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Bunny breakfast buddies

Cora and Emery Haverkamp spent some quality time with the Easter bunny Saturday morning at The Community House. The sisters visited with the bunny before breakfast, sponsored by The Community House, and then were off to the Easter egg hunt in Robbins Park, sponsored by Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department. Cora and Emery, along with several hundred other children, were quick to find the 10,000 eggs that were ‘hidden’ on the field. Please turn to Page 5 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

D181 finances promising in forecast

By Pamela Lannom
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Even with the added expense of remodeling a new district office and adding full-day kindergarten in 2025, Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 finances are expected to remain sound over the next five years.

District year-end fund balances for 2024 are projected to total \$39.5 million, or 54 percent of operating expenses. That figure is expected to contract to about 47.6 percent of operating expenses by fiscal year 2029, according to Mindy Bradford, assistant superintendent of business and operations. She presented the updated five-year financial forecast at Monday's board meeting.

"It's something that we look at all the time. We're always trying to update our assumptions," she told board members.

Additional expenses for full-day kindergarten include about \$19.2

million in building additions and renovations, up to \$250,000 for additional curriculum resources and materials and \$60,000 for furniture and fixtures for existing classrooms. Extending the day for kindergartners will require the district to hire an additional 12.5 teachers and four classified staff members.

The district also will spend \$5.7 million in fiscal year 2025 on master facility plan expenses, which includes renovating the new district headquarters on Ogden Avenue. In subsequent years, master facility plan expenses fall to \$2.7 million and then \$2.4 million.

Expenses related to the five-year technology plan average about \$1 million over the next five years, and textbook adoption costs will range from about \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million.

The district expects to see a 9-percent increase in PPO/HMO insurance premiums and an 8-percent increase for high deductible

health plans in FY 2025.

On the revenue side, the consumer price index that is used to calculate the increase in the December property tax levy is 3.4 percent.

The district projects that CPI will be closer to 2.5 percent in subsequent years of the forecast.

"We believe it's going to come down and modulate and be closer to what the 10-year average is," Bradford said.

Many sources of revenue are expected to remain flat, including registration fees, the corporate personal property replacement tax and federal and state aid.

The district is considered Tier 4 by the state, which means it is a well-resourced district, Bradford said.

"The state will not be giving us additional money to fund full-day kindergarten because we are Tier 4," she said.

Interest on investments, projected at \$1.7 million for FY 2025, are

expected to drop to \$1.2 million.

"It's a significant add to the district that we certainly expect to come down over time as interest rates modulate," Bradford said.

The forecast assumes the district will continue to abate \$2 million annually to taxpayers, using money from the operating fund rather than property taxes to make debt repayments.

Staff will continue to refine the numbers in the forecast, Bradford said. A 1-percent change in the CPI, for example, means \$800,000 in revenue for the district.

"I think we did a good bottom-up approach this year across as many line items as we could," she said. "I think this puts us in great shape for our upcoming tentative budget process."

Superintendent Hector Garcia praised her and other staff members for their work.

"Everybody does a good job of making sure numbers are as accurate as possible," Garcia said.



Shelter helpers

Members of the Monroe School Kids Care Club volunteered at the Hinsdale Humane Society Saturday, March 16. Before tackling some chores, Yino Jin and Claire Yun introduced to Lady Bird, a cockatoo that has been adopted by Animal Care Manager Carla

Wudi. Cate Blasko, Eleanor White and Alexandra Davison work on making snuffle mats for dogs and cats awaiting their forever homes. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. Lilyan’s, a women’s clothing store, was located at 104 S. Washington, which is now home to My Eye Dr. 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.



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Hundreds scoop up thousands of eggs



The annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by Hinsdale's Parks and Recreation Department and The Community House was held Saturday in Robbins Park. With staggered starting times based on ages, the eggs were collected in the blink of an eye. Bo Slezak stakes out the perfect spot before her group starts. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business at their March 21 meeting, board members:

- learned the dates and times for incoming Superintendent Michael Lach's "Listen and Learn" sessions have been finalized and will take place on Wednesdays in April. He will be available to meet with Hinsdale Central parents and community members from 4 to 5 p.m. April 3 at Central. A virtual session will take place for all from noon to 1 p.m. April 24.
- approved a consolidated registration fee of \$485 for the 2024-25 school year, which includes a \$340 course fee, \$135 for textbooks and \$10 for a student activity pass
- agreed to spend \$154,000 with Berglund Construction Co. for tuckpointing at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South high schools
- voted to have Douglas Flooring Co. replace stair treads at Hinsdale Central at a cost not to exceed \$229,000
- approved a one-year contract extension with First Student for regular and special education transportation. Costs will increase 8.5 percent.

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Applications were mailed to previously registered Hinsdale residents in early March. Stickers and tags must be displayed by May 1, or a \$25 late fee will be imposed. All vehicles registered in the state of Illinois with a Hinsdale address must also be registered with the village through the purchase of a vehicle sticker.

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vehicle sticker and/or animal tag in the mail in about one week after completing your online renewal.

Residents can also use the drop-box outside of Village Hall (in the circular drive next to the library drop box), apply by mail or walk in to Village Hall between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Village Hall is located at 19 E. Chicago Ave.

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Staffing is still an issue in District 86

Board ultimately approves administrative recommendation with addition of Haven staff

By Pamela Lannom
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Staffing and course offerings continued to be a topic of discussion last week in Hinsdale High School District 86.

At one point at the March 21 school board meeting, it looked like the board might postpone approving the 2024-25 staffing until its April 11 meeting. Board President Cat Greenspon made a motion to do so and was discouraged by administrators.

"The logistical piece of finishing the scheduling process prior to the end of the year so we can get to that discussion about course confirmations and communicating that information and giving students the opportunity to make some of those changes while the counselors are still here ... would be very challenging with a delay," said Jason Markey, assistant superintendent for academics.

At issue was additional staff for the district's Haven program, a self-contained therapeutic program for students with emotional disabilities. The administration's recommendation was to reduce staff by from 6.8 to 5 full-time

equivalents because of lower enrollment.

Katie Havertape, a social worker in the Haven program, urged the board to reject the administration's plan to cut positions and to keep staffing flat.

Board member Jeff Waters said he worried about having only two certified teachers for Haven students in four different grade levels.

"Jeff Waters can't possibly approve this staffing framework," he said. "My hope is it would be 6.8 (FTE) and frankly I think it should be higher."

Cheryl Moore, assistant superintendent of human resources, offered an alternative approach to delaying the vote.

"I'm only hearing you might want to add. I'm not hearing anyone say you want to take away," she said, suggesting the board approve the total FTE request and leave open the possibility of adding staff.

It was after Moore's request that Greenspon made an amended motion (a motion to approve the original request already had been made and seconded) to postpone the vote on staff-

ing to the April 11 meeting. A discussion of Robert's Rules of Order ensued, with the board taking a short break to obtain legal advice.

The board ultimately voted against the amended motion and the original motion was withdrawn. A new motion to approve 362.6 FTE — which included the 1.8 Haven staff in question — was made and passed 6-0, with board member Teri Walker absent. The staffing plan includes an overall increase of 3.9 FTE compared to this school year.

Conversation about adding an early-bird physical education class for ninth- and 10th-graders, which was part of the staffing discussion at the last meeting, came up again March 21.

Board member Peggy James referred to an email sent to all freshman and sophomore families since the last meeting that cited a board directive to offer the new class.

"I'm a little speechless because I don't know who wrote that email," she said. "At no point was I informed a new course was being developed."

Interim Superintendent Rebecca Nelson said based on discussion at the

last meeting, she thought the board wanted to add the early-bird PE class.

"I'm sorry, Dr. Nelson. To clarify, the confusion was not at the board table," Greenspon said, adding that she had reviewed the March 7 meeting video. "The direction the board agreed to and administration agreed to was to offer an exception to music students in ninth and 10th grade."

Board member Heather Kartsounes said she didn't know the early-bird PE class was being offered to everyone until she was questioned by a reporter.

"The whole situation was confusing to me as someone going through this process for the first time," she said.

The board voted 6-0 to add the course to the program of studies.

Greenspon said she appreciated everyone's patience.

"As you can see, there are times when discussion and conversation is challenging," she said. "But what you can see very clearly is the board is working very hard to work with administration to get the answers that we need and trying to support administrative recommendations."



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Soltwisch Plumbing, 422 Chestnut St., reported that someone intercepted a check from the mail, altering the name of the payee and amount. The incident occurred on March 4 and was reported March 20.

Identity theft

Someone used a victim's identity to make fraudulent bank transactions on March 13. The incident was reported on March 20.

Retail theft

Kobe M. Graves, 18, 124 2nd St., Downers Grove, was arrested March 21 for retail theft after surveillance video allegedly showed the suspect taking a purse valued at \$800 from Sterling Jewelry & Pawn, 244 E Ogden Ave., on March 19. Graves was cited and released to appear in court.

Deceptive practice

A customer at Fuller's Service Center, 102 W. Chicago Ave., reported use of a bad check to pay for services Feb. 14. The incident was reported March 22.

Domestic battery arrest

A 55-year-old woman from Western Springs was arrested for domestic battery after an incident at 10:34 a.m. March 23. She was charged and transported to Cook County jail.

DUI arrest

Vincent J. Nitti, 32, 360 W. Hubbard St., Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane use after a traffic stop at 12:03 a.m. March 24 in the 600 block of West Ogden Avenue. Nitti was charged and released to appear in court.

Criminal trespass arrest

Jesus Enrique Guillen-Paredes, 24, 1106 N. Mason Ave., Chicago, was arrested for criminal trespass to residence after home surveillance video showed him briefly entering a home on the 400 block of S. Oak Street to deliver a package at 7:50 p.m. March 20. He was charged and released to appear in court.

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



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■ “It’s very meaningful to be involved in an organization that supports children and families.” — Jeff Cantalupo

Son’s non-profit role is tribute to father’s legacy

McDonald’s has played a role in Jeff Cantalupo’s life for as long as he can remember. The son of former McDonald’s Corporation CEO Jim Cantalupo, the Hinsdale resident knew from a very young age that the fast food giant was about more than cheeseburgers and fries. Through the work of Ronald McDonald House Charities, it’s also about helping families.

“I decided to join the board when there was an opportunity back in 2013,” said Cantalupo, who served as board chair for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana in 2022-23 and continues to serve on the board and as a member of the development committee. He joins his sister, Hinsdale resident Christine Marzullo, and his mother, JoAnn, in his dedication to the organization and its work.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana has six houses and four family rooms dedicated to providing respite for families of children who are receiving medical care. The houses provide multiple families with a place to stay, while the family rooms are

located inside hospitals and largely intended for daytime respite. All are offered free of charge to alleviate the many forms of stress, including financial, that come with caring for a sick or injured child.

In 2023 alone, more than 11,000 families benefited from stays at the local Ronald McDonald House properties, Cantalupo said.

“It’s incredible to see the direct impact it has,” Cantalupo said. He said he has seen the organization benefit people from all parts of the country as they travel to Chicago to seek the best treatment for their child.

“It’s very meaningful to be involved in an organization that supports children and families,” he said. Of course, his work continues to be inspired by his own father, who died in 2004.

“It’s carrying on his legacy and the family’s legacy,” Cantalupo said.

A managing partner with venture capital company Listen of Chicago, Cantalupo offers his time, talent and treasure to drive the vision of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana.

“The development com-



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mittee is charged with strategically planning out our fundraising and initiatives and executing those programs,” he said. That includes the annual gala, scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at The Geraghty in Chicago. Guests are encouraged to pair their cocktail attire with their favorite pair of red shoes as they enjoy an evening of food, drinks, music and raising money. This homage to Ronald McDonald

can take the form of sky-high heels, canvas Keds or anything in between.

Cantalupo, who describes himself as “a bit of a sneaker guy,” will be wearing his red Air Jordan 5s.

“They’re my gala shoes,” he said.

Along with money, Cantalupo said volunteers also are needed to keep Ronald McDonald House’s facilities available to families

in need. He said providing and serving a meal for those staying at a Ronald McDonald House facility is a great way to help and to see up close the important work of the organization.

Information about Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana can be found at <https://rmhccni.org>.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Ninety-day minimum sounds right for house rentals

Next month the Hinsdale Village Board is likely to take action on short-term rentals, changing the zoning code to prohibit people from renting Hinsdale homes for fewer than a specified number of days.

Trustees, in referring the matter to the plan commission for a public hearing, suggested that threshold be 180 days. Plan commissioners said they think 90 days is a more appropriate number, and we agree.

The complex nature of this issue was evident at the March 13 public hearing.

First, it's tough to determine exactly how many Hinsdale homes are available for rent on platforms like VRBO, Airbnb and Zillow. Enter different desired dates on different platforms and a different list of houses will appear.

Second, while many commissioners and speakers at the public hearing expressed a desire to require such properties to be licensed, the village — as a non-home rule town — doesn't have the authority to do so. All officials can do is require homeowners to be listed on a registry.

Third is the key issue of balancing the rights of property owners to use their property as they

wish with the rights of those who live next door.

"Parking, noise, excessive activity, the presence of unlicensed animals and other nuisance activities, along with concerns for the health and safety of renters, the conduct of prohibited commercial activity within residential areas and the protection of the peaceful and quiet nature of the village's residential neighborhoods, are of concern to both residents and the village's elected officials and necessitate the prohibition of short-term rentals in residential zoning districts within the village," trustees wrote in materials submitted to the plan commission.

Several residents spoke at a village board meeting and at this month's public hearing about problems with rental properties in their neighborhood. Living next door to a house that had multiple guests a week was "terrifying" and "very unpleasant," one resident said.

Multiple families staying in a home at one time, too many parked cars, garbage and parties were among the complaints. Commissioner Cynthia Curry said when her house was robbed in January, Hinsdale police said rings of thieves from other countries travel to affluent communities and rent properties there in order to

commit crimes.

Sharing a different perspective, owners of rental properties in town said the homes meet a need for families who are displaced due to a renovation project or need to rent after they've closed on one home and are waiting for their next one to be available. Two sisters who own a home on Eighth Street that has been in their family for four generations said they are happy to comply with village rules and listen to complaints from neighbors but also need rental revenue to be able to afford to keep the house. They lobbied for a 60- or 90-day minimum.

Perhaps the best argument of the night came from Commissioner Jim Krillenberger, who said he's a big fan of property rights but can't ignore the negative externality — an economic phrase that describes a situation in which one party makes another party worse off but does not bear the costs from doing so.

Determining the exact number of days to set as a minimum is an art, not a science. But after spending an hour and 45 minutes on the issue at the plan commission meeting, we think 90 days is a good place to start. We hope trustees agree.

COMMENTARY

Trip to Liverpool, London didn't let us down

My senior year in college, as part of a January "short term" group trip to France and England, we traveled by bus to Wales to read William Wordsworth's "Tintern Abbey" at Tintern Abbey.

I'm not a huge fan of poetry in general or Wordsworth in particular, but the memory of that day has stayed with me.

Last week I had a similar experience — this time, set to catchy tunes.

Dan and I took Ainsley to Liverpool and London to see the stomping grounds of her favorite band, The Beatles.

We enjoyed Sunday afternoon tea at Blakes Restaurant at the Hard Day's Night Hotel, then hopped on the Magical Mystery Tour bus Monday morning.

Our tour guide, Dale, explained to us that since we all knew The Beatles were a great band (or we wouldn't be on the tour), he was going to help us see Liverpool through their eyes. And that he did.

One of our stops was at Penny

Lane, of course, where we learned that most of the places in that song are actually along Smithdown Place, on the bus route the boys used to take when they were teens.

We saw the shop of the barber who showed photographs "of every head he's had the pleasure to know" and "the shelter in the middle of a roundabout" where the pretty nurse sold poppies from a tray. We even got a peak at the famed "blue suburban skies" — which doesn't always happen in cloudy Liverpool, Dale told us.

We saw the childhood homes of Richard Starkey (Ringo Starr) and John Lennon, the grammar schools they attended and Strawberry Field. The highlight of the tour for Ainsley was visiting Paul McCartney's home, seeing the window of the room where he "Woke up, fell out of bed" and then walking the very route he



Pamela Lannom

sings about in "A Day in the Life" — "Found my coat and grabbed my hat/Made the bus in seconds flat."

The tour ended at The Cavern Club, the spot where The Beatles played 292 times between February 1961 and August 1963. The site has a long history and the club has been rebuilt since those days,

but live music is still played there seven days a week. It was a thrill for Ainsley to have her picture taken on the same stage (sort of) where her favorite group had entertained thousands of fans. She was out-of-her-mind excited most of the trip.

We were fortunate enough to have time to return to Strawberry Field before we left Liverpool. I listened to John Lennon's "Imagine" while sitting in front of the piano he used to compose and record the song, and then "Strawberry Fields Forever" while walking

through the site's beautiful garden.

In London, our Beatles walk took us past locations such as MPL Communications (McCartney's music publishing company), the famous Abbey Road Crossing and the site of the band's famous rooftop concert on Jan. 30, 1969. Standing in front of 3 Savile Row (now the offices of Abercrombie & Fitch), I could just imagine the band up there playing "Get Back" as the London bobbies made their way up the stairs and onto the rooftop. (I certainly watched enough footage of the concert at the Beatles exhibit at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last summer!)

I've loved England for many reasons (Jane Austen and Shakespeare at the top of the list) since my first trip there 35 years ago. Now I can add the Beatles to the list. These are places I'll remember, all my life.

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. This column first was published April 6, 2023.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Faith unveiled in many ways

Faith is a timely topic this week.

According to Google, faith is the trust or confidence in someone or something. It's also described as a strong belief in God or the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.



Carissa Kapcar

cancer surgery. It's the concerned sleeplessness we've all had for people we know only from afar or on the news.

These sacred moments can't be quantified and sometimes not even described. While subtle, they make a significant impact.

You can sort of sense something special is underway.

In my personal life, it's the gentleness in which a friend suggests a doctor, treatment or therapy right when someone in my family most needs it. It's beloved neighbors presenting our kids with keepsake gifts on their milestones, thoughtfully selected books or jewelry that capture their personalities. Most recently, it was during a dinner with an impressive young college student who shared how she knows when a boyfriend is good enough for her.

Seeing the interest in the eyes of my daughters, I knew this valuable lesson meant more coming from her, an older peer, than it ever could from me. I silently acknowledged that we were in a moment, and let myself be there, basking in faith.

Friendship, kindness and love at play, the intersection between prayer and miracles, science and evidence isn't always easy to square away. For me, that space is where faith resides. Faith is insistent and beautiful. And faith is how I know that everything will be OK.

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

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OBITUARIES

Dolores Krajewski

Dolores "Dee Dee" Krajewski, nee Noviski, 93, passed away peacefully March 12, 2024, at Victory Lakes Senior Living Center in Lindenhurst.

Dee Dee was born to Edward and Sally Noviski in Chicago and raised in Marion, Ind., along with her sister, Bernice.

She attended Ladywood High School in Indianapolis (Class of '47) and then graduated from Rosary College in River Forest (Class of '51) where she met her beloved life partner, John "Jack" Krajewski. They were married on Nov. 24, 1951 and were blessed with four children.

Settling in Hinsdale, Dee Dee raised her family, worked and was an active member of St. Isaac Jogues Church and School. A champion of family activities, she loved camping and time spent at Lake Tippecanoe, Ind.. She was the guiding force behind each of her children's successes in life.

Looking for a slower pace, Dee Dee and Jack retired to Lake Summerset near Durand. They were quickly welcomed into the community and found a home at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Always active, she played a great game of golf and everyone wanted her to be their partner when playing bridge. She also enjoyed her many great friends, gardening, swimming, traveling, sewing, crafting and bocce ball.

After Jack's passing in 2016, she moved to Victory Lakes Senior Living Center to be



Krajewski

closer to her children. She continued to embrace life attending mass and playing bridge games with cherished friends. Dee Dee will be remembered as a loving mother/grandmother and devoted wife.

She always provided warmth, comfort and direction and her legacy of love endures in the hearts of all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Lynn, Cliff (the late Amy) Krajewski, Casey (Vilija) Krajewski and Paul Krajewski; her grandchildren, Ellyn (Tyler) Dove, Andrew, Natalie (Joe) Krajewski-Fassl, Eric Henderson, Christian, Tomas and Daniel; and her great-granddaughter, Lily Dove.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Jack; her sister, Bernice Terhune (who preceded her in death by three days); her daughter, Judy (Lynn) Henderson; and her granddaughter, Lidija.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 5, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 606 W. Main St., Durand.

A Mass will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

A committal service will then take place at St. Patrick Irish Grove Cemetery in Davis.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 606 W. Main St., Durand, IL 61024.

To send online condolences and share memories, please visit www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

Sarah Ann Welsford

Sarah Ann Welsford, 41, of Hinsdale passed away March 23, 2024.

Sarah was born in Lansing, Mich., in 1982 and spent most of her childhood in DeWitt, Mich., where she graduated from DeWitt High School in 2000. She went on to receive an undergraduate degree at Michigan State University and continued to support the university throughout her life. Inspired by her study-abroad experience in Australia, she made Sydney her home shortly thereafter and received a master's degree at University of New South Wales.

Sarah's sense of adventure and desire for a challenge led her to live in multiple locations across the globe. She proved that her tenacity and charm was universal, and she thrived in Sydney, London, New York and Chicago. Sarah and her husband, Matthew, placed roots in Hinsdale in 2019 and soon became a family of four.

She was an integral member of the community, participating in the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club and supporting multiple philanthropic endeavors.

Sarah was fiercely driven and passionate about her career. She excelled in various roles



Welsford

within investment banking and consulting, where she developed an expertise in project management and led engagements for several multinational corporations. She looked forward to continuing her partner track at Ernst & Young.

While Sarah had traveled the world, there was no place she loved more than the lakes of Northern Michigan.

She will be remembered for her determination and strong will, which was beautifully balanced by her irresistible sense of humor, kindness and deep love for her family and friends - particularly her unwavering devotion to her children. She was truly one of a kind.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Matthew, and their two children, Caiden (almost 5) and Peyton (3), as well as her sister, Laura (Adam) Sparks, and parents Wallace and Sheryl Dutkowski.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, at Christ Church Oak Brook, 501 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook, Ill. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Visit www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com for further information.

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AGENT PROFILE

DARIO MEDINA, BETTER HOMES & GARDENS COUNTY LINE

Before entering the real estate industry, Dario Medina saw his father and brother succeed in the business of buying, selling and developing properties. After a decade-long corporate career in New York, Medina decided to join them.

Now the managing broker at Better Homes and Gardens County Line in Hinsdale, Medina earned his real estate license in 2007. He got his start as one of online firm Redfin's first Chicago-area agents before working his way up to management positions with the company.

He's worked in the Hinsdale market since moving to the village from the city in 2020.

"It was a good move for us," he said.

Medina still manages the occasional listing and sometimes helps families find their next home, but his job as managing broker focuses on running the Hinsdale office, supporting its 15 agents and recruiting the best new brokers to the company and the Hinsdale market.

"No day is very typical," he said, and neither is the Better Homes and Gardens agency.

The office on South Washington Street hosts Wine Wednesdays each

month to keep homeowners, sellers and anyone who is interested informed about the local market. Along with food and drinks, each event features a presentation on a specific subject. In March, a home inspector presented "Debunking the home inspection process." In April, a local architect will offer insight into local zoning laws.

"It's just something that we want to do for the community," he said.

Medina said helping homeowners make the right decisions while they're living in their homes is part of the firm's identity as a "lifestyle brand." Its design center at 110 S. Washington St. is open to the public and home to experts who can offer guidance in an array of home-related subjects.

Medina's real estate career has included helping buyers and sellers of residential and commercial properties, as well as experience as a developer and real estate owner.

"I can advise them in all of those different areas," said Medina, who said he gets "a thrill" from matching a customer with the buyer or property that's right for them.

High interest rates and low inventory created a challenging real estate market in 2023, Medina said. As the

real estate market heads into its busiest months of the year, Medina said he expects a spike in activity as more houses join the market and buyers anticipate lower interest rates.

"Things are loosening up," he said, but buyers and sellers should be prepared for the effects of pent-up demand. Sellers, he said, should have their homes ready. That means making all necessary repairs and any changes such as decluttering or fresh paint.

Buyers, Medina said, should be ready to make a move when the right home becomes available. Houses in Hinsdale sell quickly, he said, especially in the \$750,000 to \$1.5 million range.

Having entered the field as part of Redfin, Medina is keenly aware of the role technology has come to play in real estate.

"For the most part the changes are positive," he said, making shopping for and selling homes more transparent and more efficient. But there is no substitute for an agent who knows the market and works for the client.

"The human component of real estate is always going to be important," Medina said.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



From flips to finding families their perfect home, Dario Medina said there's hardly an area of real estate that he hasn't explored. (Photo provided)



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Pack up the car and go!

Locals offer suggestions for three weekend get-aways that are sure to delight visitors

By Pamela Lannom
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Last week on this page we offered suggestions for folks who were spending their spring break weeks in Hinsdale and wanted to take a trip or two into the city.

Today we're taking a different tack and looking at three possibilities for weekend getaways — either to finish off this week or for another weekend this spring or summer. All three are nearby and come endorsed by trusted sources who live or work here.

Milwaukee, Wis.

Distance: 93 miles

Drive time: 90 minutes

Even though Bill Facinelli has traveled the world, one of the places he really enjoys is Milwaukee, just 90 minutes away.

"It's just a wonderful town. There's so much going on there," said Facinelli, who is a member of The Hinsdalean's reader advisory board.

The old Summerfest concert series (now Milwaukee Fest) and Irish Fest were among the reasons for his first visits.

"I've got a very close friend that is an Irish artist. She does jewelry," he said. "She's been exhibiting for years at Irish Fest."

He and his wife, Bonnie, often make day trips to the city (they did so just two days before this interview), but when they want to stay overnight, they enjoy the Pfister Hotel.

"That was a real gem," he said. "It's an old, old hotel, but it's been refurbished and they have this wonderful cocktail lounge on the top floor."

He suggested The Lakefront Brewery as a great spot for lunch and Harbor House Restaurant on the water for dinner.

Asked for suggestions of three fun things to do in Milwaukee, Facinelli produced a list of eight.

"There is so much to do, it is difficult to limit it to just three," he wrote.

Here are his recommendations.

1. Milwaukee Art Museum
2. Pabst Mansion
3. Harley Davidson Museum
4. Historic Third Ward (shops, bars, restaurants, galleries and entertainment)
5. Best Place at Historic Pabst Brewery
6. Gloriosi's Italian Market
7. Milwaukee Public Market
8. The Fonz statue on the RiverWalk

Mississippi River towns

Distance: 161 miles (to Galena)

Drive time: 2 hours, 45 minutes

John Kokoris, marketing/outreach/data manager at the Hinsdale Public Library, said his love of towns along the Mississippi River grew out of necessity.

"When my wife and I were younger, we didn't have a lot of time off, so we would frequently get in the car and explore nearby," Kokoris said. "We'd go for short road trips."

He believes much of Illinois is overlooked by its residents.

"It's so cliché to complain about how our state is flat and boring and nothing but cornfields," he said. "There is so much beauty and history and culture to explore if you're only willing to look. So many people pack up and leave the state the first chance they get, and that's a big mistake."

While Galena, just off the river, is a popular tourist destination, Kokoris and his wife, Elissa, prefer staying in a little town called Savanna

or camping at the nearby Mississippi Palisades.

"They call Savanna the 'blue collar Galena,'" he said. "I think it's home to the world's tallest motorcycle bar — a three-story biker bar." That would be Poopy's Pub.

He also suggested exploring Dubuque (Iowa) and Nauvoo, looking for eagles on the dams or the islands of Sabula and watching the sun set over the river from one of the bluffs.

Kokoris believes camping can enhance the experience of visiting a new — or familiar — destination.

"It's just a whole new way to experience the great outdoors," he said. "Things are different when the sun goes down."

"Camping is also a way to catch a glimpse of what life was like for our ancestors thousands of years ago, sitting around the fire and being out in the elements," he added.

Kokoris presented a program earlier this month at the library on roadtripping to southern Illinois. He will discuss Mississippi River adventures at the library June 26.

"This is the time of year where you get that itch to get out of town," he said.

Lake Geneva, Wis.

Distance: 84 miles

Drive time: 90 minutes

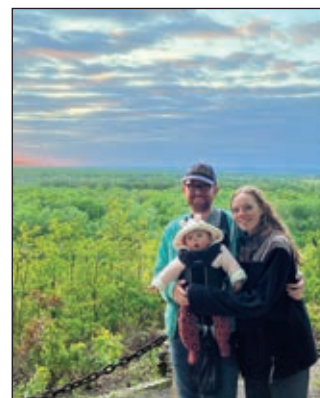
Roger Clemens started visiting Lake Geneva in the early 1970s when he was a teen.

"I was in college when my folks bought a place. When they passed away, we inherited it," he said.

"We just love the area," his wife, Anne, said. "There's so much to do."

One of their favorite activities is walking the 21.5-mile path around the lake.

"It's one of the very few lakes in the country that you



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Library's John Kokoris enjoys traveling to spots along the Mississippi River with wife Elissa and baby Dorothea. Lake Geneva is a favorite destination for Roger and Anne Clemens of Hinsdale, who posed for this photo with their grandson, John. (photos provided)

can walk around an entire lake through people's property," Anne said.

Roger has made the full trip around the lake three times; Anne has once. It takes about seven hours of serious walking — or about 12 hours with stops for lunch and ice cream.

"It's just so different depending on which section you're taking — the ups and downs, close to houses, far from houses," Anne said. In addition to picking up the path in downtown Lake Geneva, it can be accessed from Big Foot Beach State Park. The park itself is worth a visit.

"It's amazing," Anne said. "You would never know from the road the whole property is back there."

The park is great for swimming in the lake or hiking in the woods, Roger said.

They also enjoy taking boat tours on the lake. From the Riviera Pavilion, visitors can choose a narrated

cruise, with some offering a meal, ice cream sundaes or a view of the sunset. The Clemens enjoy the mail delivery tour at 10 a.m.

"Everybody cheers. It's fun, and the people who actually have their mail being delivered come out to the pier and watch," Anne said.

With a second home on the lake, the Clemens never need a place to stay. But they know people who have stayed at The Cove and Comfort Suites in Lake Geneva and The Abbey in Fontana.

For a trip back in time to an old-fashioned Wisconsin supper club, the couple enjoys dining at Mars on Lake Como. Other favorite eateries are Gordy's and Chuck's in Fontana and Pier 290 in Williams Bay.

"You can sit out on the lakefront with an adult beverage and watch the people walk by on the shore path," Roger said.



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The New Philharmonic welcomes pianist Wael Farouk for April concerts featuring works by Brahms at the McAninch Arts Center in Glen Ellyn. Turn to Page 22 for details. (photo provided by the MAC)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Needlecraft Night

April 4 & 18
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www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

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■ Spring Art Exhibit

April 5-7
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org

The Nature Artists' Guild will host this juried exhibit, featuring work from local artists inspired by nature, including plants, wildlife and landscapes from the arboretum and beyond. Many art pieces will be available for purchase. An opening reception will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 5. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arboretum admission: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for ages 2-17, free for those under age 2.

■ Through Her Eyes

Ongoing
Virgil Catherine Gallery
50 S. Washington St., Hinsdale
www.virgilocatherinegallery.com

The gallery is holding this exhibit featuring a number of local female artists, including Hinsdale's Maureen Claffy.

EASTER BRUNCH

■ Brunch with the Bunny

March 30-31
Brookfield Zoo
8400 31st St.
www.czs.org

In addition to a delicious brunch buffet, the event features visits with the bunny, an interactive DJ with games and more. Seatings: 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$75, \$35 for ages 3-11, free for 3 and younger.

■ Easter Brunch

March 31
Il Poggiolo
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Chef specials and a full Italian menu will be available. Time: noon to 6 p.m.

■ Lucille Restaurant at Drury Lane

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

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

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ The Jolly Boys

April 10
Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S. Garfield Ave.

The Jolly Boys are the guests at the Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship Luncheon this month. The men's singing ensemble has been performing around Chicagoland for 77 years. AIFF is a group for fellowship and inclusivity while also supporting worthy causes with donations made by guests' participation. Reservations are due April 4. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. RR

FAMILY FUN

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"Absolutely wonderful!" he would declare with a smile, building a warm connection with his fellow Hinsdaleans. He shared this with an enthusiasm he assumed others understood, or would come to understand. He seemed to especially recognize this with young families and early readers. I believe it brought him joy to see readers in the making. He would also let others know how wonderful the staff was.

"The best people!" he'd say.

We brightened in his praise. Though he passed several years ago, we feel his absence to this day — and his presence as well.

I think of him especially as National Library Week approaches. Every April, Hinsdale Public Library joins libraries across the country for a week — this year, the week of April 7 — to reflect on how we add value to the communities we serve. Mr. S. acknowledged that HPL enriched his life and his community and he helped us spread our message far and wide.

Perhaps you have a friend or new neighbor who doesn't have an HPL card yet. Why not tell them your own story of how you enjoy using your library card?

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Martha Kennedy
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will be entered in a raffle to celebrate library cardholders and our shared love of reading, ideas and information. Winners will receive a gift card to Toni's in May.

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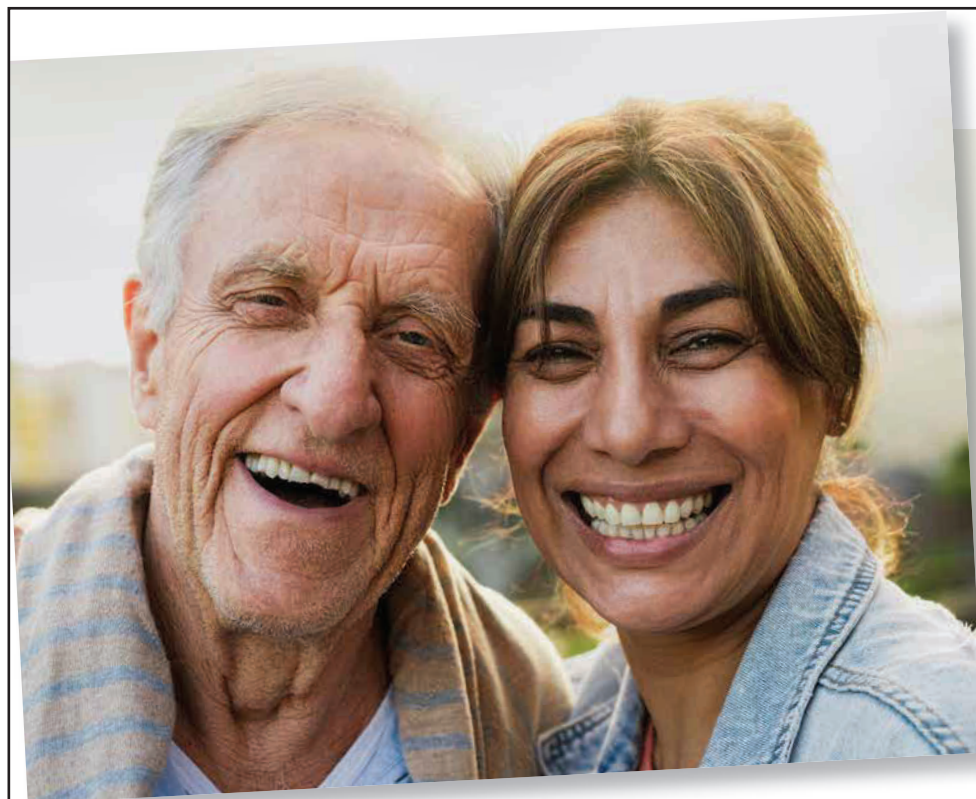
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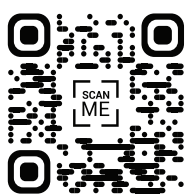
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— *Martha Kennedy is patron services manager at Hinsdale Public Library.*



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GREAT OUTDOORS

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Weekends through March 31
Kline Creek Farm
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 876-5900

All ages are invited to discover how sap becomes syrup by using tapping tools from the 1890s, checking the collection buckets and watching sap thicken over the fire. A admission donation of \$5 per person is suggested for ages 3 and up. Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

■ Cicadas Are Coming

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

The periodical cicadas are coming this spring, and their noise and numbers will make it a memorable May. These fascinating creatures are harmless to humans and pets, and have evolved alongside the region's trees for millions of years. Entomologist Fredric Miller and garden writer Beth Botts will join forces to discuss all the ins and outs of surviving the cicadas and protecting trees and gardens. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$24. RR, MD

■ Forest Hike

April 8
Churchill Woods
1059 St. Charles Road,
Glen Ellyn
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Enjoy the wonders of the forest preserves and get some healthy exercise on a guided, quick-paced 3- to 5-mile hike. Time: 8:30 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Spectacular Partial Solar Eclipse

April 8
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Watch this rare natural phenomenon through telescopes that will be ready for viewing. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. RR

■ Evening Hike Club

April 10
Greene Valley
Thunderbird Road south of
79th Street, Naperville
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Boost your outdoor wellness in a friendly group setting on a quick-paced 1.5 to 3.5-mile guided hike. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

GREEN THUMB

■ Shrub Care and Maintenance

April 5
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

Examine the care needs and management requirements for the most popular species of shrubs in the Midwest, including how and when to prune different species, whether fertilization is necessary and how to identify and respond to common pests and disease. Students will take an outdoor walk to look at varieties up close. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$49. RR. MD

■ Seed Library

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

Library cardholders can select up to 10 packets of flower, vegetable and herb seeds available from the collection behind the Adult Services desk on the main floor and check them out like any other materials. At the end of the growing season, save seeds and return them to library to use next spring. Also sign up for the programs Vegetable Gardening in Containers and Raised Beds on April 20 and Seed Saving Basics: Harvesting This Year's Seeds for Next Year's Planting on Aug. 10 through the website above.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Occupational Therapy

April 4
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road
www.wellnesshouse.org
(630) 323-5150

Learn about occupational

therapy's role in managing symptoms of cancer and treatment and how one can achieve their full potential from working with an occupational therapist. Time: 5 to 6 p.m.

■ Burning Beats

Through April 30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Get a high-energy dance workout that is equal parts fun and fitness. Beginners and seasoned dancers are welcome to tone their bodies and burn calories while listening to a motivating soundtrack of pop anthems and Latin grooves. Times: 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 to 10 a.m. Fridays. Cost: \$15 for adult walk-ins, \$5 for ages 10-17; \$109 for a 10-class punch card.

HELP WANTED

■ Foster Orientation Fair

April 6
Hinsdale Humane Society
21 Salt Creek Lane
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org
(630) 323-5630

Attend this monthly event to get a tour of the shelter and learn the process of becoming a foster, including information on the foster-to-adopt program, caring for bottle babies and taking a shelter animal on day trips. Hours: noon to 1:30 p.m.

■ Park Clean-up Day

April 22
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Residents of all ages, Scout groups, churches, businesses and service organizations are invited to honor Earth Day by pitching in for this annual event. Tasks include planting trees and removing debris. Volunteers can request to work at a specific park. Hours: 4 p.m. to dusk. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ STEAM Saturday

March 30
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

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PULSE

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■ Trout Fishing for Kids

March 30
Wood Dale Grove
895 N. Wood Dale Road,
Wood Dale
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7668

Kids ages 15 and younger can experience trout fishing at this preseason special free event. Bait will be provided. Family members ages 16 and older can accompany the young anglers but may not fish themselves. Hours: 8 a.m. to noon.

■ Maker Club

April 4
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids of all ages can drop by the Storytime Room and work with a variety of supplies to create a special project or just use their own imaginations. Time: 4 to 5:30 p.m.

■ Comedy Improv

Thursdays, April 4-May 9
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

This fun interactive Stage Door Fine Art improv class will introduce kids ages 7-16 to the basics of acting and how to communicate by using their bodies, gestures and facial expressions. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$230. RR, MD

■ Busy Bags

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

Stop by the library any time to pick up a bag full of crafts and activities for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade to keep the boredom away. RR

■ Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors

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

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade can

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

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Dr. Temple Grandin

April 3
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join this Hinsdale Public Library Zoom webinar for a discussion by one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism on her recent book, "Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns and Abstractions." This event is sponsored by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ An Evening with Geoffrey Baer

April 4
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org/friends
(630) 871-6400

Join popular WTTW host, producer and writer Geoffrey Baer to explore historic architecture, namesake families and local characters through stories about the DuPage forest preserves. Event proceeds support the greatest needs at Mayslake Peabody Estate. Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$150. RR.

■ Pickleball at HPL

April 10
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join Hinsdale's unofficial Pickleball ambassador, Bill Voigt, to learn all about the fastest growing sport in the U.S., why it is so popular, and how and where to play. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ Claudia Schmidt

April 6
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
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■ Brahms concert

April 13 & 14
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Egyptian-born pianist Wael Farouk teams up with New Philharmonic to perform Brahms' Piano Concertos No. 1 and 2. Times: 7:30 p.m. April 13, 3 p.m. April 14. Tickets: \$55, \$53 for seniors.

■ Camerata Chicago Orchestra

April 14
Hinsdale Seventh-day
Adventist Church
201 N. Oak St.

www.cameratachicago.org/t/thmc

World-class pianist Marta Aznavoorian will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 with Camerata Chicago. Conducted by Maestro Drostan Hall, the orchestra will also perform Dvorak's "New World Symphony No. 9" and Rossini's "William Tell Overture." Use coupon code HINSDALE for a 25 percent discount on online tickets. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets (with discount): \$37.50. \$30 for seniors, \$7.50 for students (ID required), \$1.50 for ages 14 and under (with paying adult).

■ Fusion

April 14
First Presbyterian Church of La Grange
150 S. Ashland Ave., La Grange
www.westsubsymphony.org
(630) 887-7464

Enjoy a delightful mix of music old and new, performed by soloists and small ensembles. Four short musical sets will feature soloists on harp

and violin, a tenor soloist and a brass quintet. Then meet the performers at a post-concert reception with light appetizers/snacks and beverages. Time: 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors, \$5 for teens, free for ages 12 and younger.

ON STAGE

■ New Plays Workshop

April 4-7
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com
(708) 246-4043

As part of The Directors' Workshop series, audiences are invited to enjoy the new plays "Dinner At Donovan's" by Nan Gatewood Satter about an empty-nester couple and their an unexpected plan for making new friends; "May We Always Have It So Good" by Robyn Guest following four longtime female friends and the truths that come out at a 55th birthday party; and "Yeah, Art Figures" by Kim Ruyle about a math

teacher who discovers that his ignorance, in some ways, surpasses that of his students. A post show discussion will be held with the playwrights and directors. Donations are appreciated either with online reservations or at the door. Times: 8 p.m. April 4-6; 7:30 p.m. April 7. RR

■ 'Aresenic and Old Lace'

Thursdays to Sundays, April 4-14
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
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Spinster Martha and Abby Brewster are adored by their neighbors and guests, but when their nephew, Mortimer, arrives to announce his engagement, he discovers a corpse in his aunts' home. A hilarious chain of events ensues in this classic dark comedy where the only thing more deadly than poison is family. The play contains adult themes and language. A pre-show discussion with

the director and designer will be held at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 4; a post-show discussion with the director, cast and crew will be held Friday, April 12. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students.

■ 'The Taming of the Shrew'

April 5-7 & 12-14
Lincoln Center
395 Maple St., Downers Grove
www.groveplayers.org
(630) 415-3682

Enjoy the Grove Players' production of this celebrated Shakespeare comedy, the swaggering adventurer Petruchio seeks a wife with a fortune. As he aims to woo the fiery Katherina, daughter of a wealthy merchant, the question is who will tame whom? Times: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: check website above.

■ 'Guys and Dolls'

April 10-June 9
Drury Lane Theatre

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Drawbacks to the Wave of Mergers and Acquisitions Impacting Local Landscaping Companies



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In recent years, the landscaping industry has seen a significant shift toward consolidation, with corporate-owned entities increasingly infiltrating the market. While these companies may offer wide service coverage, several drawbacks are increasingly evident.

- 1. Lack of Personalized Services:** Corporate-owned landscaping companies tend to focus on profit margins over quality.
- 2. Lower Quality of Service:** With a focus on maximizing profits and efficiency, corporate-owned companies may compromise on the quality of service, leading to hurried jobs, use of lower-quality materials, or less attention to detail.
- 3. Less Community Engagement:** An increasing number of companies are selling out. Many times, the result is not only less personalized service and lower quality output, but sadly, less community engagement too.

It's important to note that some smaller, local companies are being bought out by larger corporate entities but are keeping their name. If the name on the truck doesn't belong to the owner of the company, you may want to hedge your bet on a locally owned and operated landscaping firm instead.

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Pet pic of the week



Hot Wheels is a 2-year-old pond slider looking for a family. Her former home had too many animals and Hot Wheels didn't receive the care she needed. She is happily residing at the Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center while she awaits her forever home. Hot Wheels likes to hide in caves and plants, and loves to chase feeder balls. Her adoption fee is \$30. If you're interested in adopting Hot Wheels or want to learn more, please stop by the center, visit www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org, or call (630) 323-5630. (photo by Laura Dajoraite provided)

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100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
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The beloved Broadway musical comedy promises an unforgettable evening at the theatre. 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 through April 30
 The Community House
 415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
 (630) 323-7500

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

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■ **Eclipse Glasses Giveaway**
 Ongoing
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
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The first 400 Hinsdale Public Library cardholders to register will receive a free pair of eclipse-viewing glasses for their household. They'll be available for pick up April 5-7.

■ **Adult Hip Hop**
 Mondays, April 1-May 27
 Westmont Community Center
 75 E. Richmond St.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
 (630) 789-7090

Learn hip hop movements and technique as well as rhythm and precision in muscle memory. Participants should wear comfortable athletic clothes and indoor tennis shoes. No experience is needed. Time: 8:15 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$120. RR

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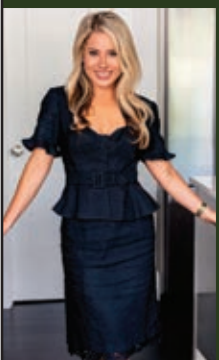


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10:00 a.m. | Butterfield

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FRI, March 29 | 3:00–7:00 p.m.
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Saturday | March 30

4:00 p.m. | Oak Brook
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Sunday | March 31

9:00 & 10:45 a.m. | Oak Brook
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Maundy Thursday- March 28: 7 pm
Good Friday- March 29: 7 pm
Easter Vigil- March 30: 7 pm together
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Paschal Triduum Schedule

MARCH 28

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer - 8:45am

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

Adoration - 9:00pm-12:00am

MARCH 29

Good Friday

Morning Prayer - 8:45am

Communion Service, Veneration of the Cross - 3:00pm

Living Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm

MARCH 30

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer - 8:45am

Blessing of Food Baskets - 1:00pm

Easter Vigil Liturgy - 8:00pm



MARCH 31

Easter Sunday

7:30am | 9:30am | 9:45am (Gym) | 11:30am

Eucharistic Adoration Times:

Wednesdays 9:15am-7:00pm in Church
Daily in Chapel from 8:00am-8:00pm

Fit Shepherds

Saturdays at 7:00am
Wednesdays at 5:00am

Confessions Times

Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm
Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm

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Wednesdays at 9:00am in
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Holy Week and Easter — 2024

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Palm Sunday Weekend

March 23 — Confessions 3:30pm, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass-4:30pm
March 24 — Palm Sunday Masses — 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Holy Week

March 25, 26, 27 — Daily Masses at 7:00am and 5:00pm

March 27-Night Prayer in the Adoration Chapel-9:50am

(To close Adoration in preparation for the Holy Triduum. The Chapel will be closed from 10:00pm Wednesday until Holy Saturday after the Easter Vigil.)

Holy Thursday

March 28 — Morning Prayer: 8:00am (no morning Mass)

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

(followed by Adoration until Midnight)

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Good Friday

March 29 — Morning Prayer: 8:00am (no morning Mass)

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Holy Saturday

March 30 — Morning Prayer: 8:00am (no morning Mass)

8:30am — Confessions

12:00 pm — Blessing of the Easter Baskets / Food

8:00 pm — Easter Vigil — The Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

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DECEASED**

**CASE NUMBER
2024PR000081**

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Name: Mark C. Metzger
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Attorney For: Denise Green, Independent Administrator
Address: 1807 W. Diehl Rd., Ste. 105
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COUNTY OF DUPAGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Case No: 2024MR000159
FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)**

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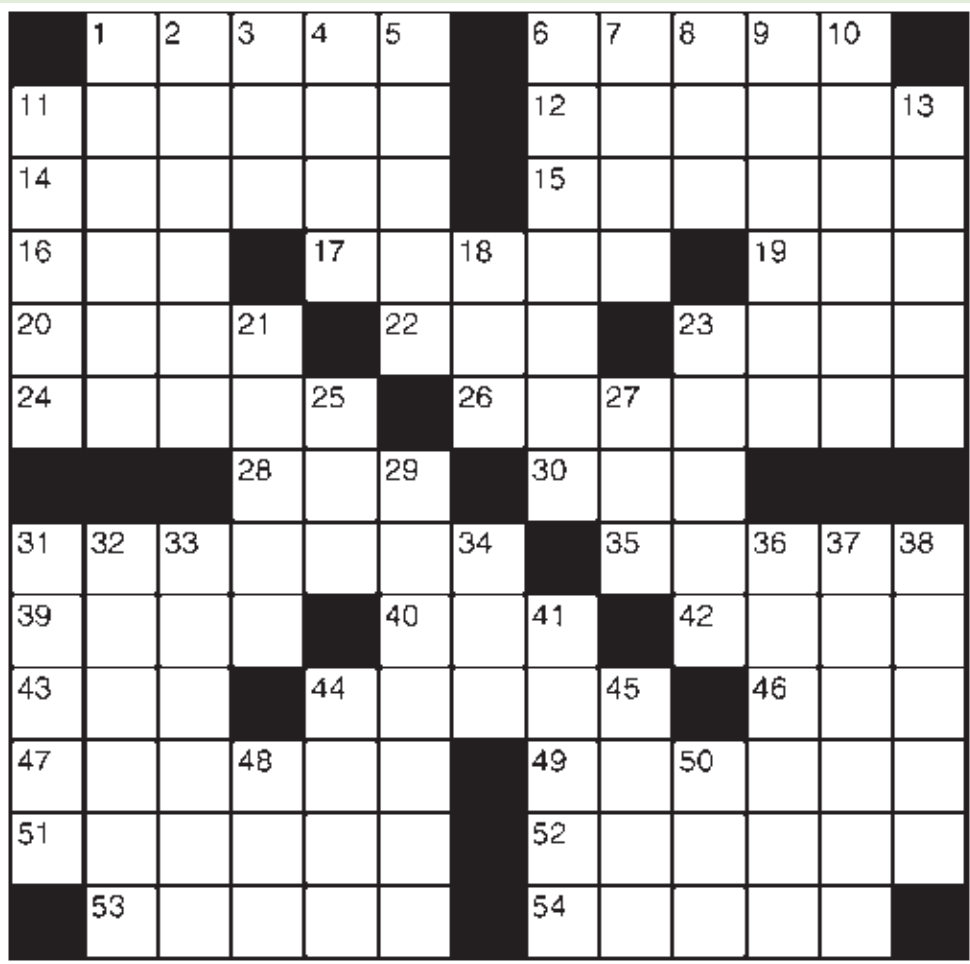
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40 FELON'S FLIGHT
42 SITARIST SHANKAR
43 SOCCER'S HAMM
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46 HEAVY WEIGHT
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52 IS ANXIOUS ABOUT
53 MESSY PLACES
54 LEAKS SLOWLY



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10 FEATURE
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18 MISANTHROPE
19 -- CHOY
20 " -- OUTTA HERE!"
21 LIBRARY ARRAY
22 -- PLUME
23 WISE SAYINGS
24 "SCRAM!"
25 PREVENTIVE SHOT, IN SLANG
26 40 WINKS
27 SIDESTEPS
28 LIPSTICK SHADES
29 REPAIRS
30 RENT
31 FOOLPROOF
32 HOLLYWOOD
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Serene 2. Mingle;
3. Retain; 4. Hinder

Today's Word
MARRIED

SCRAMBLERS

Scramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the four words to form the missing word, which will complete the story.



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Mild

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TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

April 2024 Horoscopes • Week 1



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

You are not normally characterized as "impulsive," Capricorn. But you may surprise everyone this week. An opportunity to travel or another adventure could drop in your lap.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Grit and guts will get you what you deserve this week, Aries. You may have an opportunity to make a good deal of money, so give this plan careful consideration. Ask for advice if the need arises.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

A big shift in your perception and attitude will bring new components to your life that you may not have anticipated. This week you'll certainly have a few eyes-wide-open moments.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, even though some drama may be swirling in your universe, you find it tolerable because it's coming at you in small portions. Just stay on the sidelines as much as possible.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Try to create some tranquil spaces at home, Aquarius. You can use a haven, especially when a lot of stuff is thrown at you outside your home.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, there has been change in your life and you may want to blame the stars. Things will move out of your comfort zone and you will have to sharpen your ability to adapt.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

There will be no hiding out this week, Leo. You will soon learn that things will come your way at a rapid pace. Do your best to keep up, mighty Lion, as it's bound to be exciting.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, if boredom has set in, it's better to look to new experiences instead of doing something rash just for the thrill. See which classes you can take or find new restaurants to explore.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you may be on a mission this week to get things done. Don't rush in your efforts to complete everything or you are bound to make mistakes that are not easily fixed.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you may be questioning the relationships in your life at the time being, but don't worry too much. If you hit a rough patch, things will clear up in a few days.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you might be willing to throw caution to the wind and get away on a moment's notice. There are affordable ways to do this if you are willing to do your homework.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Self-care and healing are what you should focus on right now, Sagittarius. You may have been pushing your needs to the side lately and you need to make this a priority.

SPORTS

Devils find rhythm in field, on court

Baseball, softball and boys tennis teams warming up to their spring seasons

By Ken Knutson

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The Hinsdale Central baseball and softball squads' competitive schedules are already underway, while the two-time defending state champion boys tennis team faces its first test Monday in a quest for a third straight title.

This is the final installment in a four-part series previewing Central's spring sports programs.

Baseball

First game: March 16 @ Palatine (V won 2-1)

Last year: 18-15, lost in regional final

Head coach: Jason Ziemer

Seasons as head coach: 11

No. varsity members: 27

Team strengths: We have great senior leaders and four sophomores that are on the squad this year, so it's an interesting mix that I've never really had here at Central. It's a very balanced roster and we have a lot of really good players. I think our biggest strength is our speed, agility and athleticism, and playing an aggressive style of baseball.

Areas for growth: We're coming off three really good years, so this year is kind of a transition to a new era of Hinsdale Central baseball. We have seniors who didn't play a lot last year, and we're just trying to find the right mix of players. It's a little bit more challenging trying to find the right combinations. A lot of guys are going to get some opportunities to play, which is exciting. We're relying on senior pitchers on the staff who got some experience last year, while younger guys are playing more positional roles.

Who to watch: Seniors Aidan Connors, Ben



The Hinsdale Central baseball, softball and boys tennis teams have sprung into action as they get their 2024 seasons underway with postseason goals to strive for. (file photos)



Dynis, Tyler Frisoni, Julian Guerrero, Zach Gurland, Luke Jurack, Will Kusak and Will Merz.

Outlook: We won the conference two out of the last three years, but I think it's going to be the most difficult year in the conference since I've been here. Each team seems to have Division I players, so our players will get experience playing at a high level. We want to be playing our best baseball in May, building to that point when we're playing our best in the most important games. We want to get that regional champion plaque this year. We have guys who can run and play the game with that grit and grind that is really fun to watch. It's fun to coach teams like that.

Softball

First game: March 19 @ Glenbard East (V loses 4-7)

Last year: 11-16, lost in regional final

Head coach: Brittany Zust

Seasons as head coach: 8

No. varsity members: 12

Team strengths: We have three seniors who have been around the block

and they have seen the team both at low points and seen what we are capable of. I really like those three leading our younger girls. I like how the players hold one another accountable, which you don't see all the time, like getting extra reps or going off to the side and help mentor someone, and pushing the message that we have something to work for and something to fight for.

Areas for growth: All of our pitchers are underclassmen, so they need to get experience. No game for us is ever a walk in the park. If you want to win games, you've got to play a full seven innings. We've got to work hard and make sure that we're at least putting forth 110 percent effort in every game.

Who to watch: Seniors Maisie McDaniel and Naomi Cook are forces to be reckoned with in the field and at the plate. Junior Sophie DiPasquale continues to hit the ball well. Sophomores Gabriella Georganas, Audrey Araujo and pitcher Lauren Koschik will be key contributors, and we're lucky to get fresh-

men pitchers Elle Kinder and Malie Kuo joining our squad.

Outlook: We want to walk away from the season come June knowing that we left it all on the field. We came off a pretty good year last year, and we want to continue to stretch that. We are on the upswing and I want to see us continue to get more wins and, even in games that we don't win, make sure that we compete.

Boys tennis

First match: April 1 vs. Chicago University High School

Last year: state champion

Head coach: John Naisbitt

Seasons as head coach: 15

No. varsity members: 26

Team strengths: We've got a lot of good players. We have great depth with four returnees from last year's state championship team. Some of the guys from last year's roster have been waiting to get their chance.

Areas for growth: We're looking for good practices and staying healthy. We can't sustain a major injury.

We also need to stay hungry because we're going for our third straight state title. It's not easy to win three straight, so we have to be extremely vigilant about our practices and staying healthy.

Who to watch: senior Alex Kotarski was runner-up in singles at state last year. He's a team captain and as a veteran is going to anchor us as a team. Senior Aidan Hernandez and his brother, Nathan, a junior will be key. Junior Bodie Teuscher is an excellent doubles player and been through the grind of the state tournament. Sophomore Barry Zhu is an excellent talent. Junior Isaac Schloegel hits the ball well. Also junior Logan Milton, and freshmen Richard Zhang, Patrick Wang and Amir Khan are some nice players.

Outlook: We anticipate good things. The conference is always a solid conference, but we're looking to take our 30th straight conference title. We want to be playing our best tennis in the last weekend in May. That's my job and the coaching staff's job is to get us ready to go for May 25.



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