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**What's better than one** Easter egg hunt? Five Easter egg hunts! This year the Hinsdale parks and rec team set up age limits for each of the hunts to even out the egging field, so to speak. The result was more children finding more eggs — 10,000 total — and having much more fun. The Community House was also involved in the event. (Jim Slonoff photo)





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## **NEWS**

# Akhras claims victory in D86 election

By Pamela Lannom

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After watching the margin between herself and fellow District 86 school board candidate Andrew Catton widen, Asma Akhras declared victory late Friday, three days after the election.

"I can tell I'm still absorbing it," she told The Hinsdalean Tuesday. "There's a celebratory aspect. There's a relief aspect — it was a tough campaign. There is an excitement aspect."

Unofficial election results on April 5, the day after the election, showed Akhras in the lead by 195 votes over

Catton. That margin had widened marked by Election Day will conto 297 votes by Monday and stood at 360 votes Wednesday (Akhras 5,434, Catton 5,074).

Akhras said she waited to declare out of respect for Catton and the process.

"I wanted to be really confident in saying we won and not feel any hesitation," she said, noting that she held off until the district reached out to her and another publication that had supported Catton declared her the victor.

Catton could not be reached for comment prior to press time Wednesday.

Counting of mail-in ballots post-

tinue in DuPage County until April 18, two weeks after the election, a county spokeswoman said. More than 80,000 voters requested mailin ballots. As of Wednesday, 40,780 had been counted.

Other winners in the election were Kay Gallo (updated vote count of 7,032) and Cat Greenspon (6,920 votes). The fifth candidate in the race was Debbie Willoughby (3,102 votes)

Voter turnout in DuPage County was slightly more than 20 percent, with 123,423 of the county's 610,092 registered voters casting a ballot.

District 86 has scheduled a re-or-



ganization meeting for Wednesday, May 3. At that time the election results will be certified, new board members will take the oath of office and officer elections will be held.

Akhras said she's excited to represent district residents in making key decisions and to be one of the voices shaping the new strategic plan.

"I think that's what excites me the most," she said.

## Checkmate!

The Illinois Chess Teachers held their ICT State Championship last month at The Community House. Students were grouped in six sections from kindergarten through middle school. Hinsdale students competed against students from throughout the district and Chicagoland as well. Harry Abramson captured Jane Bazan's king in their match. Remi Colmen concentrates as Sahas Siedhisena makes a move. (Jim Slonoff photos)

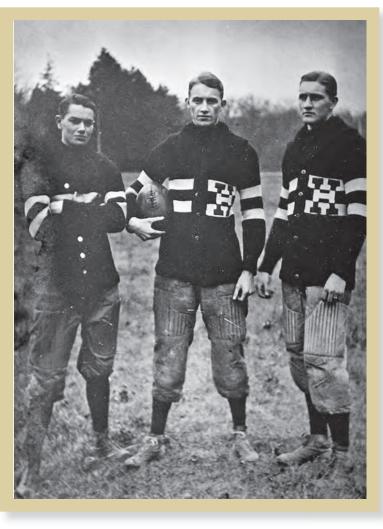


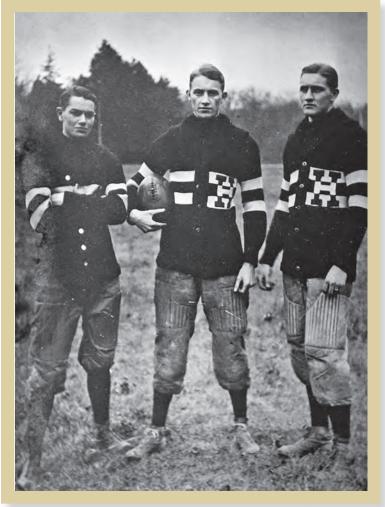




## **ONCE UPON A TIME**

Walter "Wassy" Schmidt, captain/center Frederick Schmidt, and end Elmer Schmidt, who played football on the Hinsdale Town Team, posed for this photo in their letterman sweaters. The photo and one of the sweaters - is on display as part of the "Hinsdale in Lights -Celebrating 150 Years" exhibit at Immanuel Hall in honor of the village's sesquicentennial. To learn more about the exhibit, turn to Page 7. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)







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## **NEWS**

## New merchants seek Hinsdale patrons

Arrivals include purveyors of running gear, ice cream, tires and Korean tea and bites

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale has welcomed several newcomers to its business community in the last several months. Learn about the most recent shops and service providers to call the village home.

#### **Peak Lifestyle**

Hinsdale resident Tiffany Cruickshank was excited to finally be able to open her running equipment store Peak Lifestyle in her hometown after being an established presence in Downers Grove, La Grange, Burr Ridge and Breckenridge, Colo.

"Being in Hinsdale is so fun," Cruickshank said of opening her 45 S. Washington St. shop last November. "We were just waiting for the perfect space to open up."

While her other outposts are named Peak Running, she felt a tweak was needed here "just to kind of make it open and comforting to everyone."

The store carries apparel and footwear for men and women to meet all one's athleisure and running needs. And shoe purchases come with a full fitting to ensure proper sizing.

"We not only measure the whole foot length, we take the arch length into consideration, too, and assess their gait and what activities they do," Cruickshank said. "We've got something for everyone."

#### **Every Day's A Sundae**

Local ice cream fans can rejoice that Every Day's A Sundae has begun scooping out frozen delights at 14 W. Hinsdale Ave. Co-owner Robert Whalen said the store, which opened in March, brings to Hinsdale the tasty formula that has attracted fans to its Downers Grove flagship for more than 30 years.

"Hinsdale was the town we identified. A lot of comparable suburbs had an ice cream shop, but this one didn't," Whalen said.

The Sherman-sourced



**Peak Lifestyle proprietor** Tiffany Cruickshank said Hinsdale's active residents — including her — will find plenty of gear

from head to toe at her 45 S. Washington St. shop to support their recreational activities. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ice cream will be familiar to southwest Michigan visitors, and the Wells Street Popcorn is also a favorite. And with the unseasonably warm weather this week, Whalen hopes Hinsdaleans will get a hankering for the cool treats right in their downtown.

"We hope this becomes another destination where people can bring their families," he said.

#### **Palgong Tea**

The logo of Palgong Tea, 5811 S. Madison St., is the stylized number "80."

Why?

Franchise owner Premal Patel explained.

"That's the ideal temperature in Celsius to brew the tea," he said.

Oh, and Palgong also is Korean for "80."

And it's synonymous with boba and other tea varieties in Korea, where the franchise has more than 400 stores. Patel's Hinsdale site, which he opened in late February, is only the third in the U.S.

"We do four different teas in the morning, and tapioca we do every day throughout the day," he said.

Customers may be surprised that another house specialty is Korean corn dogs.

"We can do a beef filling, we can do a cheese filling or half and half," Patel remarked. "We also have ramen and Fruity Pebbles corn dogs, too."

#### **Lane Veterinary**

Pet owners have a new caregiver in town after Lane Veterinary began operations this week at 101 Chestnut St.

Owner and veterinarian Sarah Baker said Hinsdale's hospitable environment drew her to the location.

"I am most excited to a provide fear-free, individu-

alized and relationship-focused experience to the pets and parents we are lucky enough to see, delivering low-stress care in a calming environment designed to promote relaxation for pets and humans alike," Baker said.

Lane provides the full suite of services, from dental care and spaying/neutering to laser therapy and surgery.

Baker is eager to introduce to herself and her practice to the community.

"We cannot wait to meet everyone," she said.

## Hinsdale Discount Tires & Automotive

Hinsdale Discount Tires & Automotive opened its shop at 5837 S. Madison St. three months ago.

Manager Sam Sharabatte said the business held its grand opening in February and is offering a number of specials to celebrate the occa-

#### **■ GOOD REASONS**

This is the latest in an ongoing series of articles about Hinsdale's business community and good reasons to shop here

sion. The business is an authorized dealer of Cooper Tires, and the garage performs oil changes, alignment and suspension work and more.

"We do tinted windows and custom mufflers, too," Sharabatte said.

Sharabatte said Hinsdale is a diverse town, and the shop aims to serve the spectrum of makes and models that residents drive.

"We can work with luxury cars and regular cars," he said.

The site, which previously was a gas and service station, is well-suited to the business, Sharabatte said.

"After two months in business, I think it's a great location," he said.

## **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board**

7 p.m. Monday, April 17 Hinsdale Middle School 100 S. Garfield Ave. www.d181.org

**On the draft agenda:** assessment calendar, world language resource approval, final school calendar 2022-23, science pilot, CSCI result, application for waiver or modification of state board rules and or school code mandates for the ASA

#### **Hinsdale High School District 86 Board**

6 p.m. Thursday, April 13 Hinsdale Central High School 55th and Grant streets www.d86.hinsdale86.org/boardofeducation

**On the agenda:** hire new Transition Center assistant director of special education and new Hinsdale Central assistant principal for curriculum and instruction, finalize 2022-23 school year calendar with last day on June 9, proposed changes to 2023-24 to 2025-26 school year calendars

#### **Hinsdale Village Board**

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: approve settlement agreement with Crown Castle Fiber relative to small wireless facilities, amend Class A3 liquor licenses, approve purchase of \$840,000 fire engine pumper, reject bids for Elm Street sidewalk project, adopt complete streets policy to strengthen federal grant applications

#### **Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals**

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org

**On the agenda:** findings and recommendations for 2 Salt Creek Lane (Mouse Automotive)

## Buy vehicle stickers by May 1 or face late fee

Vehicle sticker and animal tag applications are on sale now for Hinsdale residents and must be purchased by May 1.

A\$25late fee will be imposed for any vehicle stickers bought after the deadline. All vehicles registered in Illinois with a Hinsdale address must also be registered with the village through the purchase of a vehicle license sticker.

Residents should have received a vehicle sticker application in the mail earlier this month and have the option of purchasing 2023-24 stickers online at www.villageofhinsdale.org. The sticker will arrive in the mail in about

five business days after the online renewal is completed.

Residents still may purchase stickers in person at village hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or to buy vehicle stickers via mail.

Those who prefer to mail the application and payment should update the application form with any new or changed information and return it to the village's finance department along with the proper fees. Please be sure to return both the top and bottom forms when submitting the application through the mail.

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# Exhibit shines new light on the village

**By Pamela Lannom** *plannom@thehinsdalean.com* 

"Hinsdale in Lights," a new exhibit opening next week at Immanuel Hall, will give visitors a unique opportunity to view and experience 150 years of village history.

Hinsdale Historical Society board member Alexis Braden, who created the exhibit with society manager Katharine Andrew and Matt Stockmal, hired as the creative and technical director, said her vision initially was for a two-dimensional exhibit with photos and a timeline that broke the village's history down in 25-year increments.

"I had many sleepless nights thinking about how I was trying to bring this to life," Braden said. "When they came to us and presented this idea of really bringing it to life in lights, it really was a game changer." Visitors will have the opportunity to view traditional exhibit items — like an 1885 wedding dress worn by village founder William Robbins' daughter, a Hinsdale Central letterman jacket from the early 1900s and a bridesmaid dress sewn by society volunteer Janet Miller in 1971 — and an immersive light show.

"It's very unique and it's something that I'm personally and professionally very proud of our society for being able to do," Andrew said.

She obtained permission from My Heritage to use the company's photo restoration and animation software to create the sideshow.

"You get a photo of someone from 1893, who's never captured on video, and you can make them smile and move around and blink as if they're alive," she said. "It's a big deal that My Heritage has given a historical society permission to utilize the technology."

Stockmal said working on the project has fulfilled a desire he's had for many years.

"It's always been my dream, honestly — because I've been a volunteer here for many years — after I graduated from college to come back here and do something like this," he said.

The light show features every piece of paper that is part of the exhibit in a new and exciting way.

"For every decade it's going to change," Stockmal said. "It's really quite cool."

"Hinsdale in Lights" is an exciting example of how a traditional museum exhibit and new technology can be combined, Andrew said.

"I think it's an amazing testament to what we can do in museums and with history," she said.

Braden encouraged resi-



**Hinsdale Historical** Society's Katharine Andrew and Alexis Braden have put in countless hours on "Hinsdale in Lights: Celebrating 150 Years." The exhibit opens April 20 at Immanuel Hall. (Jim Slonoff photo)

dents to attend the exhibit's premiere from 5 to 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 20, Braden said. Tickets are \$60 a person and include drinks and light bites.

The exhibit will be open for general admission from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday, April 21-23. See Page 32 for more details.

If interest warrants and Immanuel Hall is available, the three would love to see exhibit dates extended.

"I want everyone to find something that they resonate with." Braden said.

"I really hope people come," she added.



## **POLICE BEAT**

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports April 11.

#### **Order of protection arrest**

Ryan J. Cooper, 22, 192 E. South St., Elmhurst, was taken into custody by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office April 4 for phone harassment for making calls to a resident of the 800 block of South Madison Street from Nov. 2-8 in violation of an active order of protection. An arrest warrant was obtained Jan. 24. He posted bond and was released to appear in court.

#### **Arrest for suspended license**

David E. Lasco, 32, 422 E. Sixth St., Hinsdale, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 11:46 a.m. April 10 at Garfield Avenue and Ravine Road. He was charged and released to appear in court.

#### Theft reported at hospital

A wallet, ID, credit and debit cards were stolen March 24 at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital, 120 N. Oak St. Unauthorized charges on the credit card were reported after the theft occurred. The incident was reported April 10.

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.

# Groups sought to join May 29 procession

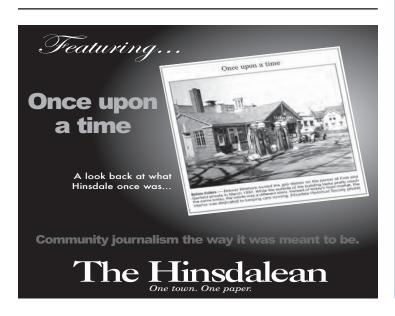
Community groups are invited to join in the Hinsdale Memorial Day procession for 10 a.m. Monday, May 29.

The village of Hinsdale, supporting Hinsdale American Legion Post 250, is hosting the procession to honor those who have served and sacrificed for this country. The procession begins on Third Street near Hinsdale Middle School, then heads west to Washington Street and north on Washington to Memorial Hall, where a ceremony will take place.

Groups invited to march include veterans or veterans organizations, scouting groups, community service groups actively serving veterans, Hinsdale officials and first responders, and public school music groups.

Political entries, businesses or for-profit organizations and individuals and organizations attempting to promote themselves will not be allowed in the procession.

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## **60 SECONDS**

■ Pound said Seeds of Service is an effort by the church's evangelization committee to "take the ministry outside the walls of the church" and into the community.

## Food drive just one way volunteer supports SIJ

On Saturday, April 15, 100 or more volunteers will descend on homes throughout Hinsdale as they distribute thousands of grocery bags for the 10th annual Seeds of Service food drive. Ensuring that each of those bags gets to its intended recipient is Hinsdale resident and St. Isaac Jogues church member Edward Pound.

"I've been involved from the get-go," said Pound, who uses his extensive background in operations to divide the village into 31 routes for volunteers to follow on bag distribution day, as well as on food collection day.

"I basically put together a bunch of maps," Pound said, but those maps help to give every Hinsdale household the opportunity to participate in the church's annual food drive.

In its first nine years, the Seeds of Service event collected more than 15,000 bags and 25 pallets filled with food and other essential items to fill the cabinets, pantries and stomachs of people in need. Empty bags are dropped off on porches and hung from front doors across the village one Saturday, and filled bags

are picked up the following Saturday. This year, the event takes place on April 15 and 22.

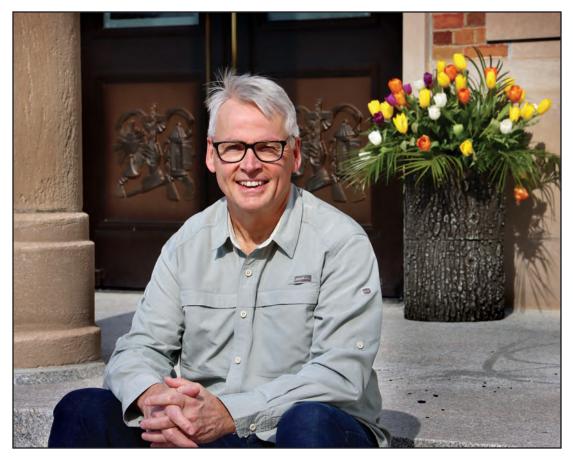
Each empty bag includes a flyer explaining what is needed and where the food will be distributed. The attached wish list includes nonperishable food items, as well as toiletries and cleaning products. Baby products and adult incontinence briefs are needed, too.

Pound said Seeds of Service is an effort by the church's evangelization committee to "take the ministry outside the walls of the church" and into the community.

"It's a great family event," he said, with volunteers of all ages taking part.

While some 100 volunteers work to distribute the empty bags, Pound said the job of collecting between 1,500 and 2,000 full bags and sorting their contents is a much bigger operation requiring many more helping hands.

"That starts at 9 o'clock Saturday morning," Pound said. While teams of volunteers retrack Pound's designated routes to pick up donations, others are collecting and sorting back at St. Isaac Jogues. By 1 p.m.,



#### **ED POUND**

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Pound said, the food and items are sorted and loaded up for delivery. This year's donations will be given to Little Sisters of the Poor, Peoples' Resource Center of Westmont, the Missionaries of Charity and The Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago.

"It kind of goes like clockwork now," Pound said of the church's largest service event of the year.

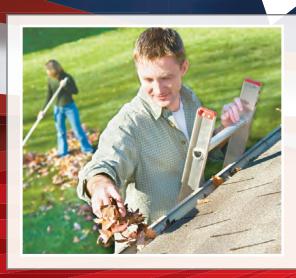
St. Isaac Jogues has been a big part of Pound's life since long before he became a Hinsdale resident. He married his wife, Hinsdale native Meg Reidy, at the church 36 years ago. They've since raised three children in the church.

Pound participates in the church as a reader at Mass, by distributing Communion

as a Eucharistic minister, and by teaching Catholics and potential members of the church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program.

"It's a way to explain what the Catholic church is about," he said, part of which is using one's own talents and resources to help others.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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## **OPINION**

**EDITORIAL** 

## Celebrate volunteers in town and join their ranks!

April is National Volunteer Month, and there's a lot to celebrate. In 2021, more than 60.7 million Americans volunteered through an organization, contributing \$122.9 billion in economic value.

Volunteers are pulling their weight in Hinsdale, too. Just take a look at the list of ways they're assisting these nonprofits in town. And for those interested in helping, each entry also includes one or more volunteer opportunities at that agency.

#### **Candor Health Education**

At Candor, formerly the Robert Crown Center for Health Education, volunteers are putting together menstrual supply kits for girls in under-resourced partner schools.

"In Illinois, schools are required to provide supplies to students in grades four to eight during the school day, but students are on their own in the summer," said Barb Thayer, executive director.

Candor is seeking donations for the drive and help packing supplies. The agency also is looking for board members to serve three-year terms.

#### **HCS Family Services**

Last year HCS relied on 3,852 volunteers.

"Volunteers bring our mission to life by feeding thousands of hungry neighbors every year," said

Wendy Michalski, executive director.

The organization is in need of "heavy lifters" — volunteers who can life 25 pounds or more.

#### **Hinsdale Historical Society**

Volunteers assist in managing the archives; serve as docents at the museum and special exhibits; plan and lead events; and help with communications, from proofreading to and social media .

Volunteers are needed to help keep the museum open and to record stories for village residents in honor of Hinsdale's 150th anniversary.

"We welcome anyone who has talents they may wish to offer to the society," said Carrie Rozich, co-president. "We also love new ideas."

#### **Hinsdale Humane Society**

Volunteers donated 21,000 service hours in 2022, helping the humane society care for more than 2,000 animals a year and offer a variety of programs.

"We literally couldn't do what we do without them," Jacki Rossi, executive director, said.

The society needs people who are interested in walking dogs, socializing cats, greeting guests, cleaning kennels, serving on pet therapy teams, providing foster homes and serving as board members

#### **The Community House**

Volunteers are at the heart of operations at The Community House, Executive Director Dan Janowick said.

"They are the coaches on the courts and fields, the smiling faces next to our staff in our after-school programs, the heavy lifters in the success of our fundraising events and the trustees creating our vision in the board room," he said.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Walk the Walk for Mental Health on May 21. Jobs include directing walkers on the course, handing out T-shirts and give-aways, and serving on the set up and take down teams.

#### **Wellness House**

Volunteers are a vital part of Wellness House.

"From back office support to welcoming visitors to facilitating program events, we rely upon them to extend the important work that takes place here every day," Executive Director Lisa Kolavennu said.

Volunteers are needed for the Walk for Wellness House on May 7, helping out at water stops, acting as course marshals and assisting with other set up activities. Front desk volunteers also are needed to greet participants and answer the main phone line.

#### **COMMENTARY**

## Summer, see you in about 10 minutes or so

As I have explained before, I am not a fan of the term "meteorological summer." I mean, there's an actual summer — which begins with the solstice on June 21. Changing the start date to June 1 just to make things easy seems lazy to me.

But when I look at my calendar, June 1 — the day Ainsley will graduate from eighth grade — does mark the start of my summer.

And it will be here before I know it. A quick look at my calendar shows I'll barely have time to breathe over the next seven weeks or so. Of course, most of the dates on my calendar — other than school and village board meetings and a rare social engagement (like spa day with my best friend on Saturday!) — have to do with Ainsley.

Things really get busy a week from Saturday, when she hops on a bus at 6:45 a.m. to head to Madison, Wis., with her Spirito choir friends. She returns at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, with 75 whole minutes to unpack, eat dinner and relax before heading to church for a mandatory meeting on

the Appalachian Service Project trip she'll take in late July.

The first week of May, extra rehearsals start for Spirito's spring concert, the final performance of the year. Fortunately there's no rehearsal May 4, which is the date of her final band concert at school. But we'll have to figure out something for May 3, when she has her

May 3, when she has her final confirmation meeting and a mandatory rehearsal.

Exhausted, she'll perform with the school band at Music in the Parks Saturday of that week before heading to nearby Six Flags Great America. There she'll likely get sick from riding rides or eating too much funnel cake — or both. Returning home after 9 p.m., she probably will be too wound up to get a good night's sleep so she can be ready for her confirmation at 10:30 that morning and her final Spirito concert that afternoon (call time of 1:30!).



Pamela Lannom

After that grueling week and another week of making up missed homework, she'll have a couple of weeks to decompress before we head down to Bloomington for my best friend's daughter's bridal shower on Memorial Day weekend. Just her normal routine of morning band rehearsal three times a week, Thursday afternoon jazz band rehearsal and

math tutoring twice a week.

We return from the bridal shower on Sunday and then on Wednesday, my birth mom and birth dad and his wife arrive in town for her Thursday graduation. Her party will follow on Saturday, family will go home on Monday, I'll go to the Illinois Press Association annual convention on Thursday and Dan, Ainsley and I leave for Saugatuck on Friday.

I'm exhausted just writing about it! We always find our week in Michigan — which normally occurs in August but had to be rescheduled due to marching band camp—relaxing. We'll have to make sure to do a whole lot of nothing that week, because when we get back, the action starts up again, with VBS volunteering, summer camp, the aforementioned mission trip, an in-state wedding and an out-of-state wedding.

Fortunately all but the weddings only apply to Ainsley — but they are still on my calendar.

And yes, I am aware that I have just one child. Those of you with a larger family are looking at a schedule with this many commitments times two or three!

I'm also fully aware that we are blessed both to be able to offer all these opportunities to Ainsley and to have them ourselves.

I just need to make sure I schedule in some time for naps. And to stay, as much as I can, in the present moment. Or else it will be "meteorological fall" before I know it.

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

## **OPINION**

**GUEST COMMENTARY** 

## 'Social' media an inaccurate label

Every year for Lent, I try to challenge myself by giving up something that has too much of a hold on my life.

This year, that was Tik-Tok. I anticipated that it would be difficult — that's why I gave it up — and that I would feel out of the loop on trends, new music and

other people's lives.

What I didn't expect was to not miss it at all. And after going over 40 days without Tik-Tok, I've happily decided not to re-download it.

Although I have always preached my disdain for social media, I had fallen into its trap.

I spent way too much time on Tik-Tok and Instagram, ruthlessly comparing myself and my life to other girls, and I cared way too much about what other people were posting.

Since giving up Tik-Tok, I feel like I've fallen out of the trap and back into reality — and it's so much better.

To start, I've gotten back into reading. Instead of scrolling for hours on my phone at night, I pick up a book and am reminded of what it's like to immerse myself in a world of characters, who, although fictional, feel more real than the people I see on social media.

I also appreciate the moments I spend off my phone more, like listening to music while I eat lunch or enjoying every sip of my morning coffee.

But the biggest difference is that I have a renewed sense of confidence. Even if I didn't realize it at the time.



**Katie Hughes** 

constantly being exposed to people who appear perfect and have seemingly perfect lives was taking a toll on me. I would wish I looked like somebody else or had somewhat of a different life. Without Tik-Tok, I stopped comparing myself so much to

others and came to appreciate the things that make me unique. I am much happier now with how I look, who I am and how my life is going.

Social media is not both a blessing and a curse — it's a curse, simply disguised as a blessing. And it's only going to get worse. According to Pew Research Center, 69 percent of adults and 81 percent of teens in the U.S. use social media, putting them at an increased risk of feeling anxious, depressed or ill over their social media use. Depression and anxiety rates have increased by 25 percent in the past year, and although there are other factors in play, it's hard to deny the correlation between those numbers and the rapid rise of social media.

As social media becomes more integrated into our everyday lives, it is going to get harder and harder to separate technology from real life, which is a shame.

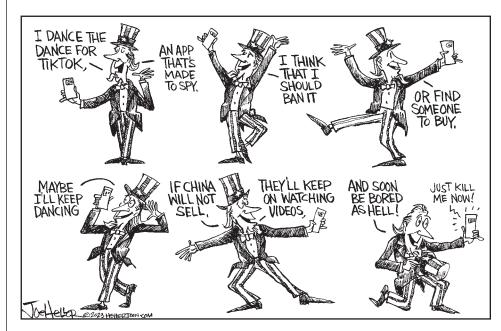
After giving up Tik-Tok and getting back in touch with what matters, I'd pick real life any day. I hope others will do the same.

 Katie Hughes of Hinsdale, a junior at the University of Georgia, is a contributing columnist. Readers can email

her at news@thehinsdalean.

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Jane L. Banks

Jane L. Banks, née Swanson, died April 6, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Banks.

She is survived by her children, Brenda (Robert) Peterson, Lee (Elizabeth) Banks, Guy (Renee) Banks and Nicole (John) Rodi of Hinsdale; her grandchildren, Robert (Christopher) and Lisney Peterson, Emily (James)

Beirne, Thomas, Joseph, Carter, Spencer and Taylor Banks and Grace, Jack and Joseph Rodi; her great-grandchildren, Parker and Matthew



Hayes-Peterson; and her sister, Linda (John) O'Connor.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main Street, Downers Grove.

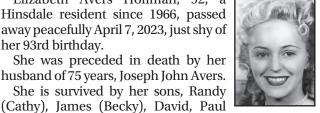
Family and friends will gather at the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 14, and proceed to St. Mary of Gostyn Church, 445 Prairie Ave., Downers Grove, for a 10 a.m. Mass.

Interment is at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

#### Elizabeth Avers Hoffman

Elizabeth Avers Hoffman, 92, a Hinsdale resident since 1966, passed away peacefully April 7, 2023, just shy of her 93rd birthday.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, Joseph John Avers. She is survived by her sons, Randy



(Cathy), Richard (Karen) and Robert (Barbara); her 17 grandchildren; her nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Burial will take place at a future date at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

#### Saurav Kumar Joshi

Saurav Kumar Joshi, 19, of Oak Brook, unexpectedly passed away in his sleep April 8, 2023.

. His family's name for him was "Dilu," which means, "close to my heart." Words cannot fully describe his brief time on earth, but he left a great impact on all those he encountered.

From a very young age, he impressed those around him with his wide spectrum of capabilities, including showing mental prowess in the scientific and engineering processes to exhibiting artistic expressions.

Saurav always said that he wanted to make an impact on the world for the greater good. His will to accomplish goals he set within his sights was unparalleled. His most noble of aspirations was the desire to relieve the pain of others' suffering and helping those less fortunate. Prior to his untimely death, he had most recently set his focus on helping to fund efforts to build an orphanage and Hindu temple in a rural area of India.

Saurav's myriad of talents spanned realms handled the arrangements.



Joshi

of academic mastery, artistic ability and athletic skill. Most of all, he brought joy and laughter to everyone he encountered with his clever quips and contagious smile and giggle.

He indeed manifested his nickname, "Dilu," with his ability to love greatly and always treat others with kindness and respect. He will be sorely missed but always remembered by his family and friends.

Saurav is survived by his parents, Prashant and Subhasree; his younger brothers and sister, Sohan, Sachin and Sabina; his maternal grandparents, Arun and Manjulata Misra; his uncles and aunts, Suresh and Rashmi Acharya, Jogesh and Smriti Panda, Subhendu and Ekta Misra and Ryan and Sasmita Cramer; and his cousins, Rajesh, Suneeta, Suman, Poonam, Rohan, Ariana and Saanvi.

A Pusa service took place April 11 at Damar Kaminski Funeral Home in Justice.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale

## Jeanne Manning

Jeanne Manning, 59, a longtime Hinsdale resident, died April 4, 2023.

Jeanne was a proud graduate of Lafayette College in 1985, where she swam for the Leopards. She was a loyal member of St. Isaac Jogues Church, and later, Our Lady of Lourdes when she moved to Denver. Jeanne was a lover of all things active, and cherished training and competing in triathlons with her husband, Pat. Above all she found joy in her

She is survived by her husband, Patrick Manning; her triplet children, Kaitlyn, Patrick and Mary (fiancé Jack Kahl); her siblings, Thomas (Marcia), Mary, Dennis, Patricia,



**Manning** 

Jackie (Mike) and Kathy (Steven); and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

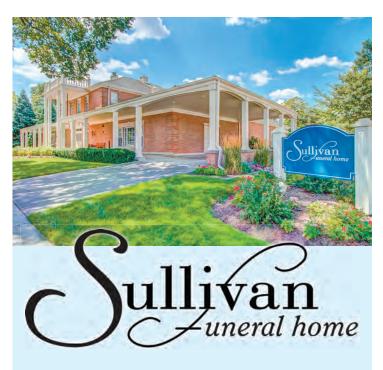
Family and friends will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 27, for a Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Both the visitation and funeral are open to all who wish to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor online at www. littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Rose Marie Occhipinti

Rose Marie Occhipinti, née Rosalia Schimmenti, 90, a resident of Hinsdale, passed away April 8, 2023, at Oakbrook Healthcare Centre in Oak Brook.

Rose was born in 1933 in New York City, where she met her husband of 61 years, Salvatore Occhipinti. Together they raised their family in New York and California. Rose was a dedicated wife and mother. She enjoyed cooking, sew-

ing, painting and traveling with her husband. After Salvatore's passing, she moved to Illinois.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Salvatore; and her two sisters, Ann Huller and Connie Celentano.



**Occhipinti** 

Rose is survived by her daughters, Kathryn Occhipinti of Hinsdale and Susan Kotsovolos; and her grandchildren Corrine (Scott Hughes) Callaway, Jared Callaway, Christian Kotsovolos, Teresa Kotsovolos and Joshua Kotsovolos.

Interment will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Tarrytown, New York.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Casa Italia at www.casaitaliachicago. org/donations.

Hallowell & James Funeral Home in Countryside handled the arrangements.

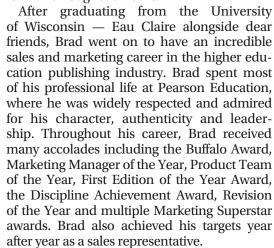
#### **Brad Parkins**

**Parkins** 

Brad Parkins, 53, of Hinsdale, passed away April 9, 2023, peacefully in his home surrounded by family after a 34-month journey with brain cancer.

Brad grew up in Whitefish Bay, Wis., and proudly attended Richards Elementary (to which he would always add "Home of the Tigers!") and Whitefish Bay High School ("Home of the Blue Dukes!"). Whitefish Bay was his happy place, as it was a source of great joy

for him throughout his life.



Brad's defining roles were husband to Jen, his wife of 20 years, and father to his two children, Katherine "Katie," 19, and Jack, 17. As a husband and father, Brad filled their lives with belly laughs, all-encompassing love, unwavering support, genuine kindness and countless days and nights filled with cheering on the Green Bay Packers, with full-face paint and wigs included. Together, as a family, they learned that the most beautiful moments were spent right at home snuggled on the couch.

He touched the lives of countless friends and colleagues with his big-hearted personality, quick wit and charm.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas (Patti Levin) Parkins.

He is survived by his wife, Jen; his children, Katie and Jack; his mother, Ann Parkins (James) Magestro; his brother, Daniel (Stephanie) Parkins; his sisters, Megan (Adam) Hendrickson and Amy (Jack Johnson) Parkins; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will take place at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Pilot Project Brewing, 1130 N. Ninth St. Milwaukee, followed by a reception and celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Lou and Jean Malnati Brain Institute at Northwestern University at www. nm.org/BradParkins.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

#### Joan Marie Blaeser Westerdahl

Joan Marie Blaeser Westerdahl, 97, formerly of Elmhurst, died Nov. 12, 2022. She was born in Beverly in 1925 to Anthony and Georgianna Blaeser.

She met her future husband, "Bro," during their Knox College years. Joan passed away peacefully on what would have been Bro's 100th birthday.

friendship, wit and wisdom.

She spent the last 10 years residing at Westerdahl Plymouth Place in LaGrange Park. She was a member of Ruth Lake Country Club for 65 years. An avid sports fan for all Chicago teams, she was treasured by friends and family for her

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward "Bro" Westerdahl Sr.; her brothers, Robert (the late Elane) Blaeser and Tony (the late Rosemary) Blaeser; her sister, Sister Georgie Blaeser; and her brother-in-law, Wendell (the late Shirley) Westerdahl.

She is survived by her children, Bonnie (Jack) Sartore of Hinsdale, Edward (Karen)



and Georgianna; her grandchildren, Patrick (the late Beth), Katy (Rocco) Casamassimo, Ben and Niki Lueck, Stacey and Will Lueck and Cassie and Nick Sajeske; her great-grandchildren, Adam and Mia Sartore, Francesca and Sienna Casamassimo, Gage, Ronan, Tessa, Fisher and Walker Lueck; her brothers, James (the late Ellen) Blaeser and Jay Westerdahl; and many nieces,

nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews

Visitation will be held at 9:15 a.m. Monday, June 19, at St Francis Xavier Church, 124 N. Spring Ave., La Grange. A Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, masses are appreciated, or memorials may be made online to the Plymouth Place Benevolent Fund at www.plymouthplace. org/makeagift/ or Knox College at www.knox. edu/support-knox.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## **ASK AN EXPERT**

#### MIKE ZANILLO, CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATOR

# What should we know about climate change?

When Mike Zanillo began giving climate change presentations as community outreach coordinator for Citizens' Climate Education seven years ago, skepticism and even hostility from listeners was not unusual.

"I've been outwardly accused of being a socialist and a communist," Zanillo related.

To his encouragement, audiences today seem to be more receptive.

"The awareness level has increased, and people are more alarmed about the crisis today," he said.

To mark Earth Day next week, Zanillo will lead the discussion "Climate Progress — Is it Enough?" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the Hinsdale Public Library (see Page 26 for details).

He said greater attention among households is good, but has limited impact.

"It's kind of a good news/bad news thing," he said. "Individual action is necessary, but by no means is it sufficient, because it only helps about 10 percent of the problem. The other 90 percent is going to have to come from a policy standpoint."

Last year's landmark Inflation Reduction Act signed by President Joe Biden with its historic investment in promoting clean energy was an important development, Zanillo commented.

"It is the biggest single step that's ever been taken" to address climate change.

But just a step.

"When you put the science to it and crunch the numbers, we're still woefully lacking what is required," he said. "The things we're doing are the low-hanging fruit. It still requires a lot more focus and shining a bright light on the issue."

Zanillo, a frequent visitor to the nation's capital to lobby members of Congress, remarked that there's more convergence on global warming between the two parties than often perceived.

"There's more bipartisan concern about climate change than you would imagine," he said. "Why don't we try to figure out a solution that we can all live with and makes political sense for all involved?"

The quickening rise of sea levels in places like Pensacola, Fla., and

greater frequency of severe weather events seems to have softened some long-time opponents.

"There must be something to what the scientists are warning us about," Zanillo said. "Everyone cares about things that are tangible and more visible." The country's food supply is also impacted, hitting consumers in their wallets.

"People ask, 'Why am I paying so much for this produce?' Because the heavy rains have ruined crops and the yields have gone down," he said.

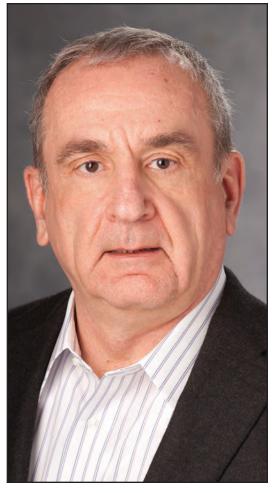
Zanillo would like to see U.S. corporations assume a greater leadership role globally.

"American industry tends to be among the cleanest in the world. Why don't we use it to our advantage to compete economically and establish our clean way of doing things as a model for the world?"

Ultimately, we need to see ourselves as stewards of the planet for future generations, Zanillo stressed.

"While there may be cost to the solutions, I'll bet my bottom dollar there's a lot more cost to not solving the problems," he said. "There is a sense of urgency here. The problem is real and the opportunity is real—and the time to act is now."

— by Ken Knutson



Replacing gas appliances with electric ones, using solar and wind power, and border carbon adjustment are among the topics Mike Zanillo of Citizen's Climate Lobby will cover in his climate change talk at April 18 at the Hinsdale Public Library. (photo provided)



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## **GOOD NEWS**

#### WELLNESS HOUSE GETS CERTIFICATION

Wellness House in Hinsdale has received certification as a provider for the national Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

The certification enables the organization to serve participants and their loved ones affected by cancer in Chicagoland and beyond. This is important news, as Special Emergency Orders due to COVID that previously allowed clinical teams to serve cancer-diagnosed participants out of state have expired. PSYPACT is an interstate agreement allowing certified psychologists to practice telehealth clinical work across state lines, with 32 states having passed legislation and engaged in the PSYPACT system. Multiple other states are in the process of legislation.

"This is a pivotal moment not only for us as an organization, but also for the cancer wellness industry as a whole," said Lisa Kolavennu, Wellness House chief executive officer.

"Since the pandemic, we have taken intentional steps to build a culture of innovation where we are creating programs to drive cancer equity and better serve communities that are often overlooked in the cancer space, including men, people of color and the LGBT+ community. With the momentum of telehealth and online programs, and now with this certification, we can expand our reach and provide access to cancer wellness support to more people who can benefit from our services."

Wellness House participants who reside in one of the PSYPACT states now are able to participate in live Wellness House support group counseling sessions. Wellness House senior oncology support counselor Michael Williams facilitates the groups, which are offered on a variety of topics.

"This certification is about

"This certification is about being able to touch the lives of more people who are impacted by cancer in a substantial and more meaningful way," Williams said. "The support group counseling program at Wellness House aims to create a safe and supportive environment that not only addresses the physical experience of cancer, but also helps those who come to us, at whatever stage they are in their cancer journey, to address their mental, emotional and spiritual well-being, which enables them to experience self-compassion and to see themselves in their full wholeness."

#### DILLARD NAMED TO WIU BOARD

Former Illinois state Sen. Kirk Dillard of Hinsdale, a partner at Locke Lord Chicago, has been appointed as a member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees by Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

Dillard holds a bachelor's degree and doctorate of humane letters from WIU and served multiple terms as president of its award-winning Alumni Council.

"Sen. Kirk Dillard has been an advocate for the public for



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Pritzker said.
Dillard
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his practice in business and governmental relations, and in the represen-

tation of manufacturers in product liability prevention and litigation. He is currently chairman of the Regional Transit Authority in metropolitan Chicago — the nation's second largest mass transit system. He also serves as the independent chair of the privately owned Chicago Skyway Toll Road. Dillard was also recently reappointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission, which was created to assist and advise the Illinois Supreme Court in acquiring, collecting, preserving and cataloging documents, artifacts and information relating to the Illinois judiciary. Dillard has served as a commissioner since 2012.

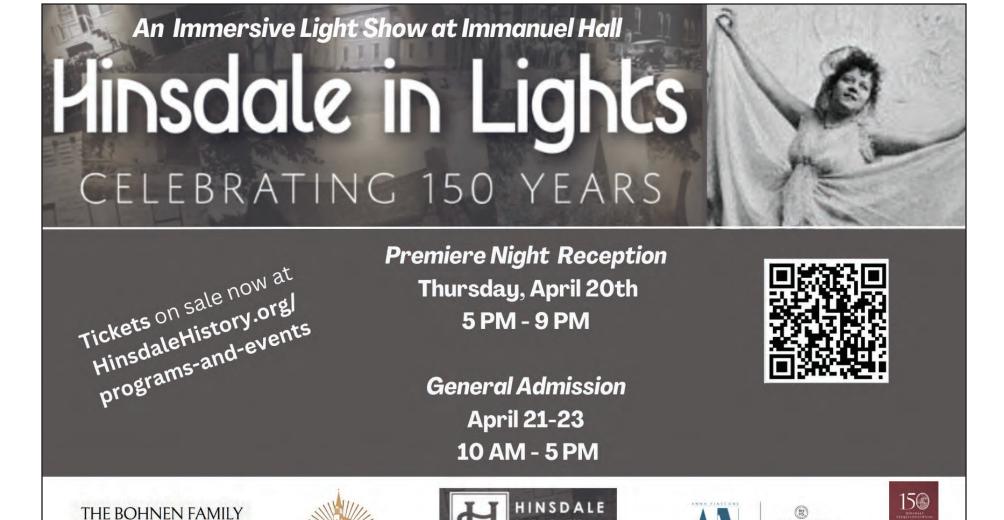
Dillard served terms in

the Illinois Senate from 1993-2014, representing Chicagoland's western suburbs. He held a number of key leadership positions while in the General Assembly including Chairman of the Judiciary Committee before stepping down in 2014 to assume the RTA chairmanship. Prior to his election to the Senate, Dillard served with distinction as former Gov. Edgar's chief of staff and legislative director to the late Gov. Jim Thompson. Dillard also served as a judge on the Illinois Court of Claims.

## HINSDALE WRITER HAS NEW BOOK

Jan Janura of Hinsdale has written a new book, "Turning Small Talk into Big Talk," that was released April 11.

The book, published by Forefront Books and Simon and Schuester, helps readers move below the surface and experience deep, meaningful conversations that are not only interesting, but even life-changing.



HISTORICAL

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PENNY BOHNEN

# Hinsdale Restaurant Week starts Friday

Eateries serving up tasty items, tantalizing prices for village's 150th anniversary

By Pamela Lannom

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From throwback pricing to a vintage menu feature to a special cocktail, Hinsdale Restaurant Week offers a celebration of the village's 150th anniversary — and of delicious food.

At Egg Harbor Café, the Sir Dugan Frittata is returning for the week after a long absence from the menu.

"It's vintage," restaurant manager Angel Gutierrez said. "It was on the menu for a long time."

The bacon, spinach and tomato frittata is topped with jack and cheddar cheeses and a dollop of sour cream. It's named

The I'm **All** Ears bourbon cocktail at Il Poggiolo has a special \$15 price during restaurant week in honor of the village's 150th anniversary.



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what's behind the item,"
Gutierrez said.
The cafe also is offering
coffee and iced tea at a spe-

cial \$1.50 price in honor of

the village's sesquicentennial.

At Il Poggiolo, diners can start their meal with a drink special. The I'm All Ears is made of Bullet bourbon, lemonade and peach puree,

garnished with peach slices and mint.

"I thought it would be nice to offer something as a cocktail for the 150th anniversary using \$15 as a point," Scott Jordan, restaurant manager, said.

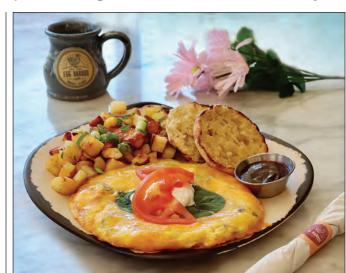
A special four-course prix fixe dinner also is on the menu for \$40, not including tax and tip.

"We generally pick things that we think have the profile our guests are looking for specifically," Jordan said. "Certain items are very well-received here, so we kind of focus on that and we tweak them a little bit, add a different spin to the preparation."

For example, the pasta course features the restaurant's favorite four cheese ravioli spruced up with spring peas and crispy prosciutto in a Parmesan cream sauce.

For the first course, diners will enjoy a chopped salad of romaine, radicchio, pepperoncini, provolone, salami, olives, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, artichokes and garbanzo beans with a red wine vinaigrette.

The fish course features pan roasted salmon with asparagus, farro, cherry



**The Sir Dugan** Frittata is back on the menu at Egg Harbor Café for Hinsdale Restaurant Week, which starts Friday. (Jim Slonoff photos)

tomatoes and a lemon butter sauce. Apple bread pudding served with glazed walnuts, vanilla gelato and caramel sauce offers a sweet finale to the meal.

Il Poggiolo enjoys supporting the community by being part of restaurant week and offering a more affordable price point, especially with inflation, Jordan said.

"We're just always excited to participate and be community minded and certainly support not only local businesses here, but make sure our guest enjoy their experiences here and have an opportunity to try something new that they normally wouldn't," he said.

Gutierrez shared similar motivations for Egg Harbor's participation.

"Just to be part of the community, be engaged with the community," he said.

Hinsdale Restaurant Week runs April 14-23. (See sidebar for list of participating restaurants.) Visit www. hinsdaledining.com for more information.

#### **Hinsdale Restaurant Week specials**

#### **Altamura**

9 W. First St. (630) 755-5252 www.altamurapizza.com Panino and small salad combo, \$15

Add one nostra take & bake pizza to any order, \$15

#### Egg Harbor Café

29 E. First St. (630) 920-1344 www.eggharborcafe.com Sir Dugan Frittata vintage menu item

Add a cup of coffee or iced tea to order, \$1.50

II Poggiolo 8 E. First St. (630) 734-9400 www.ilpoggiolohinsdale.com Prix fixe four-course menu with insalata, pasta, pesce and dolci, \$40 per person

#### Nabuki

18 E. First St. (630) 654-8880 www.nabukihinsdale.com Miso soup or mocci, \$1,50 Stanley Cup, Moshimo or Crabby Tuna roll, \$15 each Available lunchtime to 4 p.m.

## Sweet Ali's Gluten Free Bakery

13 W. First St. (630) 908-7175 www.sweetalis.com Apple and cherry crumble fruit pies, 20 percent off

#### Toni Patisserie & Café

15 S. Washington St. (630) 789-2020 www.tonipatisserie.com Choice of slice of quiche or savory galette with a petit salad and slice of white chocolate mousse cake, dine-in only, \$15 Add a glass of wine or beer to order, \$5

#### Yia Yia's Cafe

13 Grant Square (630) 487-5600 www.yiayiashinsdale.com S'mores pancakes lunch special with choice of bacon or sausage and orange juice, coffee or hot tea, \$15

#### Also participating

#### **Fuller House**

36 E. First St. (630) 568-5466 www.fullerhousebar.com

#### Giuliano's Ristorante

40 & 42 Village Place (630) 734-1500 www.giulianospizza.com

#### Vistro

112 S. Washington St. (630) 537-1459 www.vistroprime.com



**Brookfield Zoo's Earth Day** "fun run" takes participants on a 2.2-mile course inside the park. Proceeds from the event benefit the Chicago Zoological Society's Animal Care and Conservation Fund. See Page 30 for details. (photo provided)

#### **ARTFULLY DONE**

#### **■** HPL Crochet Club

April 17 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Join other crochet enthusiasts to learn and share knowledge while working on a project. Those without a personal project can use the materials on hand to crochet for a cause and create a blanket square. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

#### ■ A Celebration of Quilts

April 21 & 22 Union Church 137 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale www.saltcreekqg.org

The Salt Creek Quilters will host this display of more than 200 quilts and two special exhibits. The event will also include a live quilt auction from 1 to 3 p.m. April 22, a bake sale, quilters mall and raffle baskets. A portion of auction proceeds will benefit Wellness House. For advance tickets, send an email to saltcreekquiltguild@gmail.

com. Hours: 3 to 7 p.m. April 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 22. Admission: \$7 at the door, \$6 in advance.

#### **CENTRAL TIME**

#### ■ 'Urinetown, the Musical'

April 21 & 22 Hinsdale Central High School auditorium 5500 S. Grant St.

www.ticketpeak.co/hcdrama

Hinsdale Central Drama presents its spring musical. Times: 7 p.m. April 21, 5 p.m. April 22. Tickets: \$20, \$10 for students.

#### **FAMILY FUN**

#### **■** Family Bingo Boogie

April 20 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976 All ages are invited to join in a few rounds of book Bingo and dance to some favorite tunes. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

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## Kitchen Walk a nod to Hinsdale's 150th

The story goes that judge Joel Tiffany would discuss matters relating to the newly formed village he governed with those who took the time to admire his rose garden, which sat on the south side of his newly built Italianate style house on Washington and Walnut streets. He surely had plenty to say after he became Hinsdale's first village president in 1873.

With a nod to Hinsdale's 150th anniversary, the Hinsdale Historical Society will take guests on a journey of primarily historic houses, including the former Joel Tiffany house, at the nonprofit's annual Kitchen Walk Timeless Tradition event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 12.

"Timeless Tradition is the perfect theme for our village's favorite event during this sesquicentennial year," said Carrie Rozich, Hinsdale Historical Society co-president. "It was important to ensure historical homes were highlighted during this

year's walk, and four of the five homes definitely represent a step back in time."

While the ever-popular event serves as an unofficial kick-off to Mother's Day weekend as well as an opportunity for those seeking to view the latest interior décor trends, it also is a reminder of the importance of preserving Hinsdale's heritage. This year's Kitchen Walk is dedicated

to its co-founder, Penny Bohnen, who passed away in February. In addition to championing Hinsdale's history and heritage, Bohnen was a fierce advocate for Immanuel Hall when it faced possible demolition and created the walk to raise funds to save the structure.

And the event has evolved since Bohnen's first fruitful fundraising charge. Last year's event raised more than \$150,000 for the society, which



**Alexis Braden** Society spotlight

receives no funding from the state or the village. The society maintains three buildings — the Hinsdale History Museum, Immanuel Hall and the R. Harold Zook Home and Studio and operates the Roger and Ruth Anderson Architecture Center.

More than 1,400 attendees are expected to attend Kitchen Walk Timeless Tradition and event chairs

have added a premium preview ticket option, which allows a limited quantity of ticket holders one hour of early access to the houses before general ticket holders arrive.

"This year we have decided to include a premium preview option for those who wish to soak up the history and beauty of a home before the majority of guests arrive," said Stephanie Tuthill, who is co-chairing the event with Lauren Kavanaugh

and Alicia O'Brien

Also new this year is the Tea Table sponsorship, which Tuthill thinks goes hand in hand with the Timeless Tradition theme. Local designers will decorate a tea table in each of the five houses.

"We thought it would be a way to bring in local designers and add a fun element to the home," added Tuthill. "The designers will work with the homeowners to ensure the tables flow with the aesthetic and style of the home."

Guests will have the opportunity to shop from local vendors at each home and local restaurants will provide light bites. To purchase tickets, ranging in price from \$65 to \$95, please visit https://www.kitchen-walk.com.

– Alexis Braden of Hinsdale is the paper's society columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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#### ■ Baby, Me, and Early Literacy April 20 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St.

www.hinsdalelibrary.info

(630) 986-1976

Practice some early literacy tips with your baby at the library through activities and play, then take a kit to try at home. Time: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. RR

#### **■** Spring Planting on the Farm

Through May 29 Kline Creek Farm 1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago www.dupageforest.org (630) 876-5900

Tour the farmhouse to see how families worked together to get spring planting done, and then watch the farmers work in fields and gardens planting the year's crops (weather permitting) — and maybe help plant seeds in the kitchen garden. Tours begin on the hour; the program is not offered Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: suggested donation of \$5 per person.

#### **FOR A CAUSE**

#### **■ HS Young Life spring** fundraiser

April 20 Five Seasons 6901 S. Madison St., Burr Ridge https://il193.younglife.events/hinsdale-south-young-life-fund-

Enjoy drinks, appetizers and live entertainment and learn from kids and leaders how Young Life has impacted their lives. The event is free to attend; there will be opportunities to donate to support Hinsdale South Young Life. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. RSVP by April 13 on the website listed above.

#### **■** Habitat for Humanity Stuff the Truck

April 22 Hinsdale Central Circle Drive www.gohabitrestore.com/ donate

Habitat for Humanity is collecting gently used furniture, home goods and building materials to go to Habitat for Humanity Restore in Addison. A list of acceptable items is available on the website above. For large

donations, send an email to kowens@hinsdale86.org. Hours: 9 a.m. to noon.

#### ■ Party for the Planet recycling event

April 22 Brookfield Zoo parking lot 8400 31st St. www.czs.org/PartyPlanet

Dispose of electronics, textiles and used books in an environmentally-friendly way at this event. For a complete list of acceptable recyclables, visit the website above. For those visiting the zoo, a tree planting will take place at 10:30 a.m. to commemorate Earth Day. Hours: 9 a.m. to 2

## **■** Madison summer camp supply

Through May 9 www.madisonpto.org/kidscare-club-summer-camp-donation

The Madison Kids Care Club is collecting donations for the Willowbrook Summer Camp supported by The Community House. The camp serves more than 60 children in the under-resourced community. Purchase items on the Amazon Wish List or make a cash donation through the website listed above.

#### **■** Gallery fundraiser

Through May 26 Boulevard Fine Art 217 Burlington Ave., Clarendon Hills (630) 468-5500

Boulevard Fine Art is closing its doors after 27 years and offering 10 percent of sales to the District 181 Foundation when customers mention District 181. The gallery's annual Art for Education sales have raised more than \$30,000 to support enrichment programs for D181 schools. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays to Saturday.

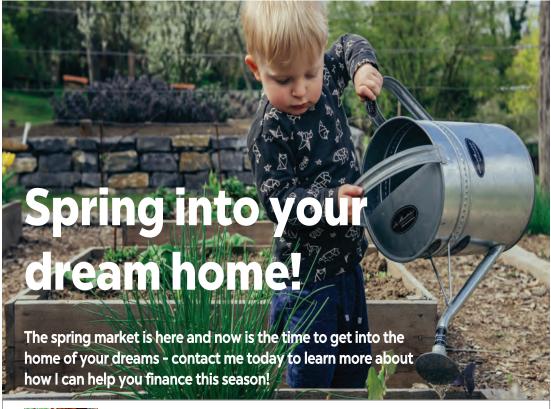
#### **GAME ON**

#### **■ Youth Archery**

April 18-May 23 KLM Park 5901 S. County Line Road www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 7-12 will learn the parts of an arrow and recurve bow, the basics of using a recurve bow and fundamen-

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tal shooting skills in a safe environment. They also will learn the beginner's 9-step to the 10 ring progression. Both technique and games will be a part of the class; blunt-tipped arrows, bows and targets will be provided. Time: 5:45 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$92. RR, MD

**■** Men's Bridge Open Play

Tuesdays through April 25 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Join this group for some fun bridge play and fellowship. Time: noon to 3 p.m. Cost: \$2 per person. RR

#### **GRAND GALA**

■ Derby Day Party May 6 Butterfield Country Club 2800 Midwest Road, Oak Brook

www.childrenshomeandaid. org/derbyday2023

The Hinsdale Auxiliary will hold its 68th annual fund-raiser and gathering to watch the run for the roses, bid on wine and live auctions, enjoy dinner and dancing, and hear from Children's Home & Aid program staff all while raising funds for children and fami-

lies. Time: 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$185, \$1,800 for table of 10.

#### **GREAT OUTDOORS**

Early Morning Bird Walk
April 15
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature
Center
9800 Willow Springs Road

9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Join in this early morning

walk and see which birds are out and about. Time: 7 to 8:30 a.m. RR

#### **■** Bird Walk

April 15, 19 & 26 Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont www.fpdcc.com (630) 257-2045

Walk with a naturalist and learn to identify birds by field

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## Climate Progress—Is It Enough?

Tuesday, April 18 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

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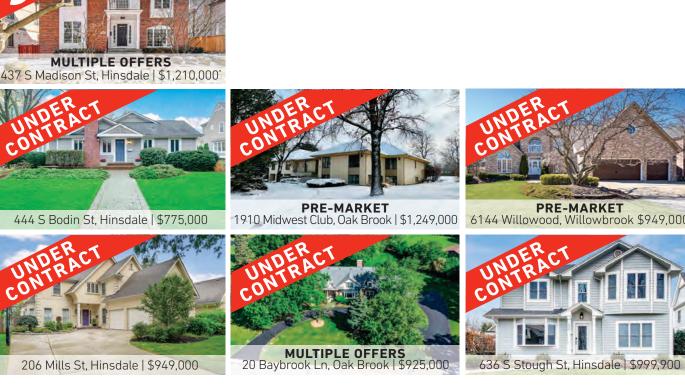
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marks, behavior, sound and habitat. Binoculars will be available to borrow. Time: 8:30 a.m. RR

#### **■** Wildflower Walk

April 16 Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont www.dupageforest.org (630) 257-2045

Enjoy a hike looking for wildflowers while learning how to identify these ephemeral beauties. The program is for ages 12 and up. Time: 1 p.m. RR

#### **■ Sunrise Walk**

April 20 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs (708) 839-6897 www.fpdcc.com

Join this "before hours" walk to experience the dawning of a new day. Time: 5:45 a.m. RR

## ■ Spring Wildflower and Ethnobotany Walk

April 20, 29 or May 4 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org (630) 719-2468

Wander through the ever-changing array of native wildflowers on a guided walk. Explore the ephemeral flowers of spring while walking arboretum trails with a natural history writer and master gardener. Learn basic tips to identify wildflowers, hear the folklore and uses of a variety of wildflowers and discover how wildflowers inspire literature, poetry, and art. Times: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. April 20 & 29, 5 to 7 p.m. May 4. Cost: \$32. RR, MD

#### **GREEN THUMB**

#### ■ Who's That in My Garden?

April 17 Indian Head Park Administrative Building 201 Acacia Drive

The Suburban Garden Club hosts Jane Grillo of butterflyjane.com to discuss butterflies, tips for identifying the most common species and what to plant in order to attract them. All interested gardeners are invited to attend. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

#### **■** Creating Your Garden Plan

April 20 Fullersburg Woods 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook www.dupageforest.org (630) 933-7248

Bring yard drawings or photos and get customized recommendations at a 45-minute meeting with a plant expert who will help select native plants to match garden goals and growing conditions. Times: 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Cost: \$30 per session. RR

#### ■ Arbor Day Plant Sale

April 27-29 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 83, Lisle www.mortonarb.org (630) 725-2066

Choose from among thousands of carefully chosen plants, and consult with expert "Plant Geniuses" to answer questions and suggest plants. An Early Access event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon April 27; admission is \$25 for members and \$42 for guests with a two-ticket limit. Tickets are available exclusively to members through April 14; guests may purchase tickets beginning April 15. All include admission to the arboretum for the day and are good for a \$10 credit for plant purchasers. Hours: 1 to 4 p.m. April 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 28-29. Tickets: \$27, \$10 for members, with a two-ticket limit. RR, MD

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

#### **■** Chair Yoga

April 17

www.hinsdalelibrary.info

Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga will help participants experience the benefits of yoga without getting down on the floor in this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program. Improve joint health, core strength, range of motion, balance and the ability to breathe deeply. Time: 11 a.m. to noon.

#### **■** Fitness Hike

April 19 Country Lane Woods 95th Street east of Willow Springs Road near Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (312) 533-5751

Get a good workout on this faster paced 5-mile hike. Time: 10 a.m. RR

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#### **■ Yoga Chisel**

Saturdays through April 29 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.thecommunityhouse. org

(630) 323-7500

Certified yoga instructor Gerri Atkinson will show how to maximize the benefits of yoga practice by combining vinyasa flow yoga with upper body muscle conditioning exercises utilizing light hand weights for a total body workout. The class is ongoing. Participants should bring a mat. Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$15 per class. RR

#### **HELP WANTED**

#### ■ Park Clean-Up Day

April 20

Various Hinsdale locations www.villageofhinsdale.org/departments/parks\_and\_recreation/park\_clean-up\_day.php

The Hinsdale Parks & Recreation Department invites the community to celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day by helping with its annual spring clean-up event. Residents and nonresidents of all ages, scout groups, churches, businesses and other service organizations are welcome. Projects generally include plantings, painting and debris removal. Requests to work in specific parks will be accepted, as will donations of materials. Sign up at the website above. RR

## ■ Infant bottle feeding study Ongoing

The Institutional Review Board at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and pediatric gastroenterologist Dr. Mark Fishbein of Hinsdale are recruiting healthy infants ages 1-5 months that are bottle feeding (they may also be breast feeding concurrently) to take part in a study. Participants will complete an infant feeding survey and submit a home video of their infant feeding. The process takes about 30 minutes and may be done entirely at home. Email infantfeeding@luriechildrens.org with "infant" in the subject line to receive an auto-response with detailed study information.

## ■ Animal-Assisted Therapy

Ongoing

www.eehealth.org/ways-togive/volunteer/animal-assisted-therapy

Edward-Elmhurst Health is seeking dogs for its Animal-Assisted Therapy program at its hospitals in Naperville and Elmhurst. An online application is available at the website above; applicants will be contacted for pre-screening. Those who qualify will be scheduled for temperament testing within a two-hour time slot on April 28, 29 or 30 at Edward Hospital, 801 S. Washington St., Naperville. Selectees will complete mandatory training from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 3 & 4, at the hospital. For more information, contact Cynthia Brooks at (630) 527-5305 or cynthia.brooks@ eehealth.org.

#### **JUST FOR KIDS**

#### **■ Crunchy Slime**

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

Kids in grades three through eight can try out a recipe for crunchy slime. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. RR

#### ■ It's Magic!

April 20 Westmont Community Center 75 E. Richmond St. www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr (630) 789-7090

Children ages 5-12 will learn a collection of fascinating and mesmerizing tricks involving cards, coins, mind reading and more from Gary Kantor. All materials are provided, and each child will receive a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped by age and learn age-appropriate tricks. Time: 5 to 5:55 p.m. Cost: \$22. RR

#### ■ Cheerleading 101 Workshop

April 25 Clarendon Hills Comm Center 315 Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr (630) 789-7090

If you are not ready to jump into the sport of cheerleading, then this workshop is for you!

Cheer instructors welcome each student ages into a fun and engaging atmosphere building individual style through class teamwork. Times: 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 6-9, 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 10-12. Cost: \$24.

#### **LISTEN & LEARN**

## ■ Together Women Rise program

April 15
Oak Brook Public Library
600 Oak Brook Road
vcikyb@togetherwomenrise.org

All are invited to attend an informational program about Ek Tara in Kolkata, India, featuring the founder, Vinita Saraf. Ek Tara's mission is to educate, engage and empower girls and women from marginalized urban slum communities to become agents of change. Ek Tara was Together Women Rise's featured grantee in December 2022, and Vinita will talk about the impact of the \$49,000 grant. Cookies and coffee will be served. RSVP to the email address listed above. Time: 2 to 3 p.m.

## ■ Making the Most of Social Security

April 17 Clarendon Hills Library 7 N. Prospect Ave. www.clarendonhillslibrary. org (630) 323-8188

Renee Boyle of the Dala Group will discuss different filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals and widowed individuals, and how choosing the right strategy can significantly improve your benefits. She'll also address questions about continuing to work while receiving Social Security and the taxation of benefits. Time: 7 p.m. RR

## ■ Climate Progress - Is it Enough?

April 18
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
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ly passed legislation, what more needs to be done, how climate change and climate policy affect the economy and more. The program is presented by Citizens' Climate Education Lobby. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

## ■ Powering Your Home with Solar Energy

April 24 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org (630) 719-2468

Learn how to tap into solar energy at home, even with large shade trees. Illinois Solar Energy Association ambassador Jeff Gahris and arboretum director of sustainability Rachel Novick will discuss how solar energy works in Illinois, the benefits and challenges of residential solar energy, the upfront costs and long-term savings, and resources for finding reputable installers. Also hear about the growth of "community solar" for homeowners who want solar energy without installing residential panels. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$17. RR, MD

#### ■ No More Mean Kids

April 25 & 26 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.d181foundation.org

Katie Hurley, licensed clinical social worker, will discuss the critical role empathy development plays in improving a child's relationships, mental health and ability to work through difficult times. Parents will learn strategies for increasing empathy, kindness and resilience. The program is part of the Community Speaker Series presented by District 86 and District 181. Times: 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 25, 9:30 to 11 a.m. April 26. RR

#### **NOTEWORTHY**

## ■ Broadway in Concert: 'South Pacific'

April 15 & 16 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

The New Philharmonic symphonic orchestra will transport audiences to the

Broadway stage by performing this favorite musical, starring Nathan Gunn and a cast of actors. Enjoy iconic songs by the powerhouse team of Rodgers and Hammerstein like "Bali Ha'i", "Some Enchanted Evening," "Happy Talk" and "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy." 7:30 p.m. April 15, 3 p.m. April 16. Tickets: \$67, \$65 for seniors.

## ■ A French Feast: Chamber Music

April 23 Union Church of Hinsdale 137 S. Garfield Ave. www.elmhurstsymphony. org

Enjoy a variety of chamber music from Boellmann, Gershwin, Ravel and more performed by musicians of the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, including Stephen Alltop. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$22 for seniors, \$12 for students.

#### **ON STAGE**

#### ■ 'Seussical, Jr.'

Fridays to Sundays, April 14-23

Theatre of Western Springs 4384 Hampton Ave. www.theatreofwest-ernsprings.com (708) 246-4043

Now one of the most performed shows in America, "Seussical JR." is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza. Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have lovingly brought to life everyone's favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination — Jojo. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15, \$12 for children.

#### **■** 'The Uninvited'

Through April 16 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

A charming house in England overlooking the Irish Sea provides an escape from the demands of life for Pam Fitzgerald and her brother, Roddy. A series of strange occurrences lead guests at a housewarming party to try to make contact with haunting spirits, and dark secrets are revealed. The play contains adult themes and language. A post-show talk with the director and actors will be held April 14. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students.

## ■ 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee'

April 20-23 Nazareth Academy 1209 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park www.nazarethacademy. com

Naz Drama presents this fun musical comedy centered on a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Times: 7 p.m. April 20-22, 1 p.m. April 23. Tickets: \$18

#### ■ 'Swan Lake'

April 28 & 29 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn

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Join this 13th annual run/ walk event on a USATFcertified course following the arboretum's east side main route through rolling terrain. Then enjoy a post-race party with live music, recovery food and a complimentary beer for those ages 21 and older, and a commemorative T-shirt. A virtual run/walk option on a course and date of choice also is available. The event supports the arboretum's work to plant and protect trees. Time: 8 a.m. race starts. Cost: \$60.

#### **■** Earth Day Run

April 23 Brookfield Zoo 8400 31st St.

www.czs.org/EarthDayRun
Take part in this annual 2.2
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geared for participants of all
ages. Then spend the rest of
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home. Time: 8 a.m. start. Cost:
\$35 (includes zoo admission).

#### ■ Walk for Wellness House

May 7 Start/end at Wellness House 131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale www.walk.wellnesshouse. org

This annual fundraiser to support Wellness House programs and services for those on the cancer journey features a 3K walk, a 5K run, a 5K timed run, "Walk Your Way" and a 10-step walk. The theme this year is Walk, Together, Every Step of the Way, and the morning will kick off with an inspirational program. Refreshments and family activities will follow the

walk/run. Participate as an individual or part of a team or donate to the event. To register text "Wellness" to 50155 and follow the prompts. Time: 7 a.m. registration opens, 8 a.m. program, 8:30 a.m. walk/run. Cost: \$35 for 5K timed run, \$30 for other events. RR

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#### **■** Library Edition Book Club

April 19 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Join this discussion of New York Times bestseller "The Marriage Portrait" by Maggie O'Farrell, set in Renaissance Italy and following captivating young duchess Lucrezia de' Medici as she makes her way in a troubled court. Copies are available on the library's Book Club Holds shelf. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

#### ■ Secrets of the Puzzle Master April 25

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Will Shortz, the world's only academically accredited puzzle master and editor of The New York Times crossword puzzle, will discuss crossword puzzles in this online Illinois Libraries Present program. Founder and director of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, held annually for more than 40 years, Will has earned admiring fans from all over the world. He has also created a special crossword puzzle all about Illinois that will be emailed to registrants. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

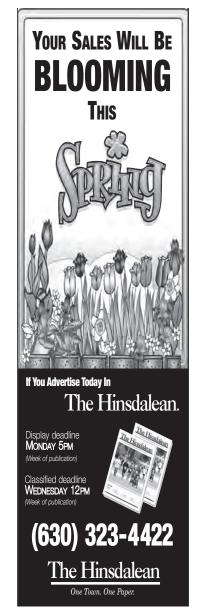
#### **■** Kitten Shower

April 15 Hinsdale Humane Society 21 Salt Creek Lane www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/events/kitten-shower-2023

Enjoy this event complete with refreshments, crafts for kids, raffle baskets, information on the importance of spaying/neutering, details of the humane society's foster program, and, of course, kittens. Children are welcome to attend with an adult. Times: 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 3 to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$25.

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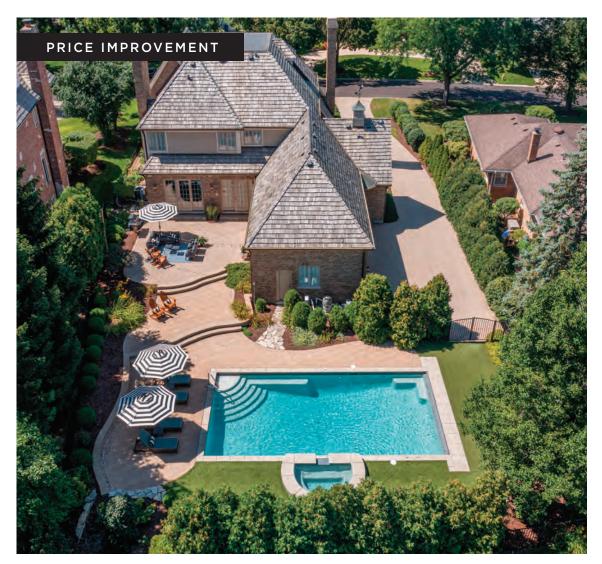
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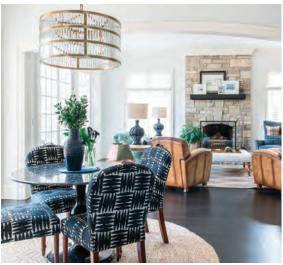
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#### **■** Hinsdale in Lights: Celebrating 150 Years!

April 20-23 Immanuel Hall 302 S Grant St., Hinsdale https://www.hinsdalehistory.org

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#### **■ HJWC scholarship**

Applications due April 15 www.hjwc.us/scholarships

The Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club will again award college scholarships to deserving female high school seniors in the Chicagoland area. Applications are available on the website listed above. All materials must be uploaded by 6 p.m. April 15. Email questions to scholarships@hjwc.us.

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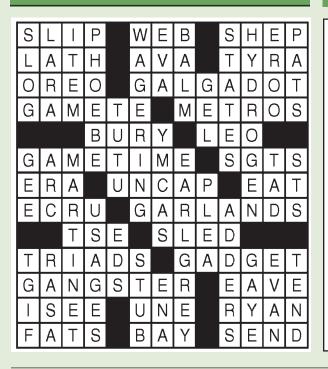
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I've always felt that having a garden is like having a good and loyal friend. C. Z. Guest

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by Linda Thistle

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#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

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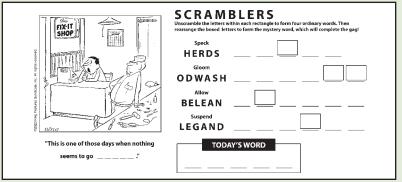
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April 2023 Horoscopes · Week 3



CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are surrounded by positive energy and eager to be out and about with friends this week. Start exploring all of the possibilities around you.









LIBRA – Sept 23/0ct 23
Take advantage of some free time to get things done around the house, Libra. Cleaning or other home innovements should be a priority.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18 AUJARIUS – Jan 27/Feb 18
This may be a good week to devote a large chunk of time to being alone Some time with just your thoughts and a little silence could be everything you need



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may be planning a much-needed vacation at the present time. Figure out a place you've never been and then fill your itinerary with plenty of fun things.



Don't be surprised if your energy level is high this week, Leo. This leads to you feeling restless at home and even at work. This could be a fine time to take up a hobby.



SCORPIO

There's a lot of activity expected close to home, Scorpio. A new business may open or there could be a movie star who is spotted in town. Maybe you'll get new neighbors.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, discussions at work could get a bit heated. It's best to distance yourself from these situations as best as you can.



GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
You likely will have to devote a lot of attention to practical matters in the days to come, Gemini. This includes taking a hard look at your spending and making cuts ing and making cuts.



VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you may be looking forward to an evening out with a romantic partner or close friends. Try to narrow down a day this week or next. Have a few restaurants at the ready.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
The thought of financial prosperity has you scouring the recruitment sites this week, Sagittarius. Speak to others about the pros and cons of leaving your current job. ready.



#### STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Mariella Andrews** Senior Hinsdale

#### When did you first start playing soccer?

I started playing when I was 5, the start of kindergarten (in private school).

#### What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I really enjoy just building my skills and becoming a better player, but also being able to meet new people every time I get on the field.

#### How have you improved since your freshman year?

I feel like I've improved just by getting exposure to playing and playing with different types of people who enjoy playing many different positions. I also enjoy playing many different positions. I feel it makes you a better player if you're able to think in the point of view of every person on the field.

#### Do you have any pregame routines?

I really enjoy listening to music. I feel like it hypes myself up along with the team.

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

Even though losses and disappointments will come, it's important to keep your head up and know your time will come, regardless of how long it takes, and it will pay off in the end.

#### What is your goal for the season?

We really want to just become a great team ourselves, whether that shows through our season and our numbers or our team morale. So far we're pretty close to becoming a really good and connected team, especially since we haven't had the greatest start to our season.

#### How was Monday's win?

Everybody was excited for everybody, everybody was scoring goals. We're becoming a good, light-hearted, compassionate team, being there for everybody and cheering everybody on.

#### Where are you attending college?

Loyola University in Chicago to study biochem-

#### What does coach Tony Madonia think of Andrews?

She's the only senior who's not on varsity, and she decided to continue playing and take on a leadership role with the JV team. She's an outstanding kid. She's a soccer player, community member and student who does everything first class, the way you'd expect it to be done, and is always looking to put other people before herself on and off the field.

> — profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

#### **RESULTS**

April 10 @ Metea Valley

April 10 @ Metea Valley V wins 12-3 Cameli, 21-9, 21-11 Fang, 21-18, 21-9 Tu, 18-21, 21-15, 21-18 Jiao, 21-15, 21-6 Gupta, 21-11, 21-16 Brophy, 22-20, 21-17 Graeb, 16-21, 21-12, 21-10 Jiao/Cameli, 21-16, 21-15 Fang/Tu, 15-21, 21-18, 21-19 Shen/Sripraram, 18-21, 21-11,

Shen/Sripraram, 18-21, 21-11, 21-16 Graeb/Gupta, 21-11, 21-18 Tadavarthy/Qiu, 21-17, 22-20 April 8 @ Wheaton Warrenville South Tourney V places 1st April 5 @ OP-RF V wins 11-4

Baseball
April 10 @ OP-RF
V loses 2-14
April 8 vs. Downers South
V loses 2-10
April 6 vs. Proviso West
V wins 9-0
Bergin, 3 RBIs, run
Davis, RBI
Kusak run

**Gymnastics, boys** April 8 vs. Red Devil Canino Invite

Invite V places 3rd with 136.87: points Piloor exercise Argyris, 3rd, 9.4 Theotikos, 17th (tie), 8.1 Chilar, 21st (tie), 8 Pommel horse Theotikos, 5th, 7.7 Argyris, 6th, 7.3 Chlar, 9th, 6.9 Still rings Argyris, 13th (tie), 7.55 Chilar, 16th, 7.45 Theotikos, 31st, 6.1 Vault Argyris, 4th, 9 Chilar, 16th, 8.25 Theotikos, 27th, 7.4 Parallel bars Chilar, 2nd, 8.3 Theotikos, 11th, 7.4 Argyris, 13th, 7.3 Horizontal bar V places 3rd with 136.875

Cihlar, 4th, 8.5 Argyris, 8th, 7.225 Ashby, 30th, 5 All around All around Argyris, 5th, 47.775 Cihlar, 6th, 47.4

Lacrosse, boys April 11 vs. OP-RF V wins 11-8 April 8 vs. Neuqua Valley

Lacrosse, girls
April 11 @ OP-RF
V wins 20-8
April 8 vs. Lockport
V wins 23-5
Conley, 4 goals, 5 assists
Napier, 4 goals, 4 assists
Venetsanopolous, 4 goals, Venetsanopolous, 4 goa assist O'Connor, 3 goals Brankin, 2 goals, assist Moncrief, 2 goals, assist Tavoso, 2 goals, assist Tavoso, 2 goals, assist Beargie, goal P. Matthews, assist Parker-Briones, assist Schultz, 6 saves Golo, 2 saves

Soccer, girls April 11 vs. OP-F V wins 2-1 (OT) Edgewater, goal Snodgrass, goal Rohn, assist McDonnell, assis McDonnell, assist April 8 @ Wheaton Warrer V wins 2-1 April 6 vs. V V wins 4-0

Softball, girls April 10 vs. Benet V loses 5-9 April 6 @ Oak Lawn V loses 0-12

Tennis, boys
April 11 @ Downers North
V wins 7-0
April 10 @ Fremd
V wins 4-3
Milton, 6-1, 6-3
R. Shah, 6-1, 6-3
N. Hernandez/Treiber, 6-3,

Schloegel/Buchupalli, 7-5, 6-1
Marringa/McCain, 6-4, 6-2
April 8 @ Downers South Invite
vs. New Trier
v wins 3-2
vs. Naperville North
V wins 5-0
vs. Moline
V wins 5-0
April 5 vs. Chicago University
HS
V wins 7-0

Track, boys
April 8 @ St. Charles Invite April 8 @ St. Charles Invite V places 4th with 75 points 100 meters Bots, 4th, 11.86 Lyne, 12th, 12.35 200 meters Bots, 4th, 21.35 200 meters Bots, 4th, 23.74 Anjarwala, 9th, 24.39 400 meters Lowe, 5th, 54.84 Kurimay, 9th, 56.96 800 meters Dooby, 2nd 1.58.27 Kurimay, 9th, 56,96 800 meters Doohy, 2nd, 1,58,27 Kamenev, 12th, 2:08.65 1,600 meters Gamboa, 1st, 4:22.97 Gruber, 8, 4:37.8 3,200 meters Smak, 7th, 10:09.87 Doorhy, 8th, 10:10.23 110-meter hurdles Peterson, 5th, 17.15 Segers, 9th, 18.8 300-meter hurdles Peterson, 4th, 43.16 300-meter hurdles Peterson, 4th, 43.16 Segers, 9th, 46.24 4x100 relay Segers, Anjarwala, Morriss Peterson, 6th, 47.14 4x200 relay Maxwell, Anjarwala, Mo Bots, 3rd, 1:34.88 4x400 relay 4x400 relay Kurimay, Maxwell, Lowe, Morrissey, 3rd, 3:35.34 Shot put Ortiz, 4th, 12.35m Marcet, 5th, 12.28m

Volleyball, boys
April 11 @ Proviso W
V wins 25-19, 25-17
April 10 vs. Wheaton
Warrenville South
V wins 25-21, 25-14

Triple jump Moser, 4th, 10.07m Chillo, 12th, 8.64m

Veliz-Hernandez, 13th, High jump Kuznetsova, 7th, 1.4m Chillo, 9th, 1.4m Pole vault Bisch, 4th, 2.44m Hamelka, 12th, 1.83m Long jump Reed, 2nd, 5.21 Moser, 7th, 4.71 Triple jump

Track, girls
April 8 @ Downers South Invite
V places 1st with 127 points
100 meters
Dorris, 3rd, 13.13
Reed, 4th, 13.21

Dorris, 3rd, 27.32 Tresslar, 7th, 27.84 400 meters Hodneland, 3rd, 1:01.16 Sakho, 5th, 1:02.37 800 meters

800 meters McCabe, 1st, 2:18.73 Dygon, 5th, 2:24.81 1,600 meters Skora, 1st, 5:08.73 Fischer, 2nd, 5:09.69

100-meter hurdles Leech, 3rd, 17.81 Chandler. 4th, 18 300-meter hurdles

300-meter hurdles Chandler, 1st, 49.17 Leech, 4th, 51.15 4x100 relay Dorris, Tresslar, Hodneland, Reed, 1st, 50.44 4x200 relay Dorris, Hodneland, Tresslar, Reed, 1st, 1:47.64 4x400 relay

Reed, 1st, 1:47.64 4x400 relay Hodneland, Chandler, Skora, McCabe, 1st, 4:07.29 4x800 relay Boyd, Griffin, Gilmartin, Sakho, 4th, 10:01.16 Shot put Williaman, 8th, 7.61m Veliz-Hernandez, 13th, 7.18m Discus

Discus Johnson, 9th, 21.38m Veliz-Hernandez, 13th, 19.74m

April 6 & 8 @ Warren Invite V places 2nd vs. Whitney Young V wins 25-21, 25-18 vs. Marist V loses 14-25, 19-25 V wins 22 - 1.

vs. Marist
V loses 14-25, 19-25
vs. New Trier
V wins 25-17, 25-23
vs. Providence Catholic
V wins 23-25, 25-17, 25-19 vs. Niles North V wins 25-19, 23-25, 25-21

Water polo, boys April 10 vs. Naperville North V loses 2-16 April 8 @ Glenbrook South April 8 @ Gienbrook Sc Invite V places 2nd vs. Highland Park V wins 13-4 Halabi, 6 goals Driscoll, 3 goals Adamo, 2 goals, assist Schmeltz, goal Sheppal, 3 assists Connors, 2 assists Chase, assist Whittier, 12 saves vs. Fremd V ties 7-7 vs. Glenbrook South V wins 10-8 April 6 vs. Hersey V loses 8-11

Water polo, girls April 10 @ Naperville North April 10 @ Naperville North V Ioses 4-9 April 8 @ Glenbrook South Invite vs. St. Charles North V Ioses 5-8 vs. Conant V Ioses 10-11 vs. Glenbrook South V wins 6-2 April 6 @ Lincoln-Way West V Ioses 10-11 (2OT) April 5 @ OP-RF V wins 11-4 Barber, 5 goals Boggs, 4 goals, 2 assists McMillin, goal, 4 assist Theoharous, assist Theoharous, assist Mannina assist

#### Instant replay

Discus Marcet, 2nd, 41.18m High jump Burt, 1st, 5-9

Burt, 1st, 5-5 Pole vault Khatau, 6th, 3.35m Bolenbaugh, 7th, 3.05m Triple jump Burt, 4th, 11.92m Peterson, 7th, 10.8m





Hinsdale Central's Chase Collignon looks for room to operate around the opposing goal while teammate Dean Assicurato charges past a defender en route to a scoring opportunity as Central hosted Neuqua Valley Saturday on Dickinson Field. The Red Devils came up short against the Wildcats in a 9-4 loss. (Jim Slonoff photos)



## 2023-2024 TRYOUT INFORMATION

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

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Boys and Girls Ages 6 & Up							
Date	Time	Location					
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Saturday, May 6	6:00-7:00pm	Prospect Park • Clarendon Hills, IL					
Tuesday, May 9	6:00-7:00pm	Ty Warner Park • Westmont, IL					
Sunday, May 14	6:00-7:00pm	Robbins Park • Hinsdale, IL					

#### Competitive Boys and Girls Ages 6 & Up

Date	Time	Location			
Sunday, May 14	5:00-6:00pm	Centennial Park • Lemont, IL			
Sunday, May 14	6:00-7:00pm	Robbins Park • Hinsdale, IL			
Wednesday, May 17	6:00-7:00pm	Ty Warner Park • Westmont, IL			
Sunday, May 21	6:00-7:00pm	Prospect Park • Clarendon Hills, IL			

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## **SPORTS**

## Girls get in sync in the rink

Hinsdale synchronized skaters help their teams reach nationals

By Ken Knutson

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Imagine 16 skaters gliding and twirling across the ice in perfect unison.

It's not imaginary for Hinsdale residents Methuli Jayesinge and sisters Elia and Ammie Hsieh. They all competed at the 2023 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships March 1-4 in Peoria, testing their timing and skills against the best troupes from across the country.

"It was a really huge, fun experience," said Ammie, a seventh-grader at Hinsdale Middle School.

Members of the Dazzlers program based in Downers Grove, Methuli and Ammie skate with the intermediate team, and Elia with the novice troupe. Methuli, a Hinsdale Central senior, and Elia, a Central junior, grew up skating together over the last decade. Ammie has six years under her belt.

Elia said the discipline is a special challenge.

"Synchro is pretty neat because it's different, I feel like, than individual skating because you're skating with a whole team, and you're doing different elements," she said. "It's less jumping and spinning, and more about edge quality, spirals and flexibility."

There's also more camaraderie and less competitiveness, but that doesn't mean training is any less rigorous. Saturdays and Sundays are for team practices, and weekdays are when girls area expected to get in as much independent work as possible to keep pace.

"We're expected to practice our own spins and jumps and work on things ourselves," Elia said. "I reality, we're skating like six or seven days a week. You've got to hold your own. It effects more than just you."





"A team is only as good as their worst skater," Ammie chimed in.

Both the intermediate and novice teams sensed they were good enough to reach nationals, the girls said, but that required being among the top six at the Midwestern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships in Rockford in January.

Performing a Chicago jazz-themed routine, Methuli and Ammie's team placed third among the 12 entries, and Elia's novice team took sixth with a "strut" theme, advancing the girls to their first ever nationals competition.

"We got to stand on the podium," Elia said.

"I was crying," Ammie said of her reaction to securing their spot.

The "kiss and cry" waiting area has become well known from Olympics coverage, and it's the same for synchro, if a bit more crowded.

The celebration soon gave

way to preparation, with the already rigorous training schedule becoming even more intense.

"We had a lot of extra practices," Elia said.

But the close-knit dynamic makes them almost like family gatherings.

"The team is like a sisterhood because you're up every weekend at 5 a.m. for practice, and they see you at your worst and your best," Methuli said. "You form bonds that you won't forget."

In addition to the endurance involved in jumps and twizzles, all in coordination, a standout performance also exudes personality.

"This year our team was really fast, so we had a really, really fast program," Elia said. "It was a sassy program, and one of the hardest things is being able to develop a certain character when you're skating and maintain a happy (countenance) when skating fast."

In Peoria they tested their skills against the top groups

competition in Peoria. Methuli and Ammie (arm-to-arm in middle of formation) skated with the intermediate squad. (Jim Slonoff photo, KRPhotogs photo)

from the Eastern and Pacific regions.

"We got party buses for transportation, and that was so fun. Going to practices early, it helped wake us up," Methuli said. "The stadium was huge."

At official practices the teams would show their routine to judges, who would make recommendations that could be incorporated into the final performance.

"They're able to get a full view of your program and can look at your strengths and weaknesses," Elia said.

It's a lot of work for a three-and-a-half-minute routine, not to mention the attention to appearance.

"We do our own hair and makeup," Methuli said.

"Image is such a big part of the presentation," Elia remarked.

Ammie said she grew tremendously as a synchro competitor this season.

"This year was the first year I started to understand skating, because all the other years I just sort of showed up and skated," she related.

The girls said the sport is a mystery to many of their non-skating peers.

"A lot of our friends don't know what it is, and it's hard to explain it to them," Elia said.

"A lot of them think it's pairs skating," Methuli said, smiling.

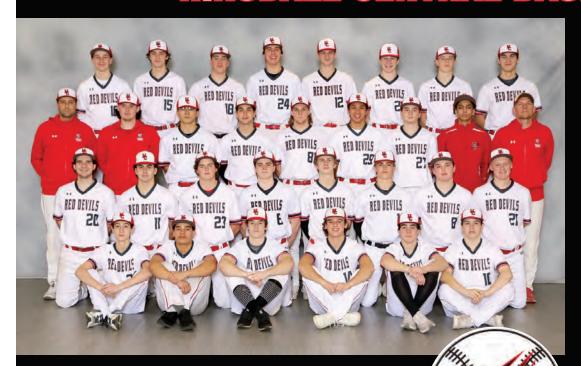
They encouraged people to check out synchronized videos online to see its blend of grace and power.

"The reason why it works is because you do it together," Elia said.

It was the last Dazzlers dance for Methuli, who will start college in the fall. She said ending on such a high note helped ease any melancholy.

"Since nationals was our last competition, it was very sad," said Methuli, who intends to still serve as a volunteer coach when able. "But at the same time, it was a great way to finish out the season."

## **HINSDALE CENTRAL BASEBALL 2023**



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#	YR	POS	NAME	#	YR	POS
0	12	Р	Oliver Pohlenz	16	11	OF
2	12	1B	Patrick Connors	17	9	UTIL
3	11	OF	Charlie Bergin	18	12	С
5	12	OF	Lou Nicholas	20	12	Р
6	11	OF, P	Aidan Conners	21	11	INF, P
7	11	С	Ramon Nepomuceno	22	11	MIF
8	12	OF	Tyler Frisoni	23	11	CIF
9	11	OF	Jimmy Spagoletti	24	12	Р
10	11	С	Cole Clawson	25	12	P, OF
11	12	INF, P	Max Pavlik	26	12	3B, P
12	12	SS, P	Andres Waelter	27	12	P, MIF
14	12	OF	Alex Zak	28	11	Р
15	11	Р	Will Merz	81	11	Р
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4/13/23	@	Oak Park & River Forest High School	4:30 PM
4/15/23	vs.	Proviso East High School	10:00 AM
4/17/23	vs.	Lyons Township	4:30 PM
4/18/23	@	Lyons Township	4:30 PM
4/20/23	vs.	Lyons Township	4:30 PM
4/22/23	@	Willowbrook	10:00 AM
4/24/23	vs.	Glenbard West	4:30 PM
4/25/23	@	Glenbard West	4:30 PM
4/27/23	vs.	Glenbard West	4:30 PM
4/28/23	vs.	Joliet Catholic Academy	4:30 PM
4/29/23	vs.	Leyden High School	10:00 AM
5/01/23	@	Downers Grove North High School	4:30 PM
5/02/23	vs.	Downers Grove North High School	4:30 PM
5/03/23	@	Lemont High School -	
		Do Stevie's Way- Round 2	4:30 PM
5/04/23	@	Downers Grove North High School	4:30 PM
5/06/23	@	Hinsdale South High School	10:00 AM
5/08/23	@	Addison Trail	4:30 PM
5/13/23	vs.	J Sterling Morton High School	10:00 AM
5/15/23	@	York High School	4:30 PM
5/16/23	vs.	York High School	4:30 PM
5/17/23	@	York High School - RESCHEDULED	4:30 PM
5/18/23	@	St Laurence High School	
		Do it Stevie's Way Tourney	7:45 PM
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5/20/23	@	TBD - Do it Stevie's Way Tourney	TBA





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