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Book fair bonanza

Students at Monroe School had a chance to browse through hundreds — maybe thousands — of titles this week during the spring book fair. With clip boards in hand, the students filled out their wish lists. The book fair introduces new award books, Battle of the Books titles and summer reading for all grade levels. Please turn to Page 16 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Teen tutor

Central students enjoys work as library Homework Helper.

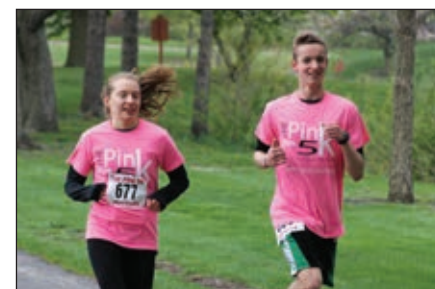
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NEWS

Village seeks downtown parking road map

By Ken Knutson

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Hoping to optimize parking use in Hinsdale's central business district, the village has enlisted a consultant to evaluate various facets of the complex issue over the next few weeks.

"We're just trying to figure out if we're using the spaces as best as we possibly can," Hinsdale Deputy Police Chief Tom Lillie said.

Visitors to the downtown know well the challenge of finding a parking spot at peak times. Even after the addition of the parking deck and its nearly 200 spaces (and more than 300 when the middle school's closed) in 2020, available spots still can seem like a scarce resource. Conversely, outdoor dining began eating into street parking capacity about the same time.

Consultant Tom Forster, mobility and parking planner for the firm Fishbeck, said his team will be looking at the supply and demand.

"We'll look at who's allocated to park where and see if (that allocation) is doing the best for the community," Forster said. "We'll be doing a lot of observation in town to see how the village is working in order to report what we think is the best way to use the parking that we have."

He noted that patrons, store employees and commuters are all vying for parking, but not necessarily over the same time frames.

"You've got a lot of user groups," Forster remarked. "How you accommodate all those different desires is key, for sure."

The last downtown parking study was conducted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning in 2014. The analysis indicated that up to 30 percent of available meter parking was taken up by merchants and their employees. The village subsequently instituted a zoned parking and permit system to designate areas for user groups. Police

Chief Brian King said officials want to make sure the parking policies are still effective.

"The goal is still to create turnover and make it easy for customers to find convenient parking when patronizing restaurants and businesses in Hinsdale," he said.

Lillie echoed that, saying the garage has altered the landscape since the CMAP study.

"We want to evaluate the effectiveness of all these different systems that we have in place as it relates to parking," he said.

Lillie said the most common complaints the department receives concern people occupying the 15-minute spaces beyond the time limit and business employees parking in prime spots for customers.

"There are permits for garage use available for employers of the downtown area, but some employees will still park in front of the businesses that they work at," he said. "We want to make those spaces available to

shoppers and patrons."

From permit pricing to signage to enforcement, officials say the study will be comprehensive. Forster said while every community is different, the desire for convenience is universal.

"People want to park near their destination. Patrons generally like things hassle free," he said.

Forster, who is holding one-on-one meetings with business owners this week, said he will bring an objective lens to the issue. "It's always good to have a set of outside eyes take a look at what you're doing and make recommendation," he said.

The village earmarked \$19,000 for the service in its 2024 budget. King believes it's a wise investment.

"Parking is a resource, and a parking consultant ensures that we are managing that resource effectively in a manner that best serves those that shop, visit and work in our central business district," King said.



Celebrating the season with color

Samrah Syed, Shreemann Patel, Cameron Prasse, Zaara Singh and Sameea Patel were all in on the Hindu celebration of Holi held recently in front of Hinsdale Central. Central students and staff were invited to join the Hindu festival, which celebrates

the onset of spring and the harvest of crops. Colorful powders are thrown to represent the colors of flowers blooming. The event was sponsored by the South Asian Student Union club at Central. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. This picture is of Baskin Robbins located at 14 E. Hinsdale Ave. and Delat Friendship Imports & Boutique at 12 E. Hinsdale Ave. The locations are currently home of Hinsdale Cleaners and Hinsdale Wine Shop. 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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Volunteers highlight rewards of the job

Four Hinsdale residents share thoughts on why they volunteer, what they get out of it

By Pamela Lannom
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“Instead of cursing the darkness, light a candle.”
— Benjamin Franklin

In honor of National Volunteer Month, The Hinsdalean reached out to four Hinsdale residents who have spent years, even decades, volunteering to ask them why the work is important and what they enjoy most about it.



Peggy Bremner

Peggy Bremner has spent Monday mornings for the past 4 1/2 years volunteering at the front desk of Wellness House.

“I was looking for local nonprofits that I could get involved with, and Wellness House came up,” she said.

The Hinsdale resident donates her time to two other nonprofits, one of which is The Saints, a volunteer usher organization.

“Frequently I go to the Chicago Symphony and usher there,” she said. “It’s doing good while you are enjoying something cultural.”

Volunteering in the warehouse at H2H, a nonprofit that furnishes homes for people who are transitioning out of homelessness, involves loading trucks or painting furniture.

At Wellness House, it’s her job to be the face of the organization to those who call or walk in the front door. She said even though individuals utilizing Wellness House are on a challenging cancer journey, they are all surprisingly upbeat.

“I’ve never encountered anyone that wasn’t happy and glad to be here,” she said. “People are pretty motivated when they come here. They want to get the most they can out of life.”

Bremner said she has the desire to give back to the community — and the time to do so since she retired from AT&T in 2017.

“I call it my happy place, because no matter what’s going on in my life, when I come here I’m always feeling gratified and happy to be here and able to interact with people who work here and come in,” she said. “It really takes you out of yourself.”

Abbey Testin was taught the importance of volunteering at a tender age.

“I feel like growing up we always did volunteer projects and service projects through school and through Girl Scouts,” she said. “Girl Scouts was definitely big into volunteering and giving back.”

A resident of the Spinning Wheel apartments, Testin found her current volunteer gig conveniently located next door at the Hinsdale Humane Society.



Abbey Testin

“I’ve always enjoyed volunteering, so I thought this would be a great place to volunteer at,” she said.

A dog owner growing up, Testin was assigned to work as a cat socializer.

“I never had cats growing up,” she said. “I didn’t really know a ton of people that had cats, but once I started here volunteering with cats, I’m very much a cat person now. I fell in love with them. They are so sweet.”

Testin said she enjoys watching the cats learn to be more comfortable with people.

“It’s so exciting to see them happy and ready to go home,” she said.

She encouraged others to volunteer and believes the Hinsdale Humane Society is a great spot due to the many different jobs it needs help with, from bringing home laundry to cleaning kennels.

“It really is not a big commitment,” she said. “Especially here, they have so many different ways you can volunteer and so many different times you can volunteer.”

She suggested finding little ways to get involved.

“It makes you want to keep coming back,” she said.



Dick Munson

Dick Munson has been a volunteer on and off since he was in college, doing everything from working at a soup kitchen on Capitol Hill to serving on boards such as Greenleaf Advisors and the Hinsdale Library Board, to which he was elected in 2021.

He’s also a volunteer at HCS Family Services, spending one morning a week loading cars for clients of the food pantry that runs out of the Memorial Building.

“To be honest, part of it is just selfish,” he said of his motivation, noting that he enjoys interactions with other volunteers and clients and meeting people in different age groups. “Unless I was volunteering here, I would never get to meet Hinsdale students.”

He also recognizes the importance of giving back to the community. He cited the work done by Benjamin Franklin, (of whom he has written a biography that will be published this fall) in starting various civic organizations, including a fire brigade and a library. Franklin believed such civic engagement was democracy in action, Munson said.

Helping others also reminds Munson of the good fortune in his own life.

“A lot of the people coming through looking for food, they hit a rough patch for a little while. We all can and will,” he said, and need the help of neighbors and friends to survive.

Munson tries to make the day a little brighter for those who pull up in the circle drive to receive their groceries.

“You develop jokes or something that I think lightens up their day, and I think lightens up mine as well,” he said.



Jenny Templeton

Jenny Templeton has a long history with The Community House.

“I started back at The Community House when I was 5 standing in the parking lot getting my polio vaccine,” she said. “It’s been part of my life forever.”

She spent nine years on the nonprofit’s board, serving as holiday ball chair, governance chair and on the fundraising and executive committees. For the past three years she has been on the board of King Bruwaert, serving as development chair and on the long-range planning and design committees.

She watched her mom volunteer at places like Planned Parenthood in Chicago, Hinsdale Hospital and The Community House.

The volunteer world has changed since those days, Templeton believes. Years ago, volunteer boards were dominated by men. And the focus of her parents’ generation was on giving money. Today’s volunteers often are accomplished women who held big jobs before leaving work to raise a family. And their focus is on giving their time.

Templeton brings a perspective newcomers can’t. “They want me because I have knowledge and I have history,” she said. “There’s a lot of times where that’s valuable.”

Over the years, she has volunteered at Oak School and served on the Nantucket Light Ship Basket Museum Board and as president of the Robert Crown Women’s Board.

Being part of an organization that does great work is the biggest reward for Templeton. And it makes volunteering easy.

“It was easy to fundraise for The Community House because there are so many good things they do,” she said.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, April 25
 Hinsdale South High School
 7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

On the agenda: award elevator maintenance, staircase abatement and upgraded sound system bids; approve IGA with Hinsdale for reciprocal facility use; approve accelerated capital expenditures; administrator and non-union staff salaries; South off-campus lunch pilot discussion

Texting option now works for 211 Helpline

In addition to dialing or browsing for help, DuPage County residents seeking health and human services can now find assistance by texting the county's free 211 information and referral line.

Residents can text their ZIP code to 898211 to connect with a county operator, who can provide referrals to assistance available near them. Texting service will be available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to the texting option, residents seeking help can still dial 211 or visit www.211dupage.gov to find services near them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Texting 211 initiates a conversation with a live, specially trained operator who will efficiently connect you to the right resources," said human services Chairman Greg Schwarze. "By expanding the 211 Helpline to include texting, we're improving our ability to connect residents with resources and support, bridging the gap between struggle and solutions. We're very excited about this new feature

and the help it will provide our residents."

Immediate referrals are available any time of day for services including clothing or personal items, disaster services, education, food, health and wellness, income support, legal aid, transportation and more.

DuPage County has compiled a database of more than 600 service providers offering thousands of services for DuPage County residents. Anyone interested in being included in the list can visit www.211dupage.gov for more information and to apply for inclusion.

211 is a confidential, information and referral service that connects residents to local health and social service resources. It is different from 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which provides free and confidential support for people in a mental health, suicidal or emotional crisis.

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Sixth Street future remains a mystery

Residents fighting to keep historic brick road may have an uphill battle to raise funds

By Ken Knutson
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The effort to preserve a portion of Sixth Street as a vintage all-brick road continues, but questions remain over the path to success.

Sixth Street between Garfield Avenue and County Line Road is scheduled to be resurfaced next year, and residents along that stretch were told in January that the village would pay only the cost of using asphalt on most of the road.

To keep it brick, a special service area would need to be established through a vote of included homeowners to cover the significantly higher price tag.

At the historic preservation commission meeting Tuesday night, Commissioner Bill Haarlow, a Sixth Street resident who is leading the campaign to maintain the brick, told his colleagues that supporters will need to come up with \$2 million.

"We're looking at a 30-year property tax increase for people to pay the amount, so you can spread that among the people that will be living in those homes over the next 30 years," he said of the SSA.

A delay in receiving the estimate prompted the village to extend the deadline from July 1 to July 16 for residents to inform the village of its desire regarding an SSA, Haarlow said.

"Between now and mid-July, the residents have

“We can continue to have this conversation, but you're not going to change my mind.”
— Tom Cauley

to make a decision as to whether or not they're going to support a special service area. That decision will be, I think, impacted, in part, on who is included in the SSA," he explained. "Is it people who have Sixth Street addresses? Is it people who have Sixth Street frontage? Is it people who have driveways on Sixth Street? There are several different ways to slice and dice that. No determination on that has been made yet."

The net of contributors could be further widened to the Robbins Park Subdivision or even the entire village. But Haarlow expects less support in a bigger pool.

"There does not seem to be a lot of positive feeling amongst our volunteer group that there would be any success on the village level," he said.

"There also does not seem to be any belief that there would be success on the district level, and so we're currently thinking that it is really up to Sixth Street to do this. I don't, frankly, we feel that we

have the wherewithal or the time to try to get on board people beyond the 30-some residents who are on these four blocks of Sixth Street."

Commissioner Shannon Weinberger asked if private donations could be made toward the effort. Haarlow said such giving opportunities are being explored, including the possibility of people helping defray the increased property tax burden.

"(That) would be based on the assessed valuation of the home on that property, via the village's 501c3, whether it was a gift or the actual property tax payment, and those are two different things, whether one or both of those might be tax deductible," he replied.

At a village board meeting in January, Village President Tom Cauley expressed his firm opposition to the village paying to replace the bricks.

"You can come every meeting from now to July 1 and ask me, or the board, to pay for the entire \$2.8 million to do four blocks in all brick and the answer from me is always going to be the same: No," he told brick street supporters. "We can continue to have this conversation, but you're not going to change my mind."

Haarlow said can't yet discern the outcome but said he and his neighbors will continue the cause.

"There are a group of us who are trying to push this forward," he said. "It is not easy to do, and we always feel like we're playing catch up."



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POLICE BEAT

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Domestic battery arrests

• A 41-year-old Hinsdale man was arrested April 13 for domestic battery for making contact of an insulting or provoking nature with a family member. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

• A 60-year old Hinsdale man was arrested April 22 for domestic battery for making contact of an insulting or provoking nature with a family member. He was charged and taken to Cook County Jail.

Hit and run arrest

Richard Frank, 46, 4432 Narragansett Ave., Harwood Heights, was served an arrest warrant on April 15 for leaving the scene of a property damage crash on May 5, 2018, after he backed into another vehicle at Grant Street and Ayres Avenue. An arrest warrant was obtained Aug. 8, 2018, and Frank was served the arrest warrant at DuPage County Jail.

Arrest warrant

Allen Isa Esquivel, 43, 2434 Springhill Drive, Schererville, Ind., was stopped after a registration inquiry at 1:28 a.m. April 16 at Madison Street and Ogden Avenue when police discovered he had an active arrest warrant out of Lake County, Ind. He was taken to DuPage County Jail for warrant service.

Suspected DUI

Police stopped a driver for improper lane use and failing to signal when required at 7:40 p.m. April 10 and York Road and Ogden Avenue. The driver, who appeared to be under the influence of drugs, consented to a blood sample and was released. Charges are pending lab results.

Deceptive practice

Someone called an individual in the 500 block of West Ogden Avenue claiming to be a representative from her bank, obtained personal information and made fraudulent transactions from her account on April 9.

Fraud reported

Someone called a resident of the 200 block of South Monroe Street and claimed to be from a local sheriff's office regarding an arrest warrant. The suspect instructed the victim to deposit money in a cryptocurrency account.

Hit and runs reported

• A blue sedan struck another vehicle at 4:49 p.m. April 11 at Lincoln Street and Ogden Avenue and fled the scene.

• A driver damaged a retention wall adjacent to parking spaces in the 10 block of Salt Creek Lane between April 12 and 15.

Identity theft incidents

• The identity of a resident of the 300 block of South Grant Street was used to open a cellular phone account between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2023. The incident was reported April 18.

• The identity of a resident of the 500 block of East Seventh Street was used to open an energy account between July 1, 2023, and April 15.

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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High schooler finds rewards in helping kids

Sasha Wolff said she wasn't prepared for the impact that becoming a Homework Helper at the Hinsdale Public Library would have on her life.

"It's just been so rewarding to see kids be proud of themselves," said Wolff, who spends time after school helping younger students with homework, school assignments and academic improvement.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade have been invited to attend Homework Helpers between 4 and 5 p.m. a few afternoons a week at the library. They can get help with particular questions or assignments, or just extra help in general, from high school students such as Wolff.

The Hinsdale Central High School junior signed on for the program early this school year in hopes of helping others grasp the sometimes tricky concepts of math and science — her favorite subjects. In the past several months, she's accomplished that and so much more.

"It's really exciting," she said. In fact, she's enjoyed it so much, she's recruited friends to join the program.

Prior to helping their first student, Homework Helpers

go through a training where they learn tips for making the most of the short time they have with each child. Sometimes, the entire hour is spent with the same student. On busier days, helpers might have to divide their time between two or more students working on different subjects.

Wolff said it doesn't take long for the children who regularly visit to choose their favorite helper. Getting to know those students has been fun, she said, and it's been satisfying to see their growth as she helps them grasp a math concept, gain confidence in reading or use a study tip.

As someone who has struggled with ADHD, Wolff said she was able to share some coping skills with younger students who had trouble focusing on tasks. One student would constantly fiddle with whatever he could find rather than concentrate on his work. He also would interrupt with questions, which Wolff promised to answer only after his next task was complete. Setting small goals followed with rewards such as the promise to answer a question worked for the student, and Wolff said she saw progress. She felt satisfaction knowing



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she had helped him and also gained from the experience.

"I felt like it was a good chance to work on being patient," she said.

Junior year is a busy one for most high school students. That's especially true of students who, like Wolff, will take advanced placement exams next month. Partially due to their busy schedules heading into the end of the school year,

Homework Helpers will stop at the end of April. But Wolff will be there next fall, when the program begins again.

In the meantime, she will engage with younger students through her work on the Wellness House Youth Council.

"Right now we're generating a team for the Walk for Wellness House," she said.

Her experience as a

Homework Helper and the patience she has gained will no doubt pay off as she spends time this summer as a counselor at Kids Kamp, a program for children whose families have experienced cancer. The lessons she's helping to teach, and those she's learning herself, will last far beyond her time at the library.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Help wanted: Nonprofits are in need of volunteers

April is National Volunteer Month. We hope you were inspired by the stories of the four volunteers we shared on Page 5. In case you were, we've compiled a list of volunteer opportunities at the six largest nonprofits in Hinsdale. Many also have junior boards open to teens.

Candor Health Education

The nonprofit organization educates students, their trusted adults and communities on the topics of puberty, sex and substance abuse prevention.

Like all nonprofit agencies listed here, Candor relies on volunteers to serve on its board. Occasionally the organization needs people to help with projects, such as packing materials for the menstrual supply drive going on now to help low-income girls and women. Visit www.candor-health.org

HCS Family Services

The agency provides emergency food for people in need living through its two pantries in Hinsdale and Willowbrook. More than 400 people seek the agency's help each week.

Volunteers greet pantry guests, pick up dona-

tions for local retailers, unload deliveries, sort food, stock shelves and assist pantry guests at distribution events. Visit www.hcsfamilyservices.org.

Hinsdale Historical Society

The nonprofit bridges the past, present and future by engaging the community with its history and architecture.

Volunteer positions include museum greeters and docents, administrative assistants, event photographers, archivists, program presenters and more. Visit www.hinsdalehistory.org.

Hinsdale Humane Society

The Hinsdale Humane Society operates the Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center, providing innovative care and adoption services for all animals. The nonprofit also works to educate people about pets and advocate for animals.

Adult volunteers are needed to walk dogs, socialize cats, clean kennels, serve as foster families, welcome guests, help plan fundraising events and work with their own pets in pet therapy.

Youth volunteers can participate in the Pawsitive Impact or Teenternship programs. Visit [\[sdalehumanesociety.org\]\(http://sdalehumanesociety.org\).](http://www.hin-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

The Community House

The Community house offers community recreation and quality social services to people of all ages and walks of life, providing local opportunities for athletic, arts and culture, counseling, education services and community connections.

Volunteer opportunities are available for those who are interesting working with seniors, helping at after-school programs, playing music at events, writing, taking photos and other jobs. Visit www.thecommunityhouse.org.

Wellness House

The nonprofit offers programs that educate, support and empower participants who are affected by cancer as a complement to medical treatment.

Wellness House is currently looking for people to volunteer at the reception desk and to serve as Wellness House Ambassadors at various events such as health fairs, networking events and third-party fundraisers. Visit www.wellness-house.org.

COMMENTARY

No rush to welcome AI into our newsroom

I couldn't help but notice the headline of a Poynter article in a recent "E&P" digital newsletter: "AI is already reshaping newsrooms, AP study finds."

The real shock was in the sub-head: "Despite ethical concerns, nearly 70 percent of newsroom staffers recruited for an Associated Press survey say they're using generative AI to create content."

As I'm sure you might guess, I fall into the 30 percent who are not using generative AI. Apparently, others are using it to create social media posts, headlines, newsletters, story drafts and more.

I should admit right now that even if I wanted to use AI to do any of those tasks, I would be in trouble, because I don't really know how to. More importantly, I don't want to use AI to do my job (except maybe for headline writing!).

According to the article, if we are going to stay relevant, we must become familiar with AI. I am going to count writing this column toward that effort. I am now familiar with the fact that the AP released guide-

lines last summer on how it uses generative AI like ChatGPT.

"The internal guidelines, which stress the importance of human editing, warn about the myriad pitfalls of generative AI: its tendency to 'hallucinate' and produce misinformation, the ease at which bad actors can produce disinformation and privacy issues concerning what users put into ChatGPT," an August 2023 article by Poynter's Alex Mahadevan states.

This does not encourage me.

Amanda Barrett, AP vice president for standards and inclusion, cited "accuracy, fairness and speed" as the company's guiding values.

"(W)e believe the mindful use of artificial intelligence can serve these values and over time improve how we work," she stated in the release.

She had more to say when interviewed by Mahadevan.

"I want to emphasize that this is a tool we can use, but does not



Pamela Lannom

replace the journalistic smarts, experience, expertise and ability to do our jobs in a way that connects with audiences," she said.

Despite her attempts to reassure, I'm worried.

Her use of the phrase "does not replace" concerns me, in part because technology has in fact replaced real people in jobs since the start of the

Industrial Revolution. Another red flag for me is her reference to speed. Who/what will take longer to generate copy, do you think — a real person (who gets distracted and has to go the bathroom and wants a lunch break and might spend extra time searching for the perfect word) or a computer program?

Apparently I am in the minority with my concerns. Only 7 percent of those who responded to the AP survey were worried about AI displacing jobs.

I think it's all fine and good to talk about how valuable real people are,

with their experience and expertise and everything — but that assumes the news organization has set quality as its top priority.

I used to work in a newsroom that went from being family owned to owned by a corporation. Instead of focusing on quality, the bottom line became the driving factor for how we operated. And what's the most expensive part of a newsroom? The reporters and editors. At one point we had no Hinsdale reporter, no District 181 reporter and no District 86 reporter, as we were holding the positions open to "manage our expenses."

I could go on and on with other examples, but I won't. Jim Slonoff and I left that paper and started this one, where being the fastest and operating the cheapest are not our primary concerns.

So I'm in no rush to figure out how to use AI in our newsroom — even if it would help me write sexier headlines.

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

OBITUARIES

Norman Victor Chimenti

Norman Victor Chimenti, 83, of Westmont, a former longtime Hinsdale resident, died peacefully on April 7, 2024, surrounded by family after being ambushed by a rare and fast-moving form of cancer.

Norm was born in Chicago in 1940 to Dante and Laura (Magrini) Chimenti of Chicago.

He spent his early years on Chicago's west side, moving further west when it became time to attend Hinsdale Township High School. Norm inherited a good mind and a strong body from his parents. These qualities enabled him to excel academically and athletically in high school, graduating in 1958. Norm was named to the Illinois High School All-State Football team, Prep All American Football team and was a fixture on Yale's offensive line. Norm was even drafted by the AFL's Boston Patriots but chose a career in law instead.

Norm graduated from Yale University with honors, earning a bachelor's degree in behavioral science in 1962. After graduation, he became a sergeant in the Marine Corps, serving on active duty in 1963-64, and in the Active Reserves until 1968, while simultaneously attending Yale Law School, graduating in 1967.

In March 1965, Norm encountered his future bride, BJ, on a TWA flight from New York to visit his parents in Chicago. This unbreakable bond shined for 55 years before BJ was taken by cancer.

Most of Norm's legal work involved labor law and environmental law. He practiced law at Kroehler Manufacturing Co.; Bulkmatic Transport Co.; and Martin, Craig, Chester & Sonnenschein. He continued into his 80s at Clausen Miller Law Firm. Norm was appointed by Gov. Jim Edgar to the Illinois Small Business



Chimenti

Assistance Task Force and continued to serve as a special assistant attorney general to the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

Norm spent two months of every summer of his childhood at Camp Mishawaka in Grand Rapids, Minn. He returned to this special place decades later to fortify Camp Mishawaka's health to ensure the world has a place where kids may continue to thrive in balance.

Philanthropy — a consistent theme of Norm's life — was the source of many of Norm's life-long friendships. He made contributions and rendered legal service to a number of not-for-profit organizations. Suffice it to say that if it was good for this world, our country, his community, and held at least the possibility that he could get some time on the stage, he was all in. Norm co-founded The Community House Players theater group in Hinsdale and was central to the creation of Hinsdale's Community Revue and starred in its productions for 20 years. As a swan song he established the BJ Chimenti Angel Fund for Veterans and Pets at the Hinsdale Humane Society.

He is survived by his sons, Derek and Chad; his daughters-in-law, Marybeth (Marszewski) and Katie (Lynch); and his grandchildren, Savanna, Dante, Madeline and Siena.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Norm's name to Hinsdale Humane Society for the BJ Chimenti Angel Fund for Veterans and Pets Program, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521 (online at www.tinyurl.com/HHS-Norm-Chimenti-Memorial).

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Charles E. Simanek

Charles E. "Chuck" Simanek, 77, a 23-year Hinsdale resident, died April 6, 2024.

Chuck was born in 1946 at Oak Park Hospital to Frank and Eleanor, nee Mareska. He grew up in Cicero and attended Lincoln School, Morton East High School and Loyola University of Chicago. For most of his career, he produced trade shows nationally and internationally for the construction industry.

Chuck was a world traveler, and he and wife Edna Burke enjoyed many trips together. He maintained friendships with former work associates from the beginning of his career and grade school classmates. He made many lasting friendships throughout his life, including recent new pals on his bowling league and during daily lunches at DJ's in Westmont.

Chuck was very proud of his Czech heritage, and he enjoyed preparing Czech as well as French cuisine. His original copies of Julia Child's first two cookbooks were well seasoned. He loved to entertain and was known as a welcoming host, embracing holidays throughout



Simanek

the year, especially Christmas.

Chuck loved classical music, and was a longtime supporter of WFMT Radio station. He loved the many pets he had through his life, and was an active supporter of Hinsdale Humane Society. He also served as an Hinsdale Library Friends volunteer.

Chuck passed away after a long illness stemming from a traumatic brain injury after a fall in 2021. He will be missed by family, friends and his standard poodle, Sadie. Thanks to April, Neicy and Booker for taking exceptional care of him.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Edna.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Eleanor; and his brother, Joseph.

In accordance with Chuck's wishes, a private service was held.

Memorial contributions may be made online to WFMT Radio at www.wfmt.com, the Hinsdale Humane Society at www.hinsdale-humane.org or a charity of choice.

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OBITUARIES

Karen L. Doll

Karen L. Doll, 60, passed away peacefully April 14, 2024, at home after a battle with cancer.

Karen was born in 1963 to Bill and Janet Doll, the youngest of five children. She was a 1981 graduate of Hinsdale Central High School and received her bachelor's degree from Rockford College in 1985.

Karen spent most of her life in the Hinsdale area, most recently moving to Wheaton. She selflessly spent a significant amount of time caring for her grandmother and parents. Her passions included walking in nature and animals, especially horses and dogs.



Doll

She is survived by her four siblings, Cathy (Bill) Ross, Mary (Ron Errett) Schwaiger, Joanne (Gabe Mechelewski) Doll, John (Diana) Doll; and her cherished friend, Patrick Loewe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Janet Doll.

Burial will be private at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Hinsdale Humane Society at www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Thomas Marshall Gibson

Thomas Marshall Gibson, 97, of Hinsdale died at home while in hospice care April 14, 2024.

Tom was born in Chicago in 1927 to Humphrey and Ethel Gibson and reared in that city. He attended Culver Military Academy in Culver, Ind., and graduated in 1945.

Tom attended the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and the University of Arizona, and was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Before he graduated, he left school to join his father in the family business, Gibson Electric Co., which was started in Chicago in 1912 by Tom's grandfather. After his father, Humphrey Gibson Jr., died in 1964, Tom became its president.

During his tenure, the business grew to become one of the largest electrical contracting companies in the country, employing more than 1,000 electricians. Among the projects they worked on were the Harold Washington Library, Rush University Medical Center, Marshall Field's, the Tribune Tower, WGN Studios, the Art Institute and O'Hare Airport. Based in Downers Grove, Gibson Electric is part of the Emcor Group. Tom fostered a business culture that placed high value on employees. Many of them worked there for decades. Among electricians, a job at Gibson Electric was considered a prestigious position.

A natural leader, Tom also served as president and board member of the National Electrical Contractors Association, the Chicago Electric Association and the Chicago Building Congress. The I.B.E.W. conferred honorary membership to Tom for outstanding service to the industry.



Gibson

He also received the Electric Industry's Man of the Year award, and was inducted into the Electric Industry's Hall of Fame, as was his father before him.

Tom was active in the Boy Scouts of America, serving in various executive positions and earning both the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards. He was an avid golfer who joined the Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton in 1958, and was proudly Member No. 1 of

Butler National Golf Club, having been invited by Oak Brook developer Paul Butler.

Tom had an excellent sense of humor and always was ready with an amusing quip. He excelled at telling funny stories, often with himself as the butt of the joke.

He leaves behind many good friends and admirers and his beloved Cavachon dog, Heidi, now 17.

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Cymala (Nitschmann) Gibson, in 2021 after a marriage of 47 years.

He is survived by his daughters, Linda Gibson and Carol Gibson; and his son, Terry Marshall Gibson.

A funeral service was held April 24 at Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale.

Interment was private at Forest Home Cemetery in Des Plaines.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.give.michaeljfox.org, the American Heart Association at www.heart.org or K9s for Warriors at www.k9sforwarriors.org.

Kenneth Lauerman

Kenneth Lauerman, 77, passed away peacefully in Moses Lake, Wash., on Feb. 23, 2024.

Born in 1946, Ken grew up in Hinsdale. He attended Hinsdale Township High School, graduating in the class of 1964, and lettered in cross country, swimming and golf. He earned a bachelor's degree in June 1968 from the University of Denver, where he was an active member of Phi Kappa Sigma. Ken completed his graduate studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder, with a master's degree in economics.

His long career in banking began with the Bank of America in San Francisco, followed by branches in Amsterdam, the Netherlands; and Fresno, Calif. Ken subsequently moved with



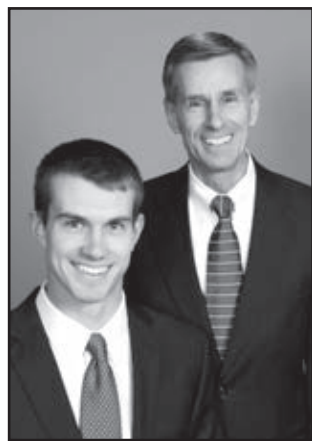
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his family to the Seattle area, to work with First Interstate Bank, and later Wells Fargo. After leaving Wells Fargo, he continued in banking with a number of community banks.

Ken's life-long passion was golf, and he consistently maintained a handicap in the single digits. He adored the mountains of Colorado and hiked its many trails on numerous occasions with his brothers, Fred and Gary.

Ken is survived by his four children, Heather, David, Nicholas and Vanessa; his grandchildren; his two brothers; and Kathleen Smith, his partner for more than 20 years.

No memorial service is planned at this time. Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.



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JUNE SCOTT, TRAVEL ENTHUSIAST

What can we learn through traveling?

During a trip to Iran 11 years ago, June Scott hiked with a group to a remote village that was so off the beaten path, supplies were brought in by burro.

The Oak Brook resident and native Hinsdalean approached an elderly woman sitting on a doorstep wearing a customary head covering.

"She asked if we were Americans, and we said, 'Yes,'" related Scott, who had a translator. "She said, 'You know what? We like Americans. We do not like governments.'"

Scott, 92, has visited more than 100 different countries in pursuit of her globetrotting passion for experiencing other cultures. She credits her late husband with instilling in her a sense of adventure before he passed away 25 years ago.

Last year she took six family members to Patagonia for her belated 90th birthday celebration.

"I'd been there before, but this was a place that my son and my grandson, who live on the West

Coast, had always wanted to go to," Scott said. "And my daughter had always wanted to stay at the Explora Lodge, the only lodge within in the (Torres del Paine National) park in Patagonia."

That excursion will be subject of Scott's talk Wednesday, May 8 at Union Church of Hinsdale for the monthly Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship Luncheon (see Page 18 for details).

"It's a beautiful place. It has mountains and glaciers," she said of the region at the southern tip of Chile.

Even further south is a place not on many bucket lists but to which Scott has gravitated three times: Antarctica.

"It's a beautiful continent," said the avid penguin lover.

By her third trip in 2010, she'd already seen 15 of the 17 different penguin species in their natural habitat.

"I got to see the 16th and 17th penguins, which are only on sub-Antarctic islands."

This past January, Scott was a passenger for a month with Semester at Sea, an intergenerational multi-country study abroad program on a ship that made stops in

Bangkok, Malaysia and India.

"I was the oldest," she acknowledged. "It was so exciting to be with young people. They kept asking my advice. They called me a 'rock star.'"

Scott wears her identity of lifelong learner proudly, a trait that reinforces her appreciation of our planet and a desire "to understand people around the world."

"I'm not a tourist, I'm a traveler, and I come home being an ambassador for countries like Iran," she said.

"You have go as a global citizen and not with your own lens," she continued. "I come home energized and curious to do more and learn more. We're all alike. We may look different and speak a different language, but we want the same things."

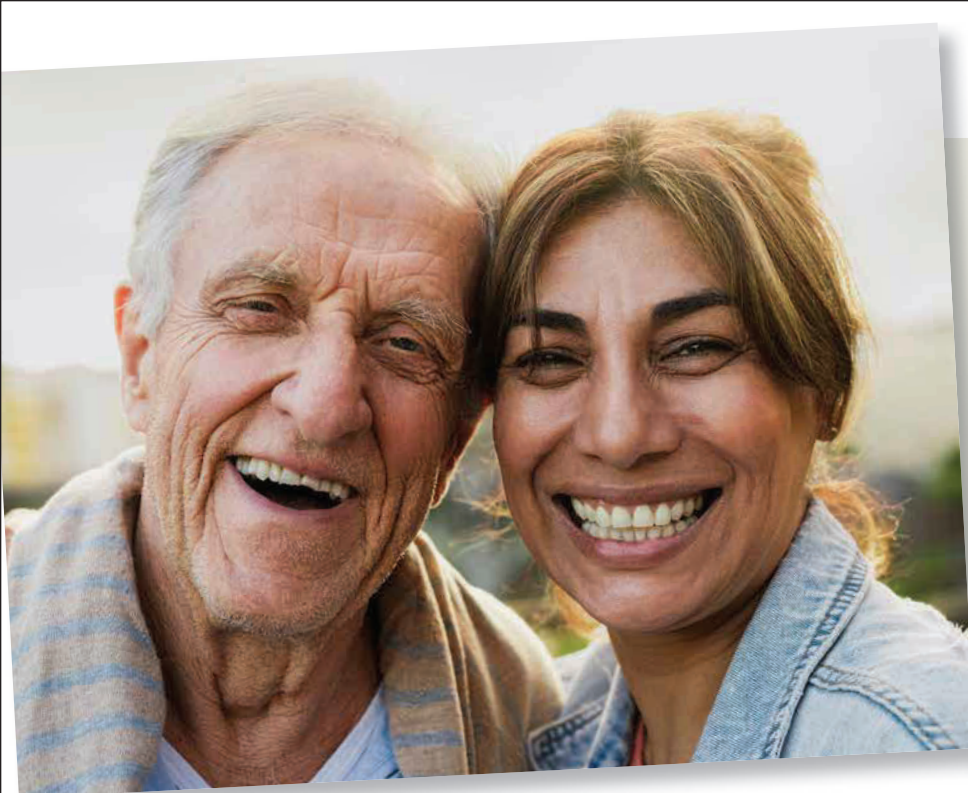
Scott knows her limits at this stage of life. Trekking through rough terrain to see gorillas was possible a couple decades ago but not as a nonagenarian. Now she relishes sharing her adventures with others.

"I enjoy doing my travel programs because not everybody can travel," she said. "Some can do it vicariously."

— by Ken Knutson



June Scott regards her extensive exposure to cultures around the world as a chance to acquire knowledge, not just souvenirs. "I'm not a tourist, I'm a traveler," said Scott, who will talk about her travels at Union Church next month. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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The wonder of words

Libby LeStrange and **Nora Kasmarick** page through one of the books at the Monroe School Book Fair Monday morning. **Claire Yun** and **Yino Jin** check out another title for their reading wish lists. Meanwhile **Reagan Fore**, **Avery Brennan** and **Henna Desai** were all in on their discoveries. The spring book fair gives students a chance to purchase books for their summer reading and teachers a chance to put some titles on their wish lists for their classrooms. The book fair is coordinated by Monroe's PTO. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Wellness House walk to hit the streets

Run or walk to support nonprofit's programs, honor survivors, remember loved ones

By Pamela Lannom
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As a radiation oncologist at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Arpi Thukral often struggled to help her cancer patients find psycho-social support, exercise programs and nutrition resources.

"That's when I first had found out about Wellness House," she said.

Thukral is serving as co-chair of this year's Walk for Wellness House on Sunday, May 5. Touring the Hinsdale facility, coordinating the annual fundraising ball and joining the board of directors deepened her connection with the organization over the years. She also participated in her first walk the year after she lost her uncle to leukemia.

"It was just really inspiring to be there," she said. "I remember the first year they had this balloon release for all patients, survivors and loved ones who had passed away from cancer. I thought that was so touching to have all the balloons fly up in the air at the same time."

For environmental reasons, the balloon release is no longer part of the walk. But Thukral, co-chair Mahrukh Hussain and other organizers have plenty in store for participants.

"One of the ideas we came up with this year is to really help keep families, especially young kids, engaged," Thukral said. "Were going to have some different events at each mile marker. There might be a face painter at one of the mile markers or a balloon guy."

Participants will have the chance to stretch with Achieve Physical Therapy before the walk and food trucks will be on hand once runners and walkers cross the finish line.

Thukral, who now works at Northwestern, was walk co-chair last year as well, when the event made history by raising more than \$770,000.

"I was on the podium looking out into the sea of purple shirts. We had over 3,000 participants all walking together. My kids ran it. It was just a really nice event bringing together the community and people," she said.



A group of about 18-22 first-graders, with a few kindergartners, from The Lane School has raised more than \$2,670 for the Walk for Wellness House and plans to participate in the May 5 event. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Thukral appreciates the fact that anyone can participate in the walk — and registration extends up until the start of the event.

"The thing I like about it is it's for everyone," she said. "You don't have to be a huge donor or be at a gala. You can just show up — show up with a person or who up with a team."

More than 3,200 people already plan to show up May 5. As of Wednesday, \$589,000 of the \$750,000 goal had been raised.

"It feels on target and it feels like it's a good goal to inspire people to get involved, and it also feels attainable for us, which is exciting," said Lisa Kolavennu, chief executive officer of Wellness House.

Forty-nine sponsors to date have signed on to support the event financially, which Kolavennu sees as significant.

"It continues to be an indication that this is important to people, that we are able to generate support for it and get excited about it," she said.

She agreed with Thukral that the walk is an easy event to be part of and described it as an energizing and feel-good morning.

"My favorite moment of the walk is just before it starts when we've got everyone's attention on the stage and we shine a light on our

participants," she said.

One participant shares a bit of their story with the crowd before the 10-step walk takes place.

"That's a special space for people who want to be involved and demonstrate their strength, but perhaps 10 steps is the most they are able to do that day," Kolavennu said. "It's our way and the community's way to support them and cheer them on on their journey."

Among the participants this year will be a team of mostly first-grade Girl Scouts from The Lane School. Team organizer Amrita Shaffer, who is treasurer for the troop, has first-hand experience with cancer. After her grandmother passed away from leukemia years ago, her father left his career in finance to open a cancer diagnostic center. And her husband is a two-time cancer survivor, facing Hodgkins lymphoma before they got married and aggressive carcinoma the year before the couple had their second child.

"This year, it's going to be 10 years of remission for my husband from the first cancer he had," she said.

Shaffer didn't know anything about Wellness House until she commented on the attractive building on North County Line Road while on a walk with a friend.

She said she hopes the walk will send a message to the team member that it's important — and it feels good — to give back.

"That's what I've been trying to teach my own kids," she said. "Why are we doing this walk? We are doing this walk for the people who fought and won. We are doing this walk for the people who fought and paid the ultimate price. We walk for the people who are doing treatment right now and fighting. We walk for the loved ones who are supporting these people because every role is hard."

Kolavennu emphasized that the walk is one of the nonprofit's two signature fundraising events, the other being the ball in October. The two events could mean almost \$2 million in funds this year for Wellness House to continue to support those on the cancer journey.

"It's an opportunity for so many people to come together, to do something to support those around them and to make sure the free programs at Wellness House continue to be available to all who need them," Kolavennu said, adding that there is still time to sign up for the walk. "We're grateful for every single step and every single dollar of support."

PULSE



Jack Bhandakar has the title role in “James and the Giant Peach Jr.,” with Lucy Hufford as Ladybug and Zoe Vladika as Centipede. The show runs through Sunday at the Children’s Theatre of Western Springs. See Page 26 for details. (photo provided)

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cate to display. Donations will support programs that benefit teachers, students and families. Donations may be made on the foundation’s website listed above or pay by Venmo to @HCHS-Foundation. Include the individual to be honored, their department or position, the amount to be donated and a personal message.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ **Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship**
May 8
Union Church
137 S. Garfield Ave.
ejung@uchinsdale.org
(630) 688-1706

June Scott, an 80-year member of Union Church and former longtime Hinsdale resident, will share stories of her trip to Patagonia, one of the last untouched areas of the planet. Scott, who has visited 105 countries, will share her experiences with the mesmerizing landscapes, rare animals, glaciers waterfalls and deep forests of this southern

extremity of South America. Reservations are due May 2. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. RR

FAMILY FUN

■ **Fishing: With Mom**
May 12
Hidden Lake
Route 53 south of Butterfield Road, Downers Grove
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Spend the morning by the lake with moms, creating memories and learning skills to increase fishing success. All ages are welcome. Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ **Derby Day Party**
May 4
Butterfield Country Club
2800 Midwest Road, Oak Brook
www.brightpoint.org/events
Watch the Kentucky Derby

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Art and culture a priority at Hinsdale Public Library

I am heading to Oak Brook's Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art this weekend to see, among other things, a cinnabar screen encrusted with carved gemstones. The screen was a birthday present to the Chinese emperor Qianlong in 1791, and since my own birthday is fast approaching, it seemed like a good time to research gift ideas. Right now, I just can't decide between asking my wife for a gem-encrusted cinnabar screen or just a night off from doing the dishes.

To free up some money in my family's gift budget, I am checking out a Museum Adventure Pass. (I'm getting it from my home library, so Hinsdale's will still be available for you!) At this museum, the pass allows visitors half off the entry price. Many other museums all around the city and state have deals like this — including free admission to the Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Botanic Garden and even some gift shop discounts. Review all

our offerings at www.hinsdalelibrary.info/museum or just talk to us at the library.

You don't need to venture to far-flung Oak Brook to see brilliant works of art. We have quite the permanent collection here at Hinsdale Public Library — and just about every week we also see Hinsdale residents young and old making their own art. The library's strategic plan — which debuted early last year after a long and in-depth conversation with the community — let us know how important the arts are to Hinsdale residents, and we plan to continue to offer exhibits, programs and resources so our patrons can express themselves and learn.

Over the next few months, this focus will be very apparent. Please make time to visit our Quiet Reading



John Kokoris
Check this out

Room this June to see the work of InJung Oh, a Hinsdale resident from South Korea who is lending us some of her beautiful artwork to display for the summer. (Her reception is on Wednesday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m.) Oh will also come to the library next Saturday, May 4, to lead a children's painting workshop (registration required).

Oh is a resident at the Zhou B Art Center in Chicago, run by the internationally renowned Zhou Brothers. You may know them from their stunning painting on the library's second floor or from an illustrious career that has taken them from China to Chicago, the White House and around the world. Truly, they are world class artists — and they will be right here at Hinsdale Public Library on Saturday, May 11, signing cop-

ies of their children's book, "Flying Paintings."

More hands-on opportunities to partake in the arts will be available all spring. Adults can learn how to quilt, frame pressed flowers, paint with watercolors and more. Kids and teens can make bracelets, birds nests, photo magnets — and can even learn to sew on the library's sewing machines. Recurring programs like our Maker Club for kids and our Needlecraft Night for adults offer a chance to get to know other creative Hinsdaleans. You can register for any of these events on our website.

Whether you are a connoisseur of the arts or just a creative person looking for ideas, come get inspired by legendary and brilliant artists, and then unleash your own creative side all summer long.

— *John Kokoris is marketing and outreach manager at Hinsdale Public Library.*

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- 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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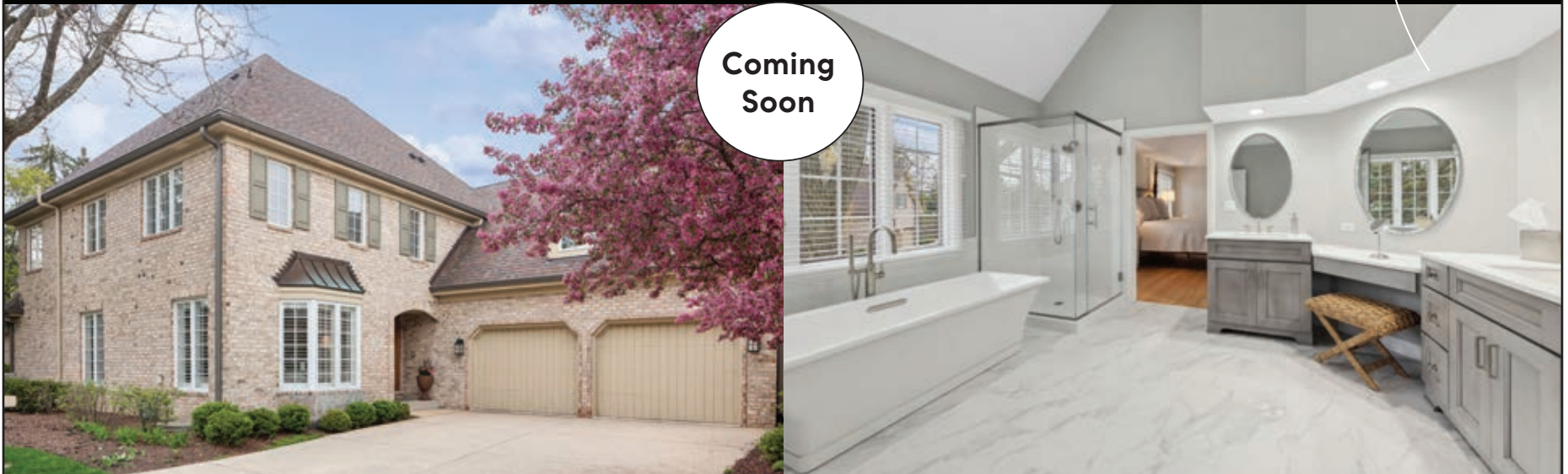
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live on the big screen at Hinsdale Auxiliary's 69th annual event to benefit Brightpoint (formerly Children's Home & Aid) and its comprehensive behavioral health services for parents, children and youth across Illinois. Enjoy cocktails followed by dinner and dancing. Register by noon May 1. Time: 4:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets: \$185, \$1,800 for table of 10.

Hinsdale Kitchen Walk

May 10
Hinsdale homes
www.kitchen-walk.com
The Hinsdale Historical Society Women's Board is sponsoring its annual event showcasing the kitchens of six different homes in the village, which are listed at the website above. Proceeds support the Hinsdale Historical Society and its mission to bridge the past, present and future by engaging the community with its history and architecture. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets: \$75.

GAME ON

Chicago Elite Youth Volleyball

Tuesdays, May 7-28
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090
Boys and girls ages 6-11 can learn and develop key fundamentals including ball movements, hitting, serving, passing, setting and defense. Players will grow in confidence, assertiveness and sportsmanship in a competitive setting. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 6-11, 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 11-14. Cost: \$115.

GREAT OUTDOORS

Spring Birding

April 28, May 1 or 4
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045
Join this guided walk to learn how to identify birds and appreciate their ecological significance. Binoculars will be available for loan. Time: 8:30 a.m.

Walk and Talk: Black Partridge Woods

May 1
Black Partridge Woods
Bluff Road east of I-355 near Lemont
www.fpdcc.com

(312) 533-5751

Learn more about this natural area on a slower paced 2-mile hike with frequent stops. Time: 10 a.m.

GREEN THUMB

Cocktails and Conservation: Plant Your Own Container Garden
May 2
The Preserve at Oak

Meadows
900 N. Wood Dale Road, Addison
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Learn about native wildflowers, how to identify them and how to easily grow them at home in a container garden. Sip a signature cocktail made with native plant ingredients while potting up a container of native flowers, grasses and

sedges for home. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$40. RR

ABC's of Composting

May 6
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join Kay McKeen of SCARCE to dig into the basics of composting and learn about this simple and affordable way to fight climate change while

reducing garbage and restoring the soil. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

Annual Plant Sale

May 11
Hinsdale History Museum
15 S. Clay St.

The Garden Study Club of Hinsdale will hold its annual plant sale featuring perennials from members' gardens as well as English garden baskets.

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Proceeds help fund the club's ongoing maintenance of the history museum garden and other projects. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Tai Chi

May 1-May 29
Westmont Community Center
75 E. Richmond St.

www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
Learn the ancient art of Chi Gung and Tai Chi Chuan to enhance balance, cultivate relaxation and strengthen the muscles, tendons and ligaments, among other benefits. Students can sign up for either the Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday session; beginner and advanced students are welcome. Time: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$42.

■ Learn to Meditate

May 8 & 15
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Both novice and experienced meditators are invited to join Zelma Chamberlain for this two-part workshop on how to meditate in a focused, profound way. The second session will build upon the learning in the first session. Time: 6:30 to

7:30 p.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ May the 4th Be With You

May 3
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Youth of all ages are invited to drop by this all-day celebration of the Star Wars universe to enjoy games, crafts and


snacks. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Spirit of Life Painting Workshop

May 4
Hinsdale Public Library
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artists the Zhou Brothers, and led by Hinsdale artist InJung Oh, founder of OH Art Foundation. The Zhou Brothers will visit the library from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, for a meet-and-greet and to sign copies of their book. Time: 2 to 3:30 p.m. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ DuPage Forest Preserve talk April 27

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

Learn about everything happening at Fullersburg Woods and beyond with Jeannine Kannegiesser, chief partnership and philanthropy officer with the DuPage County Forest Preserve District of. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ The Many Lives of Kal Penn May 7

www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Actor, writer, producer and former associate director of the White House Office of Public Engagement Kal Penn will share his myriad accomplishments in a unique and fun game show-style experience in this Illinois Libraries Present Zoom program. Audience members can submit questions for Penn to answer when registering. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ 'Around the World in 80 Minutes'

April 27 & 28
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
203 S. Kensington Ave., La Grange
www.hinsdalechorale.org
(312) 510-1823

The Hinsdale Chorale will perform its spring concert featuring a wide array of traditional, folk, liturgical and dance songs from a variety of cultures around the world and in nine different languages. Pieces include the traditional Zimbabwe greeting, "Sorida," folk songs from Newfoundland and Ireland, Eric Whitacre's "Five Hebrew Love Songs" and more. Times: 7 p.m. April 27, 3 p.m. April 28. Tickets: \$20, \$15 for students and seniors.

■ 'Feels Like Home'

May 7
The Community House

415 W. Eighth St.
www.soundsgoodchoir.org
(630) 395-9542

The Hinsdale Sounds Good! Choir, part of area's largest choral-music organization for adults 55 and older, presents this free program featuring hits from artists ranging from Nat "King" Cole and Crosby, Stills and Nash to Aaron Copland and Antonin Dvorak, as well as new songs by Kyle Pederson, PinkZebra and more. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

ON STAGE

■ 'Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach'

Fridays to Sundays through April 28
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com

Based on the poignantly quirky story, this brand new take on tale features a wickedly tuneful score and a witty and charming book. When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach and launches a journey of enormous proportions. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$13 for kids.

RUNS & WALKS

■ Walk for Wellness House May 5

Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road
www.wellnesshouse.org
Walk, run or join in the fun remotely with this annual event to benefit Wellness House, which provides free programs (online and in-person) for people affected by cancer. Register as an individual or as a team, and help raise money from family and friends. Time: 8 a.m. program, 8:30 a.m. walk/run. Cost: \$30.

■ Walk the Walk for Mental Health May 19

The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org

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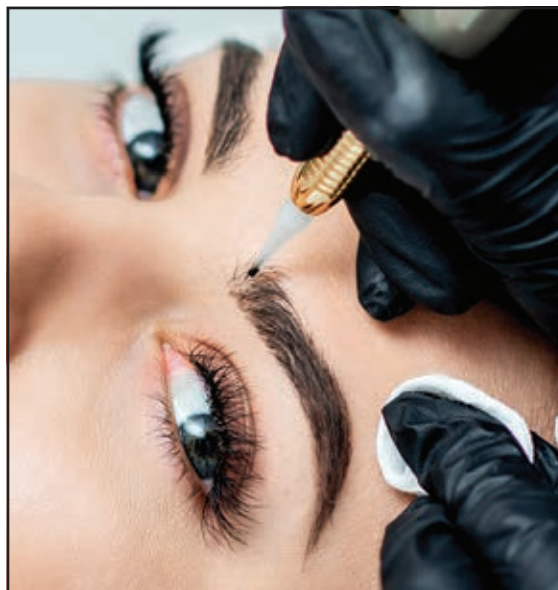
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with family, friends and the community. The event will begin with a health expo featuring local fitness and health and wellness vendors and a colorful opening ceremony, and end with a post-walk party with food trucks, games, face-painting, music and more. Time: 8 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$30, \$20 for children age 3 and up (early bird price); \$45/\$35.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ S'more Fullersburg Fun

April 27
Graue Mill and Museum
3800 York Road, Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org

Enjoy an afternoon at the Graue Mill in Fullersburg Woods. Visit the museum and purchase a \$5 kit to make s'mores outside in the fireplace. All supplies are included for a group of four. Hours: noon to 4 p.m. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ Finding Grace exhibit opening reception

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

Celebrate the rediscovered life of Hinsdale social reformer Grace Bagley, owner of the Frank Lloyd Wright Bagley House. Bagley worked closely with Jane Addams and made substantial contributions to reform efforts that impacted Chicago and the nation. Historians Julia Bachrach and Jean Follett will share a bit about the exhibit, and light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will run in the library's Quiet Room from April 30 to May 31. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

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by Linda Thistle

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HOROSCOPES

May 2024 Horoscopes • Week 1



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, is your schedule flexible right now? Try to rearrange things to take advantage of some last-minute recreational opportunities. You deserve to have more fun.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, your friends have stepped up to support you, and it is time to get together and enjoy one another's company. Think about an activity that everyone can get behind.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, some people around you would like to use flattery to get you to do what they want. However, you are too savvy to fall for people who may be guiding you in the wrong direction.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Someone in your life who has not always been on your side has been changing his or her ways lately, Libra. You may want to reevaluate the relationship soon.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you may be feeling moody and introspective right now. Take time to evaluate your dreams and the thoughts going through your head. There may be common threads.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, the people around you may work more slowly than you, so you will likely need to be patient this week while working on a particular project. Eventually things will work out.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Loved ones and friends in your life deserve your time and energy right now, Leo. Figure out a way to cut down on hours spent on the job this week.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you have been working hard to avoid conflict with someone close to you, but it could start to feel like more effort than you can care to keep up.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Don't let some ambiguous feedback adversely affect your mood, Pisces. You will never be able to please everyone, so focus on those people who are on your side.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, exercise caution when dealing with people who promise big returns on your investments right now. Avoid financial dealings with anyone you have not fully vetted.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, things going on in your life right now may be a bit more confusing than you anticipated. It can be stressful, but with some assistance from others you will get through the situation.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
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Wenyang Hu was the top finisher of the seven with a time of 3:20.06. He placed 6,923th overall, 5,636th among men and 173rd in his division (age 55-59).

Rachel Keele finished in 3:22.14, placing 7,440th overall, 1,491st among women and 1,160th in her division (18-39).

Jodi Hummer's time was 3:31.49, earning her 9,994th place overall, 2,672nd among women and 420th in her division (40-44).

Stephanie Urbanek earned a time of 3:35.38. She finished 10,903rd overall, 3,140th among women and 520th in her division (40-44).

Aisling Gray had a time of 3:50.12 and placed 14,299th overall, 4,979th among

women and 789th in her division (45-49).

Safwan Halabi ran the race in 4:23.47, placing 19,381st overall, 11,626th among men and 1,840th in his division (45-49).

Rebecca Frankiewiz finished in 6:09.58, placing 25,476th overall, 10,886th among women and 1,182nd in her division (50-54).

More than 30,000 runners from more than 100 countries competed in the race. The fastest time in the men's professional division was 2:06.17 from Sisay Lemma of Ethiopia.

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

GOLFER HELPED TEAM FINISH SECOND

Jack DiTrani of Hinsdale and the Penn State Altoona men's golf made program history during the second and final day of the Win Palmer Cup on April 16, as the Lions ascended the standings to finish in second place out of six squads in the tour-

namment, which was hosted by Wittenberg University at Allegheny Country Club.

As a team, Penn State Altoona shot a program-record 288 on the par 70 course. That scoring total edged the Lions' previous record of 289.

DiTrani, a graduate of Benet Academy, was Penn State Altoona's top golfer on day one of the tournament, shooting 2 over on the par 70 course to finish the round in a tie for third place out of 36 individuals.

REVORDS KEEP ON PACE AT MEET

University of Missouri distance runner Reilly Revord of Hinsdale won the women's 1,500-meter run at the Florida Relays March 29 in Gainesville. The graduate student beat out the 30-person field with a mark of 4:25.97.

Reilly's younger brother Colby, a Mizzou sophomore, competed in the same event on the men's side and placed 15th with a time of 3:55.40.

MCCLEAR SHOOTS LOW FOR HAWKEYES

University of Iowa senior golfer Mac McClear of Hinsdale finished as the low scorer for the Hawkeyes at 6-over par at the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate Tournament Friday to Sunday in Columbus, Ohio.

McClear shot 219 over the three-round event, tying for 12th overall and leading Iowa to 10th place out of the 18 participating teams. It was his fourth top-25 finish of the season.

NAPIER FILLS THE NET IN DEPAUW WIN

DePauw University senior lacrosse player Emily Napier of Hinsdale scored four goals and registered one assist to power the Tigers past the College of Wooster 17-14 on Senior Day April 20.

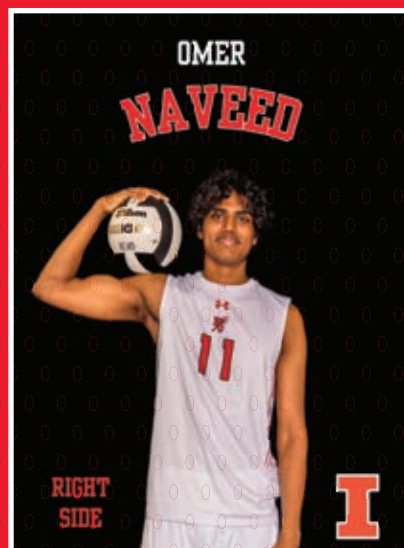
Through 12 games so far this season, Napier leads the team with 38 goals. Last season she ranked second with 49 goals in 18 games.

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STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Ana Hodneland
Hinsdale**

When did you start running?

I ran in seventh grade at HMS. I didn't have a season in eighth grade because of COVID. I joined the track team my sophomore year because I did soccer freshman year.

What has kept you involved?

I like the team atmosphere and being able to compete with and against all the girls on the team. I've been playing club soccer all my life. It's been fun to switch it up with track the past three years.

What is your favorite event?

Probably the 4-by-100 relay. Relays are my favorite overall because I get to be part of a team, and it's so fast and it's really thrilling.

What is the toughest?

Probably the 400 or 4-by-4. It's such a long sprint. The last 100 is so physically challenging, and mentally it's hard knowing it's going to be so physically challenging.

How have you improved since sophomore year?

I came in not knowing any proper running mechanics or the correct way to run any sort of race. I've learned a lot about how to do relays and hand-offs and running mechanics and drills and lift-off — basically everything.

What is your goal for the season?

Making it down to the state meet again in some of the relays would be really awesome and hopefully making it to the finals. We did in the 4-by-100 last year, which was unexpected but really exciting.

Do you enjoy having your sister on the team?

It's been fun. We ran the 4-by-200 relay at state last year. This year I don't see her quite as much (she runs distance), but I still get to see her at the meets.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I play the drums and I have a pet bunny.

What are your plans for the fall?

I'm going to Washington and Lee University. I'm going to run on the track team there. I'm thinking (of studying) biology, maybe pre-dental.

Why does coach Pat Richards like having Hodneland on the team?

Ana's attitude is everything. Her work ethic is off the charts. I always tell her she reminds me of a Navy SEAL. That's how hard she works. She's a very focused young lady and she's a really good kid.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Badminton

April 20 @ DeKalb Invite
V places 1st
April 17 @ York
V wins 8-7
Sriparam, 21-18, 11-21, 21-13
Cameli, 21-17, 21-17
Liu, 21-14, 21-16
Jiao, 21-17, 17-21, 21-10
Radziszewski, 17-21, 21-17, 26-24
Fang/Tu, 21-15, 19-21, 21-18
Sriparam/Liu, 21-19, 10-21, 21-19
Parvataneni/
Radziszewski, 21-16, 21-8

Baseball

April 22 vs. OP-RF
V wins 4-3
Kassab, RBI, run
Conners, run
Frisoni, run
Zak, win, 4 strikeouts
April 20 vs. Addison Trail
V wins 17-1
April 19 vs. Montini
Catholic
V loses 8-10
April 17 vs. Downers North
V loses 4-7

Lacrosse, boys

April 23 @ Huntley
V wins 10-9 (OT)
Bergin, 3 goals
Merz, 3 goals
Joyce 2 goals, assist
Ortiz, goal
Randell, goal
April 18 @ LT
V wins 9-5

Lacrosse, girls

April 20 @ Mead (Colo.)
V loses 4-5
April 19 @ Cherry Creek (Colo.)
V wins 8-7 (2OT)
Parker-Briones, 3 goals, 2 assists
Matthews, 2 goals, assist
Moncrief, goal, assist

Venetsanopoulos, goal, assist
Linn, goal
Schultz, 7 saves
April 18 vs. LT
V wins 13-6
April 17 vs. Hersey
V wins 10-0

Soccer, girls

April 23 @ LT
V loses 1-2
April 18-20 @ Naperville
North Invite
vs. Neouqua Valley
V wins 2-0
vs. Sandburg
V wins 4-0
Ditomasso, goal
Doherty, goal
Leal, goal
McDonnell, goal
Bingham, assist
Marinaccio, assist
Steines, assist

Softball

April 23 @ Addison Trail
V wins 13-8
DiPasquale, 3 RBIs, 2 runs
Koschik, 3 RBIs, 2 runs
McDaniel, 2 RBIs, 2 runs
Kubesh, 2 RBIs
Cook, RBI, 2 runs
Willits, RBI, 2 runs
Georganas, 2 runs
Kuo, run, win, 8 strikeouts
April 22 vs. Downers North
V loses 1-2
April 20 vs. St. Ignatius
V loses 9-19
April 19 vs. Glenbard West
V loses 4-7
April 17 @ LT
V loses 4-5

Tennis, boys

April 23 @ LT
V wins 5-2
Kotarski, 6-0, 6-0
Milton, 6-1, 6-2
Khan, 6-2, 6-4
Doshi/Phillipneri, 6-4, 6-1
Zhang/Buchupalli, 6-2, 6-1
April 22 vs. Fremd

V wins 5-2
April 20 vs. Jay Kramer
Invite
V places 1st with 78 points
April 18 @ Glenbard West
V wins 7-0

Track, boys

April 19 @ Wheaton
Warrenville South Invite
V places 13th with 18 points
100 meters
McInerney, 8th, 11.46
200 meters
Bots, 2nd, 23.05
400 meters
Parkins, 3rd, 52.66
800 meters
Tarasi, 9th, 2:06
1,600 meters
Kurimay, 6th, 4:39.27
3,200 meters
Garg, 9th, 10:13.02
300-meter hurdles
Olaitan, 14th, 45.3
4x200 relay
Lyne, Bots, Coan, Tingler, 7th, 1:32.24
4x400 relay
Tingler, Parkins, Coan, Morrissey, 5th, 3:35.01
4x800 relay
Kurimay, Costello, Cubbin, Ferren, 7th, 8:36.12
Shot put
Ortiz, 8th, 13.72m
Discus
Ortiz, 15th, 34.37m
High jump
Prieto, 6th, 1.85m
Long jump
Parkins, 11th, 5.64m
Triple jump
Nedic, 11th, 10.91m

Track, girls

April 20 @ Sue Pariseau
Invite
V places 8th (tie) with 44 points
100 meters
Dorris, 8th, 13
Tresslar, 12th, 13.15
200 meters

Gilmartin, 9th, 27.18
Dorris, 13th, 27.42
400 meters
Elsdon, 13th, 27.42
800 meters
L. Hodneland, 2nd, 2:23.24
Gilmartin, 15th, 2:33.24
1,600 meters
Boyd, 13th, 5:40.12
Griffin, 19th, 5:52.42
3,200 meters
Satre, 3rd, 11:55.86
100-meter hurdles
Abu-Ghazalah, 17th, 19.02
300-meter hurdles
Abu-Ghazalah, 9th, 51.53
4x100 relay
Dorris, Tresslar, A. Hodneland, Gilmartin, 2nd, 50.75
4x200 relay
Dorris, A. Hodneland, Tresslar, Gilmartin, 1st, 1:47.91
4x400 relay
A. Hodneland, Gilmartin, Tresslar, Elsdon, 5th, 4:16.69
Shot put
Veliz-Hernandez, 23rd, 7.79m
Ford, 25th, 7.54m
Discus
Veliz-Hernandez, 19th, 23.24m
High jump
Dani, 6th, 1.47m
Chillo, 11th, 1.42m
Triple jump
Moser, 5th, 10.68m
Chillo, 25th, 8.81m

Volleyball, boys

April 23 @ OP-RF
V loses 20-25, 13-25
April 19 & 20 @ Downers
South Invite
vs. Naperville North
V wins 25-22, 25-17
Ruth, 9 kills, 5 aces, 3 digs
Beringer, 3 kills, 2 aces, dig, assist
Scott, 3 kills, dig, assist
Drescher, 2 kills, dig

Hogervorst, 2 kills, block
Patel 2 kills, 2 assists
Naveed, 2 kills
Hughes, kill, block, 2 digs, 17 assists
Thakar, ace, 3 digs
Reodica, 5 digs
Lynch, 3 digs, assist
vs. Bolingbrook
V loses 21-25, 11-25
vs. Niles West
V wins 25-22, 25-20
vs. Oswego
V loses 14-25, 19-25
vs. Glenbrook South
V loses 19-25, 20-25

Water polo, boys

April 22 vs. Lockport
V wins 12-6
Driscoll, 6 goals
Carmody, 2 goals
Bernacki, goal
Chase, goal
Halabi, goal
Newcomer, goal
April 20 @ Red Devil Invite
vs. Barrington
V wins 9-7
vs. Bremen
V wins 6-3
vs. OP-RF
V loses 3-6
April 18 @ Waubonsie
Valley
V loses 7-13

Water polo, girls

April 22 @ Lockport
V wins 5-1
Van Houtte, 2 goals
Deppe, goal
I. Warren, goal
S. Warren, goal
Tonjes, 14 saves
April 20 vs. Red Devil
Quad
vs. Sandburg
V loses 6-13
April 18 vs. Waubonsie
Valley
V loses 3-6
April 17 @ Richards
V wins 6-4

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Peyton Moncrief advances the ball as LT's Peyton Johnson gives chase as the Central girls lacrosse team hosted LT Thursday, April 18. The Red Devils defeated their conference foe 13-6. (photo by Jon Langham for the Hinsdalean)



TRYOUTS



2024-2025 TRYOUT INFORMATION

Boys & Girls Teams: U7-U19 (Ages 6-18)

Your child only needs to attend one of the tryout dates below, if unable to attend any of these dates, please call for an individual tryout.

EACH PLAYER NEEDS TO BRING:
Soccer Ball, Shin Guards and Water Bottle

OPEN TRYOUTS Boys and Girls Ages 6 & Up

Date	Time	Location
Sunday, April 28	6:00-7:00pm	Robbins Park • Hinsdale, IL
Saturday, May 4	6:00-7:00pm	Prospect Park • Clarendon Hills, IL
Tuesday, May 7	6:00-7:00pm	Ty Warner Park • Westmont, IL
Sunday, May 12	6:00-7:00pm	Robbins Park • Hinsdale, IL

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE Boys and Girls Ages 6 & Up

Date	Time	Location
Sunday, May 12	5:00-6:00pm	Centennial Park • Lemont, IL
Sunday, May 12	6:00-7:00pm	Robbins Park • Hinsdale, IL
Wednesday, May 15	6:00-7:00pm	Ty Warner Park • Westmont, IL
Sunday, May 19	6:00-7:00pm	Prospect Park • Clarendon Hills, IL

Playing Facilities - Oak Brook Park District • Romeoville Athletic Center
Westmont Yard • Village of Hinsdale • Westmont Park District • Lemont

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SPORTS

Find a healthy pace this spring

Get out and test your stamina in an organized running event near Hinsdale

Time to dust off those sneakers and hit the ground running as the frequency of short- and mid-distance picks up speed this season. Whether for fitness or philanthropy — or both! — the selection of events below offers courses for all strides.

- Morton Arboretum, 4100 Route 83 in Lisle, will debut its new Firefly Race Series, featuring a 3K course at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, and a 10K run at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 4.

Be inspired by the facility's rolling terrain, whether taking on the 10K or the 3K, which is designed for runners and walkers of all levels — or register for both. A post-race party with glow lights and a DJ will follow the 3K run. Virtual options also are available.

Registration is \$55 for the 3K, \$65 for the 10K and \$105 for both. Discounted rates are available to arboretum members and virtual participants. Visit www.mortonarb.org.

- The Quarryman Challenge 5K and 10 mile takes place at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, starting at Lemont Village Hall, 418 Main St., and proceeding through Lemont's historic, scenic and small-town setting.

The 10-mile start will be closely followed by the 5K start at 7:35 a.m. Online registration closes May 1.

Registration is \$50 for the 5K, \$70 for the 10-mile. Visit www.quarrymanchallenge.com.

- Help fight breast cancer by participating in the Oak Brook Park District's 10th annual Pink 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at Central Park, 1450 Forest Gate Road.

Register as an individual or as a team of 15 members or more. Proceeds from the event benefit Hinsdale Hospital Foundation's Open Arms breast cancer outreach fund.

Registration is \$35, \$40 on race day. Visit www.obparks.org.

- The annual Run for the Roses 5K event will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 19, at Forest Road School, 901 Forest Road in LaGrange Park.

Sponsored by the LaGrange Park Chamber of Commerce, the run



The annual Pink 5K Run/Walk through Oak Brook's Central Park is one of several runs and walks taking place around the area over the next few weeks. (photo provided)

has been held for over 25 years, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Pillars Health.

Registration is \$40, and the deadline to sign up is May 15. Visit www.raceroster.com/events/2024/85145/run-for-the-roses

- The 47th annual Tower Trot will step off Saturday, May 25, at Grand Avenue Community Center, 4211 Grand Ave. in Western Springs, with activities for ages and abilities.

The event features a 10K run

at 8:30 a.m., a Fun Run (under a mile) at 8:45 a.m., and a 5K run at 9:30 a.m.; those doing both the 10K and 5K will start with the 10K. The Fun Run will start at Chestnut and Grand.

Registration includes a T-shirt, refreshments and entertainment, and proceeds benefit the Healing Hearts for Ashley Foundation. Visitors also can enjoy the Eurobungy at no cost, although a waiver is required, which can be downloaded at the website below.

Registration for non-residents is \$45 for the 10K, \$40 for the 5K, \$45 for both, \$30 for ages 14 and under, and \$15 for the Fun Run. Fees increase \$5 on May 13. Visit www.wsprings.com/649/Tower-Trot.

- Celebrate Global Running Day at The Big Run at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at Fleet Feet Elmhurst, 124 Schiller St., Elmhurst.

The 5K run will be followed by a free round of drinks for participants. Proceeds from the event will go to Gilda's Club Chicago to support those with cancer, as well as their families and friends.

General admission is \$5. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/the-big-run-elmhurst-tickets-876211731877?aff=erelexpmlt.

- The LeaderShop's La Grange Rocks 5K Run & Family Fun will take place the evening of Friday, June 7, at the Lyons Township High School athletic field, 1401 W. Elm St. in La Grange.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. with games, crafts activities and special "celebrity" guests live music, and three all ages racing events. The one-lap run will kick off at 6 p.m., followed by the 1-mile run at 6:15 p.m. and the 5K run at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event goes to support The LeaderShop's youth programming including free after-school and mentoring programs, low-cost summer camp and youth leadership programs.

Registration is \$25 for the 5K run (price increases after May 5), and \$20 for the 1-mile run and one-lap run (parents may run the shorter runs with their children free of charge). Visit www.theleadershop.org.

Get a head start

Need some pointers to prepare for the next race? Sign up for the program "How to Train for a 5K Race" from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 2 at the Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St.

Running coach Lora Wright will discuss running plans and other important details to keep in mind for race day success. Register at www.hinsdalelibrary.info or by calling (630) 986-1976.

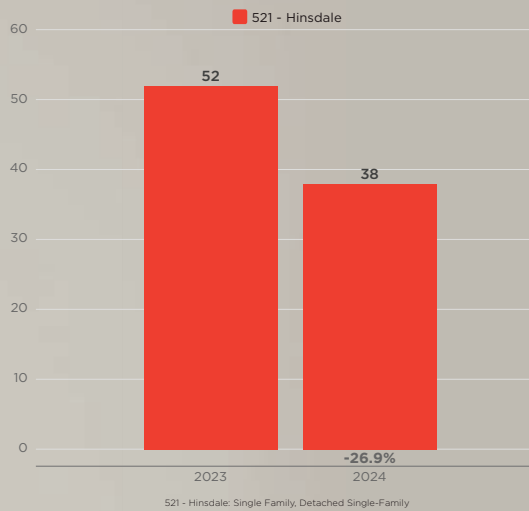
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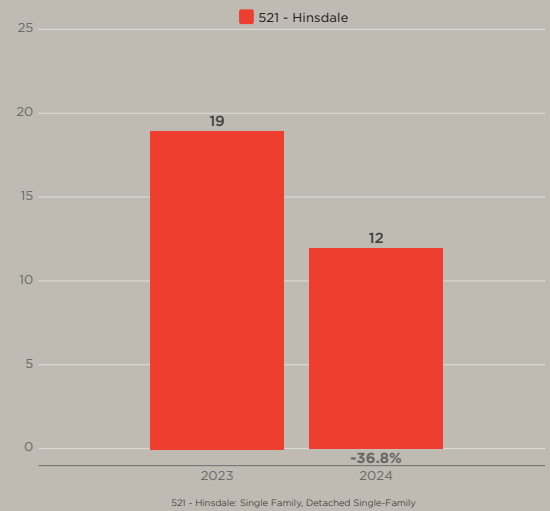
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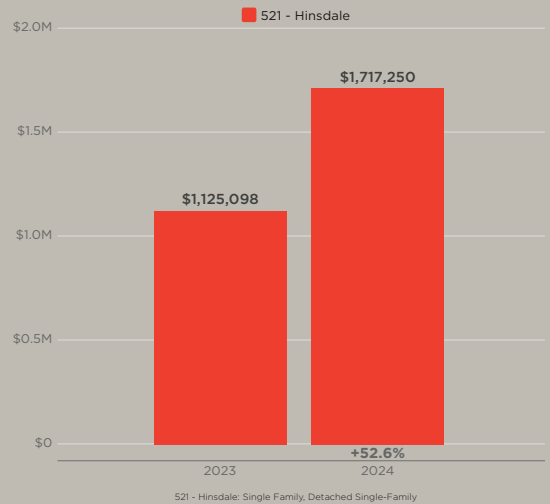
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