solution continue. When the call went out to for volunteers to help with the mission, Resseguie’s heart was moved to respond.

“I just started doing it,” he said, saying men sleep on air mattresses in the church’s community room. “I did feel bad for the guys. They’re here, they need help.”

Along with taking a weekly four-hour shift, Resseguie also coordinates shift assignments for others interested in participating in the outreach.

“Basically it’s just kind of watching over things,”

he explained. “They draw in people from all over the community who just want to help. They cook dinner or drop off food. They’ve got volunteers who will take (the men’s) laundry and return it the next day.”

On one occasion the church needed some chairs relocated for a special event, so Resseguie got out his translator to enlist some of the temporary guests for the task.

“I got all these volunteers to help move chairs,” he said. “They’re polite, they’re respectful, they’re so grateful for anything you do.”

The most enriching — and educational — aspect of the experience for Resseguie is the opportunity to make one-on-one connections. The men seem to appreciate the interactions, as well.

“I’ve had conversations about their journey here. It was hard, very rough,” Resseguie said. “They want to tell you their names. They want to contribute to society.”

“I talked to one guy who was a butcher in Venezuela, and he is trying to find something. He’s applied for restaurant jobs. I don’t if he’s going to be successful,” he

continued. “It does personalize it a lot more. These are humans, and they want to work.”

Resseguie spent his professional life in the northern suburbs before moving to this area to be closer to family. After closing out his banking career, he spent a year honing his golf game and traveling before getting more involved in church leadership.

“My time is flexible,” he said, adding that he plans to continue pitching in for the foreseeable future. “(The church) has committed to these folks until about March 15, with the intent that they’ll be able to find more of a permanent residence.”

Resseguie admits that the scale of the current immigration crisis “is a little overwhelming,” but he just tries to his small part.

“I don’t keep track of their comings and goings. I just talk to them, try and keep the place tidy,” he said.

If an issue arises, volunteers scramble to address it.

“One guy cracked his tooth, so we helped him get in touch with a dentist,” Resseguie recounted.

Their gratitude has magnified his own.

“It sure reinforces how lucky we are and the advantages we have, and sure reminds us of helping people who need a hand,” he said. “I feel good every time I go.”

— story by Ken Knutson, photo provided



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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Get new year flowing with a blood donation

According to the American Red Cross, the country is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as it faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years.

With January's designation as National Blood Donor Month, this is the perfect time to help address this critical situation with a donation of blood and/or platelets to help alleviate the shortage and help ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not put on hold.

"One of the most distressing situations for a doctor is to have a hospital full of patients and an empty blood bank without any blood on the shelves. Doctors often can't operate without blood available to make surgeries, medical procedures and treatments possible," said Dr. Eric Gehrie, executive physician director for the Red Cross, in a statement issued by the organization.

Over the last 20 years, Red Cross statistics reveal that the number of people donating blood to the Red Cross has fallen by about 40 percent. When fewer people donate blood, even small disruptions to blood donations — such as the nearly 7,000-unit shortfall in blood donations

the Red Cross experienced between Christmas and New Year's Day alone — can have a huge impact on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of emergency blood transfusion. Blood products are currently going to hospitals faster than blood donations are coming in, and in recent weeks, the Red Cross has had to limit distributions of type O blood products — among the most transfused blood types — to hospitals.

"More challenges lie ahead as the potential for severe winter weather and seasonal illness may compound the dire blood supply situation," Gehrie stated. "Donors of all types — especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets — are urged to give now."

Thankfully, residents have a opportunities nearby to share with those in need. The next local Red Cross-sponsored blood drives with spots available as of press time are

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at American Legion Post 1941, 900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and type 60521 in the zip code search field to sign

up for a time.

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at the Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale. Visit [www.hinsdale-humansociety.org/events](http://www.hinsdale-humansociety.org/events) for more information or to check for updates and additions to the schedule.

As an added incentive, donors who give blood, platelets or plasma in January automatically will be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas.

Hinsdale residents also have two locations in neighboring Westmont to make blood donations year-round, namely Versiti at 6317 Fairview Ave. ([www.versiti.org](http://www.versiti.org)), and Vitalant at 1133 Fairview Ave. ([www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org)).

Donors should try to drink plenty of caffeine-free beverages in the days leading up to the donation and remember to eat a healthy meal (low in fat and high in iron) at least two hours before. And wear a mask. The entire process from registration to post-donation refreshments takes about an hour. And it just might be one of the most consequential hours you spend.

## COMMENTARY

### 'Hamilton' saves the birthday, doesn't disappoint

"Why would I want to go see 'Hamilton' in Chicago?" I asked a couple of months ago as we were talking about the show in the office.

I've seen the original New York cast perform more times than I can count — even if it has been on my TV screen. How could anyone top Lin-Manuel Miranda, Leslie Odom Jr., Daveed Diggs and Renée Elise Goldsberry, I asked my co-workers.

Lisa, who has been to see the show two times — once for \$10 when she won the ticket lottery — assured me I should go.

Fast forward to the end of December when Dan and I are trying to plan something for Ainsley's 15th birthday. She is showing a typical teenage lack of enthusiasm for my suggestions (which, looking back, were probably lame.)

"I don't want to do anything," she sighed, succumbing to the idea this would be her worst birthday ever.

I wasn't having it. I know money doesn't solve every problem, but I figured it could solve this one. So I

went online and ordered tickets to "Hamilton" the night of her birthday. We sat just off the aisle, house right, eight rows back. The tickets were not \$10. (But since her birthday was on a week-night, our great seats were the same price we would have paid to sit in the back of the second balcony for a Saturday matinee. Score!)

After a minor discussion about what to wear and whether a backless homecoming dress was the right choice for a January theater outing (maybe significant disagreement is more accurate) we got on the road.

The evening, from that point on, was nearly perfect. There was hardly any traffic on the expressway. We parked right next door to the James M. Nederlander Theatre, which is absolutely gorgeous. (Ainsley was glad she didn't wear jeans and a T!) Our seats were awesome. The set



Pamela Lannom

was spectacular.

And when Deon'te Goodman walked on stage as Aaron Burr to sing the opening number, I knew we were in for an amazing show.

It's easy to grow accustomed to a particular performer's take on a role and to have trouble accepting someone new. I spent the entire time watching "The

Producers" on Broadway wishing Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick still had the starring roles. And whoever played the lead when "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" came to Chicago in 2014 — even though they won American Idol — couldn't hold a candle to Donny Osmond.

Ainsley wasn't born when we went to see "The Producers," but she is still scarred from the disappointing "Joseph" after watching the DVD version with Donny

dozens of times. So she, Dan and I were understandably leery.

We were not disappointed once during "Hamilton." The show has a truly talented cast that manages to be true to the original Broadway version while finding little ways to personalize their roles. Dan was particularly relieved that Neil Haskell held his own as King George. I think he might even have been a tad funnier than Jonathan Groff.

Or I might have just been caught up in the show. Hearing the music live and seeing the dancers fill the stage during the numbers is so much more captivating than watching something on a screen, no matter how well it is filmed.

So, just days shy of nine years since "Hamilton" had its Broadway debut, we finally saw the show live. And, to quote our favorite Chicago Cubs coach, Ainsley's birthday didn't suck.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Riding into the new year refreshed

Sometimes high school feels like trying to board a train at a busy station.

Platforms and classes and trains and deadlines and tickets and papers and times and due dates and people and people — so many people trying to hold on and get to their destinations. When winter starts to approach, all the passengers turn their focus toward riding to the end of first semester, waiting to finally be able to rest from the flurry of activity.

But, for the past few years, final exams actually fell after winter break, meaning the chaos of tests and grades still hung in the air like a heavy fog that seems to hover during the coldest months. I recall suddenly waking up during my time off last year and thinking about random math equations and history terms, knowing that I would have to pull them out of my head and organize them for a final in the near future. It felt like my brain had been slowly growing cobwebs, forgetting everything that I needed while I was trying to relax.

Luckily, this year, we finished finals before break.

And it was amazing. I will admit that the change is something small; finals are stressful no matter how you try to twist or change them, so moving them around three weeks doesn't seem like it would do much, but it really does. To be honest, I'm sure many people, including me, wanted to study during break last year but ended



Leah Packer

up procrastinating and watching Netflix instead.

But with finals before winter break, teens can actually spend their time doing what they want without the haunting reminder that they have a lot of work waiting for

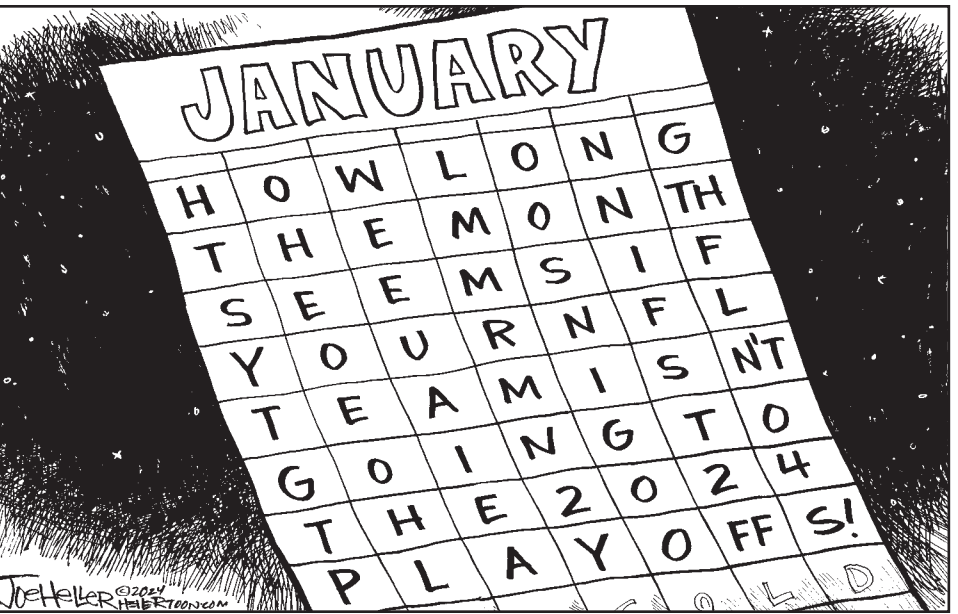
them. Almost every high schooler can benefit from a rest without that stress, and this year provided that.

For my break, I went to New York City and heard the iconic "Defying Gravity" from "Wicked" on Broadway. I admired works by Degas and Matisse at the Metropolitan Museum. In Times Square, I craned my neck to view the oversized screens advertising fast food and perfume. Back at home, I had a small New Year's Eve party with my family. There was no sudden remembering that I needed to study or thinking about having to go back to school. It forced me to slow down, unwind and appreciate the fun things that sometimes pass me by.

High school can feel like everyone is meant to be doing something at every single waking hour, but time off without thinking of upcoming finals allows everyone to recharge. It's a break that feels like a train where you can finally sit down, enjoy the view and ride into the new year refreshed.

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# OBITUARIES

## Adeline Joy Bauer

Adeline Joy Bauer, infant daughter of Julie and Matthew Bauer, was born with a extremely rare brain tumor on Dec. 22, 2023, and passed peacefully on the day of her birth.

Baby Adeline Joy was loved greatly and will be deeply missed by all of her family and friends who awaited her birth.

She is survived by her parents, Julie and Matthew Bauer of Mechanicsburg, Penn., formerly of Hinsdale; her paternal grandparents, Patrick and Mary Bauer of Hinsdale; her paternal great-grandmother, Betty Mae Bauer of Hinsdale; her maternal grandparents, Kathleen and James C. Beveridge; her mater-

nal great-grandfather, James A. Beveridge; her aunts, Caroline Bauer Mason, Amelia Bauer, Jennifer Ward and Joanna Beveridge; her uncles, R. Hunter Bauer, Joseph Bauer and Joseph Beveridge; and many cousins, great aunts and great uncles.

Her funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 27 at St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church, National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Harrisburg, Penn.

She was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Harrisburg. Wiedeman Funeral Home in Oberlin, Penn., handled the arrangements.

## Nancy D. Sale

Nancy D. Sale, nee Gies, 84, of Burr Ridge, died Dec. 30, 2023.

Nancy was an active member of Hinsdale United Methodist Church and a Girl Scout Leader to many. She was a retired nurse and loved scrapbooking, knitting and genealogy.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; her children, Donna (Barry) Robertson, Mary (Martin) McQuillan, Laura Candela, and the late Karen Sale; her grandchildren, Emily, Katie and John Robertson, Brendan, Melissa and

Elizabeth McQuillan and Natalie and Jenna Candela; and her sister, Jean Witkowski.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday Jan. 13, at Hinsdale United Methodist Church, 945 S. Garfield Ave.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Hinsdale United Methodist Church Copper Cross Endowment at [www.hinsdaleumc.com/endowment](http://www.hinsdaleumc.com/endowment).

Modell Funeral Home in Darien handled the arrangements.

## Mary Barbara "Barb" Schlesinger

Mary Barbara "Barb" Schlesinger, nee Wren 72, of Wilmington, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away Jan. 5, 2024.

She was born in 1951 in Chicago to Richard and Letty Wren.

Barb had a zest for life and enjoyed various hobbies throughout her years. She loved skiing when she was younger and time at the lake. She spent most of her recent days at the gym, doing workouts with her friends in Wilmington.

Barb's educational journey began at St. John Fischer Primary School and continued at Mother McCauley High School. In her career she was most associated with St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale, where she was a teacher's aide. She also was a volunteer with the Hinsdale Humane Society.

She cherished her school years and the friendships she formed during that time. After high school, she became closest with her life-long friends, Roger and Barb Layland, Mike and Jean Slott, JR and Priscilla Jokema, and Ed and Jean Baggett, whom she knew for



Schlesinger

more than 50 years.

Barb will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

Barb was preceded in death by her husband, Otto J. "Jim" Schlesinger.

She is survived by her fiancé, Jon Prodehl; her children, Otto (Amy) Schlesinger, Tim Schlesinger and Kim (Chris) Duchene; her grandchildren, Lily and Jack Schlesinger, Lauren and Tyler Duchene and Ian and River Christenson; her siblings, Richard "Doc" (Sue) Wren, Leticia "Tish" Degnan and Walter "Wally" (Sheila) Wren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook.

A funeral service will follow at the funeral home at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or the American Diabetes Association at [www.donors.diabetes.org](http://www.donors.diabetes.org).



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# Village's service agencies take stock

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ating in the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church parking lot was folded into HCS in July. Once the new facility opens, the parking lot will serve as a staging area as patrons wait to collect their food. UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale, which had supported the mobile pantry, is partnering with HCS to identify food-insecure patients and refer them for pantry services.

"Then we monitor the impact of the healthy food on health conditions," Michalski said.

Hospital staff also measure blood pressure and provide healthy recipes to pantry visitors.

"The hospital has really become a huge partner in HCS," she said.

Michalski said HCS requires about 4,000 volunteer hours a year. Rarely is a shift short-handed.

"We couldn't do it without our volunteers and HCS team, who really step up to fulfill the mission," she said.

Of all the towns in south-east DuPage and far western Cook served by HCS, the second-highest number of clients come from Hinsdale.

"It is right in the community," she said. "Unexpected life happens to everyone. And we're here to help families get through the challenging times."



**The Community House**

The Community House has a knack for continuing to expand its own community, said Dan Janowick, executive

director.

"2023 was a year of growth in so many parts of what we do," he said.

Janowick reported that the organization served more people than ever before in its more than 80-year history.

"Many of our recreation and adult and youth programming hit milestones," he said, citing summer day camp, flag football league and fortnightly among those posting record-setting participation. "We saw more than 30,000 individual registrations last year from the community."

The agency's arts programs surged in popularity as well, and its full-time counseling staff was doubled from two to four in large part to provide more services in unincorporated Willowbrook. Janowick said mental health services and more after-school activities were the requests of that neighborhood's residents.

"Art classes, basketball

camp, babysitter certification and other programs that people are used to coming to our building for, we're also offering in that community in partnership with the school district, which is exciting," he said. "Our program has some of its biggest impact on people who will never walk into this building."

On the financial front, The Community House eliminated its operational deficit for the first time in as long as Janowick can remember. He attributed that accomplishment to fees from expanded programming, a successful Walk for Mental Health in May that drew more than 750 walkers and a memorable Holiday Ball last month.

"For the first time we raised more than \$600,000," he said.

Janowick said the emphasis on "serving the whole self" is central to the agency's mission. Programs like pickleball, for instance, are designed with both the sport and relation-

ship-building in mind.

"People want to get together and play pickleball, but they also want to stay for the social part afterwards," Janowick said.

The Community House collaborates with the village of Hinsdale, Hinsdale Central High School and other entities to offer offsite options across the age spectrum, particularly for teens and older adults, where offerings can be limited.

"We take a lot of pride in how we're connecting with all the different age groups," Janowick said.

Conversations he has with past users reinforce the vital role The Community House plays.

"The organization means a lot to people through generations," he said. "The importance, in a post-COVID world, of staying connected as a community and coming together is really what we're all about."

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FRANK ROZICH, MODEL TRAIN COLLECTOR

## What is your train exhibit about?

Frank Rozich's interest in model trains goes back to childhood, when he would occasionally be allowed to play with a train that once entertained his father as a child. Decades later, that train now sits on Rozich's mantle and is the flagship piece in what has grown into a prolific collection.

A portion of that collection now fills the display cases inside a room at the Hinsdale History Museum at 12 Clay Street. Titled "Miniature Rails, Massive Impact: Hinsdale's Railroad History," the exhibit explores both the evolution of the miniature train and the role that Hinsdale's life-sized railroad had on its founding and development and still has today.

While he enjoyed playing with trains as a child, Rozich said he didn't start collecting or restoring the toys until about a decade ago. Post retirement, he found golf and gardening held his interest in warmer months, but he needed a winter pastime to keep himself occupied. Always one to enjoy working with his hands, Rozich

began searching for model train cars and engines to repair and restore.

He rewires each piece with period-correct wiring and lights, and repairs or replaces parts as needed. Some get a new paint job, but others he leaves as is, letting the faded colors and chipped paint tell their story.

"If they could only talk," said Rozich, who added he often finds himself thinking and wondering about the children who played with his collection in the decades and generations before him.

"I just get a big, big kick out of it," he said.

Rozich said he began his collection by searching out pieces to build a replica of a train set that was part of his family's Christmas tradition. The youngest of four, he said his three older sisters have uniquely fond memories of the train, all of which he incorporated into a replica that is now part of his home and a small portion of his collection.

As the village celebrated its 150th birthday, Rozich was encouraged by his daughter-in-law, Hinsdale Historical Society Trustee and past president Carrie Rozich, to

share his collection with the rest of Hinsdale.

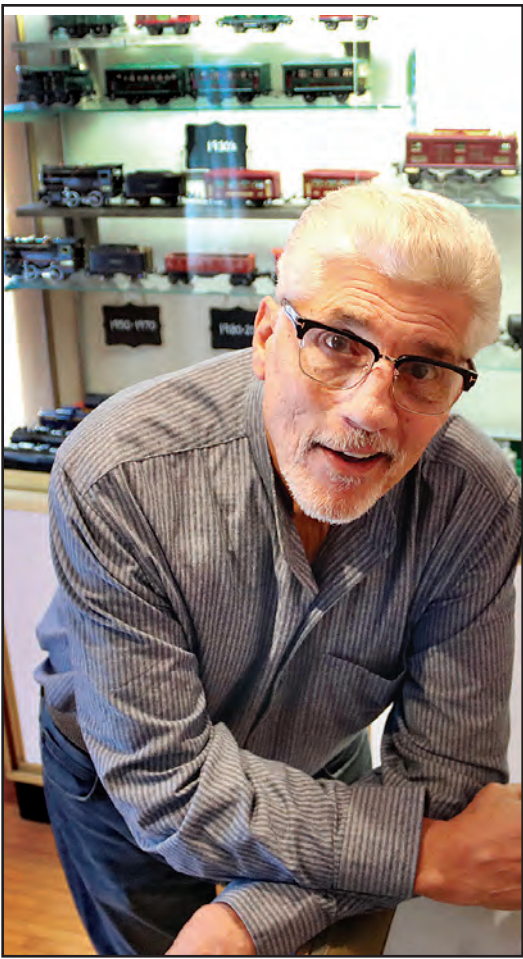
The pieces on display at the Hinsdale Historical Society chronicle the evolution of toy trains from the late 1800s to today. A few of Rozich's pieces date back to the days before electricity, requiring the operator to wind the piece up to make it move.

Most are products of the Lionel company, which has been making toy trains since 1900.

Many pieces in Rozich's collection are replicas of cars and engines that likely passed through Hinsdale at one time or another. A timeline assembled by museum staff helps to paint a picture of the role the railroad has had in the village. The exhibit also includes pieces of art, including prints, paintings and drawings, that illustrate the railroad's impact on the town and its history.

The exhibit will remain on display at least through February, Carrie Rozich said. Visitors are welcome to tour the exhibit, and the entire Hinsdale History Museum, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 20, Feb. 3 or Feb. 17, at 12 S. Clay St.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



**Collector Frank Rozich** of Willow Springs said every car and engine in his collection has a story to tell. He's brought together a portion of his vast assembly to tell the story of how the railroad has impacted Hinsdale throughout its 150-year history. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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## Marching band takes London by storm

*Weather actually holds out for New Year's Day parade, despite rainy week for visit*

By Pamela Lannom  
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More than a year ago, Hinsdale Central drum major Deona Julary was given an umbrella along with an invitation for the Hinsdale Central Marching Band to participate in London's New Year's Day Parade.

Her instructions? Keep the umbrella on her person to ensure good weather for the parade. She did as she was told.

"The umbrella did work," Julary said Monday after returning home from a six-day trip to London. "It was raining every single day in London except parade day, and we are really grateful the umbrella did work."

Marching in the parade with about 8,000 performers before a crowd of some 500,000 was a memorable experience, Julary said, but came with some anxiety.

"I definitely felt a lot of pressure going into this parade because you are representing Hinsdale Central on a global scale," she said. "I felt really confident with the people going into this trip and the band that was performing. We all had confidence in our skills and ability to really show up and do our best. Once we got there, the pressure kind of eliminated and we were able to enjoy it more."

The two-mile parade route starts down the street from Buckingham Palace near Piccadilly Circus. Band director Matt Kurinsky said Central musicians lived up to the occasion.

"You march past a bunch of monuments and you end up by Big Ben and Westminster," he said. "They definitely did some of their best marching and playing ever. It was really fun."

For the two-minute televised "show stop" at

the end of the parade, the band performed "Greased Lightning." While marching, they played "Fanfare for the Common Man," "Red Devils" and "Animal."

The band also performed with two other bands at an evening concert at St. John's Church in Waterloo.

The band actually began preparing for the parade in the spring of 2023, playing two of the concert pieces during its year-end performance, Kurinsky said.

"We started doing weekly practices after football season," he said. "We planned our football season to include some of the music we were going to do for this."

Band members committed to memorizing their music for the performance, something they typically don't do.

"This level of performance, it really makes everybody just step up their performance a notch," Kurinsky said. "Everybody takes it seriously. Everybody was paying better attention to their horn angles and things like that. Everything was a little more serious."

When band members were not performing, the focus was on having fun. Many families joined their students for the parade, with some flying over early or staying a few days late.

The Tatum family left for Paris right after finals ended Dec. 22.

"We did the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre on Christmas Eve," said Melanie Tatum, whose son, Blake, plays snare drums. "It was amazing."

The family met up with the Central group on Dec. 28 in London.

"We went straight away to sightseeing. They had organized tours every day. We had two buses," she said.

Among the stops were Westminster Abbey,



**Hinsdale Central** Marching Band director Matt Kurinsky and senior drum major Deona Julary pose for a selfie during the London New Year's Day parade. The parade was one of two performances for the band during the trip, which also included lots of sightseeing. (photos courtesy of Matt Kurinsky)

St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, Covent Garden and Windsor Castle. The group even took a day trip to Oxford.

"Oxford was a lot of fun," Tatum said. "All the kids were wearing Oxford sweat-shirts. It was really cute."

The family traveled to Rome four years ago when Blake's older sister, Hannah, played clarinet in the Rome parade in 2020.

"It's an incredible opportunity," Tatum said. "We're so fortunate to have the opportunity to go do this on the world stage."

Julary enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with fellow band members while on the trip.

"There were so many times where you would be

touring Oxford or Windsor Castle and we'd just be smiling and having a good time," she said.

Kurinsky, who visited London in college and again when the band played in the parade eight years ago, enjoyed those moments as well.

"I always see something different," he said, mentioning a trip to Harrods with a few of the trip's 14 sponsors. "It's such a big, cool city. There's always something new. It's fun to see."

While some band members have traveled extensively, this was the first trip out of the country for some. "We had one girl — it was her first time on an airplane entirely," he said.

Kurinsky said the parade

is a once-in-a-lifetime performance for students, comparing it to the Rose Parade or the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"There are few things like it," he said.

Julary has had two once-in-a-lifetime experiences, as she was selected to be the drum major for the Macy's parade in November. She said that parade was more focused on celebrities.

"The London parade is very community-based and it's very centered on the people," she said. "It was really inspiring and eye-opening participating in both parades and seeing the similarities and the differences."





**The Elmhurst Symphony** Orchestra will perform a special program Jan. 20 at Union Church of Hinsdale. See Page 22 for details. (photo provided)

## ARTFULLY DONE

■ **Introduction to Watercolor**  
Saturdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 10  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
[www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)  
(630) 968-0074

Students in this beginning class will paint a simple element of winter's flora while learning about watercolor materials, color mixing, painting techniques, and perspective and composition. Foundational drawing skills are required. All supplies will be provided; students are also welcome to bring their own. The program is for ages 16 and up. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$180. RR, MD

### ■ Collage, Nature and Image Transfers

Tuesdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 27  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)  
(630) 206-9566

Explore the connection to nature by creating an art journal using collage and other techniques. Learn three

different ways to create image transfers for mixed media art, and create a final project to trim into handmade cards or framed art. Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$140. RR

### ■ Sip & Paint

Jan. 25  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
[www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org](http://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org)  
(630) 323-5630

Gather with friends at the humane society and learn to paint a beautiful nature image on a canvas to take home while sipping wine and sparkling beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). Supplies, beverages and light snacks are all included. Time: 6 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$50. RR

### ■ Later Impressions

Through Feb. 17  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)  
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# California dreamin' at Infant Welfare's Tablescapes

It's January in Hinsdale! You know what that means — after the New Year's champagne glasses are washed and the holiday decorations come down, we inevitably start thinking about escaping to a warmer climate. Some of us are working on spring break plans and some of the snowbirds among us have already flown south for the winter. (Florida and Arizona, I'm lookin' at you!)

Well, if you're finding yourself dreaming of in-line skating on the beach like Barbie (and Ken), the Hinsdale Auxiliary of the Infant Welfare Society is hosting "Tablescapes, Ooh La La" just around the corner in early March. This year's benefit co-chairs, Linda Davis and Melissa Goebel, along with Hinsdale Auxiliary President, Cassandra Fisher, chose this year's theme to celebrate the energy and style of Los Angeles. (This year's date, March 10, even has a tie-in with LA's 310 area code.)

"Last year's event reflected on the history of art deco in Chicago. This year we wanted to bring back color and a more casual approach to glamour. What better inspiration than LA?" Davis and Goebel said.

The event at the Drake in Oak Brook will feature five themed tables, which will be raffled off, along with many other carefully curated experiences and luxury items.

Additionally, guests will have the chance to shop from some of the Western Suburbs' boutiques, enjoy live music, and dine on a three-course lunch.

Tablescapes is the Hinsdale Auxiliary's major fundraiser for the Infant Welfare Society. In addition to this event, the Hinsdale Auxiliary collects baby essentials for families



Allison Peters  
Society spotlight

in need, hosts an annual coat drive and provides holiday shopping givebacks and Mother's Day toiletry gift bags. They also have an active Junior Board that supports their fundraising and collection efforts. This year's proceeds benefit IWS's Angel Harvey Family Health Center in Chicago.

While the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago was initially formed to provide a safe supply of milk for newborns as the city combated spiraling infant mortality, today the Center provides far more — medical care, dentistry, optometry, child development and behavioral health services — to families in need. Having personally visited the center through my own volunteer work, I was astonished at the sheer number of people they serve.

For some families, this is their only

resource for eye exams or dental care, which are both required for children to attend school in Illinois. It's also the main source for at-risk families of children with special needs who desperately require services like developmental and physical therapy. The Hinsdale Auxiliary is the largest donor year after year, with Tablescapes raising more than \$130,000.

"For more than 20 years, the Hinsdale Auxiliary has been proud to raise money in support of health care services to the medically underserved and vulnerable families in the Chicagoland area," Fisher said. "We invite everyone to come shop, dine, participate in the raffles or bid on auction items, all for a great cause."

Tickets are available starting Jan. 24 at [www.hinsdaleiws.com](http://www.hinsdaleiws.com).

— Allison Peters of Hinsdale is the paper's society columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

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Cozy up at The Lodge in Katherine Legge Memorial Park for an evening of spectacular wine, delicious food, great company, and a little education. At *Corks & Forks*, **taste nine unique wines** chosen by Hinsdale Wine Academy...**paired with six tapas style courses**. Enjoy time spent with friends and neighbors while learning the basics of wine and food pairing that you can easily apply at home.

### THE FEAST

The menu, chosen to compliment the wine, will feature delicious food prepared by one of The Lodge's preferred caterers. Limited dietary requests will be accommodated with this set menu.

### THE TICKETS

Individual - \$150

Table of 8 - \$1100

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free exhibit featuring 60 works by local artists of the Chicago Area Visual Artists. Meet some of the artists and enjoy non-alcoholic cocktails at a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 17. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

AUDITION CALL

**■ Tower Chorale open rehearsal**  
Jan. 15  
Grand Avenue Community Center  
4211 Grand Ave, Western Springs  
www.towerchorale.org

The 70-member all-volunteer choir group is seeking singers in all voice parts with Monday night availability for rehearsals. Prospective singers are invited to learn the current repertoire alongside members to get a feel for the group and provide the director an opportunity to gauge compatibility and response to direction. Attendees should bring a pencil and water bottle and arrive 15 minutes early to check in. Copies of the music will be provided. Performances this season are March 2-3, April 7 and May 18-19. Time: 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

FOR A CAUSE

**■ Women's Self-Defense Workshop**  
Jan. 19  
Sky Centers Martial Arts  
112 W. St. Charles Road, Lombard  
www.sparkpages.io/cart/2/?i=XjY&c  
Support the Hinsdale Humane Society while learning about situational awareness, danger signs and basic defensive skills against variable attacks. Wine and appetizers will be provided at the end. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the humane society. The registration deadline is Jan. 17. Time: 7 p.m. check-in and refreshments, 7:30 p.m. workshop, 9 to 10 p.m. wine and appetizers. Cost: \$40. RR

GAME ON

**■ Competitive Mah Jongg Open Play**  
Thursdays through April 25  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
Enjoy American Mah Jongg

in this lively weekly co-ed group for players who know the game well. Walk-ins are welcome; the fee is paid at the door. For more information, email Cheryl Wrzesinski at sharedmemories@aol.com or Gloria Javor at gloriajavor@comcast.net. Time: 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$2.

GREAT OUTDOORS

**■ Sunrise Hike**  
Jan. 14  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Join this "before hours" hike to experience the dawning of a new day. Time: 7 a.m. RR

**■ Freeze Frames**  
Jan. 20  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897  
Participants ages 13 and up can use their cameras to observe nature on a guided photography walk. All levels and camera types are welcome. Time: 10 a.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

**■ Body Boost (HIIT) F4M**  
Saturdays through April 27  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500  
New mothers and veteran moms alike can enjoy safe and effective high-intensity interval training combining cardio, strength, core and meditation. Time: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$150 for a 10-class punch card.

JUST FOR KIDS

**■ Friendship Bracelets**  
Jan. 18  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976  
Kids in third through eighth grade are invited to create friendship bracelets to wear and share. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

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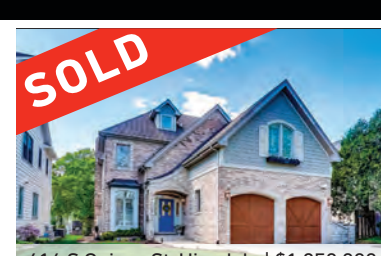
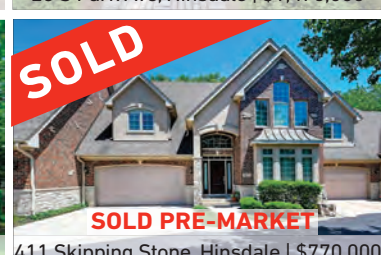
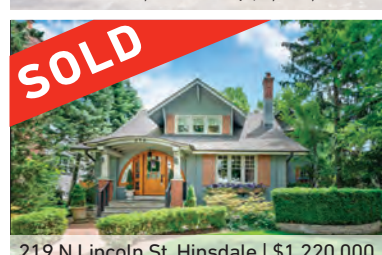
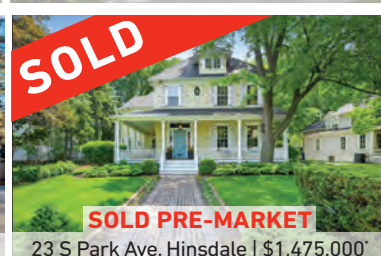


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## ■ Chilis, Soups and Stews

Jan. 18  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Cozy up with a discussion of soups, stews and chilis from across the country, from Cincinnati chili to Minnesota wild rice soup and everything in between. A sample of one

will be provided. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

## ■ The Gift of Failure

Jan. 22  
www.nazarethacademy.com

As part of Nazareth Academy's 2023-24 virtual Parent Speaker Series, writer Jessica Lahey will speak on "The Gift of Failure — How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed." These sessions, conducted via

Zoom, are free and open to all. Register through website above, under the Student/Parent tab. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

## NOTEWORTHY

### ■ Michael Miles with Jill Kaeding & Ariane Lydon

Jan. 13  
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale  
11 W. Maple St.  
www.acousticren.com  
(630) 941-7797

Banjo player Miles and cellist Kaeding breathe new life into J.S. Bach's Cello Suites. Miles puts the original cello melody on the banjo and Kaeding plays a contrapuntal continuo accompaniment. For the past two decades, guitarist and singer Lydon has toured and performed throughout the U.S. and Canada. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.


## ■ Celebration of the Dance

Jan. 20  
Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S Garfield St.  
www.elmhurstsymphony.org  
(630) 941-0202

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will perform this program, including Lully's Selections from "Roland," Telemann's Concerto for Flute and Viola da Gamba, Rameau's "Pièces de Clavecin en con-

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## HINSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY • WINTER HIGHLIGHTS



**Jazz After Dark:  
Jammin' in the Stacks  
w/ Julia Danielle Quartet**  
Feb. 2, 7-8:30 p.m.

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### Celebrate the Year of the Dragon at Hinsdale Public Library!

Sat., Feb. 10, 2-4 p.m.

We'll have crafts, games, food, and performances by elementary-age kids focusing on Chinese New Year.



teens

### High School Trivia Night

Jan. 26, 7-8:30 p.m.

HPL's Junior Advisory Board is hosting this friendly, competitive evening with snacks, drinks, and trivia from each decade during this after-hours high school event.



adults

### Get Ready for the Eclipse!

Feb. 5, 7-8 p.m.

Another solar eclipse will be visible from Hinsdale on April 8. Join Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium to learn all about it and receive one pair of eclipse glasses!



kids

### Colorful Collage Inspired by Alma Thomas

Pick up Feb. 9

Kids can celebrate Black History Month with a take-home craft inspired by artist Alma Thomas.

Register for all events online unless otherwise noted.  
See dozens of other programs at [hinsdalelibrary.info/events](http://hinsdalelibrary.info/events).



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cert," Praetorius' "Dances from Terpsichore" and Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 1, which has seven different dance sections. Featured performers are Craig Trompeter on the viola da gamba and flutist Mary Stolper. The orchestra also will perform the program at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$45, \$32-\$42 for seniors, \$12-\$17 for students.

### ■ Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra

Jan. 21  
First United Methodist Church of La Grange  
100 W. Cossitt Ave.  
www.saltcreekchamber-orchestra.com  
(708) 252-3855

The chamber orchestra's winter concert will feature Boulogne's Symphony No. 2, Haydn's Trumpet Concerto and Mozart's Symphony No. 41. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$20, \$15 for seniors and students.

## ON STAGE

### ■ The Winter Workshop Plays

Jan. 12-14  
Theatre of Western Springs  
4384 Hampton Ave.  
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com  
(708) 246-4043

The TWS Directors' Workshop presents this program featuring the plays "The Culling" by Robyn Dana Guest and "Lou Gehrig Did Not Die of Cancer" by Jason Miller. Times: 8 p.m. Jan. 12 & 13, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14.

### ■ 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Jan. 24-March 24  
Drury Lane Theatre  
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace  
www.drurylanetheatre.com  
(630) 530-0111

Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story follows Tevye in his tight-knit Jewish community in Czarist Russia as he tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of political and social change. It's universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 & 6

p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$100.75-\$111.25.

## SENIOR SCENE

### ■ Prime Time A+

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan. 2-April 30  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

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

## SIGN UP NOW

### ■ Mason Jar Mixology

Jan. 18  
The Preserve at Oak Meadows  
900 N. Wood Dale Road, Addison  
(630) 933-7248  
www.dupageforest.org

Learn how to make tangy and refreshing cocktails or mocktails using infusions made with ingredients from native shrubs and trees. Bring a mason jar and make a personal infusion to take home while enjoying info about native plants. Ages 21 and up only. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

### ■ Trivia Night

Jan. 27  
KLM Lodge  
5901 S. County Line Road  
www.hinsdalehistory.org/upcoming-events

Join this annual Hinsdale Historical Society event by teaming up with friends and neighbors. Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes (bonus points for historically themed costumes). Beer and wine are provided; participants can bring their own food. Must be 21 or older. Register by Jan. 25. Time: 7 p.m. doors open, 7:30 p.m. trivia. Cost: \$75 per person, \$700 for table of 10. RR

### ■ Peabody's Pages Book Club

Feb. 2 & March 1  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 206-9566

Discuss great reads with fellow book fans. February's selection is "Founding Gardeners" by Andrea Wulf;

and March's discussion will be on "A 1,000 Mile Walk to the Gulf" by John Muir. Time: 10 to 11:15 a.m. Cost: \$10.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ■ Indoor Sidewalk Sale

Jan. 12-15  
Hinsdale business districts  
www.hinsdalechamber.com  
The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first winter sidewalk sale, with participating stores in downtown Hinsdale, Grant Square and Gateway Square.

### ■ Creative Sustainability Workshop

Jan. 18  
Swallow Cliff Woods  
Calumet Sag Road west of La Grange Road, near Palos Park  
www.fpdcc.com  
(312) 533-5751

Give items a second life by turning them into an ornament, decoration or birdfeeder, and extend the life of clothing with simple mending techniques. Bring supplies or use ones provided. Hours: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## STEPPING BACK

### ■ 'Miniature Rails, Massive Impact'

Jan. 20, Feb. 3 & 17  
Hinsdale History Museum  
15 S. Clay St.  
www.hinsdalehistory.org

The exhibit showcases miniature models of trains to tell the story of Hinsdale's railroad history. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### ■ At Home With Nature House Tour

Through March 30  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 206-9566

Learn some of the surprising history of Mayslake Hall, a landmark and architectural gem built as the home of F.S. Peabody in 1921, which has been surrounded by an oasis of nature for more than 100 years. Ages 12 and up are welcome. No tours Jan. 1. Times: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$8.

## TEENS & TWEENS

### ■ East Asian Pop Culture Club

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## Pet pic of the week

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Jan. 12  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
(630) 986-1976  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
Middle and high school students are invited to talk about favorite manhwa comics, dan-mei novels, anime shows and anything else with others in the fandom. Enjoy snacks and choose which topic to focus on each meeting. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ **Practice ACT Exam**  
Jan. 27  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976  
High school students can prepare for the ACTs by taking a proctored practice exam. Test takers will receive a personalized analysis of their results from The Village Tutors within two weeks. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. RR

### WEE ONES

■ **Nature's Art Box**  
Jan. 18  
Little Red Schoolhouse  
Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(708) 839-6897  
Kids ages 3-6 with an adult can enjoy nature-based art and activities. Supplies are provided. Time: 10:30 a.m. RR

### WINE & DINE

■ **Whiskey Dinner**  
Jan. 19 or 20  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
[www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)  
(630) 719-2468  
Enjoy a five course meal paired with whiskey tastings, live classical guitar music and a view of Meadow Lake. Learn about the history, production and appreciation of whiskey from Mississippi River Distilling Co. representatives. Time: 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets: \$108. RR, MD

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## DILLARD MAKES 'WHO'S WHO' LIST

Chicago Partner Kirk Dillard was recently named to 2023 "Who's Who in Chicago" by Crain's Chicago Business. The list recognizes Chicago movers and shakers, from Fortune 500 CEOs to civic leaders and philanthropists. Dillard, a former Illinois State Senator, is one of more than 300 names compiled to the authoritative list.

Dillard concentrates his practice in business and governmental relations and in the representation of manufacturers in product liability prevention and litigation.

He is currently chairman of the Regional Transit Authority in metropolitan Chicago — the nation's second largest mass transit system with assets of almost \$150 billion and more than 1 million daily riders. He also serves as the Independent Chair of the privately owned Chicago Skyway Toll Road. In addition, since 2012, Dillard has served

as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission, which was created to assist and advise the Illinois Supreme Court in acquiring, collecting, preserving and cataloging documents, artifacts and information relating to the Illinois judiciary.

Dillard served in the Illinois Senate, representing Hinsdale and several other western suburbs. He held a number of key leadership positions while in the General Assembly — including chairman of the judiciary committee before stepping down in 2014 to assume the RTA chairmanship. Prior to his election to the Senate, Dillard served with distinction as former Gov. Edgar's chief of staff and legislative director to the late Gov. Jim Thompson. Dillard also served as a judge on the Illinois Court of Claims. Additionally, Dillard was recently appointed by Gov. JB Pritzker to Western Illinois University's Board of Trustees, and he serves as a member of

the DePaul University College of Law Dean's Advisory Council.

## DAR LAYS WREATH, MAKES DONATION

The Martha Ibbetson Chapter of the DAR laid a wreath at the Hinsdale Memorial Building Dec. 16, read the names of veterans who were killed in service and presented a check for \$100 to the village for preservation work at the Memorial Building.

The wreath laying ceremony is done across the United States — at more than 3,000 cemeteries for more than 2.7 million veterans — on the third Saturday of December by all the DAR chapters. Wreaths across America Day was set aside by Congress in 2008 as a time to remember by name those veterans from long ago wars who risk being forgotten.

— photos appear online at [www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean](http://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean).

## HINSDALE WOMAN EARNS DOCTORATE

Kathryn Knoch of Hinsdale earned a doctor of naturopathic medicine degree from National University of Health Sciences from the National University of Health Sciences in a Dec. 15 commencement ceremony.

## SOLSTICE EARNS FINALIST STATUS

For the fourth straight year, Solstice, which is the art and literary magazine produced by students and staff from Hinsdale Central, has been named a finalist for a Crown Award by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. It is one of only three high school literary magazines from Illinois to earn this honor.

The Crown Award is the highest recognition that CSPA gives to a student print or digital medium. The announcement about whether Solstice won a Gold or Silver Crown is

expected to occur in March.

## CENTRAL MATH STUDENTS EXCEL

Students from Hinsdale Central turned in amazing performances on the examinations that were administered in conjunction with the American Mathematics Competitions for individuals in grades 10 and below and 12 and below.

At Central, Alexander Zhang (first place), Max Zheng (second place), and George An (third place) took the top three spots on their version of the AMC 10 test, while Wilbert Chu (first place), Nathaniel Maydanchik (second place) and Kiran Gitzlaff (third place) took the top three spots on their version of the AMC 12 test.

Chu, Maydanchik, Gitzlaff, Zhang and Zheng also qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination, which will be administered Feb. 1.

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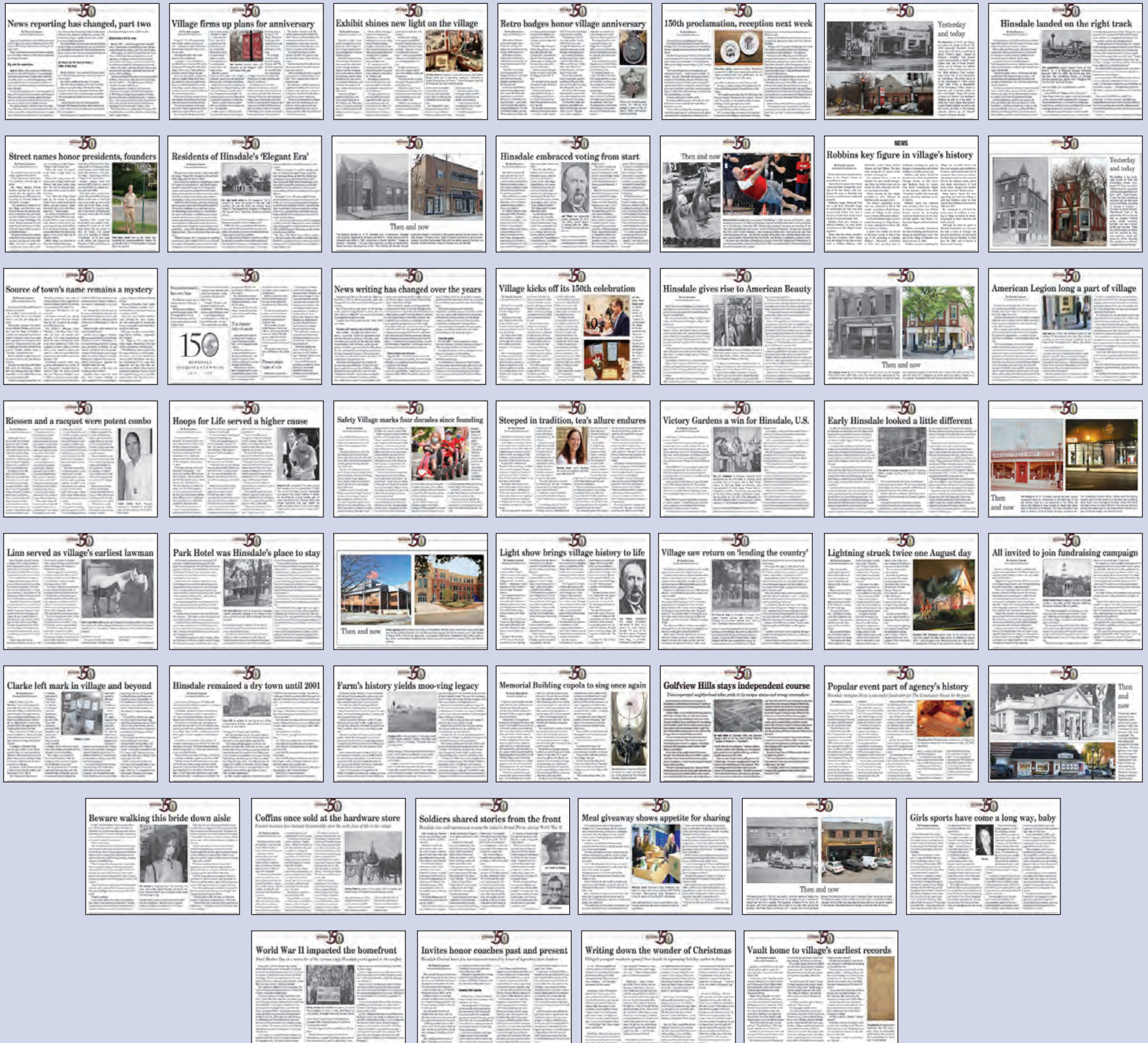
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**1. 123 W. Fifth St.,** 720 Bodin LLC to Samer and Kimberly ElShafei trusts, Nov. 22, \$1,638,853

**2. 620 S. Bruner St.,** Christian and Amanda Hmura to Luke and Rachel Harangody, Dec. 1, \$1,275,000

**3. 9 S. Bodin St.,** Jennifer Lambert Trust to Tonia Gooden and Maarten VanDiest, Dec. 1, \$950,000

**4. 722 N. Elm St.,** Najah Mirza and Mohammed Azam to Qiulan Jiang and Hong Dong, Dec. 4, \$1,500,000

**5. 915 N. Madison St.,** Jeffrey and Marilou Allen to Andrew Webster and Purani Palaniswami, Dec. 5, \$1,030,000

**6. 12 N. Monroe St.,** Hemberger Development LLC to Disa and Donald Magee, Dec. 7, \$1,800,000

**7. 840 Merrill Woods Road,** Peter Kallas and Kelly Abate to John and Jill Dombroski, Dec. 7, \$1,044,000

**8. 710 S. Monroe St.,** Anthony and Trayce Biancalana to Daniel Randolph, Dec. 7, \$1,715,000

**9. 732 S. Vine St.,** John D. and Shelly S. Perkowski dec-

laration trusts to Matthew Rice, Dec. 8, \$2,400,000

**10. 222 S. Monroe St.,** Ronald and Susan Christoph to Alexandra and Nicholas Carroll, Dec. 11, \$991,000

**11. 817 Jefferson St.,** JPS Property Group LLC to Stephen and Jule Tarpley trust agreements, Dec. 11, \$1,330,000

**12. 110 N. Vine St.,** Patrick Development LLC to Christopher and Taylor Bradley, Dec. 14, \$1,250,000

**13. 444 N. Monroe St.,** Lawrence Jennings and Iria Irlanda to Serhan and Margret Kovuk, Dec. 15, \$1,700,000

**14. 621 W. Maple St.,** James and Margaret Fletcher to Jacqueline M. Gupta Revocable Trust, Dec. 15, \$925,000

**15. 41 S. Stough St.,** David Roosevelt and E. Ruth Morrison Living Trust to Jason and Maria Handrinos, Dec. 18, \$560,000

**16. 326 E. Sixth St.,** Bank Financial NA to Pine Cove Hollow LLC, Dec. 19, \$2,500,000

**17. 5712 Foxgate Lane,** Robert and William Griffiths to MC3Property 440 N. Wabash LLC, Dec. 20, \$425,000

Source: DuPage County Recorder of Deeds

## JANUARY

## APRIL

*A league of their own*

While waiting for the Zamboni driver to finish preparing the ice for practice, Burlington West Grizzlies coach Julie Sochacki lent a hand to the sputtering machine, which was running low on propane. Team members, and Hinsdale Central students Ashley Ashbaugh and Amelia Sowers, were quick to drop their sticks and give their coach a hand as well. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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# Garba on!

**Members of the** Hinsdale Central South Asian Student Union hosted a Garba at the school in November. Shreemann Patel (left), John Gallagher and Aadi Deshmukh practice all the right moves. Natasha Bhatia (above) joined in the dance. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each bidder's Responsibility Criteria Documents will be available for public review.

The Bidder Responsibility Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft in an amount equal to not less than ten percent (10%), of the bid and made payable to Community Consolidated School District 181, 115 West 55th Street, Clarendon Hills, DuPage County, Illinois. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the bids opening date without the consent of the Owner. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as practical after opening and checking the bids.

Successful bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract, acceptable to the Owner. This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.).

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Contact Mike Duggan, Facilities Coordinator at (630) 688-4926 to make arrangements to visit the sites.

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Located at 21W051 Roosevelt Road, Lombard, IL. 60148-4217 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Sonia Lee, 5254 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA. 91364.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 30th day of November, A.D. 2023.  
Jean Kaczmarek  
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All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them. Walt Disney

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## Equal Housing

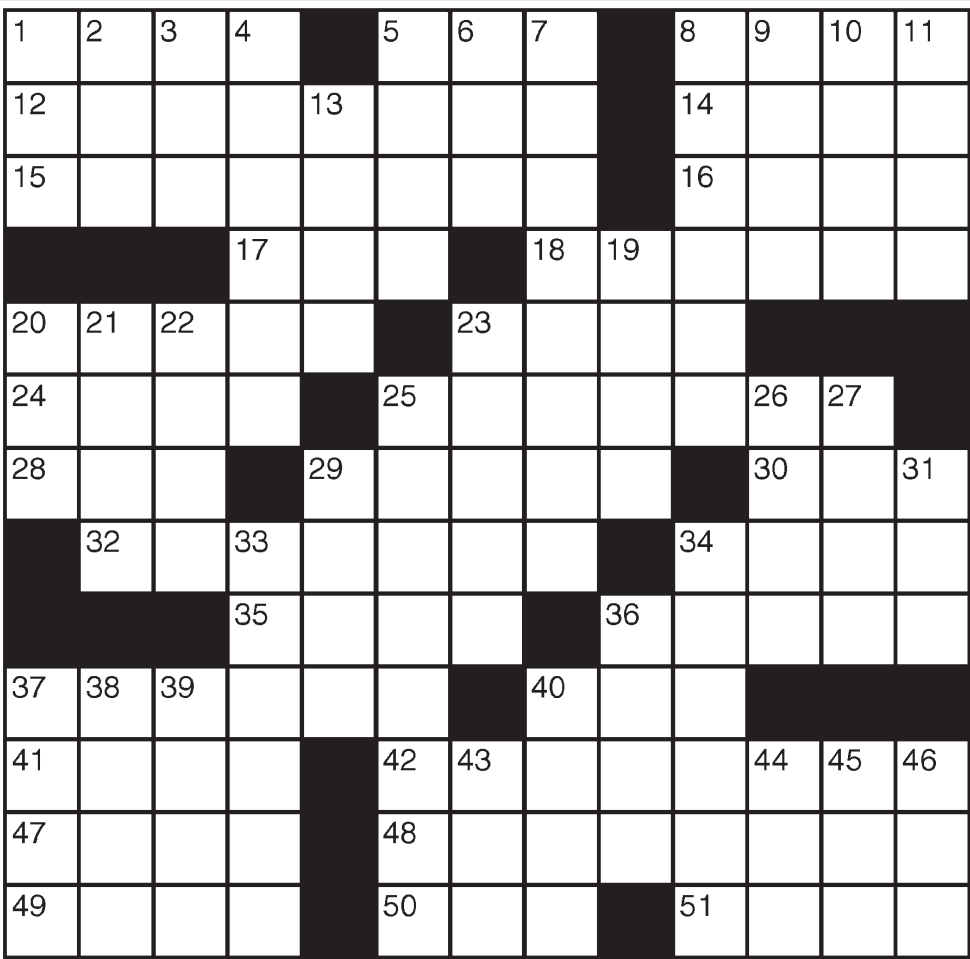
It is the intent and goal of this newspaper to have each advertiser who wishes to place a covered advertisement in the newspaper comply with the Fair Housing laws. Any advertisement which is perceived to contain language contrary to these laws will be rejected or changed to remove the offending reference. There may be situations where it is not clear whether particular language is objectionable. Such advertisements should be referred to a supervisor for consideration and determination. Under certain circumstances, advertisers may claim that because of the nature of the housing being advertised, they are not subject to the Fair Housing laws. Such claims are irrelevant for purposes of considering advertisements for publication in this newspaper. Every housing advertisement published in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing laws.





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- ACROSS
- 1 MUSCAT'S LAND
- 5 DROID
- 8 - ROMEO
- 12 SQUID DISH
- 14 CROWD NOISE
- 15 EARRING SHAPE, OFTEN
- 16 ROCK'S MOETLEY -
- 17 LITTLE LOUSE
- 18 GREAT -
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- 23 CANNON OF FILM
- 24 SOFA BRAND
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- 28 LINKS ORG.
- 29 LOS -, CALIFORNIA
- 30 SATISFIED SIGH
- 32 "SAY SOMETHING!"
- 34 "ALFRED" COMPOSER
- 35 FLOWER PART
- 36 RUN-DOWN
- 37 SUDDEN BURSTS
- 40 AACHEN ARTICLE
- 41 DOG'S BOWLFUL
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- 48 POINTS OF VIEW
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- 2 ACTRESS WEST
- 3 PIE -- MODE
- 4 LAND CREATED BY C.S. LEWIS
- 5 LISA'S BROTHER
- 6 SPANISH GOLD
- 7 APEX
- 8 ESOTERIC
- 9 CHICAGO'S MAYOR
- 10 LIGHTFOOT
- 11 MYTHIC MAN-GOAT
- 13 WAR GOD
- 15 1509, TO CATO
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- 19 TRENDY
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- 21 BOUND
- 22 FACT
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Active 2. Gyrate;  
3. Delude; 4. Censor

Today's Word  
NOVELTY

SCRAMBLERS

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



"Mr Davis of the Acme Company is here to see you."

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TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

January 2024 Horoscopes • Week 3



CAPRICORN

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, you will not make inroads with family or friends if you continue to play the victim. You must own up to any mistakes you've made and start making amends this week.



ARIES

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, if resolutions seem slow-going, give it time to get into a groove and become part of your routine. You can handle anything when you put your mind to it.



CANCER

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you may have a few plans on the horizon but aren't sure how to get started. Just like walking, take it one step at a time and soon you'll find that you're on your way.



LIBRA

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Health issues may have you taking inventory of your habits, Libra. It's a new year and the perfect time to start to make changes for the better. Ask for help if you need guidance.



AQUARIUS

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Sometimes the best defense is remaining quiet and letting others dig themselves into a deeper hole, Aquarius. Others will see your positive efforts for all they are.



TAURUS

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, there is a lot going on in your life at the moment, and you may need to accept that you can't do it all alone. Start farming out tasks to people you trust.



LEO

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, you may think you're being humble and putting others' needs before your own this week. But if you look a little deeper, you may discover you have room to improve.



SCORPIO

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
You're not one for being bashful about things, Scorpio. But something could occur this week that leaves you a little red in the face and perhaps wanting to hide in the shadows.



PISCES

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Think about planning a getaway in the next month or so, Pisces. It doesn't have to be a grand voyage. Even a weekend retreat can be a way to rest and recharge right now.



GEMINI

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**  
How will you know if you can do something unless you give it a try, Gemini? Be adventurous this week, whether it is enjoying a new ethnic cuisine or trying a new activity.



VIRGO

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, if you commit to something, follow through this week. Others are counting on you for your portion of the work and letting them down now is not an option.



SAGITTARIUS

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Someone new in your life is causing all types of changes to your schedule, Sagittarius. You're not quite sure if you enjoy it or not right now. Stay the course and wait to see.



STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Marko Ivanisevic  
Hinsdale

When did you start wrestling?

Wrestling wasn't big to me until my sophomore year in high school. As a kid I wasn't very good, and I didn't have a lot of wins. I stuck with it, thanks to my mom and dad, and I ended up taking fifth at state my sophomore year. That's when I really fell in love with the sport.

What do you love about it?

Just the grind. I love working hard in the sport. I gave up football my senior year to wrestle more, and that was a tough decision to make. I make new friends at different schools and even in different states.

How have you evolved over the last four years?

I've realized how much it takes to be the best. I remember losing sophomore and junior years in the state semis, and it was really crushing. Ever since then I been focusing not on the reward, but that I'm just going to wrestle my best match and worry about my placement later. I just want to go out and have fun and compete.

How would you teammates describe you?

I think I'm a good leader for them. As a team captain I'm not super-strict, but at the same time I like to have

my teammates disciplined. I love to push everyone and make sure that the kids are on weight. (Co-captain Zach Kruse) and I love to make sure the team is motivated to wrestle and keeps a level mind.

What's your goal for the season?

To become a champion and become the best wrestler I can possibly be.

Siblings?

Two older brothers, Stefan and Niko. Both wrestled at Central, and Niko was state runner-up.

How do you kick back?

I love to go up to our lake house with my dad and go fishing with him and his buddies. I also caddy at Ruth Lake Country Club.

Where to next year?

I'm going to the University of Illinois to wrestle.

Why does head boys wrestling coach Jason Hayes like having Ivanisevic on the squad?

Marko's put an extremely large amount of hard work in over his whole career here. Great work ethic, very motivated. He's all in. Once you learn how to wrestle tired, you can go to the next level. And Marko's learned that. He's ready every single match.

— profile by Ken Knutson,  
photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

<b>Basketball, boys</b> Jan. 9 vs. Downers North V wins 52-40 Jan. 6 @ Conant V loses 44-53 Jan. 5 @ Downers South V loses 48-55	<b>Basketball, girls</b> Jan. 9 @ Downers North V loses 35-46 Jan. 6 vs. New Trier V loses 57-63	<b>Bowling, boys</b> Jan. 9 @ Naperville North V loses 1,624-1,806 Berger, 418 Kwon, 401 Dynis, 311 Hyland, 272 Westerberg, 222	<b>Gymnastics, girls</b> Jan. 6 @ Naperville North Invite V places 3rd with	130.325 points All-around Driscoll, 9th, 32.7 Hannah, 11th, 31.8 Vault Hamelka, 3rd, 9.25 Driscoll, 9th, 8.65 Hannah, 11th, 8.5 Sullivan, 17th, 8.275 Uneven bars Hamelka, 6th, 8.325 Sullivan, 9th (tie), 7.85 Hannah, 15th (tie), 7.25 Driscoll, 18th, 7.2 Balance beam Driscoll, 10th (tie), 8.25 Koulouris, 10th (tie), 8.25 Hamelka, 13th, 8.1 Hannah, 17th (tie), 7.875 Floor exercise Driscoll, 6th (tie), 8.6 Inabnit, 8th (tie), 8.45 Hannah, 14th,	8.175 Danhaussen-Brun, 26th, 7.325 <b>Hockey</b> Jan. 9 vs. Plainfield V wins 4-3 Daze, goal Kunitz, goal McConnell, goal Read, goal <b>Swimming, boys</b> Jan. 6 @ Wheelock College Events Invite V places 1st with 322 points 1-meter diving Turek, 5th, 186.5 Ren, 6th, 157.95 1,000 freestyle Feiro, 4th, 10:07.34 Pelinkovic, 5th, 10:09.08 400 medley relay Bey, Vatev, Hou, Bertulis, 1st, 3:26.67 200 freestyle Guo, 1st, 1:43.4	Harris, 2nd, 1:46.08 400 IM Bey, 1st, 4:07.88 Benington, 5th, 4:19.55 50 free Bertulis, 2nd, 21.45 Suliga, 4th, 22.12 200 butterfly Guo, 1st, 1:54.89 Hou, 2nd, 1:55.52 100 freestyle Harris, 4th, 49.72 Marcet, 6th, 49.87 500 freestyle Feiro, 4th, 4:55.91 Pelinkovic, 7th, 4:59.69 200 freestyle relay Bertulis, Hou, Marcet, Suliga, 1st, 1:25.39 200 backstroke Shiell, 4th, 2:01.71 200 breaststroke Bey, 1st, 2:08.06 Vatev, 2nd, 2:08.69 800 freestyle relay Pelinkovic, Feiro, Guo, Hou, 1st, 7:12.02	<b>Wrestling, boys</b> Jan. 6 @ Plainfield East Quad vs. Hoffman Estates V wins 37-36 138 pounds Barrios, dec. 8-2 190 pounds Galeckas, major dec. 15-1 <b>Wrestling, girls</b> Jan. 5 @ Naperville Central Invite 130 pounds Hart, 1st, fall 0:31 190 pounds Black, 1st, fall 1:05 145 pounds Arain, 2nd Salazar, 4th 235 pounds Rogers, 2nd 120 pounds Gavin, 4th 125 pounds Neskovic, 5th, fall 2:56 170 pounds Ford, 5th, fall 2:25
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Instant replay



Hinsdale Central junior Jack Crabb advances the puck up the ice Tuesday night with junior Emmet McConnell nearby as Central took on Plainfield at the Willowbrook Ice Arena. The Red Devils won 4-3. (Jim Slonoff photo)



# Registration for 2024 NOW OPEN!



**Register and Pay Online @ [www.hinsdalell.org](http://www.hinsdalell.org)**

## **A Great Program Right Here in Hinsdale – Details are as follows:**

- Fee \$250.00 Per Player 6yo/7yo, \$275 8yo/9yo/Minors/Majors
- Registration is for Hinsdale school children born before Sept. 2019 up to age 12
- Registration will close on 2/16, if your son/daughter is not registered before 2/16 they will NOT be able to play

## **HLL Website – Please follow accordingly:**

- Register at [www.hinsdalell.org](http://www.hinsdalell.org)
- Click register from your phone or computer
- Login or follow prompts to create a new account
- Follow steps to register your child



## **Mandatory Workout Day tryouts – 2/4/24:**

- Where: Hinsdale Central High School Field House
- When: Sunday, February 4, 2024
  - 6yo – 8:00 a.m.
  - 7yo – 8:45 a.m.
  - 8yo – 9:30 a.m.
  - 9yo and any older kids new to HLL – 10:15 a.m.
- If you are unable to make your assigned time, please come when you are able.

## **Coach Volunteers:**

- As you register your child, there will be a section where you can volunteer to coach
- You will be subject to a background check
- Please note we cannot guarantee everyone will be able to coach as there may not be enough spaces – we will contact coaches shortly after registration closes

## **Tentative 2024 Season Schedule**



- Registration started 1/8/24
- Mandatory Workout Day 2/4/24
- Registration closes 2/16/24
- HLL draft day 3/2/24
- Practices start first week in April (weather permitting)
- Opening Day to be early April
- Watch your emails for more info!



# SPORTS

## Let's get this season started

*Elements arrived a bit tardy, but time has finally come for outdoor winter fun*

It is winter after all. Mother Nature seems to finally be coming through with the scenes of snow and ice many embrace this time of year. So skiers, skaters and sledders rejoice, and check out these thrills in the chill.

### Cold steel on ice

The village-operated rink at Burns Field, 320 N. Vine St., will open for use once weather permits (four to six consecutive full days of weather below 32 degrees). Once the ice is in place, posted signs will indicate if the rinks are open or closed. The rink is lit for evening activities, and warming house hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, supervised, with free hot chocolate and a fire. Hockey is permitted, and the park will close nightly at 10 p.m.

Updates on rink ice conditions will be provided on the village's website, [www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr) (choose Field and Facility Status tab on Sub Menu and then Burns Field Ice Rink) and its Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/HinsdaleParksAndRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/HinsdaleParksAndRecreation).

### Snowshoe delight

Explore Fullersburg Woods by snowshoes! Bring your own or rent a pair Monday through Saturday through February at the Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center, 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook, when there's plenty of snow on the trails. Rentals are available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rentals end at 2 p.m.) and are \$10 for the day. Call (630) 850-8110 for availability and visit [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org) for details.

### Spots for skiing

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District invites cross-country skiers to check out trails at its various properties. When conditions permit,



**Tubing down Blackwell Forest Preserve's Mt. Hoy** is thrilling way to embrace a fresh blanket of snow. (photo provided)

staff members groom trails for classical and freestyle cross-country at the following sites:

Blackwell, Warrenville  
Danada, Wheaton  
Greene Valley, Naperville  
Fullersburg Woods, Oak Brook  
Herrick Lake, Wheaton  
James "Pate" Philip State Park, Bartlett  
Mallard Lake, Hanover Park  
Meacham Grove, Bloomingdale  
Springbrook Prairie, Naperville  
St. James Farm, Warrenville  
Waterfall Glen, Darien  
Trail users are asked to take care not to damage tracks that have been set. Visit [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org) for maps. For information on trail conditions, call the district's outdoor report at (630) 871-6422 and press 3, then press 2.

### Totally tubular

Take a thrilling 800-foot ride down the Mount Hoy tubing hill at Blackwell Forest Preserve on Butterfield Road in Warrenville. It's open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and school holidays through Feb. 25 when there's plenty of snow (usually more than 3 inches). Only forest district inner tubes are allowed. Inner tube rentals are at the base of the hill and are \$10 per tube per day (rentals end at 3:30

p.m.). Cash and credit cards are accepted. Before heading out, check the @dupageforest Facebook page to find out if the hill is open. It might close early due to extreme cold or storms.

### Reel in the big one

Test your angling skills in the annual Hard Water Classic from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at Blackwell Forest Preserve on Butterfield Road west of Winfield Road in Warrenville. All ages are welcome to compete in the only ice-fishing tournament in DuPage, which will include door prizes and awards. Bring your own equipment and bait. The entry fee is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the event. Register at [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org) or call (630) 933-7248.

### Winter workout

Get a cardio boost on a Fitness Hike at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Country Lane Woods on 95th Street east of Willow Springs Road near Willow Springs. This 5-mile trek is faster-paced with little to no stopping or interpretation. Visit [www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com) or call (312) 533-5751 for more information.

— compiled by Ken Knutson

## Play it safe in the outdoors this winter

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District reminds residents to play it safe while enjoying ice fishing, snow tubing, cross-country skiing and other winter activities.

"The safest way to enjoy the outdoors is with others so you're not alone if there's an emergency," said Dan Jones, longtime district ranger and assistant manager of ranger operations. "Otherwise, be sure to let someone know exactly where you're going and when you expect to be back."

As a guideline, there should be at least 4 inches of solid clear ice for one person and at least 8 inches for a group. Rangers do not monitor ice conditions in the preserves, so visitors step onto the ice at their own risk.

Ice strength can be affected by wind, snow, rain, sunlight, water levels, underground springs and temperature and can vary greatly over one body of water. Anyone venturing out on the ice should know the signs of dangerous conditions:

- cracks, ridges or faults
- different-colored ice, especially dark gray or black
- ice that looks rotten or porous
- ice covered by snow, water or slush
- running water or bubbles under the ice

"Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface and kick your feet while trying to pull yourself out. I always recommend outdoor enthusiasts carry ice safety picks for this purpose because they can dig into the slippery surface and provide traction if someone should need to get out of the water," he said. "Once you're back onto the ice, lie flat and roll away from the hole. Then get to a warm, dry, sheltered area as soon as possible, and call 911.

Visitors should also take care to dress for the weather. Even mild temperatures can cause frostbite and hypothermia, two medical conditions that require treatment. Signs of hypothermia include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, slurred speech and loss of motor skills. Signs of frostbite, which most frequently harms extremities like fingers, toes, ears and noses, include numbness, a white or grayish-yellow skin color or an unusual waxy feeling to the skin. Keep in mind that some people are more susceptible to the cold, particularly children, the elderly and those with circulation problems.

To help prevent injury, dress in layers with moisture-wicking underclothes and outer heat-retaining layers. Wool, silk and synthetic fleece retain body heat better than cotton. Waterproof boots, thick socks, a hat and gloves or mittens help keep extremities warm. A scarf, neck tube or face mask will keep your face warm and help cover as much exposed skin as possible. Traction cleats will keep you from slipping on icy trails.





# New to Market



## 135 ARTHUR AVE, CLARENDON HILLS

To make your move-in as easy as possible, a major refresh has just been completed in December 2023. All new paint. Re-done hardwood floors. New carpeting. Refinished kitchen cabinets. It looks & feels so good. This floor plan has universal appeal.

Here's why. It's open. The minimum ceiling height is nine feet. The kitchen/breakfast room is extraordinarily oversized and super sunny - courtesy of the eastern exposure. The kitchen opens to the family room in an intelligent way - the right balance between visual and acoustical connection/separation. The first floor office doubles as a fifth bedroom as it abuts a full bathroom. Private office/sitting room inside the owners' suite. The garage is attached. Now that I described its functional and aesthetic perfection, come see it for yourself.



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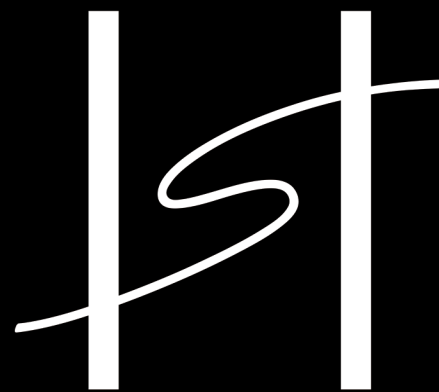
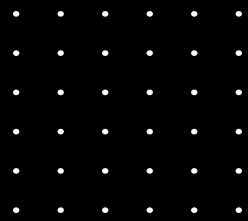
*Informal discussion of three major strategies  
on selling your home for top dollar*

**WHEN:** January 23, 2024  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** @properties Christie's International Real Estate  
30 S. Lincoln Street, Hinsdale, IL

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