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## Outdoor education

**Monday's eclipse provided** some a real time astronomy lesson to students across the village. Students in District 181 and in District 86 went outdoors to view the solar eclipse, which reached about 90 percent coverage here. Madison School fourth-graders Zarah Gupta, Stella Halkias, Cora Sullivan, Melissa Macri, Emmy Schreiber and Eve Goodwin found a perfect spot to watch the eclipse progress. Please turn to Page 36 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



### Senior skills

Speakers part of TCH's Senior Services Day April 16.

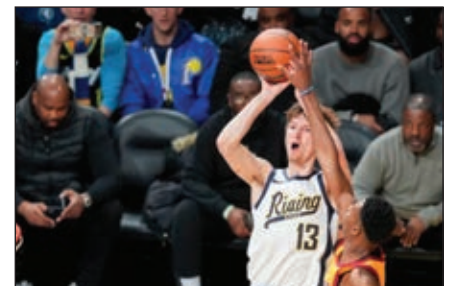
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### Chow time

Hinsdale eateries gearing up for restaurant week.

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### NBA wannabe

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# NEWS

## Giannelli departs as head of fire house

*Chief's retirement ends a nearly 40-year career, the last 33 of them with Hinsdale FD*

By Ken Knutson

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John Giannelli wanted his final shift with the Hinsdale Fire Department to feel like his first.

"I found my old pillow and blanket," said the 33-year veteran of the force, who retired as chief on Friday. "I cooked dinner and stayed the night. Went on my last call. I made (the crew) breakfast. It brought back memories of how I started."

It was a poignant conclusion to a career spent in the fire service.

"It's all I've done since I was 18 years old," remarked Giannelli, who started in LaGrange Park before coming to Hinsdale in 1991.

He rose through the ranks of lieutenant and captain, and in 2016 he was appointed to replace retiring chief Rick Ronovsky, who remains a good friend. Giannelli admitted stepping into the department's top role was a bit daunting, in part because he had not even done a tour as deputy chief.

But those under his command praised his approach to the job.



**John Giannelli served** his last day as Hinsdale's fire chief on Friday. He spent the night at the station to remind him of his early days on the force and admitted to experiencing a range of emotions as he approached his final day. He began as a firefighter/paramedic in LaGrange Park in 1985. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Firefighter Kevin Baker called Giannelli a role model.

"He led by example and always made you better in the end," he stated. "John has not only been a leader to me but he'll always be a great friend."

Firefighter Michael

Lorusso appreciated his outgoing chief's "willingness to go on calls, and that he was always engaged with the shift and was a true firefighter at heart even though he wore bugles."

Firefighter Nick McDonough said Giannelli's door was always open.

"He would always make time to listen if you needed to speak to him about anything. Whether you had a new idea you wanted to try or you needed advice on a personal matter unrelated to the fire house, he was always approachable and would talk through whatever you

needed to see him about. Even if he was telling you, 'No,' he would always listen and give you his time first," he said.

Giannelli spoke to the close-knit nature of those who serve as first responders attacking fires or rescuing people from residential or road emergencies.

"My biggest group of friends are firefighters," he said.

The reality of retiring hits a little different than the concept in theory, Giannelli said.

"Everybody talks about retiring, but when the day comes, it's not easy," he said. "It's a whole lifestyle change."

Giannelli intends to keep his paramedic certifications current for the time being. For now he looks forward to more time at home (and in more tropical environs) and watching his three teen children excel on the lacrosse field.

"I just felt it was time to let someone else take over and move on and see what's next," he said.

**Giannelli is** escorted by his children Friday afternoon during the traditional walkout ceremony for retiring officers at the Hinsdale fire station. Grace (from left), Sam and Natalie proceeded with their dad through lines of cheering firefighters to join a group of fellow retirees waiting on the other side.





# ONCE UPON A TIME



**Places from the past** — Hinsdale's building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. This photo shows Page's Restaurant and Salon de Venus at 26 E. Hinsdale Ave. Page's is still in place, and James Joseph Experience occupies the other spot. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We'd love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to [jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com).



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# State superintendent visits District 86

*Stops in technical education classrooms highlight of his tour of Hinsdale Central Friday*

By Pamela Lannom  
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Hinsdale Central got the chance to show off its career and technical education programs — and other areas of the high school — when state Superintendent Tony Sanders came for a visit Friday.

School visits are a regular part of the job for Sanders, who works for the Illinois State Board of Education and splits his time between its Springfield and Chicago offices.

“I try to spend one day a week in schools,” he said. “Being in schools is the best part of my job.”

The first stop was in the technology support internship classroom led by teacher Ben Kallal, where students run the help desk for Chromebooks and other technology issues at Central. One pair of students was working on swapping out a motherboard and daughterboard to repair a broken keyboard.

“Can you do that with my two phones?” Sanders asked.

“That is a little more complicated,” responded student Luke Korbus, who told Sanders he plans to be an engineer.

Sanders also chatted with students performing a screen swap and learned students can become certified in various programs, like Microsoft Excel.

“This is unique,” Sanders said. “I’ve not seen a program like this.”

Central Principal Bill Walsh, who led the tour, said the help desk serves an important function.

“When you go to all Chromebooks, you need a place to get them fixed,”



During his visit to District 86 Friday, state Superintendent Tony Sanders talks with Hinsdale Central’s Luke Korbus about work he’s doing to repair a Chromebook. Later he gives Meiyan Zhu a high five after she spoke to him about her pre-engineering class as Central Principal Bill Walsh looks on.

he said.

The next stop was in the pre-engineering class taught by Jon Schmidt, where junior Meiyan Zhu of Hinsdale talked to Sanders about why she enjoys the course.

“I told him I was a little bit older than most people in the class, because most people that take pre-engineering are freshmen or sophomores,” she told *The Hinsdalean* Monday, noting that she exemplifies the idea that the course is for everybody.

“It is an opportunity for students of all grade levels to explore engineering and figure out if this is a path they want to take,” she said. “It is a lot of fun. I was a little nervous about joining. I

found it to be a really fun course — and I’m doing pretty well at it, too.”

The technical education space in the school’s basement, including the pre-engineering computer lab and the maker space/woods area, was completely gutted and redesigned as part of the \$139.8 million Future Ready Facilities referendum District 86 voters approved in 2019.

Sanders’ final tour stop was in the band room where students, led by instructor Matt Kurinsky, performed a portion of the “Screaming Eagles March.”

Among the school leaders who accompanied Sanders on the tour was District 86 board President Cat

Greenspon. Greenspon had invited Sanders to visit the district when she met him at a conference.

“All I wanted was for our kids and our teachers to be showcased,” she said.

Walsh said it was a nice surprise when he learned Sanders was coming.

“We’re proud of our curriculum, we’re proud of our teachers and we’re proud of our students,” Walsh said. “I was excited to showcase that to Dr. Sanders.”

He praised Sanders for spending time with the students.

“He sat down with the kids, engaged with the kids,” Walsh said. “I just felt like it was not for him to just look and see — he wanted to learn what was going on. That was very enjoyable.”

On the way out, Sanders had a chance to walk through what Walsh calls the “Grant Street Plaza.” Sanders couldn’t help but notice the full wall of trophies that line the north side of the hallway.

“We have our 120 state trophies. New Trier has a few more than us, but we don’t really recognize the North Shore,” Walsh quipped.

When asked what he thought of the school, Sanders said Central is impressive.

“It was amazing, the work that they’re doing,” he said. “What I loved the most was all the students were engaged in learning that was really high taxonomy level. They were doing work that was at least comprehension level or higher, which is what we want to see in our schools.”

“Beyond that, just watching the relationships between the adults and the students was really incredible,” he added. “It’s a really special place.”

Sanders took several photos during his visit, including one of the “Bring Your Fire” sign near the Grant Street entrance, which Walsh admitted is designed to intimidate athletic opponents. Sanders went on to tour Hinsdale South after visiting Central. (Jim Slonoff photos)





# NEXT WEEK

## Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, April 15  
Hinsdale Middle School  
100 S. Garfield Ave.  
www.d181.org

**On the draft agenda:** officer selection; 2024-25 board meeting calendar; assessment calendar; CSCI results; IDEA needs assessment; updates on safety, full-day kindergarten financing and five-year projections, investments, district office building and Satchel Pulse

## Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, April 11  
Hinsdale South High School  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

**On the agenda:** additional FTE for 2024-25 school year, flag football at Central, settlement agreement, appoint conflict counsel, discuss curriculum materials adoption for 2024-25

## Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.  
www.villageofhinsdale.org

## Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.  
www.villageofhinsdale.org

**On the draft agenda:** approval of final decision/findings of fact for 24 E. Eighth St.

## May 1 deadline for 2024 stickers, animal tags

Hinsdale residents can purchase vehicle sticker and animal tags online or at village hall.

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

Residents have the option to purchase vehicle stickers online using the pre-filled mailed application. There is

no additional fee and residents will avoid waiting in line. Visit [www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org) to access the portal and for additional instructions. Residents should receive their 2024-25 vehicle sticker and/or animal tag in the mail in about one week after completing the online renewal.

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

## Corrections

- In an April 4 story, the following quote from the March 21 District 86 school board meeting regarding a staffing matter should have been attributed to Interim Superintendent Becky Nelson: "That wouldn't impact it in any way. These are just people who will not be invited back. So if the positions still exist then we would fill the positions." Cheryl Moore, assistant superintendent for human resources, was incorrectly attributed.

- Memorials for Maureen Walsh can be made online to Bernie's Book Bank at <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/bernie-s-book-bank/in-memory-of-maureen-walsh-support-bernie-s-book-bank>. An incorrect URL appeared in her obituary April 4.



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# Chamber celebrates century of vitality

*Hinsdale agency marks a century of supporting local businesses, and, in turn, residents*

By Ken Knutson

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For 100 years, the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce has been working to grow and galvanize the village's economic enterprises for the benefit of merchants, residents and all who visit town.

"The chamber helps bolster Hinsdale's reputation as one of the most desirable suburbs in the Chicago area. It's here to see that the reputation continues, by providing services for the demands of our residents, and the organizational network on which the business community thrives," declares the organization on its website, [www.hinsdalechamber.com](http://www.hinsdalechamber.com).

As has been chronicled in these pages before, the chamber's origins date back to the mid-1910s when a group of local proprietors joined forces as the Commercial Association of Hinsdale, according to "Village on the County Line," Hugh Dugan's 1949 retrospective.

"In various ways, the chamber has furthered the interests of the community," Dugan wrote. "It helps newcomers become acquainted with the town, furnishes festive decorations for the business district at Christmastime, takes charge of the Fourth of July parades and offers its counsel on questions involving conduct and progress in the village."

The group formally established itself as the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce on May 27, 1924.



The precursor group to the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce participated in the village's Independence Day Parade. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)

Executive Director Eva Field said she's enjoyed going through chamber archives in preparation to mark the centennial milestone.

"It's been interesting pulling up some of the information and photos, historic pieces — just to see the downtown business district back then with dirt roads and horses," she said.

The chamber has swelled to almost 300 members today, encompassing retail, dining, professional services and more. Its slate of activities also has expanded over the years, with signature events and calendar highlights including the Hinsdale Fine Arts Festival,

the weekly seasonal farmers market, the Uniquely Thursdays outdoor concert series, summer and fall sidewalk sales, the Hinsdale Wine Walk and the Hinsdale Christmas Walk.

The downtown flags display during patriotic holidays is another effort of the chamber, which sponsors educational and networking opportunities for its members as well. As a show of hometown hospitality, the chamber mails a welcome package to all new residents to acquaint them with the village's services and merchants.

"In order to maintain a prosperous, attractive business district, it is necessary that such an organization exist," the chamber asserts.

Dan Janowick, executive director of The Community House, is chairman of the chamber's board of directors this year. He said the chamber helps make Hinsdale a special place.

"Although the mission is to help businesses thrive, I think by extension it improves the quality of life for the residents," said Janowick, who acknowledged he didn't realize the extent of chamber's activity until he joined. "I think people respect the chamber for the work that they've done over the decades."

The fact that the organization is heading into a second century serves a testament to its abiding value.

The chamber will mark the milestone with a celebratory dinner for members later this month.

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# POLICE BEAT

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## Domestic battery arrest

A 25-year-old Hinsdale man was arrested for domestic battery April 6 after making contact of an insulting or provoking nature with a family member. The suspect also had an active arrest warrant out of Cook County. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

## Arrest after hit and run

Hayden L. Fuller, 31, 548 Phillippa St., Hinsdale, was arrested on a misdemeanor complaint for criminal damage to property on April 2 following a report he had backed his vehicle into another vehicle and left the scene after a verbal altercation at 7:20 p.m. April 1 at Shell Gas Station, 210 E. Ogden Ave. He was released to appear in court.

## Vehicle trespass arrest

Olivia M. Pollard, 22, 615 S. Adams St., Hinsdale, was arrested for criminal trespass to vehicle at 9:05 a.m. April 6 after taking family member's vehicle without permission. She and the vehicle were located by Lyons police. She was charged and released to appear in court.

## Theft reported

A purse and sunglasses went missing between 3 p.m. March 23 and noon March 27 from a home in the 5600 block of Childs Avenue. Contractors were in the house during the time frame of the theft, which was reported April 4.

## Shoplifting incident

Someone stole items from Shell Food Mart, 210 E. Ogden Ave., and left without paying at 3:10 a.m. April 7.

## Identity theft cases

- The identity of a resident of the 600 block of South Washington Street was used in an attempt to obtain a loan on March 26. The incident was reported April 2.

- Someone used the identity of a resident of the 300 block of Hampton Place to open a bank account March 25. The incident was reported April 5.

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

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■ “There were times when I felt alone on an island. That’s when I started blogging.” — **Christine McCarty**

## Mom reaches out to parents of special needs kids

Christine McCarty began to suspect something atypical about her daughter, Addy, when Addy was just a few months old.

“Something was just different with her,” said McCarty, whose oldest daughter was preschool age at the time Addy was born.

The biggest indicator, McCarty said, was Addy’s inability to look her in the eye. As she grew, Addy was unable to point or pick up small objects. There were therapies along the way, but it wasn’t until after years of investigating, testing and doctor’s visits that McCarty and her husband finally got the answers they were looking for. At age 7, their daughter was diagnosed with autism and a genetic disorder.

Addy’s genetic disorder, adenosine monophosphate deaminase 1, often is accompanied by autism. In Addy’s case, that includes speech delays and sensory issues. The disorder, McCarty said, involves a disconnect between the brain and muscles. Muscles are generally weak and tire easily, and motions that come easily for neurotypical children are difficult for Addy, McCarty said.

“She doesn’t know how to

shake her head yes or no,” McCarty said, offering an example of something that’s still difficult for Addy at age 9.

But there are other things Addy can do more easily than most people. She can walk into her classroom at St. Isaac Jogues school and know immediately who is missing that day. If a picture on a wall is moved or replaced, it takes Addy no time to take notice.

“She remembers everything,” McCarty said.

Determined to help other parents, McCarty launched her website, [www.raisingaddy.com](http://www.raisingaddy.com), two years ago. There, she has compiled information, recommendations, resources and even her own thoughts and experiences into a one-stop resource for other parents of children with special needs. McCarty describes the website as “a place where parents and caregivers can come to learn, share, listen and obtain helpful information that I have come across in raising Addy.”

She also said the website and accompanying blog help her to cope with the ups and downs of raising a child with special needs while also raising two other children and working full time.

McCarty said she knows



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every situation is unique and not everyone will find her website helpful. But she knows from the many responses she’s received that it is helping some people. Mostly, she wants other parents to know they aren’t alone.

“There were times when I felt alone on an island,” McCarty said. “That’s when I started blogging.”

McCarty said no one knows

just how far Addy will progress or what the future holds. But for now, she loves singing and dancing as part of Hinsdale’s BAM Theater and running up and down the field as she learns to play soccer.

As siblings to a child with special needs, older sister Alex, 13, and younger sister Andi, 6, are learning, too. McCarty said they have a special appreciation for the ability to perform

small tasks that cause their sister to struggle, and they have a drive to use their talents and abilities to their fullest. They also have extraordinary patience and extraordinary love for their sister.

“Addy teaches them things I could never teach them,” McCarty said.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### How do we love the library? Let us count the ways

We are big fans of the Hinsdale Public Library and know residents are, too. In honor of National Library Week this week, we've compiled a list of the top 10 things we love about the library.

10. Super subscriptions — why pay a fortune to subscribe to some fancy service when the library offers monthly book boxes with a curated book and swag for adults, teens and students in third through fifth grade?

9. • I Spy cases — these creations from members of the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club give kids — and their parents — the chance to test their visual skills and, perhaps, to learn something new.

8. A seedy space — cardholders can "borrow" up to 10 packets of flower, vegetable and herb seeds from the seed library behind the Adult Services desk to enjoy the plants and harvest. At the end of the growing season, cardholders collect and return seeds to the library for use next spring.

7. Travel tips — the library is a great place to learn more about different kinds of trips — such as river cruises during a program from 7 to 8

tonight — or to get ideas for new destinations — such as spots along the Mississippi River on June 26.

6. Something for everyone — the library offers programs for every age group, from newborn babies to seniors. It also offers special programs for new moms, people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and those struggling with dementia, making all feel welcome.

5. Art appreciation — in addition to its permanent collection, the library offers exhibits of works by local artists, including students from District 181 and Hinsdale Central.

4. Tasty treats — special programs not only introduce residents to unique foods, they offer a chance to sample them. United Foods of America on April 25 will focus on Mexican Inspirations. Residents also can register for the Spice Club to receive a selection of spices and curated recipes once a month.

3. A helping hand — whether students need a hand with homework or authors need research for their latest book, librarians are more than happy to assist.

2. Special events — Just this week the library hosted an eclipse viewing party and a conversation with Hinsdale author Cristina Henríquez on her new book, "The Great Divide," hosted by another Hinsdale author, Susan Blumberg-Kason. The May installment of HPL After Dark will feature a craft beer tasting with Imperial Oak Brewing. In late April and early May kids, can enjoy Ben's Bubble Show and a May the Fourth Be With You party.

1. A captivating collection — In addition to its collection of physical books, the library offers ebooks and streaming audio books; streaming movies, music and TV; and digital magazines and newspapers, including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post.

To celebrate National Library Week, the library is offering a special raffle for residents who refer a fellow Hinsdalean to the library for a new library card. Potential card-holders can stop by the library at 20 E. Maple St. or visit [www.hinsdalelibrary.info/get-a-card](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info/get-a-card). New card-holders also will receive a raffle entry. Winners will receive a gift card to Toni's in May.

## COMMENTARY

### Eclipse caught attention of just about everybody

I really wasn't paying a lot of attention to the eclipse Monday — until I realized my 1:30 p.m. interview at village hall about Restaurant Week (insert shameless plug here — see story on Page 17) would end at just about the right time for me to join the Hinsdale Public Library's viewing party on the front lawn of the Memorial Building.

So I headed outside, picked up an Eclipse Shade (all the actual glasses were gone already) and took a peek at the sun. It was pretty cool to see the glowing orb look like a waning crescent moon.

It took about 15 minutes for the sun to reach its greatest level of obscurity here, which was about 90 percent. The total eclipse was visible over 128 miles in southern and southeastern Illinois, with the path of totality stretching from Mazatlán, Mexico, to Newfoundland, Canada.

With about 12 minutes left to go, Robb McGinnis, the village's community development director, seemed to grow a little impatient. He said he thought we had seen all there was to see. But he waited the 12 until the designated peak

time of 2:07 p.m. and was glad he did.

"I'm the first to admit it, Pam," Robb said. "I'm no meteorologist."

Assistant village manager Andrianna Peterson shared photos her son, Ian, messaged her from the spot near Bloomington, Ind., where he was watching the eclipse in totality.

"He said it's dark like a full moon," she said.

We didn't see the sky fully darken, but the light certainly changed — as it does before a storm.

Village manager Kathleen Gargano wondered if the astronomical event would have any bearing on the NCAA men's championship game that night.

"Maybe the solar eclipse means Purdue is going to beat UConn," Gargano said. (Like McGinnis, she was wrong.)

Peterson lamented the fact that no one thought to have the Memorial Building carillon play "Total Eclipse of the Heart" at 2 p.m.

Hinsdale's Janie Petkus was on



**Pamela Lannom**

hand to view the eclipse and said she enjoyed watching it with other residents on such a gorgeous day. She watched the 2017 eclipse in Portland, Ore., where it reached totality.

"It got much darker than it did today," she shared.

Ed Spacapan of Hinsdale brought a box he had converted into

a pinhole camera to watch the eclipse and gave a couple of kids in attendance the chance to look through it. He remembers watching eclipses while attending law school at Northwestern in 1978 and as a kid in elementary school in Rolling Meadows in 1964.

"It's kind of an event that marks time and has you reflecting on different decades," he said.

The eclipse certainly offered plenty of fodder for social media, with different sites offering eclipse playlists, photos of Krispy Kreme eclipse doughnuts and a look at viewing glasses made from the cardboard packaging of Eclipse gum (not NASA-certified).

One snarky post made me laugh.

"While we're at it, don't look directly at me today, either," it read.

Some took the opportunity to lament all the hype over the eclipse. I think New York Times writer Melissa Kirsch correctly captured the reason the eclipse was such a big event in a piece she wrote two days before it occurred.

"Most of our communal enthusiasms these days are human-made: the Oscars, the Super Bowl, the election, the new Beyoncé album. A total solar eclipse is a product of the natural world. It happens without elaborate stagecraft, without any outlay of capital. For this reason alone, it's a rare occurrence. And there won't be another in the United States until 2044."

The 2044 eclipse will be visible in only three U.S. states — North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana. Time for another visit to Hinsdale, Mont.?

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at [plannom@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:plannom@thehinsdalean.com).



# OPINION

## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Irony is stalking me

Knowing the definition of irony is required before reading this column. Ready? OK. Hold on to your dictionaries.

Irony is stalking me around every corner. And that's no small thing when you're trying to live — as the trendsetters say — your "best life." You're loving, you're caring, you're giving, you're successful. But irony is lurking. It's ready to pounce on your "best life" at any moment. Ah!

How to avoid it? Well, we could avoid turning any corners. OK, OK. That's totally unreasonable. Our planet is round, but somehow, our world is full of right angles. How'd that happen? Must have been those "flat-earthers" in the Dark Ages.

Now let's get back to our stalker. Just when you are feeling really good about your "best self," irony rears its ugly head and turns it all to mush. Your good deeds do more harm than good. You put in extra work and someone else gets the credit. You take your vacation in a place with 360 days of sunshine and you get the other five. Ugh!

And on and on and on. Irony just never lets up. It just keeps coming at you. Coming at you. And worst yet, it always comes out of the blue. Oh, great. Now we have to avoid the color blue and corners! Plus, blue is my favorite color! We just can't win. When you're on



Bill Barre

top of the world, irony will soon be on top of you. Ouch!

What to do? Well, we decided we can't avoid corners. So that's out. And we're avoiding the color blue, so we can't come out during the day.

Wow, this is really getting tough! Hey, I've got an idea. How about if we just go on the offensive? How about if we stalked irony instead of it stalking us? Yeah, that's it. Let's give it a piece of its own medicine. And we know exactly where to find it — around every corner. And there are billions of those things! Whenever irony is just about to turn a corner, we're there waiting — BAM! WHAM! Toast.

I'm so glad I fleshed this out with you. From now on, we go on the offensive. We meet irony where it lives. WHAM! BAM! Done!

Whew! I'm glad that's over. Now, we can go back to our "best life" and even "better selves" and get all the living we so richly deserve and have counted on our whole "best lives."

But what about irony? Isn't it still lurking? Well, I suppose so. But if we stay on the offensive we're sure to prevail.

Follow me and irony goes back to where it belongs. A place where no one will ever find it. Yes, that place. The dictionary. How ironic.

— Bill Barre of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email him at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Free heart screenings at Central might save teens' lives

On April 2, 2024, just1mike and Mend A Heart foundations sponsored Young Hearts for Life free ECG in-school heart screenings at Hinsdale South. Six hundred and 16 students were screened. Nine students were identified with a previously undiagnosed cardiac condition. Since 2017, 20 Hinsdale Central students have been identified with undiagnosed cardiac conditions through the YH4L screenings sponsored by the just1mike foundation. Heart screenings save lives.

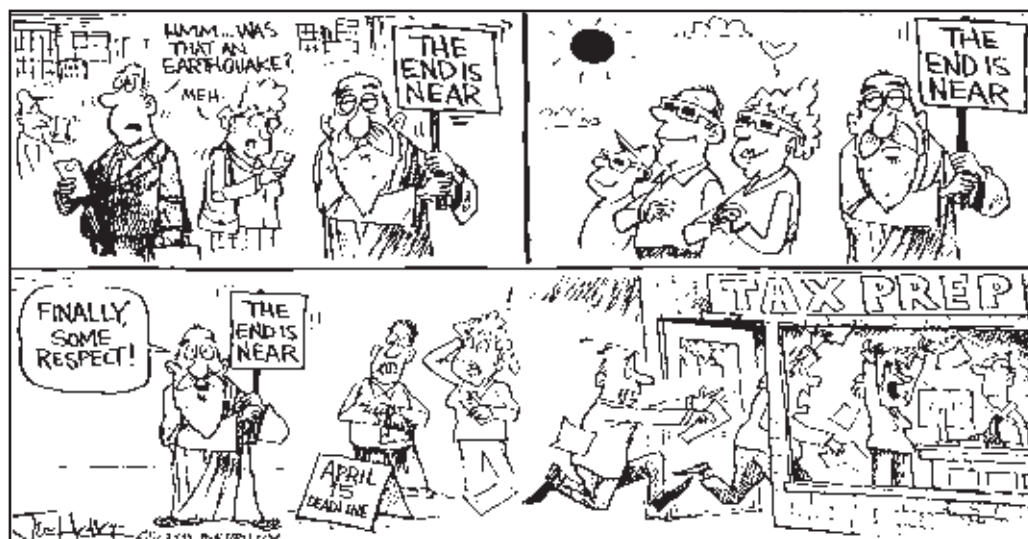
As junior board members for the just1mike foundation and Central students, we are urging all parents to register their children for the free ECG screening conducted by YH4L at Hinsdale Central on April 23.

The quick, noninvasive ECG can detect 70 percent of conditions that can cause sudden cardiac arrest. SCA is the leading cause of death in young athletes in the U.S. — resulting in one death in a high school

student every three days, according to some experts. Pre-participation/sports physical can only detect 4 percent of conditions that can cause SCA. SCA is also the No. 1 cause of death on school campuses nationwide.

Thank you to Matthew Hoffend (2020 Central graduate/just1mike junior board founder) and family for providing the privacy drapes this year. Without their donation, Central would not have been able to hold screenings for at least another year. ECG screenings are recommended every two years for young adults ages 12-24. Please register your child for the free lifesaving gift of an ECG screening today! Visit Hinsdale Central's or YH4L's websites regarding online registration.

Thank you. — Sophia Admire, Darren and Justin Carlevato, Jillian Cowhey, Kaleigh Kozlowski, Bridget Schwarz, Maddie Starr and Carl Styka, junior board members



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# OBITUARIES

## Diones D. "Di" Desideri

Diones D. "Di" Desideri, 90, of Oak Brook, passed away April 6, 2024, after a long illness, surrounded by her family and her loyal grand dog, Rudy.

Diones was born in Chicago in 1933 to George and Carrie (Roberts) Kral. She grew up in Berwyn, where she had a very happy childhood. Her fondest memories from her youth were the summers she spent at her family's cottage on Lake Superior in Herbster, Wis., which she would eventually share with her own family. Diones graduated from Morton East High School. She then worked for Illinois Bell and as a physician's secretary.

On Nov. 6, 1954, Diones married her soulmate, Ronald Desideri, while he was serving in the U.S. States Marine Corps. Shortly thereafter, Ron and Diones started their family in Berwyn, later moving to Forest View then settling the family in Oak Brook in the early 1970s. After raising their children, Diones returned to school and began working for McDonald's Corp. in Oak Brook.

The greatest joy of Diones' life was undoubtedly her children. They were the focus of her life, instilling such a loving bond in them that they

never veered far from home. She treasured any time her family was gathered along with the many family canine companions.

Though physically diminutive (earning her the nickname, "Elfie"), she had an immense strength which emanated from her deep-rooted faith. It guided her in all she did.

Diones was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Desideri, in 2017; and her brother, Daniel Kral.

She is survived by her children, Denise (the late Paul) Schluckebier, Lawrence (Deidre) Desideri, Lisa (Joe Wargin) Desideri and Tom (Janice) Desideri; her grandchildren, Melissa (Adam) Hasten, Nicholas Desideri, Sarah Schluckebier and Anna Schluckebier; and her great-grandchildren, Dean Hasten and Frank Hasten.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today, April 11, at Visitation Church, 779 S. York St., Elmhurst.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

Sullivan Family Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## John L. LaCount

John L. LaCount, 82, a U.S. Air Force Veteran and former Hinsdale resident, passed away March 31, 2024.

He was born in Hinsdale and went to Hinsdale Township High School. He moved to San Francisco after the Air Force to work for United Airlines. When United Airlines moved its headquarters to Chicago, the family settled in Hinsdale.



LaCount

(Jeff Mariner) LaCount, and Andre (Katie) LaCount; his grandchildren, Kyle, Lola, Collin, Connor, Colton and Cora; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Mary LaCount.

John will be deeply missed by Sylvia Strange and Toby.

Services are private.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N Michigan Ave, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

## Myron Dale Sailer

Myron Dale Sailer, 94, a longtime resident of Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale and Downers Grove, passed away March 22, 2024, at his home.

Myron was born in 1929 in Evansville, Ind., the only son of Raymond and Clara Esche Sailer. He spent his early years in Evansville, but after the death of his mother when he was 13, he moved to the family farm near Mount Vernon, Ind., to be raised by his maternal grandparents. He attended Evansville College, earning a degree in engineering, then served his country during the Korean War in the Free Territory of Trieste, now Italy, rising to the rank of sergeant in the United States Army.



Sailer

with his camera poised for the perfect shot. As his grandchildren grew (Ethan and Elizabeth Landes), his camera captured many priceless moments.

Myron especially loved southeastern Arizona, where the couple made their home in Green Valley during the winter. Their patio offered breathtaking views of the Santa Rita Mountains and Madera Canyon, a favorite area for hiking, birding and photography. He particularly loved the Golden Hour, when he captured countless desert sunsets on film. He warmly welcomed dear friends and family over those 20 years, enthusiastically sharing his many favorite national parks, mountain hikes and area attractions with all.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, April 19, 2024 at the Hinsdale United Methodist Church, 945 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale. Visitation with the family will begin at 1:15 p.m., followed by the celebration at 2 p.m. and time to gather and share memories afterwards.

Memorials may be made to Friends of Madera Canyon, P.O. Box 1203, Green Valley, AZ 85622 (online at [www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org](http://www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org)) or the Hinsdale United Methodist Church Copper Cross Endowment, c/o Hinsdale United Methodist Church, 945 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale, IL 60521 ([www.hinsdaleumc.com/endowment](http://www.hinsdaleumc.com/endowment)).

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## What's important to know about home care?

Sheri Kupres of Home Helpers in Hinsdale was meeting with a family about senior care when the daughter asked her elderly parents about some dents she noticed on their car.

"They said, 'Oh, we hit this pole,'" Kupres relayed. "And the daughter replied, 'Well, what if it was a person?'"

Finding the couple a senior living facility may be the next step for some. But employing a caregiver — as the family mentioned chose — also is an option for those seniors keen to continue living in their home.

"I think being in your home, you still feel like you've got that control, you still have your independence — and that comfort," Kupres said.

Kupres will participate in a panel discussion as part of Senior Services Day Tuesday, April 16, at The Community House. Speakers will share their expertise in topics important to those in post-retirement, such as financial planning, downsizing and skilled nursing care

(see Page 28 for details).

Regarding home care, Kupres offered these questions for consideration:

- Can my loved one be safely left at home?
- Can my loved one independently and successfully handle all activities of daily living?
- Is he/she eating, sleeping and taking medications properly?
- Is my loved one surrounded by others and socially stimulated each day?

Adult children may not live close by or have the bandwidth to take on the responsibility of parent care.

"They're raising their kids and they're working full-time. There's so much going on in their lives that it's hard to manage it all," she said.

That's where a caregiver can provide that support, depending on the need level. Home care is intended to address fall prevention, dressing and grooming, companionship, errands, transportation and more.

"It can be minimal care just to help you with things like going in the basement to do the laundry, picking up groceries, doing some meal preparation, making sure you're taking your medications," Kupres explained. "Or it can be all

the way up to 24/7. It can be hospice support, or anything in between."

The primary mission is keeping the senior out of the hospital due to a preventable accident.

"Once somebody has a fall, that changes everything, and your options kind of go out the window," Kupres said. "If you're eating well and you're sleeping well and you're taking your medications and going to your doctor's appointments, that helps take care of a lot of things."

She urged people seeking home care support to use a licensed, reputable agency and find a caregiver who can work with your loved one.

"It's someone coming into your home. We want to make sure it's a good fit," she said.

Family members should stay alert to warning signs like missed appointments, poor hygiene or not making sense in conversations as indications help may be needed.

"Try to think ahead because that allows you to have that control," she said.

And allow your loved one to have contentment doing the activities that bring joy.

"Home care can help them do those things."

— by Ken Knutson



Sheri Kupres of Hinsdale's Home Helpers agency will help people understand the ins and outs of home care as one of the panelists at Senior Services Day April 16 at The Community House. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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# GOOD NEWS

## COLLEGE STUDENTS ON DEAN'S LISTS

These Hinsdale students earned a place on the dean's list for the fall 2023 semester.

- Blake Baird, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
- Noah Lim, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
- Michael Spitzer, Illinois Wesleyan University

## COLLEGE STUDENT EARNS DEGREE

Talbot Carter of Hinsdale earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming at the completion of the fall 2023 semester.

## NAZ STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL

The following Hinsdale students earned a place on the honor roll at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park for the first semester of the 2023-24 school year.

- Freshmen — James Wasson

Sophomores — Ava Heniff, Kate Wagner

Juniors — Elisabeth Anos, Margaret Anos, Matthew Callahan, Molly McGarry, Josephine Wagner

Seniors — Claire Beresford, Ava Coghill, Matea Hewitt, Francesca Hillman, John Hughes, Nicholas Iwanski, Faith Mouw, Emelia Sirchio

## CENTRAL TEENS MAKE DONATION

Hinsdale Central's Red Devil Service Club members visited The Outreach House in Lombard March 21 to deliver a donation of 3,700 diapers to be distributed to community members in need. The Outreach House serves some 2,000 families in DuPage County and distributes more than 20,000 diapers monthly.

## D181 SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Students from all nine schools competed in the

D181 Spelling Bee in late January. All students showcased their incredible knowledge of language, vocabulary and spelling throughout the evening.

After 14 rounds, James Bednarz of Hinsdale Middle School was named the D181 2024 Spelling Bee Champion. Callum Warden (Madison) placed second.

James and Callum went on to compete with 17 other students in the DuPage Regional Spelling Bee in February.

## HOSPITAL EARNS RECOGNITION

UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale has been recognized by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois with a Blue Distinction® Centers+ for Maternity Care designation, as part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program. To earn this designation, each facility must deliver quality care, safely and cost-effectively.

The Blue Distinction Centers

for Maternity Care program plays a key role in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association's (BCBSA) National Health Equity Strategy aimed at reducing racial health disparities across the care spectrum and improving patient outcomes for all Americans. To align with this strategy, the Blue Distinction Centers for Maternity Care program enhanced its quality and measurement standards to recognize high-quality facilities that have taken action to respond effectively to obstetric emergencies, reduce racial disparities, and improve maternal health outcomes.

Based on data from the current designation cycle, facilities designated under the Blue Distinction Centers for Maternity Care program demonstrate high-quality care compared to other facilities, with overall average rates of 26 percent fewer episiotomies, 60 percent fewer elective deliveries and 17 percent lower cesarean births — all of which can contribute to healthier out-

comes for patients. The Blue Distinction Centers+ facilities also exhibited an average savings of 21 percent for maternity care.

"Our teams work tirelessly to address the needs of every individual and provide the best care possible," said Lynda Lentini, regional director of women's and children's services at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale and Bolingbrook, which also received the distinction. "These Distinctions from Blue Cross and Blue Shield reflect the strong commitment of our physicians, nurses and other staff members to ensuring our patients' safety, while providing our community with respectful, equitable and compassionate care. We take great pride in the care we provide our patients, which is demonstrated in our quality outcomes, patient satisfaction scores and support from our community."

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# PULSE

## Residents invited to 'Eat like a local'

Enjoy Hinsdale Restaurant Week specials and the start of the outdoor dining season

By Pamela Lannom  
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Hinsdale eateries are once again inviting diners to stop in and try one of their specials or an old favorite during Hinsdale Restaurant Week, which begins tomorrow, April 12, and continues through Saturday, April 20.

"We think it's a great opportunity for the village and the EDC to remind our residents and people outside of Hinsdale that we've got great options for dining here for breakfast, lunch and dinner," said Jill Sunderson, chair of the Hinsdale Economic Development

Commission.

The theme this year is "Eat like a local."

"We wanted to kick off outdoor dining week with restaurant week, and I think we've all learned to really enjoy — as a local — our outdoor dining experiences in Hinsdale," Sunderson said.

"You can walk down the street and see your neighbors and kids can see classmates and it makes for a nice evening out, or morning out as well," she added.

According to the forecast, Mother Nature will cooperate, with temperatures well above normal.

"The weather looks decent

for later this week and this weekend, so that should be a nice kickoff," Alex Snyder, management analyst for the village, said Monday.

Eleven locations are participating this year, and each was able to decide what to feature during the week.

"It's different from Chicago and other restaurant weeks in that we want each restaurant to let their creativity shine through on what they think is best for themselves and their customers," said Andrianna Peterson, assistant village manager.

That means patrons can enjoy a variety of specials, Snyder said.

"Everything from breakfast items, lunch, dessert items, specialty cocktails — a really good variety here," he said.

Sweet Ali's Gluten Free Bakery is offering two gluten-free dessert flights for restaurant week, one of which is also dairy-free, marketing manager Jennifer Savini said.

Each flight features three layered desserts with cake, filling and frosting packaged in a cute little jar.

The gluten-free flight features three flavors: lemon



The Hinsdale Meantime cocktail is one of two restaurant week specials at Vistro Prime.

raspberry, tiramisu and Reese's peanut butter. The dairy-free version offers con-fetti, black forest and chocolate chip cookie flavors.

"We decided a couple of years back to stick to what we do, sweets and desserts," Savini said of the bakery's restaurant week specials. "Each flight highlights our most popular flavors and allows people to sample a variety of flavors."

For the first time this year, the week was extended to include two Saturdays following a suggestion from some restaurateurs.

"That's obviously a busy night for them, so this year's

dates will allow for two weekends to help increase opportunities for people to enjoy all of our participating restaurants," Peterson said.

Sunderson encouraged residents to patronize Hinsdale's eateries during the week.

"I want people to remember our restaurants and 'Eat like a local' and remember why we love downtown Hinsdale is because of all these options we have," she said. "We have to continue to support our restaurants if we want to have this quaint downtown experiences that we all enjoy."



Sweet Ali's is offering two dessert flights as its specials for Hinsdale Restaurant Week. (Jim Slonoff photos)

### Hinsdale Restaurant Week specials

#### Altamura

9 W. First St.  
(630) 755-5252  
www.altamurapizza.com  
Hours: noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday, noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday  
Enjoy complimentary chips and water with every panino order and enjoy 10 percent off all take and bake pizza orders during dinner.

#### Calle Cantina

114 S. Washington St.  
(630) 570-0217  
www.quemiso.com  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday  
Enjoy barbacoa, roasted vegetable and lime marinated shrimp pizzas.

#### Egg Harbor Café

29 E. First St.  
(630) 920-1344  
www.eggsharborcafe.com  
Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily  
Enjoy a free strawberry orange juice with the purchase of a strawberry crunch

French toast.

#### Il Poggiolo

8 E. First St.  
(630) 734-9400  
www.ilpoggiolohinsdale.com  
Hours: Lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays. Dinner served from 5 to 9 p.m. daily, open late Friday to Sunday.  
Enjoy a prix fixe menu with Tuscan kale Caesar salad, tortellini, pan-seared scallops and tiramisu for \$45 a person plus tax and gratuity.

#### Sweet Ali's Gluten Free Bakery

13 W. First St.  
(630) 908-7175  
www.sweetalis.com  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, closed Sunday and Monday.

Enjoy a special flight of certified gluten- or gluten- and dairy-free desserts for \$20.

#### Toni Patisserie & Café

51 S. Washington St.  
(630) 789-2020  
www.tonipatisserie.com

Hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Enjoy a slice of housemade quiche or a savory galette with a petit salad and a slice of white chocolate mousse cake for \$16.95. Add a glass of wine or beer for \$5. Dine in only.

#### Vistro Prime

112 S. Washington St.  
(630) 537-1459  
www.vistroprime.com  
Hours: Dinner 4:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday; 4:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday; lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed Monday.  
Enjoy a special pizza with garlic cream sauce, a mushroom medley and crispy shallots and a special bourbon cocktail, the Hinsdale Meantime.

#### YiaYia's Cafe

13 Grant Square  
(630) 487-5600  
www.yiyaiashinsdale.com  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily  
Enjoy a California breakfast burrito served with housemade salsa and a side of fruit for \$11.

#### Also participating

##### Fuller House

35 E. First St.  
(630) 568-5466  
www.fullerhousebar.com  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday & Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

##### Giuliano's Pizza

40 Village Place  
(630) 734-1500  
www.giulianospizza.com  
Hours: 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday to Thursday, 4 to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday, closed Monday.

##### Nabuki

18 E. First St.  
(630) 654-8880  
www.nabukihinsdale.com  
Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday & Monday.

For more information, visit [www.hinsdaledining.com](http://www.hinsdaledining.com).





Get an up-close look at sheep shearing at Kline Creek Farm on April 28. Turn to Page 30 for details. (photo courtesy of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District)

## ARTFULLY DONE

### ■ Artists Reception

April 17  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 206-9566

Meet members of both the Oak Brook Art League and In Focus at this celebration of connections all share in nature and in art. The Oak Brook Art League presents the exhibit "Celebrating the Beauty of Nature" reflecting the artists' experiences and responses to the world. In Focus' "Tapestry of Nature" is a collection by three visionary artists inviting visitors to pause, reflect and revel in the ephemeral magic binding people to their surroundings. Signature mocktails will be served. All ages are welcome; under 13 must be with an adult. Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

### ■ Needlecraft Night

April 18  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

(630) 986-1976

Bring a needlecraft project to work on and enjoy some pleasant conversation with fellow crafting enthusiasts. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

### ■ Heartwork Exhibit Opening

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

Join this art reception honoring the work Heartwork students have created during a series of classes over the past year under the instruction of local artist Maureen Claffy. The work will be on display in the library's Quiet Room April 15-30. Light refreshments will be available. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

### ■ Natural History Illustration Class

Fridays, April 26-June 14  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
www.dupageforest.org

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



Tom Lupfer  
Owner & President  
Lupfer Landscaping

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

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

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

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# It's off to the races ... and to the houses

Spring is in full swing! Now that the spring breakers have returned, first pitches have officially started the baseball season and the AYSO goals are up at the parks, it feels like we're racing into the final stretch before summer. This time of year also offers two long-standing Hinsdale social traditions: Derby Day and Kitchen Walk.

## Derby Day

This year's Derby Day party, hosted by the Hinsdale Auxiliary of Brightpoint (formerly Children's Home & Aid), takes place at Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook on Saturday, May 4. As it turns out, this is the 69th annual event, making it one of the longest running benefit fundraisers in the area.

Guests are encouraged to wear their hats and cheer for their favorite horse and jockey during the televised broadcast of "the most exciting two minutes in sports" (a.k.a. the Kentucky Derby) before enjoying a seated dinner with guest M.C. Alex Maragos of NBC Chicago, live and silent auctions, raffles and dancing into the night.

You might not be familiar with the Brightpoint name, but you probably

recognize its former moniker, Children's Home & Aid. Originally formed with the goal of providing safe homes for children who needed to escape abuse, Children's Home & Aid started serving Illinois in 1883. The recent rebrand to Brightpoint also took into account modern policies, and Brightpoint recentered its work by focusing on prevention, recognizing that children do best when they are at home in stable families. Today's programs, which the Derby Day event supports, work to provide this stability by addressing small problems before they become life-altering crises through five program areas: early childhood care and education, child welfare, parent support, mental health and wellness, and youth services.

"When I started volunteering with Brightpoint and getting to work with these kids, I knew I had found something special," Hinsdale Auxiliary President Tish Newcomer said. "When we say, 'It's a great time for a great cause,' it really is. We have the chance



Allison Peters  
Society spotlight

to make a difference in the lives of so many families."

To purchase tickets or find out about sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.brightpoint.org/derby-day](http://www.brightpoint.org/derby-day).

## Kitchen Walk

Less than a week after the Derby Day party is another big day in town: the Hinsdale Historical Society's Kitchen

Walk on Friday, May 10. This year's theme, Graceful Gatherings, is on display in six of Hinsdale's homes, each boasting tables curated by local designers, specialty drinks and nibbles from local favorites, and items to purchase from luxury vendors.

With droves of protective bootie-clad guests expected rain or shine (pro-tip: leave the stilettos at home), tickets are limited this year. Guests can choose general admission for \$75 or Premium Preview for \$95. (Trolley tickets already are sold out.) Premium Preview tickets (limited to 250) offer access to the homes an hour before they open to the general public and before the trolleys

arrive. To purchase these tickets, you must be a Historian-level member of the Hinsdale Historical Society.

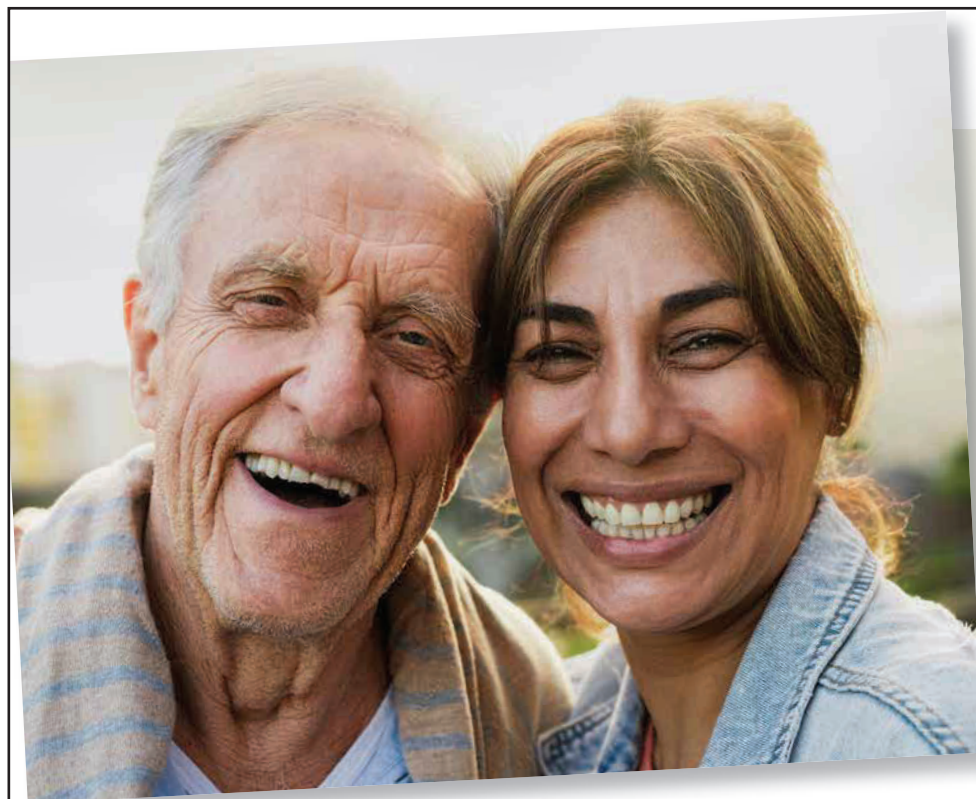
"Proceeds of the Hinsdale Kitchen Walk go to maintaining and preserving our three properties: the R. Harold Zook Home and Studio, Hinsdale Historical Museum and Immanuel Hall, which houses our Roger and Ruth Anderson Architecture Center," Co-President Emily Bower said. "These crucial funds allow us not only to preserve and record our village's past and present, but also to develop and support educational programs, exhibits and resources that depict and share the memories and stories of Hinsdale's rich history."

Co-President Walker Rediehs said the Kitchen Walk is one of her favorite days of the year.

"What's not to like about eating, drinking and shopping with friends while walking through beautiful homes?" she said.

Visit [www.kitchen-walk.com](http://www.kitchen-walk.com) to purchase tickets.

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



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Work outside (weather-permitting) with a skilled instructor using specimens and photographs to draw and paint plants, flowers and landscapes using watercolor and gouache. No class May 10 or 17. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$240. RR

## CENTRAL TIME

### ■ 'Into the Woods'

April 19-20  
Hinsdale Central auditorium  
5500 S. Grant St.  
[www.hinsdaledrama.com/tickets.html](http://www.hinsdaledrama.com/tickets.html)

Hinsdale Central Drama will perform its spring musical, intertwining the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales while exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests, and featuring music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Times: 7 p.m. April 19, 1 & 7 p.m. April 20. Tickets: \$15, \$10 for students.

### ■ Teacher Appreciation 2024

Through May 3  
[www.hinsdalecentralfoundation.org](http://www.hinsdalecentralfoundation.org)

The Hinsdale Central Foundation is inviting families to make a donation to honor a special teacher, coach, sponsor or staff member during Teacher Appreciation Week. Parents can nominate their own former teachers or coaches and donate in their name. The individual will receive a message from the donor and a special certificate to display. Donations will support programs that benefit teachers, students and families. Donations may be made on the foundation's website listed above or pay by Venmo to @HCHS-Foundation. Include the individual to be honored, their department or position, the amount to be donated and a personal message.

## FAMILY FUN

### ■ Fishing Derby

April 13  
Papoose Lake

McCarthy Road west of South La Grange Road, near Palos Park  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(312) 533-5751

Join the village of Palos Park and the Cook County Forest Preserve District for a family-fun day of fishing. Prizes will be awarded. Time: 8 a.m. start.

### ■ Creative Sustainability Workshop

April 18  
Possum Hollow Woods  
31st Street west of South La Grange Road, near LaGrange Park  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(312) 533-5751

Make chemical-free cleaning supplies, lavender pouches and native seed bombs. The program is for ages 10 and up. Hours: 5 to 7 p.m.

## FOR A CAUSE

### ■ Blood drive

April 20  
Rejuvenate Health  
534 Chestnut St.  
[www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL)

(847) 305-9998

Rejuvenate Health and JLF Fitness are sponsoring this blood drive in cooperation with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois and reminding residents that one donation can save up to three lives. Donors should eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. A photo ID is required. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are encouraged. Visit the website or text or call the number listed above. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## GAME ON

### ■ Outdoor Recreational Basketball

Saturdays, April 13-May 18  
Robbins Park  
Seventh & Vine streets  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Players ages 7-12 of all skill levels are invited to develop their dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding and defensive skills through short skills sessions, followed by game play

to apply the skills. Players will be assigned to different teams each week, and games will be played in a respectful, positive and safe environment emphasizing equal participation, teamwork and sportsmanship. Time: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$103. RR

### ■ Jr. Basketball

Mondays, April 15-May 20  
Madison School  
611 S. Madison St.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-7 will learn all the basic skills of dribbling, passing and shooting in a non-competitive environment. The coach will decide whether the class meets inside or outside. Time: 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Cost: \$62. RR

## GREAT OUTDOORS

### ■ Sunrise Walk

April 14  
Little Red Schoolhouse  
Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,

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

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

■ **Accessible Wildflower Walk**

April 14  
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center  
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont  
www.fpdcc.com  
(630) 257-2045

This leisurely walk will highlight wildflowers along a paved driveway. Time: 1 p.m. RR

■ **International Bat Appreciation Folktale and Walk**

April 17  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy a folktale recited by a librarian from the LaGrange Park Library while walking and discussing the importance of these misunderstood flying

mammals. Time: 6 p.m. RR

■ **Full Moon Guided Hike**

April 23  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
www.mortonarb.org  
(630) 719-2468

Learn moon facts and lore and how animals are adapted for nighttime as a naturalist guide leads participants along the arboretum’s moonlit trails. The program is for ages 16 and up. Time: 8 to 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$24. RR, MD

**GREEN THUMB**

■ **Don’t Squash That Bug!**

April 15  
Indian Head Park Administration Building  
201 Acacia Drive

The Suburban Garden Club will host this discussion covering some of the million species of insects and spiders on the planet (25,000 in Illinois alone) and how to distinguish the “good guys” from the “bad guys”. All are welcome. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

■ **Containers and Raised Beds**

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

Learn from a master gardener how to raise productive vegetables in containers and other above-ground growing systems for safe and fruitful backyard vegetables while maximizing garden space. Recommended soil and fertilizer practices as well as construction material options also will be discussed. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ **Native Plant presale**

May 16  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
www.dupageforest.org

Purchase a ticket for access to the presale and shop for native flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees. Visitors should bring their own box or wagon. Plant experts answer questions and make planting recommendations, and plant availability will be based on

what the supplier is able to deliver the week of the sale. Proceeds support the Friends of the Forest Preserve District. The actual sale runs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 16 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 18. Time 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are limited. Cost: \$20.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

■ **Exercise Your Brain**

April 11  
Clarendon Hills Public Library  
7 N. Prospect Ave.  
www.clarendonhillslibrary.org  
(630) 323-8188

Benefit from social connectedness and intellectual engagement at Wits Workout, engaging in interactive puzzles and games and learning about daily activities to keep the brain healthy. The program, developed by the University of Illinois Extension, is designed for adults 60 and older. Time: 10:30 a.m. RR

**HELP WANTED**

■ **Park Clean-up Day**

April 22  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr  
Residents of all ages, Scout groups, churches, businesses and service organizations are invited to honor Earth Day by pitching in for this annual event. Tasks include planting trees and removing debris. Volunteers can request to work at a specific park. Hours: 4 p.m. to dusk. RR

**JUST FOR KIDS**

■ **Spiderman Party**

April 16  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can swing into spring with awesome Spidey-themed crafts, snacks and activities for fans of the friendly neighborhood superhero to enjoy. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ **Earth Day Craft & Snack**

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## Summer Dance Camps and Workshops are Open!

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- ❖ TikTok Hip-Hop (ages 7-12)
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April 22  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can celebrate Earth Day by making a craft and enjoying a sweet snack. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

## ■ Homework Helpers & Reading

## Ambassadors

Tuesdays in 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

### ■ Arab American Heritage Walk

April 14  
Little Red Schoolhouse  
Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Celebrate Arab American Heritage Month by participating in a guided walk to learn more about the culture and

history and its impact on this country. Time: 11 a.m. RR

## NOTEWORTHY

### ■ CSO Trumpeter John Hagstrom

April 13  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Hinsdale  
120 E. First St.

John Hagstrom, distinguished trumpeter with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra,

will perform a free concert, accompanied by pianist Hyejin Joo and well-known area harpist Autumn Selover. Time: 3 p.m.

### ■ Brahms concert

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

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

### ■ Fusion

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

Enjoy a delightful mix of music old and new, performed by soloists and small ensembles from the West Suburban Symphony. Four short musical sets will feature soloists on harp and violin, a tenor soloist and a brass quintet. Then meet the performers at a post-concert reception with light appetizers/snacks and beverages. Time: 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors, \$5 for teens, free for ages 12 and younger.

### ■ Music of the Roaring '20s

April 18  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)  
(630) 206-9566

Take a step back in time to the era of the Charleston and Rag Time. Learn about the historical and social influences behind the music and hear the sounds that defined the Roaring '20s. The program is for ages 18 and older. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

### ■ Brahms: A German Requiem

April 21  
Hammerschmidt Chapel  
Elmhurst University  
190 S. Prospect Ave.  
[www.elmhurstchoralunion.org/tickets](http://www.elmhurstchoralunion.org/tickets)  
(630) 758-1100

Elmhurst Choral Union and Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra present this monumental work composed between 1865 and 1868, standing as a testament to Johannes Brahms' profound musical and emotional depth. It offers a unique perspective on life, death and consolation through seven movements, each exploring different facets of the human experience. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$15 for ages 12 and younger.

### ■ 'Around the World in 80 Minutes'

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

The Hinsdale Chorale will perform its spring concert featuring a wide array of traditional, folk, liturgical and dance songs from a variety of cultures around the world and in nine different languages. Pieces include the traditional Zimbabwe greeting, "Sorida," folk songs from Newfoundland and Ireland, a Brazilian setting of Psalm 150 sung in Latin and "Barun Barune," a traditional Iranian folk song. A highlight of the program is Eric Whitacre's "Five Hebrew Love Songs." Times: 7 p.m. April 27, 3 p.m. April 28. Tickets: \$20, \$15 for students and seniors.

### ON STAGE

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Spinsters Martha and Abby Brewster are adored by their neighbors and guests, but when their nephew, Mortimer, arrives to announce his engagement, he discovers a corpse in his aunts' home. A hilarious chain of events ensues in this classic dark comedy. The play contains adult themes and language. A post-show discussion with the director, cast and crew will be held Friday, April 12. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for students.

#### ■ 'The Taming of the Shrew'

April 12-14  
Lincoln Center  
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[www.groveplayers.org](http://www.groveplayers.org)  
(630) 415-3682

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

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■ **'Putnam County Spelling Bee'**

April 18-20  
Hinsdale South High School  
7401 S. Clarendon Hills  
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The Hinsdale South Fine Arts Department presents this popular musical. Tickets may be purchased an hour before the show. Times: 7 p.m. April

18-20, 2 p.m. April 20. Tickets: \$20, \$10 for students.

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■ **Emergence Dance Concert**

April 19  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

Join this evening of dance and film by College of DuPage students and faculty. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10, \$5 for students.

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& 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 & 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$100.75-\$111.25.

## RUNS & WALKS

### ■ Walk for Wellness House

May 5  
Wellness House  
131 N. County Line Road  
www.wellnesshouse.org

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

## SENIOR SCENE

### ■ Senior Services Day

April 16  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Discover for yourself or a loved one the resources and support needed to age gracefully and stay vibrant at this free resource fair offering information, inspiration and connection. Registration is required for the Lunch and Learn Panel from noon to 2 p.m. and for the Coffee Cake & Conversation Panel from 4 to 6 p.m. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. RR

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ■ Recycle and Shred event

April 13  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
139 E. First St.  
www.senatorsuzyglowiak.com

State Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton (D-24, Western Springs) is partnering with Redeemer Lutheran Church, SCARCE, Union Church of Hinsdale and Unitarian Church of Hinsdale to host this event for residents to properly recycle household items and dispose of confidential documents. The event

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will have shredding services for confidential documents, as well as recycling for books, bicycles, holiday lights, walkers, canes, hearing aids, school supplies and more. Visitors are limited to two bags/boxes of shredding material each. Hours: 9 a.m. to noon.

■ **Earth Day Celebration**

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

Art activities, scavenger hunts, food chain demonstrations and free plant giveaways will delight visitors. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

■ **Chicago Western Suburbs Sports Card Showcase**

April 28  
Willowbrook Burr Ridge  
Sports Center  
7850 S. Quincy St.,  
Willowbrook  
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Sports card enthusiasts are invited to this free-admission event, featuring a special autograph opportunity with former Chicago Bull and 3x NBA champion Dickey Simpkins from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **Sheep Shearing**

April 28  
Kline Creek Farm  
1N600 County Farm Road,  
West Chicago  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 876-5900

Watch farmers hand shear heritage Cotswold sheep, and learn about the role of sheep on an 1890s farm. Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 suggested per person ages 3 and up.

**STEPPING BACK**

■ **Waycar Wednesday**

April 24  
St. James Farm  
2S541 Winfield Road,  
Warrenville  
(630) 580-7025  
www.dupageforest.org

Walk through a 1906 waycar (or caboose) and hear how it was first used on the rails and then by Brooks McCormick after its retirement. Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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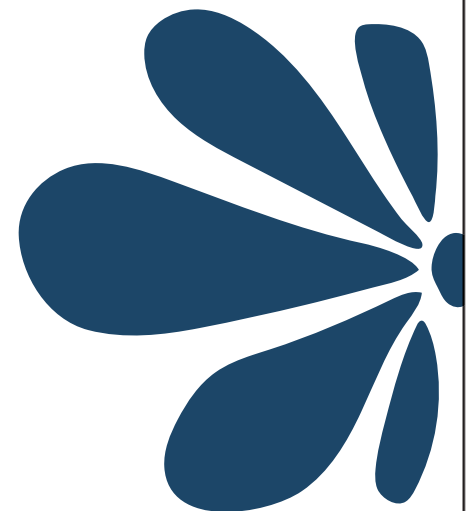
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## Pet pic of the week

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### TEENS & TWEENS

#### ■ Book Bites

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

Library staff will serve up books from a variety of genres to sample, along with refreshments, for middle- and high-schoolers. Time: 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. RR

#### ■ Outdoor Cooking

April 19  
Camp Bullfrog Lake  
9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 771-1573  
Youth ages 12-17 with an adult can learn how to prepare food both over a fire and on a stove. Email [experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov) to register. Time: 5:30 p.m. RR

### WEE ONES

■ **Dad and Me Fun With Football**  
Mondays, April 15-May 20  
Robbins Park  
Seventh & Vine streets  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr  
(630) 789-7090

Dads and their son or daughter ages 3-5 can enjoy Nerf football and help them learn proper form and technique for many skills with the help of coaches. Time: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$77. RR

#### ■ Tiny Tot Olympics

Fridays, April 19-May 24  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr  
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 2-3 with an adult will jump, run, throw and develop a variety of other skills as they participate in soccer, basketball, baseball (T-ball), track and field and other Olympic sports. A pint-size games will be held during the last class. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Cost \$90. RR

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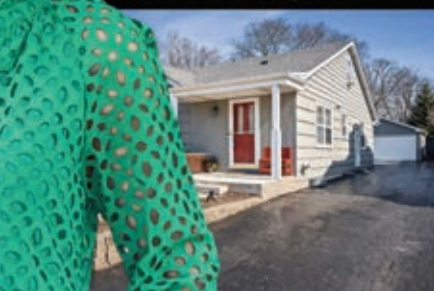
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**CLOSED - \$650,000**



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# REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County between Feb. 26 and March 29.

**1. 46 S. Thurlow St.,** Joy Stewart and Eric Anderson to Andrew and Marissa Juiris, Feb. 26, \$815,000

**2. 25 S. Stough St.,** Marquette Bank Trust to Stefanos Bezanis and Cassandra Rose, Feb. 28, \$750,000

**3. 118 N. Clay St.,** Madonna

Ames Living Trust to JJ Town LLC, March 4, \$2,425,000

**4. 444 Fuller Road,** Rocco and Kimantha DiTrani and DiTrani Family Trust to Kai Pei and Lili Ma, March 4, \$1,555,000

**5. 124 S. Park Ave.,** Ralph and Jennifer Schackart to Courtney and Anthony DiNello, March 8, \$4,425,000

**6. 406 58th Place,** Thomas C. Dolack and Joseph T. Dolack Family and Declaration trusts

to Stephen Dykun, March 12, \$270,000

**7. 740 S. Grant St.,** 740 S. Grant LLC to Alexis Underwood and Loren Simmons, March 12, \$1,465,000

**8. 925 Allmen Ave.,** Bianca Bella to Jeffrey T. and Sherri R. Cook declaration trusts, March 13, \$815,000

**9. 425 E. Eighth St.,** Jeffrey Cantalupo and JJC Private Land Trust to Chicago Title Land Trust, March 19, \$2,800,000

**10. 416 S. Lincoln St.,** John and Rebecca Schmidt to Christopher and Kristen Meyers, March 27, \$1,050,000

**11. 800 Jefferson St.,** Russell Caifano and the Caifano Joint Revocable living trusts to Joshua and Sara Brill, March 27, \$750,000

**12. 206 N. Lincoln St.,** Margaret Harper to Deborah and Stephen Shepherd, March 29, \$2,900,000 *Source: DuPage County Recorder of Deeds*



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## All eyes on the sky

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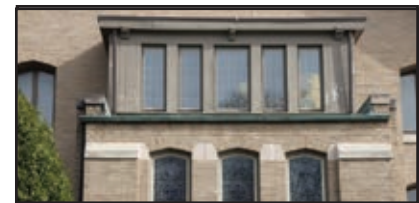
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  - 12 TAUNT
  - 13 AUSSIE HOPPER
  - 14 HOCKEY LEGEND  
PHIL, TO FANS
  - 15 HOME OF THE PACKERS
  - 17 COMPARED TO
  - 18 CONGEAL
  - 19 STURDY TREE
  - 20 SPASSKY'S GAME  
-- MANUEL MIRANDA
  - 22 HUGE
  - 23 BOTTOM
  - 26 FEAR-STRICKEN
  - 30 "E PLURIBUS --"
  - 31 BLUE HUE
  - 32 LIGHTEN
  - 33 ARTY AREA
  - 35 HINDER
  - 36 SAILOR
  - 37 SODA CONTAINER
  - 38 NORWEGIAN INLET  
"IT'S C-C-COLD!"
  - 42 RIGHT ANGLE
  - 45 ACTRESS RUSSO
  - 46 CHINESE BREW
  - 48 DIMINUTIVE SUFFIX
  - 49 MOSQUITO BARRIER
  - 50 CUPID'S ALIAS
  - 51 THAMES TOWN
  - 52 MULTIPURPOSE TRUCK
  - 53 COMPASS POINT

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- 1 OMELET NEEDS
  - 2 OLD ITALIAN MONEY
  - 3 HELP A CROOK
  - 4 BORN ABROAD?
  - 5 CITY-RELATED
  - 6 DRENCH
  - 7 SAUCE SOURCE
  - 8 "THE ITALIAN JOB"  
ACTOR
  - 9 TENNIS CHAMP  
ARTHUR
  - 10 TRANSCRIPT STATS
  - 11 ETERNITIES
  - 16 DARK FILM GENRE
  - 20 SPY ORG.
  - 21 COLOR NAMED  
FOR A FRUIT
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GIST
  - 24 YEAR IN SPAIN  
"GEE, YA THINK?"
  - 25 ALIAS ABBR.
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  - 41 AUTHOR HARTE
  - 42 TO BE, IN TOULON
  - 43 SOME JULY BABIES
  - 44 ENDURE
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  - 47 UP-TO-DATE

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains a 1 of the numbers from one to nine

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Recur; 2. Mislead;
3. Subtle; 4. Invade

Today's Word  
**MUSIC**

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters under each heading to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the letters to form a fifth word. Write up to complete the page!



"But you always said you LIKE to make up to..."

- Parade: CURER
- Beating: ADMILES
- Style: BUSTLE
- Breath: VAINED

TODAY'S WORD

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# HOROSCOPES

April 2024 Horoscopes • Week 3



CAPRICORN

**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20

Nothing can stop you when you put a lot of gusto behind your efforts, Capricorn. Just be mindful of who you might affect if you take things with a little too much ambition.



ARIES

**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this is a great week for transformation. Be careful where you direct your attention, as what you do will have lasting effects. Choose your plans wisely.



CANCER

**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22

You are in a great position to make some lasting and strong impressions on others, Cancer. Focus on group work, as this will showcase how well you work with others.



LIBRA

**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23

A conflict in your life that you may feel is beyond your control may crop up at the worst time, Libra. Use this as a learning opportunity on how to cope under pressure.



AQUARIUS

**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, are you getting the sense that something is going on around you that you're simply not a part of? Maybe your exclusive invitation is just waiting in the wings. Be patient.



TAURUS

**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21

Use this week's powerful energy to strip away all of the unnecessary static in your life right now. It is doing more harm than good. Open yourself up to new opportunities, Taurus.



LEO

**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you do not know which direction to go in this week, and that is perfectly fine. Try out different options and figure out what fits best. This will require some trial and error.



SCORPIO

**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you have the power to produce a powerful outcome, even if it seems that forces are working against you. Do not give up; in fact, double down your efforts.



PISCES

**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, stand up for what you want, even if means that you are taking a different stance than others. You don't have to please everyone in every endeavor.



GEMINI

**GEMINI** – May 22/June 21

Gemini, there is a lot of stuff going on around you, and you need to sort through the noise to determine your priorities. Things will start to become more clear this week.



VIRGO

**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you have a tremendous amount of power at your disposal this week. Use all of it wisely and thoughtfully. Others will be strongly affected by your presence.



SAGITTARIUS

**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, take things with a grain of salt if people seem insensitive to your feelings this week. You don't know what others have going on in their lives.



# SPORTS — ROUNDUP

## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Rachele Cameli Hinsdale**

### When did you first start playing badminton?

When my sister was in high school and she also played badminton. I started at a pretty young age, sometime in middle school. I played at Midwest Badminton Club.

### Is competitive badminton like backyard badminton?

No. I would say it's a lot different. In backyard badminton, there are not as many boundaries and it's not as fast-paced. It's more light-hearted. Competitive badminton is obviously more competitive.

### Do you prefer playing singles or doubles?

I definitely like playing doubles because it's a faster-paced game than singles and it relies more on teamwork and communication in order to score. I'm playing with the same partner as last year, Maria Jiao, and I feel like we've developed more of a friendship and bond on and off the court.

### How have you improved?

My court sense has gotten a lot better this year. I feel I hit to a lot more open spots and spots that people aren't. I feel like I have a good court awareness this year.

### Do you have any pre-match routines?

My team just started pasta parties this year. Every Friday

before our Saturday tournaments we get together and eat and all hang out. Before matches I typically listen to music. I have specific playlists that get me into the mood for the game.

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

To leave everything on the court and just control my emotions during intense matches.

### What is your goal for the season?

I would say definitely (to be) first in conference and first place in sectionals. Last year my partner and I placed sixth in doubles in state, and so this year (our goal) is to definitely do better than that.

### What are your plans for next year?

I'll be attending Marquette University and I'm in the college of health science. My undergrad is in exercise physiology. I also got direct admit, so I'll be in the doctorate program in physical therapy at Marquette.

### Why does coach Katie Maley like having Cameli on the team?

Rachele is 100-percent committed to the game. I love her passion and her competitive spirit. She has such a high badminton IQ and it's so fun to watch play.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

## RESULTS

### Badminton

April 8 vs. Metea Valley  
V wins 9-6  
Cameli, 21-11, 21-4  
Jiao, 21-7, 21-11  
Gupta, 21-16, 16-21, 21-16  
Cameli/Jiao, 21-5, 21-7  
Tu/Fang, 21-13, 21-14  
Sriparam/Liu, 21-19, 21-19,  
Shen/Graeb, 16-21, 21-12,  
21-15  
April 6 @ WWS Birdie Bash  
V places 2nd  
April 3 vs. OP-RF  
V wins 15-0

### Baseball

April 9 @ York  
V wins 6-5  
Kassab, home run, 2 RBIs  
Connors, save  
April 8 vs. York  
V loses 2-5  
April 6 vs. Leyden  
V wins 15-2  
April 5 vs. Downers North  
V loses 5-11

### Gymnastics, boys

April 5 @ Red Devil Canino Invite  
V places 6th with 115.7 points  
Floor exercise  
Cihlar, 10th, 8.3  
McDaniel, 22nd (tie), 7.3  
Truong, 32nd, 6.2  
Pommel horse  
Cihlar, 4th, 8  
Truong, 14th, 5.4  
Ashby, 34th (tie), 3.1  
Still rings  
Cihlar, 3rd (tie), 8.1  
Ahuja, 20th (tie), 6.1  
Ashby, 22nd (tie), 5.9  
Vault  
Cihlar, 3rd, 9  
Truong, 20th (tie), 6.3  
Ravanasa, 24th (tie), 6.1  
Parallel bars  
Cihlar, 6th, 8.1  
Ashby, 23rd, 6.5  
Ravanasa, 28th, 5.8  
Horizontal bar

Cihlar, 3rd, 8.1  
Ashby, 27th (tie), 4.5  
Ravanasa, 34th, 2.9  
All around  
Cihlar, 4th, 49.6

### Lacrosse, boys

April 9 @ Maine South  
V wins 6-4  
April 5 vs. Minooka  
V wins 5-2

### Lacrosse, girls

April 9 vs. OP-RF  
V wins 17-7  
April 5 @ Lincoln-Way Central  
V wins 11-6  
O'Connor, 2 goals, assist  
Parker-Briones, 2 goals, assist  
Conley, 2 goals  
Venetsanopoulos, goal, 2 assists  
Kearney, goal  
Linn, goal  
Matthews, goal  
Moncrief, goal  
Schultz, 6 saves  
April 4 vs. Sandburg  
V wins 12-7

### Soccer, girls

April 6 & 8 @ Plainfield North Classic  
vs. East Aurora  
V wins 5-0  
DiTomasso, goal, assist  
Doherty, goal, assist  
Anderson, goal  
Leal, goal  
McDonnell, goal  
Edgewater, assist  
Giannini, assist  
vs. Oswego  
V wins 2-1

### Softball

April 9 vs. Wheaton Warrenville South  
V loses 4-9  
April 8 @ Benet  
V loses 9-20  
April 6 vs. Oak Lawn

V loses 4-11  
April 5 @ Nazareth  
V loses 4-5

### Tennis, boys

April 9 vs. Downers North  
V wins 7-0  
April 6 @ DGS Team Invite  
V wins 3-0  
vs. Ladue Horton Watkins (Mo.)  
V wins 7-1  
April 5 vs. Chicago University High School  
V wins 4-1

### Track, boys

April 6 @ St. Charles East Invite  
100 meters  
Tresslar, 9th, 11.79  
Lyne, 10th, 11.83  
200 meters  
Tresslar, 6th, 23.65  
Lyne, 7th, 23.67  
400 meters  
Bots, 5th, 52.62  
Morrissey, 6th, 53.08  
800 meters  
Revord, 4th, 2:05.16  
Ferren, 9th, 2:12.58  
1,600 meters  
Kurimay, 8th, 4:36.99  
Miller, 11th, 4:42.32  
3,200 meters  
Bandukwala, 1st, 9:07.17  
DiCianni, 11th, 10:03.06  
4x100 relay  
V, 4th, 44.65  
4x200 relay  
V, 4th, 1:45.32  
4x400 relay  
V, 3rd, 3:31.38  
4x800 relay  
V, 4th, 8:33.72  
High jump  
Prieto, 1st, 6-6  
Stach, 4th, 5-4.5  
Pole vault  
Bystriansky, 2nd, 8  
Discus  
Ortiz, 6th, 115-11.75  
Koschik, 7th, 114-10.25  
Shot put

Ortiz, 1st, 49-1.75

### Track, girls

April 6 @ DGS Invite  
V places 5th with 76 points  
100 meters  
Dorris, 2nd, 12.76  
Bonino, 11th, 13.55  
200 meters  
Gilmartin, 9th, 28.09  
Dorris, 11th, 28.4  
400 meters  
Gilmartin, 5th, 1:02.42  
Elsdon, 8th, 1:05.44  
1,600 meters  
Boyd, 9th, 5:38.69  
Griffin, 10th, 5:45.28  
100-meter hurdles  
Leech, 3rd, 17.75  
Abu-Ghazalah, 10th, 19.73  
300-meter hurdles  
Leech, 2nd, 50.25  
4x100 relay  
Gilmartin, Tresslar, A. Hodneland, Dorris, 3rd, 50.41  
4x200 relay  
Dorris, A. Hodneland, Tresslar, Gilmartin, 1st, 1:47.22  
4x400 relay  
A. Hodneland, Elsdon, Tresslar, Dani, 4th, 4:16.72  
4x800 relay  
Boyd, Gilmartin, Griffin, Hughes, 3rd, 10:07.89  
Shot put  
Ford, 5th, 8.54m  
Veliz-Hernandez, 13th, 7.37m  
Discus  
Veliz-Hernandez, 7th, 22.86m  
Kawa, 8th, 22.17m  
High jump  
Dani, 1st, 1.47m  
Pole vault  
Hamelka, 8th (tie), 2.29m  
Bisch, 8th (tie), 2.29m  
Long jump  
Moser, 3rd, 5.07m  
Bonino, 9th, 4.46m  
Triple jump  
Moser, 2nd, 10.79m

Bonino, 7th, 10.22m

### Volleyball, boys

April 9 vs. Proviso West  
V wins 25-19, 27-25  
Ruth, 9 kills, 2 aces, 9 digs  
Drescher, 6 kills, dig  
Beringer, 3 kills, 2 blocks  
Patel, kill, 2 digs, 15 assists  
Hogervorst, kill, 3 blocks, dig  
Naveed, kill, block, 2 assists  
Ghouse, kill, ace  
Haworth, kill  
Redding, kill  
Reodica, 8 digs  
Lynch, 7 digs, assist  
April 8 @ Wheaton Warrenville South  
V loses 17-25, 9-25  
April 4 vs. Benet  
V loses 19-25, 25-19, 21-25

### Water polo, boys

April 8 @ Naperville North  
V loses 9-16  
April 6 @ Glenbrook South Invite  
vs. Highland Park  
V wins 12-3  
vs. Glenbrook South  
V loses 4-6  
vs. Fremd  
V ties 10-10  
April 3 @ OP-RF  
V loses 5-10

### Water polo, girls

April 8 vs. Naperville North  
V loses 1-11  
April 6 @ Glenbrook South Invite  
vs. Glenbrook South  
V wins 8-5  
vs. New Trier  
V wins 10-6  
vs. Conant  
V loses 5-6  
April 4 vs. Lincoln-Way West  
V loses 4-9  
April 3 vs. OP-RF  
V loses 5-7

## Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central's** Micah Drescher rises to spike the ball Tuesday night during a home match against Proviso West. The Red Devils defeated the conference rival Panthers in two tightly contested sets 25-19, 27-25. See the results listing above for full player stats. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# SPORTS

## Buzelis is poised for big-time bounce

*Former Red Devil's versatility has elevated teen among top targets of NBA teams*

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One point from victory in the Rising Stars semifinal during the NBA's All-Star weekend in February in Indianapolis, former Hinsdale Central basketball player Matas Buzelis got control of the ball after a teammate's miss.

Posting up his defender, the 19-year-old took two dribbles, spun to his left and drained a fadeaway 10-footer to clinch Team Detlef's championship berth in thrilling fashion. The clutch bucket also helped fan the already strong interest around the 6-foot-10-inch phenom.

While the NBA Draft isn't until June 27, armchair general managers have been handicapping the 2024 prospects since last year. The more credible mock drafts project Buzelis as a top-10 selection, generally between fifth and seventh overall in the most recent iterations.

Buzelis, who currently plays for the Las Vegas-based developmental NBA G League Ignite franchise, returned to the Chicago area March 1 for a game against the Windy City Bulls in Hoffman Estates. His appearance naturally attracted a lot of hometown well-wishers in the stands as well as a couple of pro scouts for teams potentially in the running for his talents.

"He's kind of a Swiss Army knife," one scout told this reporter during the game. "He can shoot, he can handle the ball, he's a good passer. Everyone is looking for a guy that can fill different roles and play different positions."

Buzelis hopes his play on the other end of the court also garners respect

"My defensive instincts, blocking shots," he replied after the game when asked about the greatest growth in his game in his six-month G League journey. "Defensively I think I could be the best two-way player. That's just how I feel."

Hinsdale Central head freshman basketball coach Colin Doyle recounted when the tall thin freshman came out for summer training.



**Matas Buzelis played** his freshman year at Hinsdale Central before going on to star at Brewster Academy in New Hampshire, winning 2021-22 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year honors as a junior. In February he garnered attention for hitting a game-winning shot in the Rising Stars tournament during the NBA's All-Star Weekend. (photo by Steve Foster/photo courtesy of The Indianapolis Star)

"The first thing we noticed about him was he was a little shy," Doyle said. "But his personality came out."

And so did his ability, which earned him a spot on the sophomore squad.

"I remember in the first game, he caught a ball on the baseline and went to dunk it over his opponent — and did it! He had the mindset to attack a kid so much bigger than him," Doyle related. "We had never had someone with that much skill."

Buzelis also demonstrated an adaptability that has served him well.

"He was a great teammate. There were a bunch of kids who really didn't know each other, and he fit in so well with them," Doyle said.

When COVID shut down high school sports here, Buzelis transferred to a private school in New Hampshire where he could continue to play before finishing his prep journey at Sunrise Academy in Kansas. Buzelis' unwillingness to waver from his goal of reaching the NBA helped him

navigate the relocations.

"You've got to have a routine and do the same stuff every day," he remarked. "It's easy for me. I was born to work and get better."

Ignite's roster of skilled, mostly under-21 players makes for high energy but few wins against more experienced lineups. The team's last-place status was clearly weighing on the fierce competitor after the loss to Windy City. Buzelis, who filled the stat sheet with 24 points, 13 rebounds and four assists, called it "just a regular game," but clearly he'd hoped for a different result with so many family and friends in attendance. He spent a good 30 minutes post-game on the court taking selfies and visiting with them.

"We didn't get the 'dub' but we tried our hardest," he said after the impromptu reunion ended. "It's been crazy, honestly, just working, getting better, trying to progress. Trying to get some (wins) is tough since we're a young team."

Doyle said he witnessed Buzelis' tight-knit family relationships and knows he's kept tabs on younger

brother Vincas' performance as a junior member of the Red Devils varsity team this past season. He's also witnessed the elder's relentless drive to get better.

"He always wanted to get better. He's really mature as a person and as player," Doyle said. "He's just always been a really good kid, and he's just continued to get better."

Those in NBA front offices apparently have noticed that as well, setting up what's likely to be a life-changing day for Buzelis less than three months from now.

"I'm getting ready, staying in shape and getting better every day," he said of his pre-draft preparation.

His confidence, to be sure, is already an area of strength.

"I always believed in myself, even when others didn't, and have always felt like I was going to be the best," he said. Buzelis said he is thankful for those who remember him from his youth and have maintained their support of him.

"I appreciate you guys," he said. "You guys show a lot of love to me."



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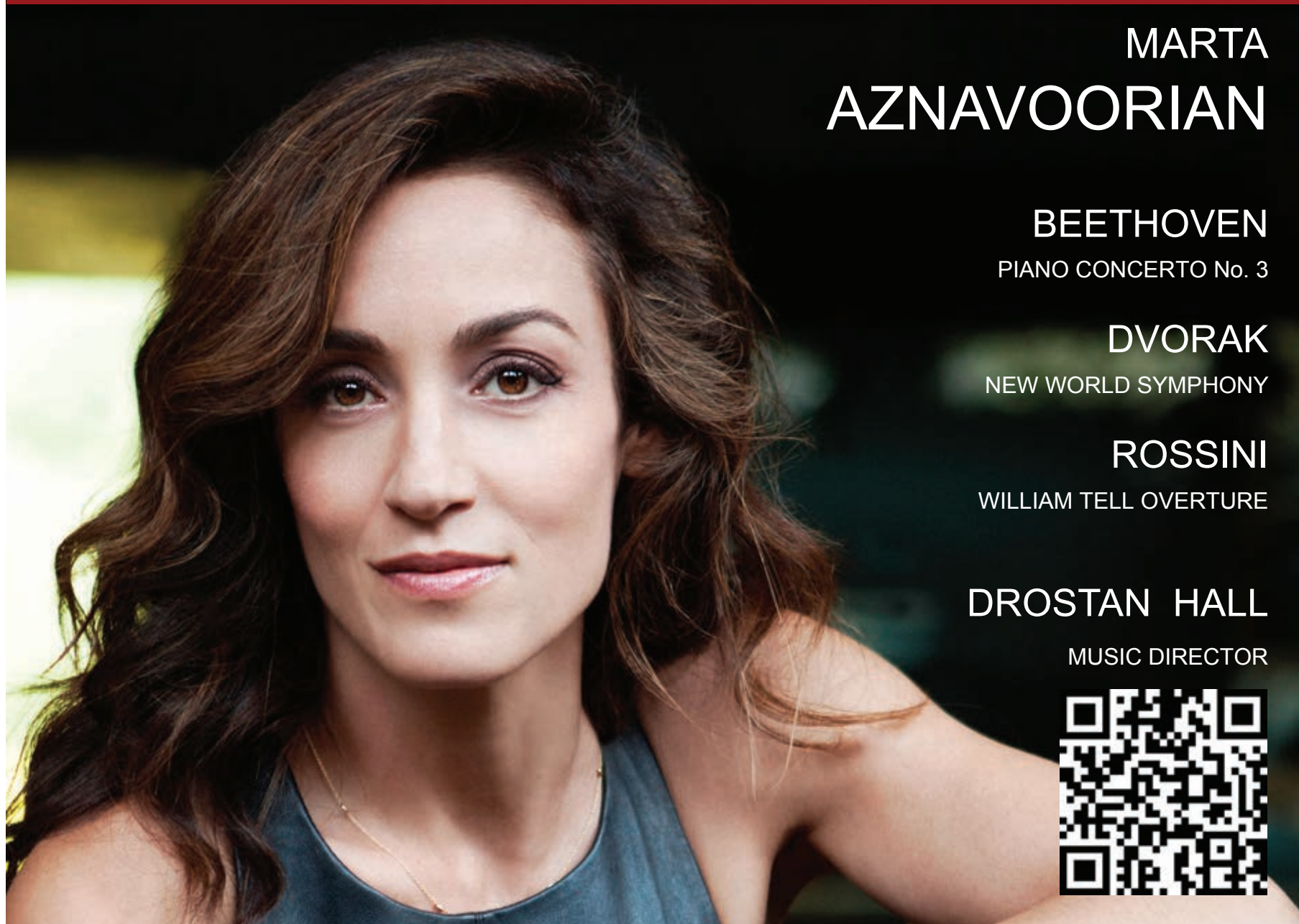
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