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## Book buddies

**Emily Bugaj and the rest** of the Oak School fifth-graders traveled to their sister school Drexel Elementary in Cicero on March 21. The Oak students were involved in their second year of a free book fair for the Drexel students. More than 4,000 books were donated through an Oak School community book drive that happens in January. Enough books — from new to lightly used — were collected to give each Drexel student six books, with plenty left over to supplement classrooms throughout the school. Oak students also visited classrooms to read to the kindergarten, first- and second-grade students. Emily was reading the book, “Miss Nelson is Missing!” to Drexel student Samantha. Please turn to Page 24 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



### Celestial show

Learn about local solar eclipse happenings.

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# NEWS

## D86 HR head resigns day after meeting

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Cheryl Moore has resigned as assistant superintendent of human resources in Hinsdale High School District 86, effective Friday, April 12.

Moore confirmed she had resigned after The Hinsdalean saw her position posted on the District 86 website.

"I'm not really commenting any further than to confirm what I shared with you," she replied when asked if she had obtained another position.

Moore also declined to comment when asked if her decision had anything to do with the March 21 board meeting, at which board member and administrators had a heated discussion about staffing recommendations.

"Better not comment," she said.

She did confirm that her resignation letter was dated March 22.

At that meeting, administra-

tors came under fire from board members for the way they handled changes to the course schedule the board had requested at the previous meeting March 14. Board members said they were surprised early bird PE had been offered to all students and not just music students and were disappointed that not all freshmen were informed that honors biology would be running at South in the fall, even though it had not been offered previous years. When board President Cat Greenspon suggested postponing a vote on the staffing plan, Moore requested an open-ended vote that would allow the board to add more staff at an April meeting. Greenspon's next action was to make a motion to postpone the vote until April 11. It did not pass, and ultimately a staffing plan with 1.8 additional full-time equivalents was approved. Board members encouraged request for more staff if needed for the HAVEN program.

"The forecast does not include

any of this," Moore noted at the meeting. "As you continue to add, the financial aspect also needs to be considered."

On the next agenda items, the non-renewal of two probationary full-time teachers, board member Peggy James asked if the decision to add 1.8 FTE had any affect on these two individuals.

"That wouldn't impact it in any way," Moore said from her seat at the back of the board room. "These are just people who will not be invited back. So if the positions still exist then we would fill the positions."

"Wait, Cheryl Moore," Greenspon said, interrupting her, and the two had some additional back and forth.

"My question to you is why don't you come up and hear the question before you make a decision?" Greenspon said. "That would be appropriate. Thank you."

Greenspon asked Moore whether the decision to add staff would affect agenda items 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.

"We would not know that. You are the only one who would know that, Cheryl," Greenspon said.

"I really am not comfortable having this conversation in open because there are individuals attached to these resolutions," she said, with Greenspon interjecting comments like "OK" and "thank you" while Moore spoke.

Ultimately the board voted to table the items until April 11.

District 86, in a statement provided upon request, said it is grateful for Moore's service over the past three years.

"She has been a valuable member of our leadership team and played a vital role in attracting and welcoming in quality teachers, related services staff, support staff, coaches and administrators," the statement read. "While we are saddened to see her leave, we understand and respect her decision to pursue a new opportunity and wish her nothing but the best moving forward."



## Devils spread warmth

Members of the Hinsdale Central Future Educators Club met recently during their lunch period to make blankets that were delivered to the Salvation Army to be distributed to those in need. Laila Miceli and Solenne O'Bourke work together on tying their blanket strips, while Ayaana Haque, Sana Irshad and Myra Dhillon complete another. Several dozen blankets were completed for the donation. (Jim Slonoff photo)

# ONCE UPON A TIME



**Places from the past** — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. The Left Bank, located at 101 S. Washington St., used to be owned by Pat Davis. The building was home to several businesses, including Davis’ real estate firm. A tea room, gift shop, travel agency and stores selling cosmetics and plants were among the businesses located there. The building is now home to Marcus.



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# Hinsdale gets ready for the solar eclipse

*Next week's arrival of rare cosmic event generates curiosity, excitement among residents*

By Ken Knutson

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So have you heard about the solar eclipse happening on Monday?

The answer is likely yes, given the level of attention it is commanding. And rightfully so, as the moon's shadow will sweep from Texas to Maine on April 8 in an event not to happen again in the U.S. until 2044. And the Chicago area lies in close proximity to the "path of totality," prompting many to trek to southern Illinois or neighboring Indiana to experience it.

Alan McCloud, Hinsdale Central earth science teacher, said the eclipse will take about two and a half hours from start to finish, or from around 12:50 to 3:20 p.m. locally, and be at its max at about 2:08 p.m.

"It happens as the moon gradually passes in front of the sun, and as they are about the same size in the sky from our perspective," McCloud explained, noting the sun is 400 times larger than the moon but 400 times farther away. "The moon nearly perfectly fits over the sun when everything lines up correctly."

Hinsdale won't go dusk-like as in regions within the path of totality, but with an estimated 94-percent sun coverage, "the sky will darken gradually until the middle of the eclipse, then gradually lighten," he said.

Even with just a sliver of sun showing, eclipse watchers will need special glasses for protection.

"That amount of direct sunlight from the surface of the sun is still enough to do permanent damage to one's eyes," McCloud cautioned, suggesting a pinhole camera as an alternative.

The Hinsdale Public Library has been giving away solar filter eclipse glasses over the last few weeks, one per household, to library cardholders who register. The library has also partnered with the District 181 Foundation to provide glasses for students in grades three through eight so they can safely participate.

On Tuesday, Susan McBride, adult services programming coordinator, said a large number of the glasses



are still available for residents. After picking up a pair, they're invited to bring them to the library's watch party on Monday (see sidebar for details).

"We'll have moon pies, cosmic Oreos and the NASA live-feed on the TV," McBride said.

The party will move outside to the Memorial Hall patio around 1:45 p.m., hopefully under clear skies.

Hinsdale's Stephanie Rens-Domiano will be helping with an eclipse-related research project that actually starts Saturday. The University of Illinois Extension Program Master Naturalist will take sound samples in her backyard during the eclipse as well as

for two days on either side to record animal eclipse behavior.

"I use the AudioMoth device, which is basically a little sound recorder," she said of the Eclipse Soundscapes NASA Citizen Science effort. "We measure the difference in birds and bugs, like crickets, to see if sounds that usually come out at night come out in the middle of the day."

Rens-Domiano said she remembers such a phenomenon during the last solar eclipse in 2017. The recordings will then be sent to NASA to add to a trove of data that dates back at least 100 years.

"It's an open-source kind of thing. It helps any scientists who have some research proj-

**The solar eclipse** on Aug. 21, 2017, certainly impacted eyewear style as elementary and high school students donned special glasses to witness the event. The path of totality for Monday's eclipse will again track close enough to Hinsdale for residents to view 94 percent coverage — but don't forget the glasses. (file photos)

ect that's related to the eclipse. They're getting a lot more data from this," she said.

The absence of extraneous noise is her biggest wish.

"I'm just going to cross my fingers that the landscapers don't come next door," Rens-Domiano quipped.

McCloud said he's been preparing his students all year for the eclipse.

"My afternoon classes will go out a couple of times each period to observe the progress of the eclipse," he said of Monday's plan.

He referred people to [www.eclipse2024.org/mapviewer/index1.html?map=Chicago](http://www.eclipse2024.org/mapviewer/index1.html?map=Chicago) to track the moon as it moves in front of the sun.

## Eyes to the skies

Experience the eclipse with fellow enthusiasts one of these local gatherings Monday, April 8. Check the website for registration requirements.

### • Total Eclipse Watch Party

Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)

Get details on the eclipse, then head outside at 1:45 p.m. with eclipse glasses to watch the big event. Watch the NASA live feed and enjoy eclipse-themed snacks to prepare for the event. The first 50 registrants will be guaranteed a pair of eclipse glasses. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m.

### • Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

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# NEXT WEEK

## 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](http://www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings)

## Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission special meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, April 8  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** public meetings for 302 S. Grant St. (Hinsdale Historical Society landmark application and sign permit review) and 317 E. First St. and 317 S. Park Ave. (preservation incentive requests); sign permit review for 5 E. First St. (The Salon by David and William and Brow Paradiso)

## Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Commission

6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

## Hinsdale Plan Commission

6 p.m. Wednesday, April 10  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** public meetings on Mouse Automotive/McClaren at 2 Salt Creek Lane (major adjustment to exterior appearance and site plan review) and UChicago Medicine Advent Health at 120 N. Oak St. (changes to hospital campus signage)

# MEETING ROUNDUP

## Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business at their meeting Tuesday, trustees:

- recognized Fire Chief John Giannelli, who is retiring tomorrow, April 5, after 32 years of service with the village. He joined the fire department in 1991 as a full-time firefighter. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2006, captain in 2012 and chief in 2016.
- awarded a construction contract to Schroeder Asphalt Services in an amount not to exceed \$653,212 for the 2024 asphalt resurfacing program. Work will be done on Monroe Street from Sixth to Eighth, Fifth Street from Lincoln to Garfield, Quincy Street from North to Hickory, Bodin St. from south of Eighth to north of Ninth and the Veeck Park parking lot.
- approved an major adjustment to the exterior appearance and site plan for the new Normandy Remodeling location at 222 E. Ogden Ave. to allow changes to the rooftop mechanical unit screening. The applicant wants to change from one to three screened areas, with a reduced height of the panels.
- agreed to approve a temporary use permit and indemnification agreement to allow for outdoor seating through Oct. 31 at Casa Margarita, 25 E. Hinsdale Ave. Trustee plan to take an official vote at their April 16 meeting.

## Correction

Hinsdale Central freshman pitcher Malia Kuo's name was misspelled in the sports preview in the March 28 issue.

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# New steps added to preservation process

*Changes designed to encourage renovation of historic homes, but nothing new is binding*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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Hinsdale will have a new Ad Hoc Historic District Design Review team in the next two weeks.

Trustees voted unanimously Tuesday to amend sections of the Hinsdale Village Code to create the new entity and make other changes to the historic preservation process.

“The process is designed to encourage owners of historic homes to preserve their homes,” Village President Tom Cauley told *The Hinsdalean* Wednesday. “But if a historic home is to be demolished, we want to encourage homeowners to build a new home that is consistent with the historic nature of the Robbins Historic District.

“But at the end of the process — which will be completed in a reasonable length of time — homeowners can do what they want with their properties, no matter what the HPC (historic preservation commission) and board may decide,” he added.

“This process is designed to encourage, not to strong-arm homeowners or to dictate what they can do with their properties.”

Up to this point, property owners who wanted to demolish a home in the Robbins Park Historic District or at other landmarked sites had to appear before the historic preservation commission to receive a certificate of appropriateness for new construction before demolition could occur. In the past, if the commission denied the certificate, homeowners were free to proceed how they wished.

Under the new ordinance, property owners must file a preliminary application and meet with the new design review team before applying for a certificate of appropriateness with the preservation commission. This step is required for property owners seeking the demolition, relocation or removal of an existing residence or the construction of a new residence within the Robbins Park Historic District and for all changes to

landmarked properties regardless of location, according to a memo from village attorney Michael Marrs.

The review team will provide design feedback, education, guidance and advice to property owners, with written recommendations required within 15 days of the meeting. It also may require the applicant to prepare a Historic and Architectural Impact Study as part of the subsequent application for a certificate of appropriateness.

That study has a capped cost of \$250 and need not provide more than the information available from the Hinsdale Historical Society “or other readily available sources,” according to the memo.

The review team, which Cauley must appoint by April 17, is likely to include Trustee Alexis Braden, a former member of the historic preservation commission. Another member will come from the preservation commission, and Cauley said he will let the HPC chair choose that individual. The ordinance indicates the team

could have three or more members.

“I have no one in mind for the third member. Indeed, we may not have a third member,” Cauley said.

The changes approved Tuesday night include other provisions as well.

Homeowners who are denied a certificate of appropriateness by the preservation commission will be required to attend a Hinsdale Village Board meeting for additional input and a vote. That meeting must take place within 60 days of the preservation commission’s vote.

Demolition fees will increase from \$7,928 to \$11,100 for homes within the Robbins Park Historic District to help defray the cost of staff and consultant time.

Trustees discussed the ordinance during a first read at their March 13 meeting. Since that time, the process was shortened by two months.

“We don’t want the process to be so long that it adversely affects homeowners’ rights to make decisions regarding their properties,” Cauley said.



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## Hit-and-run collision

A driver backed into another vehicle at the Shell Gas Station, 210 E. Ogden Ave., and left the scene at 7:20 p.m. April 1. No damage estimate was available.

## Identity thefts reported

- Someone used the credit card information of a resident of the 800 block of South Clay Street to make fraudulent purchases between March 16 and 20. The thefts were reported March 27.

- A resident of the 400 block of South Thurlow Street reported that he received a tax form for an income account that was created fraudulently using his identity on Dec. 31. He contacted police March 31.

*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.*

## New initiative targets distracted drivers

The Hinsdale Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across the state in recognition of Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Throughout April, motorists can expect increased patrols looking for texting and driving as well as other traffic violations with the "U Drive. U Text. U Pay." campaign.

"Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of motor vehicle crashes on our roads today," Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie said. "During Distracted Driving Awareness Month, law enforcement will boost enforcement efforts, stopping

anyone we see texting and driving. We do this to save lives."

Between 2012 and 2021, approximately 32,000 lives were lost in crashes involving distracted drivers. Everyone has the potential for distracted driving crashes, but those between the ages of 16 and 24 are especially at risk. A driver who needs to text should pull over to a safe location, or if there is a passenger, consider appointing a "designated texter." Whatever the solution, don't text and drive.

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■ Emily enjoys discussing the fostering experience with her school classmates, and her friends like playing with their current foster kitten, Cookies and Cream.

## Fostering cats purr-fect for mom/daughter duo

When the Lohans first moved into their Hinsdale home, they discovered some unexpected neighbors: feral cats.

"Then two years ago, one of these cats had kittens under our air conditioner," Amy Lohan said. "I called the Hinsdale Humane Society and said, 'What do I do?'"

The lifelong dog lover and cat allergy sufferer was not exactly receptive to the humane society's suggestion that the family foster the two kittens.

"I was like, 'Absolutely not. I have a dog, I don't know what to do with cats,'" she related.

Their daughter Emily, now 7, was keen on the fostering notion, however. So Amy explored it further.

"(Humane society staff) told me what to do to capture the two kittens to bring them in and to try to catch the mom," she said. "We kind of talked through what would fostering even entail."

Those interested in learning more about fostering adoptable cats or dogs can be invited to the humane society's Foster Orientation Fair from noon to 1:30 p.m. this Saturday, April 6, at the shelter (see Page 22 for details).

Amy was told she needed a bathroom in which to keep them, and to feed them and "give 'em some loving."

"It took a while to catch them both. The mama was on to me, and I saw her early in the morning carrying them by their neck to the yard behind us," Amy said. "We did foster those kittens, and we loved it. It was so fun."

The kittens primarily stayed in their basement bathroom quarters to avoid interaction with resident dog Cooper.

"I was surprised how easy it was and how fun it was to play with kittens," she said.

The kittens were ultimately adopted by others. Mama cat, meanwhile, was "TNR-ed" — trap, neuter and release — with the help of the Lohans.

"We've probably done TNR for, minimum, at least 10 cats," she said, noting the process which helps curtail additional neighborhood litters.

"We have not seen any new kittens here in probably about a year and a half," Amy reported.

Their fostering journey continued, with the family hosting as many as five kittens at one time.

"It wasn't a whole lot more work, really. It was more try-



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ing to keep five kittens in a bathroom and get out without them all running out," she said.

A trial run at puppy fostering proved more labor intensive, but Emily said they have affection for both animals.

"We love dogs and cats the same," Emily said.

Amy praised shelter staff and foster manager Carla Wudi in particular

for their support.

"They provide everything that you need: a bed, litter box, food, toys, blanket, carrier," Amy said. "It's only usually a short commitment of time because kittens are ready for neutering (after six weeks)."

Emily enjoys discussing the fostering experience with her school classmates, and her friends like playing with their

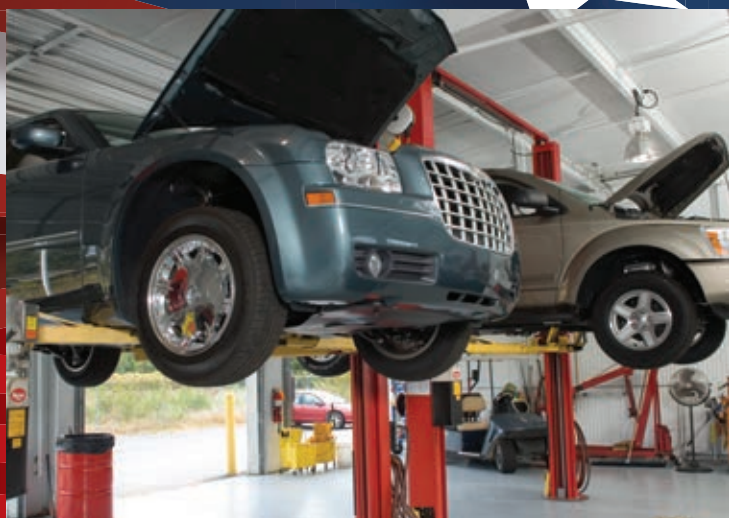
current foster kitten, Cookies and Cream.

Amy laments steering clear of felines for so many years.

"It brings me so much joy," Amy said, acknowledging that she does receive allergy shots. "I can't believe I missed out on having a cat my whole life."

"I would foster more if I had more space," she added.

— story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



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## Avoid the stress of the season with healthy habits

The arrival of spring for many ushers in a rising level of activities, obligations — and stress.

April is National Stress Awareness Month to bring attention to the negative impact of stress. The National Institutes of Health want people to recognize that managing stress is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle — and that knowing how to manage stress can improve mental and physical well-being as well as minimize exacerbation of health-related issues.

Mental Health America provides a Stress Screener ([www.mhanational.org/get-involved/stress-screener](http://www.mhanational.org/get-involved/stress-screener)) to help people better understand ways for reducing stress. And the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers these strategies for cultivating a calmer mental state:

- Take a break from the news, including social media. It's good to be informed, but constant information about negative events can be upsetting.

- Staying physically healthy can improve one's emotional well-being. Eat healthy and get enough sleep: seven or more hours per night is recommended for adults.

- Move more and sit less. Start small and build up to 20 to 30 minutes a day of exercise.

- Limit alcohol intake. When choosing to drink, men should stop at two servings and women should stop at one.

- Don't smoke, vape or use other tobacco products.

- Continue with regular health appointments, tests, screenings and vaccinations.

- Make time to unwind, and take deep breaths, stretch or meditate.

- Connect with others, and talk with trusted people about concerns and feelings.

Hinsdale and the surrounding area have a variety of resources to assist in stress management, including a number of gyms for both mind and body fitness, or natural areas like Fullersburg Woods to find healing in the great outdoors.

The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St., invites people to register for the following upcoming programs as methods for coping with stress. Visit [www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org).

- The six-week Tai Chi beginners course will be held from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays, April 12 to

May 24 (no class April 19).

Often described as “meditation in motion,” the mind-body practice of Tai Chi has shown value in treating or preventing many health problems through its slow, gentle movements and physical postures, meditative state of mind and controlled breathing. It's a low-impact, slow-motion exercise that doesn't put any pressure on the joints. Practitioners see improved balance and coordination, and those suffering chronic health conditions have found it therapeutic.

The course cost is \$115 with a \$15 discount for members.

- The Mindfulness Meditation 4-Week Workshop from 1 to 1:50 p.m. every Thursday from May 2 to 23 is designed to train participants' minds the way one trains the body for the perfect antidote to daily stress. Chopra Center certified meditation instructor Stephanie Frantz will teach centuries-old meditation and breathing techniques to relieve stress and increase an overall sense of well-being. Each session will be elevated to build on the techniques learned.

The cost is \$97, \$85 for members.

COMMENTARY

## Honesty is (almost) always the best policy

I'll never forget the day I went in to meet with Ainsley's fifth-grade teacher at the start of the school year. The teacher asked if I had anything I wished to share, and I provided what I believed to be an honest assessment of my then 10-year-old daughter.

“Wow. That was really grounded,” she replied.

I was surprised. I wondered if she meant that I was an exceptionally observant parent who had offered a particularly accurate portrait of her child. But I think what she really meant was that I didn't sugarcoat the truth.

The older I get, the more and more comfortable I am with telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Don't get me wrong. I will continue to tell white lies when asked about an insignificant matter (like whether I like my friend's new purse) could cause a breach in a relationship.

And I will not divulge information to individuals who have no business

knowing it, even when pressed.

But in most other circumstances, I find being honest is the easiest and most effective way to get through life.

First of all, avoiding the truth almost always has consequences, even if they are not immediate. Remember all those celebrity parents who paid big bucks to falsify their kids' SAT scores so they could get into more prestigious colleges?

They got caught, of course, but I think the attempted falsehood did even more damage to their kids. Telling a teen that you don't think she is good enough to make it without lying, without your help, isn't going to give her the promising future you thought you were purchasing.

Most lies eventually come back to haunt you, often in ways you did not anticipate.

Second, there is the problem of



Pamela Lannom

keeping track of the falsehoods you've presented. If I tell a true story to one friend and an adapted version to another, I have to remember which one knows what. And if I tell multiple lies to the same person, I have to make sure I don't contradict myself.

As Mark Twain said, “If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember

anything.”

Finally, and I believe most importantly, the truth will set you free, as first pointed out by Jesus thousands of years ago.

I like Gloria Steinem's take on the phrase as well — “But first it will piss you off!” And I think that's where most of us — or at least I — get hung up. There's a reason it's referred to as “the cold, hard truth.” The truth is often unpleasant. It can reveal shortcomings in our personal relationships, in our professional lives and in ourselves. If we pay attention

to the truth, we might realize that we aren't doing all we can to be a good parent, spouse, friend or co-worker.

But accepting the truth is the first step to making changes. When we hide from the truth, we also obscure solutions to the problems we are facing. Only with awareness and acceptance can we be prepared to take action to, as the serenity prayer says, change the things we can. And there will always be those things we cannot change.

The truth is not always as unwelcome as this column may suggest. There are glorious truths we encounter that are cause for true celebration.

To read others' reflections on the truth — and there are many — just do a quick Google search of “truth quotes.” I'll close with one of my favorites, from Oprah Winfrey: “What I know for sure is that speaking your truth is the most powerful tool we have.”

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

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# OPINION

## GUEST COMMENTARY

### It happened on a Metra train

A few weeks ago, I had an appointment in the city and decided to take my preschool-aged daughter along for a girls' day out.

We had a wonderful day planned, and we dressed for the occasion, in dresses and fancy shoes. We decided to take the train to make the day even more special. I had packed snacks and books and stickers, as I know all too well that a special day can go south if your young date becomes hungry or bored. The train was a bit full, so we couldn't sit on top as we'd hoped, but were happy as we settled in for our adventure.

As I said, the train was crowded, the commuters dourly looking straight ahead or at their cell phones or newspapers. There were women and men of all ages and ethnicities in our car, but the overall feeling was one of sameness and monotony. But amidst so many suburban workers heading to the city, one woman was clearly different.

The woman was seated with her young daughter and several overstuffed suitcases. She spoke loudly on her cell phone, bemoaning the family member who had failed to pick her up to drive her to the city.

Her language was colorful; she was angry. Her daughter squirmed and cried out of boredom or lack of attention.

The commuters around her became more dour, more insulated in their personal space, and purposefully ignored the loud woman, or rarely cast dirty looks her way. The train conductor approached the woman and threatened her, which made her more volatile.

My daughter was fascinated and a bit afraid of the woman and her daughter. The commotion was unsettling. We sank a bit deeper in our seats. I protectively wrapped my arm around my little girl, and we read our book. When my daughter asked for a snack, I opened a package



Kelly Abate

of cookies. Then, I asked my daughter if she'd like to offer a cookie to the daughter of the disruptive woman.

Without a second thought, my daughter reached for the cookie and approached the woman and her daughter. She extended her arm, cookie in hand, and asked the little girl if she'd like it.

The contrast could not have been more dramatic. My little girl in her fancy dress for a special day with her mama, the other girl shabbily clothed and largely ignored despite her cries. The other mother looked at me and quietly asked her child if she'd like a cookie, and the girl accepted.

The train car became ... peaceful. The mom stopped talking and visibly relaxed. The little girl ate her cookie quietly. The commuters were stunned out of their glum isolation. They looked at my sweet daughter, and at me, and smiled. Then they actually looked at the loud woman and her daughter. And smiled. She was no longer the villain. Instead she could be seen for what she was: an unfortunate woman in a difficult situation, struggling with sad circumstances.

I believe life-changing events can be both grand and small. On that short train ride, I learned about the power of kindness. It can be contagious, it can permeate, it can create a movement every bit as powerful as hatred and indifference.

When the train reached Union Station, I offered to help the woman with her bags and she gratefully accepted. Before I could help, though, a businessman offered to escort the woman and her daughter off the train and grabbed the large suitcases. I simply held my own daughter's hand and we walked off the train into our special day.

— Kelly Abate of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. This column first was published Nov. 6, 2008.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

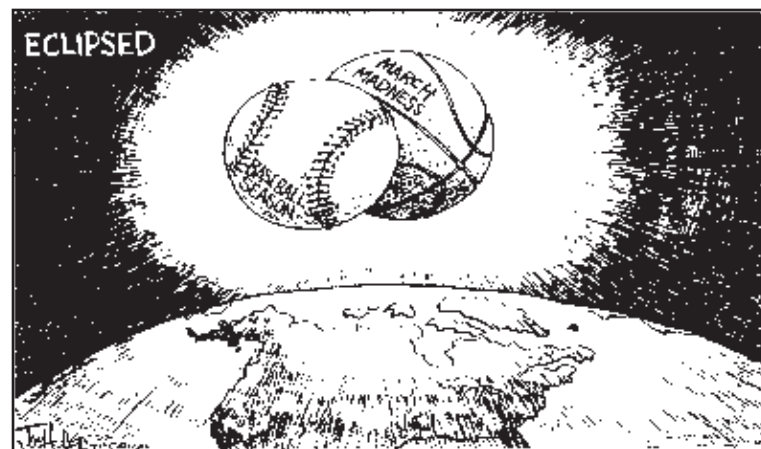
### Don't use taxpayer money for incentives

The Historic Preservation Commission has been involved in generating grants and tax abatements to assist in the financing and construction of additions to homes on the Historically Significant Structures Property List. The HPC and the trustees are subsidizing the improvements to private homes with taxpayer money.

President Cauley has said that the owners needed "incentives" to undertake these improvements. During a recent HPC meeting, a proposed new home to be built in the historic district was discussed. The HPC did not give the new property a certificate of appropriateness. The new owners had abided by all the rules of the village to obtain permission for this new construction. The new home design came under extreme criticism by the head of the HPC and its members. Terms

like NIMBY and "Screw the neighborhood attitude" were voiced at this meeting toward the new owners.

I have done volunteer work on Oak Park's annual "Wright Plus" house walks, where I learned about their 10-member historic commission. They work with homeowners who are interested in the restoration/preservation of their homes. No financial support is available from Oak Park for these improvements. Oak Park has avoided the questionable practice of granting taxpayer-funded cash and benefits from one set of neighbors to another set of neighbors. At a recent meeting of the Hinsdale Board of Trustees, I asked the trustees to stop using taxpayer money for private home improvements and to rein in the obnoxious treatment by the HPC of residents wanting to build new homes. — Robert A. Lennox Jr., Hinsdale



## LETTERS POLICY

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# OBITUARIES

## Gaile Marie May

Gaile Marie May, nee Servi, 97, passed away Feb. 13, 2024.

She was born in 1926 in Polar, Wis., and spent the last 60 years living and working in Hinsdale.

Gaile worked for 30 years at the Hinsdale Adventist Hospital in the admissions and the development offices, and she was a longtime member of the Hinsdale Seventh-Day Adventist Church, where she volunteered as a children's Sabbath School teacher and as a greeter.

Raised in Lily, Wis., in a home with no indoor plumbing, Gaile went on to attend Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Michigan. She met her future husband, Harold, while working in Evanston, where he was a graduate student at Northwestern University.

Gaile had a big smile, a love of beauty and a generous spirit. Her smile lit up her face and the hearts of any who saw it. She made an elegant statement wherever she went, dressed to the nines even into her 90s. She leaves



May

a collection of her own paintings and a well-used piano — and a legacy of artistic and musical skill — to her three grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She also loved her cats. Through the years many found their way to her door where she fed, took care of them, and treated them as royalty.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold A. May, in 2009.

Gaile is survived by her son, Paul (San); her grandchildren, Ashley (Christian) Negard, Dr. Ryan (Megan) K. May and Jillian (Wade) Greenacre; her great-grandchildren, Annike, Sommer, Karsten, Summer, Spencer, Caroline, Charlotte, Juniper, Adeline and Maribelle; and her sister, Phyllis Tacket.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, 201 N. Oak St. Hinsdale.

Interment will be private at St. John's Cemetery in Oak Brook.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Marilyn Musil

Marilyn Musil, 88, of Naples, Fla., passed away Feb. 7, 2024.

Marilyn was a caring mom and dotting grandmother who loved spending time with her grandkids. She was a wonderful, energetic neighbor to many in Westchester, where she lived for 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, George.

She is survived by her children, Scott (Renee) Musil of Hinsdale, George (Laura) and



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Rick (Elizabeth); her grandchildren, Kylie, Lucas, Luke, Libbie, Anneliese, Christian and Noela; and her sister, Virginia Sikita.

Visitation is from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St. Willowbrook.

Interment is at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Maureen McNally Walsh

Maureen McNally Walsh, 76, of Clarendon Hills, formerly of Hinsdale, died March 30, 2024.

She was born in 1947 to Bernard and Eleanor McNally.

Maureen was a graduate of Edgewood College in Madison, Wis., and held master's degrees from Northwestern University and Rosary College. She was a librarian and teacher for the entirety of her career. From her days as a reference librarian in Downers Grove to establishing surgical libraries at the University of Chicago to teaching children to read at Seward Academy in the Back of the Yards neighborhood, Maureen was always a success. That continued success led her to have a long and fruitful career.

Maureen was proud of her academic and career accomplishments, but more so of her personal ones. In addition to her family, she enjoyed the many long-lasting friendships developed through the years. Whether from her days at Edgewood, her time at CPS or the many dear neighbors in Hinsdale (the Fourth of July was never a quiet one), she made many life-long friends. She will be missed by all.

Maureen's life was full of love, intellect and

friendship. It was a life well-lived.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerard P. Walsh Sr.; her sister, Nancy (the late Peter) Kula; her in-laws, James and Esther (nee McHugh) Walsh; her siblings-in-law, James (Janet) and (the late Joan), Robert (the late Carol) and John.

She is survived by her children, Gerard Jr. (Natalie), Erin Walsh and Colleen Walsh; her granddaughter, Madeline; her siblings, Jean (Richard Jilek) McNally, Deborah (the late Ronald) Zwarycz and Bernard (Mary) McNally; her sister-in-law, Patricia (Michael) Purcell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 today, April 4, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St. Hinsdale. Family and friends will meet for a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, April 5, at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave, Clarendon Hills.

Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made online to Bernie's Book Bank at [www.secure.givelively.org/donate/bernie-s-book-bank/in-memory-of-maureen-walsh-support-bernie-s-book-bank](http://www.secure.givelively.org/donate/bernie-s-book-bank/in-memory-of-maureen-walsh-support-bernie-s-book-bank).



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# GOOD NEWS

## BAM EXCELS AT COMPETITIONS

The BAM Conservatory Ensemble won several awards recently.

At the Junior Theater West Feb. 9-11, Sacramento, Calif., the ensemble received the Freddie G. All-Festival Award for Excellence in Ensemble for its 15-minute excerpt from "Seussical Jr."

Ava Turek, who played the role of Cat in the Hat, earned the outstanding individual performance by an actor award. Actors Liam Smith (Horton) and Stella Horner (Jojo) were named All-Star performers.

Additionally, the Junior Company unveiled a performance of "Alice in Wonderland Jr" at the prestigious New Works Showcase, a rare honor reserved for the festival's top-performing groups.

In another recent triumph, the High School BAM Conservatory Ensemble took center stage in Atlanta, Ga., where they presented

a 15-minute cut of "Legally Blonde Jr." Outshining 125 musical theater organizations from across the globe, the ensemble received the Freddie G. All-Festival Award for Excellence in Music, under the tutelage of music director Peter Bromann.

Adding to the accolades, actor Ryan Coglianese, who portrayed the role of Kiki, earned the title of outstanding individual performance by an actor. Actors Miette Morris (Brooke Wyndham) and Ryan Coglianese (Kiki) were named All-Star performers.

## HINSDALE DOCTOR TO LEAD BOARD

Dr. Sreenivas Reddy of Hinsdale has been reelected to serve as chairman of the Illinois State Medical Board.

Reddy is a vascular interventional radiologist and founder/president of Vein and Vascular Centers in Hinsdale. He completed a residency in diagnostic radiology followed by fellowship training in vas-

cular interventional radiology at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. He is board-certified in diagnostic and vascular interventional radiology by the American Board of Radiology.

He has been affiliated with Northwestern Medicine — Delnor Hospital and served as adjunct assistant professor in the radiology department at the Indiana University School of Medicine. He has extensive training in arterial and venous interventions and uterine fibroid embolizations. A member of the Chicago Medical Society Board and the Independent Physicians and Providers of Illinois Board, Reddy is the immediate past president of the American Association of Radiologists of Indian Origin and the Indian American Medical Association.

He received the outstanding leadership award in 2018 from U.S. Rep. Danny Davis and was the distinguished physician of the year in 2017 at Delnor Hospital.

## FOUNDATION HELPS MIGRANTS

Stuffed animals, fleece blankets and Matchbox cars arranged on beds gave migrant children a warm welcome as they moved to an Oak Park shelter in February.

The gifts came from Kristine and Brian Richards, who created the Love Like Sean Foundation to honor their 14-year-old son, Sean, who was killed last July.

"I thought the migrant children, coming here with literally nothing, could use something to hug," Kristine Richards said. "We wanted to serve children because Sean was still a child at heart."

The items were given to Venezuelan children served by the Catholic Parishes of Oak Park Migrant Ministry.

"Sean's warm and generous spirit is certainly felt in the coats, clothes and blankets donated to the migrant children, but it is in the donated stuffed animals that they clutch that Sean's love is pal-

pable," said Celine Woznica, a leader of the Migrant Ministry.

The Richards learned of the ministry through news reports, and a friend created a wish list on Amazon. Donations also were left in cardboard bins in the family's front yard. In addition, TY Corp. donated 200 stuffed animals.

"We filled five SUVs with donated items to deliver to the Migrant Ministry," Richards said. "We don't even know all the people who donated. We want to thank them all for helping us honor Sean by spreading his message of love."

The Richards also marked Sean's birthday last month by bringing stuffed animals to UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale's emergency department and to kindergartners at St. Isaac Jogues School.

"We continue to look for other opportunities to spread Sean's love," his mother said. "We hope it will encourage others to be kind to all and to love like Sean."



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# ASK AN EXPERT

## What are the keys to foot and ankle health?

With the return of spring come April showers, May flowers and an uptick in injuries as people emerge from their winter habits. Ashley Lee, podiatrist at Northern Illinois Foot and Ankle Specialists' Hinsdale office, said the return to activities like pickleball, tennis, running, walking and youth sports results in an increase in visits to her office for treatment of sports-related injuries.

The surging popularity of pickleball has resulted in more patients suffering from injuries such as tendonitis, especially involving the Achilles tendon, Lee said. Also known as Achilles tendonitis, symptoms include stiffness on the back of the heel and lower leg after sitting. The feeling generally subsides during rest, but returns when activity resumes.

"It's caused by excessive stress on the Achilles tendon," Lee said, and is often caused by the short, rapid movements required of not only pickleball, but of tennis and paddle ball, as well.

### ASHLEY LEE, PODIATRIST

Stretching before and after activity can help to prevent the injury, Lee said. She also recommends wearing the right shoes. Shoes designated for use on the court offer the stability needed for sudden movements and offer better protection from injury, she said.

Pain in the ball of the foot also can result from time spent on the pickleball or tennis court. The frequent pivoting required of the sports can result in metatarsalgia, or inflammation in the long bones in the front of the feet.

Initial treatments include rest, ice and elevation. But when those remedies don't work and the pain persists, a trip to the podiatrist might be in order, Lee said. Treatments might include shockwave therapy. Originally developed for treatment of kidney stones, shockwave is now being used to treat many injuries involving soft tissue, Lee said.

Before hitting the walking or running path, Lee suggests that runners make a trip to their closet.

"How old are your shoes?" Lee asked, stating that any shoe that shows signs of wear should be replaced. Even shoes that haven't been worn should be replaced within a year, as materials degrade even

in storage, Lee said. She suggests starting a new season of walking or running with a new pair of shoes designed specifically for the activity.

As with pickleball and tennis, injuries of the Achilles tendon are common with runners and walkers. These activities also can cause conditions such as plantar fasciitis and shin splints.

"Stretching is the treatment for all of this," said Lee, emphasizing the importance of stretching before and after any activity.

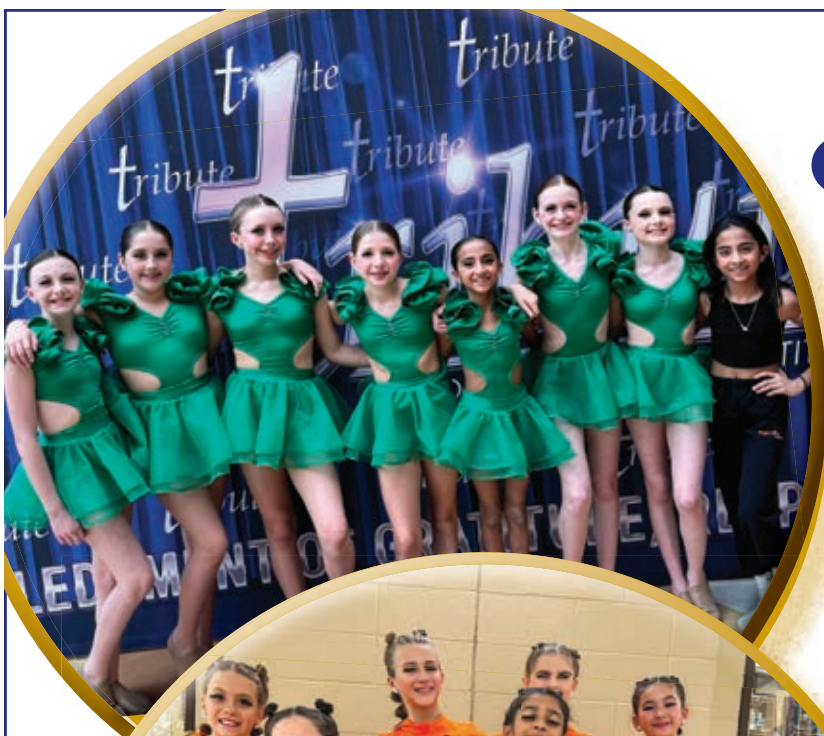
Something as simple as alternating the side of the street for walks and runs also can help prevent injury. Lee said even a slight slope can cause stress and strain on one side of the body. Running on the center of the track or road, or frequently changing sides, can help reduce the risk of injury.

Along with stretching and wearing the proper shoes, Lee said getting enough vitamin D is important to keep bones healthy. Most people are deficient, she said, especially coming out of winter. And it's difficult to get enough of the vitamin through food. She suggests getting levels checked by a doctor and proceeding with a supplement, if necessary.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Double board-certified with the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons in foot surgery as well as ankle and rearfoot reconstruction surgery, Dr. Ashley Lee has practiced podiatry at Northern Illinois Foot and Ankle Specialists in Hinsdale for four years. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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## Chicago chamber group visits town

*Camerata chamber orchestra offers classical favorites at Hinsdale concert*

By Ken Knutson

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The celebrated sounds of the Camerata Chicago Orchestra will serenade Hinsdale in a performance commemorating the group's 20th anniversary season.

The chamber orchestra will present its concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, with a program including Dvorak's "New World Symphony" and Rossini's "William Tell Overture" and guest pianist Marta Aznavoorian performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3.

Music director Drostan Hall was compelled to found Camerata in 2003 after he was invited to conduct Handel's "Messiah" at a Chicago church.

"While I was studying the score for that sacred work, the idea came to me: 'Let's start a chamber orchestra,'" recounted Hall, whose lineage includes Sir Charles Mackerras, the British conductor who opened the Sydney Opera House in 1973.

Two decades later, the group has grown from 14 string musicians to 55 instrumentalists, boasting international acclaim.

The daughters of Hinsdale residents Tatjana and Nikola Nenadovich studied violin with Hall, and in 2020 the idea emerged to organize a Camerata concert to raise money for children in orphanages throughout Serbia and other former Yugoslavian nations. The pandemic postponed the plan, but Tatjana, a member of Camerata's Ladies Guild, facilitated a program in Chicago last October featuring renowned Serbian violinist Stefan Milenkovich. Crown Prince Alexander and Crown Princess Katherine of Serbia even flew in to attend.

"All the stars aligned perfectly with the orchestra's 20th anniversary," Tatjana said.

Hall said Hinsdale became a natural finale on a three-day suburban tour, preceded by stops in Evanston on April 12 and Wheaton on April 13. He is excited to give local residents access to high-quality classical music close to home.

"I wanted to make it a very spe-

cial concert," he said. "I wanted it to be very friendly for families and children because it's very important for us that children are welcome to come to our programs."

The well-known "New World Symphony" was written by Dvorak when he first came to the U.S. in 1892. It was also a gamechanger for Hall when he heard it live as a boy.

"It was simply the most thrilling experience of my young life. This performance was full of wonderful tunes and it just changed my life. I decided that I would become a musician because I was so moved," he related, describing symphony as "infused with the American spirit" with both African-American and Native American influences.

The "William Tell Overture" became a household anthem in the States serving as the theme song for TV's popular "The Lone Ranger" series.

"That catapulted it to worldwide fame. And it has that wonderful fanfare of trumpets," Hall said.

Chicago's Aznavoorian, who also performs with the Lincoln Trio and teaches piano at DePaul University, among other endeavors, said the Beethoven composition is a particular favorite.

"I am looking forward to revisiting this old friend of mine. I love this piece and feel a close connection to it. It's got drama, it's playful, it's philosophical and heroic — everything compelling about Beethoven," she said. "I am honored to be performing with this excellent orchestra under the bold leadership of Maestro Drostan Hall.

"We urge you to bring the whole family," Aznavoorian underscored. "We don't bite."

Hall said Camerata gets frequent play on WFMT, but that nothing compares to live listening. He praised the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a stellar venue.

"It's a great location with great acoustics. A church often has a richer sound and is so much more reverberant than other places," he said. "I think it's important that classical music is provided locally for families. It's a hop, skip and jump from their homes, and they can come and enjoy world-class music.



Camerata Chicago chamber orchestra will take to the stage at Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, April 14, to perform famous classical works, featuring highly regarded pianist — and Chicago native — Marta Aznavoorian in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3. (photo courtesy of Camerata Chicago/photo by Lisa Mazzucco provided)

Tatjana Nenadovich said her family relishes Camerata performances.

"It's kind of a lost form of entertainment, and I would love to see more people making the choice to hear classical music," she said. "It's just such a beautiful experience. You really walk out of there really

feeling so good."

To purchase tickets, visit [www.cameratachicago.org/t/thmc](http://www.cameratachicago.org/t/thmc). Use coupon code HINSDALE at check-out for a 25 percent discount for ticket prices of \$37.50 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$7.50 for students (ID required) and \$1.50 for ages 14 and under (with a paying adult).



**Show — or develop** — appreciation for bats at a special event April 17 at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center in Willow Springs. See Page 22 for details. (photo provided by the Cook County Forest Preserve District)

## ARTFULLY DONE

### ■ Spring Art Exhibit

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The Nature Artists' Guild will host this juried exhibit, featuring work from local artists inspired by nature, including plants, wildlife and landscapes from the arboretum and beyond. Many art pieces will be available for purchase. An opening reception will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 5. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arboretum admission: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for ages 2-17, free for those under age 2.

### ■ Artists Reception

April 17  
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[www.dupageforest.org](http://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.

## DINING LOCAL

### ■ Altamura

9 W. First St.  
(630) 755-5252  
[www.altamurapizza.com](http://www.altamurapizza.com)

Carryout and delivery available. 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.

### • Brasi's Pizzeria

34 E. Hinsdale Ave.  
(630) 590-9000  
[www.brasipizzeria.com](http://www.brasipizzeria.com)

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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.

**Tom and Gretchen Lupfer have been providing superior landscaping and maintenance services to residents throughout the western suburbs of Chicago for over 30 years. Growing relationships is their business. Creating award-winning landscape designs is their passion.**



For more information, please contact:

**Lupfer Landscaping**  
Ph: 708-442-2554  
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# New Name ... New Menu

We're thrilled to share some big news with our beloved community in Hinsdale and the Western Suburbs. After much reflection and learning about the vibrant culture of our neighborhood, we've decided to embark on a new chapter for our restaurant. Qué Miso is transforming into Calle Cantina!

At Calle Cantina, our mission is simple yet profound: to create a space that is welcoming to all, where every guest feels safe, valued, and embraced. We're committed to fostering an environment where diversity is celebrated and where everyone can come together to enjoy exceptional food, drinks, and company.

With this exciting change, we're diving headfirst into the rich tapestry of Mexican cuisine, bringing you an array of modern Mexican and Latin flavors that will tantalize your taste buds like never before. Under the guidance of Chef Rhea Brown and his talented team, we've perfected your favorite dishes, such as our mouthwatering Carne Asada tacos, Succulent 1/2 Pollo, Crispy Rice, and much more. But that's not all—get ready for some thrilling new options just in time for warmer weather!

We're also thrilled to introduce our new Beverage Manager, Natalie Harte, who will be working closely

with owner Collin Ringelstetter-Ennis to elevate our cocktail, beer, and wine program. Get ready for new and refreshed concepts that will delight your senses and enhance your dining experience.

And what better way to celebrate the arrival of spring than with the launch of our patio in mid-April? Picture yourself basking in the sun, sipping on special beverages crafted just for patio lounging—pure bliss!

But that's not all—we've also made some minor updates to the interior of the restaurant, thanks to the creative touch of Courtney Casey Interiors. Get ready to step into a space that feels fresh, vibrant, and oh-so-inviting.

We can't wait for you to experience the new Calle Cantina and create unforgettable memories with us. Whether you're joining us for a casual lunch, a celebratory dinner, or simply a refreshing drink on the patio, we look forward to welcoming you with open arms.

Cheers to new beginnings and delicious adventures ahead!

Warm regards,  
Greg Mizen, Collin Ringelstetter-Ennis, Ken Moy,  
Chef Rhea Brown, and the Calle Cantina team

## You Asked and We Listened!



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Delicious adventures await!



Our new patio dining is launching  
in mid April, too!



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# A tasty solution to the great dinner dilemma

Aretha Franklin was once asked what her greatest creative challenge was and her answer was surprising.

“Trying to figure out what to cook for dinner... nightly.”

The interviewer, Larry London, paused and laughed. Her honesty was refreshing



**Amy McCauley**  
*Tales from the table*

and at the same time endearing because it made you realize that even the queen of soul had to think about dinner.

That’s the problem with dinner; it’s so nightly. Even if you love to cook it’s easy to hit a

creative challenge when planning so many meals. We all have a those five to 10 recipes that we tend to make again and again. That’s why I’m always looking for new dinner ideas. Sometimes I find it in a cook book, newspaper article or blog.

However, the inspiration for this apricot and thyme chicken came from a magazine story about a roasted leg of lamb with apricots and thyme, which sounded wonderful. However, it wasn’t a dish I could easily make on a weeknight. So, I decided to create a French inspired chicken with the same apricot and thyme flavors. This chicken has a delicious pan sauce with shallots, white wine and a touch of cream. I love to serve it with wild rice and roasted asparagus.

This elegant but easy dinner can be made in 30 minutes. It’s one of those dishes that’s fun to make because it tastes like you stepped out to dinner at a French bistro, only you don’t have to travel far. So, if you are looking for a little dinner inspiration then I have a recipe that hits all the right notes for a delicious weeknight dinner — my apricot thyme chicken.

— Amy McCauley of Hinsdale is the paper’s food columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

## Chicken with apricots and thyme



- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/3 cup shallot, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 3/4 cup chardonnay
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1 cup of dried apricots, sliced in half
- 2 teaspoons of fresh thyme leaves
- 1 box Ben’s fast cook wild rice, cooked
- Roasted Asparagus
- 1 bunch of thin asparagus
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Pat the chicken breasts dry with a paper towel and season with salt and pepper. Place a large skillet on medium heat and add 2 tablespoons of olive oil. When the pan is hot, add the chicken and cook on each side until golden brown. Once the chicken is browned remove it to a plate. The chicken will finish cooking when returned to the sauce.

Turn the heat to medium low. Add 1 tablespoon of butter to the pan. Next, add in the shallots and cook till translucent. Then turn the heat up to medium and deglaze the pan by adding 3/4 cup of white wine. Cook the wine a minute, making sure to get all of the delicious brown bits on the bottom of

the pan. Whisk in the Dijon mustard. Add the apricots, cream and thyme and stir. Return the chicken breasts to the pan and cover the skillet part way with a lid. Let the sauce simmer and chicken cook for about 8 to 10 minutes until it is cooked through.

While the chicken is simmering, make the wild rice according to the package instructions and the roasted asparagus. Cut the ends off the asparagus spears and place them in bowl. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon of salt. Stir to coat the asparagus in the oil. Place the asparagus in a single layer on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper. Roast for 10 minutes. Serves 4.



## DONATE A BENCH!

Park benches make great gifts for both your beneficiary and your favorite park! Best of all, your donation is tax deductible and supports parks community-wide! People may donate new or existing benches. A donor recognition plaque will be installed on the bench.

For more information on the process of donation, contact Michael Hayes at [mhayes@villageofhinsdale.org](mailto:mhayes@villageofhinsdale.org)



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Tuesday through Thursday  
and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday

### ■ Café la Fortuna

46 Village Place  
(630) 537-1586  
www.lafortunahinsdale.com  
Hours: 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to  
noon Sunday.

### ■ Calle Cantina (formerly Que Miso)

114 S. Washington St.  
(630) 570-0217  
www.quemiso.com  
Hours: 3:30 to 9 p.m.  
Monday to Thursday &  
Sunday, 3:30 to 11:30 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday

### ■ Casa Margarita

25 E. Hinsdale Ave.  
(630) 455-9000  
www.casamargarita.com  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to  
11 p.m. Friday & Saturday.

### ■ Egg Harbor Café

29 E. First St.  
(630) 920-1344  
www.eggharborcafe.com  
Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

### ■ Every Day's a Sundae

14 W. Hinsdale Ave.  
(630) 974-6162  
www.facebook.com/every-  
daysasundaeicecream  
Hours: 2 to 8 p.m. week-  
days, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday,  
noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, closed  
Wednesday.

### ■ Fontano's Subs

9 S. Lincoln St.  
(630) 789-0891  
Dine in, take out and deliv-  
ery. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
daily, closed Wednesday.

### ■ 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 Ristorante

40 Village Place  
(630) 734-1500

www.giulianospizza.com  
Hours: 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday to  
Thursday, 4 to 10 p.m. Friday &  
Saturday.

### ■ Il Poggiolo

8 E. First St.  
(630) 734-9400  
www.ilpoggiolohinsdale.com  
Dine-in, delivery and take-  
out. Dine in hours: 11:30 a.m.  
to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday,  
5 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

### ■ Jade Dragon

43 S. Washington St.  
(630) 323-6959  
www.jadedragonhinsdale.  
com  
Dine in, delivery and take  
out. Hours: 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 8:30  
p.m. Saturday & Sunday.

### ■ 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.

### ■ Page's Restaurant

26 1/2 E. First St.  
(630) 323-9058  
www.facebook.com/pages-  
restaurant  
Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

### ■ Pronto Italian Sandwiches

8 E. First St.  
(630) 734-9401  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
daily

### ■ Sweet Ali's 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.

### ■ Toni Patisserie & Café

51 S. Washington St.  
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www.tonipatisserie.com  
Hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
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### ■ Vistro Prime

112 S. Washington St.  
(630) 537-1459  
www.vistroprime.com  
Hours: 4:30 to 9 p.m.  
Tuesday to Saturday; 4:30 to 8  
p.m. Sunday; closed Monday.

### ■ Wild Ginger

44 S. Washington St.  
(630) 323-1888  
www.wildgingerhinsdale.com  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m.  
to 10 p.m. Friday, 11:30 a.m.  
to 10 p.m. Saturday, noon to 9  
p.m. Sunday.

### ■ YiaYia's Cafe

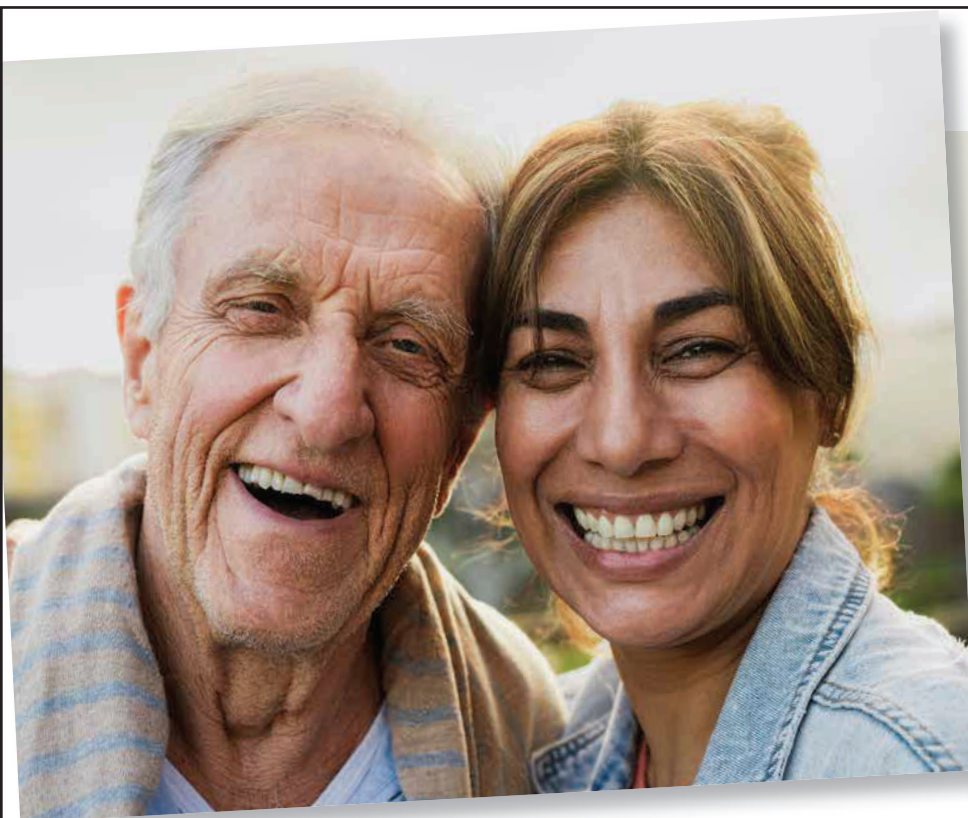
13 Grant Square  
(630) 487-5600  
www.yiayiashinsdale.com  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily

## FAITH COMMUNITIES

### ■ The Jolly Boys

April 10  
Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S. Garfield Ave.  
The Jolly Boys are the  
guests at the Adult Inter-Faith

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Fellowship Luncheon this month. The men's singing ensemble has been performing around Chicagoland for 77 years. AIFF is a group for fellowship and inclusivity while also supporting worthy causes with donations made by guests' participation. Reservations are due April 4. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. RR

**FAMILY FUN**

■ **Peabody's Pages Junior**  
April 11  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 206-9566

Kids ages 5-12, with an adult, can listen to classic stories told around a campfire. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$5 per child. RR

■ **Fishing Derby**  
April 13  
Papoose Lake  
McCarthy Road west of  
South La Grange Road, near  
Palos Park

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  
(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.

**GAME ON**

■ **Outdoor Recreational Basketball**  
Saturdays, April 13-May 18  
Robbins Park  
Seventh & Vine streets  
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  
(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

■ **Competitive Mah Jongg Open Play**  
Thursdays through April 25

The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500  
Enjoy American Mah Jongg in this lively weekly co-ed group for players who know the game well. Walk-ins are welcome; the fee is paid at the door. For more information, email Cheryl Wrzesinski at sharedmemories@aol.com or Gloria Javor at gloriajavor@comcast.net. Time: 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$2.

**GREAT OUTDOORS**

■ **Animal Track Hunt**  
April 7  
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center  
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont  
www.fpdcc.com  
(630) 257-2045  
Join this excursion and learn about tracks along the trails. Time: 1 p.m. RR

■ **Forest Hike**  
April 8  
Churchill Woods

1059 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 933-7248  
Enjoy the wonders of the forest preserves and get some healthy exercise on a guided, quick-paced 3- to 5-mile hike. Time: 8:30 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ **Evening Hike Club**  
April 10  
Greene Valley  
Thunderbird Road south of 79th Street, Naperville  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 933-7248

Boost your outdoor wellness in a friendly group setting on a quick-paced 1.5 to 3.5-mile guided hike. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

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

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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

**GREEN THUMB**

■ **Seed Library**

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

Library cardholders can select up to 10 packets of flower, vegetable and herb seeds available from the collection behind the Adult Services desk on the main floor and check them out like any other materials. At the end of the growing season, save seeds and return them to library to use next spring. Also sign up for the programs Vegetable Gardening in Containers and Raised Beds on April 20 and Seed Saving Basics: Harvesting This Year’s Seeds for Next Year’s Planting on Aug. 10 through the website above.

**HELP WANTED**

■ **Foster Orientation Fair**

April 6  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

(630) 323-5630

Attend this monthly event to get a tour of the shelter and learn the process of becoming a foster, including information on the foster-to-adopt program, caring for bottle babies and taking a shelter animal on day trips. Hours: noon to 1:30 p.m.

■ **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**

■ **Busy Bags**

April 12  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

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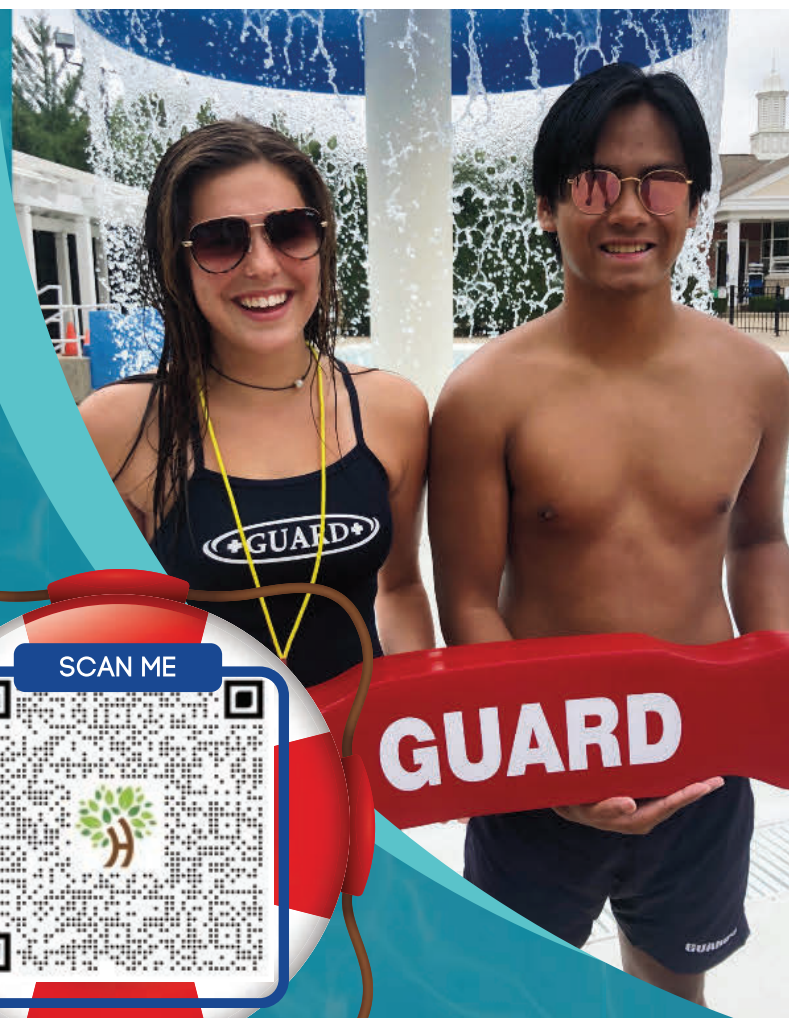
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## Oak delivers a world of wonder for its sister school



For the second year, students in fifth grade at Oak School hosted a free book fair for children at their sister school, Drexel Elementary in Cicero. More than 4,000 new and gently used books were collected. Each Drexel student received six books of their own choosing and the rest were kept by the teachers for their classrooms. After the book fair, Oak students read to kindergarten, first and second grade Drexel students. Henry Waterman listens while Hector reads his book. Dexter student Dylan shows Destiny his book, "Are You a Cheeseburger?" Oak students Ben Murphy and Keegan McCoskey read different roles in their book to Liam. Owen Parry and Tommy Kienzler read to Julian and Geraldo. Drexel students were able to choose their own books from tables set up in their gym. Ellison Holmes enjoys a book that Berenice selected. (Jim Slonoff photos)





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(630) 986-1976

Stop by the library any time to pick up a bag full of crafts and activities for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade to keep the boredom away. 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

#### ■ Pickleball at HPL

April 10  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Join Hinsdale's unofficial Pickleball ambassador, Bill Voigt, to learn all about the fastest growing sport in the U.S., why it is so popular, and how and where to play. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

### NOTEWORTHY

#### ■ Claudia Schmidt

April 6  
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale  
11 W. Maple St.  
www.acousticren.com  
(630) 941-7797

The native Michigander has been astounding audiences with her beautiful voice, superb instrumentation and continually evolving songwriting style. She performs everything from hymns, poems, bawdy verse, torch song and satire and dazzles audiences with her talent on the 12-string guitar and mountain dulcimer, richly archiving the musical journey she has undertaken. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

#### ■ Brahms concert

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

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  
(630) 887-7464

Enjoy a delightful mix of music old and new, performed

by soloists and small ensembles. 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.

### ON STAGE

#### ■ New Plays Workshop

April 4-7  
Theatre of Western Springs  
4384 Hampton Ave.  
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com  
(708) 246-4043

As part of The Directors' Workshop series, audiences are invited to enjoy the new plays "Dinner At Donovan's" by Nan Gatewood Satter about an empty-nester couple and

their an unexpected plan for making new friends; "May We Always Have It So Good" by Robyn Guest following four longtime female friends and the truths that come out at a 55th birthday party; and "Yeah, Art Figures" by Kim Ruyle about a math teacher who discovers that his ignorance, in some ways, surpasses that of his students. A post-show

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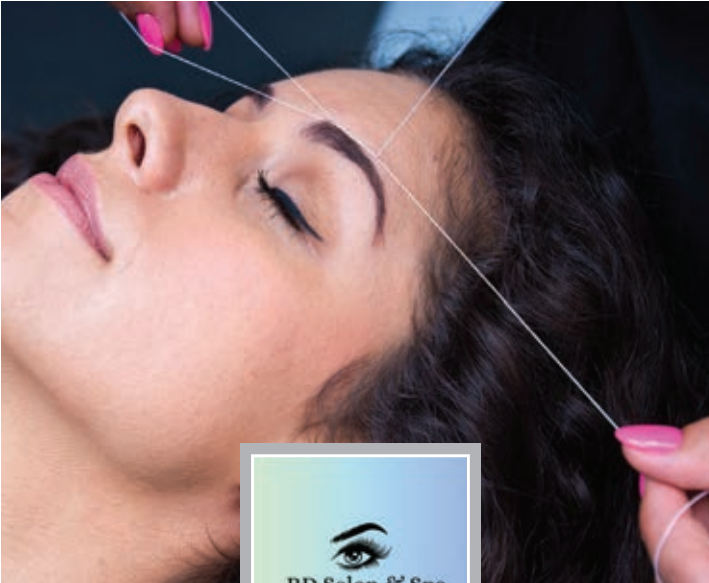

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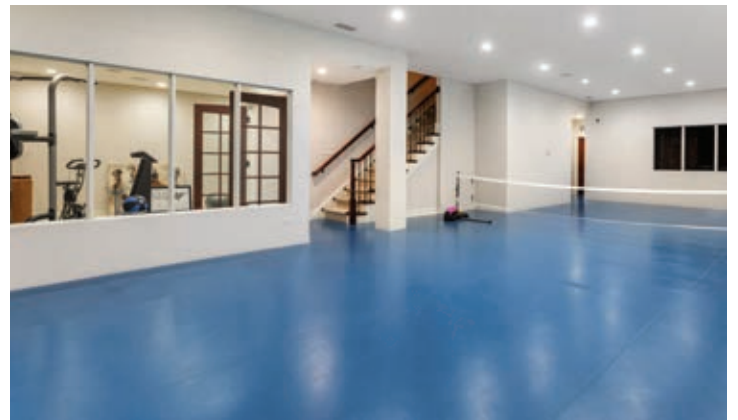
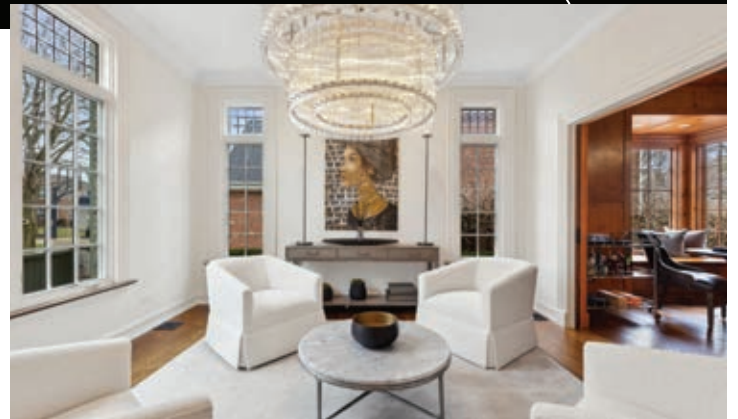
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discussion will be held with the playwrights and directors. Donations are appreciated either with online reservations or at the door. Times: 8 p.m. April 4-6; 7:30 p.m. April 7. RR

■ **'Aresenic and Old Lace'**

Thursdays to Sundays, April 4-14  
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April 5-7 & 12-14  
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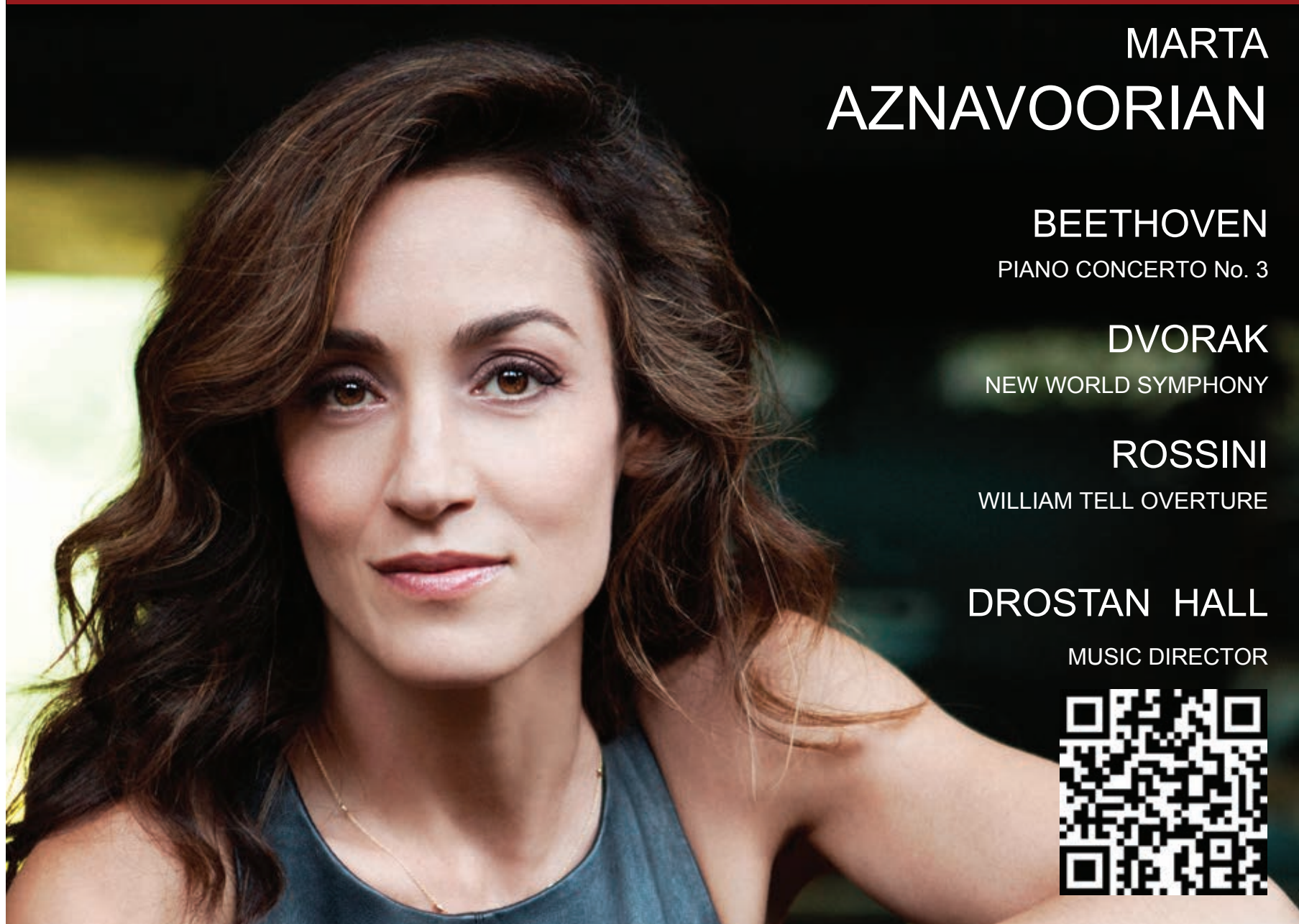
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### TEENS & TWEENS

#### ■ After Dark Game Show Game Night

April 5  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

High schoolers are invited to grab their friends and join this friendly evening of game show-themed games, hosted by HPL's Junior Advisory Board. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and prizes will go to the winning team. Sign up as an individual or with a team of up to six. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

### WEE ONES

#### ■ Kid Rock II

Tuesdays, April 9-May 21  
Clarendon Hills Community Center  
315 Chicago Ave.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Kids age 3-5 will engage in active, creative, music-based

activities while using rhythm instruments and movement props. Age-appropriate activities include songs and rhymes, rhythm and coordination, fine and gross motor, imagination and sensory, listening and following directions skills. Parents do not join the class. Time: 11 to 11:40 a.m. Cost: \$68.

#### ■ Dad and Me Fun With Football

Mondays, April 15-May 20  
Robbins Park  
Seventh & Vine streets  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
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Dads and their son or daughter ages 3-5 can enjoy Nerf football and help them learn the proper form and technique of catching, throwing, center skills, hand-offs and kick-offs with the help of coaches in a fun and friendly setting. Time: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$77. RR

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## HINSDALE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Hinsdale Central High School has announced the names of students who earned a place on the dean's list and honor roll for the first semester of the 2023-24 school year.

Students on the dean's list have earned a 4.5 weighted GPA with no grade below a "C." Honor roll students have a 4.0 weighted GPA with no grade below a "D."

### Dean's list

#### Freshmen

Josephine Abitz, Gabriel-la Adamo, Zain Afzal, Kareem Ahmed, Gaurav Ahuja, Maggie Akers, Joseph Alferts, Syed Ali, Caitlin Alzman, Johan Amezquita-Cotto, Fawaz Anbari, Shae Anderson, Emma Andrzejewski, Mia Angeletti, Tejas Arjun, Meraj Arora, Arav Arvind

Amelie Bakhos, Advait Balakrishnan, Mia Barakat, Anthony Barakat, Aaliya Barkatullah, Declan Baskel, Megan Basson, Madison Bernacki, Catherine Bero, Lauren Bilshausen, Orestas Bockus, Samantha Bolger, Sahil Bonthala, Ellasyn Boshardt, Ethan Bradley, John Breton, Madeline Brooks, Nathan Brown, McCall Brzozowski, Auden Bunnou, Blaze Burt

Calvin Cao, Andrew Carlson, Sohan Chamarthi, Yaroslav Chekhotskiy, Kalila Chen, Zicong Chen, Jacob Chen, Brianna Chivu, Jocelyn Chou, Oliver Clary, Marko Colakovic, Natalie Collins, Maggie Conley, Genevieve Costigan, Ethan Cunningham

Abigail Dalton, Anika Danda, Daniel Daprile, Lorenzo DaSilva, Elyse DeCaigny, Callie Degnan, Lance Irvin Delapena, Logan DeLeon, Laura Deppe, Shalin Desai, Sahil Desai, Riya Desai, Natalie DeToro, Rahul Devulapally, Myra Dhillon, Mark Dillenburg, Emily DiTomasso, Connor Dobbins, Caitlin Doherty, Nicholas Donarski, Alexander Donarski, Rikhil Doshi, Jaylen Doshi, Samantha Douglass, Audrey Dugan

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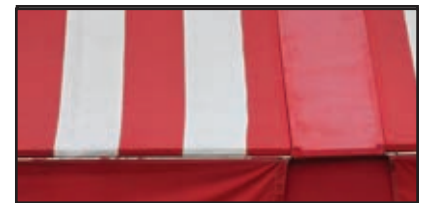
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**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**COUNTY OF DU PAGE**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**ESTATE OF JAMES M. HOVORKA DECEASED**

**CASE NUMBER 2024PR000081**

Notice is given of the death of James M. Hovorka whose address was 1410 S. Grace St., Lombard, IL. 60148. Letters of Office were issued on February 24, 2024 to Denise Green, 220 Burnett Ave., Lake Villa, IL. 60046, as Independent Administrator whose attorney is Mark C. Metzger.

## NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and unknown heirs, who are heirs or legatees in this cause.

The estate Will be administered without Court Supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Court Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of CANDICE ADAMS, Circuit Court Clerk, 505 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before \*9/21/2024 any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed with the Circuit Court Clerk.

Name: Mark C. Metzger  
DuPage Attorney Number: 208026  
Attorney For: Denise Green, Independent Administrator  
Address: 1807 W. Diehl Rd., Ste. 105  
City/State/Zip: Naperville, IL. 60563  
Telephone: 630-615-6380  
Email: mark@markmetzger.net

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## Public Notices

CERTIFICATE NO. 79396 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on March 29, 2024 wherein the business firm of **NuHue** Located at 5383 Newport Drive, Lisle, IL. 60532 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Rory D. Galvin, 5383 Newport Drive, Lisle, IL. 60532.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 29th day of March A.D. 2024.  
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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**COUNTY OF DUPAGE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**Case No: 2024MR000159**

## FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 12, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2005 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from: Alexis Symone Resendez to the new name of: Alexis Symone Linarez, pursuant to the statute in such case March 13, 2024 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Alexis Symone Resendez.

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79373 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on March 8, 2024 wherein the business firm of

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## Public Notices

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A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them. Liberty Hyde Bailey

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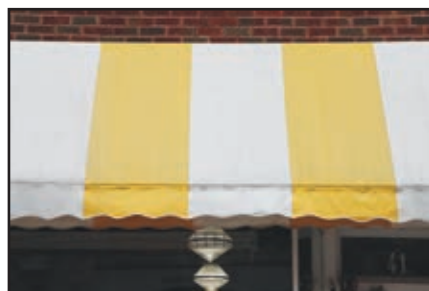
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March 7, 2024  
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# SPORTS — ROUNDUP

## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Yaseen Halabi Hinsdale**

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I lived in California before moving here as a sophomore. (Water polo) is really big out there — it's like football in Texas. I started playing club around sixth grade year-round.

### How have you evolved as competitor?

I've seen a big improvement in my swimming. I never learned how to swim, but during COVID I watched YouTube videos and learned the techniques. That was a tough adjustment at a big swim school like Hinsdale Central.

### What are you excited for as a senior?

I'm just really excited to show up for tournaments and surprise people.

### How do you lead as a team co-captain?

I play point position, so I'm usually the guy calling out the plays and starting with the ball. I always like to give my teammates tips, push them at practice, call them out when they're being lazy in passing. If they mess up a drill, I'll be the one to demo it for them.

### What's the biggest challenge?

I'm fasting for Ramadan, so it's been pretty tough. When you're in a three-game

tournament and it's the third game of the day, you want to go your hardest, but it's just hard when you're low on energy.

### How would your teammates describe you?

I feel like I bring some humor to the table, not super-intense. I think they would tell you that I push them and genuinely do try to make them better at the game.

### Do you have goals for the season?

I want to take fewer shots and make better passes. And I want more endurance.

### Where to next year?

I'm going to the University of Illinois to study computer science.

### Any secret talents?

I taught myself piano and am good at origami. I'm also good at balancing things on my body.

### Why does head coach Christy Brodell like having Halabi on the squad?

Yaseen is a very skilled player. But most importantly, he's just a really great kid. He is encouraging to his teammates, he's a leader in the water and helps facilitate both our offense and our defense. He loves water polo and he spreads that energy. We're going to miss him a lot.

— profile by Ken Knutson,  
photo by Jim Slonoff

## RESULTS

### Baseball

March 28-30 @ Jackie Robinson Classic (Fla.) vs. Northmont (Ohio)  
V wins 5-3 vs. Milwaukee King  
V wins 18-8

April 2 @ Lockport  
V wins 7-6 (OT)  
Ortiz, 2 goals  
Bouchelion, goal  
Hellenga, goal  
Joyce, goal  
Randell, goal  
Salvatore, goal

### Lacrosse, boys

**Soccer, girls**  
April 2 vs. Proviso

### West

V wins 9-0  
March 30 vs. Oswego East  
V wins 4-1  
Doherty, goal  
Healy, goal  
McDonnell, goal  
Rohn, goal  
Ditomasso, assist  
Edgewater, assist

Snodgrass, assist  
McClenahan, 5 saves

### Volleyball, boys

April 2 @ LT  
V loses 13-25.  
18-25  
Drescher, 7 kills,  
2 digs  
Ruth, 4 kills, 3 digs

Naveed, 2 kills, 3 digs  
Hughes, kill, 2 digs,  
13 assists  
Hogervorst, kill  
Reodica, 5 digs, assist  
Redding, 4 digs  
Lynch, 3 digs  
Thakar, 3 digs

## Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central's** Kacy Liu, teamed with doubles partner Nora Sriparam, plays a forehand shot during Central's match at home meet against LT on March 20. On the singles courts, Red Devils' Tiffany Tu and Natalia Radziszewski compete successfully en route to a 15-0 victory over the conference foe Lions. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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## Undefeated SIJ earns championship

*Eighth-grade boys basketball team ends season with 46-0 record and three-peat*

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Ending the season as the undefeated champs is pretty impressive for any basketball team. Ending a three-year middle school season that way — as did the boys basketball team at St. Isaac Jogues School in Hinsdale — is a remarkable accomplishment.

Players and their head coach credit the run to one thing: team chemistry.

Ryan Williams of Hinsdale said he's been playing with teammates Will Barclay and Justin Kurkowski in Hinsdale Inferno basketball since elementary school.

"Since third grade, we're always like, 'I can't wait to play basketball at St. Isaac Jogues,'" he said. "When the team came together, it was just like we were ready. We had the chemistry already. We were really good friends. It was a perfect way to start sixth grade."

Many team members also have the advantage of having been classmates since kindergarten, Will said.

"We're in school together for nine years now, and we know each other really well. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses and we also trust each other. Also our coaches are really good," he said.

The team is coached by assistant Mark Williams and head coach Mike Kurkowski, Justin's dad.

"I liked having him as a coach," Justin said. "I feel like he put in a lot of effort and energy into coaching our team."

His dad said the players made his job easy.

"I would go into some games and say, 'I don't want to do a lot of coaching tonight guys,' and they would take care of the rest,"

he said.

St. Isaac Jogues athletic director Julie Potts believes the coaches' decision to let the boys work together as a team contributed to their success.

"As the AD, I'm at all the home games and I watch," Potts said. "I watch some coaches that are passionate, and through their passion feel they need to be coaching even when the kids are on the court. That is not Mike and Mark.

"I think that is one of the reasons these boys have played so well together," she continued. "They've had to play. They have to figure it out. It's fun to watch. It's a unique experience."

Kurkowski said there was something special about this group of players that made that possible.

"It just seemed very organic with them and they played really well," he said. "You can't recreate it. It's those kids playing together and the way they interact with each other on and off the court is different."

He credited Ryan, Will and Justin for setting the tone for the team.

"Those three kids were very good leaders, very unselfish, and I think that rubs off on the whole team. They all play so well together and so unselfish," he said.

Those relationships create a more relaxed environment on the court.

"You know you can trust them," Ryan said. "I don't have to be the best scorer or the best player. I can trust my teammates."

"Some of the teams we played, there was one guy trying to do it all. On our team, we had a job to do and we tried to do it well. And if somebody was having a bad game, we would all step up."

Potts noted that as well.



Members of the St. Isaac Jogues eighth-grade basketball team are Seamus Devine (from left), Will Barclay, Justin Kurkowski, Harry Shepherd, Caleb Ortiz, KJ Boyle, Augie Goebel, Alex Upp and Ryan Williams. The team is coached by Mike Kurkowski (left) and Mark Williams. Ryan, Will and Justin show off the team's trophy. (photos courtesy of Anne Williams)

"This team certainly has some boys who are very gifted, but when you watch them play, it's not easy to see who would be the standout because they play so well together," she said.

The boys were so in tune with each other that sometimes Potts couldn't tell if a player knew he was about to receive a pass.

"Some of the passes, they make your heart kind of skip a beat," she said.

Kurkowski said the team's growing winning streak didn't change his coaching over his three years of working with the team.

"The last practice we do at the end of the year, I tell them we are going to go back to the things we did at the first practice of the season," he said.

Focusing on the basics helped keep the team from thinking too much about the playoffs or what was at stake.

"Keep it simple and keep it basic and let them do the rest and take over," he said.

After beating Notre

Dame 48-32 in the first playoff game of the Suburban Parochial League, SIJ went into the final game against Visitation with a 45-game winning streak. They won easily with a score of 54-31. The team established an early 20-7 lead, Ryan said, creating some great energy.

"Our fans came, so that was fun. We were all having a good time," he said. "There's so much school spirit at St. Isaac Jogues," Will said. "Lots of our classmates and our teachers and even our priest, Father Burke (Masters), came to support us in our final game. That motivated us."

Watching the team win its third championship was exciting — and instructive — for Kurkowski.

"That's when you could really tell the pressure was building too much with them. They are a pretty calm, cool, collected group. When they won that third one you could tell they were very relieved, happy," he said.

"That's one of the best

feelings I've had in my basketball career, to win with all my friends from school," Ryan said. "It felt really good."

The victory was bitter-sweet, as it marked the last time the boys will be on the same school team. The three are all moving on to different high schools next year, with Justin attending Hinsdale Central, Ryan heading to Benet and Will enrolling at St. Ignatius. All three plan to continue playing in high school and acknowledge there will be an adjustment.

"It will probably be something that's hard," Justin said.

"We're a family and I'm really going to miss this team," Will said.

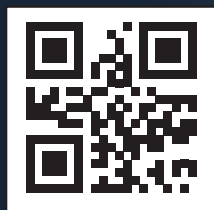
Ryan said no team will ever be the same.

"Obviously I'm going to make more friends at Benet, but there was something special about playing with Will and Justin since third grade all the way up to now," he said. "I'll have to adjust. It will be different, definitely."



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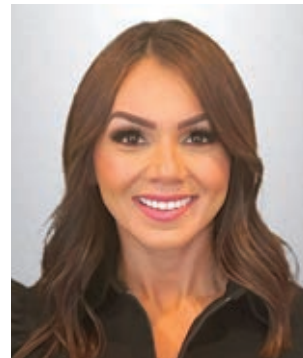


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