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Dancing in the dark

Madison School's third-grade boys brought a new light to the school's variety show this year. When the lights went out, their LED glow stick figures captivated the packed auditorium at Hinsdale Central. The boys act was fittingly called "Glo Boyz." The dance set included the songs "Eye of the Tiger," "Gangnam Style" and "Thriller." Please turn to Page 16 for more pictures from the show. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Hitchin' a ride

Volunteer provides more than just transportation for seniors.

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Sixth-grader uncovers unexpected treasures in Salt Creek.

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NEWS

D86 courses below guidelines to run

Board approves four classes with three to 14 students to run for 2024-25 year

By Pamela Lannom
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Hinsdale High School District 86 could offer a class for only three students next year at Hinsdale South High School.

The school board reiterated its commitment last week to offering a biology-chemistry-physics sequence at Hinsdale South, which prior to three years ago offered only a physics first sequence. Only three incoming South freshmen chose to enroll in a biology class, biology honors, administrators reported during the preliminary staffing discussion at the March 7 meeting.

Board President Cat Greenspon suggested students at South might not sign up for biology because the

course has run only once in the past three years.

"If a student and their family is told there is a good chance biology is not going to run at South but physics most definitely will run, they may not choose that path," she said. "You could have 20 kids choose bio as opposed to four that indicated bio was their first choice because they know for certain biology will run."

"We need to let everybody know the board is supporting the BCP sequence," she added later in the meeting.

"If that's the direction of the board, we should have built that into the framework," said Cheryl Moore, assistant superintendent of human resources, referring to a board discussion that took place in December.

The board unanimously agreed it would also like to run Latin 1 at South for seven students, German 1 at South for 14 students and AP music theory at Central for nine students.

Adding the full-time equivalent of .8 teachers to run the four classes will cost the district an estimated \$118,000, according to Josh Stephenson, chief financial officer. He described the addition to the \$61.6 million salary expense as a "fairly manageable variance that we can manage during the budget process."

Not counting the four classes, the administration asked for 1.2 additional certified FTE for the 2024-25 school year, for a total FTE of 359.9. That increase includes an additional

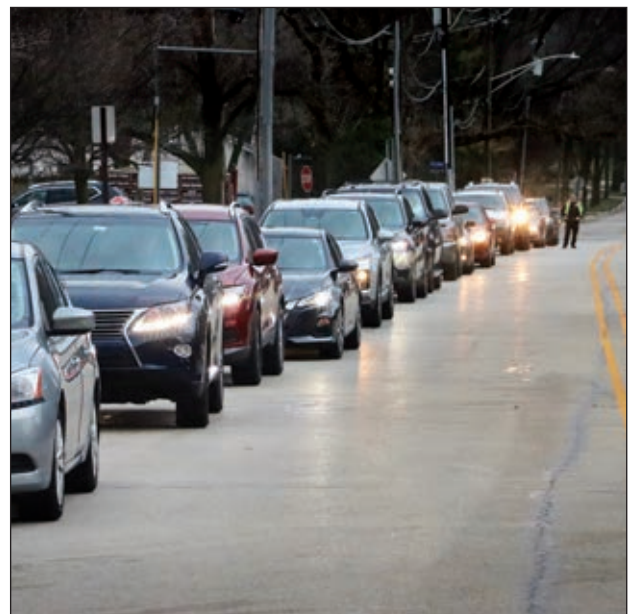
1.7 FTE at Central and 2.5 FTE at South, with a drop of 1.8 FTE in the district's Haven program.

The board is slated to approve the staffing request later this month. Under state law, the district must notify by April 15 any teachers whose contracts are not being renewed or who are being honorably dismissed, Moore noted. Administrators also need time to build a master schedule for each building.

"It's a massive undertaking to logistically make that whole process work," she said.

The staffing discussion spiraled into conversations about how the science sequences are marketed and offering early bird physical educa-

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Free gas draws crowds to Shell

Dr. Willie Wilson brought his free gas across the county line Saturday morning. Wilson, who has given away millions of dollars in groceries and gas across Chicago and Cook County over the past few years, hosted the giveaway at the Shell station in Hinsdale at York Road and Ogden Avenue. Hinsdale police reported the first person in line arrived at 3:30 a.m.. With station owners Robin Gabriel and John Archer directing and pumping the gas, it took just over an hour to give away the \$10,000 in free gas. More than 200 drivers took advantage of the offer. Wilson describes himself as a businessman, philanthropist and humanitarian. He has recently run several times in the Chicago mayoral race and U.S. Senate and presidential contests. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. Hearthstone Realtors was located at 116 S. Washington St. Today School of Rock occupies the entire building. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com.



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Few state primaries offer voters choice

Analysis shows Illinois' March 19 primary is least competitive in at least two decades

By Andrew Adams

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On March 19, voting will conclude in primary contests for hundreds of seats in the Illinois legislature and in the state's court system. But most of those contests are uncompetitive.

Statewide, 88 percent of judicial and state legislative primaries feature either a single candidate or no one running at all. This is the highest number of uncompetitive primaries for those seats in at least 20 years, according to a Capitol News Illinois analysis of data going back to 2004.

The number of primaries with no candidates running at all is similar to years past, about 33 percent. But the number of primaries with a single person running has jumped to 55 percent, from 46 percent in 2020.

John Shaw, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said Illinois' primary participation mirrors a national trend and is partially stoked by growing political polarization and state redistricting practices. The state process for drawing legislative districts is a partisan one by law, meaning many districts have been drawn in a way that favors one party over the other.

While that's made primaries increasingly important in districts that lean heavily in favor of one party over the other, it's also helped reinforce a trend of parties choosing not to run candidates in districts that were not drawn in their favor.

"The only battle is the primary," Shaw, a former congressional reporter, told Capitol News Illinois.

Shaw said the expectation of candidates to work across the aisle has decreased in recent decades, meaning that parties lean into ideology more.

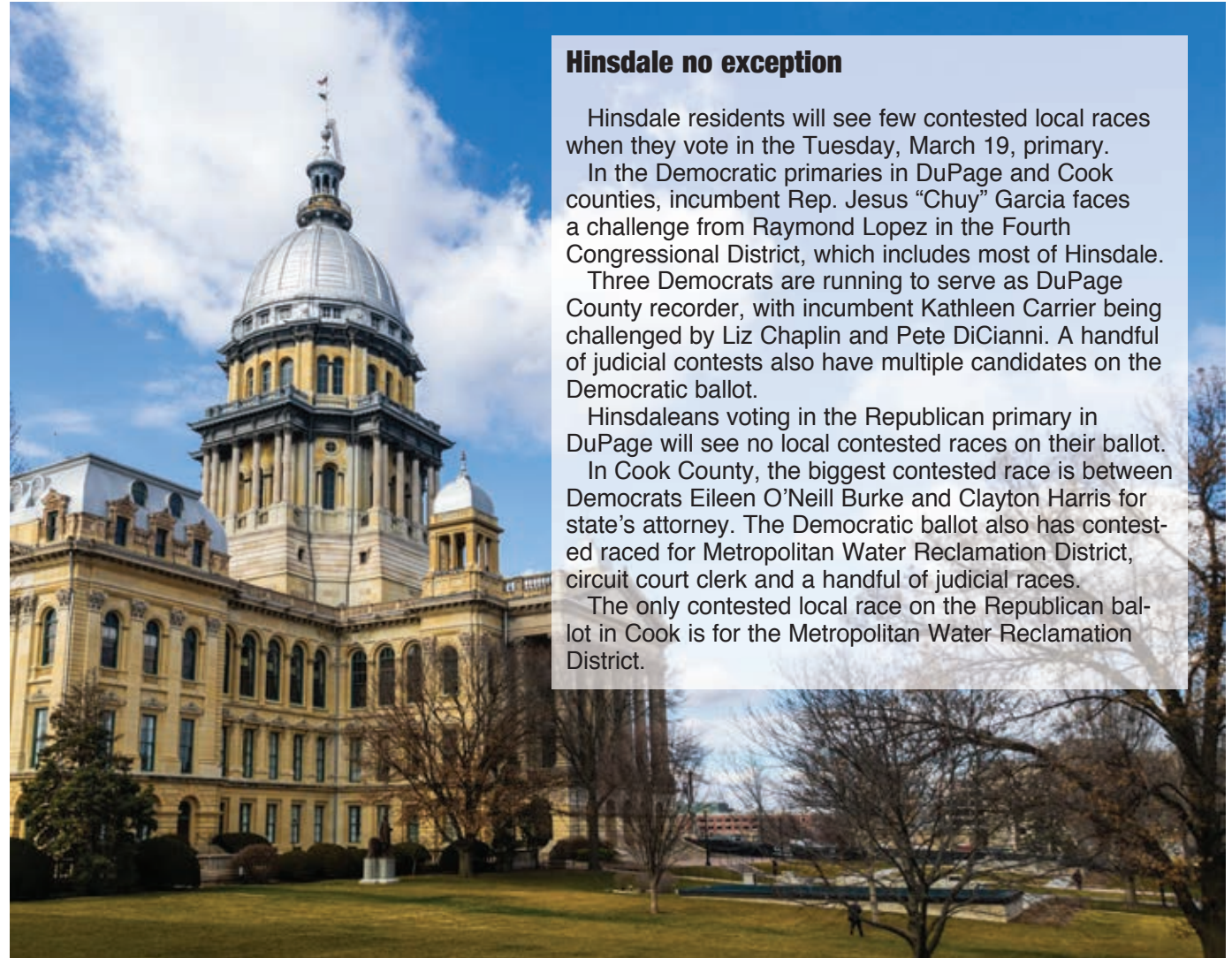
"It is not good for governance when candidates run unopposed in a primary or general election," Shaw said.

For about 65 percent of state legislative and judicial seats, only one party's primary has any candidates running, with most of those primaries featuring a single candidate.

While many of those races will likely be uncompetitive in the general election as well, the number of contested seats could grow beyond what the primaries indicate via a political appointment process. The political parties have until June 3 to select a person to run on the party's behalf in races where the primaries did not produce a winning candidate.

Long-term trends

John Jackson, a professor at the Paul Simon Institute, said the stark divisions in party control are driven by party



Hinsdale no exception

Hinsdale residents will see few contested local races when they vote in the Tuesday, March 19, primary.

In the Democratic primaries in DuPage and Cook counties, incumbent Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia faces a challenge from Raymond Lopez in the Fourth Congressional District, which includes most of Hinsdale.

Three Democrats are running to serve as DuPage County recorder, with incumbent Kathleen Carrier being challenged by Liz Chaplin and Pete DiCianni. A handful of judicial contests also have multiple candidates on the Democratic ballot.

Hinsdaleans voting in the Republican primary in DuPage will see no local contested races on their ballot.

In Cook County, the biggest contested race is between Democrats Eileen O'Neill Burke and Clayton Harris for state's attorney. The Democratic ballot also has contested races for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, circuit court clerk and a handful of judicial races.

The only contested local race on the Republican ballot in Cook is for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

realignment and polarization, which have resulted in fewer candidates running on politically moderate platforms.

"That started nationally, then trickled down to state, even now to local," he said.

Jackson, who works at an institute founded by and named for a conservative Democratic senator, noted this trend only emerged in the past few decades.

"There used to be moderates in the Republican party and moderates in the Democratic party," Jackson said. "They were much more heterogeneous than they are."

In Illinois, that's led to stark partisan divides that also fall squarely along urban-rural lines. The city of Chicago remains the center of Democratic power in a democratically controlled state. Republicans have few primary candidates in the city and no serious challengers to most Democrats running.

Rural Illinois, meanwhile, remains almost unrepresented by the state's Democratic party in the legislature or on the bench, with few Democratic candidates filing to run on rural primary ballots.

Only one legislative seat is competitive for both Democrats and Republicans: the 76th House District. This district

contains most of the city of DeKalb as well as stretches of DeKalb, LaSalle and Bureau counties. The district's current representative — Rep. Lance Yednock, D-Ottawa — is not running for reelection, and two Republicans and three Democrats are vying to replace him.

The legislative primaries that have drawn the most candidates include two four-way Democratic contests in the Chicago area — the 20th Senate District in the city and the south suburban 79th House District — and one four-way Republican contest in the 53rd Senate District.

Judicial elections

While there are primaries for 82 judicial positions across the state, about 85 percent of them feature either one or no candidate on the ballot. Just over half feature a single candidate across both major party primaries.

Part of this is due to the high number of races in Cook County — a very Democratic area — which operates the second largest court system in the nation.

But the low number of interested candidates can be partially explained by shifting career goals among lawyers, according to Elizabeth Monkus, senior



research attorney at the nonprofit judicial reform advocacy group Chicago Appleseed Center.

"People come into the profession with different goals than they used to," Monkus said.

Monkus noted that there are more people interested in what she called "movement lawyering," where an attorney furthers political and social goals through legal advocacy, rather than working as a trial lawyer or working on criminal cases.

"If you're working to change the world, judges have less power to do that than you might expect," Monkus said.

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NEXT WEEK

Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, March 18
Hinsdale Middle School
100 S. Garfield Ave.
www.d181.org

On the draft agenda: approve science resource, e-rate for internet and Wan services and iPad device refresh; five-year forecasting; full-day kindergarten update; winter MAP and SIP update

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, March 21
Hinsdale Central High School
55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Village Board

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

On the draft agenda: approval annual appropriation ordinance, special-use permit for Montessori preschool at 945 S. Garfield Ave.

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

Among other business March 7, board members:

- heard a presentation on two new courses being proposed for the 2025-26 school year, AP Precalculus AB and AP Precalculus BC. The courses would be open to freshmen through seniors and could be the only opportunity for some students to take an AP class, according to Jason Markey, assistant superintendent for academics.

“We really think it’s a valuable opportunity for our students,” he said.

- discussed allowing the public to see the text of policies up for a first read by the board (now policies are made public only after the second read) and to provide access to administrative procedures to board members

- unanimously approved the summer 2024 program of studies. Summer school will be held at Hinsdale South High School. The first semester runs from June 3-21, the second from June 24-July 12.

- authorized the district’s law firm Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor Ltd., to intervene on the district’s behalf in property tax assessment appeals before the DuPage County Board of Review or the Property Tax Appeal Board.

- discussed revisions to Policy 6:40 curriculum (superintendent shall include a recommended pilot period, evaluation metrics and schedule for reports to the board when recommending any significant curriculum change) and Policy 4:20 fund balances (administration and board will follow up when the fund balance to revenue ratio falls below 20 percent or rises above 25 percent). The board is expected to vote on the policies at its March 21 meeting.

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New entries mulled for historic listing

Village commission considers expanding the collection of preservation incentive prospects

By Ken Knutson

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The former homes of an acclaimed opera singer, a 19th-century local dance instructor and the visionary behind the village's pioneering ice plant are among the latest candidates for Hinsdale's Historically Significant Structures Property List.

At the March 6 historic preservation commission meeting, commissioners voted to recommend seven homes for the list. Inclusion on the list is required to be eligible for incentives to help with historically sensitive home improvements, including matching grant funds, a property tax rebate and special zoning relief.

The Tudor Revival/Craftsman-style residence at 200 Ravine Road, village planner Bethany Salmon told commissioners in her presentation, was once the home of Frances Elizabeth Coates Grace, an opera singer who was deeply involved in the music and civic activities of both Chicago and Hinsdale. An interesting side note is that Grace was a high school classmate and sometimes

muse of Ernest Hemingway.

"She had some love letter connections with him when she was younger," Salmon said, referencing a blog post on the Hinsdale Historical Society website that provides more background and a recording of Grace's soprano vocals.

The 1926-built home at 546 N. County Line Road has a unique pedigree, Salmon said.

"We actually — through researching and working with the historical society — were able to find the original building permits, which does verify it's an original Sears catalog home," she said.

Subsequent alterations include the enclosure of the front porch and a rear addition, Salmon noted, but it still retains the original look.

"We haven't had a property like this before," she said.

The Tudor Revival house at 4 E. Fifth St. is noteworthy for both its designer — celebrated local architect R. Harold Zook — and a past resident.

"One of its first inhabitants was Frank D. Danielson, who was a former village manager," Salmon reported.

As village manager, he drew on his

engineering background to lead the effort to establish a municipal ice plant in 1922.

In his retrospective "Hinsdale," author Timothy Bakken chronicled the revolutionary development, claiming it was "the first such enterprise in the United States."

"The village faithfully delivered ice for 20 years, even as expenses rose and demand dwindled," he wrote.

The vintage 1910 house at 122 N. Park St. features a gambrel front and was once the home of Ella Warren, a member of prominent early Hinsdale family. The Warrens are mentioned in historian Hugh Dugan's book "On the County Line."

"Ella Warren taught dancing in the old Baptist Church (on the southwest corner of First and Garfield)," Dugan noted.

While growing up on Maple Street, Warren's father and uncle would set up a large wooden platform between their adjacent homes for summer parties.

"The guests could pass from one house, across the dance floor, to the other," Dugan wrote.

The home at 42 S. Quincy St. also is believed to be a Sears home, but Salmon reported that its provenance has not been confirmed.

"It was built in 1927 as Craftsman style," Salmon said. "It's in pretty good shape."

The other homes recommended for the list by commissioners are the 1895-built cottage at 615 S. Washington St., which features a gable front, and the house at 565 N. Washington St, believed to have been constructed around 1922 in the Colonial Revival style.

In order to be included on the Historically Significant Structures Property List, a property must be located in the historic overlay district and meet one or more criteria, among which are an association with significant people, events or local history, or a style that embodies the distinctive characteristics of an architectural type, period or method of construction.

The village board is expected to take up the matter at an upcoming meeting. The preservation incentive-eligible list has grown to nearly 80 properties since it was launched in 2022.



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Warrant arrest

Leonardo Perez, 23, 3942 W. 66th St., Chicago, was arrested on an active warrant out of Northbrook at 7:59 p.m. March 9 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83 after he was stopped for an equipment violation. He was taken to the Northbrook Police Department for warrant processing.

Trespass to home

A vacant home in the 400 block of Mills Street was found to have been rummaged through after police were dispatched to an open-door investigation March 8. Nothing was reported missing, and there were no signs of forced entry. The incident occurred between Feb. 23 and March 8.

Identity theft cases

- The identity of a resident of the 400 block of North Madison Street was used without authorization to open credit card accounts. The incident was reported March 6.
- Someone used the identity of a resident of the 500 block of South Washington Street without authorization to apply for a small business loan between July 1, 2022, and March 9.

Fraud reported

Fraudulent transactions were made using an online banking account belonging to a resident of the 700 block of Justina Street on March 6.

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.

D86 courses below guidelines to run

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tion for band students and possibly all students.

Five people spoke during public comment about the decision two years ago to eliminate early bird PE for freshmen and sophomores. Many band students take advantage of that option in order to fit a music class and a world language class into their schedule. Greenspon shared her own concerns during the board discussion.

"We're going to kill the music programs at both schools," she said.

Administrators reminded board members that the class is not listed in the program of studies the board approved in November. They also noted that opening up a period during the day for all ninth- and 10th-graders would mean more students signing up for more classes during the regular school day,

requiring more teachers.

"The numbers we're looking at tonight would almost certainly be different on the 21st," Hinsdale South Principal Patrick Hardy said.

Hinsdale Central Principal Bill Walsh cautioned against adding the class for all students.

"Part of me would rather talk about making exceptions," he said. "If you open it up, I feel like you've created a nine-period day."

The board was split on whether to ask for the early bird class. Greenspon pressed the point.

"Can we please consider at the building level what the exception would look like?" she asked. "However you do it is however you do it."

The staffing plan will be on the agenda for a board vote at the Thursday, March 21, meeting.

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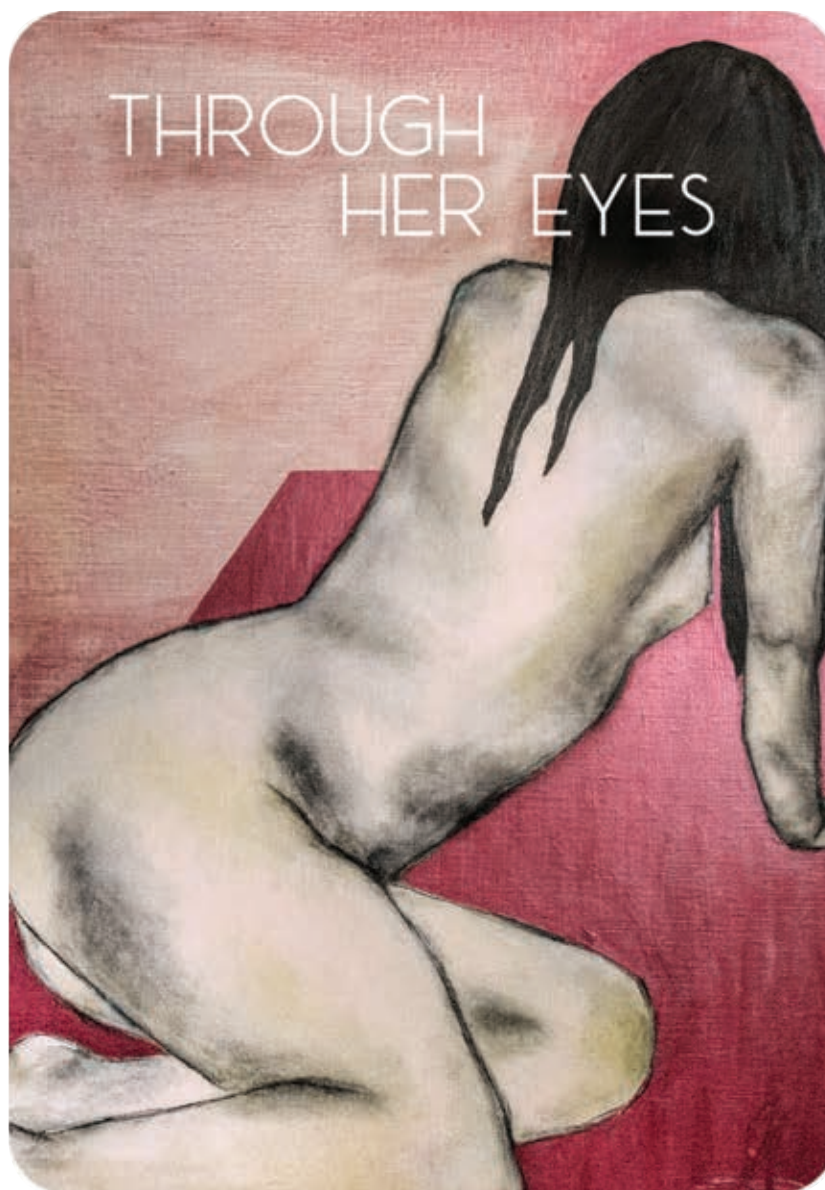
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Volunteer helps senior neighbors, one ride at a time

People living in the Chicago suburbs seldom refer to driving as a relaxing activity. But Julie Beja of Hinsdale said every trip she takes as a volunteer for Interfaith Community Partners leaves her feeling good.

“I always come home happier than when I left,” said Beja, who began volunteering with the agency eight years ago.

Based in La Grange, Interfaith Community Partners offers free transportation for seniors throughout the western suburbs who no longer drive. Volunteers take them to and from medical appointments, therapies, grocery shopping trips and other necessary errands. Beja said this simple yet important service allows older adults to maintain their independence. It also helps families of seniors, many of whom are still working or raising children.

“When my mom hung up her car keys many years ago, I was fortunate to have had the time to take her to her important doctor appointments. Not every family is able to do so, with family not living nearby or work commitments. I felt very lucky I could do that for my mom,” Beja said.

Today, Beja said she is

happy to spend some of her free time making things easier for busy families and their loved ones.

Like all volunteers, Beja chooses which rides she will take each week. She typically signs up for one to three, depending on her own schedule and the anticipated length of each ride.

“It is 100 percent up to me which rides I can and choose to do,” she said.

Beja begins each assignment with a call to introduce herself to her passenger and to confirm details of the ride. She then goes to the client’s home, gets them safely in the car and drives them to their scheduled appointment. Beja helps the person inside, if needed, and waits while they see the doctor, have their medical test or complete their errand before returning them safely home.

The ride itself, Beja said, often is filled with stories that stay with her long after the client is home. Not long ago she chatted with a retired astronomer, a man who had recently lost his wife of more than 50 years, and a woman who survived World War II in Germany.

“You get back a lot more than you give,” Beja said.



JULIE BEJA
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Having worked at a nursing home while in high school, helping older adults has been part of Beja’s life since she was a teenager.

“I’ve always enjoyed helping elderly people,” Beja said.

Beja said there is plenty of room for new volunteers to join in Interfaith Community Partners’ mission to help older adults maintain their independence with safe, reliable transportation.

“We’re always looking for additional drivers,” Beja said.

Like Beja, all volunteers are trained and screened prior to providing their first ride. For information, visit www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org or call (708) 354-9328.

Beja said Interfaith Community Partners is about more than safe transportation. Volunteers provide support to help older adults maintain their mobility, their independence and even the ability to stay in their homes. They also provide relief from the isolation that often comes with aging.

“It’s a way to have community connected to them, so they’re not so alone,” Beja said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Sunshine Week shines light on transparency

This is National Sunshine Week — and not because we have an extra hour of daylight following the start of daylight saving time Sunday.

Sunshine Week is an initiative launched by the American Society of News Editors in 2005 to promote conversation about the importance of open government and freedom of information. The date coincides with the March 16 birthday of James Madison, known as the “Father of the Constitution” for his role in drafting and promoting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Freedom of the press is one of the freedoms protected in the First Amendment. Without access to information, however, news organizations can’t properly fulfill their responsibility to keep the public informed.

One of the key ways we gather information is by attending meetings of village and school boards, where elected officials make decisions about everything from how much to spend on street resurfacing to how many teachers to employ next year. The Illinois Open Meetings Act requires boards to conduct their meetings in public, with a handful of exceptions.

The District 86 Board recently was the subject of an Open Meetings Act complaint filed by Hinsdale resident Dale Kleber, who contended the board’s discussion of superintendent goals in closed ses-

sion was a violation. The Illinois Attorney General agreed. As a result, the board rightly approved policy revisions, limiting closed session discussion to goals only as they are specifically related to the superintendent’s performance.

The board also announced last week that it was releasing video from a portion of that closed session meeting. Unfortunately that announcement was prefaced with comments about how the board was going “above and beyond” in releasing the video, as the AG’s ruling was nonbinding. That hardly follows the spirit of the Open Meeting Act — or Sunshine Week.

Another law promoting open governance is the Freedom of Information Act, which allows journalists and private citizens to file a request for public documents, which must then be provided if they do not fall under a handful of exceptions. One approach to FOIA requests is to provide only that information that is required by law to be released. Government bodies that are truly committed to transparency take the opposite approach by providing all the information they can, unless prohibited by law.

The internet certainly has increased access to information for everyone, and the village and the community’s two school districts all have sections on their websites where interested citizens can

find a wealth of information. Here’s a summary of what is available on each site.

• District 86

The FOIA portal on the district website at www.hinsdale86.org allows residents to submit FOIA requests and review a log of FOIA requests that have been filed and, in many cases, responsive documents. Several public documents are posted on the district’s website, including salary and compensation reports, annual budgets and collective bargaining agreements with teachers, support staff and service employees.

• District 181

The FOIA section on the district website at www.d181.org includes a guide to filing a FOIA request and a request form, along with a log of requests and responses dating back to July 1, 2014. Public documents posted on the website include contracts with teachers and support staff, budgets, annual comprehensive financial reports and salary and benefit reports.

• Village of Hinsdale

The village has a “Transparency” section on its website at www.villageofhinsdale.org that provides a FOIA request form. Public documents linked to the page include budgets, financial audits, property tax information and salary information for village staff.

COMMENTARY

Five I celebrate during Women’s History Month

Many Women’s History Month pieces focus on women whose names we all know — pioneers like Marie Curie or Rosa Parks. Or they might highlight less prominent figures like Rosalind Franklin, the British scientist whose work led to the Noble Prize-winning discovery of the double helix, the credit for which went to a group of men.

I’m taking a different approach and saluting women who, during the time they lived or worked here, left their mark on Hinsdale.

And on me.

• Ly Hotchkin

I first met the late Ly Hotchkin when she was executive director of The Community House and I was in my late 20s, working as managing editor at The Doings. Ly became the organization’s first executive director at a time when women didn’t hold such jobs. She was a force to be reckoned with, and I was duly intimidated. Fortunately, I got the chance to know her decades later when we were both in the cast of the Community Revue. With her strong mind and sharp wit, Ly was a delight

to be around. I feel very fortunate to have spent the limited time I did with her.

• Anna Rasmussen Stansbury

The timing never worked out for me to interview Anna Rasmussen Stansbury, but her name has been familiar to me since September 2001, when her husband, Robert, died in the south tower of the World Trade Center at age 42. I learned more about Anna after she remarried and was working to support her son, Sam, who had Duchenne muscular dystrophy. She and husband Chris worked to raise money for research, one year collecting more than \$50,000 by running the Chicago Marathon with a group called Sam’s Muscular Women. I have long been impressed by her strength and determination. She and Chris sold their Hinsdale home in 2019 and now live in Colorado.

• Mindy McMahon



Pamela Lannom

I was introduced to Mindy McMahon — as was the rest of Hinsdale — when she became principal at Madison School, a post she held for 23 years. She immediately struck me as a strong leader who was passionate about education. She also knew a thing or two about the importance of having fun, whether she was dressing up for Halloween or hula

hooping with students. I enjoyed the times I interviewed her and attending her retirement party in 2015.

• Teri Goudie

My earliest memories of the late Teri Goudie are from the summer I was assistant manager at the Hinsdale Community Pool. Someone pointed out a pregnant woman in a bikini (so Teri!) and told me she was the wife of TV newsman Chuck Goudie. I was impressed and, once again, a little intimidated. Teri was a wife and mother and so much more. She was an international media coach and communication

strategist with her own firm, Goudie Media. She was strong, driven, kind, generous and a great Community Revue castmate. She had the best brush with a celebrity (George Clooney) story I’ve ever heard. She passed away in 2022, just a few months after her last show.

• Jeannie Cella

Jeannie Cella started her 30-year career at Wellness House as an intern and retired in 2019 as president and CEO. She was motivated to work at the agency following the experience she had when her mother was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer in 1974 and died six months later. I always looked forward to interviewing Cella over the years and now enjoy seeing her occasionally on my block, where her son and his family bought a house a few years ago. My daughter even babysits for her grandson. Jeannie told me before she retired her career had been inspiring to her. She certainly has been inspiring to me.

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

GUEST COMMENTARY

Laken Riley is running on empty

The beginning of the run is the hardest part. It takes time for your body to warm up, settle into a new rhythm and get used to the higher level of oxygen.

People don't think that, though. They think that the longer you go, the harder it gets and the more tired you are. But that's not the case.

I have been a runner for as long as I can remember. As a former athlete, running has always been a part of me. I've had the same 3-mile running route through Hinsdale since the seventh grade, and a similar one here in Athens.

Running outside has always been a different kind of workout for me, one that's less about my body and more about my mind. How many times have I been stressed, sad or anxious, and grabbed my running shoes in pursuit of a clearer head? I can't even count.

Well, not anymore.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, Laken Riley, a 22-year-old nursing student, was murdered here on the UGA campus while she was out on her morning run. The 26-year-old man who killed Laken was an illegal immigrant.

When I heard, I couldn't help but wonder, "What makes Laken any different from me?" Just like Laken, I have hopes and dreams and a life just begging to be lived. Just like Laken, I regularly lace up my running shoes and begin my run outside without thinking twice about it.

UGA Police Chief Jeff Clark called Laken's death a "crime



Katie Hughes

of opportunity." But it was more than that. It was a crime of inaction and poor policy decisions by a government whose job it is to protect its citizens.

The murderer was the perpetrator, but those in power also were partly

responsible. Now, Laken's death has sparked a movement across the country of those who believe our immigration and bail policies are frivolous and dangerous. But that's a more complex story for a different day.

Right now, the story I want to tell is for women everywhere, who feel more afraid than they did before.

A survey conducted by Adidas in 2023 found that 92 percent of women feel concerned for their safety, with 51 percent feeling afraid of being physically attacked.

It's a shame that women fear for their lives when they go out for a run. They should not have to pick up their pace when a man passes by or hold their car keys in their hands as a makeshift weapon or preserve enough stamina because they think they may need to quickly escape.

The failure to protect Americans, especially women, is a problem we must address, before another young girl becomes the victim of a world that has failed her.

The first mile is always the hardest. Until the last mile. Laken Riley, rest in peace.

— Katie Hughes of Hinsdale is a senior at the University of Georgia. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

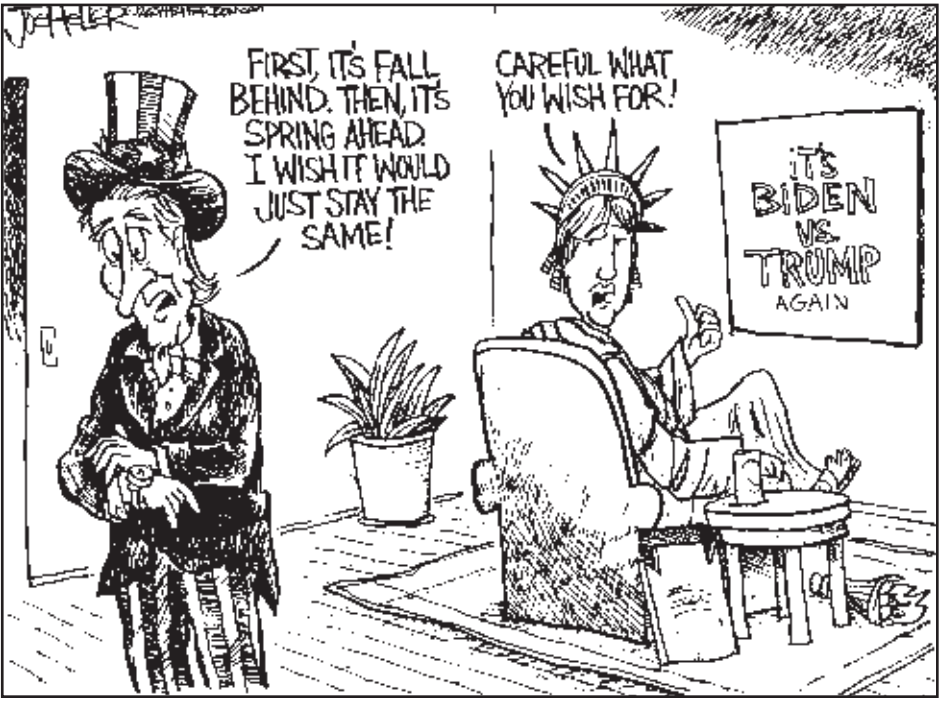
Support Community House at 'Artificial Hinstelligence'

I'd like to thank the people of the Hinsdale community who attended the 2024 Community Revue, "Artificial Hinstelligence." Our opening weekend was a spectacular success, with audiences raising the rooftops with their laughter.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph G. Cermak

Joseph "Joe" G. Cermak, 84, passed away peacefully at his Hinsdale home on March 5, 2024.

He was born in Chicago to Violet, nee Opatrny, and Joseph Jr.

He worked for Illinois Bell (IBEW 134) and later AT&T (CWA 165). Joe volunteered with Boy Scouts and Y Guides and Princesses. Joe enjoyed spending time with family and had many hobbies, including music, motorcycles, photography, hiking, camping, painting and model railroading.



Cermak

Joe was a dedicated husband, a loving father and a cherished grandfather. Joe will be remembered as a family man with a friendly nature who for many years was regularly seen taking his and Darlene's rescue dogs for walks in the neighborhood.

Joe is survived by his wife of 54 years, Darlene; his son, Joe P. (Bridget); his grandchildren, Joseph D. and Shannon; and his daughter, Katherine (Bill).

A celebration of Joe's life will be announced at a future time.

Maria C. Malone

Maria C. Malone, nee Sieritis, 69, of Oak Brook, formerly of Hinsdale, died Feb. 2, 2024.

Maria is survived by her husband, John Malone; her children, Jennifer (Andy) Siepker of Hinsdale and Megan (Michael) Golichowski, both of Hinsdale, and Marty Malone; her grandchildren, Sophia Eugenia, A.J., Theodore and William Siepker and M.J., Hank and Jack Golichowski; her brother, Christ Sieritis; and her nephews, aunt Tommy



Malone

and Michael Sieritis.

Services were held Feb. 9 at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester, followed by interment at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery in Oakbrook Terrace.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to LUNgevity Foundation, 228 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60604 or online at www.lungevity.org.

Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Nancy A. Nicholson

Nancy A. Nicholson, nee Swaback, 85, of Lombard, formerly of Hinsdale, died March 8, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Nicholson; and her brother, David (the late Gail) Swaback.

She is survived by her siblings, James (Elaine) Swaback, Janet (Alan) Battles, Susan (Patrick) Hunt, Raymond (Cynthia) Swaback, Loretta Swaback and Theodore (Diane) Swaback; and



Nicholson

nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

A funeral Mass was said March 12 St. Mary Gostyn Church in Downers Grove.

Entombment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

Adams-Winterfield and Sullivan Funeral Home in Downers Grove handled the arrangements.



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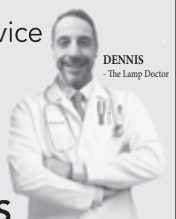
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How did you unearth vintage bottles?

That which lurks beneath has been preoccupying Hinsdale's Bronson Welch recently.

The Clarendon Hills Middle School sixth-grader recently visited Graue Mill on an unseasonably warm winter day to explore Salt Creek, flowing considerably shallower nowadays due to a dam removal.

"All I was doing was just trying to walk the creek because it was cool," Bronson said.

As he walked, his sharp vision spied long buried bottles that had been exposed by the receded waters. Some were camouflaged by the creek bed.

"The bottom of a bottle looks kind of like a rock," he said, holding up one of the roughly 20 specimens he's recovered.

The amateur archaeologist also had to watch his footing at the same time he was scanning for artifacts from generations past.

"I tripped a few times and got soaked by the water," Bronson

related with a laugh. "I was like, 'At this point, I'm just going to keep finding bottles. I don't care if I trip.'"

"Some of them were just on a log, and there was this little island made of rocks with a ton of bottles on it," he added.

Bronson's intrepid spirit led him to some fascinating finds, including long-discontinued brands like Hi-Q soda and Old Dutch root beer.

"I find it cool because these things are very rare (now)," he said. "At the time it was something you could just buy at the store, but people underestimated how rare they were going to be and they probably just threw it into the creek and they got stuck in the dam."

Other retrieved relics with still legible labels include a Black Kow ("Just a swell drink") and a mid-century Mountain Dew (back when it touted its "hillbilly" origins). Classic milk bottles as well as a magnum-size bottle bring diversity to the collection.

Online efforts to gauge their value have already begun, Bronson revealed.

"They can be worth anywhere from \$25 to \$1,000. It depends on the size, too," he said. "There are probably some collectors on the internet that will offer a lot for those."

Bronson said his experience has taught him some good rules of thumb.

"Wear tall boots. I made the mistake of not wearing them," he said, adding that algae-covered rocks are extremely slippery.

"Beware of broken glass. Always bring a stick for balance and for poking at things to see if there's broken glass. And make sure to bring gloves so you can put it in a bag."

Removing all non-native objects helps the environment, said the self-described fan of frogs.

"If you see any Styrofoam, golf balls, plastic, anything, grab it," Bronson said. "Put trash in a bag separate from the glass bottles."

As for where the youngster plans to house his trove, Bronson said he and his parents are considering several options to allow the public access to these pieces of history.

"We could give them to a place that could put them on display, probably like a public library or something. Possibly give them to a museum," he said. "We're still brainstorming ideas."

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale's Bronson Welch is more accustomed to tracking wildlife along Salt Creek than the array of vintage bottles he captured during an excursion last month. "This is the first time I've ever found stuff like this," he said. (Jim Slonoff photo)





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IN FOCUS



Madison's got talent

Madison School held its annual variety show Feb. 25 at Hinsdale Central. More than 100 students took part in the show, which had 26 acts. Santiago Aguirre performs "Tacata." Vivian Suliga, Alina Pacyga, Leah Kozmic and Jill Lobbezoo perform with the third-grade girls' Madison Red and Blue Act. Maggie Cat Bower, Caroline Hendrie, Madelyn Rice, Hazel Getz, Elle Meyer and Izzy Bower were part of the Daisy Girl Scout Sisters act. Smith Wood, Everett Foster, Azeem Khaja, Braxton Cirone and Teddy Crist were in the Second Grade Dance Off group. And Julien Charles sang "All the Small Things" with the fourth/fifth grade band. (Jim Slonoff photos)



Salt Creek Ballet performs 'Don Quixote'

Students and guest artists present story of knight's quest to find his ideal partner

By Pamela Lannom
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Erica De La O, artistic director of Salt Creek Ballet, wants to do more than create learning experiences for her students. She wants to create wonderful performances for the community.

So, for the third year in a row, the troupe's spring performance will be of a full-length ballet, "Don Quixote."

"I immediately recognized — although the triple bills of three individual dances or excerpts were entertaining — they didn't really serve the community because there is a story missing," said De La O, who joined the company in the 2021-22 season. So the ballet performed "Swan Lake" two years ago and "Alice in Wonderland" last year.

The ballets are trimmed down from their original length. "Don Quixote," for example, has three hours of music, of which dancers will perform to about an hour and 10 minutes.

"We get better every year at finding ways to really make it family friendly and keep the integrity of the storyline and the iconic dancing," she said.

Among the show's highlights are performances by dancers from Cuba in the principal roles of Kitri and Basilio.

"We bring in international guest artists to really elevate the performance, and then our dancers do the meat of the dancing in terms of the roles," De La O said.

Among the Salt Creek contingent are three Hinsdale residents, including 13-year-old Cara Hurley, who has been with the company since she was 3.

"Whenever we were watching 'Little Einsteins,' the music would play and



Shortly after performing in Salt Creek Ballet's "The Nutcracker" before the holidays, Emma Botha (clockwise from top left), Caroline Hurley and Lily Bier began rehearsing for "Don Quixote," which will be on stage March 22-23 in Glen Ellyn. (photos provided)

I was always dancing to it," Cara said. "My mom thought maybe I would be a dancer and she put me in ballet."

The Hinsdale Middle School eighth-grader has danced in 15 to 20 shows with Salt Creek and is looking forward to performing in "Don Quixote."

"I find it really fun and connecting," she said. "It's like a whole community through each act. All three pieces are just so beautiful and specific and the costumes also go with each character, which is really fun and you get to be with your friends and dance together like a little village."

Cara was familiar with the ballet from performing in a dream scene for one of the company's recitals, but she didn't know much of the story of the famous knight.

"My dad knew about it so he kind of told me about it," she said.

Lily Bier, 14, also an

eighth-grader at Hinsdale Middle School, has been dancing with Salt Creek Ballet since first grade. Like Hurley, she has been in too many shows to count.

"My favorite overall performance that we've ever done was 'Alice in Wonderland,'" Lily said. "It was so much fun."

She is enjoying "Don Quixote" as well.

"I really do like it. It's creative and there's a lot of theater in it," she said.

Lily's favorite number is a character danced called "Seguidilla," which the students learned from Vera Zhukova.

"She's amazing," Lily said. "She teaches us how to act and move our bodies and character is a big part of ballet."

Emma Botha, 11, a sixth-grader at Clarendon Hills Middle School, started dancing with Salt Creek when she was 4. She said rehearsals can be exhausting but often

are invigorating.

"Sometimes I'm just glad to be at rehearsal and I want to say there longer," Emma said.

The girls said they enjoy working with guests artists. "They inspire me a lot," Emma said.

De La O said her students benefit from watching the guest artists do everything from warm up to deal with costume issues to perform.

"Kids notice every detail. That's what they do. We always try to choose guest artists who are going to be an example to them, that we now are going to guide them well," she said.

And the students respond.

"They step up to become professionals as well," she remarked.

De La O assured families that "Don Quixote," on stage March 22 and 23 at the McAninch Arts Center in Glen Ellyn (see Page 26 for details), will entertain audience members

of all ages.

"It is one of the most iconic ballets in the ballet repertoire," she said. "It's on the same level as 'Swan Lake' or 'Giselle' or 'Nutcracker.' This ballet is notorious for just good dancing and good music. It is full of fans and tambourines and snapping fingers and jumping and feel good dancing."

"It really is a vibrant ballet and I'm excited to share it with the community because I want them to know 'Don Quixote,'" she added.

A special "Fiesta de la Familia" will take place after the 1 p.m. show Saturday, giving children a chance to come on stage, meet the dancers and learn a short fan dance.

"We want families to feel comfortable taking their children, and we want children to feel comfortable going to the theater and know it's for them," De La O said.



Michelle Olejnik (left) and Hinsdale's Maria Ziemer (right) and Emily Campbell perform in "Artificial Hinstelligence," the 2024 Community Revue. For more information on this weekend's shows, turn to Page 26. (photo courtesy of Curt Patrick/Icon3Studios)

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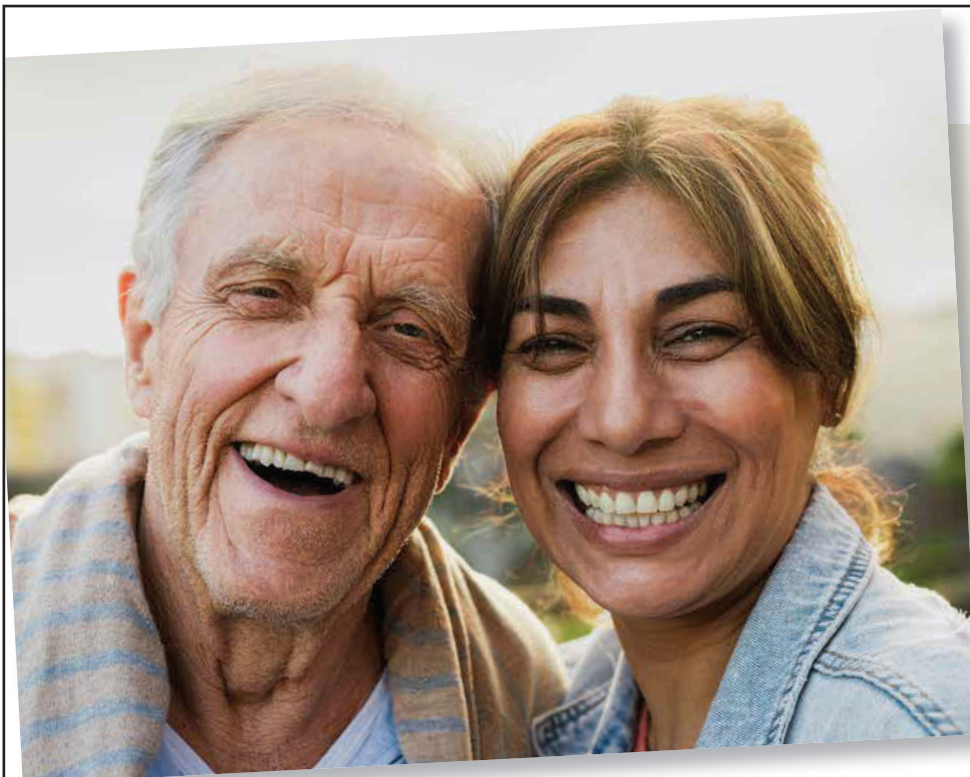
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HJWC ‘Disco Dreams’ launches Hinsdale into spring

It’s around this time of year — when the green shoots of tulips are looking promising, daffodils are already bursting open, and bees are thinking seriously about waking up — that your social calendar might also be starting to feel like it’s equally blooming with activities. It’s spring in Hinsdale.

With so many events around the corner, I wanted to draw your attention to one event that’s getting extra buzz this year: the HJWC (“Juniors”) benefit gala, “Disco Dreams.” This year’s event, which falls on Saturday, April 20, at Pella Signature in Burr Ridge, promises to be the most talked-about event in April. With live entertainment, plus a DJ, heavy passed hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction and raffles, there is sure to be something to catch everyone’s eye. Additionally, Juniors has curated a “VIP experience” that includes a private bar with dedicated servers, complimentary champagne and access to premium spirits.

However, beyond the sparkle of what will no doubt look like a

high-end fashion show in real time, the mission of HJWC really takes center stage. A few years ago in 2018, Juniors changed the way it distributed funds, moving from a one-non-profit-takes-all model to a grant-based system. In this new(ish) style, organizations apply for a grant (not to exceed \$50,000), in which they detail the request and include three quotes from outside sources that would meet their needs.

The HJWC Philanthropy Committee then thoroughly vets the grants for financial stability, need and mission. Grant finalists are invited to present their requests to groups from the larger Juniors organization. From there, the attending Juniors score how dire they feel the need is based on the grant presentation, and make note of whether the grant could be partially awarded instead of fully funded. On voting night in May, after the final tally from benefit is revealed,



Allison Peters
Society spotlight

the Juniors vote to distribute the money, down to the last penny.

As a longstanding member of HJWC (although an associate member this year), I’ve personally been to voting night many times and I can tell you that it’s my favorite night of the club year. It’s easy to lose sight of the service when so much media focus goes to the social, but philanthropy is at the very heart of HJWC.

Unfortunately, the need continues to exceed what the Juniors raise — which is saying something, considering that last year’s benefit raised nearly half a million dollars. This year, the total of requested grants exceeds \$1.3 million. Some of the funded grants in the past have included musical instruments for schools in at-risk neighborhoods, refrigerated trucks for food pantries, improvements in living conditions for domestic violence shelters and beds for children in

low-income housing.

“We have new organizations applying for grants each year, and we do as well this year,” HJWC President Lauren Markham said. “In fact, we have more organizations asking for \$50,000 grants than ever in the past. It’s clear that in this economy, our communities need us more than ever and we hope to help fulfill their needs as best we can.”

Tickets are still available for “Disco Dreams” through www.hjwc.us — where you can also find information on grant applications and scholarships, as well as service work and social opportunities for HJWC members.

For those unable to attend, sponsorship and donation opportunities exist, as well as the chance to bid on silent auction items. Either way, we’ll all be looking forward to the social media posts of Juniors dancing the night away.

— Allison Peters of Hinsdale is the paper’s society columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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Elite will select all teams, which may be co-ed. Efforts will be made to place individuals from the same school together. Practices are at TPS Sports+Fitness in Willow Springs from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays and at the Connect 44 Center in Lombard from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays. Cost: \$288. RR, MD

■ Competitive Mah Jongg Open Play

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

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

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Signs of Spring

March 16
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
www.fpdcc.com
(630) 257-2045

Join this walk to look for signs of spring's arrival and learn how plants and animals respond to the longer days. Time: 1 p.m. RR

■ Wildlife Tracking and Observation

March 17
McDowell Grove
4S500 Raymond Drive, Naperville
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 942-6200

Reconnect with nature by developing an acute awareness of the stories told by local wildlife and the natural world through observation and deduction. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Wine and Woodcocks

March 21
The Preserve at Oak Meadows
900 N. Wood Dale Road, Addison
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 933-7248

Grab a glass of wine and learn about the mysterious life

led by the American woodcock before embarking on a twilight walk to watch these odd birds as they dance across the sky. For ages 21 and up only. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

■ Women's Wilderness Walk

March 23
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Celebrate Women's History Month with a guided walk, and learn about women who helped shape the conservation field. Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ Maple Sugaring

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

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Mental Health Tune-Ups

March 17
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
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(708) 839-6897

Help raise awareness of the importance of mental health while benefiting from time spent in nature. Time: noon. RR

■ The Healing Power of Meditation

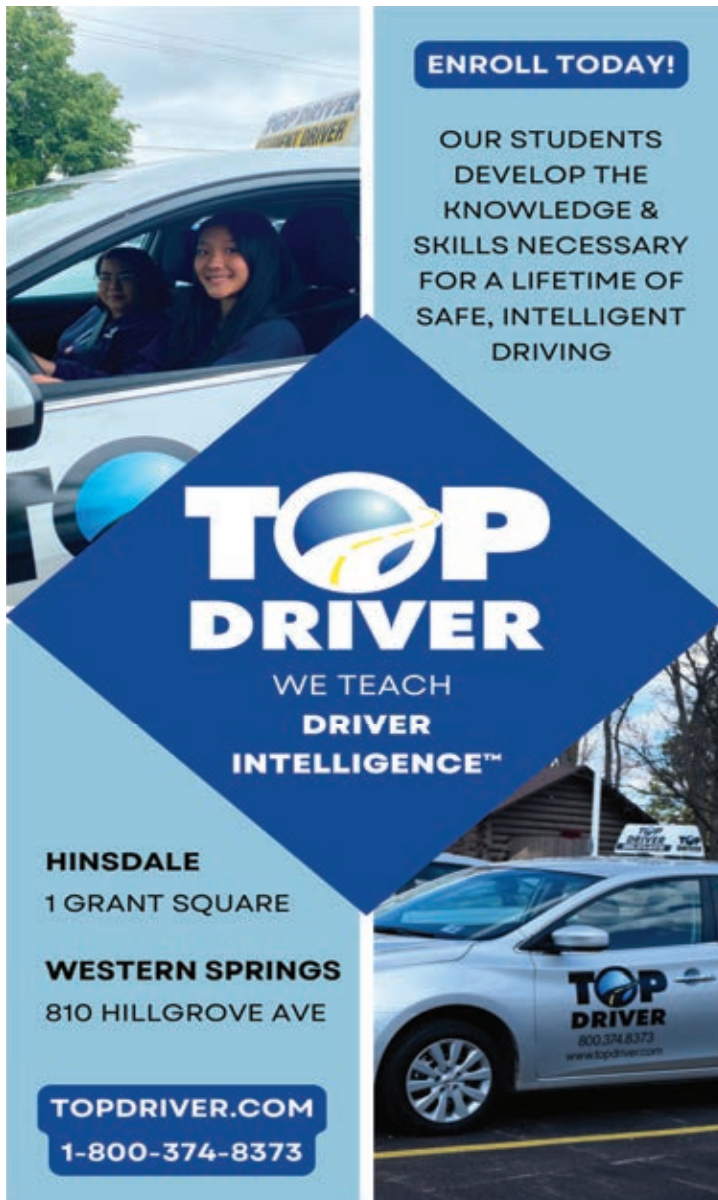
March 20
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Gain tools to cope with everyday stress and enhance relaxation as instructor Zelma Pierce Chamberlain shares how meditation can improve physical, mental and spiritual health. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Burning Beats

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JUST FOR KIDS

■ Kids Can Cook

March 25
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids in grades three through five are invited to make and enjoy the best sweet and savory snacks! Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

■ Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors

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

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

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Ruth E. Carter and Costume Design

March 20
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976
In this virtual program, the two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer of the "Black Panther" franchise will discuss how she develops an authentic story through costume and character. Her research and diligence to the craft also was evident in her work on Spike Lee's "Malcolm X," Steven Spielberg's "Amistad" and Ava DuVernay's "Selma." Carter will be joined in conversation with Aisha Harris, co-host of NPR's Pop Culture Happy Hour. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries

Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Regenerating Communities with Permaculture

March 21
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

In the North Lawndale neighborhood on Chicago's west side, the transformation of vacant lots into accessible green spaces that employ the techniques of permaculture is enabling community members to grow food, find healing and create a safer and healthier environment. Learn about the principles and ethics of permaculture and how they have been applied successfully in North Lawndale and beyond. This program is offered both in person and online. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$24. RR, MD

NOTEWORTHY

■ SBC Voice Finalists

March 17
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
5739 Dunham Road,
Downers Grove
www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org

Sinfonietta Bel Canto presents its annual showcase of young vocal talent. The program features a performance of Borowski's "Peintures," along with voice finalists singing pieces from Mozart, Fauré, Rossini, Donizette and more. Awards will be presented at the end of the concert. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$22 for seniors, \$8 for students.

■ Ostrega Uhl Project

March 22
Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S. Garfield Ave.
www.eventcreate.com/e/bestofbrahms

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ON SCREEN

■ 'Flamin' Hot'

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

The Global Flicks Series continues with the inspiring story of Richard Montañez who, as a Frito Lay janitor, disrupted the food industry by channeling his Mexican heritage to turn Flamin' Hot Cheetos from a snack into an iconic global pop culture phenomenon. Then return to the MAC at 7 p.m. April 4 for An Evening with Richard Montañez to hear more about his journey, including a talk with MAC director Diana Martinez and audience Q&A. He also will sign copies of his book, "Flamin' Hot." Admission for the April 4 program is \$10. Film times: 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

ON STAGE

■ 'Artificial Hinstelligence'

March 15-16
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
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■ 'The Odd Couple (Female Version)'

March 15-17
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com
(708) 246-4043

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Repertory presents this fresh spin on Neil Simon's classic comedy by reimagining Felix and Oscar as Florence and Olive, mismatched roommates navigating the ups and downs of friendship and domestic life in 1980s New York City. Times: 7 p.m. March 15, 3 & 7 p.m. March 16, 2 p.m. March 17. Tickets: \$16, \$13 for ages 18 and under.

■ 'Don Quixote'

March 22-23
McAninch Arts Center
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.saltcreekballet.org

Salt Creek Ballet presents this work drawing inspiration from Miguel de Cervantes' epic 17-century novel with compositions of Ludwig Minkus. The ballet narrates the tale of Don Quixote, an imaginative old knight who, spurred by a vision, embarks on a quest with his loyal companion Sancho Panza to find the idealized Dulcinea. The performance is 90 minutes, including intermission. The Fiesta de Familia is included

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■ New Moms Book Group

March 19
The Cube @ The Standard Market
333 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Moms with children under the age of 5 — and especially brand new moms — are invited to join this monthly

gathering sponsored by the Hinsdale Public Library to discuss and relax. This month's title is "Now is Not the Time to Panic" by Devin Wilson. Copies are available on the Book Club Holds shelf at the library. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

SPRING BREAK

■ Spring Break Camp

March 25-29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5-13 will enjoy different activities each day at this camp, including art, science and STEM. Campers will go on a field trip March 27. Sign up for the entire week or on a daily basis. Children should pack a sack lunch daily. Extended hours are available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for an additional fee. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$400 for the week, \$85 per day. RR, MD

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www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

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9 to 11:30 a.m.. Kids 10-12 can attend Animal Advocates Camp from noon to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$50 per day.

■ Pitcher, Catcher & Infielder Skills Camp

March 25-28

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

Kids ages 7-12 can prepare

for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons by working on infield and outfield positioning, footwork, double plays and more. Pitchers will learn proper form and age appropriate grips, and catchers will get tips on framing to get strike calls. Time: 10:30 to noon. Cost: \$100.

■ Soccer Camp

March 25-28

The Community House

415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 6-10 will sharpen their skills and knowledge of soccer fundamentals such as passing, dribbling, shooting, ball control, stealing the ball from opposing teams and defense along with teamwork and sportsmanship through fun games, competitions and skill-building activities. Time:

1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$133. RR, MD

STEPPING BACK

■ Leslie Goddard as Rachel Carson

March 23

Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
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Thank you, Hinsdale for two unforgettable events!

Hundreds of Hinsdaleans passed through our doors in February for two signature annual events: WDCB's Jammin' in the Stacks, where patrons enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres while listening to the Julia Danielle Quartet, and Lunar New Year, where families were treated to a talent show and crafts.

We would like to thank the Friends of the Hinsdale Public Library—members and donors alike—for making our special events possible. Area businesses like Tommy R's Catering, Kramer's, SavWay, Katy's Dumplings, and Chiba Japanese also contributed. Finally, our talented performers and volunteers ensure the events are entertaining, enriching, and well run. Thank you, Hinsdale!



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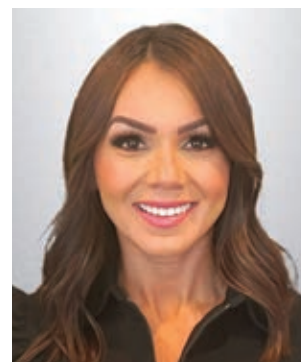
1. **BETTER WEATHER:** In many regions, spring brings milder temperatures and more pleasant weather. This can make your home more visually appealing, as gardens bloom, trees regain their leaves, and overall curb appeal is enhanced.
2. **DAYLIGHT HOURS:** Longer daylight hours in spring provide more opportunities for potential buyers to view homes after work or on weekends. This extended period of natural light allows for better visibility and showcases your home in its best light.
3. **SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Families with children often prefer to move during the summer to minimize disruption to their childrens' education. Selling in spring allows for a closing date in early summer, aligning with the end of the school year and making your home more appealing to families.
4. **PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS:** Spring is associated with a sense of new beginnings and fresh starts. Potential buyers may be more motivated and optimistic during this time, leading to a higher likelihood of making a decision to purchase.
5. **TAX REFUNDS:** Many people receive tax refunds in the spring, providing them with extra funds that they may consider using for a home purchase. This can potentially increase the pool of motivated buyers.
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In this historical portrayal, Goddard performs as the famed biologist and author who warned the world of the potentially dire environmental impact of chemical pesticides in her best-selling 1962 book, "Silent Spring." Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

TEEN & TWEENS

■ **Teen Game Time**
March 15 & 22
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Play Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch or enjoy a classic board game in the Community Meeting Room. Time: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

■ **Teen Self-Defense Workshop**
March 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500
Middle school and high

school students will be introduced to basic physical self-defense skills and techniques focusing on the areas of mindset, skill set and planning. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$41. RR, MD

■ **Babysitters Certification**
March 23
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 11-15 in this American Red Cross course will gain the skills to safely and responsibly provide care for children and infants, along with leadership skills and tools for developing a babysitting business. Participants receive a workbook, training materials and a certificate. Attendance is required for the entire day; participants should pack a sack lunch. Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$105. RR, MD

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GOOD NEWS

LOCALS HOST 'VOTE' GALA

DuPage County Board member Kari Galassi and former board member Greg Hart, both of Hinsdale, teamed up to host the first annual Bank Your Vote Gala Feb. 9 in Rosemont. The event brought together 750 Illinoisans and raised almost \$500,000 that will be used to encourage residents to vote early or by mail in the 2024 elections.

"We brought residents from around the state together for one of the largest gatherings of the Illinois Republican Party in recent memory," Galassi said Kari. "Hundreds of attendees have never donated to the state party and even more had never attended a Republican party event before. Republicans are energized, growing and ready to turn Illinois around in 2024."

Republicans need to establish early and mail-in voting as viable options, Hart said.

"We need more people participating in our democratic process, not fewer. To compete and win, it is critical that Republicans push back against the false narrative that early and mail-in voting are not acceptable options," he said.

A photo appears online at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean.

HINSDALE ASSEMBLY DONATES TO NICU

The Hinsdale Assembly has announced that the 2023 class of Debutantes and Honor Guards raised \$65,000 for the much-needed renovation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital, bringing the Assembly's total fundraising amount dedicated to the NICU to \$215,000.

Additionally, the Hinsdale Assembly is proud to name the 2024 Class of Debutantes and Honor Guards. These young women and men have begun their yearly philanthropy commitment, accomplished through participation at a number of community service projects at organizations including The Wellness House, Bethlehem Woods Retirement Community, HCS Family Services and more.

Their year of service will culminate with the Hinsdale Assembly Ball on Dec. 23 at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort.

"Service has been the Hinsdale Assembly's hallmark during its 61 years of existence," said Emily Van Houtte, Hinsdale Assembly chair. "This dedicated group of debutantes and honor guards will continue and expand on this wonderful tradition."

The 2024 Hinsdale Assembly class is embarking on its third year of the Assembly's five-year commitment to raise funds for the NICU, which has not been renovated in more than 20 years.

The members of the 2024 Hinsdale Assembly class are as follows.

2024 Debutantes

- Brynn Catherine Bauer, daughter of Deanne and Gregory Bauer
- Amelia Kate Fitzgerald, daughter of Dr. Julie and Richard Fitzgerald
- Hope Elizabeth Huizenga, daughter of Abigail and Peter Huizenga
- Alexis Frances Isenhardt, daughter of Natasha Isenhardt
- Surina Iyengar, daughter of Drs. Neha and Vivek Iyengar
- Elisa Conti Julian, daughter of Jenna and Kenneth Julian
- Audrey Caroline Kisluk, daughter of Debra and Peter Kisluk
- Elizabeth Peyton Lahmann, daughter of Janeline and Dr. Brian Lahmann
- Katelyn Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Tracy and Jeffrey Scott
- Ella Grace Simmons, daughter of Corlyn and Jeffrey Simmons
- Claire Elizabeth Witte, daughter of Mary and Christopher Witte

2024 Honor Guards

- Sebastian Bishoy Aziz, son of Drs. Nermeen and George Aziz
- Evan Joseph Bots, son of Karen and Theodore Bots
- Nicholas Joseph Calandra, son of Dr. Megan Dwyer and Dr. Carl Calandra
- Nathaniel James Curran,

son of Dr. Joanne Labriola Curran and James Curran

- Cuyler Francis Facchini, son of Margaret and Dr. Francis Facchini
- Colin Alexander Geier, son of Stephanie and Paul Geier
- Jacob Matthew Gupta, son of Jacqueline and Mark Gupta
- Aidan Daniel Hernandez, son of Therese and Jose Hernandez
- Peter Fox Hester, son of Heather and John Hester
- Xavier Rajeev Jashnani, son of Heather and Rajeev Jashnani
- Ethan James Loblaco, son of Jennifer and James Loblaco
- Andrew Olsson Lundgren, son of Lisa and Kurt Lundgren
- Charles Vincent Lynch, son of Jacqueline and Joseph Lynch
- Franco Mikel Monroy, son of Carolina and Frank Monroy
- James Terrance Melkus, son of Tonya and Paul Melkus
- Joseph Alexander Morrissey, son of Melanie and Francis Morrissey
- Oliver Jerrard Sackett Pohlenz, son of Jennifer Sackett Pohlenz and the late Julius Pohlenz
- Peter Mantei Smith, son of Ellen and Justin Smith
- Jack Nicholas Walsh, son of Lauren and John Walsh
- Emmet Robert Widtfeldt, son of Amanda Scott Widtfeldt
- Benjamin Roy Wittemann, son of Carol and Christopher Wittemann

CENTRAL STUDENT EARNS FELLOWSHIP

Patrick Dugan, a student at Hinsdale Central High School, has been awarded a 2024 national Student Fellowship from the Bill of Rights Institute.

Dugan was selected for the elite program from a nationwide pool of applicants, and will become part of a 2024 cohort that includes 25 students from 15 states.

As a Bill of Rights Institute Student Fellow, Dugan will participate in a six-month educational program and capstone educational trips to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.



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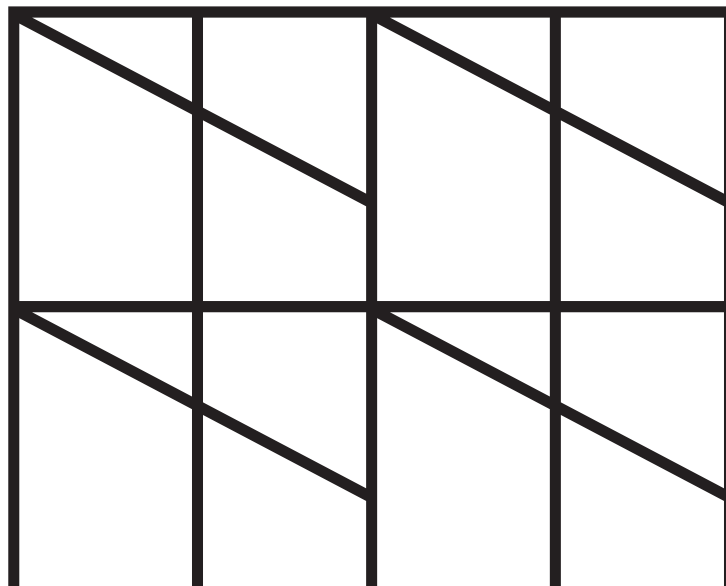
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BUNNY BREAKFASTS

■ **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**
March 23
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
(630) 323-7500
www.thecommunityhouse.org

Hop in for a delicious hot breakfast and one-on-one time with the Bunny. After breakfast, head over to Robbins Park for the egg hunt (see details below). Time: 9 to 10:15 a.m. Cost: \$37. RR, MD

EGG HUNTS

■ **Easter egg hunt**
March 23
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets
(630) 789-7090
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Kids ages 11 and younger are invited to bring a basket, hunt for treats and visit with the bunny. Areas will be divided by age group, with hunts starting every 10 minutes. Please be prompt. Time: 10:30 a.m. ages 3 and younger, 10:40 a.m. ages 4-5, 10:50 ages 6-7, 11 a.m. ages 8-9, 11:10 a.m. 10 and older.

■ **Bunny Hop**
March 23
Brookfield Zoo
8400 31st St.
www.czs.org

Hop on in with the kids for an all-day scavenger egg hunt throughout the zoo (while supplies last), a photo opp with the Bunny, educational spring activities and a Bunny Hop dance party. Seasonal food and beverages will be available for purchase. Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Zoo admission: \$29.95, \$24.95 for seniors, \$20.95 for ages 3-11, free for 2 and younger plus

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■ **Easter egg hunt**
March 24
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road,
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www.cantigny.org
Hundreds of plastic eggs will be hidden around the McCormick House at this colorful rain or shine event for all ages. Each child may redeem five eggs for a prize. Take a photo with Mr. and Mrs. Bunny and enjoy a screening of "Hop" in the visitors center at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Crafts, concessions and a brunch buffet also are available for a fee. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free with \$5 parking.

EASTER BRUNCH

■ **Brunch with the Bunny**
March 23, 30-31
Brookfield Zoo
8400 31st St.
www.czs.org

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

■ **Lucille Restaurant at Drury Lane**
March 31
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
www.lucillerestaurant.com
(630) 530-8300

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



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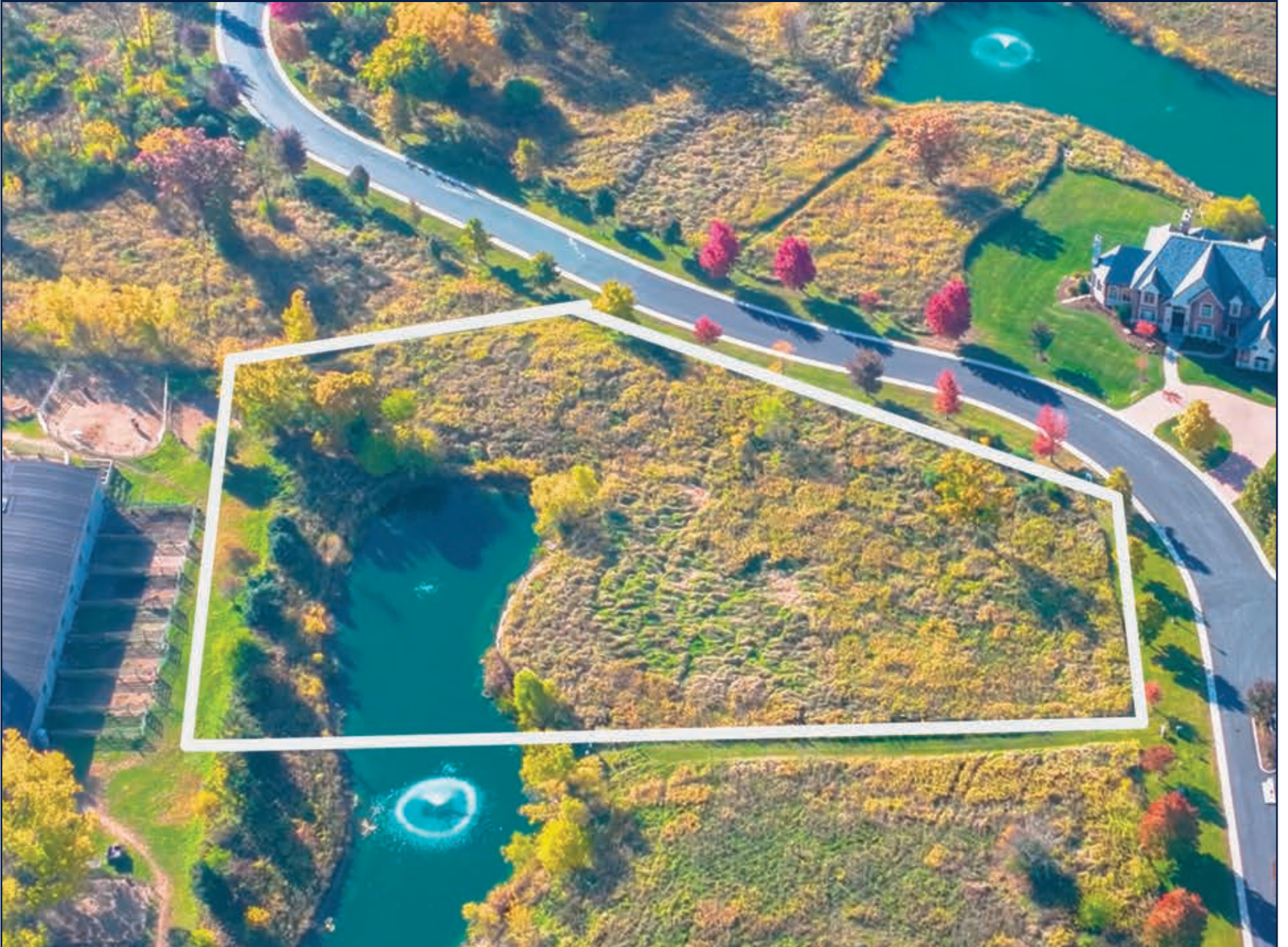
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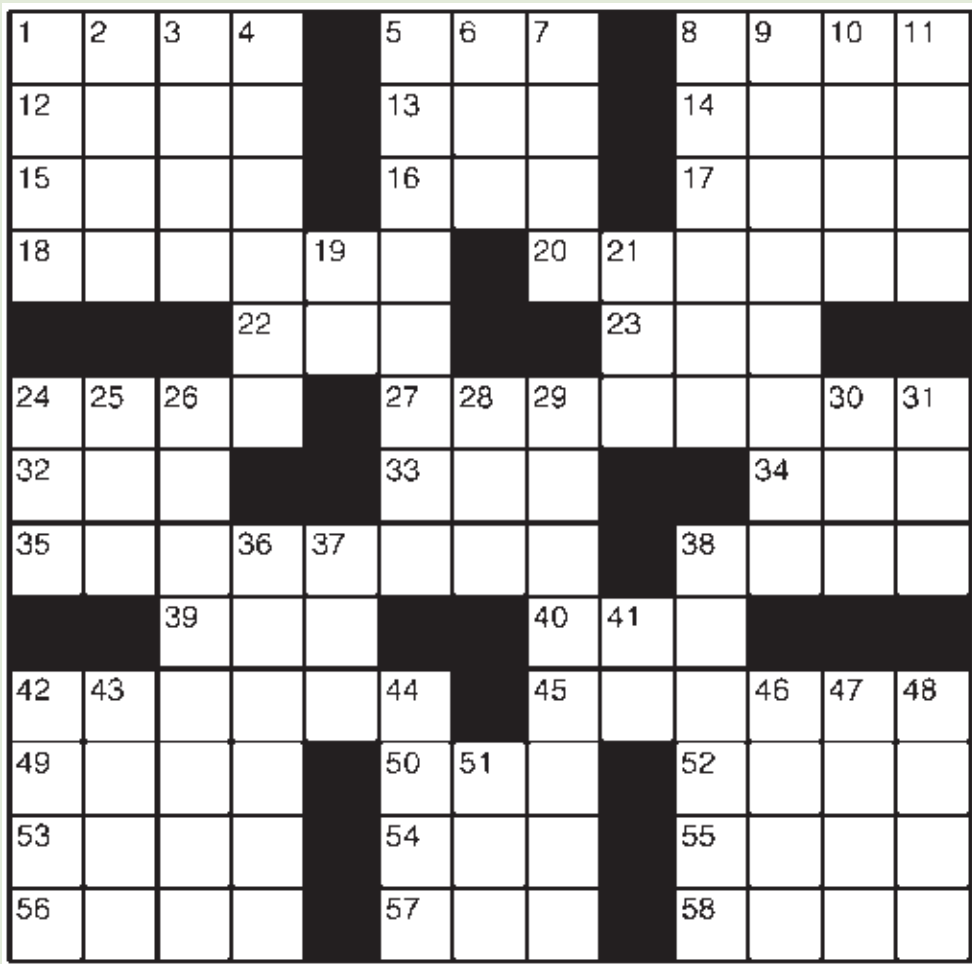


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by Linda Thistle

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HOROSCOPES

March 2024 Horoscopes • Week 3



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, take ownership of any actions that may have put you into a strained relationship with those close to you. Admitting mistakes is the first step in mending fences.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, this week you need to get back to business, especially if hobbies or other interests have been taking up much of your time lately. Avoid distractions at all costs.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, if you check the calendar lately, you are bound to find a number of dates are filled. You may want to consider slowing down; otherwise, you may prematurely burnout.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, over the next few days you may receive some offers from employers or entrepreneurs that seem very appealing. Before you jump into something new, do your homework.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you may only now be getting to those resolutions you made a few months ago, but better late than never. Focus on projects around the home that will revitalize your spaces.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
You may be excited about new prospects that are on the horizon, Taurus. With so much change coming, it can be exciting to see what lies in wait.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if expenses and finances have been troubling you of late, you can breathe a sigh of relief when things lighten up this week. Right now you are in a good spot financially.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, it will become obvious how others rely on you for advice and to get jobs done correctly. All of that responsibility can put extra pressure on you, so take it all in stride.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Physical activity can do wonders for you, Pisces. If you are feeling stressed, overwhelmed or even tired, take a walk or hit the gym for some exercise that can alleviate many symptoms.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you may discover that you are devoting a lot of attention to others of late, sometimes cutting into your own needs. Be attentive and caring, but pay attention to your own needs as well.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you will need to uphold your end of the bargain for the time being as others are counting on you delivering. You cannot dodge any responsibilities right now.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
This week you may discover that people are flocking to you left and right, Sagittarius. You will not have trouble making new friends if you so desire.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Marc Cihlar
Clarendon Hills

How did get started in gymnastics?
I started when I was really young, maybe 4 years old, because my older brother was doing it and I thought it was cool.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?
I think it's everything a sport should have. There's a team aspect. There's an individual aspect.

What is your favorite event?
Horizontal bar. I think it's the most fun event where you can just do as many flips as possible. It might be the highest risk event, but I think it's just the most fun because it's the highest risk.

What is your most challenging event?
Probably pommel horse. It's very hard.

How have you improved since your freshman year?
In sixth grade I stopped doing gymnastics, so my freshman year was me just getting back into it. It was pretty hard to get back into it, but I had some great coaches and they helped me improve a lot.

Do you have any pre-meet rituals or routines?
I usually pray before every meet. Sometimes I envision me doing the skills on each

event. That usually works well.

What is the best advice you've gotten from a coach?
Don't take it too seriously. In gymnastics, you fall a lot, and if you fall in an event and you take it way too seriously, then you are going to do really bad on the rest of the events.

What is your goal for the season?
My goal for the season is probably to place on high bar in state, because I was close last year.

How would your teammates describe you?
Probably as a positive person that likes to cheer on our team and other teams and someone that jokes around a lot and tries to help.

Any other athletic accomplishments?
I used to do karate when I was younger, and I got my black belt when I was 12 or 13.

Why does coach CJ Johnson like having Cihlar on the team?
In my opinion, Marc Cihlar is a talented gymnast. He continues to show so much promise. He scores at the state level for us on several events, which is an inspiration to his team.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS


Badminton, girls March 12 @ LT Quad vs. Wheaton Warrenville South V wins 8-0 vs. Lockport V wins 8-0 vs. LT V wins 8-0	Gymnastics, boys March 8 @ LT Invite V places 3rd with 123.4 points Floor exercise Cihlar, 7th, 8.3 Theotikos, 9th, 7.7 McDaniel, 11th (tie), 7.3 Pommel horse Theotikos, 2nd, 8.6 Cihlar, 8th, 6.8 Truong, 19th (tie), 4.6 Still rings Cihlar, 4th, 7.9 Ashby, 17th, 6 Theotikos, 18th (tie), 5.9 Vault Cihlar, 2nd, 8.2 Theotikos, 10th, 6.65 Ravanasa, 19th (tie),	6.15 Parallel bars Cihlar, 5th, 7.7 Theotikos, 7th, 7.5 Ravanasa, 22nd, 5.7 Horizontal bar Cihlar, 1st, 8.5 Theotikos, 8th, 5.7 Ashby, 15th (tie), 4.2 All around Cihlar, 3rd (tie), 47.4 Theotikos, 7th, 42.05	Soccer, girls March 11 @ City Suburb Connect Invite vs. De La Salle V wins 2-0 McDonnell, goal Rohn, goal DiTomasso, assist	Track, boys March 9 @ York Invite 55-meter dash McInerney, 7th, 6.81 Bots, 12th, 6.93 Lyne, 16th, 6.97 200 meters McInerney, 10th, 23.85 Tingler, 15th, 24.35 Parkins, 18th, 24.54	400 meters Parkins, 4th, 53.03 Bots, 7th, 54.15 Coan, 11th, 54.76 600 meters Tarasi, 2nd, 1:29.13 Costello, 4th, 1:32.31 Miller, 10th, 1:36.82 800 meters Kurimay, 3rd, 2:10.05 Rogers, 10th, 2:13.67 Garg, 11th, 2:13.91 1,600 meters Revord, 7th, 4:40.35 Ferren, 16th, 4:51.65 Mikaili, 27th, 4:57.81 3,200 meters Lyall, 7th, 11:29.55 Ahmed, 8th, 11:29.81 Tims, 9th, 11:39.57 55-meter hurdles Webb, 7th, 10.13 Moudgil, 10th, 10.3 55-meter low hurdles Webb, 2nd, 9.15 4x400-meter relay Miller, Tarasi, Dillenburg, Costello, 6th, 3:56.1 Shot put Stamer, 3rd, 14.02m Koschik, 4th, 12.87m	Tamas, 9th, 11.68m High jump Stach, 5th, 1.6m Nedic, 6th, 1.6m Pole vault Khatau, 6th, 3.81m Bystriansky, 15th, 2.59m Long jump McInerney, 2nd, 5.95m Parkins, 6th, 5.62m Folkmann, 16th, 4.96m Triple jump Eden, 6th, 11.1m	Schmeltz, goal March 9 @ Conant Invite vs. St. Charles North V loses 1-8 March 8 vs. Curie V wins 12-2
	Water polo, girls March 12 @ York V loses 3-16 March 9 vs. Red Devil Invite vs. Bremen V loses 4-12 March 6 vs. Stagg V wins 18-7 Van Houtte, 7 goals, 3 assists Manning, 3 goals, 3 assists Azeem, 3 goals S. Warren, 2 goals, 2 assists Deppe, goal, 2 assists Keating, goal Tobolski, goal Cunningham, assist Tonjes, 7 saves Kennedy, 4 saves Kucklick, 2 saves						
	Track, girls March 8 @ Batavia Distance Madness 1,600 meters Boyd, 37th, 5:28.18 Griffin, 46th, 5:30.91 Satre, 53rd, 5:33.29						
	Water polo, boys March 11 vs. Homewood-Flossmoor V wins 15-2 Bernacki, 3 goals Carmody, 3 goals Driscoll, 3 goals Halabi, 3 goals Young, 2 goals						


Instant replay





Hinsdale
Central's Anna Deppe releases a shot that would find the back of the goal, while teammate and goalie Allie Tonjes reaches up to make a save during a match against Glenbard South Saturday morning as part of the Red Devil Water Polo Invite. (Jim Slonoff photos)


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AWAY SCHEDULE 2024



Devils ready to meet their matches

Central coaches discuss schools' badminton, boys gymnastics and volleyball teams

By Ken Knutson
kknutson@thehinsdalean.com

Hinsdale Central's 2024 spring sports action continues this week with a look at the perennially competitive girls badminton squad and the reloading boys gymnastics and volleyball programs.

Last week's opener in our four-part season preview series featured girls and boys track, and boys and girls water polo. Next week swings into baseball, softball and boys tennis.

Girls badminton

First match: March 12 @ LT Quad (V places XX)

Last year: conference & sectional champion, 6th at state

Head coach: Katie Maley
Seasons as head coach: 14

Varsity team members: 12

Team strengths: Both of my doubles teams are returning, so that makes my life a lot easier. They got great experience at the state tournament last year, and I'm looking for great things from both of the doubles teams. I know that they have the mental toughness going into our big Saturday tournaments.

Areas for growth: We're looking to rebuild the singles positions. I do not yet know who my No. 2 is. I will be working hard at practice to figure that out.

Who to watch: My senior doubles team of Yanning Jiao and Rachele Kameli. They medaled last year at the state tournament. My junior doubles team of Hannah Fang and Tiffany Tu also are back. Freshman Sara Han is hoping to carry on the Han tradition that her older sisters established, and she's just as strong as her sisters were.

Season outlook: I'm

really hoping that my both doubles teams will medal this year. I'm really confident that my seniors will step up, and I'm confident that my juniors will as well. I'm just really hoping that we can place fifth or better in the state tournament. It'd be great to get some hardware, whether that's individually or as a team. Our conference is good, always, but that helps us improve because we're regularly playing really highly skilled teams.

Boys gymnastics

First match: March 1 @ Wanner Invite (V placed 4th)

Last year: 3rd in conference, 3rd in sectional

Head coach: CJ Johnson
Seasons as head coach: 6

Varsity team members: 16

Team strengths: We have veterans Marc Cihlar and Nikolas Theotikos back along with junior Kyle Ashby, and we really do have a good group of freshmen, too. The kids that we have right now are working really hard. It's a fun teaching place right now with the young guys.

Areas for growth: We are shorthanded, but it's important to keep working well in the gym. We came right out of the gun (in our first meets) doing all of our big stuff but weren't always ready. We've cut back a little bit and let the kids keep training to build their confidence. Perhaps they're going to pick it up as the season goes on.

Who to watch: Along with Marc, Nikolas and Kyle, sophomore Brady McDaniel is going to help us be better. Freshmen Lance Irvin Delapena and Logan DeLeon are developing, and we can go a long way with



The Red Devil badminton, boys gymnastics and boys volleyball teams are all looking for encouraging starts and strong finishes to their 2024 seasons. (file photos)

these young guys.

Season outlook: My take on it right now is that the conference title could be close between Downers North and LT. I really believe that we're going to come close to pushing those top teams. I've got to make sure that the boys are excited about themselves and the sport. Injuries are part of it, but you got to work through it to a point. The attitude of the kids is outstanding. It's fantastic to see the growth, no matter how small it is. The kids want to do the best that they can do for the program.

Boys volleyball

First match: March 19 @ Lincoln-Way East

Last year: 25-14, regional champion, lost in sectional semifinal

Head coach: Tom Gilbert

Seasons as head coach: 3

Varsity team

members: 13

Team strengths: This is year three for me, so now a lot of the kids now know what my expectations are with the program, which is nice. We're young, but because they're young, they're very eager to learn. I've got four seniors total, and my setter, a junior, has been on varsity since he was a freshman. We've got a lot of good raw talent.

Areas for growth: I've been blessed to have two very talented teams the past two years. This will be the first one for some of guys who were on varsity before to see what it's like to really come from the ground up. It's a rebuild, at the end of the day. I'm hoping to see my young players wanting to go out and compete. When you have a young team, the varsity level can get intimidating fast. The skills are going to come. I'm not expecting us to be as talented as we have in the past due to lack of experience, but I think

the difference will be having that excitement in the players to truly want to win.

Who to watch: Team captains are senior outside hitter Matt Ruth, senior middle hitter Damian Hogervorst and junior setter Harry Hughes. Sophomores Ken Reodica and John Lynch are competing to be my starting libero. Sophomore outside hitter Micah Drescher has very strong legs and has always been athletic, and sophomore outside hitter Everett Haworth has got an amazing vertical.

Season outlook: Glenbard West has almost all of their starters returning from their state championship team last year. And they beat LT in the final. I think Downers Grove North has the potential to go down state. Most of these kids play with each other (in clubs), so it's fun to see them playing against their teammates and see who kind of comes out on top.

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