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“Tales as old as time with Belle” was presented at the Hinsdale Public Library Monday morning. Belle, aka Jessica McClure with Parties with Character, brought the character of Belle to life for the children attending the program. The kids enjoyed songs and readings along with a dance or two and were thrilled to be in the presence of a storybook princess. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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## Board wants more courses at South

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Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members said they want more information about making more courses available at South when they discussed the 2025-26 staffing framework at their Jan. 9 meeting.

Adolf Galinsky, a parent in the Hinsdale South attendance area who spoke during public comment, said 32 percent of students' course requests for this school year at South were denied, compared to 11 percent at Central, according to information presented at the Dec. 13 academic committee meeting.

"The news of that difference should be blared like a siren across the South attendance area," he said. "Central residents would never tolerate a 32 percent course rejection rate for their students."

Two major factors affect whether a student can take a class. The staffing framework indicates classes in which 15 or fewer students enroll during the course selection process

will not be offered in most cases. A student also might have an individual schedule conflict, with two desired classes offered only during the same period. The issue is complicated by the fact that Hinsdale Central (2,425 students) is significantly larger than Hinsdale South (1,370 students).

"Overall, when you look at the courses offered at South, the fact that they can offer as many as they do with the number of students they have is a testament to the creative scheduling that they do," said Jodi Bryant, assistant superintendent of human resources. "It is difficult to have as many first choice opportunities as you do in a building with 1,000 fewer students."

Board member Abed Raman said the minimum requirement of 15 students for a course to run is a problem with schools of such disparate sizes.

"We need to be more proactive," Raman said. "There is a fundamental problem that needs to be addressed, and that is lower enrollment at South."

Board members agreed they are

not advocating to change school boundaries but said they would like to find a creative solution to making more courses available at South.

Board member Terri Walker said the staffing framework could include lower class sizes at South.

"We need to decide that if South is going to run at 15 plus or minus two or 18 plus or minus two, and then we figure out how much it's going to cost us to do that," board member Terri Walker said.

Board member Heather Kartsounes noted that the district does not have unlimited resources.

"We might want to offer every single section of every single course to both campuses, but we don't have the resources to do that," Kartsounes said. "It's a balancing act."

Board member Jeff Waters pointed to the 10 percent decline in district enrollment over the past five years, which was not accompanied by a reduction in staff.

"Both schools have less students but we have the same amount of teachers," he said. "We have to effi-

ciently utilize the excessive resources we have in this example because we have less to serve."

Superintendent Mike Lach summarized board members' comments.

"I'm hearing be creative. I'm hearing be student-focused. I'm hearing be fiscally responsible. I'm hearing that we really, really, really want to have the same opportunities as measured by course offerings that are running at both campuses.

"I'm hearing a little bit of concern about the fact that at South, there are more students who don't always get their first choice of their course selection as an issue," he added. "That happens after staffing is done. We can think about some ways to be creative around that as an option."

Board members and administrators agreed to work together to compile data regarding students' course selections and staffing and return to the discussion at a future meeting. The board also discussed forming a task force that would look further into the disparity in course offerings.

## Bringing the heat



Hinsdale Central girls basketball hosted Hinsdale Inferno players at a Future Red Devil night Friday. Pregame festivities, free T-shirts and a half-time shooting contest were all on the agenda for the future Red Devils. And to make the celebration complete, the Red Devils defeated the Oak Park-River Forest Huskies 64-20. (Jim Slonoff photos)



# ONCE UPON A TIME

## Pictures from the past

— Nick Lehner sends us this picture of his grandfather, George, along with children Dorothy, George Jr. and Bob. The photo was taken in 1932 at their home located at 607 N. Elm St. George ran the Lord Lumber yard, which was at the corner of Lincoln and Hinsdale Avenue. The truck in the background was used to deliver lumber around the village. Dorothy, 94, still is a Hinsdale resident who lives in the home that the Lehner family built when she was a young girl. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We'd love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to [jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com).



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# Nonprofit leaders reflect on past year

*Execs share their agencies' highlights and challenges of 2024, share one wish for 2025*

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Each year in January we reach out to the leaders of seven major nonprofits and ask them to review the happenings of the previous year with readers.

An article on the Hinsdale Historical Society, HCS Family Services and Wellness House appeared in the Jan. 9 issue and is available online at [www.thehinsdalean.com](http://www.thehinsdalean.com).



## Candor Health Education

After launching its 50th anniversary celebration in February of 2024, Candor Health Education will close out the year-long commemoration with a gala fundraiser on Feb. 1.

"We've been doing a lot on social media and trying to connect with a lot of former donors and supporters," said Barb Thayer, executive director, noting the organization's founding date is Jan. 28, 1975. "We started this last year in January and are finishing up this year with this event."

Looking back at the history of the organization, which opened its doors as the Robert Crown Center, has been particularly fun for Thayer.

"I went to the program when I was in elementary and middle school, too," said Thayer, who grew up in Woodridge. "Looking at the photos is like a blast from the past."

She also discovered from reviewing the archives, which are housed at the Hinsdale Historical Society, that the political climate around sex education was much the same in the late 1970s as it is now.

"There was this huge controversy about sex education and should sex education be taught," she said. "The article literally could have been written now. It's literally the same exact conversation."

Parents simply don't have the knowledge they need to inform kids, Thayer said, and many would prefer the schools to teach sex ed to their kids.

"Parents don't want to have these conversations. They're not equipped to do it," she said.

One thing that has changed dramatically over the past 50 years is the availability of information, photos and vid-

eos on the internet.

"The average time for them to see pornography is like 12 or 13," she said. "They're finding a lot of things they should not be seeing at that age."

"We're never going to stay ahead of them," she added. "We're just not. You have to prepare them for how to handle whatever is coming at them."

Last year Candor served about 82,000 students an expects to reach 85,000 this year, for a total of 6.5 million since 1975.

"It's a big number," Thayer said.

In addition to providing programs in-person in the area, Candor has expanded to serve two Wisconsin school districts with virtual programs and also serves schools in Indiana and New York.

Challenges of the past year include trying to meet the demand for programs taught in languages other than English and adapting materials for those with physical or learning challenges.

"We are trying to figure out how to provide our services and our education for all different types of learners," Thayer said. "That's really a big focus for our 50th year."



## Community Memorial Foundation

The focus in 2024 for Community Memorial Foundation was responding, recognizing and continuing to build a culture of philanthropy in the region, said Greg DiDomenico, chairman and chief executive officer.

In response to request from its grantee partners, the foundation brought back its in-person leadership institute, where national thought leaders provide workshops for board leaders and executive directors. An April event focused on the vital components of good governance was one of the sessions offered.

The foundation enjoyed launching a "High Five" initiative, DiDomenico said, which provided \$5,500 grants to 69 organizations so they could lift up staff and volunteers. The grant recipients used the money to do everything from holding appreciation lunches to renovating a staff kitchen to sponsoring a trip to a White Sox game.

"We intentionally wanted to recognize the folks who were really making a difference every single day in the lives of people," DiDomenico said. "In the

midst of the pandemic, the staff and volunteers were there when our community, our neighbors, the foundation needed them the most. It was a small way to recognize them and thank them and say this high five is for you."

Partnering with other agencies remained a priority for the foundation, which worked with Health Communities Foundation and The Coleman Foundation to support the sixth year of the Community Health Worker Initiative, which aims to improve access to culturally competent care and advance health equity in the region. Through the program, community health works serve as liaisons between community members and local health and social service providers to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.

The foundation also worked with the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and Westlake Health Foundation to expand care at The Loft in Brookfield to seventh- and eighth-graders.

Corlyn and Jeff Simmons of Hinsdale, the Burjan family and Moira and Paul Naffah continued to support YC2 — Young Community Changemakers — the foundation's youth philanthropy program. Last year, 69 teens from Hinsdale Central, LT, Nazareth Academy and Riverside-Brookfield high schools learned about philanthropic organizations and awarded \$30,000 in grants.

The need for help with basics such as food, housing and mental health care continues to grow, DiDomenico said. As does the foundation's effort to meet those needs.

"We continue to partner with our other funders to leverage our grant-making and maximize the impact in our region," he said.



## Hinsdale Humane Society

With a new leader, new staff members and a new philosophy, the Hinsdale Humane Society was able to provide better care for the dogs, cats and critters it provides a temporary home to.

"We slowed down on our intake, but it allowed us to spend a lot of time on

## One wish

Leaders of local nonprofits were asked to share one wish for 2025.

"We need more funding to continue to work on adapting classroom materials for different types of learners, because it does take a lot of time. It takes hours and manpower to do it."  
— Barb Thayer, Candor

"My wish is that all are more informed about the resources in our local community, knowing that there is help and there is hope."  
— Greg DiDomenico, Community Memorial Foundation

"We really, really wish for the continued support of this community. If you see us out and about, please say hi. Please come to the shelter. Engage with us. Come see our animals. We really want to solidify the connection to our community and our supporters. We would be nowhere without them."  
— Jodie Arquilla, Hinsdale Humane Society

"My wish is that people reflect on their own lives and ways that they can give back to the community — volunteering and making donations and connecting local nonprofits to the resources they desperately need."  
— Dan Janowick, The Community House

making our animals adoption-ready and ready for their forever homes," said Jodie Arquilla, humane society president, noting staff were able to hold behavior and enrichment programs for the animals.

With the rising cost of taking a pet to the vet, the humane society has worked with veterinarians to offer discounts for adopted pets. It also offers food support and plans to offer low-cost vaccination clinics in 2025.

"We want our adopters to know they can lean on us and we're working for them, even after they leave here, and they can have their happily ever after," she said.

Arquilla, who joined the staff in May 2024, said she's hired several new directors who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience.

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# NEXT WEEK

## Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23  
Hinsdale Central High School  
55th and Grant streets  
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

## Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

**On the draft agenda:** auditor engagement, confidentiality of patron records policy, space plan update

## Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.  
www.villageofhinsdale.org

# MEETING ROUNDUP

## Hinsdale High School District 86

Among other business Jan. 9, board members:

- reviewed a request to add a part-time staff person to support operations of the weapons detection systems. The individual, who would be paid a \$45 stipend for each hourlong session, would be assigned to a support pool. Employees in the pool will be scheduled based on school needs and availability, ensuring flexibility and efficient coverage during the morning hours.

“We’re trying to organize this so we have redundancies built into our system so there will be back-up staff set up to do this in case people are absent,” Superintendent Mike Lach said.

The finance committee will review the request before a final proposal comes back to the board.

- congratulated Hinsdale Central Principal Bill Walsh for being named High School Principal of the Year by the DuPage Region of the Illinois Principals Association

- learned a new section of the district website, www.hinsdale86.org/data, will have links to major reports and/or data sets the district has produced since July 2024 in an effort to increase transparency. Posted items include SAT and AP rests, Illinois Report Cards and athletics participation.

- postponed a vote on a contract with Sole Source for in-person real-time captioning services, as documents were not ready for approval



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# Hinsdale greets its new state legislators

*Marti Deuter and Nicole La Ha say they will pursue results, cooperation in Springfield*

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Hinsdale has a pair of newly elected state representatives serving its interests in Springfield as members of the 104th General Assembly. Reps. Marti Deuter (D-45, Westmont) and Nicole La Ha (R-82, Lemont) each represent a part of the bifurcated village.

Learn more about them below — and determine which one represents you by submitting your address to “find by elected officials” at [www.elections.il.gov/Default.aspx](http://www.elections.il.gov/Default.aspx).

La Ha has been serving in the Illinois Assembly since being appointed to fill a vacancy in December of 2023. But experiencing Inauguration Day last week as an elected member in Springfield was special, she told *The Hinsdalean*.

During her campaign for last November’s election, La Ha said she heard from many district residents who were struggling.

“We’re seeing families in our district suffer from the high cost of living and high taxes, especially our seniors,” she said. “I want to help find real solutions

so families can stay here in our communities and thrive, and help give small businesses the opportunity to better serve their communities.”

The mother of two young children said her experience as a former village trustee in Homer Glen taught her the value of working collaboratively to get things done, whatever one’s political leaning.

“I bring a bipartisan mindset to make sure we’re all working together for the common good of the people,” she said. “It’s nice to know you have people on both sides of the aisle that will help you and work with you.”

La Ha said she knows how to be an effective advocate and intends use those skills as a legislator.

“All members of the community deserve to have a voice, and I hope to be that voice for them,” she said.

La Ha, whose brother lives in Hinsdale, said she looks forward to developing her village connections.

“Hinsdale has some really dedicated leaders, and they’re always a joy to work with,” she said. “Anything I can do to help them, I’m all in.

“We’re here to serve,” she added.

## Rep. Marti Deuter

The beginning of the Illinois Assembly’s spring legislative session can’t come soon enough for newly sworn in Deuter.

“I’m thrilled to be getting started,” she said.

The former longtime Elmhurst alderman is familiar with municipal operations and challenges.

“The work of public service is not new to me,” said the mom of five. “I’ve worked on the issues that matter the most to the people I represent.”

She previously spent eight years of as an assistant commissioner with the City of Chicago.

“I really do think it’s our local government entities that know the residents the best,” she said. “The beauty of local government is that it’s nonpartisan. That’s really how I’m wired.”

Listening and finding solutions are the most important skills, Deuter asserted.

“There’s always going to be a wide

variety of perspectives, and I think it’s just about getting work done.”

She got plenty of feedback from residents throughout her campaign last fall, citing concerns with Medicare and the environment among the most frequently raised. And, of course, pocketbook matters.

“A key issue for me to try and address is the financial burden on our families,” she said.

Deuter forecast a difficult fiscal year for the state but suggested she’s ready for the challenge.

“I want to help expand the state’s economy and try to get control of the state’s spending,” Deuter said.

Policymaking, problem solving and constituent service are central to her approach as a legislator, she related.

“My goal is really to strive for excellence in all three areas,” she said.

She is eager to familiarize herself with Hinsdale.

“We’re committed to being highly engaged in all of communities,” she said. “What’s most important to me is what’s most important to my constituents.”

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# POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Jan. 14.

## DUI arrest

Audrey D. Romans, 28, 271 Middaugh Road, Clarendon Hills, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, disobeying a stop sign and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 12:15 a.m. Jan. 11 at Washington Street and Hinsdale Avenue. She refused testing to determine blood-alcohol content and was charged and released to appear in court.

## Arrest for drug paraphernalia

Michele K. McKenna, 63, 4729 Middaugh Ave., Downers Grove, was arrested for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia at 11:36 a.m. Jan. 9 at UChicago AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital, 120 N. Oak St., after police responded to a report of a person refusing to leave the hospital. McKenna was found in possession of a plastic baggie containing a straw with a white powdery residue. She was charged and released to appear in court.

## Vehicle vandalized

A window was damaged on a vehicle between noon Jan. 11 and 1 p.m. Jan. 12 while it was parked outside of the owner's house in the 100 block of Columbia Avenue.

## Tablet goes missing

A tablet was missing from a patient's personal belongings when discharged from the UChicago AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital, 120 N. Oak St., on Nov. 20. The incident was reported Jan. 10.

## Identity theft incident

The identity of a resident of the 100 block of North Park Avenue was used to open a cellular phone account Jan. 9.

*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.*

## Nicor offers tips to stay warm and safe

Nicor Gas recommends customers take the following steps to help them stay safe and warm and save money, especially while temperatures are in the teens and single digits.

1. Have your heating system inspected by a qualified professional to ensure it is operating safely and efficiently.

2. Weatherize your home to boost energy efficiency. Seal windows and doors airtight to eliminate condensation, cold drafts and heat loss.

If your home has an attic, ensure that the access door is properly insulated and seals tightly, similar to a refrigerator.

3. Keep vents and meters clear of snow and ice.

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■ As part of the performance, Singh wrote and delivered a speech about enthusiasm and the influence her father has had on her life.

## Pageants give teen chance to know self better

In these times of emails and text messages, it's increasingly rare for life-changing information to arrive by mail. But that's what happened to Maya Singh when she received a letter encouraging her to participate in an upcoming pageant.

"It was something I never knew I was dreaming of," said Singh, who participated in her first pageant competition in September 2023 and recently returned from the National All-American Miss pageant in Orlando.

Held over Thanksgiving break, the pageant brings together young women from all over the country who compete in several age groups for national titles. Singh and other contestants competed in a ballgown division, interviews and talent showcase during the weeklong event.

Singh secured her spot in the Florida competition after earning the title of first runner up in the National American Miss Illinois pageant, held in Indianapolis in September. A singer, dancer, pianist and actress, Singh drew on her longtime love of singing for the talent portion of the contest.

For the national competition, Singh chose to compete as an actress/

spokesmodel. She said time spent in Hinsdale's BAM and StageDoor theater programs, as well as her experience as a member of her high school's Model United Nations team, prepared her for the contest. As part of the performance, Singh wrote and delivered a speech about enthusiasm and the influence her father has had on her life.

"It was really an homage to my dad," she said. The speech earned her a top-15 finish in the actress/spokesmodel talent competition.

Singh's dad also participated as her escort in the pageant's formalwear competition.

"I felt like a fairy princess," Singh said.

But just days before the trip to Florida, she had feared this fairy tale would have a very different ending.

Pageant wardrobes are expensive, Singh said, so she typically rents most of her gowns. But the weekend before she was scheduled to leave, her dress hadn't arrived. "I was panicking," she said.

She turned to a fellow pageant competitor for help. A friend who held the title of National American Miss Junior Teen Illinois in 2022 loaned her a gown, just in time.



### MAYA SINGH

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"She literally saved my pageant for me," Singh said. The result was an experience Singh said she will never forget.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Singh said.

But it might not be, as Singh plans to return to the pageant stage in 2025.

"It has opened a whole new world to me," she said.

Singh said she's becoming more comfortable and confi-

dent with each pageant and looks forward to competing in another age division this year.

"It's all part of the process of me getting to know myself," she said.

Meanwhile, she continues to commute via train each day from her Hinsdale home to St. Ignatius Prep in Chicago, where she is part of several activities, including Student Council and the track team.

"I've really taken a keen interest in business," said Singh, whose class load currently includes macroeconomics and AP calculus.

"It's been difficult," she said. But she's not one to turn away from a challenge, whether in the classroom or on the pageant stage.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## Inaugurations have made history for 236 years

On Monday, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts will swear in Donald Trump as this country's 47th president at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

The inauguration of a new (or returning) president — and the peaceful transition of power — is an amazing occurrence that we often take for granted in this country.

In honor of the event, we thought we'd share some facts we found from the Library of Congress, the White House Historical Association and Architect of the Capitol. Use these historical tidbits to amaze and impress your friends.

- George Washington had to travel from his home at Mount Vernon to his April 30, 1789, inaugural ceremony at Federal Hall in New York City, then the temporary capital of the United States.

- Washington set many precedents during this first presidential inauguration. The ceremony took place outside, the oath was taken upon a Bible, an inaugural address was given and festivities accompanied the inauguration, including a church service, parade and fireworks.

- Thomas Jefferson, the country's third president, was the first to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C. The ceremony took place March 4, 1801, in the Senate wing of the non-yet-finished Capitol building.

- The first inaugural ball was held in 1809 at Long's Hotel to honor President James Madison.

- The crowd was raucous at Andrew Jackson's first inaugural reception in 1829, breaking windows, tearing down curtains and standing on the

furniture in muddy boots. Servants dragged tubs of punch onto the lawn to draw the unruly mob out of the White House.

- William Henry Harrison, who served the shortest presidential term, gave the longest inaugural address on March 4, 1841. One month later, he became the first president to die in office on April 4, 1841.

- After a controversial election in 1876 in which an Electoral Commission granted Rutherford Hayes the victory, Hayes took the oath of office in secret in the Red Room at the White House on March 3, 1877, because Republicans feared for his life. He took the oath again on March 5 on the east portico of the Capitol.

- More than 7,000 people attended James Garfield's inauguration on March 4, 1881. The inaugural ball was held at the Smithsonian Institute's new National Museum Building (now the Arts and Industries Building).

- At his March 4, 1905 inauguration, Theodore Roosevelt was accompanied in the procession by a contingent of Rough Riders who had charged San Juan Hill with him eight years earlier.

- Calvin Coolidge was sworn in by his father, a notary public, on Aug. 3, 1923, at his family's Vermont farm after learning by courier that President Warren Harding had died in office. The ceremony was conducted by kerosene lamp, as the farm had not electricity.

- Coolidge's second inauguration in 1925 was the first to be broadcast nationally by radio. President Harry Truman's in 1949 was the first to

be televised.

- President Franklin Roosevelt, the only U.S. president to be elected to four terms in office, was inaugurated for the first time March 4, 1933. His second inauguration was the first to take place in January, after the 20th Amendment moved the day to Jan. 20.

- Democrat John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic to be elected as the country's leader, was inaugurated Jan. 20, 1961. It was the first time a poet (Robert Frost) participated in the official ceremonies at the Capitol.

- Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as president on Air Force One after Kennedy's assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.

- Ronald Reagan had both the coldest and warmest weather at his inaugurations. The temperature was 55 degree at his first inauguration on Jan. 20, 1981, and 7 degrees on Jan. 21,

- President George H.W. Bush was the first former president to be present at the inauguration of his son when George W. Bush was sworn in Jan. 20, 2001.

- Former President Donald Trump will again attend a private prayer service with his family before his inauguration at St. John's Episcopal Church, which has hosted similar events before the swearings-in of FDR, Harry Truman, Reagan, both Bushes and Barack Obama.

- Trump will be the second president to serve nonconsecutive terms. The first was Democrat Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th president, who served from 1885-89 and 1893-97.

COMMENTARY

## Responding when new year doesn't start off right

There's a lot of talk every January about starting the new year off right.

You need to get organized — file those receipts, buy plastic bins for the pantry, delete the extra photos on your phone.

You need to get in shape — try Pilates, yoga, high intensity interval training, weight lifting, walking, cycling, or all of them.

You need to eat healthy — choose an eating plan: Mediterranean, DASH, paleo, keto, vegetarian, vegan, write a grocery list and head to the store.

I've been thinking about what it feels like when the new year doesn't start off right.

Maybe someone you love has lost someone they loved.

Maybe your health or the health of a family member is in jeopardy.

Maybe you or a friend are getting used to being divorced after

decades of being married.

Maybe you've gotten bad news at work.

Maybe none of those things have happened, but you just don't feel like your life is moving in the right direction.

How do those experiencing one or more of these difficulties reconcile their pain with the rah-rah "Make 2025 great!" attitude of so much of the rest of the world?

I speak from experience when I say it's tough. Life ebbs and flows, with times full of joy and others full of sorrow. And these times don't always line up with the calendar.

In fact, coming off the holidays can be a particularly difficult time for people. I saw one survey that reported 55 percent of Americans



Pamela Lannom

experienced sadness and loneliness during the holidays. In another poll, 42 percent of adults said their stress increases during the holidays.

I believe part of the problem is that modern life is so disconnected from natural cycles. Our behavior is no longer influenced by circadian rhythms and the patterns of the seasons. We've

conquered the darkness and cold of winter with electricity and heat.

I'm reading a book right now called "Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times" by Katherine May, and I find it quite comforting.

"There are gaps in the mesh of the everyday world, and sometimes they open up and you fall through them into somewhere

else," she writes in the prologue. "Somewhere Else runs at a different pace to the here and now, where everyone else carries on."

This falling through marks the start of winter, she writes, a season we try desperately to avoid. Instead she suggests we learn to invite winter in.

"Once we stop wishing it were summer, winter can be a glorious season in which the world takes on a sparse beauty and even the pavements sparkle," she writes. "It's a time for reflection and recuperation, for slow replenishment, for putting your house in order."

Getting organized would be great. But I'd rather start the year by learning to better appreciate winter.

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



# OPINION

## GUEST COMMENTARY

# Happiness starts with a yes or a no

Holiday decor is mostly down, kids are back in school and insurance deductibles have reset to \$0. Hi, January.



**Lex Silberberg**

It feels like the last 42 I've experienced but, in many ways, it's completely foreign. Each day, I wake up with new questions — and the Magic 8 Balls Santa brought aren't exactly the all-knowing entities I recall from my childhood.

I've never considered myself a resolution person. My thought process has always been that if I'm going to make a change, I'll do it when I'm ready and not because a square on the calendar told me to. I started toying with this idea on a random Wednesday in late October and when I took it for a test drive, it just felt right. All I did was say "YES" and, also, "NO."

A while back in this very column, I questioned what happiness meant and found that everyone has a different definition. It's elusive but achievable and it's the carrot I'll be chasing henceforth. Securing it will be prioritized above all else — and I'm closing in on that goal by saying yes more.

After a year of extreme highs and lower-than-imaginable lows, it's never been more clear that tomorrow isn't guaranteed and I'll be damned if I squander any more precious time waffling or

we'll see-ing. Whether the request is having breakfast for dinner or planning a core memory-inducing vacation, an affirmative answer from me is more likely than ever before. (Please don't mistake my

approach: Not every day will be a "yes" day. If it were, my kids would be sporting Mister T haircuts, home renovations for an indoor waterslide would be underway and llamas would be grazing our backyard. I'm fun but not THAT fun.)

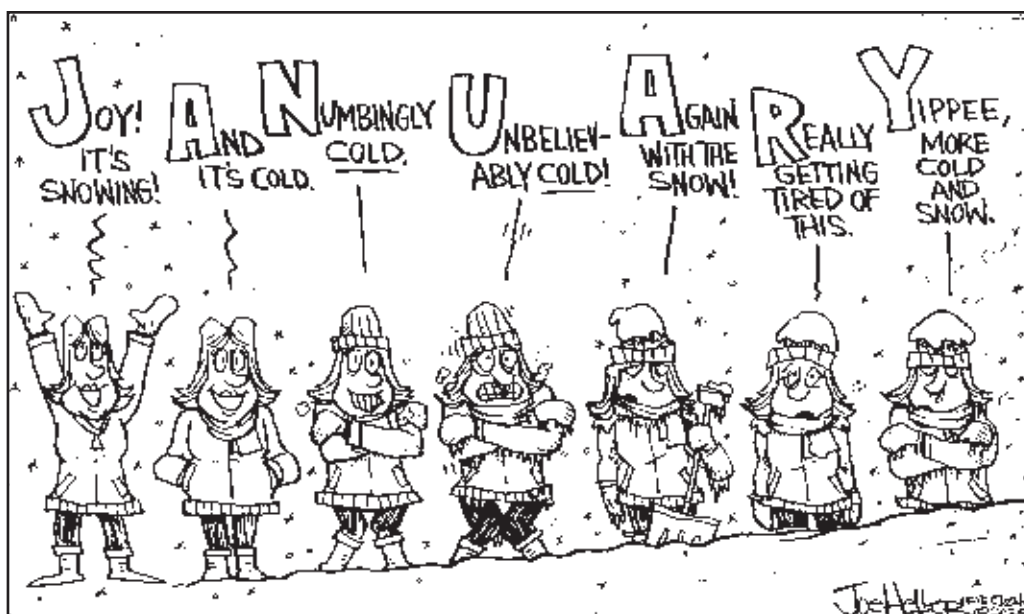
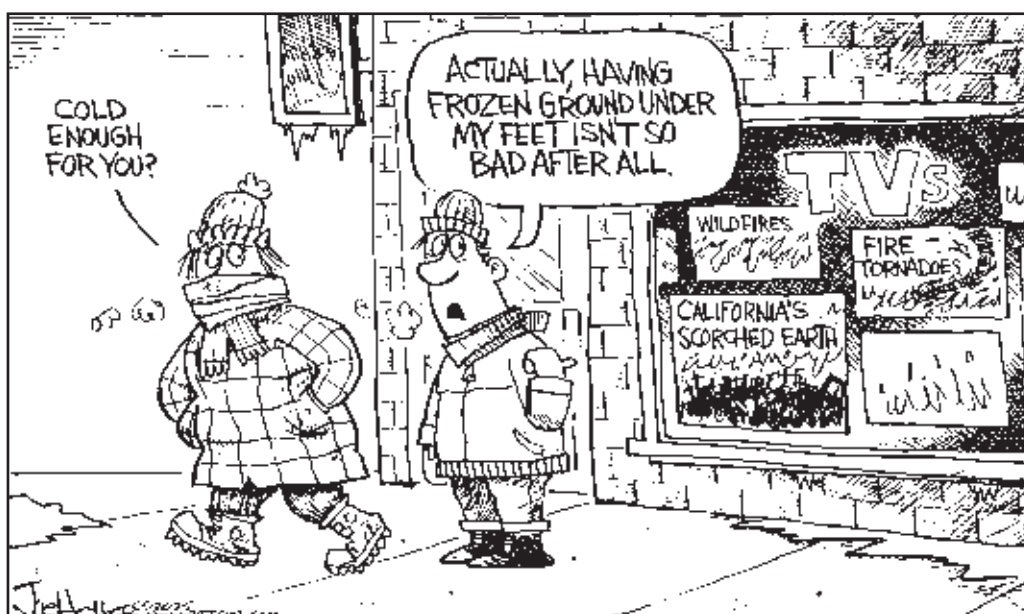
Though yes does spark joy, don't sleep on no! When used appropriately, it's capable of inducing a different kind of contentment. It's easy to feel like you must be everything to everyone all the time but saying no isn't an inappropriate response if it's what you need. It can taste like a swear word if you don't use it often but give no a try.

For me, if something isn't going to move my life in a positive direction, it's getting a big "No, thank you."

Happiness awaits. Find yours through yeses or nos or a marriage of the two. It's out there for you to discover in your own way. Just bundle up - it is January, after all.

— Lex Silberberg of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

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# ASK AN EXPERT

DR. AMIR EL-KHALILI, FAMILY MEDICINE

## What's important to know about seasonal viruses?

The new year has brought with it a rise in winter maladies.

Family physician Amir El-Khalili, who practices at the Hinsdale office of UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Medical Group Primary Care, said he actually detected the emergence of virus season last fall.

"Probably back in October we started seeing a lot of pneumonia cases, especially in kids," he related.

That early wave has now given way to several other virus varieties such as norovirus, which causes acute gastroenteritis — an inflammation of the stomach lining — and leads to vomiting and diarrhea.

"It was previously known as stomach flu, and we're seeing more of that," said El-Khalili, who advised sufferers to get plenty of rest and stay hydrated. "I tell patients to drink sugar-free Gatorade or Pedialyte, or a mixture of half water, half apple juice that kids may like better."

Most people feel better within one to three days, but they can still spread the virus for a few days after.

And he cautioned not to take the condition lightly lest it leads to other problems.

"I did have one patient that developed pancreatitis," El-Khalili reported.

Respiratory viruses have also been making the rounds, with one strain in particular blamed for a number of cases.

"It's a very wet virus — people get a lot of nasal congestion, runny noses — and that can become bronchitis if not treated early," he warned.

Incidences of RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, also are seeing an uptick. This contagious virus infects the respiratory tract and is the leading cause of hospitalization in infants according to the Centers for Disease Control. El-Khalili recommends infants and elderly people get the RSV immunization.

"Get your vaccines," he said.

That's a good way to protect oneself from the seasonal flu, as well, he counseled.

"We're seeing patients that are febrile with body aches and chills," El-Khalili said of this year's strain.

"There's really not a good treatment for it. I can prescribe Tamiflu, but that can sometimes cause nausea

and vomiting, so I usually reserve it for young kids and the elderly with severe cases."

He recommends ibuprofen for fever and Flonase for congestion, especially if one is prone to sinus infections. Or just get the vaccine, he underscored.

"It's not going to prevent you from getting the flu, but it will decrease the symptoms' severity," El-Khalili said.

Simply refusing to go out is not a failsafe method to prevent illness.

"People who stay home still get sick, and people out with those who are sick may not themselves get sick," he explained. "There is a luck component to this."

Those with existing health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or obesity should take extra precautions like wearing a mask when out with others.

"There are things that put you at an increased risk for delayed healing," he said.

The tried-and-true practice of good hygiene is El-Khalili's top tip for staying healthy.

"Everyone should always wash their hands before they eat out or after using the bathroom," he said.

— by Ken Knutson



Amir El-Khalili, doctor of family medicine for UChicago Medicine AdventHealth in Hinsdale, said several viruses are prevalent right now. Rest and sufficient hydration will promote recovery for most. (photo provided)

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# OBITUARIES

## Peter Trefle Harnois

Peter Trefle Harnois, DDS, 68, of Burr Ridge, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes Dec. 25, 2024.

Dr. Harnois practiced dentistry in the Hinsdale community for more than 40 years. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, he was a much loved member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and a Hall of Fame swimmer. He went on to graduate from the University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry. He was a superior clinical and cosmetic practitioner dedicated to his patients' health, happiness and confidence. Through his local practice, he touched the lives of countless patients and gave them new opportunities through their dental health and smiles.

He lectured internationally, training other dentists in minimally invasive techniques and emerging dental technology. His lifelong passion was making dentistry accessible, comfortable and approachable for patients and clinicians alike.

Peter was a man of endless energy, passion and dedication to the ideas, realms and people that he loved. He was so at home in nature, birdwatching, traveling to the coasts, the mountains, biking, walking — experiencing



Harnois

all that the outdoors had to offer. He adored different worlds, especially the comics formative during his adolescence, and was delighted to witness the explosion of the Marvel universe on the silver screen. He had a boundless imagination and gave his children, family and friends access to the incredible worlds that he could see.

He worked tirelessly to take care of those he loved, and everyone in his orbit felt his support. He gave without thought, and there are innumerable lives bolstered by his generosity and kindness.

Peter is survived by his children, Grace Harnois, Madeleine Harnois and Patrick Harnois (mother Elise Harnois) and Isabel Harnois (mother Beatriz Chalas Harnois); and his siblings, Carol Potter, Libby Harnois and Robbie Fast.

A celebration of life open house will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Katherine Legge Lodge, 5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale. All interested in remembering him are welcome.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Margery Hetherington

Margery Alden Lawrence Hetherington, 98, formerly of Clarendon Hills, passed away peacefully Dec. 22, 2024.

While Margery's love for family will be her legacy, she also will be remembered as well for her witty banter, her skills organizing and participating in social events, and her admiration and nurturing of the creativity that she recognized in others.

Margery was born in 1926 in Chicago, daughter of Roland Hall Lawrence and Margaret Dibble Gear. She grew up and attended school in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago. As a young girl, Margery loved spending time at her parents' vacation cabin on their farm near Sycamore. As a teenager during World War II, Margery volunteered at the USO to help entertain the troops stationed in Chicago.

She earned a bachelor's degree in English at Denison University in Ohio in 1948. During college, Margery became a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She was a post-graduate counselor for the sorority at San Jose State University, helping to install the Delta Chi Chapter. During summers, Margery worked for the George Williams College Camp in Williams Bay, Wis. Lake Geneva became a favorite vacation spot for her.

Margery worked as a fifth-grade teacher in Arlington Heights. Her students were treated to an annual bus field trip to the Lawrence family farm in Sycamore. In 1952, Margery married her husband, John "Jack" Murray Hetherington, also of Beverly. They were married until Jack's death in 2004. Margery and Jack had three children and raised their family in Clarendon Hills. She continued being a teacher to her children and instilled in them a love of the arts, including reading, music, poetry, creative dance and theater.



Hetherington

Ice skating, sailing and skiing played an important role for much of her life. Margery cherished them for recreation and exercise as well as another opportunity to engage with family and friends. Sports even played a role in her marriage, as Jack proposed to Margery on the greens of a golf course in Lake Geneva.

Margery developed a rewarding career volunteering in area communities. She led story hour at the Clarendon Hills Public Library, worked in various roles for the Union Church of Hinsdale, was a loom weaver at the Graue Mill Museum and served as a member and president of the Hinsdale chapter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago. She was an active member of the local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Margery also provided considerable support to Jack's long career in architecture.

She is survived by her children, Robin (David) Finlay, John "Lars" (Marie-Luise Weng) Hetherington and Laurel (Otto) Wimpffen; her grandchildren, Matthew Scigousky and Brooke (Chris) Chester; her great-grandchildren, Simone, Mia, Holden, Cameron and Rohen; her sister, Alice Lund; her brother, Larry (Vikki); and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Hetherington; her sister, Betsy Sherman; her brothers-in-law, George Lund and John (Jack) Sherman; and her nephews, David and Peter Lund.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Bernie's Book Bank, 917 N. Shore Drive, Lake Bluff, IL 60044 or online at [www.berniesbookbank.org](http://www.berniesbookbank.org)

Proko Funeral Home in Kenosha, Wis., handled the arrangements.

## Margaret Mary Phillips

Margaret Mary "Maggie" Phillips, nee Casey, 89, of Willowbrook passed away Jan. 9, 2025.

Young at heart, energetic and full of life, Maggie provided an engaging smile and warm presence with all she met. She loved reading her daily newspaper and learning new activities to the end. She graduated from St. Mary's of Notre Dame as a nurse in 1958. Her yearbook stated she was a tall lady in white, who was definitely Irish and had a graceful carriage.

She is survived by her children, Maureen (Timothy) Stanley, Tom (Maya Agaskar) Phillips, Michael (Julie) Phillips and Bridget (Gary) DePasquale; her grandchildren, Casey, Grace, James and Liam; her cousin, Tom (Nancy Kaszak) Heaney; and her cherished friend, Dan



Phillips

Brescia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Phillips; and her grandson, Connor.

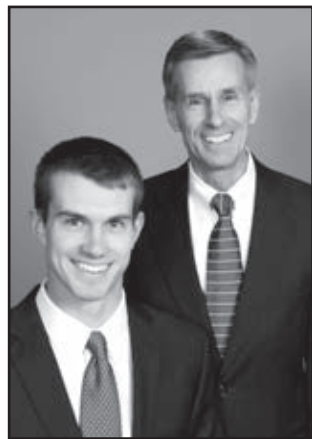
Visitation is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Nazareth Academy Alexine Chapel, 1209 Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park.

A funeral Mass will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the chapel.

Interment is private at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Taylor EDU Scholarship, Connor Phillips Legacy at [www.givecampus.com/campaigns/33534/donations/new](http://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/33534/donations/new) or The Morton Arboretum at [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org).

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## Nonprofit leaders reflect on past year

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"We've also added a lot of great new board members," she said. "They bring great support and fresh perspectives."

After months of negotiations, the humane society and the village were able to work out an agreement regarding stray pets, Arquilla announced.

"We are once again a safe haven for all the strays in Hinsdale," she said, adding that she was happy to work with village manager Kathleen Gargano and Police Chief Brian King on the agreement.

Supporters will have plenty of opportunities to contribute to the humane society in 2025.

"We are going to be doing a bigger event at the end of '25, but also leaning into the community and doing a lot of smaller, more curated events so people can get to know us and we can get to know them," she said.

The new director of volunteer programs will be adding more opportunities for individuals, Arquilla said.

"We would be completely lost without our volunteers," Arquilla said.

The transition for new staff members was remarkably smooth, she said.

"We feel like we've known each other and worked with each other forever," she said. "We have such a common vision and common goal that the bumps in the road really didn't feel that bumpy."

"I'm really, really proud of the work that everybody here is doing."

### The Community House

This past year, The Community House saw two of its programs — flag football and summer camp — hit their biggest enrollments ever. And its counseling program, which serves adolescents and young adults age 25 and younger, doubled the number of sessions offered in 2023.

Growing programs, expanding the organization's impact and planning for the future have been and continue to be priorities at the nonprofit, said Dan Janowick, executive director. The board began working on a new strategic plan, the first since 2013, in March 2024.

"By this March's board meeting, we'll have the full plan rolled out with all the strategic goals and objectives and start the implementation phase," he said.

The process has revealed that the



purpose of The Community House — to offer a place for the community to gather, engage and talk, and find resources for meeting social, emotional, physical health and mental health needs — has not changed.

"We're glad that's still what The Community House is doing," he said.

But change is necessary to continue to meet constituents' needs. Janowick said staff are looking at how to better serve teens and what kind of programs they want.

"Those are questions we don't have the answers to yet, but we're going to spend some time figuring out," he said.

The Community Revue was the first major fundraiser in 2024.

"We started the year off laughing, which was helpful to everyone in the cold winter months," he said. "We sold more than 700 tickets to come and

laugh at life in Hinsdale while raising money for The Community House in Hinsdale, which is great."

The year closed with the most successful Holiday Ball in the organization's history, with 430 guests.

"By the end of the night, we had raised over \$700,000," Janowick said, expressing his gratitude to individual donors and business sponsors.

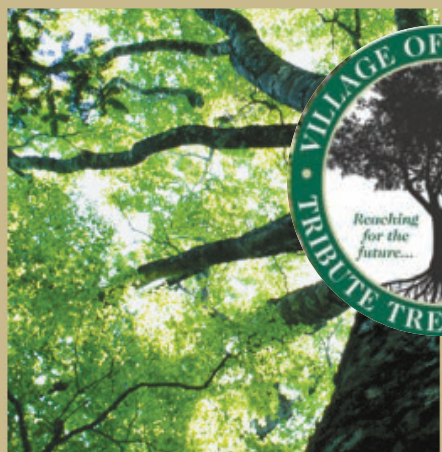
One of the family members served by the Spark Youth Development Initiative, which supports underserved youth in unincorporated Willowbrook, spoke at the event.

"I think that really resonated with the guests and they gave generously to support the Spark program," Janowick said.

The Community House has an amazing group of staff members and board members and wonderful partnerships with the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and other organizations in town, Janowick.

He said the time has flown since he became executive director.

"It doesn't feel like it's been five years, but it's been great," he said. "I continue to feel lucky to be at a place like The Community House."



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## Central teens respond to casting call

*Students hope to sing, act, dance their way into a role in spring show, 'Mary Poppins'*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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The hallway is buzzing outside the choir room at Hinsdale Central Tuesday after school. Teens are singing song lyrics, practicing dance steps, rehearsing monologues and dealing with nerves.

"My tummy hurts," one says.

The students are auditioning for a role in "Mary Poppins," the spring musical at Hinsdale Central.

"We're trying to bring back some bigger cast shows," director and Central English teacher Susie Jaffe said after the auditions. "COVID really made us, and theaters all across the country, rethink the titles you could do.

"It's exciting to do a big Disney show with all the glitz and glam of a big cast," she said.

Since the pandemic, the spring musicals have included "Into the Woods," "Urinetown" and "The Theory of Relativity." In the years prior to 2020, students performed in bigger productions like "The Addams Family" and "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella."

"Our kids don't have any institutional knowledge of that," Jaffe said. "We're excited about putting on a show that's going to be a big spectacle show with a lot of kids involved."

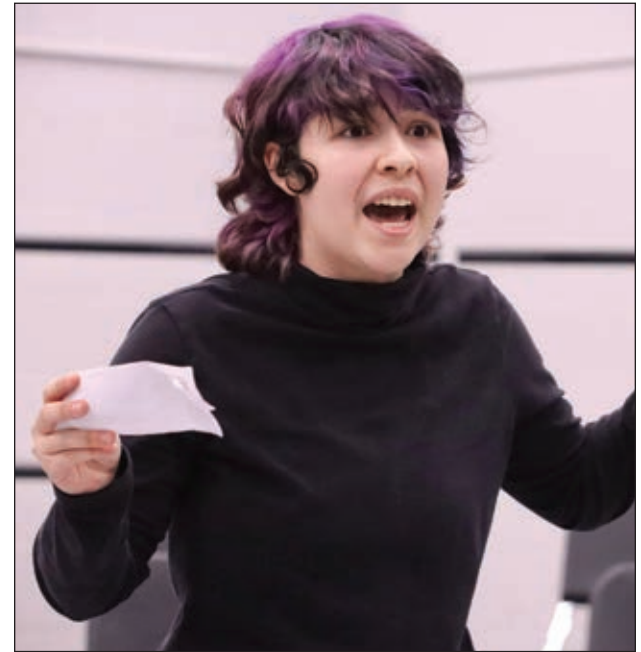
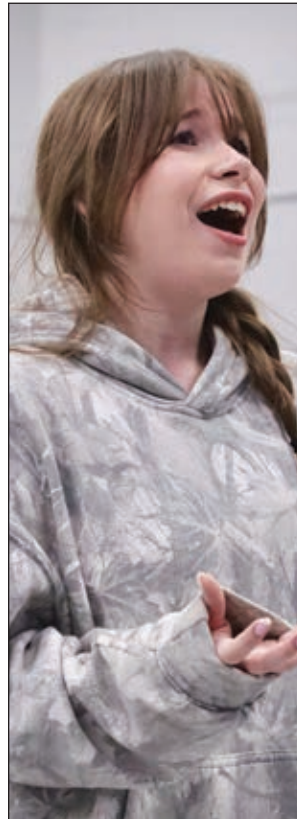
Among those hoping to be part of the cast is sophomore Mateo Banda from Hinsdale. He chose to sing "Put on a Happy Face" from "Bye Bye Birdie" — one of four students could choose to sing — and a monologue by "Mary Poppins" character Bert.

"I think it went fine," he said after his audition. "I'm kind of angry at myself, because I forgot one word and stood there for a bit. Other than that, I thought it was a really good audition."

Everyone gets nervous, Jaffe said, and helping kids learn how to audition is one of the program's goals.

"Teaching them to remain composed and take a second, reset themselves, refocus and get back into character — that's one of our big lessons we can teach kids," she said.

Banda said he prepared for his audition by working with his voice teacher on his solo and reviewing his monologue every day.



Hinsdale Central sophomore Mateo Banda, freshman Jacqueline Pielet and senior Sal Ybarra were among the 45 or so students who auditioned for a part in "Mary Poppins," which has 28 named roles and a large ensemble cast. (Jim Slonoff photos)

"I wrote it in my notes app, so I had it accessible all the time," Banda said.

A veteran of musicals, Banda was in "Into the Woods" last year at Central and "The Lion King" at Clarendon Hills Middle School. He's currently rehearsing for the Stage Door Fine Arts production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," in which he plays Grandpa Joe. He's wanted to play Bert since he saw "Mary Poppins" on stage.

"Ever since I was a kid — I'd seen that scene where he was flying, walking around sweeping the stage — I've always wanted to do that scene," he said.

Nora Eldewek of Oak Brook hopes to have the chance to perform as a senior in the same musical she was in as a freshman at Downers Grove North High School.

"My first ever musical was 'Mary Poppins' my freshman year," the transfer student said. "I've always loved musicals. This is my third one."

Her audition prep looked similar to Banda's, with coaching from a voice teacher and familiarizing herself with her lines.

"For the monologue, what works for me is just repeating something over and over again until I have it

memorized," she said.

Sophomore Helen Garcia of Westmont returned to audition this year after not being cast in last spring's musical.

"I think I learned that you have to be willing to take risks when you audition, and everyone's nervous and you can't let it stop you," she said.

She chose the monologue from the title character.

"I would love to be Mary Poppins, but it's not really in my vocal range," she said. "I think it would be fun to be the mom or the bird woman. People who have played the (bird woman) role before said they really enjoyed it."

Senior Sal Ybarra of Willowbrook never made it to the audition for the spring musical her junior year.

"Last year I chickened out of the 'Into the Woods' audition, and I really wanted to prove to myself that I could do a show here," said Ybarra, who was last on stage in "Annie" five years ago. Since then she's been working on crew, running spotlights or serving as assistant director.

"I've definitely done way worse," she said of her audition. "I feel like the anxiety made me not able to remember stuff as well."

Jaffe said her casting approach is the same for a play or a musical.

"I'm looking for storytellers, people what want to find a character, build a world and tell a story with us," she said. "People that are imaginative and playful and willing to take chances and try things.

"My colleague, Jennifer Burkemper, is listening for what they can do vocally and how they'll sound as an ensemble and how they'll sound individually."

Students will participate in a dance audition next Tuesday, and callbacks are slated for Wednesday.

Jaffe said she takes detailed notes during auditions but sometimes she, Burkemper and assistant director Kim Williams need to see or hear a student again.

Auditions are the start of the show for students but the culmination of a long planning process for adults, Jaffe said.

"Until we know who is going to be in the room, until we see the kids in front of us, it feels like a big question," she said.

"It's the first time we get to see the real people that are going to do this adventure with us," she added. "Now that it's happened, I'm thrilled and I can't wait to get started."



# PULSE



The whole family is invited to the Babies and Booties winter hike Jan. 19 at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center. See the listing at right for details. (photo courtesy of the Cook County Forest Preserve District)

## ARTFULLY DONE

### ■ Artist reception

Jan. 21  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 987-1976

Meet Darien's Laura Lein-Svencner, the library's winter featured artist, whose collage exhibit, "Sheltered Ideas, Home," is on display in the Quiet Reading Room. Originally from Downers Grove, the mom of four and grandmother of one (with two more on the way), also teaches collage, is a signature member of the National Collage Society and co-founder of the Midwest Collage Society. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### ■ Glass Art Class: Painting in Reverse

Jan. 23  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 206-9566

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into a beautiful work of art by learning basic techniques. The program is for ages 12 and up; those under age 18 must be with an adult. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$75. RR

## FAMILY FUN

### ■ Babies and Booties

Jan. 19  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Grab some boots and join this winter hike for the whole family. Time: 10 a.m. RR

### ■ Lunar New Year Festival

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

Celebrate the Year of the Snake with crafts, games and performances for kids. Hours: 2 to 4 p.m.

## GREAT OUTDOORS

### ■ Fridays in the Field: Winter Wildlife

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

University of Illinois Extension certified master naturalists will connect visitors with nature through inquiry-based activities. Time: 10 a.m. to noon.

## GREEN THUMB

### ■ Introduction to Native Landscape Design

Jan. 21  
www.fpdcc.com

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# Dancing through the Decades — and into a New Year

Ah, January: a time of new, fresh starts, looking ahead to warmer days and huddling around fireplaces to keep warm in near-arctic temperatures. For the social scene in Hinsdale, it's also a time to reset, recover from the holidays and look ahead at what's coming up in the spring.

This year, there's a new event to add to the calendar: "Dancing through the Decades," a gala in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Candor Health Education (previously known as the Robert Crown Center for Health Education). Now, I did not grow up here, but my husband did. He vividly remembers getting on a school bus and riding over to the Robert Crown Center (where the Hinsdale Humane Society is currently located) to learn about puberty. Similar to certain major world events, almost everyone remembers where they were when they learned about their changing bodies. It's universal.

What's less universal is the education that so many students badly need. That's where Candor Health steps in. Rebranded in 2020 to a name that reflects the honest, candid conversations that surround puberty, sex

education, and substance abuse prevention, Candor educators visit more than 600 schools a year — mostly in the Chicagoland area, but extending virtually into schools as far away as New York — and they wish they could do more.

"We want kids to have access to health educators, no matter where they live, so that they're not on their own," development director Shelly Nicholson said. "We want them to learn it officially before they see it on the Internet."

Kids these days don't get on buses and ride over to a designated center. Instead, the educators go directly to them. Each educator trains in-person and learns the material in-depth to be able to give their presentations a bit of their own personality and to answer any and all questions students might have.

"The core questions have remained the same," Nicholson said.

But the new interactive lessons using a social-emotional learning approach are resulting in a 20 percent



Allison Peters  
Society spotlight

bump in knowledge over a traditional slide show presentation. And that's where the gala comes in.

Candor Health relies on donations to help bridge the gap between what schools can afford to pay for the programs and their costs. The proceeds from Dancing through the Decades will be put to good use across the board, but notably, they will be used to help improve

access for students by translating the material into Spanish for some communities and updating materials to bring them into ADA compliance for students who have special needs.

The theme for the gala has an interesting backstory too. While brainstorming ideas, the committee thought that, as the Robert Crown Center first opened its doors in the 1970s, they could embrace a disco theme. As they started researching, they found that the women's auxiliary used the same title for one of their first events when the center was newly opened, a connection that has delighted longtime supporters who

remember their days volunteering.

This year's event is Saturday, Feb. 1, at Oak Brook Manor and will feature silent and live auctions with items including a rose gold bracelet with black onyx and diamond flowers by Browning & Sons of Hinsdale, a multicolored diamond necklace by Marshall Pierce & Co., a trip for two to the U.S. Open finals in New York city and an all-inclusive South African safari for two. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing. Tickets are nearly sold out, but you might still be able to snag one (\$175 for individual ticket or \$1,200 for table) at [www.candorhealth.org/dancing-through-the-decades-2024](http://www.candorhealth.org/dancing-through-the-decades-2024). You can also donate directly to Candor Health through the website as well.

So, as I sit next to my fireplace and think about the many glittering events this year will hold, I raise my glass to our community, to the generosity that we continue to show. May this year be the best yet! Cheers!

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



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Hinsdale Fire Department  
121 Symonds Drive  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/  
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(630) 789-7090

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## JUST FOR KIDS

### ■ School's Out Day

Jan. 20  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Kids in kindergarten through sixth grade can enjoy the day off school with a field trip to Urban Air Trampoline Park. Extended hours are available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for an additional \$35. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$90. RR, MD

### ■ Graphic Design

Wednesdays, Jan. 22-Feb. 26  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
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Kids in fourth through sixth grade will learn how to make professional posters and art that people want to pay for, and ultimately design posters and ads for real organizations with good causes. Students will need a Chromebook or a laptop; iPads are OK but less functional. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$187. RR, MD

### ■ Tumble/Gymnastics

Wednesdays, Jan. 22-March 5  
Grand Avenue Gym  
4211 Grand Ave., Western Springs  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/  
pr  
(630) 789-7090

Participants ages 6-10 can stretch, jump and tumble while progressing from somersaults to cartwheels and round

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Wednesdays, Jan. 22-March 5  
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### ■ Be a Better Birder

Jan. 23  
www.fpdcc.com  
Learn how to build a birding kit, how to start birding and where to find resources in this virtual event. This program is great for beginning birders. Time: 6 p.m. RR

### ■ A Conversation with Paul Lisnek

Jan. 28  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 323-8188  
Join this virtual conversation with award-winning political analyst Paul Lisnek to hear his take on the presidential election and what to expect in the upcoming four years. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

## NOTEWORTHY

### ■ Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra

Jan. 19  
First United Methodist Church  
100 W. Cossitt Ave., La Grange  
www.saltcreekchamber-orchestra.com  
(708) 252-3855

The chamber group will perform two Schumann works: Piano Concerto in A Minor featuring pianist Ji Hyun Kim, and Symphony No. 4 in D Minor. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$20 for seniors.

### ■ 'The Four Seasons'

Jan. 19  
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church  
149 W. Brush Hill Road  
www.elmhurstsymphony.org

(630) 941-0202

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will perform Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" featuring guest violinist Cynthia Freivogel, and Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires," featuring concertmaster Rika Seko. A pre-concert talk will be held at 1:45 p.m. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$45 for adults, \$32-\$42 for seniors, \$12 for students.

## SENIOR SCENE

### ■ Hinsdale Memory Cafe

Jan. 22  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Join this social gathering of individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Activities may include education, music, games and arts. The program is sponsored by The Birches. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

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### ■ Mandarin Conversation Group

Jan. 20  
Hinsdale Public Library  
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### ■ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast

Jan. 20  
Drury Lane  
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace  
www.dupagefoundation.org/news-events/upcoming-events.html

This second annual event will feature renowned civil rights attorney Fred Gray as the keynote speaker, Grammy-nominated singer Rev. Darius Brooks and the MLK Celebration Choir. All net proceeds go to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Fund of DuPage Foundation to augment annual grant awards in the areas of health, human services and educational programs serving people of color.

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Time: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets: \$75. RR

#### ■ Moms' Book Group

Jan. 21  
The Cube at Standard Market  
333 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

Read "Very Bad Company" by Emma Rosenblum and chat with other moms of kids younger than 5 at this month's gathering. Books will be available for pick up on the library's "Book Club Holds" shelf and on the library's online platforms. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. RR

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### ■ Craft Supply Swap

Jan. 18  
Clarendon Hills Public Library  
7 N. Prospect Ave.  
[www.clarendonhillslibrary.org](http://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org)  
(630) 323-8188  
The library's meeting room

will be filled with gently-used art and craft supplies including fabric, specialty papers, supplies for drawing, painting, needlework and other crafts. People are invited to come, browse and take what they like. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### STEPPING BACK

#### ■ A Bite of Chinatown History

Jan. 18  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

Yvonne Wolf, intercultural consultant, will discuss the dramatic history of San Francisco's Chinatown, the first in the U.S., starting with how Chinese immigrants were impelled to leave China in mid-1800s, how they skirted around The Chinese Exclusion Act after 1882 and what they contributed to the greater American cultural history. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

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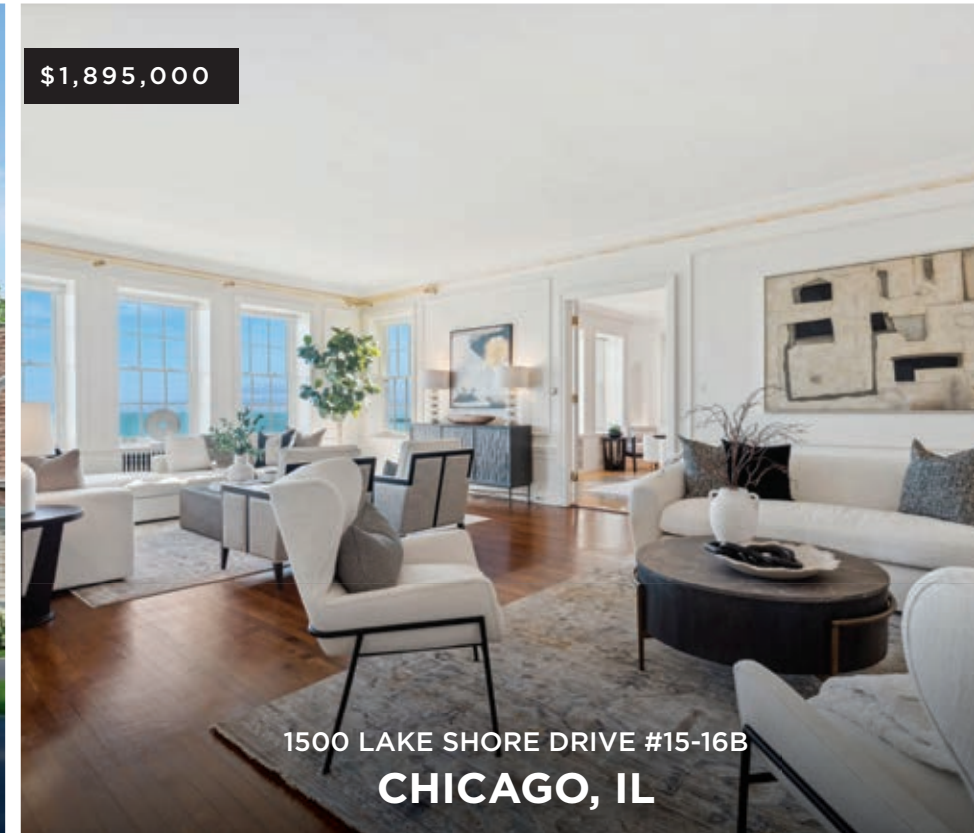
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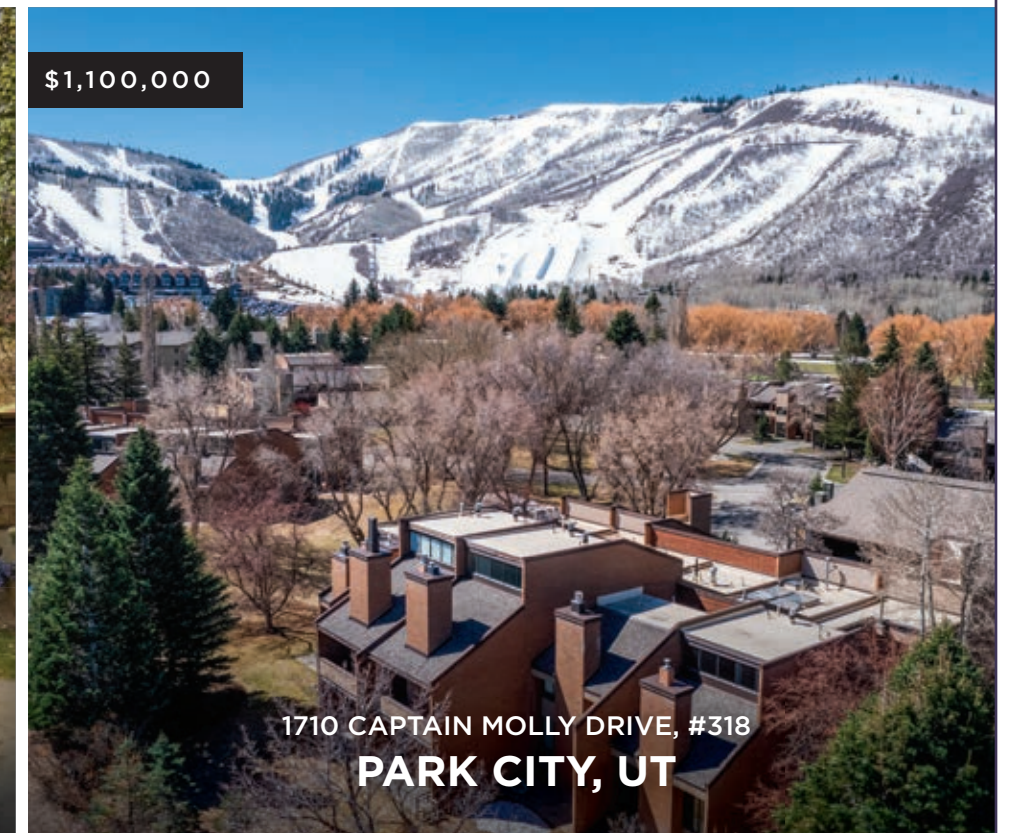
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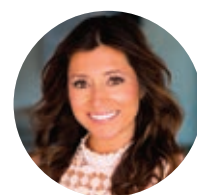
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**1. 17 S. Monroe St.,** Kyle and Katelin Nelson to Molly Fikri, Nov. 18, \$1,000,000

**2. 244 Meadowbrook Lane,** Jeffrey A. Krause Trust and Michelle Krause to Susan L. and Bryan A. Bomba trusts, Nov. 18, \$1,147,750

**3. 8 E. Kennedy Lane,** Richard C. and Lois J. Ursillo trusts to Visnja Gembicki and Gembicki Revocable Trust, Nov. 18, \$825,000

**4. 309 N. Lincoln St.,** Property AKDR LLC to Theodore White, Nov. 19, \$2,695,000

**5. 5823 S. Giddings Ave.,** Bradford Scott and Scott Irrevocable Marital Trust to Menra Family Living Trust, Nov. 19, \$2,200,000

**6. 506 S. Grant St.,** Hai Du and Xiao Huang to Alexandra West and Andrew Tchadovitch, Nov. 21, \$1,212,500

**7. 515 W. Maple St.,** Brittany Puglia and O'Malley Qualified Personal Residential Trust to Manan and Rinku Trivedi, Nov. 21, \$3,350,000

**8. 38 Blaine St.,** Norman A. White Living Trust and Julie White to 38 Blaine LLC, Nov. 22, \$650,000

**9. 417 Canterbury Court,** Sara and Marc Johnson to NP Dodge, National Equity Inc. and Janell Anderson Trust Agreement, Nov. 26, \$1,574,500

**10. 1141 Indian Trail Road,** William Benson and Edward B. and Jean C. Frandsen trusts to Suzanne Doonan and Doonan Family Trust, Nov. 26, \$715,000

**11. 908 N. Elm St.,** Colony Capital Operating Co. LLC to CWP Bidco LP, Nov. 27, \$33,181,111

**12. 504 Burr Oak Place,** John Miologos to Janet M. Novak Declaration Trust, Dec. 2, \$615,000

**13. 327 S. Oak St.,** Robert A. and Debra A. Peterson living trusts to Liliang Diamondād C4SAJ Inc., Dec. 2, \$4,350,000

**14. 134 E. Maple St.,** Maple Street Row Houses LLC to Kheik Kaw, Dec. 3, \$830,000

**15. 820 S. Park Ave.,** Jefferson Wigley to Marc Wezowski and Jordan Carqueville, Dec. 3, \$5,350,000

**16. 202 W. Birchwood Ave.,** Robert G. O'Hare Living Trust to Sean and Danielle Sheppard, Dec. 4, \$1,600,000

**17. 5532 S. Quincy St.,** Future Investments LLC to

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**30. 709 S. Grant St.,** Tord Alden and Shakeab Alshabhoun to ALG Trust, Dec. 24, \$600,000

**31. 417 Canterbury Court,** Janell Anderson and NP Dodge to William Marte and Renee Dyer, Dec. 24, \$1,525,000

**32. 944 S. Grant St.** Shahid Yusuf Declaration Trust to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Dec. 26, \$510,000

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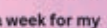
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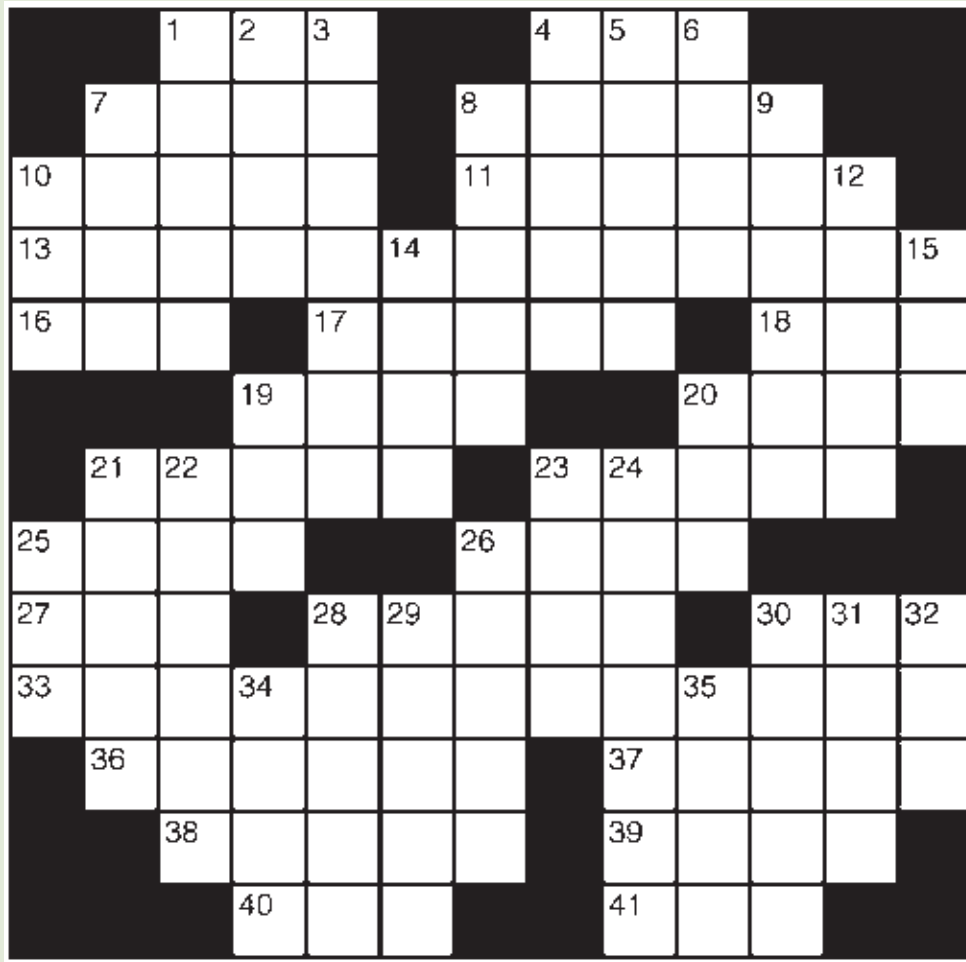


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  - 7 SULK
  - 8 CAMPFIRE
  - 9 LEFTOVERS
  - 10 STALLION SOUNDS
  - 11 MENSA STATS
  - 12 ANIMAL'S NOSE
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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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## SCRAMBLERS

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Today's Word  
**BEDTIME**

## SCRAMBLERS

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# HOROSCOPES

January 2025 Horoscopes • Week 4



**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Be careful when listening to what another has to say, Capricorn. Read their body language instead of just their words. The two may not match up with one another.



**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, you feel loved and appreciated this week and you would like to share those feelings with others by being supportive of their needs. Focus your attention on a close friend.



**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, you are getting hungrier and hungrier, which makes you determined to get ahead. Just be sure this determination is balanced by a little reservation as well.



**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, although your creative juices are flowing, some type of roadblock pops up and restricts your path. Explore ways to work around this obstacle.



**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Opportunities you may never have expected are presenting themselves, Aquarius. Find time to process these unexpected developments and mull the best approach.



**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, even if you do not have anything in common with someone, you can find a way to be friends. Open a dialogue to get the ball rolling.



**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
Could it be that you are in the market for some romance, Leo? If so, make a plan for rekindling the flame with a current partner or finding someone new who also is looking for love.



**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, take a deep look at yourself this week, examining all facets of your personality. Instead of being judgemental of others, you may need to make some changes yourself.



**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, resist hurried efforts to get to a destination without enjoying the journey. There is a lot to see along the way, so it's best if you savor all of it while you can.



**GEMINI** – May 22/June 21  
Gemini, accept that you cannot change some things and look for a silver lining. Soon enough you'll come out on the other side.



**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
Challenges may arise in your relationship this week, Virgo. A serious approach to the partnership is required by both side. Work toward resolving the situation as a couple.



**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Sagittarius, emotions are running high for you and you may not be able to focus on what needs your attention most. If you can't get a hold of things, try delegating some of your tasks.



# SPORTS — ROUNDUP

## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Zach Kruse**  
Clarendon Hills

### When did you first start wrestling?

When I was 5 years old. I saw my brother, Ron, wrestling growing up, and I always aspired to be like him — and still do to this day.

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

How rewarding it is. Your success depends really only on yourself and only on what you do.

### What is most challenging about wrestling at 190 pounds?

There's a lot of good wrestlers in the weight class.

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

I would say my focus and love for the sport has improved a lot. I've come to like wrestling a lot more throughout the years.

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

I always eat Clementines before every match. That's pretty much the only thing I can eat. I get nervous before my matches.

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

If the coach is mad at you or yelling at you, it's not because they don't like you. It's because they want to see you succeed.

### What is your goal for the

### season?

To make it downstate. I lost in the match to make it to state last year.

### What kind of example do you try to set as a team captain?

Just doing the right thing — doing the right thing in the classroom and outside of school and in practice, doing what my coach wants me to do.

### What advice would you give to young wrestlers?

Don't put too much pressure on yourself to win. At the end of the day, it's not going to change your life a whole heck of a lot. Just focus on getting better through practice.

### What are your plans for the fall?

I am going to play football at UW Platteville.

### Why does coach Conrad Polz like having Kruse on the team?

We truly enjoy having Zach on the team. He is a talented athlete (29-2, ranked No. 4 in the state) with an exceptional work ethic. A true competitor, he gives his all every time he steps onto the mat. We are lucky to have such a committed and hard-working leader on our team, as he elevates our collective performance and creates a positive and motivating environment.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

## RESULTS

### Basketball, boys

Jan. 14 @ York  
V wins 66-51  
Buzelis, 19 points  
Kozys, 12 points  
Howell, 9 points  
Orozco, 8 points  
Dell, 7 points  
Jan. 11 vs. Downers North  
V wins 77-45  
Jan. 10 vs. OP-RF  
V wins 59-45

### Basketball, girls

Jan. 14 vs. York  
V loses 37-47  
Jan. 10 vs. OP-RF  
V wins 64-20  
Dolan, 17 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals  
Skinner, 10 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, block  
Sherpitis, 9 points, rebound, 2 assists  
Darwish, 8 points, 11 rebounds, 3 steals  
Coffey, 6 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals  
Gin, 5 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals  
Giannini, 4 points, rebound  
Mokhtarian, 3 points, 2 rebounds, assist, 2 steals  
Quast, 2 points, 5 rebounds, assist, 2 steals  
McCoy, 2 rebounds  
Lynch, rebound  
Xiao, assist

Tucke, steal  
Jan. 8 @ York  
V wins 38-28

### Bowling, boys

Jan. 14 vs. Naperville North  
V loses 2,216-2,282  
Copeland, 469  
Bansal, 446  
Rivera, 436  
Stamer, 430  
Egbert, 400  
Villanueva, 389  
Jan. 13 @ Hinsdale South  
V loses 2,004-2,353

### Bowling, girls

Jan. 14 @ Morton  
V loses 2,065-2,851  
Jan. 9 @ Willowbrook  
V loses 2,158-2,400  
Choe, 427  
Oranu, 371  
Allen, 358  
Young, 349  
Shadi-Khan, 328  
Kawa, 325

### Gymnastics, girls

Jan. 11 @ Naperville North Invite  
V places 4th with 127.75  
Vault  
Driscoll, 10th, 8.625  
Hannah, 12th, 8.55  
Dillenburg, 18th (tie), 8.25  
Danhaussen-Brun, 21st (tie), 8.225  
Nawracaj, 21st (tie), 8.225  
Uneven bars

Driscoll, 8th, 8.225  
Hannah, 23rd, 6.975  
Danhaussen-Brun, 24th, 6.875  
Kaminskaite, 25th, 6.8  
Balance beam  
Driscoll, 12th, 8.325  
Hannah, 18th, 8.2  
Nawracaj, 19th, 7.875  
Inabnit, 22nd, 7.625  
Floor exercise  
Inabnit, 8th, 8.775  
Driscoll, 11th, 8.625  
Hannah, 15th (tie), 8.35  
Danhaussen-Brun, 28th, 7.45  
All-around  
Driscoll, 8th, 33.8  
Hannah, 16th, 32.075

### Hockey

Jan. 12 vs. Glenbard  
V loses 2-3  
Crabb, goal  
Durkin, goal  
McConnell, assist  
Jan. 9 vs. Plainfield  
V loses 2-6

### Swimming, boys

Jan. 11 @ Hinsdale South Invite  
V places 1st with 312 points  
Jan. 10 vs. OP-RF  
V wins 147-38  
200-yard medley relay  
Guo, Bey, Adamo, M. Vatev, 1st, 1:36.65  
Shiell, N. Pelinkovic, Benington, Pavlovic, 2nd,

1:42.69  
200-yard freestyle  
Feiro, 2nd, 1:48.54  
Abbott, 3rd, 1:48.81  
Byrne, 4th, 1:54.37  
200-yard IM  
Bey, 1st, 1:53.85  
Guo, 2nd, 1:54.45  
Norman, 3rd, 2:05.15  
50-yard freestyle  
Adamo, 1st, 22.84  
Chase, 2nd, 23.25  
Pavlovic, 3rd, 23.42  
1-meter diving  
Zloza, 1st, 298.2  
Devata, 2nd, 230.3  
Kassir, 3rd, 219.1  
100-yard butterfly  
Gao, 1st, 54.22  
Benington, 2nd, 54.23  
Feiro, 3rd, 55.52  
100-yard freestyle  
M. Vatev, 1st, 48.15  
N. Pelinkovic, 3rd, 48.87  
Shiell, 4th, 51.43  
500-yard freestyle  
G. Pelinkovic, 1st, 4:53.71  
Abbott, 2nd, 4:58.25  
Chase, 3rd, 5:08.54  
200-yard freestyle relay  
M. Vatev, N. Pelinkovic, Guo, Bey, 1st, 1:27.76  
Byrne, Pavlovic, Abbott, G. Pelinkovic, 2nd, 1:32.11  
100-yard backstroke  
Adamo, 1st, 54.78  
Norman, 2nd, 56.42  
Shiell, 3rd, 56.74  
100-yard breaststroke  
Bey, 1st, 59.97

Benington, 2nd, 1:03.11  
G. Pelinkovic, 3rd, 1:04.88  
400-yard freestyle relay  
M. Vatev, Guo, Chase, N. Pelinkovic, 1st, 3:14.59  
Feiro, Shiell, Byrne, Abbott, 2nd, 3:24.43

### Wrestling, boys

Jan. 11 @ Plainfield East Quad  
vs. Hoffman Estates  
V wins 55-18  
vs. Plainfield East  
V wins 45-30  
vs. Bolingbrook  
V loses 34-41  
Jan. 9 vs. OP-RF  
V loses 21-50  
132 pounds  
Mayen, fall 3:00  
144 pounds  
Barrios, fall 3:30  
190 pounds  
Kruse, fall 1:45  
126 pounds  
Quirk, dec. 6-4

### Wrestling, girls

Jan. 8 vs. HC Quad vs. LT  
V wins 12-6  
125 pounds  
Neskovic, fall 2:37  
vs. Willowbrook  
V wins 48-18  
125 pounds  
Neskovic, fall  
190 pounds  
Black, fall

## Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central diver** Anthony Kassir executes an inward pike dive while teammate Johnathan Feiro competes in the 200-yard freestyle event during a home meet Jan. 10 against Oak Park-River Forest. The Devils defeated the conference rival Huskies by a score of 147-38. (Jim Slonoff photos)



# SPORTS

## New formula means Moore for Devils

*First-year Central girls basketball coach seeks to deepen players' ownership in team*

By Ken Knutson

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Brett Moore figured his high school coaching career was likely done after stepping down as Hinsdale South's head varsity boys basketball coach following the 2020-21 season.

"I chose family over basketball for a couple years and had really no plans on getting back into basketball," he told *The Hinsdalean*.

Then last year, Moore, a physical education teacher at Hinsdale Central, accepted an invitation from Red Devils head varsity boys basketball coach Nick Latorre to be his assistant. Meanwhile, the girls' program was experiencing some coaching turmoil. Many of the players were Moore's students, and he sympathized with their frustration.

"I saw that there was talent and decided to move over to girls basketball" this season, he said.

The role was not on Moore's 2024 vision board. But both his father and brother-in-law had in fact made a similar switch in their coaching careers.

"I guess it's kind of the family tradition," Moore quipped.

The result has revived another tradition: Devil victories. The team's 13 wins heading into tonight's game at Riverside-Brookfield is two more than last season's total, with a third of their games still to go. The team is on pace for its best campaign since the 2016-17 season. Moore said that's a testament to his team's unselfish play and dedication to improvement.

"Our girls are hungry and want to keep getting better," he said.

Growing up the son of a basketball coach in small-town Winchester (between

Quincy and Springfield), Moore felt the call early on to be a sideline general. His first head coaching job came at Plano High School, a community where football ruled until his teams' performances enkindled hard-court converts. At Hinsdale South, he unlocked players' talent and watched several go on to big-time college programs. No longer as vocal as in past years, Moore said his current charges provide the chatter.

"As a young coach I said way too much," he admitted. "I'm trying to put the communication more on them. I tell them all the time that they are the ones that have to be talking."

One word Moore will utter periodically is "donuts," a signal to be attentive to body control, not baked goods.

"It means to jump, stop and pivot," he said. "We have our own 'donut chain' that we give out as a reward (akin to the bling football players don after an outstanding play).

"And I ring a cowbell in practice when someone takes a good shot. Just some simple things that the girls have enjoyed," he added.

Moore leverages analytics to challenge his team, like data predicting a positive outcome if it holds the opponent to 0.8 points per possession while scoring an average of 0.9 on theirs.

Senior Katherine Skinner said the trust Moore exudes in their ability to achieve such goals is infectious.

"As a player, when you see a coach who has confidence in a program and in every individual, you get a boost of your own confidence, which makes the game more enjoyable," she said.

Moore took a leap of faith this season in implementing a 1-2-2 defensive scheme that he'd never tried before.

Generally he endeavors to give the girls freedom to figure things out for themselves.

"We don't really run a ton of play, just concepts that they learn to play through," he said.

Senior Maya Gin said that emphasis on personal accountability has been empowering.

"This doesn't mean perfection every rep but it means that as a team we give our all to support each other as teammates and play together," Gin said.

Teammate and fellow senior Grace Dolan agreed, and said Moore's emphasis on keeping an aggressive mindset has been key.

"I think that's really played to our advantage. He encourages us to play a fast-pace game, and I think that's helped us become better decision-makers. He always reminds us of our end goal, and is consistently pushing us to get better," Dolan said. "I am having so much fun this season and am looking forward to continuing a successful season."

Relationships within coaching circles have been vital in his evolution, Moore said. He wants his players to value their fellowship, as well, whether in on-court competition or off-court cavorting. Winning certainly doesn't hurt that dynamic, and Moore delights in the way the school community has responded.

"The buzz around the school has been fantastic. The positivity around girls basketball this year has been really fun to see," he said.

His daughter Olivia, 6, and son Charlie, 4, enjoy being around the team, just as Moore did as a coach's kid.

"That's been the best part of reliving some of my memories from my childhood," he said.



Central varsity girls basketball coach Brett Moore watches and instructs from the sidelines during Friday night's home game. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Olivia takes special delight in accompanying dad to work, Moore noted.

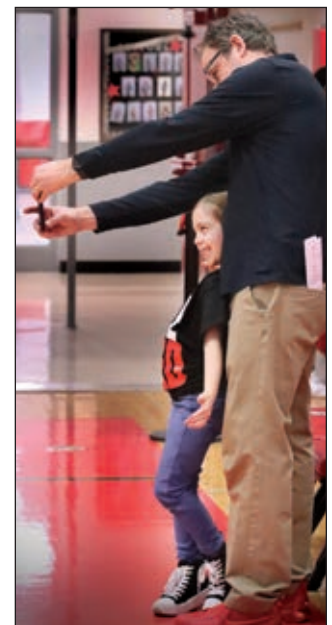
"She wants to be around the girls as much as possible," he said.

Moore derives great reward from the tenacity and resilience his players have demonstrated.

"We want them to be proud of the program, and they can brag to their friends that they really played a role in turning it around," he said.

Moore has instilled in them the importance of always striving toward greater heights, Skinner commented.

"Coach Moore consistently reminds us that the past doesn't define our future, and that success is built one moment, one practice, one decision at a time," she said.



Moore's daughter, Olivia, 6, swiped her mom's phone to snap a series of selfies with her dad after the Red Devils' victory over OP-RF Friday.



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- Where: Hinsdale Central High School Field House
- When: Sunday, February 2, 2025
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  - 7yo – 8:45 a.m.
  - 8yo – 9:30 a.m.
  - 9yo and any older kids new to HLL – 10:15 a.m.
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## Tentative 2025 Season Schedule



- Registration started 1/2/25
- Practices start last week of March
- Mandatory Workout Day 2/2/25 (weather permitting)
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