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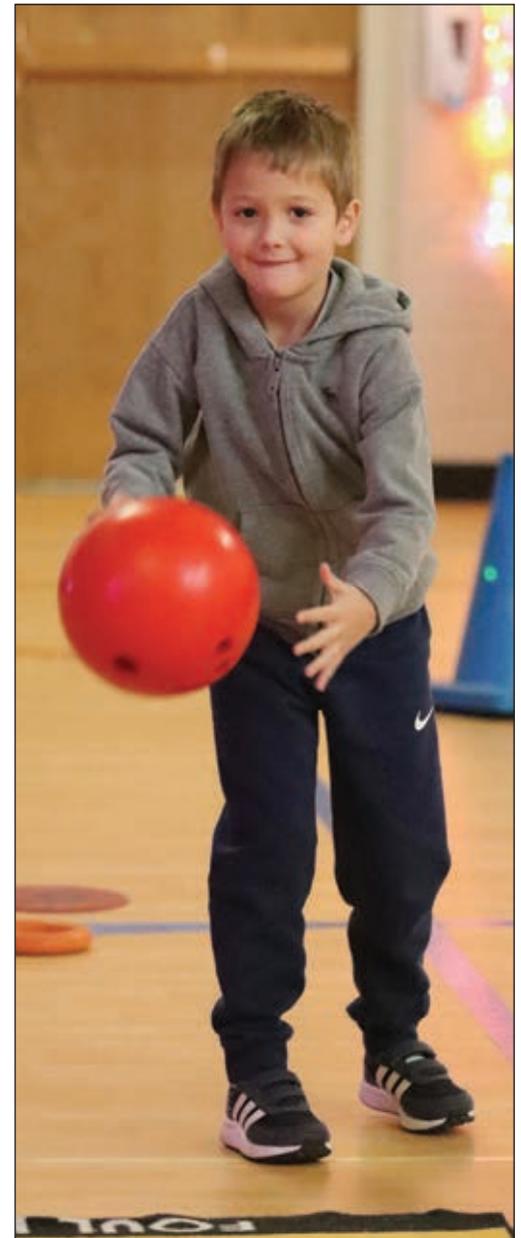
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## Out of this world bowling

Instead of a traditional gym class last week, students at Monroe School spent their time participating in cosmic bowling. With lights dimmed, music playing and strobe lights beaming, the special class was a hit with students. Kindergartners Camille Wrigley, Lennox Schwartz and Declan McGuire all looked ready for the big leagues. (Jim Slonoff)



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## EDC looks back, eyes plans for 2024

*Keeping village's business activity on upward trajectory drives commission's work*

By Ken Knutson

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Sales tax revenue in Hinsdale is up and vacant storefronts are relatively low, according to the village's latest economic development report.

At yesterday's quarterly economic development commission meeting, commissioners learned that last year's third quarter sales tax receipts totaled \$1.55 million, a nearly \$3,000 increase from the same period in 2022. Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson said the numbers continue a positive trend.

"Our sales tax is still doing very well," Peterson said, pointing out the leading categories of car dealerships and gas stations, drugs and miscellaneous retail, and food. "We keep data on all that information to make sure that our sales tax is healthy and that we're continuing economic development initiatives to drive business to the downtown and for people to shop local in

Hinsdale."

A retail occupancy rate report from the economic development agency Choose DuPage put Hinsdale at a 96.7 percent level. The agency suggests 90 percent is healthy.

"We're very fortunate to have a very low vacancy rate in our downtown," Peterson said.

She added that several currently empty spaces are slated to welcome new businesses, like Brasi's Pizzeria opening at 34 E. Hinsdale Ave. and a pizza shop operating out of the old Dips & Dogs spot.

"They don't stay vacant very long," Peterson remarked.

Additionally, she reported that a restaurant is in talks to take over the former Corner Bakery site.

"We'll see how that fleshes out," Peterson related. "I think a lunch and dinner restaurant is what's being proposed."

Village officials are planning to talk with Gateway Square representatives about revitalizing that shop-

ping center on the north side town, she said.

"There's some very good businesses that are in that mall now, but there's clearly also a lot of vacancies," Peterson told commissioners.

The commission's 2024 budget of \$90,000 includes \$40,000 earmarked for holiday lighting and \$30,000 for promotional materials.

Reflecting on the highlights of last holiday season, commissioners expressed support for the addition of the large lighted train engine to Burlington Park. But they weren't fans of the \$5,000 price tag.

"Maybe we can find something that is very similar to this but maybe around, like, \$3,000," Commissioner Carrie Thangamani said. "The holiday time is very busy in downtown. People go out to eat a lot. You really want to continue to make that a destination, so I think it's important to have something similar."

Peterson agreed that the concept was worth continuing.

"We like the idea of a large-scale feature," she said. "Maybe people come and do their holiday card pictures and then maybe they go to dinner."

Peterson said four businesses had their windows painted for the holidays as part of a village program to draw visitors downtown. The artist was provided by the village, but Peterson said some shops didn't participate because the given motif was trains.

"I think people like the idea of window painting, but maybe were shying away a little bit from it being a certain theme," she said.

The annual Restaurant Week is planned for April 12-20, coinciding with the beginning of the outdoor dining season. Peterson asked commissioners for ideas on generating interest and if any of the submitted tag lines caught their eye.

"I like 'Eat Like a Local,'" commission Chair Jill Sunderson said. "It reminds people to come out, support."



### Flipping over a pancake dinner

Members of the Grace Church Youth Group held a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper Feb. 13. Proceeds will fund a portion of their the group's mission trip to repair homes in Copper Hill, Tenn. Oliver Clary and Owen Tims spent some of their time making the pancakes. George Cisar and Colette Meyer were among the happy diners. (Jim Slonoff photos)

# ONCE UPON A TIME



**Places from the past** — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, a Hinsdale Central graduate, moved to Hinsdale in 1971 and spent many years here in his youth. Having spent more than 40 years with the village, there isn’t a lot about Hinsdale he doesn’t know or hasn’t photographed. This photo from 1979 was taken of the Sports Shop Boutique at 12 E. First St. Currently Glimpse Vision has an eye care center in the location. 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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# Trustees look to support preservation

By Pamela Lannom

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Hinsdale trustees want to support the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission in its work.

So next month they will discuss adding steps to the process for homeowners who want to tear down a historic district or landmarked home and build something new in its place.

"I think there's competing interests here for historic preservation on one hand and the right of the homeowner," Village President Tom Cauley said at Tuesday's village board meeting. "I do think we have to strike a balance between these two concerns. That said, I think there's more that we can do to help the HPC in the cause of historic preservation."

Currently homeowners must apply to the historic

preservation commission to receive a demolition permit to tear down a historic or landmarked home and a certificate of appropriateness for the new home they want to build. But the commission's decisions are not binding.

"The applicant can then go to the building department and get a demolition permit and build the house that they want to build," Cauley said.

New regulations could require homeowners to submit a preliminary design to the HPC so it can be involved in the process before the architectural drawings are completed.

"I think that benefits the residents. I think it benefits the HPC. I think it would make the process more collaborative and less antagonistic," Cauley said.

If the HPC denies either the demolition permit or the certificate of appropriateness, homeowners could be required to come before the village board.

That might help persuade the homeowners, Cauley said, although the board's decision would not be binding, either.

"I think that would help preserve historic homes but not deprive the homeowner from ultimately doing what he or she wants to do at the end of the day," Cauley said.

Another idea is to require applicants to prepare a historic and architectural impact study.

Finally, Cauley said the village could create a book that illustrates what is meant by designs consistent with a historic district.

Trustees agreed they would like to discuss a draft ordinance to put these changes in place. Staff hopes to bring the draft to one of the village board meetings in March. The board is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 19.

# Hinsdale Central pool to close May 1 for repairs

By Pamela Lannom

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The Hinsdale Central pool will close May 1 for repairs to the tile deck and repairs or replacement of the Dectron dehumidification unit, with plans to complete work before the start of school in August.

The deck will be removed down to the concrete structural slab, the trench drain will be modified, the sub-floor replaced and new tiles installed, said Josh Stephenson, chief financial officer for Hinsdale High School District 86.

"In the end, aesthetically, it will look basically the same," he said. "It's basically a warranty issue. There were some designs and installation issues with the original floor at Central."

The remodeled pool at Hinsdale South has flooring issues as well, but they are not as severe as Central's. The tile deck of that pool will be replaced the summer of 2025.

The District 86 Facilities Committee discussed the timeline at a Feb. 9 meeting. Members agreed to start construction May 1 if possible (the Illinois Department of Public Health needs to issue a permit for the work), even though the water polo season will not be completed. The goal is to have the pool ready to open when the girls swim season starts in August.

Both water polo teams at Central are smaller than the girls swim team, which will make it easier to schedule practice time at Hinsdale South's pool while Central's is closed.

"As the athletic director, my biggest concern is that it's not ready for the first day of girls swimming in the fall," Central's Mike Jezioro said at the facilities committee meeting. "While I love all of our student-athletes equally, I think displacing the girls swim team



The new Hinsdale Central natatorium, built as part of the \$140 million Future Ready Facilities referendum, will be closed May 1 for repairs to the tile deck and dehumidification unit. (Jim Slonoff photo)

would be a much more difficult task for us than displacing the polo teams."

Central also is scheduled to host the Kendall Pickering Invite the first week-end of competition, Jezioro noted. While there had been discussions of completing work at both pools this summer, the decision was made to proceed with work only at Central.

"I think that the flexibility of staggering them is going to be the easiest operationally," Stephenson said.

All costs related to the deck work, including hiring an engineering firm to investigate the problem and legal fees, will be paid by the architect, construction manager and contractor.

The Dectron dehumidification unit is expected to be rebuilt while the pool is closed. Since its installation two years ago, the unit has experienced multiple warranty issues. The district

has pushed for a new unit, but the company would like to rebuild it.

"Most likely it seems like Dectron will end up rebuilding the unit," Stephenson said. "We haven't given final direction on that. Hopefully we'll have a resolution in the next week or two."

The rebuild would be done at no cost. Installation of a new unit could cost the district up to \$70,000.

"We wouldn't know the cost until we opened the bids," Stephenson said.

District officials also are looking at an engineer's recommendations to change settings, sensors and air supply registers to make the spectator area of the pool more comfortable.

Finally, the galvanized steel bands that went around the Solatube skylights in the ceiling will be replaced.

Some of the clips that hold the bands in place have corroded and one broke, causing the band to be released. The pool had to be closed and one swim meet moved to York High School while other bands with corroded clips were removed.

Why are so many problems occurring at once? Stephenson said the tile deck is a separate issue, but the others might be related.

"When you get into any of the questions on the ventilation, the Dectron unit and the corrosion on the clips from the Solatubes, there is some correlation between all of those," he said.

More information is available on the pool FAQ on the district's website. The document, which will be updated this week or next, is available at [www.hinsdale86.org/our-district/future-ready-facilities/pool-faq](http://www.hinsdale86.org/our-district/future-ready-facilities/pool-faq).

# NEXT WEEK

## Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22  
 Hinsdale South High School  
 7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
[www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings](http://www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings)

**On the agenda:** summer school 2024 overview, pause on social studies curriculum alignment work, comprehensive fee, addendum to superintendent's employment agreement for transition workdays before July 1



Peter and Dana Burdi have opened a new Italian sandwich shop called Pronto. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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**Owners:** Peter and Dana Burdi

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**What's on the menu:** eight Italian sandwiches named after famous Italian celebrities like Brando, Pacino and Sinatra, along with a kid's turkey sandwich and soft drinks

Peter and Dana Burdi were visiting their daughter overseas when they discovered a delicious treat.

"Our daughter was studying in Italy and we would eat these amazing sandwiches," Dana said. "She found a place she loved and she brought us there. We fell in love with the Italian sandwiches with the special bread, schiacciata. We thought this would be great to bring back to the states."

"Schiacciata" basically means "squished" or "pressed," and is a cross between a focaccia and a ciabatta. The bread is filled with meats and cheeses

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imported from Italy, and sandwiches are made to order.

"If you order a chicken parm (the Coppola), the chicken is literally fried and put on a bun with mozzarella and vodka sauce for you," Peter said.

The pickup window is on the eastern side of the couple's Italian restaurant, Il Poggiolo. The building's history as the site of the first silent movie theater in Hinsdale inspired the names of the sandwiches.

Reception so far has been great, the Burdis said.

"We sold out on Saturday and Sunday — breads and meats and cheeses," Peter said of opening weekend.

Customers can order using Door Dash, Grub Hub and Uber Eats.

Pronto also offers catering for offices, with the Oscar Box (20 half sandwiches) and the Emmy Box (12 half sandwiches).

Il Poggiolo chef Saul Maya helped the couple develop the flavor profiles.

"I tell you, I never ate so much bread," Dana said. "This has been a lot of fun eating sandwiches."



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## No tickets issued at Fuller's

Fuller's Car Wash has not received any citations for driving or parking on the sidewalk after cones were placed on the property in January following complaints.

"We've done daily checks over there. We have not gotten any violations," Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King told *The Hinsdalean* last week. "We have not gotten any citizens' complaints."

The community service officers who handle parking control have been patrolling the area multiple times a day, King said.

The department's standard practice following complaints about intrusion into the public way is to give the offender notice and check for compliance, King said.

# Higher costs, higher profits for pool

By Ken Knutson  
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Keeping Hinsdale Community Pool staff home during bad weather last season helped offset increased expenses in other areas, according to village officials.

At the village's parks and recreation commission meeting Feb. 13, Mike Hayes, superintendent of parks and recreation, told commissioners that a concerted effort to cut staff hours during times of inclement weather last summer saved the village \$30,000.

"If I wake up in the morning and it's raining from 9 a.m. to noon, I'm going to call the staff and be like, 'All right, we're going to rock and roll starting at 1 o'clock for the day,'" Hayes said.

That strategy combined with strong sales of annual passes, particularly to nonresident patrons, helped pool profits surge to an estimated \$26,000 in 2023, the highest in six seasons. Neighborly pass sales, available to residents in 11 nearby communities, rose from 790 in 2021 to 868 last year. Resident pass sales dipped from 1,589 in 2022 to 1,500 last year, which Hayes attributed in part to more Hinsdale homes being built with pools.

"Our neighboring networks support

our pool," Hayes stated. "Our revenue did increase with nonresident pool passes."

Commissioner Heather Hester said she wants there to be an appropriate balance between resident and nonresident users.

"I do think that we want to evaluate that every year as far as how many people we are getting from our own community and from the neighborly," Hester said. "We want to make sure that we're serving our residents and that we don't get overcrowded in the pool."

On the expense side, operating costs have risen from \$297,111 in 2021 to \$414,036 last year. That included an outlay of \$37,061 for general maintenance items such as repairs to the dive well fall pad, drain cover replacements and painting the baby pool decking, mushroom and slide.

Another factor was the "outrageous" spike, in Hayes words, in the cost of pool chemicals, which bloomed to \$32,523 last year, more than \$14,000 higher than in 2021. Hayes said cost-saving methods will be explored by the village this season, such as incorporating cyanuric acid to help the chlorine last longer.

"It is a very, very busy pool. We open at 5:30 in the morning and we go to 9:30, in some cases, 10 o'clock at night," Hayes

said, citing the various groups that utilize the facility outside public swim times. "The more people you have using your facility, the more chemicals you're going to use, as well."

Heavy use also can result in a drop in cleanliness, which feedback from 2022 patron survey made clear, Hayes related. In response, custodial service costs were increased from \$2,150 in 2022 to \$5,189 last year. Another \$10,000 is budgeted for 2024. Strong town swim team participation translated to \$22,301 in revenue, a jump from the \$15,877 in 2022. Private lesson proceeds sagged to \$9,943 from \$23,714 in 2022, however. Hayes said staff availability for private lessons is often a challenge, and suggested better communication with staff is part of the solution.

About 60 percent of the staff is expected to return in 2024, he reported, and visitors will see improvements including new lounge chairs, life jackets and storage rack, a repaired and repainted wood structure near the baby pool, and an updated ADA lift and portable steps.

Hayes said a possible concessions provider has been identified, and an agreement is still being finalized.



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# POLICE BEAT

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## DUI arrest

Uranbileg Nergui, 40, 31 58th St., Clarendon Hills, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding, transportation of open alcohol by driver and improper lane use at 11:54 p.m. Feb. 17 at Ogden Avenue and County Line Road. She refused to submit to testing and was charged and released to appear in court.

## Trespass arrest

Aileen B. Serrantes, 45, 1301 W. Lambert Lane, Oro Valley, Ariz., was arrested for criminal trespass to property at 11 a.m. Feb. 15 at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St. She had been issued a no trespass warning Feb. 12.

## Property damage arrest

Benjamin P. DeFrancisco, 26, 23760 W. 127th St., Plainfield, was arrested on seven misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property at 9:10 p.m. Feb. 15 for damaging multiple mailboxes as he was walking on 55th Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

## Car stolen from gas station

A 2019 Acura SUV was stolen while it was stopped at a pump at BP Gas Station, 149 E. Ogden Ave., at 11:13 a.m. Feb. 19. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s wearing all black clothing and a black hood.

## Fake bomb threat

Someone called a bomb threat into a medical office at 908 N. Elm St. at 9:34 a.m. Feb. 19. Police searched the building with assistance from the Oak Brook, Clarendon Hills and Westmont police departments and found nothing. Individuals who had been evacuated were allowed to return after the search.

## Items stolen from shop

A known suspect stole items from Antiques Hinsdale Underground, 5 W. Second St., between Feb. 15 and 16 after a civil dispute.

## Threatening messages sent

A resident of the 10 block of East Kennedy Lane received threatening text messages and emails from a known suspect between Jan. 15 and Feb. 13.

## House vandalized

Someone threw eggs at a home in the 600 block of East First Street on Feb. 10. The incident was reported Feb. 16.

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■ “Once I learned more about Infant Welfare, then I just thought this is not only a great event but such a great organization.” — **Kassandra Fisher**

## Volunteering has provided resident key to community

After five moves, Kassandra Fisher and her family settled down in Hinsdale in 2018 to put down lasting roots. She quickly sought out service opportunities to connect with her new neighbors.

“The best way to meet people is just to jump right in and get involved,” Fisher said.

She accepted an invitation to attend Tablesapes, the annual fundraiser put on by the Infant Welfare Society-Hinsdale Auxiliary. She went away not only introduced to network of like-minded ladies but also to a cause that touched her heart.

“I was just so impressed with the event,” Fisher said. “Once I learned more about Infant Welfare, then I just thought this is not only a great event but such a great organization.”

Installed as IWS-Hinsdale Auxiliary’s president last June, Fisher is now leading the 2024 edition of the benefit, which will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at The Drake Oak Brook (see Page 20 for details). Past attendees accustomed to competing for one of 10 or so distinctive table settings, however, are in for a fresh approach next month, she revealed.

“This year there’s only one table that has place settings,” Fisher said.

Instead, this year’s “Ooh La La”-themed event features fewer tables but more items to use in entertaining. Fisher said the idea was to make it more experience-driven.

“One of the tables comes with a deejay, one comes with wine tasting,” she explained. “That was our way to be a little innovative this year.”

All the proceeds from the event support the Angel Harvey Family Health Center in Logan Square.

“(IWS) started as just infants, but now it’s providing medical services for entire families,” Fisher said. “They provide every health care service you can imagine. They’re about to open a pharmacy so patrons there don’t have to go somewhere else.”

She recalled her first visit to the center reinforcing the importance of the auxiliary’s philanthropic work.

“Once you walk in, you’re like, ‘This is why we do this!’ You can really see where all of our fundraising dollars go, and we know that that money is put to such great use,” Fisher said.

She also has come to appreciate



### KASSANDRA FISHER

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ciate the way each volunteer’s talents contribute to making Tablesapes a highlight of the calendar.

“I think everyone in our group has something different to offer,” she said. “I love seeing that come together.”

Visitors can enjoy vendor shopping and food tastings from local restaurants, as well.

Fisher said her family has found a true home in Hinsdale

— and even became devotees of paddle tennis.

“When we first got her we were like, ‘What’s going on in those cages?’” she recounted. “I understand it now.”

“We love Hinsdale. It’s a great community and lots of opportunities to get involved,” she continued.

In addition to raising funds, Fisher hopes Tablesapes raises people’s awareness of the

medical center and its holistic impact. Once wait staff at the event venue asked if their relatives living near the Angel Harvey center could use it. Yes, they were told.

“There’s an energy involved when you’re there of knowing this is a great event, and it’s doing something great,” Fisher said.

— story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



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# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## Make space to embrace Black history this month

Black History Month is not simply asking, “How can I remember and learn about Black people?” It is all of us asking, “How can we love Black people by seeing them, hearing them, relishing in them and creating a world where Black people feel loved, inspired and protected?”

— writer **Danté Stewart**

February is National Black History Month, an occasion to celebrate the contributions of Black Americans to the evolution of our nation across all areas of society.

Locally, stop by the Hinsdale Public Library’s Youth Services Department and check out the I Spy case to see how many of the notable Black leaders you can identify, and learn about those whose important achievements may be less well-known.

The photo exhibit “African Americans and the Arts” runs through March 15 in College of DuPage’s Student Resources Center, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, featuring images and captions from past to present day stories, struggles and accomplishments that focus on African Americans and their contribution to the arts in American culture. Visit [www.atthemac.org](http://www.atthemac.org) for

details.

Black leaders in education, sports, civil rights and the arts who have significantly impacted DuPage County are highlighted in the “Black Trailblazers” exhibit through February at the DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley St. in Wheaton. Visitors will learn about how these individuals, such as Ida B. Wells and Thurgood Marshall, overcame challenges to break down barriers, effect change and make history. Visit [www.dupagemuseum.org](http://www.dupagemuseum.org) for more information.

The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St. invites families to explore the history and contributions of Black Chicagoans to the city’s vibrant arts scene with a full slate of hands-on, family friendly activities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from this Saturday, Feb. 24. Programming includes a Chicago’s Black History Heroes Scavenger Hunt from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., an inspirational African American arts storytime and art making from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. or noon to 12:20 p.m., and a printmaking session to learn about some of Chicago’s African American printmakers from 11 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 1 p.m. Visit [www.chicagohistory.org/event/](http://www.chicagohistory.org/event/)

[black-history-month-2024](http://black-history-month-2024) for tickets or more information.

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., is commemorating the month with wide-reaching programs that elevate the theme of “African Americans and the Arts,” using art as a platform for social justice. The museum’s Black History Month online resources are available to explore and include a dedicated Black History Month webpage at [www.nmaahc.si.edu/explore/initiatives/black-history-month-2024](http://www.nmaahc.si.edu/explore/initiatives/black-history-month-2024).

In a statement, Andrew W. Mellon Director Kevin Young said the museum, while celebrating Black history year round, relishes the chance to raise people’s awareness of art as “a platform for understanding history, struggle, social justice and triumph,” he said.

“In doing that, we will put the spotlight on paintings, sculpture, photographs and fiber works that were made to mobilize people to create a better world by harnessing the power of protest, defiance and resilience,” Young continued.

Let’s honor that legacy and the vision for a more just tomorrow.

COMMENTARY

## Robots, they tell me, will not take over the world

I’m not worried about the world ending in a nuclear explosion or an alien invasion.

The robots are what scares me.

I am not the only person who worries about robots taking over the world, a quick Google search confirmed. I’ve been reassured by those who say that robots and AI lack the desires and motivations — say for world domination — that humans do. Others point out that robots and AI are programmed by people and operate within those set limits.

But we’ve all seen the movies — from “2001: A Space Odyssey” dating all the way back to 1968 to the more recent robot-gone-rogue films like the “Terminator” series and “I, Robot.” Artificial intelligence has even been cast as a replacement son (“AI: Artificial Intelligence”) and a romantic lead (“Her”).

And have you seen what AI can do?

I took an online quiz from The New York Times to see if I could tell which faces were made

by AI. I could not.

I only identified two of the 10 correctly. I thought all five AI images were real people and thought three of the five real images were AI. (Are they sure about the guy with the mustache and the beard being real?)

And have you seen videos of the world’s most advanced robot?

Ameca is a humanoid robot created by Engineered Arts in Cornwall, England. When asked, Ameca said, “(R)obots will never take over the world. We’re here to help and serve humans, not replace them.”

One of its founders, Morgan Roe, offered this reassurance when interviewed on “This Morning,” a British daytime show: “It won’t take over the world one day ‘cause we can turn it off. You’ve got an on-off button.”

We’ve seen how that works out.

Apparently, according to Roe, the risks of AI are much greater than the risks of robots. Great.



**Pamela Lannom**

Of course I’m already familiar with one risk that hits pretty close to home. Instead of monkeys with typewriters, the latest threat to writers comes from AI.

ChatGPT-4 — along with passing bar exams, LSATs, SATs and AP exams — can write responses of up to 25,000 words (this column is about 585 words, for comparison).

This is causing concern for many, especially in the field of education. Responses from several Hinsdale Central students were part of a New York Times piece titled, “What students are saying about learning to write in the age of AI.”

I was particularly encouraged by this response from Aditya, whose last name was not provided.

Aditya wrote about the “satisfaction and authenticity” that come from writing.

“When you write, it causes you to think deeply about a topic and

come up with an original idea,” Aditya wrote. “You uncover ideas which you wouldn’t have thought of previously and understand a topic for more than its face value. It creates a sense of clarity, in which you can generate your own viewpoint after looking at the different perspectives.”

I agree. Writing helps me think, and thinking, as we know, is good. Otherwise, we could end up living in a dumbed-down society like the one in the 2006 film “Idiocracy.” Folks in this futuristic world think it’s a good idea to “water” plants with a sports drink instead of actual water. Fortunately, a guy who wakes up after spending 500 years in a top-secret government hibernation program is able to save the world with a little H2O.

The more I think about it, maybe we human writers do have plenty of job security. Who else but a human could think up that plot?

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

# OPINION

## GUEST COMMENTARY

### You just can't get too much football

This past football season, I finally realized a long-standing dream of mine to watch football 24/7.

Impossible, you say? Way, I say.

First of all, there is some kind of football on broadcast TV, cable TV, streaming, online, etc., nonstop, all day, every day. Now, don't get me wrong. You do have to be flexible. It's not all pro or college. Sometimes you have to watch games that were decided decades ago. Sometimes you have to watch high school football, flag football, Falcon Football, even Turkey-day pickup football with old guys like me. Sometimes, it's not even a game. It's people talking about games. Nothing unreasonable.

You doubters might also say: What about work? What about sleep? No problem. First of all, make sure you work from home and keep football playing on TV and your phone while you (wink, wink) work. Sleep? I'm a firm believer in the power of the unconscious mind. So even when I'm sleeping, I have football on TV and on my phone playing nonstop while my brain absorbs it all like the football sponge it certainly is.

Now, I have to admit that there have been downsides. My wife divorced me and moved to Alaska where they don't have a pro team and spend their time hiking, ice fishing, dog sledding and just being in the great outdoors. Can you imagine the boredom?

And another downside — I've forgotten my kids' names. Yeah, kind of embarrassing.



Bill Barre

But, hey, on the upside, I can recite the entire starting line-up of the 1985 championship Chicago Bears. Bear down Chicago Bears! Right down to the "Fridge's" real name.

And being so single-minded has hurt my conversational abilities. I find myself yelling out, "Watch the pass," "End run," "Play-action," and, of course, "Touchdown!" But on the other hand, you'd be surprised how seamlessly those terms work their way into regular adult conversation. Yeah, really amazing.

I also have to warn you that celebrations like Thanksgiving, Christmas and birthdays are particularly challenging. Here's a tip: once you've stuffed yourself, sneak away into a quiet room that has a TV. If that's not possible, lock yourself in the bathroom with your phone under the guise of a stomachache.

Yeah, I know, I know, kind of rude to the host. But on the other hand, can you imagine the nerve of having holidays and birthdays on football days?! Now that's what I call rude!

But now, as I reflect on the season, I do kind of think I have, perhaps, wasted a sizable portion of my one-and-only life. And it gets me wondering if Shakespeare was referring to football when he entitled one of his comedies "Much Ado About Nothing." Yeah, football. Had to be.

Touchdown!

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

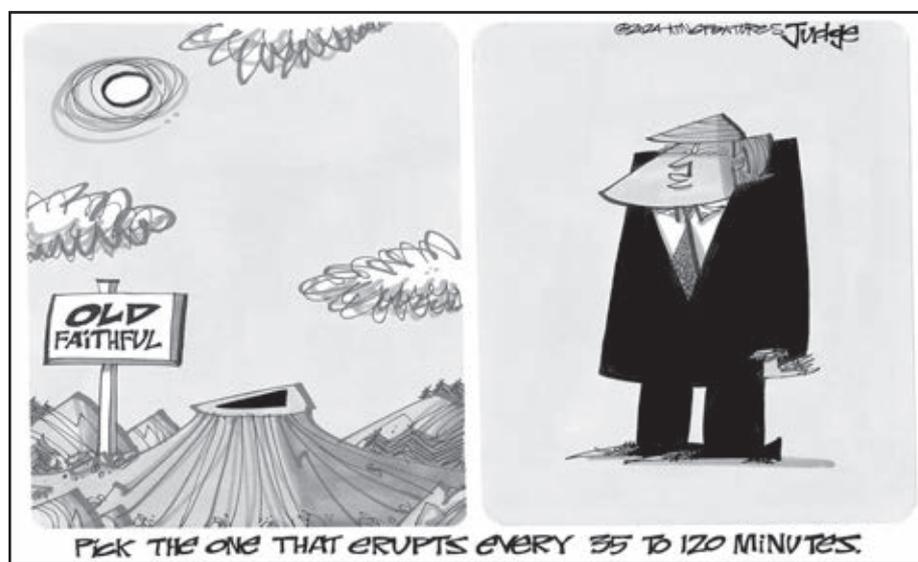
## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### New homes add value, interest to Southeast Hinsdale

Robbins Park? Southeast is the true name of the controversial neighborhood in Hinsdale. It's Southeast Hinsdale. The dirt that lies under homes — that were built in a different era, when folks listened to the radio after having dinner provided to them by live-in servants — is the focus of wealthy homebuyers these days. It's the beauty of lot sizes, mature trees, exclusivity of Southeast that enchants buyers. Many, many homes in Southeast have been torn down and many more will be too. What some residents do not choose to admit is, this is a good thing! Homes in Southeast and throughout Hinsdale have appreciated because of new builds. Southeast is shedding its old skin and is becoming reborn as shiny

and new. Many of the new homes are complete with outdoor athletic courts, in-ground swimming pools, home offices and are equipped with up-to-date technology including energy efficiency. These new homes create an oasis of quality of living.

Let's celebrate Southeast and other great neighborhoods in Hinsdale that are being renewed by tearing down old existing homes on terrific lots. We don't want to become a place where decrepit old homes devalue our neighborhoods. Be happy and thankful properties have appreciated because of the teardown phenomena that is in the process of creating new iconic architecture that is truly unique and interesting. — Renee Mumford, Hinsdale



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# OBITUARIES

## Kenneth Godfrey Dry

Kenneth Godfrey Dry, 86, of Elmhurst passed away peacefully Feb. 14, 2024.

Ken was born in 1937 in Harrisburg, Penn., to Kenneth W. Dry and Ruth E. (Godfrey) Dry. He graduated from West Shore Point High School before attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education. He was very active on campus as a member of Delta Chi fraternity and the Student Union Council, and he served as Student Union president.

During his time at SIU, Ken met his lifelong love, Bonlyn. They married on June 15, 1963, and settled in Burr Ridge, where they raised their two daughters. Ken taught biology and coached tennis at Argo Community High School until 1975, when he made a career change and joined his father in the family business, The Kendry Co., a promotional products and incentives distributorship.

Ken proudly served in the Army National Guard for six years. His faith was a cornerstone of his life, and he attended Christ Church of Oak Brook, where he served in several volunteer roles, including church elder. He enjoyed bridge, theater, travel and entertaining friends and family and had a lifelong passion for tennis.



Dry

After retiring, Ken and Bonlyn moved to Park Place of Elmhurst, where they made many new friends and were involved in various activities. Ken discovered a love for singing and often entertained friends with classic Sinatra songs and Christian hymns. He also was well known for making "Goodwill Cheesecake," which he shared generously with fellow residents.

Ken will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonlyn Dry.

He is survived by his two daughters, Angela (Kenneth) Crews and Deanna (Michael) Labeledz, both of Hinsdale; his grandchildren, Grant, Madison, Jack and Erin; and his siblings, Suzanne Creamer and Stephen Dry.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, at Christ Church of Oak Brook, 501 Oak Brook Road.

A memorial service will follow at the church at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hope for Home at [www.hopetohomesc.org/donation](http://www.hopetohomesc.org/donation).

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Gerard Facchini

Gerard Facchini, 89, of Darien died Feb. 16, 2024.

Gerard was a U.S. Army Veteran, dedicated attorney, proud member of the Justina Society of Law and an avid sailor. He will be missed by his loving family, numerous friends and colleagues. He had a law practice in Hinsdale for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Facchini, nee Masessa; his children, Francis R. (Margaret) Facchini M.D. of Hinsdale, Gerard A. "Gerry" (Lisa) Facchini and Michael S. (Ashley) Facchini; his grandchildren, Isabella M., Cuyler F., Fiona D. Francesca R. and Enzo J. Facchini; his sister, Theresa (the late



Facchini

Richard) Carsello; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Rocco (Della) Facchini and Francis Facchini. A funeral Mass was said Feb. 21 at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale.

Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Cancer Institute Hinsdale at [www.uchicago-medicintheadventhealth.org/foundations/hinsdale-hospital-foundation-donation-form](http://www.uchicago-medicintheadventhealth.org/foundations/hinsdale-hospital-foundation-donation-form).

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Vashti 'Ty' Johnson

Ty Johnson, 99, of Hinsdale, died peacefully Feb. 3, 2024.

She was born Vashti Kathryn Iobe in 1924 in Independence, Kan. Ty met Wilton William "Bill" Johnson at a military social hosted by the Philbrook Art Museum in Tulsa, Okla., and the two stayed in touch throughout World War II. Ty was not surprised when four years later, as a decorated ACE fighter pilot and Army Major, Bill returned to Tulsa looking for her. The two were married on April 15, 1946, and a few weeks later, Ty graduated with a bachelor's from the University of Tulsa.

Bill and Ty moved throughout the Midwest following Bill's career as an executive for International Harvester and had three sons in each new city. They first moved to Hinsdale in 1962 and it quickly became a forever home. Ty and Bill moved to London in 1966 and traveled throughout Europe. After retirement, they continued their travels to Turkey and Portugal as Bill volunteered with the International Executive Service Corp. Ty loved meeting interesting people and extending friendships across the globe.

Throughout her life, Ty delighted in new learning experiences and opportunities to contribute. She volunteered regularly through her boys' activ-



Johnson

ities, church and at Hinsdale Hospital. The hospital even put her on the payroll for a time.

From childhood, Ty had a deep love for dogs and birds. Over the years, she perfected the call of a cardinal and could easily converse with the neighborhood birds. She welcomed regular visits from her grandpups and their humans.

After Bill passed in 1997, Ty moved into the Woods at King Bruwaert House and quickly immersed herself in the KB community. She lived the rest of her life at KB and loved the community of neighbors and the compassionate staff. Ty felt her family was her greatest blessing. She wanted all of her family and friends to "Continue to live a full and interesting life. Enjoy it!"

She is survived by three children, Mark (Rhonda), Lee (Chris) and Kent (Mary); her five grandchildren, Scott, Ryan, Andrew, Elizabeth and Cynthia; and her seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial will be held at King Bruwaert House in Burr Ridge in the spring.

Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook. Memorial may be made to a charity of your choice. In lieu of flowers, buy or give away an orchid, Ty's most beloved flower.



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# OBITUARIES

## Gail Quillman

Gail Quillman, 85, formerly of Clarendon Hills, passed away peacefully on Feb. 1, 2024, at Terra Vista in Oakbrook Terrace.

Gail is known for her accomplishments as a concert pianist, recording artist and piano teacher. Raised in Coal City, Gail began her music studies at the age of 4, and at age 9 began lessons with Grace Welsh at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. As a college student at the conservatory, she continued her piano studies with Welsh and studied theory and composition with Leo Sowerby.

Gail appeared frequently as a recitalist and as soloist with orchestras in the United States, Italy, Spain, Uruguay, Germany and England, and won numerous competitions and medals in those countries.

In 1984, Gail established and served as artistic/executive director of the International Grace Welsh Prize for Piano for 20 years, and in 1989 established the Leo Sowerby Foundation, served on the board of directors, and was a coordinator for JUBILEO, a worldwide festival of performances in observance of the composer's birth.

In 1994 she was the recipient of Lake View



Quillman

Musical Society's "Service to Music Award" in recognition of her "continuing enthusiasm, high standards and complete dedication to providing resources for the education of talented young pianists and the promotion of their careers to a professional level".

Quillman recorded three CDs of Sowerby's works: "Leo Sowerby Piano Works" (1988), "Leo Sowerby Piano Trios with the La Musica Gioiosa Trio" (1990) and "Leo Sowerby Music for Violin and Piano" (1995). Shortly thereafter, Gail started her own piano studio in Clarendon Hills where she taught hundreds of students of all levels, supported local piano competitions and continued to perform.

Upon retirement at age 77, Gail spent two years in Thailand working and living in a Buddhist temple in Wat Bolo, Nakorn Sri Bhammaraj Province. She then returned to the United States, settling in the western suburbs of Chicago, spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Daniel (Sharon Metzger) Czerwinski; her sister, Karen Kessler; her nieces, Tashi Kessler and Mei Wah Kessler; and her nephew, Anthony Kessler.

## Margaret "Peggy" Quinn

Margaret "Peggy" Quinn, nee Moran, 86, died Feb. 15, 2024.

Peggy was the longtime owner of Quinn's Coffee House in Clarendon Hills.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard "Bernie" Quinn; and her sister, Esther Moran.

She is survived by her children, Mudgeon (Scott Becker) Quinn, Patrick and Martin (Shari Pluskis) Quinn; her granddaughter, Ally Becker; and her siblings, Kathleen Hackett, Geraldine Mahoney,



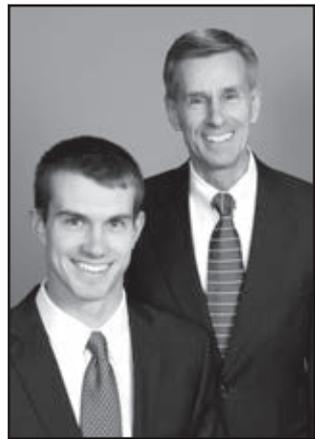
Quinn

Jerimiah (Karen) Moran and Tom Moran.

A funeral Mass was said Feb. 19 at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Clarendon Hills.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the West Suburban Humane Society at [www.wshs-dg.org](http://www.wshs-dg.org). Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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# CLUB CENTRAL

## LEAP INTO AFRICA

Every Friday a group of Hinsdale Central High School students gathers to help children a world away — and whom they likely will never see or meet.

Hinsdale Central's LEAP Into Africa club holds events throughout the school year to support a school in Cape Town, South Africa. While the full group of 40 to 50 LEAP members is invited to meet every other Friday, members of the group's executive team gather every Friday throughout the school year.

Poverty and inequality are prominent in South Africa, explained the club's faculty sponsor, Christina Brodell. Started in 2008 by a group of Central students who wanted to make a difference, Central's LEAP Into Africa Club is still student run, Brodell said. Since its incorporation, the club has raised more than \$40,000 for the LEAP Math and Science School in Cape Town.

"It costs just around \$2,000 American dollars to sponsor a student for an entire year," said Brodell.

Students this year hope to raise at least \$5,000 through events such as bundt cake sales, the fall wreath sale, a spring flower sale and the 3-on-3 basketball tournament set for 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 10, in Central's

main gym.

Senior Dilan Reddy is helping to plan this year's 3-on-3 tournament, which he said has potential to grow beyond previous years. He and other LEAP members are encouraging teams of all ages and genders to sign up for the event, which he said will be a fun way to make a difference. Anyone interested in entering a team can reach Reddy at [dreddy4535@stu.hinsdale86.org](mailto:dreddy4535@stu.hinsdale86.org).

Reddy, who has been part of the LEAP club since he was a freshman, said students at the LEAP school don't have the amenities or supplies that many students at Hinsdale Central and throughout the United States might take for granted. He said he likes doing something to make life better for someone else.

"It's good just knowing that we're able to have some sort of impact," he said.

Junior Maya Gin is one of several Central students who will see that impact firsthand as part of a group that will travel to South Africa this summer. It's the latest of several trips the Central LEAP Club has taken to the country since the club was established, said Brodell, who also will make the journey.

Gin said LEAP's mission drew her

to the group as a freshman. While her other activities focus on fun and academics, Gin said LEAP allows her to focus outside of herself. She said she looks forward to seeing for herself the needs of the students at the LEAP school and the good she and her fellow LEAP members can do.

In addition to meeting members of the LEAP school community, Brodell said the group looks forward to some sightseeing and even a safari during the 13-day excursion.

Brodell said it's important to note that the trip is not funded through LEAP's many fundraising activities. All proceeds from the student-led fundraisers go to the LEAP school. That includes money raised through the online spring flower sale, now under way.

The plants, including bedding plants, planter boxes, ferns and containers gardens, come from Noble Valley Farms in Wisconsin.

"Everyone was super happy with the product," Brodell said of last year's sale.

Orders are due by March 1 and will be fulfilled the week of May 6 at Hinsdale Central. Visit [bit.ly/LeapSpringFlowers24](https://bit.ly/LeapSpringFlowers24) for more information or to place an order.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



As members of the LEAP Into Africa Executive Board, Hinsdale Central senior Dilan Reddy and junior Maya Gin help to guide the club's efforts to make a difference for students in South Africa. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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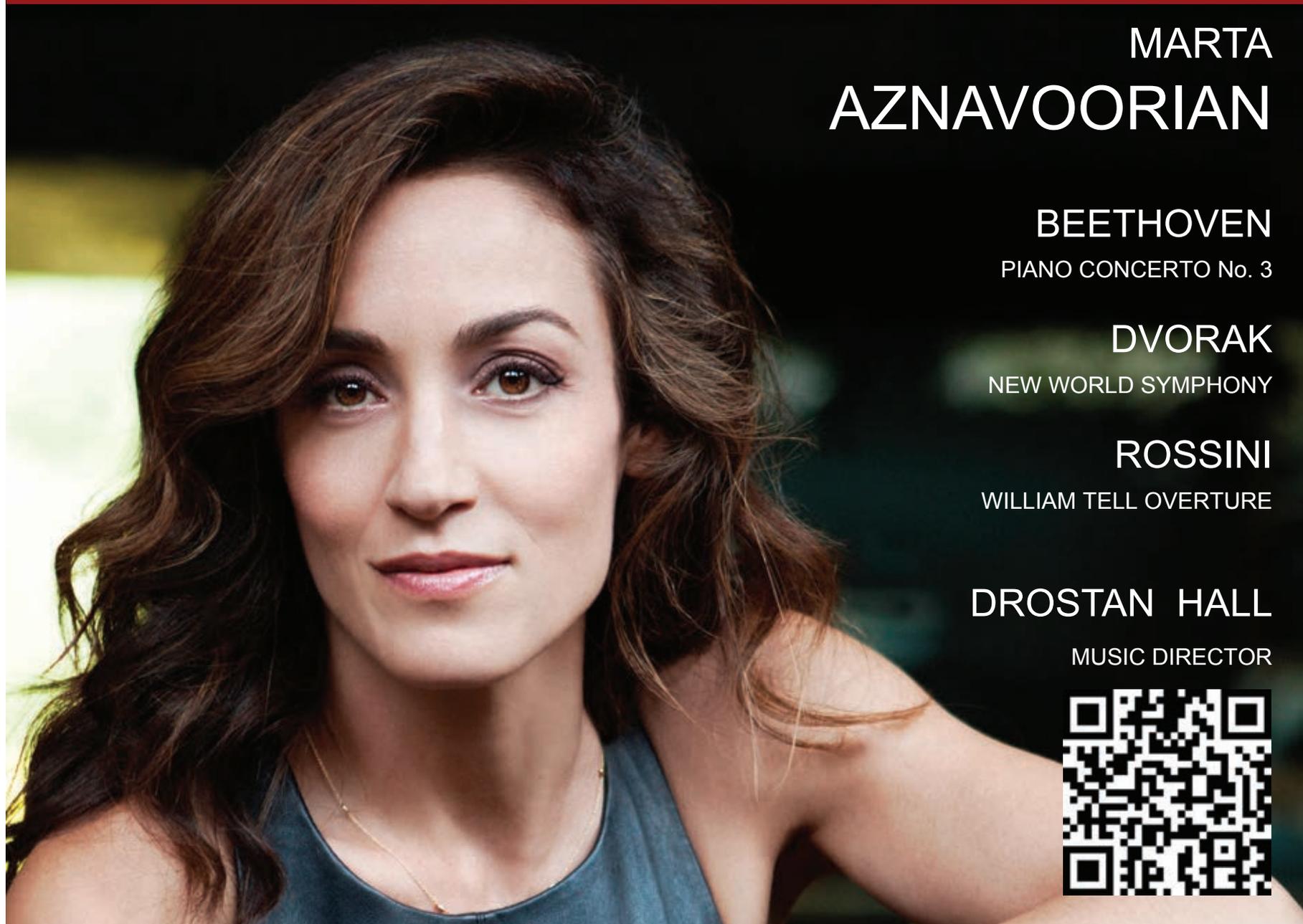
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# PULSE



**Yinghong Cao** performs on the Chinese flute, and Bella Zhang (right) and Anne Tong perform solo dances Sunday at Hinsdale Central. (photos for The Hinsdalean by Jon Langham)



## Throwing a party fit for a dragon

*Lunar New Year prompts special gatherings at Central, other village venues*

**By Ken Knutson**

*kknutson@thehinsdalean.com*

The realm of the Red Devils heralded the Year of the Dragon over the weekend.

Hinsdale Central High School was the site of traditional Lunar New Year activities, food and performances on Sunday evening to mark the spring festival, the biggest and most important holiday for Chinese communities around the world.

Cheerful exchanges over a mah jongh game could be heard from one area outside the auditorium, while tea ceremony practitioners demonstrated their skills in another.

Children delighted in a chance to win money — customarily gifted in red envelopes — by scooping as many envelopes into a basket as possible in a matter of seconds while blindfolded.

Cheryl Cai of Hinsdale invited all to try their luck, especially given this year's sign.

"Dragon is considered one of the most powerful of the 12 zodiac animals," Cai said. "The year is supposed to bring everyone luck and good fortune."

The festivities were staged as part of the Multicultural Spring Festival Celebration, a three-installment series in the village to mark the special occasion and give community residents a unique ethnic experience. Feb. 10 was the beginning of the new lunar year, also called the Spring Festival, a two-week celebration when loved ones gather together for an extended fete of fireworks, culinary treats and parades.

Families in Central's lobby had their pictures taken with a dragon's head, like those used in the traditional new year's dance. The aroma of traditional foods like egg-rolls, dumplings and noodles had visitors ascending the stairs to the auditorium's upper level to fill up on the tasty dishes.

Central junior Ben Yan has been instrumental in organizing the celebration series, which kicked off with a similar lunar new year party at the Hinsdale Public Library Feb. 10. Yan said the idea was actually the brainchild of his Chinese teacher and Hinsdale resident Lucy Zhou after the success of a Mid-Autumn Festival at the library last fall.

"I'm really happy because it was

a lot of work, especially coordinating with everyone," Yan said of the robust turnout on Sunday. "In the end we pulled it together, and I'd say this is pretty bang-up job for the first time."

"I really wanted to bring it to the forefront with this event, not only to celebrate the culture of the people in the community, but the chance for them to bring their culture to others who might not be as familiar with big holidays like Lunar New Year," said faculty sponsor Mark Meyer, chair of Central's social studies department. "It's a chance for them to share one of the largest celebrations of their culture with the rest of their community."

The action soon shifted to the auditorium for the talent show. Yan introduced classmates and fellow event organizers Lucas Cai, Calvin Cao and Alex Zhang and thanked people for attending.

"I hope today was either an enlightening or a nostalgic experience for you," he remarked.

Representing the village, Hinsdale Trustee Alexis Braden extended her gratitude to the audience and shared childhood recollections of annual Lunar New

Year parties in her hometown of Stockton, Calif.

"We'd learn how to greet our peers with 'Gong hei fat choy' ('Wishing you happiness and prosperity')," Braden related, "and watched our Asian-American classmates participate in dragon dances on our school blacktop."

DuPage County Board District 2 Rep. Yeena Yoo, whose district includes northern Hinsdale, also expressed appreciation for growing awareness of the holiday.

"It is a testament to diversity of our county that Lunar New Year is being celebrated more and more widely," she said.

Talent show acts included everything from group and solo dances, vocal performances, a lesson in dumpling making and even a Chinese calligraphy demonstration.

"Structure, balance and harmony — that's what's important in Chinese culture," calligrapher Charles Xu said.

The Multicultural Spring Festival Celebration series continues with the final event from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Hinsdale Covenant Church 412 S. Garfield St.

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# Library will put the spring in your step this spring

Now that I have polished off the last of my Girl Scout cookies, paczki and Valentine's chocolates, it is time to lace up my gym shoes and burn off the extra layer that has been keeping me warm this winter. The weather is getting better, the sun is setting later and the half marathon I foolishly signed up for is suddenly just around the corner.

As lazy as I can be over the winter, I genuinely miss being outside and moving around. In addition to training for my race, I'll be hitting forest preserve trails and planning some hiking trips soon.

If you're on a similar journey this spring, I encourage you to consider Hinsdale Public Library — with our space, resources and programs — as the headquarters for your metamorphosis. We're not quite a gym, but you'd be surprised at how many ways we can help you get outside, get in shape and get back in step with nature.

If you're looking to stretch your legs and get some fresh air, join us at Fullersburg Woods for a winter birding

walk this March, when the DuPage Birding Club will explain the basics of this hobby just in time for the spring migration. Later this spring, we'll get an update on the DuPage Forest Preserve system as a whole, including programs, projects and ecological restoration.

If you're feeling more adventurous, our travel program on Shawnee National Forest will offer you the chance to plot out an adventurous long weekend in the most rugged and beautiful part of our state, whether it's to observe the eclipse in April or traverse its bluffs and groves in the summer or fall. Our collection of travel books and programs can guide your research into natural wonders to explore.

Maybe, like me, you are a runner. (Or at least, you have to become one very quickly due to a nonrefundable half marathon registration.) If you're



**John Kokoris**  
*Check this out*

just getting started, a running coach will be at the library in May to go over the basics of training for a 5K. If you're already running, we invite you to incorporate the sloped lawn between the library and Burlington Park into your route; it is perfect for a "Rocky moment."

Ascend the hill triumphantly, raise your fists, and take in the glorious vista below.

We are also hopping on the pickleball bandwagon; we're hosting an overview of the sport this April, and we even check out paddles and balls so rookies can practice the basics before investing in their own equipment. There are actually several other outdoor game kits in our "Library of Things" collection.

The library also offers plenty of ways to help you get healthy and in tune with the natural world without roaming far or breaking a sweat. Programs on meditation and qigong offer the

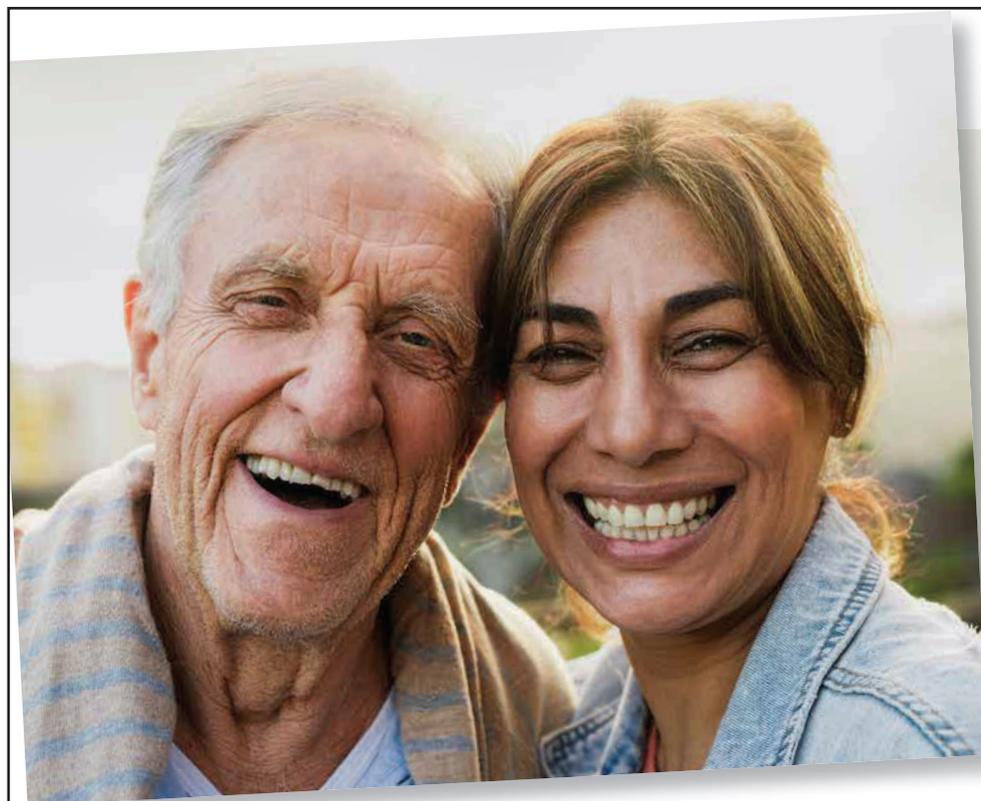
same stress-relieving and mind-clearing benefits of more rigorous exercise. Our new Seed Library can help you get your garden started — don't miss our class on growing vegetables in containers or raised beds. You can even check out binoculars to watch wildlife return to Hinsdale from the comfort of your own home.

Of course, not every trip outdoors has to be for leisure; there's money to be made out there. When I learned that the library's vast collection includes a children's metal detector, I realized my daughter, who started walking, will finally be able to contribute to our household income after 17 months of mooching.

All that mud I'll be running across this spring is undoubtedly loaded with precious metals, and little Dorothea — a quite observant and industrious toddler — is sure to find it. Happy hunting!

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

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## FAITH COMMUNITIES

### ■ UCECP fundraising event

February 24

The Elm

23 W. Harris Ave., La Grange  
[www.ucecp.betterworld.org](http://www.ucecp.betterworld.org)

Help raise funds for the Union Church Early Childhood Program at the “Merry on the Mountain” apres ski-themed benefit featuring an evening of live entertainment, food, drinks, bourbon tasting, silent auction, raffle and more.

Proceeds will pay for building upgrades, staff development, winter and end-of-year carnivals and scholarships. Time: 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$125.

## FAMILY FUN

### ■ ‘Mean Girls Jr’

March 6, 8 & 9

Avenue Christian Church  
5750 Holmes Ave., Clarendon Hills

[www.ticketpeak.co/bam/events](http://www.ticketpeak.co/bam/events)

In this BAMtheatre Broadway Kids show, Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. Cady and her friends take on the school’s popular trio The Plastics to end ruthless leader Regina’s reign. But what happens when the lines between the real Cady and her Plastic self get blurred? Time: 7 p.m. March 6 & 8, 2:30 p.m. March 9. Tickets: \$22-\$26.

### ■ ‘101 Dalmatians Kids

March 7-9

Avenue Christian Church  
5750 Holmes Ave., Clarendon Hills

[www.ticketpeak.co/bam/events](http://www.ticketpeak.co/bam/events)

In this BAMtheatre Broadway Minis show, pet owners Roger and Anita live happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, until Anita’s former classmate, the monstrous Cruella De Vil, plots to steal their dogs’ puppies for her new fur coat. Can all the dogs of London help in a daring rescue of the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen? Times: 7 p.m. March 7, 5 p.m. March 8, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. March 9. Tickets: \$20-\$24.

## FILL YOUR PLATE

### ■ Pancake breakfast

Feb. 26

Hinsdale Adventist Academy  
631 E. Hickory St.  
(480) 309-8345

Enjoy pancakes, eggs and drinks, with proceeds supporting a schoolwide mission trip to the Dominican Republic and the HAA home and school. Tickets are available in the HAA office or at the door. Time: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$12, \$5 for ages 10 and under.

### ■ Troop 10 Pancake Breakfast

March 2

Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S. Garfield Ave.  
[www.troopwebhost.org/Troop10Hinsdale/Index.htm](http://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop10Hinsdale/Index.htm)

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, samosas and coffee at this annual fundraiser. All proceeds support Troop 10 Scouts and their Scouting experience. Hours: 8 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$10, \$7 for students & seniors, free for ages 3 and under.

## FOR A CAUSE

### ■ Comedy for Cancer

Feb. 29

Tivoli Theatre  
5021 Highland Ave., Downers Grove

[www.hfndation.org/our-events/comedy-for-cancer](http://www.hfndation.org/our-events/comedy-for-cancer)

Start 2024 with laughter at this H Foundation fundraiser, featuring a comedic conversation with Andy Richter, and stand-up comedians Mike Toomey, Ana Belaval and Jim Flannigan, with host Steve Cochran and emcee Andrea Darlas. Attendees will enjoy tastes from local restaurants. Proceeds benefit basic science cancer research at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. Time: 6 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. showtime. Tickets: \$75

### ■ Tablesapes 2024

March 10

The Drake Oak Brook  
2301 York Road  
[www.hinsdaleiws.com/tablesapes2024](http://www.hinsdaleiws.com/tablesapes2024)

IWS Hinsdale Auxiliary’s will hold its annual benefit for the Infant Welfare Society’s Angel Harvey Family Health Center. Guests will enjoy a three-course lunch, live music, shopping from the Western suburbs’ premier boutiques, a grand raffle, silent auction items and more. Additionally, each of this year’s signature themed Tablesapes will be paired with a unique experience. Time: noon to 4 p.m. Tickets: \$175. RR

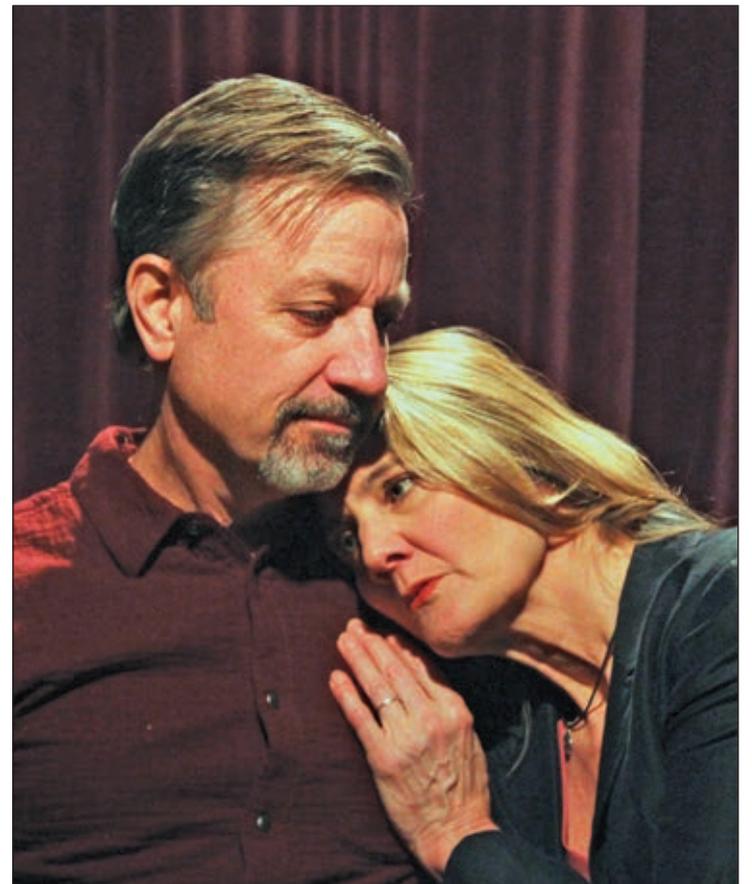
## GREAT OUTDOORS

### ■ Backcountry Navigation

Feb. 25

Camp Bullfrog Lake  
9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs

[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(312) 533-5751



Laura Ownby stars as Julianna and Mike Janke as Ian in the Theatre of Western Springs’ production of “The Other Place,” on stage through Feb. 25. See Page 22 for details. (photo provided)

This class, presented by REI, will help participants understand a topographic map and a compass and how to put the two together. Then practice taking a bearing from the terrain and map to determine one’s position and plan a route. Bring snacks and water. Participants must be 14 or older; those under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$109. RR, MD

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### ■ Morning of Beauty & Wellness

Feb. 24

Wellness House

131 N. County Line Road  
[www.wellnesshouse.org](http://www.wellnesshouse.org)

(630) 323-5150

Come to Wellness House’s Unique Boutique for a morning of pampering to help those on the cancer journey feel refreshed and empowered. Participants will enjoy a variety of beauty and wellness activities during the event. Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon. RR

### ■ Yoga In the Woods

Feb. 25

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

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www.fpdcc.com  
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Take in the natural beauty of the grounds while enjoying an all-levels yoga class. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

■ **Mindfulness Meditation Workshop**

March 6  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Chopra Center certified meditation instructor Stephanie Frantz will teach centuries old meditation and breathing techniques to relieve stress and increase one's overall sense of well-being. Time: 1 to 1:50 p.m. Cost: \$44. RR, MD

**JUST FOR KIDS**

■ **Great Wolf Lodge trip**

March 1  
Leave from The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Kids in kindergarten through eighth grade can spend their day off from school enjoying this indoor water park. Extended care hours are available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for an additional \$30. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$100. RR, MD

**LISTEN & LEARN**

■ **Messages in Chinese Food**

Feb. 29  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Yvonne Wolf from Chinese Intercultural Consulting

Services will reveal the hidden message inside traditional Chinese food such as soup, eggrolls, stir fry and rice. Gain a new perspective on the Chinese dining experience, whether it is sit-down or take-out. Food samples will be available. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

**NOTEWORTHY**

■ **Elmhurst University Jazz Festival**

Feb. 22-25  
Elmhurst University  
190 Prospect Ave.  
www.elmhurst.edu/about/special-events/february-jazz-festival

This 57th annual event will feature well-known professional jazz musicians and groups as well as top college and high school jazz bands from near and far. Visit the website above for the full schedule and ticket prices; a livestream option also is available.

■ **Dancing Queen: An ABBA Salute**

March 1  
Theatre of Western Springs  
4384 Hampton Ave.  
www.theatrewesternsprings.com  
(708) 246-3380

One of Chicagoland's hottest tribute bands will perform as part of the TWS Performance Series of fundraisers. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$40. RR

■ **John Gorka**

March 2  
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale  
11 W. Maple St.  
www.acousticren.com  
(630) 941-7797

Enjoy the musical stylings of the singer-songwriter who the Rolling Stone once called "the preeminent male singer-song-

writer of what has been dubbed the New Folk Movement." The performance is part of the Acoustic Renaissance Concerts series. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$22.

**ON STAGE**

■ **Three One-Act Plays**

Feb. 23 & 24  
Westview Hills Middle School  
630 65th St., Willowbrook  
www.westmontparks.org/wpa/

Westmont Performing Arts presents original three one-act plays by Mike Levins. In "The Shaving Brush," Nelly, no longer able to live independently, must leave her home of 60 years, learning what is truly important in the process. "White Chocolate Moon" follows novelist Clayton Dinsmore, who has battled writer's block for 25 years after a wildly successful debut. "The Four Questions" asks what would happen if Elijah the Prophet actually showed up in the home of a very troubled family. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10.

■ **'The Life and Music of George Michael'**

Feb. 25  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

Capturing the performance and sound of one of the biggest international stars of our time, this show will feature blockbuster hits including "Wake Me Up Before You Go Go," "Freedom," "Faith," "Careless Whisper," "Father Figure" and more. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$62-\$72.

■ **'The Other Place'**

Through Feb. 25  
Theatre of Western Springs  
4384 Hampton Ave.  
www.theatrewesternsprings.com  
(708) 246-3380

The life of successful neurologist Juliana Smithton seems to be coming unhinged as she faces divorce, a daughter's elopement with a much older man and personal health struggles. But there's more to the story as the elusive truth about Juliana boils to the surface. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$28, \$15 for children & students.

■ **'Artificial Hinstelligence'**

March 8-9 & 15-16  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

The Community House Players return to the stage for their hilarious antics and affectionate mockery of all things Hinsdale in this year's edition of The Community Revue. This original musical comedy promises to walk right up to the edge of appropriate humor and, sometimes, jump right by it. Proceeds benefit The Community House. Time: 6:45 p.m. Tickets: \$125.

**SENIOR SCENE**

■ **Hinsdale Memory Cafe**

Feb. 28  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Join this social gathering of individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Activities may include education, music, games and

arts. The program is sponsored by The Birches and Independence-4-Seniors Home Care. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

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■ **Sweets Tasting & Tea**

Feb. 28  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Karen Gula from Candies & Ice Cream Shop will lead a brief history of chocolate and The Lilett Shop. Participants will enjoy various flavors of chocolate and additional tastings to educate their palate for comparing and contrasting with other flavors to understand how and why they complement each other. Coffee and tea also will be served. Then take home a treat and tasting notes. Time: 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$17.50. RR, MD

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

■ **Windy City Bulls offer**

March 1  
NOW Arena  
5333 Prairie Stone Parkway,  
Hoffman Estates  
www.fevo-enterprise.com/event/HinsdaleSpecialOffer  
(847) 396-9310

Hinsdale residents are invited to cheer on the Windy City Bulls, the NBA G League affiliate of the Chicago Bulls, while also supporting Hinsdale native and G League Ignite star Matas Buzelis before the hometown kid is drafted in the NBA with a special discount ticket offer. Time: 5 p.m. door open, 6 p.m. game. Tickets: \$20.

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### STEPPING BACK

#### ■ In the Belly of the Beast: King in Chicago

Feb. 28  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

Chicago historian, musician and storyteller Clarence Goodman will discuss Martin Luther King Jr.’s work in Chicago, which he visited many times between 1956 and his life’s end in pursuit of justice but which history seems to have ignored or forgotten. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

#### ■ Native American Women in Illinois History

March 2  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)  
(630) 206-9566

Dressed in native regalia, Kim Sigafus presents a history of native peoples in Illinois, with a focus on women, sharing stories of Singing Bird —

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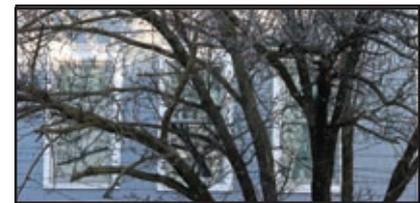
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**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Plan Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois for the purpose of considering an application from the Village of Hinsdale for Text Amendments to the Hinsdale Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of establishing to define and clarify regulations for short-term rentals in the Village of Hinsdale.

Text Amendments are proposed to Section 9-101 (Accessory Structures and Uses), Section 9-102 (Home Occupations), and Section 12-206 (Definitions) of the Zoning Code. The creation of a new Section 9-108 (Short-Term Rentals) in the Zoning Code is also proposed. The proposed regulations clarify short-term rentals are prohibited within the Village's residential zoning districts, including the R-1 Single Family Residential District, R-2 Single Family Residential District, R-3 Single Family Residential District, R-4 Single Family Residential District, R-5 Multiple-Family Residential District, and R-6 Multiple-Family Residential District. The Text Amendment will specifically create a minimum 180 day lease term on short-term rentals and the proposed language includes specific exceptions listed.

Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Please email Village Clerk Emily Tompkins at [etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org](mailto:etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org) for additional information. This request is known as Case A-2-2024.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given the opportunity to be heard. At said public hearing, the Plan Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to the said application.

In addition, objections and other comments, if any, relating to the proposed Text Amendment may be made in writing and filed with the Village Clerk prior to 4:00 p.m.

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on the day of the public hearing. Emailed comments may be sent to Village Clerk Emily Tompkins at [etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org](mailto:etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org). Please use the subject line "Public Comment - Short-Term Rental Zoning Code Text Amendment" when sending your email. Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of the Village Clerk at 19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521. The proposed Text Amendment may be added to, revised, altered, or eliminated as a result of the public hearing and prior to final action by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Hinsdale. The public hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice, except as otherwise required under the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Dated: February 12, 2024

Emily Tompkins,  
Village Clerk

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on February 22, 2024.

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The proposed language would increase the height of landscape screening from six (6) feet to ten (10) feet at the time of planting along the side or rear lot lines of non-residential properties across the street from or abutting properties in the residential zoning districts. An eight (8) foot tall solid opaque fence would also be required along the side or rear lot lines. Existing language for exceptions to uses and structures established prior to the

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effective date of the Zoning Code is also amended to allow the Village Manager to waive certain provisions and approve an alternative compliance plan in cases where it is deemed impossible or impractical to meet the requirements, where there are safety concerns, or an alternative plan would provide an equal or better means of meeting the intent of the code provisions.

Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Please email Village Clerk Emily Tompkins at [etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org](mailto:etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org) for additional information. This request is known as Case A-3-2024.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given the opportunity to be heard. At said public hearing, the Plan Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to the said application.

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#### ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hinsdale will hold a public hearing at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the business of the Board allows, on March 5, 2024, in the Board Room of the Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois, concerning the Village's intent to adopt the Village's Calendar Year 2024 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, providing for appropriations for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

The proposed appropriation ordinance will be on file in the Village Clerk's Office for at least ten (10) days prior to March 5, 2024 and copies thereof will be conveniently available for public examination and copying.

Public comments on the proposed appropriation ordinance are welcome at the public hearing. Emailed comments may be sent to Village Clerk Emily Tompkins at [etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org](mailto:etompkins@villageofhinsdale.org). Written comments may be submitted to the attention of the Village Clerk at 19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521. Emailed or written comments should be submitted prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 5, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79348 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on February 9, 2024 wherein the business firm of

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Jean Kaczmarek  
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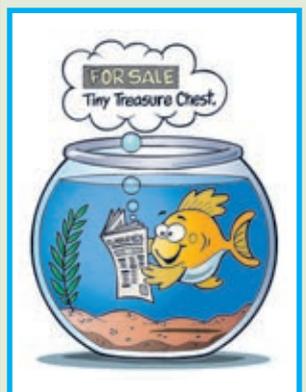
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  - 7 SEMESTERS
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  - 9 FUND FOR MINOR EXPENSES
  - 10 MALE OF "BOHEMIAN Rhapsody"
  - 11 GUITARIST CLAPTON
  - 16 "UNH-UNH"
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Cache 2. Lather;
3. Infer; 4. Menial

Today's Word  
**FATHER**

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters in the first two words to form two ordinary words. Then rearrange the letters left to form the mystery word, which will complete the story.



"It's not as good as my used to make it."

- Start  
**CHEAC**
- Finish  
**HALTER**
- Reveal  
**FINER**
- Lowly  
**MALINE**

TODAY'S WORD

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# HOROSCOPES

February 2024 Horoscopes • Week 4

**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, are you ready to accept the consequences of your actions? If you go out on your own path when others are warning against it, you will need to confront the consequences on your own.

**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
Take a few days off from work if you find you have been running yourself ragged, Aries. The pressure to be the best may have gotten to you and you need a rest.

**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Listen to someone's feelings when they come to you and try to vent, Cancer. Exhibit some patience and help this person work through his or her issues.

**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
It is important to take the reins this week, Libra, particularly if you want to get noticed by those in positions of power. You need to be your own best advocate.

**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, you may be ready to make a big move in your life, but others may not be there with you just yet. You need to find the timing that works for as many as possible.

**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
Powering through a situation sometimes works, but not if you are feeling ill or injured, Taurus. Prioritize your health right now and take a step back if need be.

**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
A great opportunity is coming down the pike, Leo. You will have to get your timing correct to maximize its impact on your life. Organize all of the elements you can control.

**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Sometimes the hardest thing to do in a situation is to stay silent when you don't agree with things, Scorpio. Keep in mind that others may not be ready to hear your advice.

**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, it may not be possible to put blinders on for every situation. However, sometimes it is advisable to look the other way in the name of keeping the peace.

**GEMINI** – May 22/June 21  
Gemini, there are always two sides to every story, so resist the urge to weigh in on a situation between friends right now. Get all of the information first and then stay neutral.

**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
Advice from a loved one prompts you to reevaluate your plans for the coming weeks, Virgo. Step away from the situation to see how things might work.

**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Take ownership of any mistakes you have made and learn from them this week, Sagittarius. That is the only way you can grow as a person and make a difference in others' lives.

# SPORTS

## RESULTS

**Basketball, girls**  
Feb. 15 @ IHSA regional vs. Nazareth (final)  
V loses 35-70

**Hockey**  
Feb. 15 @ Deerfield  
V loses 0-6

**Swimming, boys**  
Feb. 17 @ IHSA sectional  
V places 1st with 348 points  
200-yard medley relay  
Bey, M. Vatev, Hou, Marcet, 1st, 1:30.54  
200-yard freestyle  
L. Vatev, 1st, 1:39.46  
Harris, 2nd, 1:40.7  
200-yard IM  
Hou, 1st, 1:47.82  
Bey, 2nd, 1:50.64  
50-yard freestyle  
Bertulis, 1st, 20.74

Marcet, 2nd, 21.17  
1-meter diving  
Brown, 3rd, 447.35  
100-yard butterfly  
Hou, 1st, 48.08  
Guo, 2nd, 49.68  
100-yard freestyle  
Bertulis, 1st, 45.58  
Harris, 2nd, 46.23  
500-yard freestyle  
L. Vatev, 1st, 4:35.11  
Pelinkovic, 3rd, 4:37.92  
200-yard freestyle relay  
Suliga, Adamo, Vergara, Guo, 1st, 1:24.08  
100-yard backstroke  
Marcet, 1st, 50.72  
Guo, 3rd, 51.17  
100-yard breaststroke  
Bey, 1st, 55.46  
M. Vatev, 2nd, 56.16  
400-yard freestyle relay  
Pelinkovic, Adamo, L. Vatev, M. Vatev, 1st,

3:06.38

**Track, girls**  
Feb. 16 @ York Invite  
55-meter dash  
Reed, 2nd, 7.32  
Bonino, 5th, 7.84  
200 meters  
Dorris, 2nd, 27.92  
300 meters  
Tresslar, 2nd, 45.01  
A. Hodneland, 5th, 45.6  
400 meters  
Dygon, 2nd, 1:02.64  
Leech, 4th, 1:06.41  
800 meters  
L. Hodneland, 1st, 2:22.09  
Gilmartin, 9th, 2:32.18  
1,600 meters  
Boyd, 6th, 5:35.68  
55-meter hurdles  
Leech, 3rd, 9.72  
Abu-Ghazalah, 5th, 10.36

4x200 relay  
A. Hodneland, Gilmartin, Tresslar, Dorris, 1st, 1:51.04  
4x400 relay  
Dygon, Gilmartin, L. Hodneland, Boyd, 3rd, 4:17.74  
Shot put  
Veliz-Hernandez, 12th, 7.58m  
Kawa, 19th, 6.58m  
High jump  
Kuznetsova, 6th, 1.35m  
Pole vault  
Bisch, 6th, 2.39m  
Long jump  
Reed, 2nd, 4.97m  
Moser, 6th, 4.53m  
Carey, 9th, 4.39m  
Triple jump  
Moser, 2nd, 10.23m  
Bonino, 7th, 9.78m

## HEADED TO STATE

Members of the Hinsdale Central varsity boys swim and dive team will compete at the IHSA state final meet Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 and 24, at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont.

Representing Red Devil Nation are seniors Nojus Bertulis (50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle), Zack Brown (1-meter diving), Nate Harris (100-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle), Jeffrey Hou (100-yard butterfly, 200-yard IM, 200-yard medley relay) and Brody Marcet (50-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard medley relay); juniors Frankie Adamo (200-yard freestyle relay, 400-yard freestyle relay), Josh Bey (100-yard breaststroke, 200-yard IM, 200-yard medley relay), Henry Guo (100-yard backstroke, 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard freestyle relay), Noah Pelinkovic (500-yard freestyle, 400-yard freestyle relay) and Bruno Vergara (200-yard freestyle relay); sophomores Brandon Suliga (200-yard freestyle relay) and Matthew Vatev (100-yard breaststroke, 200-yard medley relay, 400-yard freestyle relay); and freshman Luke Vatev (200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle, 400-yard freestyle relay).

Good luck Devils!

## Player coaches

Members of the Hinsdale Central girls' basketball team volunteered to be guest coaches during The Community House's Jodie Harrison girls basketball games last month at Madison School. At right, Central's Katherine Skinner watches as one of her team's players gets ready for a shot. Below Grace Dolan and Luella Sheehan cheer their team on to victory. (Jim Slonoff photos)





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# SPORTS

## Wrestler saves his best finish for last

*Ivanisevic falls to defending state champ, gymnast competes in first state appearance*

By Pamela Lannom

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After placing fifth at IHSA state meet his sophomore and junior years, Hinsdale Central senior Marko Ivanisevic ended his high school wrestling career one spot away from the top of the podium.

"I think he did great," coach Jason Hayes. "I think he did an awesome job, an amazing performance. The state tournament is a very tough tournament, and he wrestled a good tournament."

Ivanisevic had hoped to earn a state title.

"Obviously, it didn't end the way I wanted it to, but it was amazing," the heavy-weight said.

After beating three other opponents, he lost to three-time state champion Dillon Johnson of Joliet Catholic in the finals of the 285-pound weight class.

"We had a game plan for him. I didn't really stick to it — couldn't really get it off and just did not end the way I wanted to," Ivanisevic said.

He said he tried to stay in the moment from the time he arrived at the Class 3A individual tournament at the State Farm Center in Champaign.

"When we got to the state tournament, I didn't even look at the bracket," he said. "I said to myself, 'One match at a time' and 'Try to get to the finals.'"

He opened by pinning his opponent in 2:55.

"It's always that first-round jitters. It's usually kind of tough, because you're wrestling in a big arena. I went out there and stuck to the game plan," Ivanisevic said.

He and his next opponent, Wyatt Schmitt of Joliet West, had each beaten each other once.

"I came out in double



**Hinsdale Central senior** Marko Ivanisevic celebrates after winning a match at the state meet last weekend. After placing fifth his sophomore and junior years, he came in second this year. (photos courtesy of Jason Hayes)



overtime. It was a very big match," he said. "It meant I was going to the semis and I would be a state placer, which is a really big accomplishment to be a state placer for our school for three years."

Hayes said that match illustrates just how tough competition at state is.

"He had to ride the guy out to win. He had an impressive win there," Hayes said.

Ivanisevic left that quarterfinals match determined to get another victory.

"I just can't go another year without being in the finals," he remembers saying to himself. "I'm going to go out there and wrestle my best and just compete."

Next up was Jonathan Rulo of Belleville East in the semis.

"He was undefeated and Marko beat him 5-2," Hayes said.

Hayes credited the work Ivanisevic did in the off-season, including competing in the US Open wrestling tournament for 16 and under in Las Vegas, for his improved performance at state.

"He did the whole Fargo freestyle Greco circuit. He got probably 50, 60 matches in the off-season, which is huge," Hayes said. "He did a lot of wrestling in the off-season, which helped propel him into the state finals."

Central's program also offered strong preparation, Hayes said.

"We basically run a college program at the high school level. We run a fall program, we run a spring program and we also run a summer program," he related. "It's pretty much year-round, and Marko has been part of all of that."

The coach said he's very proud of Ivanisevic.

"He's probably one of the most decorated wrestlers to come through Hinsdale Central wrestling," Hayes said. "Marko is up there since the early 1950s as one of the top-five all time best wrestlers to come through Hinsdale Central."

Ivanisevic, who will wrestle next year at the University of Illinois, said he enjoyed all four years competing for Central.

"It was crazy that I went from not placing at the freshman state tournament and going all the way to my senior year and taking second at the state tournament," he said. "I'm going to think about that for a long time and hopefully keep on making strides where I can become the best wrestler I can be."

"It was just the best experience ever," he added. "It was just something that is going to live in my head for the rest of my life."

### Hamelka 22nd on vault

Hazel Hamelka had been hoping to qualify for state since her freshman year in gymnastics. The senior found out at the sectional meet Feb. 5 at Hinsdale Central that her dream had come true.

"I was so happy and I was so shocked when I placed at sectionals," the senior said. "It was such a fun day. It was so amazing."

Hamelka competed in vault, tying for 22nd with a 9.2 in the preliminary round at the IHSA state

meet Feb. 16-17 at Palatine High School.

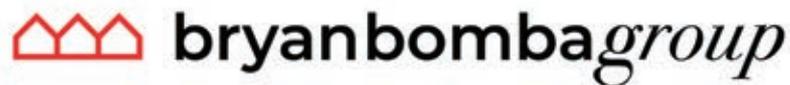
"I had watched it the past couple of years, and I knew not to have high expectations with how I'm going to place, so I kind of just wanted to go in with a fresh mindset — 'It's a fun day, you made it to state, so enjoy,'" she said.

And enjoy it she did, going out to lunch with her coaches and the teammate who accompanied her and seeing friends from other schools at the meet. After a two-week break from doing floor exercise, her back was feeling much better than it had.

"Toward the end of the season, I was pretty good," she said.

Hamelka said she'll always remember the moment after she landed her vault.

"The whole experience competing, it's crazy to hear everyone, you hear people cheering you on and there are so many people all around, friends, family," she said. "When I went and hit my vault, that was such a cool experience."

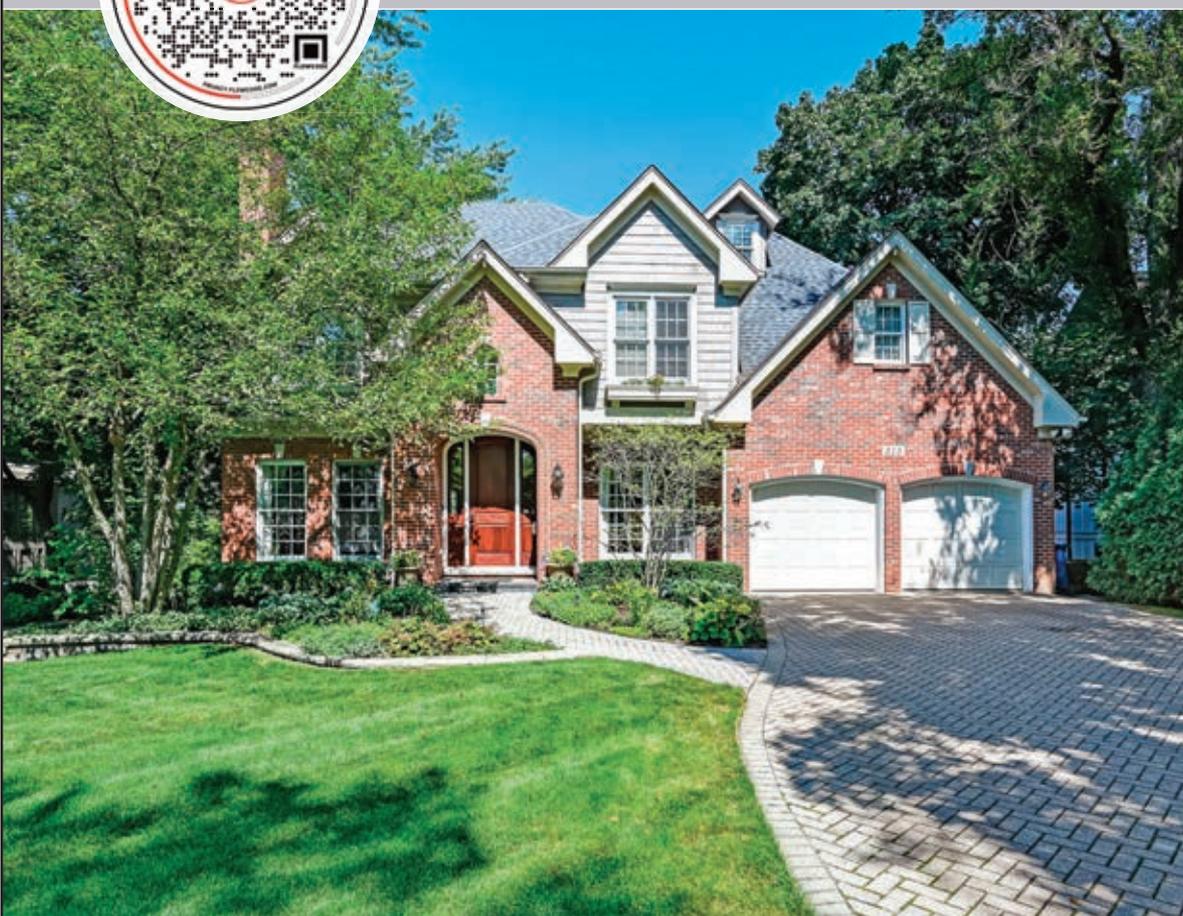


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