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Bags of bounty

Staff and volunteers at HCS Family Services prepared more than 300 bags of groceries Monday afternoon for Thanksgiving meals for clients. In addition to the produce bag and bread bag, the clients received a frozen turkey and a holiday meal box. The box included cocoa packets, rice, stuffing, pinto beans, corn, green beans brownie mix, cranberry sauce and turkey gravy mix. George Izzo was one of the volunteers who helped fill the bags and during the Monday afternoon pickup. Please turn to Page 52 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Gifts galore

Hinsdalean kicks off gift ideas series in today's paper.

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Sounds of the season

Choirs, instrumentalists to share gift of music with audiences.


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Season previews

Hinsdale Central's winter sports season is heating up.

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D86 report card shows scores are rising

Initial look shows big jump in science scores, increase in English/language arts

By Pamela Lannom
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More details about District 86 students' performance on the Illinois School Report Card will be presented in January, but Interim Superintendent Linda Yonke was anxious to discuss some results last week.

"We didn't want to wait to share this good news with the community," she said at the board's Nov. 16 meeting.

The best news is the rise in scores on the Illinois Science Assessment, which was rewritten in 2021. The first year, 45.3 percent of District 86 students met or exceeded expectations. The number rose to 71 percent in 2022 and 80.6 percent this year, Yonke said, compared to state averages of 42.7, 51.1 and 52.2 over the three years.

Hinsdale Central scores			
	2023	2022	2019
SAT/ELA	75.5	71.2	75.1
SAT/Math	70.1	72.6	79.1
Science	83.1	76.1	56.1

"It's an incredible improvement, and that is true at both schools," she said.

District 86 students also earned English/language arts scores on the SAT that were 6 percent higher than last year's scores.

On the math section of the SAT, students districtwide saw scores of 61.6 percent this year compared to 61.4 last year. Prior to the pandemic, in 2019, scores were 68.4 percent.

"We're moving up, but we want to continue to work to reach and exceed those prepandemic

levels," Yonke said.

The designations for each school remain unchanged from last year. Hinsdale Central is ranked exemplary, while Hinsdale South has a commendable rating.

Yonke noted that two schools often listed as Central's comparables, New Trier and Stevenson, did not earn an exemplary rating. The ratings are based on graduation rates, chronic absenteeism, the percentage of freshmen on track to graduate, test scores and a climate survey.

"We're very proud of these results and look forward to talking more about them," Yonke said.

The board hopes to have appointed a seventh member to fill the spot left by Kay Gallo's resignation and to have named a new superintendent before administrators present a full academic review in January.

All the right notes



Hinsdale Central's music department recently held its annual Middle School Choir Festival last month. Students from Clarendon Hills Middle School, Hinsdale Middle School and Butler Junior High School participated in the daylong program. At the end of day, the musicians performed a concert for their families. The Hinsdale Central Chamber Choir also performed, and, to finish off the concert, all of the choirs sang together. (Jim Slonoff photos)



ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, a Hinsdale Central graduate, moved to Hinsdale in 1971 and spent many years here in his youth. Having spent more than 40 years with the village, there isn’t a lot about Hinsdale he doesn’t know or hasn’t photographed. This photo from 1979 is of the space that currently houses Que Miso and Vistro. And if you thinking parking is a challenge, consider the sign that is telling motorists to “back in only” to park. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com.



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Bounty of gifts available here in town

Hinsdale native finds items to delight family, friends in first of four-part holiday series

By Pamela Lannom
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With the official start of the holiday shopping season set to begin Friday, The Hinsdalean is launching its annual four-part gift ideas series today.

Every year, four shoppers agree to accompany us to a dozen or so stores in town where they select items that just might be perfect for someone on their gift list. This year, as was the case last year, our volunteers are all individuals who serve the village on one of its boards or commissions.

Today's shopper is Heather Hester, a member of the parks and recreation commission who grew up in town and moved back to raise her own family here in 2006. She and her husband, John, were high school sweethearts (while her last name was still Oostendorp) at Hinsdale Central and now are parents to three: Kayleigh, in her first year of graduate school at Northwestern; Matt, a junior at the University of Illinois; and Peter, a senior at Central.



Heather Hester found this stylish and practical Fendi crossbody bag for her daughter, Kayleigh, at Kelsey Resale

Shop. Hester found great gifts for her whole family while "shopping" in downtown Hinsdale. (Jim Slonoff photos)



Bringing a bottle of wine to a dinner or party is a nice gesture. Adding a sparkly wine collar from Marabella Home really makes the gift shine.

From Little League games to days at the pool (where she worked as a lifeguard in college) to pickleball games with friends to the Fourth of July parade, the village's parks and recreation department has had a big impact on her and her family's life, Hester said. And she wanted to give back.

"The parks and recreation commission — it's the perfect thing for me," the mom of three said.

- having grown up in the shadows of the Windy City, John will enjoy seeing this Nikolay Blokhin oil on canvas painting title "Rush Hour in Chicago" hanging in their home. Expressions Gallery of Fine Art, \$68,000

- sisters Kim and Kristin, who both live nearby, will spend the winter warm and stylish in Rexx black vegan puffer quilted jackets with a stand-up collar and gold zippers. J. McLaughlin, \$428 each

- the perfect treat for Christmas morning is a

homemade holiday stollen bread filled with candied fruits, nuts, a hint of Grand Marnier and a cinnamon-sugar coating. Toni Patisserie & Café, \$25.95

- sons Matt and Peter will enjoy spending the holidays lounging in soft, comfortable Lululemon ABC joggers. Peak Performance, \$128 each

- daughter Kayleigh can keep all her necessities close at hand in a Fendi duo baguette crossbody bag in saddle brown. Kelsey Resale Shop, \$1,299

- a sparkly silver wine collar will dress up any bottle of wine Hester brings to a holiday dinner or party. Marabella Home, \$45

- Holly Jolly Vibes plush PJ pants from IScream in pink with an adorable camper design will be a hit with twin nieces Naomi and Fiona. My Sister Kate, \$36 each

- celebrating the New Year will be that much more special with a bottle of Laurent Perrier Ultra-Brut champagne. Hinsdale

Wine Shop, \$84.99

- Hester's pickleball friends will get a kick out of a set of four linen cocktail napkins embroidered with pickleball paddles and a hilarious "Pickled" message. Yankee Peddler, \$49.95

- with mom and dad Diane and Virgil downsizing next year, a new bedding set will be a welcome addition to their new home. Hester chose a satin 100-percent cotton organic coverlet in a botanical print called Grimani and two matching shams. Yves Delorme, \$695 coverlet, \$120 each for shams

- a Lune + Aster set of five shining lip glosses with vitamins C and E is the perfect item to stuff in any girl's stocking. Blue Mercury, \$40

- to dress up her holiday — or everyday — outfits, Hester chose an 18-carat yellow gold 7 stone 18-inch diamond necklace by Diamonds by the Yard as a treat for herself. Browning & Sons Jewelers, \$2,850

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28
Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

On the draft agenda: FY 24 tax levy approval, FY 24 budget approval, deposit and investment of funds, vacation accruals policy

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale High School District 86

Among other business at their Nov. 16 meeting, board members:

- approved a resolution estimating the 2023 total tax levy at \$112.4 million. A public hearing on the levy will be held at the board's Dec. 21 meeting.
- agreed to spend up to \$3.14 million with DCG Roofing Solutions for roofing repairs to Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South high schools
- awarded a bid for railing replacements at Hinsdale Central to Edwin Anderson Construction Co. in an amount not to exceed \$458,000
- voted 6-0 to approve the program of studies for the 2024-25 school year. The document, which lists courses to be offered next year, was discussed twice at Academic Committee meetings and once by the board at its Oct. 26 meeting.
- learned from Chairman Asma Akhras that the Academic Committee met Nov. 9 and reviewed the June 23 vote to pause social studies curriculum work and that a discussion of alignment "to ensure clarity and understanding by all board members" will be on the agenda for the board's Dec. 21 meeting.

Shop local Nov. 25, throughout the season

This season, the village of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce are partnering to expand the holiday experience and encourage residents to shop and dine local.

Small Business Saturday is Nov. 25. Supporting Hinsdale's small businesses on that day and throughout the holiday season is critical to maintaining the village's

vitality.

Residents and visitors also are invited to participate in Hinsdale's Golden Ticket program throughout the holiday seasons.

Participants who collect punches on their ticket from participating businesses can enter for a chance to win prizes.

For more information, visit www.villageofhinsdale.org.

Offices closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

The Hinsdalean office at 7 W. First St. will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal hours will resume at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27.

Village Hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave., also will be closed Nov.

23-24 for the holiday and will re-open at 9 a.m. Nov. 27.

The Hinsdale Public Library at 20 E. Maple St. will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, and remain closed for Thanksgiving on Nov. 23. Normal hours will resume at 9 a.m. Nov. 24

Correction

Hinsdale Central's Burley Bokos broke the 1988 record held by Nicole Egan for the 500-yard freestyle at the IHSA state finals. An article in last week's sports section had the wrong date for the record.



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Then and now

The building at 35 E. First St. was built in 1929 for hardware dealer Ray Soukup. For decades Hinsdaleans ran to Soukup's for any hardware or household item they needed. The business remained in the family for 63 years, with Hank eventually taking over for his dad. After buying the building, the Fuller family continued with a home and hardware store

facing First Street until 2018, when it became Fuller House bar and grill. The hardware store is now tucked around the corner on Garfield Avenue, just past all the Christmas trees stacked and waiting to be put on display in the tree lot. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo/Jim Slonoff photo)



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Nov. 15 and Nov. 21.

Resident scammed

A resident of the 600 block of South Stough Street responded to a social media post selling concert tickets by sending money via an online banking app. The tickets were not received, the social media account has been deleted and the victim has been unable to have further contact with suspect. The incident was reported at 12:55 p.m. Nov. 14.

Forgery incidents

- Someone used the account information of a resident of the 700 block of East Seventh Street and forged checks between July 31 and Aug. 1. The incident was reported Nov. 13.
- A check mailed by a resident of the 800 block of West Hickory Street was intercepted and the payee information altered on June 22. The incident was reported Nov. 14.
- Direct deposit and bank account information belonging to a resident of the 300 block of North Vine Street was changed between Oct. 24 and Nov. 8. The incident was reported Nov. 16.

Identity theft reported

A bank account was opened using the identity of a resident of the 800 block of South Bodin Street on Nov. 16.

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.

Police in the midst of Thanksgiving holiday enforcement campaign

This Thanksgiving, the Hinsdale Police Department is joining the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement to ensure holiday travelers are buckled up and driving sober with a “Click It or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement campaign that runs through Nov. 27.

“Thanksgiving means more vehicles on the road — and an increased risk of crashes,” said Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie. “No matter how long or short your drive, remember to buckle up and make sure children are in a safe seat. By buckling up and making a plan for a sober ride home, you help everyone have a safe and happy holiday.”

The goal of this high-visibility effort is to reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities. Proper seat-belt use is the most effective way to protect vehi-

cle occupants. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, the statewide seat-belt usage rate has room for improvement at 92.9 percent.

If you’ll be celebrating with alcohol or other impairing substances, please remember:

- Plan for a sober ride home before you go out.
- Use your favorite ride-share service, such as Uber or Lyft, call a taxi, take public transportation or ask a sober family member or friend to help you get home safely.
- If you see a drunk driver, pull over safely and call 911.
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It is the best defense against an impaired driver.

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.



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Best friend makes volunteer work more rewarding

As an elementary school teacher, Cathy Daly helped hundreds of children become better readers. It wasn't until retirement that she began doing it with the help of a dog.

Daly's dog Bogey is an 11-year-old cavapoo — a combination of a cavalier King Charles spaniel and a poodle — who has been a working therapy dog for nearly six years. Helping children to read is just one of many ways Bogey is able to help people, Daly said.

Bogey joined the Daly family as a puppy, but it wasn't until several years later that Daly learned of the Hinsdale Humane Society's Therapaws program and began considering Bogey for the life of a therapy dog.

“When he turned 5 his personality just came into full bloom,” she said.

Bogey is calm, obedient and friendly — all the qualities required of a therapy dog.

Volunteering is important to Daly, who voiced admiration for the group of women credited with founding the Hinsdale Humane Society 70 years ago. Long before becoming Bogey's sidekick, Daly was an active volunteer at Madison School, where

her two boys, Matt and Nick, spent their days.

“I would do anything and everything that the PTO asked,” she said.

“Your time is the greatest gift you can give to your family and your friends and your community,” Daly said. “I saw a need that I could fulfill with Bogey.”

Bogey completed two tiers of training to become a therapy dog. First, he passed the Hinsdale Humane Society's basic obedience training to become a nonregistered therapy dog. Next, he was tested by Pet Partners, a national organization that prepares animals for work as therapy volunteers.

At his last bi-annual evaluation, Bogey achieved the highest rating available, Daly said.

“That means basically there's not a lot that ruffles his feathers,” she said.

As one of Hinsdale Humane Society's 55 Therapaws animals, Bogey has made more than 120 visits to schools, hospitals, nursing homes, libraries and other events and locations in and around Hinsdale. Therapaws volunteers include dogs, cats, guinea pigs and other animals that can help bring comfort, affection and



CATHY DALY

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support to people in need of their companionship.

“They can relieve stress,” Daly said.

Daly has seen firsthand the impact Bogey can have on a person.

“You see people come to life,” she said, recalling a visit with a dementia patient who, according to his nursing staff, had not spoken in months but began speaking during

Bogey's visit.

“That gave me the chills,” Daly said.

The former teacher's favorite visits involve children reading to Bogey. He helps them relax, Daly said, and with less pressure, their reading improves.

“It helps their reading scores,” she said.

Daly's second dog, Ryder, might join Bogey as a ther-

apy dog some day. He has passed some initial tests but isn't quite ready to follow in Bogey's footsteps. As for Bogey, he's not ready for retirement anytime soon.

“As long as he enjoys it, I want to keep doing it,” Daly said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL



A cornucopia of reasons for which to give thanks

“No amount of regret changes the past. No amount of anxiety changes the future. Any amount of gratitude changes the present.”

— Ann Voskamp

Canadian author and blogger Ann Voskamp might not celebrate Thanksgiving, but she knows a thing or two about gratitude.

One of our favorite Thanksgiving traditions is offering a list of reasons Hinsdaleans have to be thankful for — one for each day of the month leading up to Turkey Day.

Nov. 1 — those who will not be with us this holiday season but whom we remember today, All Saints Day

Nov. 2 — members of our Reader Advisory Board, who met tonight to give us feedback and what we’re doing right and share their thoughts on what we could do better

Nov. 3 — the first responders at the Hinsdale police and fire departments and UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale for being available to help those in need on weekdays, weekends, holidays, every day!

Nov. 4 — Hinsdaleans who purchased tickets to tour the home at 505 S. County Line Road and helped raise more than \$100,000 for Humble Design, a nonprofit that supports individuals, families and veterans emerging from homelessness

Nov. 5 — the extra hour of sleep everyone enjoyed last night

Nov. 6 — the teachers at preschools, elementary schools, middle schools and high schools in town, who spend each week of the school year challenging, caring about and — let’s face it — sometimes tolerating their students

Nov. 7 — members of the Hinsdale Village

Board and all of the village’s boards and commissions, who volunteer their time and energy to help make this town a wonderful place to live

Nov. 8 — our readers and advertisers for their support over the past 17 years. We wouldn’t be here without you!

Nov. 9 — Kelly Kallas, whose column ran in today’s paper, and our other contributing columnists — Bill Barre, Jade Cook, Kevin Cook, Katie Hughes, Carissa Kapcar and Leah Packer — for their insights, humor and honesty

Nov. 10 — the public works crews who have kept the central business district looking great all year and who are laying the groundwork this month (i.e. planting bulbs) for a beautiful spring in 2024

Nov. 11 — the men and women who have served this country valiantly as members of the U.S. Armed Forces. As JmStorm aptly noted in a 2022 Memorial Day post that circulated today, “The truth is that all veterans pay with their lives. Some pay all at once, while others pay over a lifetime.”

Nov. 12 — the Infant Welfare Society Junior Board members who volunteered to ring the bell outside of Hinsdale Bank & Trust today (along with dates in October and December) to collect money to buy new hats and mittens for clients of the Angel Harvey Family Health Center

Nov. 13 — everyone who donated blood today at the Hinsdale Humane Society at a drive held in partnership with the American Red Cross

Nov. 14 — the student athletes, coaches and parents who all made sacrifices so that five Red Devil teams could make it to state competitions this fall — girls and boys golf, girls and boys cross country and girls swimming

Nov. 15 — members of the District 181 and

District 86 school boards, who hopefully felt the love on this, School Board Member Appreciation Day. Their work to support the community’s youngest residents is important, challenging and too often thankless.

Nov. 16 — everyone who will volunteer to spend some of winter’s worst days helping other residents who are elderly or disabled through the village’s snow shoveling program

Nov. 17 — five days in a row of temperatures in the 60s, making us think it was October instead of November

Nov. 18 — the inflatable turkeys scattered among — or sometimes in — yards already decorated for Christmas for reminding us we have one major holiday to celebrate before Santa rolls into town

Nov. 19 — clergy, staff and lay leaders of Hinsdale’s dozen churches, who help their flocks focus on all they have to be grateful for and the reason why

Nov. 20 — the HCS Family Services volunteers who passed out special turkey dinners today along with weekly groceries to make sure clients have a full table to be thankful for on Thanksgiving

Nov. 21 — the generosity of all who will support charities — including those in Hinsdale — in one week on Giving Tuesday

Nov. 22 — folks who are spending time this week getting ready to welcome customers on Small Business Saturday and all those who will support Hinsdale merchants by shopping local

Nov. 23 — the friends and family who will fill our Thanksgiving table, the traditions that connect us and the hands that prepared the feast

Happy Thanksgiving!

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Sometimes paper is preferred

One night I was sitting at my desk, contemplating the very mundane task of either moving my tired body to the closet to grab my math textbook or jumping through the hurdles of pulling up the textbook online.



Leah Packer

I chose the latter, clicking through my teacher's information page, clicking the website, clicking the textbook and clicking on the page number on the little box at the bottom of the screen. Clicking, clicking, clicking. And all my lovely hard work was well worth it as I spent time squinting at the screen, trying to comprehend a word problem without putting a single mark on my paper. Who was I kidding? I dragged my body out of my chair, grabbed my textbook, and flipped through the pages that made so much more sense in my hands than plastered on a screen.

The digital world has come whipping around the bend, advancing as it goes, and although I am supposed to be in the generation of tech-savvy teens, sometimes the online focus of everything feels overwhelming.

Obviously, there are benefits to a rapidly advancing digital age. Being able to Facetime my friend as I slowly finish homework and she draws, text people weekend plans and laugh at my photos from Homecoming are all things I still appreciate.

Oh, and Google. What a wonderful thing. But sometimes it feels

as though the tech giants of the world want to push screens on us so much that it becomes blinding. There always seem to be new Apple updates or apps that are almost pointless yet heavily promoted so as to squeeze every

last cent out of a consumer.

Tests are also quickly becoming digitized. The SAT will retire its iconic paper test in 2023 and move online. For one of my AP tests this spring, I'm told we likely will not be given a physical copy of the accompanying documents to mark up before writing the essay. Paper is not the trend, even though nothing can replace the understanding one gets from pressing pen to paper and truly fleshing out ideas.

Internet applications are still quite useful. Having to type everything online means that I do not have to reveal my fairly messy handwriting to the world. Maybe if we typed less my handwriting would look a little better? Everything is about balance, and as much as the digital world improves some aspects of learning, there needs to be recognition that some things are just better on paper.

Give me an essay to write, and I will gladly type it out. But tell me to read a textbook, and I will physically take it out of my closet every single time.

— Leah Packer, a junior at Hinsdale Central, is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anniversary special section brought back great memories

I enjoyed your newspaper's account of Hinsdale's 150th anniversary. The 1960s-70s were an electric time. HTHS was much more than an athletic powerhouse. The junior high and high school had outstanding teachers. Robert Michalek taught an eighth-grade advanced science class that presented DNA concepts other students did not get until college. The foreign language program prepared us for college and life-time travel abroad.

In 1965, the high school hosted a Community Conference on Values. Dr. Bruno Bettelheim was the keynote speaker. This weekend conference focused on the institutions of labor, family, education, religion and government.

High school youth developed the Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills Youth Jury (1965), an early attempt at restorative justice and an alternative to dealing with youthful offenders. Students worked directly with the court, Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills police departments and

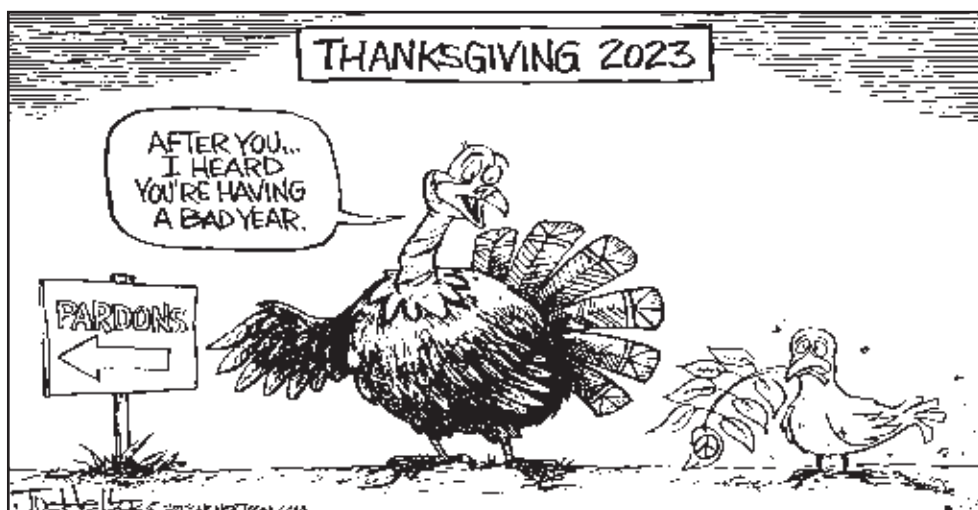
local businesses. One session was filmed by CBS and aired on the nightly news. As a result, two high school students participated in the four-year planning for the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth which they attended, representing DuPage County.

Our era was affected greatly by the Vietnam War. While 95 percent of HTHS grads attended college for the draft deferment, one classmate had the courage to oppose the war and went to jail.

Like thespians, as well as band and orchestra musicians, student editors at the "Hinsdale Courier" school paper gave as much of their time and effort as our athletes. In 1966 they represented the school at the Scholastic Press Association Conference hosted by Columbia University.

HTHS, supportive parents and our community gave us a great start in our lives.

— Joe Vosicky, Hinsdale Central High School Class of 1967



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OBITUARIES

Susan Marie Fournier

Susan Marie Fournier, 58, of Henderson, Nev., formerly of Hinsdale, passed away unexpectedly Nov. 14, 2023.

A sociology professor, Sue loved the outdoors, especially hiking and kayaking with her friends. Sue rescued pets, including senior dogs, cats, and even a bearded dragon, providing them with a forever home until their last days. Her three dogs and two cats will miss her dearly.

Susan was the family historian and keeper of family stories and pictures. Caregiver to her late husband, Larry, she took wonderful care of him in his last years. Her spark and wit will be missed by all who knew her. Sue attend-



Fournier

ed Hinsdale Central High School and Hinsdale grade schools.

Susan was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Rosenberg; her parents, Roger and Frona Fournier; and her brother, Roy Fournier.

She is survived by her brothers, Roger, Larry and Joe Fournier; and her sisters, Mary Starykowicz, Virginia Fournier and Molly Fournier.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a favorite animal shelter or humane society.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Ronald Jung

Ronald Jung, 71, of Willowbrook, passed away Nov. 8, 2023, after a battle with stomach cancer.

He was born in 1952 to the Roland and Mae Jung in Chicago. After graduating from Argo Community High School, he went on to earn his degree in business at Northern Illinois University.

Upon graduation, he followed in his grandfather's, father's, and uncles' footsteps and started working at Hong Kong Noodle Co. He later ventured into franchise ownership with several UPS Stores, and was the owner of the Hinsdale UPS Store in Grant Square.

He enjoyed spending time with family, traveling, not letting anyone eat alone and getting into

mischievous with his cousins and friends.

Ron is survived by his wife of 44 years, Debbie; his three children, Adam (Abby) Jung, Laura (Brett) Montgomery and Eric (Amy Carlson) Jung; his three grandsons, Will, Benji and Miles; and his nephews and niece, Chris Jung, Matt Jung, Mac Adams and Lacy (Mitchell) Barnette.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A service was held Nov. 13 at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home in Willowbrook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cancer Research Institute online at www.give.cancerresearch.org or St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 5739 Dunham Road, Downers Grove, IL 60516.

Thomas P. Pierce

Thomas P. Pierce, 62, of Berwyn, who was born and raised in Hinsdale, passed away Nov. 18, 2023.

Thomas battled pancreatic cancer for many years.

He had a master's degree in electrical engineering and worked as a computer programmer.

He is survived by his wife, Ly Tran; his children, Stephanie Pierce and Anh (Tuan Le) Ly; his grandchild-



Pierce

dren, Aden and Aaron Le; his siblings, Janet (Joseph) Pierce Jaramilla, Arlene "Buella" (Richard) Rasmussen, Patricia "Pat," Byron (Joann) and Gerald "Jerry" (Trisha) Pierce; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Marion Scott

Marion Scott, nee Kickert, 99, of Willowbrook, passed away on Nov. 1, 2023, after a full and blessed life.

She was born in 1923 to Richard and Bessie Kickert in South Holland.

In addition to her role as wife and mother, Marion was a dedicated career woman, well ahead of her time. She worked 41 years at Standard T Chemical Co., holding several different positions, but her favorite position was purchasing agent. She loved all things finance and trading stock tips with the other employees. Following her retirement, she relished in her new role of grandmother and loved to babysit her only granddaughter, Rachel. She loved her small, tight-knit family and enjoyed celebrating every birthday, anniversary and holiday together.

Marion was equally as dedicated to animals and provided a loving home to countless cats and dogs throughout her life. One of her favorite places to vacation was Siesta Key, Fla., where she and John could walk the beach together. Marion's love language was gift giving; it was her total joy to gift something beautiful, unique and timeless and because of that her loved ones have count-



Scott

less reminders of her generosity. Even as she approached 100, she surprised people with her age and youthful appearance.

Marion and John made Christ Church of Oak Brook their church home for many years. She was a quiet but strong woman of faith.

Marion and John had just celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary in October.

She is survived by her 102-year-old husband, John; her daughter, Gayle (Philip) Perzek of Hinsdale; and her granddaughter, Rachel (Daniel) Egan.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Cornelius (Bertha) Kickert, Gertrude (William) Messmaker, Josephine (Fred) Schepel, Marshal Kickert and Gerard Kickert.

Services and interment were private.

A celebration of life was held Nov. 11 at Ruth Lake Country Club in Hinsdale.

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Hinsdale Central hosted the Red Devil Chess Invite Oct. 21. Twenty-six teams with more than 200 players filled the cafeteria. The Devils placed ninth. Team captain Akshay Naik contemplates his next move during the tournament. (Jim Slonoff photos)



ASK AN EXPERT

JULIA BACHRACH, HISTORIAN

Who was former Hinsdalean Grace Bagley?

Researching the lives of prominent personages from the past comes naturally to historian Julia Bachrach. But when the starting point is Hinsdale's only Frank Lloyd Wright house, digging up details about one of its original occupants is a different kind of fact-finding expedition.

To compose the exhibit "Finding Grace: The Forgotten Story of Social Reformer Grace Bagley" — currently on display in the 1894 home Wright designed for Bagley and her husband, Frederick (see Page 40 for details) — Bachrach, together with historic preservationist Jean Follett, used every traditional and digital resource available. Their work yielded a portrait of a woman keen on improving the lives of immigrants in late 19th-century Chicago. Her work even brought her into the orbit one of the most famous social activists of the day.

"There are handwritten letters from Jane Addams, and you can tell they were very close friends,"

Bachrach said of the Hull House settlement co-founder.

Asked in an 1918 interview about her commitment to the underserved, Bagley shared how she had "drifted into Hull House, as do most Chicago women, when they begin to want to help other people, and got quite interested in the work there among the foreign population."

The tenement building her husband owned on the Near West Side would be her field of outreach. She became the building's manager and even took Italian lessons in order to better communicate with residents.

"It was like having a full-time job," Bachrach said. "She became a national expert on housing reform."

Active in the Chicago Women's Club, Bagley was among a group that challenged prevailing prejudices of the era in advancing black social activist Fanny Barrier Williams for club membership.

"They decided to kind of rock the vote and nominate her," Bachrach said. "They wanted to change the rules and break through some of the racial barriers."

In 1899 Bagley and her CWC cohorts were successful in establishing the nation's first juvenile court system in Chicago.

"She was very concerned with juvenile boys living in cells with hardened adult male criminals," Bachrach said of the mother of three. "She tried to make sure that the boys would be educated while they were in prison."

Frederick's work took them to Boston, where in the early 20th century the cause of women's suffrage was gaining traction. Bachrach told of a meeting Bagley and her daughter, Elizabeth, convened with dozens of women at their home to promote suffrage. Bagley would go on to become a director in the National Women Suffrage Association.

But she never lost her heart for the Italian immigrant community, helping them assimilate by organizing English classes in Boston.

"She would give a speech to congratulate them on completing their first session, and she delivered it in Italian. I thought that was so cool," Bachrach said.

Understanding more about Grace Bagley confers greater significance to the place she lived, Bachrach said.

"She was a privileged woman, but she didn't choose to live her life as a privileged woman did at that time. It makes you want to do more."

— by Ken Knutson



Historian Julia Bachrach was tapped to learn about Grace Bagley, original occupant of Hinsdale's only Frank Lloyd Wright Home at 121 S. County Line Road. The result surprised her. "This woman was such an interesting woman," Bachrach said. (photo provided)

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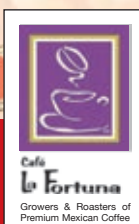
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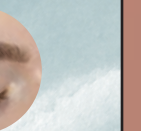
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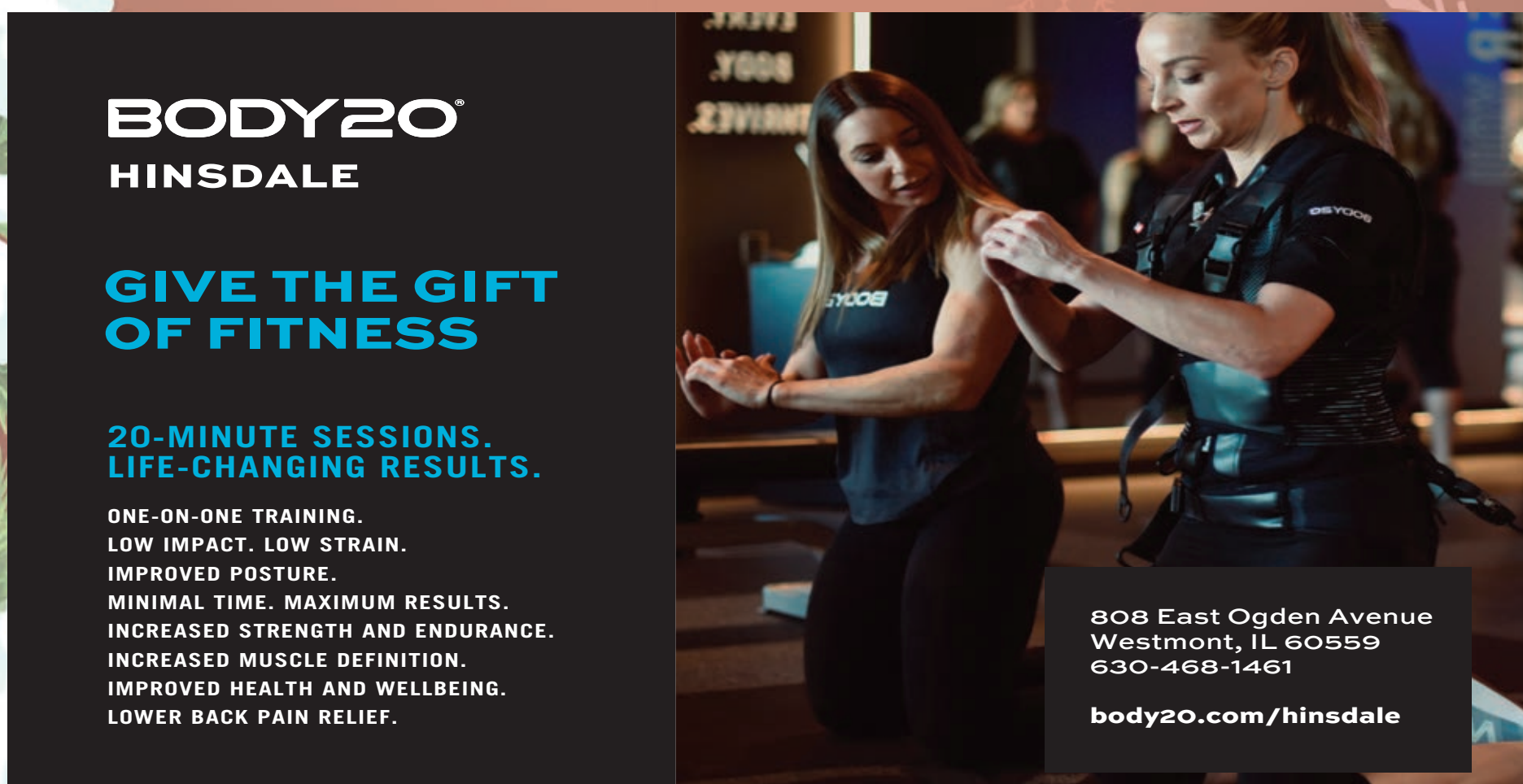

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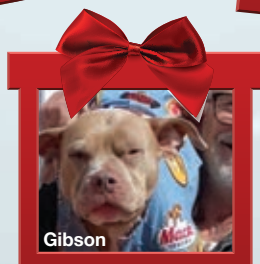
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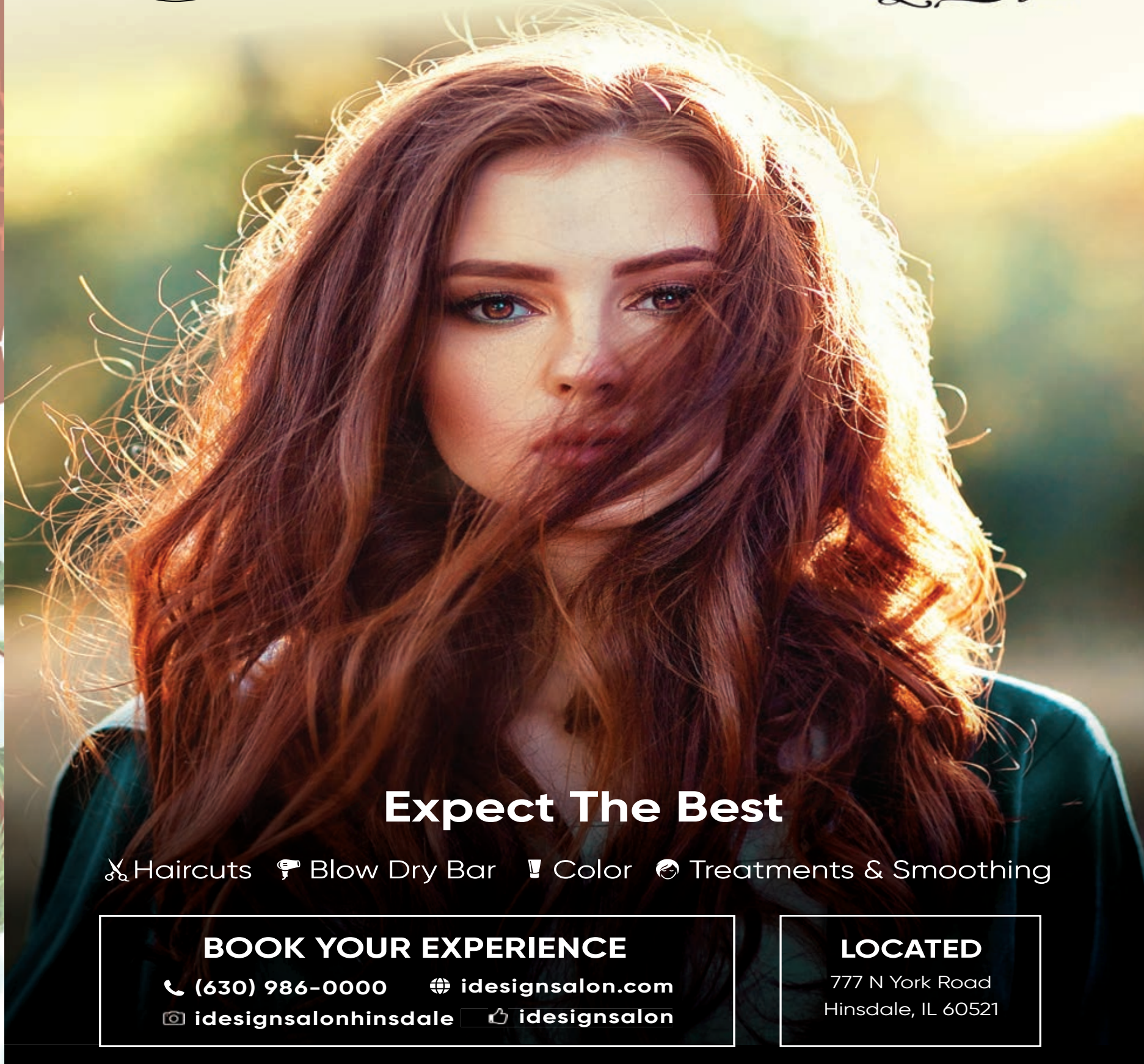
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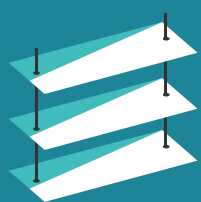
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GOOD NEWS

FOUNDATION RAISES FUNDS TO FIGHT SCA

The just1mike foundation raised \$8,500 during Sudden Cardiac Awareness Month in October to fund free in-school heart screenings for all students at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South in April 2024. The money also will be used to purchase AEDs for future donations.

Junior Board members Jackson, Connor and Spencer Mangone; Bridget Schwarz; Sofia Marcic (College Junior Board); Maddie and Evan Starr and their families kicked off the month with a walk from Burlington Park to the SaveStation at Burns Field on Oct. 7, which would have been the 24th birthday of Michael Brindley, a Hinsdale Central student who passed away in 2016 from sudden cardiac arrest at age 16.

Michael's parents founded the just1mike foundation to honor their son and to prevent another family from losing a child to SCA.

— Photos are posted online at www.facebook.com/the-hinsdalean.

UCM TO PROVIDE HIGH-LEVEL CARE

Pediatric hospitalists from University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital are providing 24/7 care for young patients at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale under a new agreement that enables suburban families to access high-level pediatric care close to home.

The agreement is a direct outgrowth of a joint venture that UChicago Medicine and AdventHealth formed in January, combining the expertise and resources of both organizations to bring academic medicine to AdventHealth's four hospitals and other facilities in the western suburbs.

The pediatric hospitalists from Comer Children's in Hyde Park are specially trained to treat children who

require inpatient hospital care for various medical conditions, ranging from acute illnesses to chronic diseases. They provide comprehensive medical management, coordinate multidisciplinary care and oversee the treatment plans of pediatric patients during their hospital stay.

"We provide the highest level of care feasible in a community hospital setting," said Dr. John Cunningham, physician-in-chief at Comer Children's and chair of the pediatrics department at UChicago. "Our commitment is to the community, and our philosophy is always to try to take care of the child close to home if at all possible. Our pediatric hospitalists are very experienced and will bring state-of-the-art care to children at Hinsdale."

The Comer Children's hospitalists began caring for pediatric inpatients at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale on Aug. 1.

In addition to treating

young inpatients, the hospitalists are available to consult in person with the hospital's emergency room physicians on emergency cases involving children.

"The expertise of UChicago Medicine's pediatric hospitalists will benefit our patients tremendously," said Dr. Bela Nand, chief medical officer at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale and La Grange. "The fact that our young patients can receive such high-quality care without having to travel far from home is a great comfort for them and their families who we are so privileged to serve. The feedback we have received from everyone has been very positive."

The agreement builds upon an existing program under which Comer Children's physicians provide pediatric infectious disease care at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale. Leaders are working together to bring other inpatient pediatric subspecialty services to

the Hinsdale hospital from the UChicago health system, Cunningham said.

HAUNTED HOUSE SUPPORTS CHARITY

A haunted house designed by Leo Dean in Hinsdale attracted more than 600 visitors and raised \$12,500 for the Lovey Project.

Massacre Manor was a 22-room haunted house in the family's backyard created and designed by Dean, a junior at Benet Academy, for his college art portfolio submission. He recruited theater kids to work as scare actors and invited the community to purchase tickets to visit one or more nights in October.

The Lovey Project's mission is to help provide stability, emotional and financial support, and unconditional love to children who need it most, with a concentration on mental health issues.

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The Hinsdale Central Chamber Choir will present its Madrigal Concert Monday, Dec. 4, one of two holiday concerts student musicians will perform next month. The holiday concert is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14. (photo provided)

Musical celebrations of the season

Concerts help audiences ring in the holidays with traditional tunes, newer pieces

By Sandy Illian Bosch
news@thehinsdalean.com

The holiday concert at Hinsdale Central High School is a decades-long tradition that has become as much a part of the holiday season as candy canes and reindeer for the student musicians.

"It's definitely a pretty established tradition here at the high school," said choir director Jennifer Burkemper, who has been leading singers at Central for 17 years. She said Central's choirs, orchestra and bands began rehearsing their holiday repertoires weeks ago in preparation for the Thursday Dec. 14, concert, set to start at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

The concert will include performances by every ensemble in the music department, with songs that range from familiar carols to less traditional pieces. The audience can expect to hear classical pieces, jazz arrangements, choral arrangements of well-known songs and much more, Burkemper said.

"It's a huge mix," she said.

The combined performance of all choirs with the school's wind ensemble is a tradition within a tradition. The choirs and wind ensemble will once again close

the concert with a medley of Christmas songs performed under falling snow — another holiday tradition, Burkemper said.

Among the ensembles set to perform is the Central Chamber Choir. But before the combined concert, the Chamber Choir will host a performance of its own when it presents the Madrigal Concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in the Central auditorium.

Dressed in costumes of the Renaissance age, the evening includes performances by the choir, as well as student actors and court jesters who entertain the audience just as kings and queens of centuries ago.

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Several other holiday concerts are on tap for the end of November and early December.

"Welcome Yule!"

Who: Hinsdale Chorale
When: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26

Where: Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 203 S. Kensington, La Grange.

Tickets: \$20, \$15 for students

and seniors

Information: www.hinsdalechorale.org or (312) 510-1823

Under the direction of artistic director Mary Hopper, the Hinsdale Chorale will welcome the holiday season with a program of holiday music on the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Featured on the program is "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, a Bach cantata movement and lively Christmas carols from a variety of composers. Guests will hear carols sung in several languages, including German, Latin, Spanish and English.

The singers will perform with accompaniment by Kathy Christian on piano and Faye Seeman on harp.

"Holiday Concert"

Who: Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra

When: 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2

Where: First United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cossitt, La Grange

Tickets: Free at the door

Information: www.saltcreekchamberorchestra.com

This free performance is presented as part of the La Grange Holiday Walk. Under the direction of Tim Semanik, the orchestra will perform a mix of old favorites

like "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," as well as newer holiday songs like "Christmas Once More" and music from "The Polar Express". The orchestra also will lead the audience in a carol sing-along.

"Merry"

Who: West Suburban Symphony
When: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3
Where: Hinsdale Central High School auditorium, 55th and Grant Streets,

Tickets: \$30, \$25 seniors, \$5 for teens, free for children 12 and younger, available in advance (through Dec. 2) or at the door

Information: www.westsubsymphony.org or (630)-887-7464

Maestro Peter Lipari will lead the orchestra in a collection of holiday songs and literature for the whole family. This traditional holiday concert includes familiar hits by Leroy Anderson, selections from Pyotr Tchaikovsky's beloved "Nutcracker" ballet, Victor Herbert's nostalgic "Babes in Toyland" operetta and John Powell's charming "Happy Feet". Young audience members will have the chance to greet Santa and adults have a chance to win a \$250 raffle prize.



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Two generations removed, my kids remember the cat. What I hear is a story about a family willing to spend an extra quarter to do something silly and all still laugh about it years later. The shifting and teasing alliances my dad and his siblings had are some my favorite stories that I heard

growing up.

From the moment our kids can talk, one of their first tiny commands is, "Tell me a story." Sometimes it's a memory or it's a made-up story about the dinosaur toys your son has been collecting. And sometimes it's a story from a book, something you know by heart and tell without turning the pages, or one that's new and you discover together.

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Karen Keefe
Check this out

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— *Karen Keefe is the executive director of the Hinsdale Public Library.*

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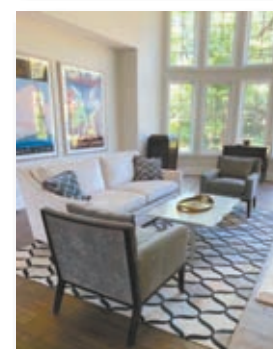
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■ Waterfowl Walk

Nov. 26
West Branch
West Army Trail Road west of Fair Oaks Road, West Chicago
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 942-6200

Take a guided autumn bird walk to search for the bright, colorful feathers of migrating waterfowl. Ages 12 and up are welcome; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ Moon Walk

Nov. 27
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. Time: 6:30 p.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Burning Beats

Through Dec. 15
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Participants will dance their way a healthier, happier self, enjoying the music, contagious energy and company of like-minded individuals while getting the heart pumping and burning calories. With easy to follow routines, this group exercise class is perfect for all fitness and skill levels. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Times: 9:30 a.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Fridays. Cost: \$15 for walk-ins, \$5 for students, \$100 for a 10-class punch card.

HELP WANTED

■ Volunteer for Wellness House

Dec. 23
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
lhawkey@wellnesshouse.org
(630) 654-5109

Volunteer for a 4-hour or 8-hour shift at the Christmas at Cantigny festival to help Wellness House receive \$5,000. Volunteers guide guests through the outdoor lights and exhibits and/or answer logistical questions. Training will be provided, and meals and breaks will be given. Wellness House will receive the grant if all shifts are filled. Sign up with Lizz Hawkey using the contact information above.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Take Home Craft: Origami Reindeer

Dec. 1
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids in kindergarten through second grade can stop by the library to pick up a kit for making an origami reindeer. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Raising Chickens

Nov. 28
Le Jardin
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
www.cantigny.org

Jillae Langman-Dalmolin, owner and founder of Wanderin' Barefoot Farm, a small organically practiced farm in Campton Hills, will talk about the business of raising chickens in the backyard, including the benefits, how to care for them and local regulations for keeping a coop. The program is offered in person and online; those who register in advance will not have to pay for parking. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Bison Tales and Tallgrass Trails

Dec. 1
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

Join prairie steward and natural history writer Cindy

Crosby to discover the fascinating stories associated with the history of bison in Illinois. Learn how these animals have an outsized influence on the plants in the Midwest and how nature preserves near the arboretum are bringing bison back to roam in their original tallgrass prairies. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$32. RR, MD

■ Surviving the Holidays

Dec. 6
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Psychotherapist and New York Times bestselling author Lori Gottlieb in this virtual program will share tools to help cope with stress in everyday life and especially while preparing for the holidays. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Pet First Aid & CPR Workshop

Dec. 9
County Campus
120 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton
www.dupagecounty.gov/government/departments/animal_services

Learn techniques to address the most common emergencies pet owners may experience, including how to notice abnormalities and detect early warning signs in pets and how to perform essential pre-vet care. The class is available to those 16 and older. The exact location of the class will be provided after registration. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$100.

NOTEWORTHY

■ DuPage Community Jazz Ensemble

Nov. 30
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

The ensemble's concert will feature guest artist Melissa Aldana on saxophone along with artists-in-residence saxophonist Anthony Bruno, trombonist Catie Hickey, trumpeter James Davis and pianist Kevin Fort performing compositions by Aldana

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along with works by Debussy, Ellington, Monk, Chick Corea and more. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

ON STAGE

■ 'Schoolhouse Rock Live!, Jr.'

Dec. 3
Nazareth Academy
1209 W. Ogden Ave.,
LaGrange Park
www.nazarethacademy.com
(708) 354-0061

Based on the award-winning 1970s cartoons, this student musical teaches lessons with clever, memorable songs such as "Just a Bill," "The Preamble" and "Conjunction Junction." Time: 1 p.m. Tickets: \$5 at the door.

■ 'Mary Poppins Jr.'

Dec. 8-17
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com

(708) 246-3380
Young Jane and Michael Banks have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$13 for age 18 and under.

■ 'Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella'

Through Jan. 7
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
www.drurylanetheatre.com
(630) 530-8300

Experience the classic Rodgers + Hammerstein adaptation of the beloved fairytale this holiday season. Featuring the songs "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible" and "Ten Minutes Ago," this magical musical is

sure to entrance families of all ages. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 & 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$100.75-\$111.25.

SIGN UP NOW

■ Magnolia open house

Nov. 25 & Dec. 2
Magnolia Senior Living
10 N. Washington St.
(630) 214-1632

Take a tour of this retirement community in the heart of Hinsdale, which also offers assisted living and memory care. RSVP by calling the number above. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ Grace Bagley Exhibit Tour and Talk

Dec. 2
Bagley House
121 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

(630) 986-1976

Join the Hinsdale Public Library on this visit to the Grace Bagley Exhibit at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home currently being restored. Attendees can take a self-guided tour of the exhibit and hear a talk from historian, researcher and writer Julia Bachrach. The program is limited to Hinsdale residents and their guests. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

■ Operation Husky: The Invasion of Sicily

Dec. 4
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
www.cantigny.org
(630) 668-5161

Hear about the 1st Infantry Division's role in Operation Husky, the 1943 Allied invasion of Sicily during World War II. Steve Fixler, superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission of DuPage County, will explain how the Big Red One prepared for this critical mission,

helping drive Axis air, land and naval forces from the island in the largest amphibious invasion of the war to that point and providing the template for the landings at Normandy one year later. The program is offered in person and virtually. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Finding Grace Exhibit

Saturdays & Sundays through Dec. 17
Bagley House
121 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
www.hinsdalehistory.org

The Hinsdale Historical Society presents Finding Grace: The Forgotten Story of Social Reformer Grace Bagley, who began her extraordinary life of service in Hinsdale and became a pioneer in social reform on the national level. The 1894 home Frank Lloyd Wright designed for her and her husband, Frederick, is currently being restored by owner Safina Uberoi, president of the Frank Lloyd Wright

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Pet pic of the week

November is National Adopt A Senior Pet Month, and Hinsdale Humane Society has two bonded dogs ready to go home. Meet Gordo (male) and Puppy (female), an adorable pair of chihuahua mixes that must be adopted together. Puppy is a prancer and loves to play, while Gordo just wants to cuddle in your arms. Both dogs are fully vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and microchipped. Their adoption fee is \$350. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Visit www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org or call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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Building Conservancy. Visit the home and learn about its former resident. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen Game Time

Nov. 24 & Dec. 1
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

The library is bringing out the Nintendo Switch for middle and high schoolers, so stop by for a Mario Kart race. Hours: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

■ Teens Behind the Scenes

Dec. 3
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Youth ages 13-19 can join a naturalist and learn how animals at the nature center are cared for. Time: 2 p.m. RR

WEE ONES

■ Tiny Wonders

Mondays, Nov. 27-Dec. 18
Clarendon Hills
Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 3-4 will explore a range of sensory, fine motor and artistic activities using diverse materials to unleash their creativity, while simultaneously engaging in play and discovery. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$72. RR

■ Toddler Science

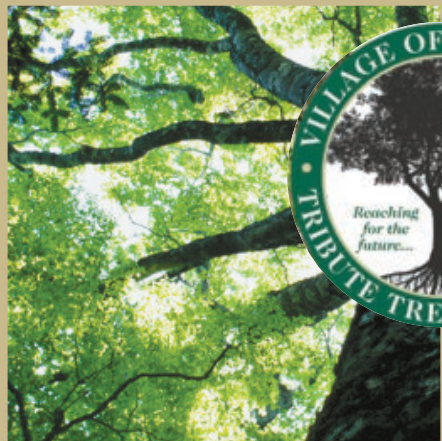
Dec. 1
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Toddlers can enjoy a mini-storytime and science experiment. Times: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. or 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. RR

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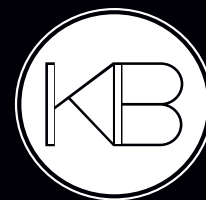
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SPIRIT OF GIVING

Blanket drive

Through Nov. 26
Hinsdale Covenant Church
412 S. Garfield Ave.
(630) 323-2318

The church is holding its annual drive, collecting new or gently used blankets of any type — lap throws, baby blankets, spreads, sheets and towels. Donations may be left inside the church's main entrance. Pickups also can be scheduled. The items will be passed on to needy families in the inner city on Christmas Eve. Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

Gavin Coyle: A Celtic Christmas

Dec. 1
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Revel in the holiday spirit with award-winning recording artist Gavin Coyle as he brings his annual "A Celtic Christmas" back to the MAC. Sing along with Gavin and his band, pianist Paul Burgess, harpist Karen Fernandez and flautist Joanne Diebold, as they perform traditional holiday favorites from America and Ireland. Ticket proceeds benefit People's Resource Center, a local nonprofit serving DuPage County since 1975. Donations of food, books and board games also will be collected at the performance. Time: 8 p.m. Tickets: \$40.

Photos with Santa Paws

Dec. 2
Pet Rescue and Resource Center
21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale
www.hinsdalehumane-society.org/events/santa-paws
(630) 323-5630

Hinsdale Humane Society will take family photos with Santa and friendly pet(s), complete with holiday vendors, activities for the kids and more. Pictures will be available for download after the event. Time: noon to 4 p.m. Cost: \$25 each. RR

Holly Jolly Gingerbread Party

Dec. 3
Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Road
www.czs.org/events

The Chicago Zoological Society's Women's Board is hosting this fundraiser to support the zoo. Families will be given pre-assembled gingerbread houses to decorate. Professional gingerbread house builders and decorators will be on hand to lend their advice. Children can also decorate ornaments to take home. Families also will enjoy a mouthwatering holiday brunch buffet with all the trimmings. Youngsters can also sip on hot chocolate topped with marshmallows and Bloody Mary's and mimosas will be offered to adults. Santa will make a special appearance to hear all the children's wish lists and to pose for holiday family photos and several of the zoo's animal ambassadors will attend. Time: 11

a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets: \$250, \$150 for children, \$2,000 for private table.

Happy Pawlidsays

Dec. 9
Marcus
101 S. Washington St.

Get your pet's picture taken with Santa Paws, enjoy raffles, drinks and light bites, and go home with a goodie bag at this event, with 10 percent of all sales benefiting Hinsdale Humane Society. Hours: noon to 3 p.m.

Juniors Jingle Dash 5K

Dec. 10
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale
www.runsignup.com/race/IL/Hinsdale/JuniorsJingleDash

This third annual event will raise money to support the grants the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club makes to local nonprofits. Enjoy post-race snacks and a photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Festive holiday dress is encouraged. T-shirts are guaranteed for everyone who registers by Nov. 24. Registration closes Dec. 9. Time: 8 a.m. Registration: \$40, \$20 for kids 18 and younger, strollers are free; \$5 more on race day.

Secret Santa

www.lagrangerotary.org/service

The Rotary Club of La Grange and Pillars Community Health are once again asking for families for gift cards or monetary donations for

their annual Secret Santa program, which serves children up to age 17 in need in Hinsdale and several neighboring communities. The most-needed items are Legos, board games, blankets, sports balls, children's books, toys for ages 1-3, art supplies and batteries (AA, AAA, C and D). Gifts also can be purchased on Amazon through a link at the website listed above. A list of drop-off locations also is posted there.

Tree of Remembrance

Through Jan. 1
Lincoln and First streets, Hinsdale
www.adventhealth.com/hospice-care/advent-health-st-thomas-hospice

Advent Health St. Thomas Hospice's Tree of Remembrance will stand outside of BMO Harris Bank from Thanksgiving through the new year. Community members are invited to make a donation and have a loved one's name listed on the boards beside the tree. Visit the website listed above for details.

Hinsdale Humane Society Gift Shop

www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

Find the perfect gift for an animal-lover at the Hinsdale Humane Society Pet Rescue and Resource Center online gift shop and help raise money to care for homeless animals. T-shirts, hoodies, mugs, tote bags and stickers are available for the humans on the gift list. Purchases help the organization care for the

animals at the shelter.

Sponsor a Homeless Animal

www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org
Animal sponsorships are a great way to support homeless animals and a great gift idea. For a minimum sponsorship of \$50, recipients will help provide care for an animal of their choosing, receive a personalized gift sponsorship certificate with the pet's photo and an optional listing on the society's website, if desired. Sponsorships can be purchased online. Questions? Call (630) 323-5630 or send an email to development@hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

Brookfield Zoo Adopt an Animal

www.czs.org/Kinda
www.czs.org/AdoptMeerkat
(708) 688-8341

The Chicago Zoological Society's Animal Adoption program is highlighting two species this holiday season: Kinda, the giraffe calf born Aug. 19 and the meerkat mob that arrived over the summer. Donations to the program are gifts that give twice — helping to provide expert care and feeding of an animal for one year as well as giving a thoughtful and unique present to a loved one. Other animals also are available. The basic package includes a photo, certificate, fact sheet and more. Price: \$35 basic package, \$165 for plush package (includes stuffed animal).



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

■ 'A Christmas Carol'

Nov. 24-Dec. 30
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook
Terrace
www.drurylanetheatre.com
(630) 530-0111

Continue a tradition or start a new one by gathering the whole family for this heartwarming 30th anniversary production of Dickens' Christmas classic. Complete with falling snow, magical illusions and special effects, the play is a visually-stunning experience, and at one hour long, perfect for children of all ages. On select performance dates, families will have the opportunity to have breakfast or dinner with Santa Claus in Drury Lane's elegantly decorated dining room. Time: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. performances offered on various dates.

■ Holiday Magic

Nov 24-26 & 30 & Dec. 1-31
Brookfield Zoo
3400 31st St.
(630) 688-8400
www.czs.org/holidaymagic

Bright lights and magical nights await guests at the 42nd annual event. Visitors will enjoy more than 2 million twinkling LED lights, a 41-foot tall tree choreographed to seasonal tunes, photo opportunities in the ever-popular 20-foot-tall orb and 3D 16-foot-tall gingerbread house, a 600-foot-long "Tunnel of Lights" and more. Many of the zoo's animal buildings will be open as well restaurants and gift shops offering an array of unique items. View more than 600 decorated community and corporate trees along the malls and around Roosevelt Fountain. Advanced registration and tickets are required. Times: 3 to 9 p.m. on weekends and other dates. Admission: \$29.95 for adults, \$20.95 for ages 3-11, \$24.95 for seniors 65 and older plus \$15 parking. RR, MD

■ Deer in the 'Dale

Nov. 25
Immanuel Hall
302 S. Grant St.
www.hinsdalehistory.org
Ring in the holiday season with reindeer fun. Take family photos with live reindeer in a holiday scene and enjoy petting reindeer, reindeer

carnival games and prizes, crafts, snacks and treats and an immersive showing of the 1964 version of "Rudolph." Time: noon to 3 p.m. Cost: \$15 plus \$10 each for reindeer games punch cards.

■ 'The Nutcracker'

Nov. 26 & 27
Hinsdale Central auditorium
5500 S. Grant St.
www.saltcreekballet.org
Salt Creek Ballet presents its annual production of this holiday favorite, as Clara and the Nutcracker battle the Rat King, dance through the Kingdom of Snow, and beyond to the Kingdom of Sweets. The Sugar Plum Party will take place right after the Sunday matinee, and Santa will drop by Saturday shows for pictures. The Nutcracker Boutique with themed holiday decor and ornaments will also be open. Times: 2 and 7 p.m. Nov. 26, 1 p.m. Nov. 27. Tickets: \$42-\$50.

■ Santa's Mailbox

Dec. 1-8
www.villageofhinsdale.org
(630) 789-7090
Children of Hinsdale residents may write a letter to Santa, drop it in the mailbox at village hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave., and receive a personal letter back in seven to 10 business days. Be sure to include the parent form available on the website listed above under Special Events > Santa's Mailbox. Questions? Call the number listed above or send an email to parkrec@villageofhinsdale.org.

■ Hinsdale Christmas Walk

Dec. 1
Downtown Hinsdale
www.hinsdalechamber.com/christmaswalk
(630) 323-3952

The Hinsdale Chamber of the Commerce will sponsor the 57th annual event, which will feature Cookie's Carousel, the Kiddie Express train, animated holiday characters, strolling carolers, giveaways and more. Santa will arrive at the Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave., to light the tree at 5 p.m. Time: 5 to 7 p.m.

■ Christmas at Cantigny

Dec. 1-23
Cantigny

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Visitors to this inaugural event are in for a special holiday treat, including McCormick House walk-throughs, ice skating and dazzling light installations. Hundreds of fresh poinsettias from Cantigny's own greenhouse will be on display throughout the home. Outside, 100-by-40-foot ice rink will add some wintry magic to the scene. Skaters can rent blades or bring their own. Spectators and skaters taking a break can enjoy a warm holiday treat in the heated hospitality tent overlooking the rink. Visitors can also reserve a private "Cocoa Cabana," perfect for families and friend groups. Enjoy creative lighting displays, pop-up activities and more. Santa brunches are slated for Dec. 2-3 and 16-17 at the Cantigny Golf clubhouse. Hours: 4 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through

Sunday, with extended hours on weekends and for ice skating. Admission: \$15, \$5 for kids 4-15, free for 3 and younger plus \$10 parking.

■ Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 2
KLM Lodge
5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org
(630) 789-7090

Santa is making a last-minute stop in Hinsdale to check who has been naughty and nice. Take pictures with Santa and enjoy an expanded continental breakfast. Time 9 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$25. RR

■ Pizza with Santa

Dec. 2
KLM Lodge
5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
www.villageofhinsdale.org
(630) 789-7090

Santa is making a special stop for a pizza lunch, dessert and photo ops. Time noon to 1 p.m. Cost: \$25. RR

■ Midtown Men holiday concert

Dec. 2
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000
The four stars of the original cast of Broadway's smash hit "Jersey Boys" celebrate with holiday classics including "Winter Wonderland," "Let It Snow" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," plus signature renditions of some of the greatest rock 'n' roll hits of the '60s. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$62-\$72.

■ 'A Festive Nowell'

Dec. 2 & 3
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
203 S. Kensington Ave., La Grange
www.towerchorale.org
(708) 580-0997

The Tower Chorale, under the direction of Patrick Gordon, offers its annual

holiday concert, featuring well-known selections and an audience carol sing-along. Time: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 3 p.m. Dec. 3. Tickets: \$25, \$22 for seniors and students.

■ Winter Wonderland

Dec. 3
KLM Park
5905 S. County Line Road
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

This special event features photos with Santa, music, holiday crafts and activities, visits with characters from "Frozen," a hot chocolate bar, treats station and more. The village also will collect toys for a Toys for Tots drive. Times: 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and noon. Cost: \$20 per person.

■ 'The Nutcracker'

Dec. 8
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.wsballer.org/performances
Enjoy an intimate per-

formance of the ballet by West Suburban Ballet Conservatory. Santa will greet families, snacks and crafts will be offered, and kids will have a chance to dance on stage with performers following the show as adults enjoy live music and cocktails. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Time: 6 p.m. Tickets: \$55 for adults, \$15 for children.

■ Holiday Favorites with the Jolly Boys

Dec. 9
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Enjoy this performance of holiday favorites with Hinsdale's own Jolly Boys and embrace the season. Hot chocolate will be provided. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

■ Holiday Concert

Dec. 9
Good Shepherd Lutheran

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What is your opinion on buying now versus waiting for an interest rate drop?

Buyers should assess the total economic outlook versus thinking in the short-term. Higher interest rates bring a strategic benefit to buyers. There is more negotiability and less buyer demand which allows buyers to negotiate a home at a better price. We expect interest rates to reduce in late Spring. Waiting for lower rates is not always a good buying decision, as buyer demand will increase and home prices could likely increase as well. Therefore, taking advantage of the current environment and refinancing at a later date (should interest rates decrease) is in most cases the best option. Buyers should think of the long-term total economic equation.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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(630) 476-9072

The New Horizons Band of DuPage will perform selections of holiday favorites. The concert will include sing-alongs, the New Horizons Concert Band, Brass Choir, German Band, Jazz Band and Woodwind Consort. New Horizons consists of musicians from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs under the direction of Maryann Flock. Light refreshments will follow the concert. Time: 3 p.m. Admission is free; donations will be accepted.

■ 'What the Elf'

Dec. 9
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

The Second City returns to deliver a heaping serving of seasonal satire in this show, which is the perfect alternative to those same old holiday performances. Nothing is off limits in this fast-paced, interactive, comedy revue filled with style, wit and plenty of that famous (and festive) Second City improv. The show may contain adult language and themes. Time: 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$30-\$48.

■ Sounds of the Season

Dec. 9
Elmhurst Christian
Reformed Church
149 W. Brush Hill Road
www.agaperingers.org

The Agape Ringers, Chicago's premier handbell ensemble, and guitarist Jeff Kust will perform a variety of holiday music familiar and exotic, including arrangements of "I Wonder As I Wander," "Brazilian Sleigh Bells," and "Winter Wonderland," as well as original compositions and other favorites arranged for bells. Kust will feature on the Puerto Rican cuatro. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$27-\$36.

■ Holiday Art and Craft Market

Dec. 9 & 10
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook

www.dupageforest.org
(630) 206-9566

Shop for quality artisan holiday gifts for family and friends. All ages are welcome; those under 18 must be with an adult. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10.

■ Hinsdale for the Holidays

Dec. 9 & 16
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

Celebrate the holidays by decorating gingerbread cookies, taking a horse-drawn carriage ride and visiting Santa. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Voctave

Dec. 10
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

This a cappella sensation will leave audiences feeling merry and bright with a program packed with holiday favorites. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$65-\$75.

■ Christmas Classics

Dec. 15
Union Church of Hinsdale
137 S. Garfield Ave.
www.eventcreate.com/e/christmasclassics2023

Join the Ostrega Uhl Project in its Christmas festival performance of its second season. The concert will open with traditional favorites, starting with a unique arrangement of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" for violin, harp and piano, featuring guest harpist Nichole Young. Enjoy music from Christmases long, long ago to beautiful themes and melodies from favorite Christmas and holiday themed movies of today, culminating in a sing-along at the end of the concert. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 for adults, free for kids 12 and younger.

■ Breakfast with Santa

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

Bring the family together for a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, French toast, hash browns, pancakes, pastries, juice and coffee and, of

course, pictures with Santa. Time: 9 to 10:15 a.m. Cost: \$35, free for babies under 1.

■ 'Nutcracker' virtual screening

Dec. 16-17
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

The library is excited to provide access to a stage recording of "The Nutcracker" by The Royal Ballet that Hinsdaleans can watch at home. Time: all day. RR

■ 'Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley'

Through Dec. 17
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Two years after the end of "Pride and Prejudice," the Bennet family is spending Christmas at Pemberley when an unexpected guest joins the festivities in this romantic comedy, rooted in the complications and joys of being part of a spirited family. The show contains adult themes and language. A pre-show talk with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16; a post-show talk with the director and actors will be held Friday, Nov. 24. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25; no show on Thanksgiving. Tickets: \$44, \$42 for seniors.

■ Illumination

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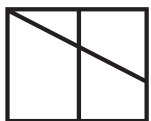


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The volunteers and staff of HCS Family Services were on the job Monday passing out 161 Thanksgiving meals to the nonprofit's clients. Each family received a turkey, two bags of groceries and a holiday meal box. HCS had 13 volunteers on hand to handle filling the bags and delivering them to clients' cars. Dick Munson and Brooks Colmone move carts out of the Memorial Building. Cathy Bogigian works on filling grocery bags. Mary Walsh and Adam Borjarzynski load up the items into a client's trunk. Fourth grade students at St. Isaac Jogues, working on a service project, collected holiday sides and made 115 decorated bags that were distributed last week. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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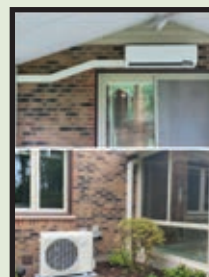
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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering an application filed with the Village for variations pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Hinsdale Zoning Code. Copies of the application, known as V-03-23 and the Zoning Code are on file with, and available for public inspection, during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building.

This application for variation requests relief from the minimum Interior Side Yard setback in section 8-205B Table 8-1(D)(2)(b) of the Code in order to construct a two story addition to their home. The applicant is requesting all necessary and appropriate relief for the property commonly known as **24 E. Eighth Street, Hinsdale, Illinois**, in the R-2 Single family Residential District, and legally described as follows:

Permanent Index Number: 09-12-317-003
THE WEST 90 FEET OF LOT 1 IN HYDE PARK, HINSDALE, A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH ½ OF THE SOUTH ½ OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THEREFROM THE WEST 25.08 CHAINS) ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 14, 1917 AS DOCUMENT 128521, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

At said public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to said application, and shall consider any and all possible zoning actions, the granting of any necessary special permits, variations, or other special approvals to the Zoning Code that may be necessary or convenient to permit development of the proposed type at the described property. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

DATED: November 20, 2023

/s/ Kathleen A. Gargano
Village Manager

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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: 23MR672
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
(ADULT)**
Public Notice is hereby given that on January 30, 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: Nia Marissa Williams to the new name of: Ezekiel Zahir Williams, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: November 6, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Nia Marissa Williams.

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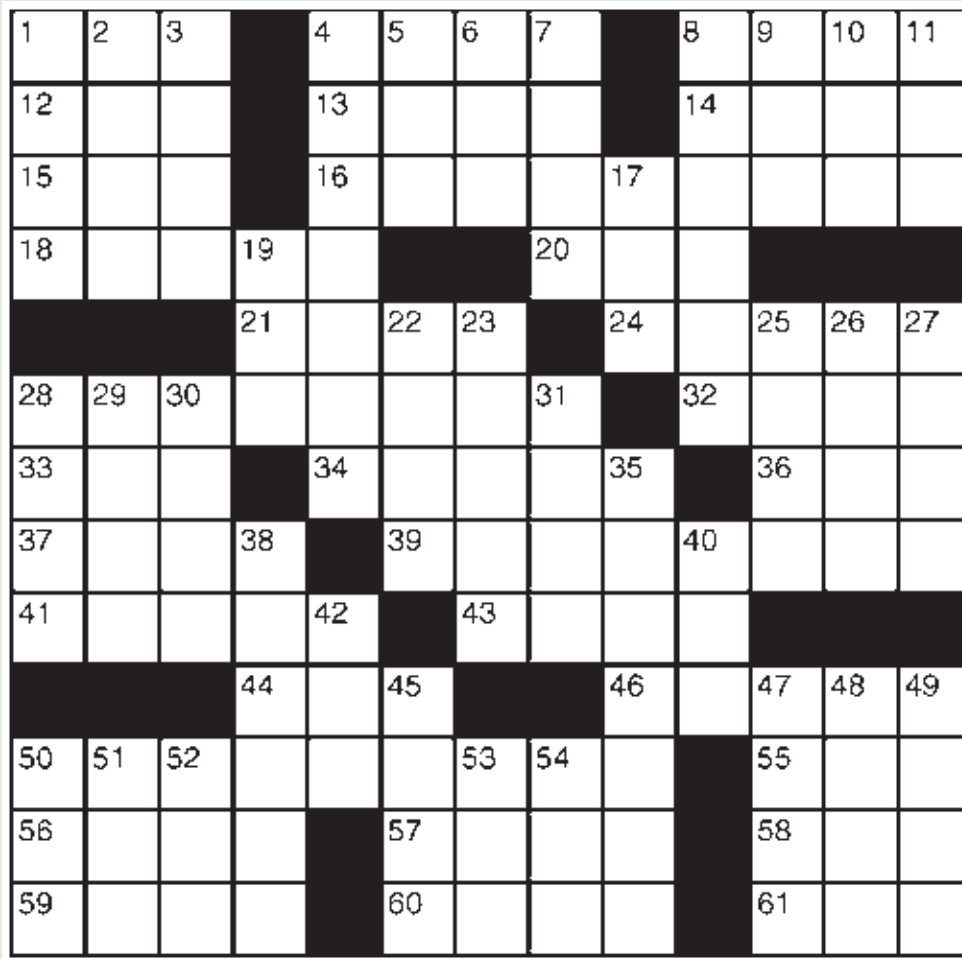
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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SCRAMBLERS

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Today's Word
NOTHING

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Use the letters in the words on the left to form five ordinary words. Then rearrange the letters to form the mystery word, which will complement the clue.

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TODAY'S WORD

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HOROSCOPES

November 2023 Horoscopes • Week 5



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Look into all of the facts surrounding an offer to increase your income, Capricorn. It could be too good to be true, or it might be a legitimate deal. You need to sort things out.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You may have difficulty reaching people this week, Aries. Whether it's difficulty getting attention or tech issues affecting communication, use the situation as an opportunity to relax.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Unfortunate financial news may come your way, Cancer. Take the developments in stride and resolve to overcome them. Seek advice on how to do so, if necessary.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
An unexpected meeting with a friend and subsequent conversation could leave you feeling a little shaken, Libra. You will learn things that give you a new perspective.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, this week you may encounter someone who is very interested in you. The resulting attention can be quite flattering. You'll need to decide if it should go further.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, a challenging project may lead you to throw yourself into work even more than usual over the course of the week. Remember to take time to exhale.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, there is a strong desire for romance surrounding you. Whether you want to spice up a current relationship or are seeking a new one, this is the week to put out feelers.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You could experience a desire to make sudden changes to your home life, work situation or even a relationship, Scorpio. Stagnation has set in, but now is not the time for big moves.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Situations that arise this week could have you feeling stressed, Pisces. Find ways you can separate yourself from certain situations that rile you up, even if it means a five-minute break.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Visit someone in person if you are looking to catch up or have a meaningful conversation, Gemini. Skip impersonal text messages or social media posts and meet face-to-face.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, enjoy a unique chance to spend quality time with someone you love. Enjoy the experience in the moment and resolve to spend more time together.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, if a message arrives from someone who lives far away, you may be prompted to hop in the car or on a plane and visit that person. An impromptu trip could be fun.



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Julie VanNess and the HCHS Athletic Department and Staff,
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The Village of Hinsdale and Oak School
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SPORTS

Devils fire up play in the alleys, rinks

Hinsdale Central bowling programs and hockey club look to keep making progress

By Ken Knutson

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Winter sports have blown in like snow off Lake Michigan, and the competition is heating up as we deliver part one of our Hinsdale Central season preview.

The boys and girls bowling teams are looking to get off to good starts, while the hockey club is skating into the second half of its schedule. Here are the coaches' thoughts on their respective 2023-24 squads.

Boys bowling

First match: Nov. 6 @ Fenton (V lost 2,069-2,213)

Last year: 4-10, 8th place in regional

Head coach: Alex Hipskind

Seasons as head coach: 22

Number of varsity members: 12

Team strengths: All of the boys are a really nice group of young men. They are enjoyable to work with and help each other out. Most are in the same boat in terms of their experience, so they help each other a lot.

Areas for growth: We lack a lot of experience, so I am hopeful that all of them will improve. I'd like to see all of them, especially the younger guys, improve overall by the end of the season. Every bowler could improve on all aspects of their game, no one is ever perfect. The great part about these guys is that they are willing to listen and improve.

Key players: Seniors William Berger, Benjamin Dynis, Joseph Gianatasio, Peter Hester, Freddy Horton, Grady Hyland and Liam Kowalkowski.

Season outlook: I hope to see individual improvement. It would be great to



The Hinsdale Central boys and girls bowling squads and the Central hockey club are each heading into their winter seasons with the vision of gaining

advance out of regionals and sectionals as a team, but that will be a challenge. But if each guy can improve that would be something really rewarding for us.

Girls bowling

First match: Nov. 27 vs. Downers North

Last year: 1-8, 8th place in regional

Head coach: Paul Parpet

Seasons as head coach: 9

Number of varsity members: 7

Team strengths: Our girls are very detail-oriented and they're always working on their skills. They pay attention to the details. It's like anything else, it takes repetition.

Areas for growth: Our (roster) numbers are down a little bit, and we bowl against other teams with players that bowl much more in the off-season than we do. We have what I call "seasonal bowlers," so we

really have a to close a big gap to close in readiness. We try to emphasize focusing on the process and controlling your aim and your follow through, because you can't always control the outcome. You should never say it was a "bad" shot. Instead just that you wanted it to be better.

Key players: Senior April Wu was a sectional qualifier last year. She'll be one of the top bowlers in the conference and really has a good opportunity to qualify for state this year. Seniors Xi Xi Liu and Adele Groom will also be important to our success this season.

Season outlook: We expect to be competitive. The West Suburban is a very good bowling conference. We're not going to win the conference with strong teams like York and Addison Trail. We'll be middle of the pack.

Hockey

First match: Sept. 29 @



experience in each competition and peaking as they reach the postseason. (file photos)

Neuqua Valley (V lost 1-7)

Last year: 26-10-3, lost in round 3 of state championship

Head coach: Spencer Anderson

Seasons as head coach: 2

Number of varsity members: 20

Team strengths: I've liked the way our senior leadership has taken it upon themselves to lead, not only on the ice, but in the locker room as well. The younger guys are getting some experience playing with teammates who understand a little bit more about the game at this level. It shows in the way that they play on the ice.

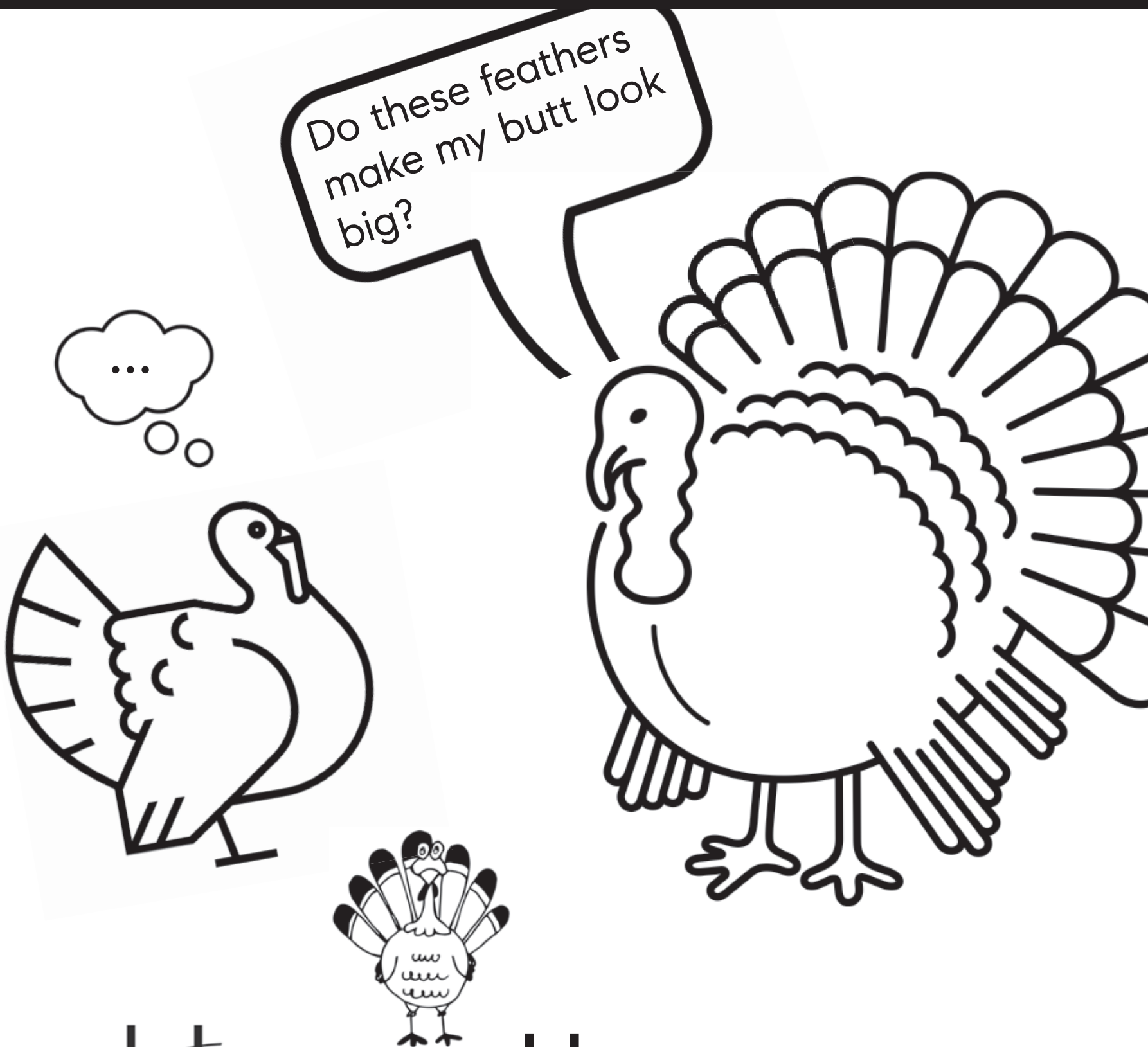
Areas for growth: We have eight sophomores on the varsity roster, and you can definitely see the size discrepancy in some games.

But they're holding their own against those bigger teams. We've had some injuries and I've had to make subtle

weaknesses to the lines.

Key players: Seniors Nate Anderson and Will Read have stepped up their scoring and creating more offense for us. Junior Will Romberger is leading the charge with his offense and ability as well as his defensive prowess. I've converted junior Jack Crabb from defense to forward and he is leading our team in points. We have a young core with sophomores Derek Daze, Zach Kunitz and Eddie Yu — players to watch as they get a little older and stronger.

Season outlook: There's a lot of parity in the league this year. My hope is that we finish at the top by the end of the regular season and that our kids are ready for playoffs. We're learning from our mistakes to become a more well-rounded team. This is a young team with a good group of leaders. They're close-knit, and close-knit teams can do special things.



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