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## D181 parents want full-day kindergarten

By Pamela Lannom  
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Parents who attended the Community Consolidated School District 181 meeting Monday were in full agreement — they want full-day kindergarten.

Some 50 people, mostly moms, packed the room to hear a discussion about the possibility of implementing an extended or full-day kindergarten in the district. Eighteen spoke in favor of such a program, saying it will offer children an academic advantage and will give working parents an option other than attending private school or piecing together before- or after-school care.

Lauren Allan, whose daughter is in the extended-day Rising Stars pilot program, said the additional time at school has made a difference in her daughter's test scores.

"We feel that this instrumental instruction will positively affect our daughter's educational career and set her up for continued success," she said.

Lara Massouras, PTO co-president at Monroe School, said her son's IEP program means he is pulled out of instruction for services 20 percent of

the time. If he were in kindergarten full-time, that percentage would be cut in half.

She and other parents also cited need to enroll their children in outside programs, which are often expensive.

"Kindergarten families are taking it upon themselves to get kindergarten enrichment, which the district is not supporting," Massouras said.

Laura Knisley, who has one son in kindergarten and one in preschool, said the demands of modern kindergarten require a longer day.

"To say that I have been unsatisfied with half-day kindergarten in this district would be an understatement," she said. "My son, who has always loved school, complains regularly about kindergarten because it's essentially all work and no play."

She also said the financial burden for working families who need child care is substantial.

"For this community to feel inclusive, particularly of women and their various choices and needs, I believe full-day kindergarten must be an option," she said.

The district, which currently has 287 kindergartners taught by 11.5 full-time equivalents, last discussed

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full-day kindergarten in 2013. At that time, survey respondents ranked it 10th on a list of priority items.

"Since then the board and the administration has probably let this topic lay dormant for much too long," Superintendent Hector Garcia said.

Many parents and board members noted the community has changed over the past decade.

Board member Sheetal Rao said she empathizes with families who have to piecemeal care for kids and also recognizes the cost, space and staffing considerations that will come into play.

"Looking at our peer schools and looking at how the community has changed and looking at the needs of families in the community, I think it's great we're looking at this again," Rao said. "I think we definitely have to find a way to make this happen."

Garcia said he will return to the board in February with a choice one of two options — have the administration make a recommendation about full-day kindergarten or establish an ad hoc committee to study the issue. Either path will include community input, officials said.

Garcia noted the decision has academic and financial implications. Building a new classroom at each school could cost up to \$37 million, with an annual operating cost of \$4.4 million. Construction could take 21 to 27 months.

Board member Margie Kleber said she would like to see a short-term and a long-term option.

"Twenty-one to 27 months is way too long to wait," she said, garnering applause from the audience. "I just don't think we can wait that long."

Ashley Gott, a mom of four and Oak School PTO executive board member, said parents are willing to help the board evaluate the possibilities.

"We have a community full of professionals, very knowledgeable, very strong people. Let us help you make an educated decision," she said.

Board member Grace Shin, a former first-grade teacher, encouraged everyone to take the time to find the best solution.

"I just want this to be done right," she said.

"We all do," Garcia said.



## New Year bash

The Hinsdale Public Library was the place to be to celebrate Chinese New Year Sunday afternoon. Hinsdalean Lucy Zhou led a presentation about opportunities to experience Chinese culture in the community as well as information about the year of the rabbit. The celebration continued on with food, crafts and games. Hazel Getz plays ping pong using a small fan. Weilun Sun helped at the craft table making lanterns for Walter Sun, Winston Sun and Aidan Xie. Bowen Niu works on Chinese lettering. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



**Hinsdale's star** — This photo in Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," is of Loie Fuller. "Loie Fuller, Jacob's granddaughter, was born in January 1862 at Castle Inn (on Ogden Avenue) where her parents had gone to escape the harsh winter at their nearby farm. Introduced to the stage as a child, reciting poetry, performing became her passion. With only modest success in America, Loie found international fame as a dancer, appearing throughout Europe to rave reviews. Paris, where she was embraced by the artistic elite, became her home."



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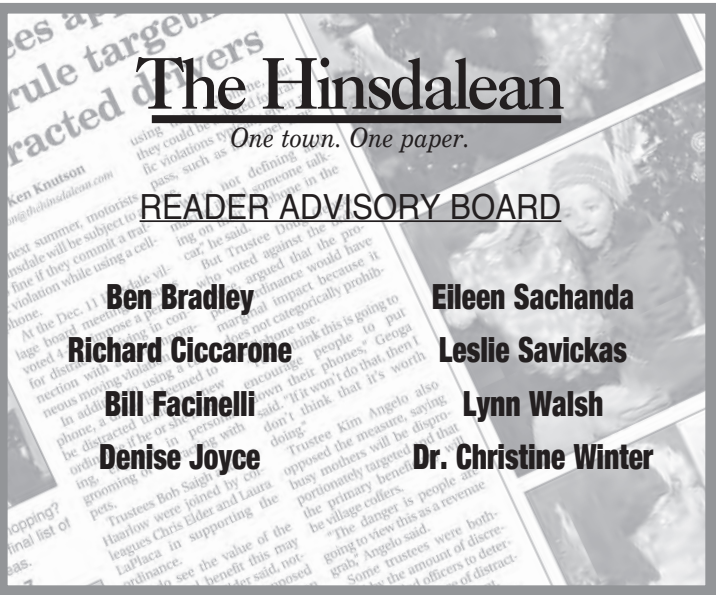
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# Experts gather to save historic estate

*Village officials part of panel discussion aimed at preserving County Line Road home*

By Pamela Lannom  
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The eight-bedroom, seven-bath home at 505 S. County Line Road is more than just an old house for sale, listing agent Dawn McKenna of Coldwell Banker said.

It's an iconic 120-year-old home that sits on the largest property in Hinsdale.

"Our first primary hope is to save this home," McKenna said. "I think my job as a broker is to do the best I can to do that."

To accomplish her goal, she organized a Jan. 19 event at the home, offering tours, champagne and charcuterie and inviting a panel of experts to discuss preserving and restoring the home.

"I invited the village because I knew they were unveiling some really cool incentives to incentivize people to save these old homes," she said. "I thought that this would be a wonderful way to unveil that and invite the community, not just all the Realtors."

"We invited the entire town and put a full-page ad in The Hinsdalean welcoming anybody and everybody," she added.

With help from members of the Dawn McKenna Group team on the North Shore, she was able to invite a host of architects, landscapers, writers, contractors, interior designers and others from Hinsdale, Chicago and other suburbs. More than 200 attended.



**Listing agent Dawn McKenna** (seated far left) moderated a panel discussion Jan. 19 — with Julie Laux of J. Jordan Homes, landscape designer Craig Bergmann, architect Michael Graham, interior designer Kara Mann, and Bethany Salmon and Robb McGinnis from

the village — designed to illustrate how this historic Hinsdale home could be restored and preserved. Bergmann and Graham both have worked on the house in the past and Laux and Mann would like to in the future, McKenna said. (Jim Slonoff photo)

"They were thrilled to be a part of this," she said of attendees. "They were thrilled to have had a voice. I think the biggest takeaway is the home needs a voice, and it starts in the village of Hinsdale with the people — and they showed up."

Village planner Bethany Salmon said the village has been contacted

about the property since the first time the house was on the market and its recent listing on the public market.

"We've been contacted by several members of the community as well as some organizations about the preservation of this house," she said. "It's been on our radar for a bit."

Salmon and community development director Robb McGinnis were among the panelists, sharing information about the historic preservation incentives the Hinsdale Village Board approved in September.

"I was pleased that the entire tenor of this panel discussion was talking about how the property should be maintained whole," McGinnis said. "There was very little conversation about breaking it up."

The home, which sits on a 200-by-300-foot lot and lists for \$4.99 million, is bordered by two corner lots. All three lots, which extend from Woodside to Sixth street and total 2.76 acres, can be purchased for \$8.6 million.

"Ideally I would love one person to buy the whole enchilada," McKenna said.

The home itself would be eligible for preservation incentives that would make it easier to add a kitchen or great room, for example.

"If you put an addition on there, you can get more (space) than new construction," McGinnis said.

Given the size of the home, the

rebate on the village portion of property taxes and the permit fee waivers could be significant.

The home also is in good condition, unlike some historic homes that have been demolished after falling into disrepair.

"It's been meticulously maintained, so it's not like the roof is caving in or there are things that need to be done because of deferred maintenance," McGinnis said.

An explanation of available incentives is on the village website at [www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org) by clicking on the "Residents" tab and then "Historic preservation."

"Hopefully with this palette of incentives that people can avail themselves of, you can remove some questions so people are more willing to take a chance on an old house rather than deciding at the outset to scrape it because it's easy," McGinnis said.

"We hope someone buys it and preserves it," Salmon said. "That's the ultimate goal."

The home, originally designed by Joseph Corson Llewellyn, was redesigned in the early 20th century by notable Chicago architect David Adler. McKenna said she loves the sunlight in the Palm Beach room and the grand receiving room with its spectacular wallpaper (at a price tag of \$6,000 a yard).

"It's a pretty magical house," McKenna said.



**The eight-bedroom, seven-bath home at 505 S. County Line Road** sits on one of three lots that are part of the estate. An interested buyer can pick up 505 for just about \$5 million and the whole estate for \$8.6 million. (photo provided)

## NEXT WEEK

### Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26  
Hinsdale Central High School  
55th and Grant streets  
[www.d86.hinsdale86.org](http://www.d86.hinsdale86.org)

**On the agenda:** amended superintendent contract (31-day extension and retirement July 31, 2024), open enrollment report, first reading on fees

### Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** public hearing on 47 homes to be placed on the Historically Significant Structures Property List in the Historic Overlay District, village 150th anniversary celebration, 701 Taft Road application for local landmark designation

## First public hearing slated on historically significant homes

The Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission will hold the first public hearing Wednesday, Feb. 1, on the inaugural set of properties to be placed on the Historically Significant Structures Property List in the Historic Overlay District.

The commission will review 47 properties that have been suggested, village planner Bethany Salmon said.

"It's basically largely composed of homeowners that have approached us," Salmon said. "We haven't done a lot of proactive outreach yet."

"Forty-seven properties for us not really doing much is kind of amazing," she added.

As part of changes the Hinsdale Village Board approved to Title 14 and the Hinsdale Zoning Code in September, it created a Historic Overlay District and gave the commission six

months to initiate a list of historically significant properties. The owners of homes on the list will be able to take advantage of a variety of incentives, including use of alternative bulk zoning regulations and the opportunity to apply for property tax rebates and historic preservation grants, for eligible projects.

The next step will be for village staff to reach out to owners of historically significant homes to see if they want to be added to the list, Salmon said. She expects future public hearings to deal with fewer homes.

"Imagine culling through 47 properties," she said. "It's going to take them a long time. In the future, we'd like to do smaller chunks. It's a good problem to have."

The hearing is at 6:30 p.m. at village hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

## Rate of new COVID cases slows just a bit

The DuPage County Health Department reported six new cases of COVID-19 in Hinsdale over the past week, bringing the total number of cases in the DuPage County portion of Hinsdale to 4,423, compared to 4,417 a week ago. The Cook County Health Department no longer reports on cases specific to Hinsdale.

The community level

remains at medium in DuPage County.

District 181 reported 20 new cases Jan. 18-24, including 12 students, seven teachers and one staff member. The district has reported a total of 204 cases since school opened.

District 86 reported two new student cases at Hinsdale Central Jan. 20, for a total of 85 this school year.

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## Sesquicentennial has own logo

The village has a new logo to commemorate its 150th anniversary.

The planning committee selected a design by Kyle Poff, VP design director at Leo Burnett in Chicago, and son-in-law of committee member Cynthia Curry.

Poff and his wife, Julia Curry, who grew up in Hinsdale, also are former residents, having lived in the Woodlands for three years.

"I thought, 'Oh, this would be great to add back to the community,'" said Poff, noting he does a lot of freelance work.

"I kept trying to think of something that was really symbolic for Hinsdale," he said. "You want it to be something

recognizable. I feel like the one thing you always see is the clock tower."

He said he also was motivated to create a logo that was elegant and timeless, much like the village.

His artwork will be used on village letterhead, email signatures, flags and the village vehicle sticker.

## The stories behind seeds

Learn about the Magic of Heirloom Seed Varieties at a special program Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Hinsdale Public Library.

Heirloom varieties are an important link between the past and the future, said program organizer Susan McBride, adult services senior assistant at the library.

"Most of our seeds have been brought over from other countries, other places of origin when people immigrated," she said, noting the fewer

heirloom seeds are available now than a century ago due to hybridization.

Heirloom seeds like those for the Inciardi tomato carry the story of the family that brought them to Illinois from Italy.

"It's a link between present and past, the United States and other countries where people immigrated from," McBride said.

Vicki Nowicki, founder of the Downers Grove Seed Library, will discuss what heirlooms are, what a Hinsdale garden might have looked like 150 years ago and how heirloom varieties can be used today.

The program is from 3 to 4 p.m. at the library, 20 E. Maple St.

## Preservation topic of talk

What better way to celebrate the past than to preserve it?

Village planner Bethany Salmon and building commissioner Robb McGinnis will discuss new changes to Title 14 and the Hinsdale Zoning Code that offer incentives for historic preservation at a special Hinsdale Public Library program from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at the library, 20 E. Maple St. John Bohnen and Alexis Braden from the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission also are slated to attend.

This will be the second presentation from Salmon and McGinnis in about six weeks. Salmon hopes this session is more interactive.

"Hopefully people can come to that and ask some questions as well," Salmon said. "Hopefully that has more of a back and forth."

The two will discuss the incentives available to homes that are on Historically Significant Structures Property List in the Historic Overlay District.

— by Pamela Lannom



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# POLICE BEAT

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## DUI arrest

Henzelo C. Barner, 27, 1979 E. 73rd St., No. 3, Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, driving without a valid license and illegal stopping/standing in the roadway at 10:06 a.m. Jan. 8 in the 500 block of East Ogden Avenue. Officers were dispatched to a report of an unresponsive subject in a vehicle on the roadway and found Barner asleep at the wheel. He was charged and released to appear in court.

## Domestic battery arrest

A 41-year-old Mokena man was arrested for domestic battery Jan. 18 for using physical force against a female domestic partner. He was taken to DuPage County Jail.

## Forged checks

A business in the 100 block of East First Street reported someone cashed checks forged from a business account Dec. 8. The incident was reported Jan. 23.

## Purse, credit cards stolen

Someone stole a woman's unattended purse while she was at Hinsdale Racquet Club, 5730 S. Grant St., from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 20, and later used her credit cards to make unauthorized purchases.

## Fraud cases reported

- A victim in the 600 block of North Elm Street provided remote access to a personal computer to a scammer, who then used online banking to wire \$60,000 to a foreign account at 12:45 p.m. Jan. 20. The transfer was canceled prior to any loss.
- Suspects purporting to be an acquaintance scammed a resident of the 100 block of East Eight Street into sending about \$10,000 in gift cards electronically on Jan. 18.

*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](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com) to provide us with documentation. Information will be updated online and in the next issue of the paper.*

## Lawsuit settlement is still being finalized

Reports of a settlement agreement between the village of Hinsdale and Trinity Sober Living were based on a document that has not been finalized, Hinsdale village manager Kathleen Gargano told The Hinsdalean.

"The village will comment when we have signed agreements," she said.

The legal battle has been going on for three years between the village, Trinity and the U.S. Department of Justice over the right to convert a single-family residence into a living unit for those recovering from substance

use disorder.

Trinity purchased the home at 111 N. Grant St. in 2019 for use as a sober house for up to 10 residents, which the village said violated its restriction against more than three unrelated people living in a single-family home. The village filed a complaint in DuPage County Circuit Court in August 2019 to enforce the rule, while Trinity filed a federal lawsuit against Hinsdale in November 2019 for discrimination. The DOJ joined Trinity's suit a year later, alleging the village violated the Fair Housing Act.

## February Fish Dates

There are a lot of events next month that warrant great fresh seafood - plan ahead! For special days with high demand, we strongly recommend placing an order, 630-887-4700.

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■ “I really want to be a director that’s open-minded, that lets people express their parts in a way that they feel is right.”  
— Teagan Dunn

## Central drama veteran takes turn in director’s chair

Hinsdale Central junior Teagan Dunn has long been a devotee of the Chicago theater scene, taking in numerous productions over the years with her mom.

During her time with the Central’s drama club she’s served with the backstage crew, supporting the action on stage.

This season Dunn has come out from behind the curtain as a student director for one of three one-act plays Feb. 9-11 in the school’s auditorium (see Page 18 for details). An internship last summer with the BAMtheatre youth troupe involved stepping into an assistant director’s role.

“I was mostly in charge of making sure the kids were where they were supposed to be and on time,” she said. “That really kind of inspired me to sign up to be a director for this production.”

Dunn’s first task was selecting a play. She chose the comedy “Appropriate Audience Behavior,” consisting of multiple vignettes and allowing for a flexible cast size. And then the real work began.

“I had to hold auditions for the cast and do a tech list,

which is prop list and lights and sound and what the set would look like,” Dunn said.

The process of picking actors was interesting, she commented.

“I’ve never been in the position where I’m evaluating the people who are auditioning,” Dunn said. “It was cool to see people’s more vulnerable side.”

Assigning parts posed a logistical challenge, as she had to double-cast because of the sheer number of characters needed.

“I was always double-checking the script and making sure that a note I made makes sense with another note coming up because I had to double cast a lot,” Dunn said. “I wasn’t able to cast as many people as there are in my play, so I have to double-check the script to make sure that one character isn’t being played by people that need to be in the next scene.”

She recently attended the Illinois High School Theatre Festival at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and acquired some helpful rules of thumb for a director.

“One of the things they kept stressing to us was



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that you need to be more open-minded and know that you aren’t everything,” she said. “You shouldn’t be telling people how to interpret a scene or how to act, because you’re not an actor.

“I really want to be a director that’s open-minded, that lets people express their parts in a way that they feel is right,” she added.

Confidence is critical,

Dunn stated, a trait she also relies on as a track and field athlete. One quality she’s still strengthening is maintaining communications off stage.

“We use the Remind app to send notices, and that’s been kind of a shock that I have to follow up with what I’m doing by telling it to everyone else,” Dunn confessed.

But she said the chance to

stretch her directing chops has been invaluable.

“I signed up to be a director to improve my leadership and to see more of the aspect of directing and leading a production,” she said. “I think I’m definitely learning a lot about it. I’m really glad I got the opportunity.”

— story by Ken Knutson,  
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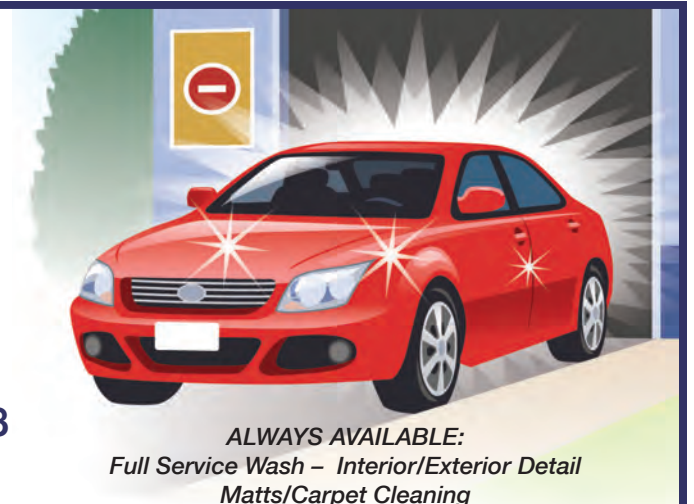
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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Full-day kindergarten overdue in District 181

The time has come to stop kicking the full-day kindergarten can down the road.

As evidenced at Monday night's Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board meeting, both residents and district officials signaled a strong desire to see this long-shelved idea finally become reality.

Count us firmly among the full-day fans, as well, with more than 83 percent of school districts within a 10-mile radius having already implemented it. Moving from half-day to full-day at the seven elementary schools could cost as much as \$37 million for new classrooms, not to mention the increase in annual operating expenses. And construction could take two years for completion.

We agree with board member Margie Kleber time frame is "way too long to wait," and support creating an ad hoc committee now that includes parents to develop a short-term plan to get full-day kindergarten on the schedule as soon as possible.

"We have a community full of professionals, very knowledgeable, very strong people," parent Ashley Gott told the board on Monday. "Let us help you make an educated decision."

We hope the board responds in the affirmative.

Intuitively, one can recognize the educational advantages as students have more time in the classroom with their teachers. The dividends extend beyond better test scores, however. In a National Education Association policy brief entitled "Full-day kindergarten helps close the achievement gaps," researchers articulate the multi-faceted impact the move from half-day to full-day instruction can have.

"Full-day kindergarten not only boosts students' academic achievement, it also strengthens their social and emotional skills," the brief, posted on [www.nea.com](http://www.nea.com), states. "Additionally, it offers benefits to teachers and parents — teachers have more time to work with and get to know students, and parents have access to better learning and care for their children. The bottom line: everyone gains."

The district is well aware of its value, having seen impressive growth this year in the Rising Stars Extended Day Kindergarten pilot program for students needing additional academic support. A decade ago, though, the landscape didn't quite seem right for the expansion. On

a D181-issued survey, full-day kindergarten ranked 10th by families among "mandatory or very important" priorities.

But it was clearly the most important item for the dozens of parents Monday night. One mom said her son feels his half-day experience is "all work and no play" because so much content has to be squeezed in the limited time available. Others said not having a full-day option places an undue burden on families with working moms, who have to arrange child care.

Having parents' perspective on structuring both a temporary and long-term full-day kindergarten is vital. D181 should enlist those who are so invested in the issue before making such a significant financial investment. It'll be worth it in the end, as the NEA brief researchers discovered.

"By giving students and teachers more quality time to engage in constructive learning activities, full-day kindergarten provides benefits to everyone," the study continued.

We know parents are motivated and energized to find workable solutions for their children, just as their children will have the energy to rise to the opportunity for a full day of kindergarten.

## COMMENTARY

### Thought COVID now was just a cold? So did I

I had every intention of getting my COVID booster. Really, I did.

But I couldn't seem to find space in my schedule for a day-long recovery period — as I needed after my previous inoculations. Plus, COVID now is just a mild cold, right? And so I never scheduled the appointment.

Ahhh, hindsight.

I felt some very minor cold symptoms Jan. 15 and thought I should take a home test just to be on the safe side. Within three minutes, I could see a clearly defined positive line. An official PCR test confirmed the news.

How could this happen? My husband had a cold the week before and his COVID tests were negative. I had very similar symptoms. What was going on?

I soon found out. As the day progressed, my symptoms changed. My slight sore throat gave way to a fever, a throbbing headache and body aches.

We immediately implemented the COVID quarantine system when used in November 2020 when my husband contracted the virus. I locked myself in the bedroom, and we set up a TV tray table outside the door. My husband would drop off food and other items on the tray, to which I would return my dirty dishes.

I think my husband was a bit jealous that my COVID quarters were much nicer than his. In the summer of 2021, we built a new bedroom suite with a bathroom over our family room, so I didn't need to wear a mask and go out in the hall — spraying healthy doses of Lysol in my wake — every time I needed to go to the bathroom. I also was able to binge watch "Call the Midwife" (my current Netflix fave) on a 54-inch TV. I told my husband it was too big for a bed-



Pamela Lannom

room when he bought it, but have long since acknowledged the error of my ways. I love that TV.

I stayed in my room half of Sunday and all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, doing just enough work between naps (fortunately my desk is just feet from my bed) to make sure the paper came out last week.

I had seen several commercials in previous weeks encouraging you to call your doctor if you contract COVID and are over 50, so I did. Monday night I started taking Paxlovid and could feel the improvement after just a couple of doses.

My husband left for a work trip early Thursday morning and thus my quarantine ended (possibly early, possibly not, depending on when you mark the onset of symptoms).

I had no idea that, sprung from my quarantine prison, all I would want to do was return there so I could take off my "well fitting" KN95 mask, which made it nearly impossible to breathe.

Of course you can't eat wearing a mask, either, which cut down on any snacking I might have been tempted to do while passing through the kitchen. It also meant I ate every meal in my bedroom — and while Dan was gone, Ainsley ate every meal in the family room by herself. What a beautiful morning Wednesday when I could finally take it off.

What has this experience taught me? One, I'm really good at following rules — but I already knew that. Two, always let my husband decide how large of a TV to purchase. Three, get my booster. I think I see an opening Feb. 24 ...

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

# College visits show the kids are alright

I've read a few polls indicating Americans believe future generations will be worse off than the current one. That's a sobering, depressing thought.

The world seems on its heels in the face of COVID, racial unrest, political dysfunction, economic uncertainty and war. Reeling from the failures of our bedrock public and private institutions and those who lead them. We worry about our country's youth — our children and grandchildren — and pray they've steeled themselves for the Herculean world challenges ahead.

I have three children. All three in the eye of the storm, if you will. Last summer I took college visits with my 17-year-old. She's an "old-soul." Serious, focused, goal-oriented and no-nonsense, but laughs at herself and the world around her. She loves baseball and breaks all the Chicago Cubs news in our household (she's quite fond of Dansby Swanson.)

We toured three campuses, two just before classes officially started. Libraries were full and quietly buzzing. Laptops open, keyboards clicking. Study groups gathered in quiet out-coves preparing to tackle the semester's syllabus. A business school was readying the next wave of C-suite leaders and entrepreneurs, from economic theory to ethics, in a packed lecture hall. We wandered through a bustling campus bazaar where students recruited for various clubs, volunteer opportunities, political groups, non-scholarship sports teams, performing arts, studying abroad, research of all kinds and important civic work.

Each campus exuded energy: a push for new experiences, a thirst for gaining knowledge and under-



Kevin Cook

standing, to advance all that's good and required to preserve civil society. I envied them all, students and professors alike.

On the final day of our trip, we walked a main quad following an early dinner. The school's jogging club blew by us — maybe 100 runners — while others head-

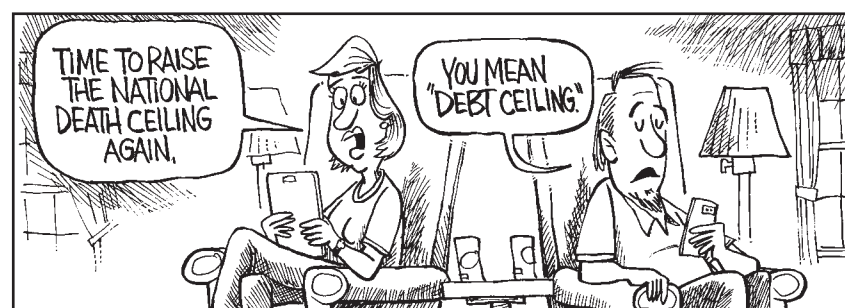
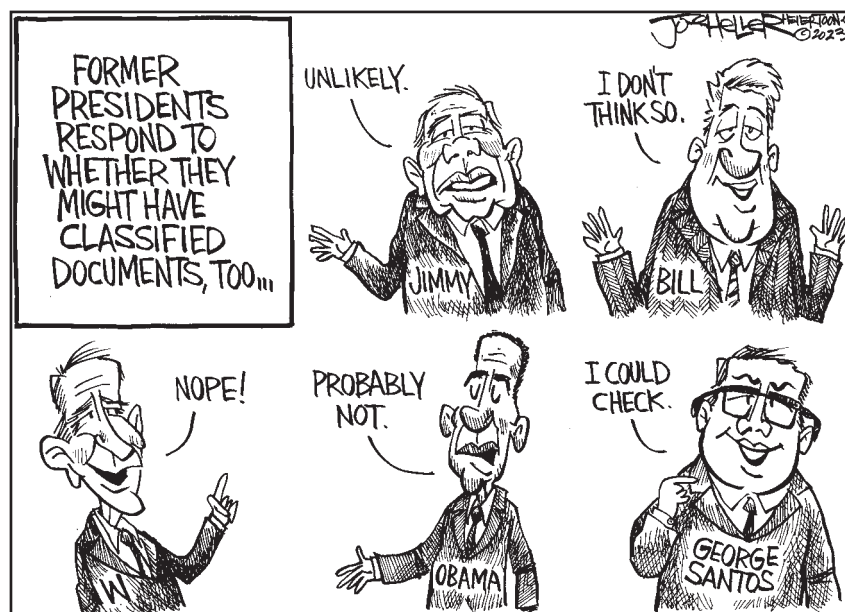
ed off to study with over-stuffed backpacks in tow. A man of stature, dressed in khakis, a blue button-down shirt and sharply shined loafers walked only yards in front of us welcoming students to the university. He stopped and chatted, asking where they were from, if they had everything they needed and departed with a few albeit meaningful words of encouragement. One young co-ed sheepishly asked her friend "Who was that?" He friend remarked "That's the Chancellor!" And they both shared a smile.

It occurred to me these young men and women weren't only ready to take the future head-on, they were eager for the challenge. Their energy, hope and determination, sprinkled with a bit of necessary naivety, was palpable. And my daughter? She was wide-eyed and excited but not overwhelmed. She belonged. Her mind whirring about the possibilities as we talked about what she envisioned for her future.

Perhaps every generation worries about those to come and hopes the world they leave behind is better than the one they inherited. That chapter is yet unwritten for us. But I can say with confidence the kids are alright. We are in good hands. I saw that clearly for three days last summer.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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# OBITUARIES

## Dorothy L. Kirchen

Dorothy L. Kirchen, 98, of Oak Brook died Jan. 16, 2023.

She was born in 1924 to August and Agnes Kirchen.

She is survived by her siblings, Rita (Edward) Wolff, Joseph (Doris), August and Robert Kirchen; her nieces and nephews, Lynne (the late Edward) Evans, Mark Wolff, Joseph (Kathryn) Kirchen, Jacqueline (James) Redmond, Daniel (Sandra) Kirchen; and many great-nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister,



**Kirchen**

Clare; and her nephew, Steven (Pat Constantine) Kirchen

A memorial Mass was held Jan. 24 at Notre Dame Church in Clarendon Hills.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to The Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago at [www.anticruelty.org](http://www.anticruelty.org), Good Shepherd Manor in Momence at [www.goodshepherdmanor.org](http://www.goodshepherdmanor.org) or a charity of choice.

Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home in Downers Grove handled the arrangements.

## Donald Morrison

Donald Morrison, 84, of Hinsdale passed away Jan. 18, 2023, peacefully in his home.

Don was born in Detroit, Mich., to John and Nona Morrison in 1938. He attended school in Redford, Mich. He married Ruth Roosevelt Morrison on Aug. 10, 1963, in Decatur, Mich. He graduated with a civil engineering degree from Michigan State University and had a long and successful career at Chicago Bridge and Iron. He was a member of the Chicago Scots, and spent many happy years helping to organize the Scottish Festival and Highland Games.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Roosevelt



**Morrison**

Morrison; his brother-in-law, John (Andrea) Roosevelt; his sister-in-law, Dorothy Roosevelt; his nephew, Dave (Susan) Roosevelt; and his nieces, Christine (Eric) Gajar and Suzanne (Derek) Osborne.

Visitation is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., in Hinsdale.

A memorial service will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be held at a later date in Keeler, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Chicago Scots at [www.chicago-scots.org/donate](http://www.chicago-scots.org/donate)

## Helene "Lorraine" Wolfe

Helene "Lorraine" Wolfe, nee Rosedale, 93, of Burr Ridge, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away Jan. 19, 2023.

Lorraine was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, in 1929 to Dr. Raymond and Helene Rosedale. She grew up in Canton, Ohio.

Lorraine met the love of her life, Jim Wolfe while she studied and graduated from Trinity University in Washington, D.C. They were married Dec. 29, 1951, in Canton. Lorraine continued onto Kent State University for advanced study in the field of audiology and speech therapy.

Lorraine and Jim raised their family in Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale and Oak Brook. Lorraine was a devoted mother while also being active in the church and her community. She taught CCD at St. Isaac Jogues as a young mom, served on the welcoming committee and was a Eucharistic minister and bereavement chaplain.

Lorraine served on the Hinsdale Assembly Board for many years and was active in Catholic Charities, The Cancer Institute at Rush, the Service Club, the Hinsdale Auxiliary Board, Big Shoulders, Hinsdale Village Gardeners and the Collectors Club. She served on Hinsdale Bank and Trust's board and was a longtime member at Hinsdale Golf Club.

Lorraine was a wonderful partner with Jim as he pursued a successful career in the railroad industry. She was a hostess and organizer for receptions, conferences, black tie events and company functions.

A founding member of Wellness House in Hinsdale following Jim's death in 1988, she served on the board for many years.

As active as Lorraine was, her family was her greatest pride and joy. She was surrounded by



**Wolfe**

grandchildren and great-grandchildren daily with visits and phone calls. She was happy to give advice and kept confidences with all of them.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; her two granddaughters, Keely and Moira Creber; and her siblings, Dr. Raymond Rosedale Jr. and Yvonne Rosedale.

She is survived by her children, Yvonne (Mike) Jones, Mary (Vic) Babel, Theresa (Jon) Henderson, Jim (Nancy) Wolfe, Michaela (John) Creber, Kathleen (Bill) Ruesch and Lorrie (George) Marks; her grandchildren, Brian (Kathryn) Bazar, Matthew (Carrie) Bazar, Adam (Shawna) Bazar, Michael (Jen) Viano, James (Jenny) Viano, Jorie (Bill) Toce, Robbie Viano, Eric (Ha My Vu) Henderson, Kyle (Ali) Henderson, Garrett (Monica) Henderson, Alec Henderson, James (Caroline) Wolfe, Katarina Wolfe, Robbie Siegfried, Annalise Wolfe, Gunner Wolfe, Rutger Wolfe, Chloe (Dan) Dwyer, Thatcher Creber, James Creber, Emma Ruesch, Charlotte Ruesch, Grace Ruesch, John Marks, Hope Marks, Charlie Marks and Lily Marks; her great-grandchildren, Wolfe, Bleu, Belle, Max, Hank, Billy, Teddy and Ava Bazar, Maggie, Patrick, Tessa, Gigi, Katie, and James Viano, Rosie and Mae Toce, Tyler and Maia Henderson and Annie Dwyer; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 24 at St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs. Interment was private at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to may be made to Wellness House, 131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale, IL, 60521 or online at [www.wellness-house.org](http://www.wellness-house.org)

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# BUSINESS PROFILE

## NEXNAME

For decades, fans of college sports could only support their favorite players through cheers and applause. But adoption of the NCAA Name Image Likeness policy in 2021 opened up a new world of opportunity for fans to support players, and for players to profit from their work as athletes. It also opened up opportunities for entrepreneurs like father-son team Steve and Ryan Thayer.

Steve, a longtime former Hinsdale resident, and Ryan, a current resident of Chicago and a graduate of Hinsdale Central High School, are cofounders of NextName. The business venture allows fans to purchase digital collectibles bearing the name image likeness, or NIL, of their favorite college athletes. The collectibles, referred to as tokens by NextName, are intended as an easy and NCAA-approved way for fans to help their favorite players.

Not long after the NCAA policy was adopted, the University of Illinois approached Steve, an active Illini alum and fan, for guidance in how to best allow their athletes to capitalize on the new NCAA rules.

After raising nearly \$1 million to fund the project, NextName launched in 2021, Ryan said.

Ryan, who graduated from the

University of Illinois in 2021 and now works in investment banking, said players receive 60 percent of the cost of each token, while the university takes 12 percent, leaving the rest to cover company expenses. In addition to the Thayers, NextName has three full-time employees, including designer Ben Sommers of Hinsdale. The company occupies a space within Steve's Chicago law office, which Steve said allows him to carry on his work as an attorney while also being available to step in at NextName if he's needed.

The Thayers said NextName is a passion project that has big potential not only for the company's founders and staff, but for the university and its sports fans.

Players want to know how much money they can make by playing for a certain team, Ryan said, so companies like NextName could potentially help to shape college sports teams of the future.

"It will have a recruiting impact, but without a promise," Steve said.

NextName creates a token for any player who wants to participate. They simply sign on through an online portal, and the university provides the logos and player photos. Players who sign a contract with

NextName are not precluded from signing on with other non-fungible token products, and they can continue to benefit from sales that happen after graduation.

"There's really no downside for them," Steve said.

Tokens range in price from \$5 for an NFT commemorating this year's bowl game to \$999 for a platinum team token. Most individual player tokens sell for \$25, but like all trading cards and collectibles, they can increase in value over time. Each NextName customer has access to a customized digital wallet where their tokens are stored. Once purchased, the cards can be sold or traded within the portal.

The Thayers plan to soon expand collections beyond University of Illinois teams and athletes.

"We're talking to everybody," Steve said.

As cofounder of Chicago law firm Handler and Thayer, Steve helps other entrepreneurs to create and sustain successful ventures. He said it's a great combination of his interests in law and business.

"All of that has prepared me to launch my own company with Ryan," Steve said.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch

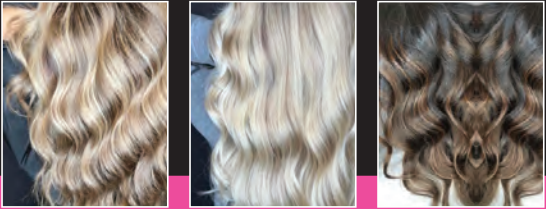


Steve Thayer said he would have hired Ryan, who holds degrees in finance and accounting, even if he wasn't his son, as he's the "right guy for the job." (Jim Slonoff photo)

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# GOOD NEWS

## COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKE DEANS LISTS

Several students from Hinsdale earned a place on the dean's list or its equivalent at their respective colleges and universities for the fall 2022 semester.

- Elizabeth Anderson, Saint Mary's College
- Elijah Blacketer, Iowa State University
- Jacob Duba, Iowa State

University

- Kathleen Gerth, Saint Mary's College
- Samantha Guido, Iowa State University
- Lucy Hawblitzel, Iowa State University
- Katie Hughes, University of Georgia\*
- Hunter Tonn, University of Tennessee\*\*

\* 4.0/president's list  
\*\* magna cum laude

## HINSDALE STUDENTS EARN DEGREES

These Hinsdale college students earned their degrees at the conclusion of the fall 2022 semester.

- Nikola Andrejevic, bachelor's in business administration, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Fabian Pacheco, master's in accounting science, Northern Illinois University

• Ansley Pierce, bachelor's, dance performance

## HINSDALE ROTARY MAKES DONATION

The Hinsdale Rotary Foundation donated \$15,000 to the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation Jan. 18 for the renovation of the neonatal intensive care unit at

the UChicago Medicine AdventHeath Hinsdale Hospital. The NICU renovation groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Feb. 8.

A photo appears online at [www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean](http://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean).

## NAZ STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL

The following students from Hinsdale earned a spot on the honor roll at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park for the first semester of the 2022-23 school year.

The "A" Honor Roll indicates a grade point average of 4.00 or above on a 4 point scale. The "B" Honor Roll indicates a grade point average of 3.33-3.99 on a 4 point scale.

A honor roll — Diana Anos, Elisabeth Anos, Margaret Anos, Grace Carstensen, Ava Coghill, Harrison Gianares, Zachary Hayes, Kenna Hewitt, Matea Hewitt, Francesca Hillman, John Hughes, Nicholas Iwanski, Caroline Kelly, Brady Linn, Molly McGarry, James Mercurio, Faith Mouw, Emelia Sirchio, Josephine Wagner, Kate Wagner

B honor roll — Sam Becka, Claire Beresford, Orion Cáceres Staten, Dylan Colbert, William Francis, Emma Francis, Jack Francis, Tucker Gianares, Dylan Gurland, Aleka Kuo, Mac McGarry, Macey Pjesky, Kirsten Usher, Tate Vaughan, Brennan Wagner, Griffin Wood

## STYLIST JOINS HAIR SALON

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## Practicing perfect

**Members of the** Hinsdale Middle School Disney Band, HMS Chamber Strings and HMS Spartan Chorale have been practicing since the fall to prepare for their upcoming performances at Disney Springs and Universal Studios Orlando Florida in February. In addition to performing, the groups will participate in a Disney Animation Film Scoring workshop. Some of the members at last Sunday's rehearsal included Alexis Mitchell and John Bartoli on trumpet; Olivia Giannini on tuba; Logan Chung and Vedh White on percussion; and Jack Bryan, Alex Zhang and Brianna Chivu on alto saxophones. (Jim Slonoff photos)



## Getting to the heart of art

*Maureen Claffy leads series using masters' methods to unlock imaginations*

By Ken Knutson  
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"Art is the language of the soul." That's the message local artist Maureen Claffy wants to impart to her Hinsdale neighbors through a new monthly series called Heartwork at the Hinsdale Public Library, which enlists artistic techniques to tap into adult students' creative force.

"My belief is, if you're breathing, you're an artist," Claffy said. "You're creating your life."

In each class, the work of a notable artist will guide participants in examining a process, technique or emotion. Heartwork kicks off with an exploration of Vincent Van Gogh and his use of geometric shapes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the library, 20 E. Maple St. (see sidebar for the full series schedule).

"If you can master geometric forms, you can draw just about any object that you would like," Claffy said.

Promoting personal expression is the one of the central objectives of the series.

"It's a combination of actual technical drawing skill and also access to your own creative power, your imagination and your free thought," she said. "What's really interesting is what you want to say, because you've had a completely unique human experience."

All are welcome, regardless of previous experience. People can sign up for one class or all 12, and materials will be provided.

"Most of art comes down to 'Do you have the right supplies?'" Claffy said.

Lizzy Boden, the library's adult services manager, said the idea for the series grew out of a desire to expand on other art classes Claffy has led at the library, as well as her extensive history teaching the community's youth.

"She primarily works with children, and we thought how great it would be to work with adults and try to find a way to use art to make connections and build community," Boden said. "It really fits well within our mission. The library, in addition to being about education, it's always about lifelong learning. And art falls into that category."

Claffy echoed that desire to lean into the unifying power of art and



**Artist Maureen Claffy will** help students understand famous artists' techniques while opening them up to their own creative pathways through her year-long monthly Heartwork series at the Hinsdale Public Library. "This is a way to ask adults to reconnect with their heart through making art," she said. (Jim Slonoff photo)

have students journey together on the experience — particularly coming out of a long season of social distancing.

"There's something really beautiful about people coming together and creating art, celebrating the fact that we can be in the same room again," she said.

The class on contemporary Chicago artist Nick Cave in July is entitled "A Message of Love for America."

"He asks, 'Can we all love each other while looking at our shared history where we have failed?'" Claffy related.

May's session on American impressionist Mary Cassat will delve into the creative force reflected in the maternal. December's class on painter Gustav Klimt will focus on ornamentation, just in time for the holidays.

"We tried to make the schedule so it had a connection to our seasonal year," Claffy said.

She said producing art also has a therapeutic effect to enable people to better face their challenges.

"It helps people process trauma

and gives them a safe place to express it," she offered.

Boden agreed.

"We want people to create art themselves in a welcoming and stress-free space where exploration is encouraged," said Boden, noting that this type of year-long series is a first for the library. "We want you to have a sense of achievement when you leave. It's going to be very much about learning artistic technique, but also about finding your inner artist and making connections and having that sense of community through art."

"I think it's going to be really, really incredible. I'm really excited about it," she added, citing the high demand for the library's art-related programs. "They fill up fast!"

Claffy hopes students enter into the Heartwork series with their own hearts open to new experiences.

"It's about helping people connect to their inner artist in a way that makes their life beautiful," she said. "I feel like if everybody made art, our lives would be so much happier."

### Art beat

The 12-month Heartwork series will explore a wide spectrum of notable artists and topics. Here's the schedule:

Feb. 7: Vincent Van Gogh — Geometric Shapes

March 7: Joan Mitchell — Color

April 4: Tadashi Murakami — Self in Art

May 2: Mary Cassatt — Focus on the Maternal

June 6: Andy Warhol — Fame and Identity

July 11: Nick Cave — A Messenger of Love for America

Aug. 1: Jackson Pollock — Artistic Methods

Sept. 5: David Hockney — Nature in Art

Oct. 3: Georgia O'Keeffe — Impact of Environment

Nov. 7: Hilma of Klint — Spirituality in Art

Dec. 5: Gustav Klimt — The Ornamental and Decorative in Art

Jan. 9: Claude Monet — Art and Healing

All sessions take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the library, 20 E. Maple St.



The Alyssa Allgood Quartet will perform Feb. 3 at Jammin' in the Stacks, part of the Hinsdale Public Library's After Dark series. See Page 28 for details. (photo courtesy of Matt Baker Photography)

## ARTFULLY DONE

### ■ Nature Writing Workshop

Thursdays, Feb. 2-23  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
[www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)  
(630) 719-2468  
Nurture writing skills with a guided workshop in which participants will complete writing prompts and exercises, dive into nature writing classics to see what makes them work, give and receive constructive critiques, and experiment with a variety of styles and techniques. The program is open to all levels (16 and older) and is led by Cindy Crosby, author and naturalist. Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$160. RR, MD

## CENTRAL TIME

### ■ Student-directed one-act plays

Feb. 9-11  
Hinsdale Central auditorium  
5500 S. Grant St.  
<https://ticketpeak.co/hcdrama/events>

Hinsdale Central Drama presents three hilarious and artful student-directed one-act

plays, each about 25 minutes. Times: 7 p.m. Feb. 9 & 10, 5 p.m. Feb. 11. Tickets: \$10, free with activities pass.

## FAMILY FUN

### ■ Family Fort Night

Jan. 31  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976  
Build a fort as a family and then read books inside. Feel free to bring some fort materials. Tables and chairs will be provided. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. RR

### ■ Greg the Groundhog and Friends

Feb. 4  
Little Red Schoolhouse  
Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(708) 839-6897  
Enjoy a scavenger hunt to find Greg the Groundhog and his animal friends. Register to book a time. Hours: 11 a.m. to

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# It's a new year, but the classics remain the same

Many of us set an intention, select a word to focus on, or resolve to do something at the start of a brand new year. In other words, we make a resolution; a firm decision to do (or not do) something.

By this point in January though, it is estimated that two-thirds have already dropped their resolutions (some studies even cite specific days, with Jan. 17 and 19 being THE days to give up the goal). And speaking of specific, one reason resolutions fail is that they are too general.

So, if one of your intentions was to read more books or simply spend more time reading, let's get a little more precise. Since crossing something off a list always feels like an accomplishment, a reading challenge list can help you reach your reading goals.

From Book Riot to Goodreads, a near constant on any list is reading a classic. You can reread an old favorite or try a new one.

Here are a few classics that library staff love to read or recommend.

• "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by

**Betty Smith**

A coming-of-age novel led by fierce Francie Nolan, the daughter of Irish immigrants in 1900s Brooklyn, as she navigates many struggles. A favorite of mine to read once a year or so, I learn more about the characters and myself each time. It is a book that truly grows with you. — Molly Castor, marketing and outreach manager

• "The Iliad" by Homer

Achilles and Patroclus and their complex, powerful connection resonates with me even though their story was first written centuries ago. Vivid descriptions, exciting adventures and emotional connections can still bring life to a time so distant to us! — Capri Pappas, youth and young adult library assistant

• "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee

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**Molly Castor**  
Check this out

released in 1960, it is a southern coming-of-age story told in a thoughtful and humorous voice, dealing with issues of race, justice, and personal ethics. Harper Lee won a Pulitzer Prize for "To Kill A Mockingbird," the only book she published during her lifetime. — Mike Oetting, adult services librarian

• "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott

This is one of my favorite books. I love the different personalities of the four sisters and how they still connect with each other and are close to each other despite their differences. I also really enjoy how the book follows the sisters throughout their life and shows the choices they make and challenges they face while finding their own paths. — Marissa Hegel, patron services associate

• "The Baby-Sitter's Club" series by Ann M. Martin (a modern classic, no?)

I loved the OG series when I was a kid. It was always so exciting to buy the next book in the series at the mall bookstore with my own money. There was just something about this group of friends and how they interacted with each other and the children they were taking care of. They learned a lot while also having a lot of fun! — Jenny Susina, youth services librarian

Keep your reading habits healthy all year with encouragement from your local librarians. We offer reading recommendations (more than just classics!), book club support and tech help. Our new HPL Help Desk can teach you how to get a book loaded to your Kindle or eReader if you're trying a new reading format this year.

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— Molly Castor is the marketing and outreach manager at the Hinsdale Public Library.

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2 p.m. RR

## ■ Saying Yes to Your Story

Feb. 8

[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)

Award-winning children's and young adult author and poet Kwame Alexander, author of "The Crossover," "The Undeclared" and most recently "An American Story," will share ways to say yes to one's story and persist in the face of rejection as he shares his own publishing journey. The virtual program is an Illinois Libraries Present event and intended for students in middle and high school through adults. Time: 7 to 7:45 p.m. RR

## FOR A CAUSE

### ■ Oak School book drive

Through Feb. 9  
827 S. Oak St.

Fifth-graders at Oak School are collecting books with the goal of donating at least 250 new or like-new books for Oak's sister school, Drexel Elementary in Cicero. Donations of preschool to middle school level books can be dropped off in the bin at the address listed above. Questions? Send an email to [carinne.elyse@gmail.com](mailto:carinne.elyse@gmail.com).

### ■ Heartfest

Feb. 4

Hyatt Lodge Oak Brook  
2815 Jorie Blvd.

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/tAa>

Join this 16th annual event benefiting kids born with congenital heart defects. Enjoy a buffet dinner and open bar along with cupcakes, specialty drinks and live music. Proceeds support medical research, summer camp scholarships for kids and high school cardiac screenings in the Chicagoland area. Any style of dress is appropriate, but wear favorite red attire. Time: 6:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets: \$175, \$80 for children.

### ■ Humane society fundraiser

Feb. 9

The Design Bar

880 Village Center Drive, Burr Ridge

[www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org](http://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org)

(630) 323-5630

Enjoy an evening of shopping and socializing while supporting animals in need, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Hinsdale Humane

Society in honor of its 70th Anniversary. Drinks and light refreshments will be served, and raffle prizes will be awarded. Hours: 5 to 8 p.m. RR

### ■ Cupid Courts Misericordia

Feb. 10

Various locations

[www.cupidcourts2023.givesmart.com](http://www.cupidcourts2023.givesmart.com)

The paddle community in the western suburbs will enjoy a day of paddle tennis play to raise money for Misericordia Home. Take advantage of donated lessons, equipment and time from paddle tennis pros, and try to win a raffle item. Lunch will be served following play and the raffle at Salt Creek Club, 830 N. Madison St., Hinsdale. A men's evening event will also be held at 6 p.m. See the website above for details. Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

## GAME ON

### ■ Indoor Beginning Golf

Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 1  
Madison School  
611 S. Madison St. Hinsdale

[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-7 will use special SNAG equipment to learn the basics of the complete swing, putting and chipping in a safe and stress-free atmosphere. Time: 5:15 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$52.

### ■ Basketball

Mondays, Feb. 6-27

Madison School

611 S. Madison St., Hinsdale  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Boys and girls ages 7-9 will learn dribbling, passing, shooting, positions and the importance of teamwork through drills and games, which will be played at the end of each class. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$65. RR

### ■ Board game program

Feb. 7

Clarendon Hills Library

7 N. Prospect Ave.

[www.clarendonhillslibrary.org](http://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org)  
(630) 323-8188

Graham Carlson, community engagement manager at Fair Game board game stores in Downers Grove and La Grange,

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will talk about today's hottest family board games, how playing games can bring families and friends closer and create lasting memories and also let participants get hands-on with a few games. Time: 7 p.m. RR

### ■ Men's Bridge Open Play

Tuesdays through April 25  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale

www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Join this group for some fun bridge play and fellowship.  
Time: noon to 3 p.m. Cost: \$2 per person. RR

## GREAT OUTDOORS

### ■ Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons

Jan. 28 & 29  
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center

12545 W. 111th St., Lemont  
www.fpdcc.com  
(630) 257-2045

Ages 12 and up can learn to ski with a certified Professional Ski Instructor of America. The program will only take place if Sagawau's ski trails are open. Call the number listed above or visit Sagawau's Facebook page for ski trail status. Time: 9 a.m. RR

### ■ Night Owls Walk

Jan. 28  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Be a night owl and join forest district staff on a night stroll.  
Time: 6 to 8 p.m. RR

### ■ Moon Walk

Feb. 5  
Little Red Schoolhouse

Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

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## ■ Poetry Trail: Black History Month

Feb. 8  
Bemis Woods-South  
Ogden Avenue west of Wolf  
Road near Western Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(312) 533-5751

In honor of Black History Month, walk a short, looped trail and read poetry for children written by Black authors along the way. Hours: 10 a.m. to noon

## ■ Romantic Night Hike

Feb. 10 & 11  
Fullersburg Woods  
3609 Spring Ave.  
www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 933-7248

Experience the magic of an evening walk along lantern-lit trails on a self-guided, 1- to 2-mile journey. Follow the candlelight to roaring fires, roasting marshmallows and hot chocolate. The program is for ages 18 and up. Times: 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Cost: \$12. RR

## ■ Fishing: Hard Water Classic

Feb. 11  
Blackwell Forest Preserve  
Butterfield Road west of  
Winfield Road, Warrenville  
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Anglers of all ages are invited to take part in the only competitive ice fishing tournament in DuPage, and then stick around for door prizes and awards. Those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the event. RR

## GREEN THUMB

### ■ The Magic of Heirloom Seed Varieties

Feb. 4  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Learn about what heirlooms are, how to plant heirlooms in one's garden and what a Hinsdale garden might have looked like 150 years ago in celebration of Hinsdale's 150th anniversary. The event is co-sponsored by the Garden Club of Hinsdale. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### ■ Yoga In the Woods

Jan. 29  
Little Red Schoolhouse

Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
www.fpdcc.com  
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy an all-levels yoga class with a certified instructor followed by a self-guided walk. Bring a yoga mat/beach towel & water. The programs is for ages 18 and up. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

### ■ Managing Prostate Cancer Side Effects

Feb. 2  
www.wellnesshouse.org  
(630) 323-5150

Urologist Dr. Omer Raheem of UChicago Medicine will present this online Top Doc Lecture on managing common prostate cancer side effects like incontinence, erectile dysfunction, pain or discomfort and more. Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m. RR

### ■ Yoga Chisel

Saturdays through April 29  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Certified yoga instructor Gerri Atkinson will show how to maximize the benefits of yoga practice by combine vinyasa flow yoga with upper body muscle conditioning exercises utilizing light hand weights for a total body workout. The class is ongoing. Participants should bring a mat. Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$115 for a 10-class punch card or \$15 per class. RR

## JUST FOR KIDS

### ■ Happy Little Trees

Jan. 31  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500 Kids ages 6-12 can paint along with a tranquil nature scene, inspired by everyone's favorite iconic curly headed PBS host. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$25

### ■ My Little Pony Party

Feb. 4  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
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treat and make sure to dress colorfully Time: 11 a.m. to noon. RR

### ■ Happy Hearts

Feb. 5  
Wellness House  
131 N. County Line Road,  
Hinsdale  
www.wellnesshouse.org  
(630) 323-5150

This fun kids event celebrates joy and love. Parents are invited to enjoy an afternoon out while the kiddos have a fun afternoon full of games, arts, crafts and yummy treats! Dress in favorite Valentine's Day colors or attire. Contact Angela Dennison at [adennison@wellnesshouse.org](mailto:adennison@wellnesshouse.org) or (630) 654.5196 to register by Feb. 1. RR

### LISTEN & LEARN

### ■ The Emotional Lives of Teenagers

Feb. 7  
www.d181foundation.org  
In this Zoom webinar, Lisa Damour, PhD, will offer guid-

ance to adults on raising adolescents who are connected, capable and compassionate, including strategies of dealing with teens' arguments, risk taking, emerging romantic lives, friendships, social media and more. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR


### NOTEWORTHY

### ■ ConcertoFest!

Jan. 28  
Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S. Garfield St.  
www.elmhurstsymphony.org  
(630) 941-0202

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will be joined by guest soloists Jasmine Lin on the violin and Brandon Acker on the theorbo. ESO musicians Rika Seko (violin), Naomi Bensdorf Frisch (oboe) and Andrew Nogal (oboe) also will have solo turns. The program includes works by Dall'Abaco, Bach, Vivaldi and Telemann. The concert also will be performed at 3 p.m. Jan. 29 at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill

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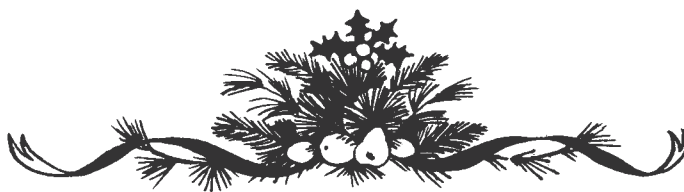
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Road. Time: 2:30 p.m. Jan. 28.  
Tickets: \$35, \$32 for seniors.

### ■ Jammin' in the Stacks

Feb. 3  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

As part of its HPL After Dark series, the library, in partnership with WDCB, hosts

The Alyssa Allgood Quartet, with Allgood praised for her impressive voice, original lyrics and modern approach to jazz. Beverages and refreshments will be provided. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

### ON SCREEN

#### ■ 'The Duke'

Feb. 1  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage

425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

This 2020 British drama-comedy is based on the true story of the theft of Goya's "Duke of Wellington" from The National Gallery in 1961. Kempton Bunton stole the portrait and sent ransom notes promising to return the painting once the government invested more in care for the elderly. It chronicles the act of

good man hoping to change the world and save his marriage. Times: 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

### ON STAGE

#### ■ 'Roald Dahl's Matilda: The Musical'

Jan. 27-Feb. 5  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
www.stagedoorfinearts.com  
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a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers who's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, Miss Honey. Matilda's courage and cleverness in equal amounts The school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull,, and could be the school pupils' saving grace. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Thursday, Feb. 2; 2 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays.

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Tickets: \$25-\$30.

■ **'Andy Warhol's Tomato'**

Feb. 2-March 5  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

The Buffalo Theatre Ensemble will transport audiences to 1946 Pittsburgh, where an 18-year-old Andy Warhol finds himself in the basement of a working-class bar. Over the course of a summer, Andy gives and gets inspiration, guidance and friendship from a surprising source in this fictional take on an apocryphal story of an American legend. The production contains mature themes and language. A pre-show discussion with the director and designers will be held from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. Feb. 2; a post-show discussion with the director, actors and crew will be held Feb. 10. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$42, \$40 for seniors.

■ **'The Father'**

Through Feb. 5  
Theatre of Western Springs  
4384 Hampton Ave.  
https://theatreofwesternsprings.com  
(708) 246-4043

The play follows Andre, a cantankerous old widower suffering from dementia, who receives regular visits from his caring but frustrated daughter Anne. His mood swings and fits of temper result from his inability to grasp reality, a confusion complicated by occasional awareness of his previous existence. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25, \$12 for children and students.

■ **Pilobolus: Big Five-Oh!**

Feb. 5  
McAninch Arts Center  
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The innovative dance company is celebrating 50 years with this tour, bringing audiences a mix of pieces ranging from the vintage and visionary to the fresh and electrifying. After the performance the dancers will hold a 15-minute Q&A with the audience. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$55-\$65.

■ **The Best of Second City**

Feb. 11  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the world-famous comedy company as it takes shots at heartbreak, missed connections and the mire of human relationships. The show may contain adult languages and

themes. Times: 5 and 8 p.m.  
Tickets: \$30-\$48.

■ **'A Doll's House - Part Two'**

Feb. 16-26  
Theatre of Western Springs  
4384 Hampton Ave.  
https://theatreofwesternsprings.com  
(708) 246-4043

The story picks up 15 years after the ending of the Henrik Ibsen play, "A Doll's House." In the final scene, Nora decides to

live an independent life away from her husband and children. In making a life-changing decision, she says goodbye to her past life. But at some point, Nora must ask those who she leaves a final question. In this sequel, Nora returns to the house, but she must face the family she left behind and deal with the consequences. Showtimes: 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets: \$25.

■ **'And Neither Have I Wings to Fly'**

Through Feb. 26  
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abandons university to care for her widowed father. But as her younger sister prepare to leave home, a visit from her mother's ghost makes Evie begin to ask, "When is it my turn?" Times: 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Thursday, Jan. 26; 3 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays; and 4 and 8 p.m. Saturdays (captioned performances are 4 p.m. Feb. 11 and 8 p.m. Feb. 17). Tickets: \$29-\$59, \$20 for students.

### ■ 'A Chorus Line'

Through March 19  
Drury Lane Theatre  
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

www.drurylanetheatre.com  
Experience Drury Lane Theatre's production of this iconic musical offering a backstage look at the intimate lives of dancers auditioning for a Broadway chorus, features memorable numbers including "What I Did for Love," "One," and "I Hope I Get It." Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m.

Saturdays; and 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$85-\$95, with a \$5 discount for senior on Wednesday and Thursday matinees.

## SENIOR SCENE

### ■ Chicago History Museum Guided Tour & Lunch

Feb. 2  
Depart from The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
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Enjoy a 50-minute docent-guided "Highlights of Chicago" tour at the Chicago History Museum, exploring the grandeur of the world fairs of 1893 and 1933, Chicago innovations like skyscrapers and the city's diverse neighborhoods and lively cultural scene. Then relax at lunch from noon to 1 p.m. before heading home. Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$50. RR, MD

### ■ Living Well in your Own Home

Feb. 8  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.

www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Lori Gibson of Home For Life Advantage will discuss the top 10 home modifications to maintain one's independence and age in place freely, comfortably and safely for life. Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. RR

### ■ Marquee FilmTalks

Wednesdays through April 19  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Join these monthly discussions using a live Zoom stream to talk about different movie topics. Light movie snacks and coffee/tea will be provided. Verify the talk date when registering each month; fees are collected at the front desk. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$2 per talk. RR

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ■ VIP PetCare Clinic

Feb. 2  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

(630) 323-5630

The humane society hosts this monthly walk-in mobile service to offer individual care, service packages and full wellness plans. Pet food support is available upon request. Hours: 5 to 7 p.m.

### ■ Chocolate Weekend

Feb. 4-5  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
www.mortonarb.org

Celebrate the cacao tree and the many delights of chocolate it provides by sampling an array of chocolates and unique items with a chocolate twist. The member preview event is from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 3. Tickets are \$17. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$16, \$14 for seniors, \$11 for ages 2-17. RR, MD

## STEPPING BACK

### ■ Farmhouse Life in the Winter: Family Health

Through Feb. 27  
Kline Creek Farm  
1N600 County Farm Road,  
West Chicago

www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 876-5900

Enjoy a guided tour of the 1890s farmhouse focusing on a common winter experience: taking care of a sick family member. Learn about "sick foods" of the period, how candy was used as medicine and how the first floor bedroom acted as the sick room. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays to Mondays. Admission: \$5 suggested donation for ages 3 and up.

## TEENS & TWEENS

### ■ Babysitters Certification

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

Youth ages 11-15 will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly provide care for children and infants in this American Red Cross class. The cost includes a participant workbook, training materials as well as an American Red Cross

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Babysitters Training certificate. Full-day attendance is required to receive certification.. Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$105. RR, MD

### ■ Tips for Admission Success Feb. 2

[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
Join this interactive virtual program to get tips for standardized tests, school fit, how to improve admission odds and strategies to reduce costs. There will be time for questions. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

### WEE ONES

### ■ I am a Scientist Feb. 1

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(708) 839-6897

Children ages 4-5 with an adult will increase their wonder and curiosity by exploring, experimenting and making discoveries. Time: 10 a.m. RR

### ■ Lil Pint Soccer

Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 1  
Madison School  
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[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
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### ■ Love is Brewing Feb. 16

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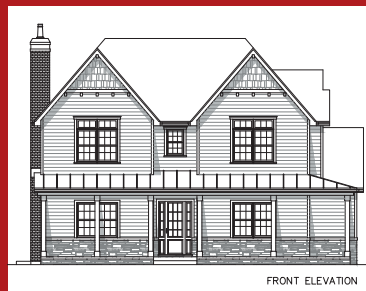
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**ESTATE OF HAROLD T. DUGUID**

**CASE NUMBER**  
**2022PR000762**

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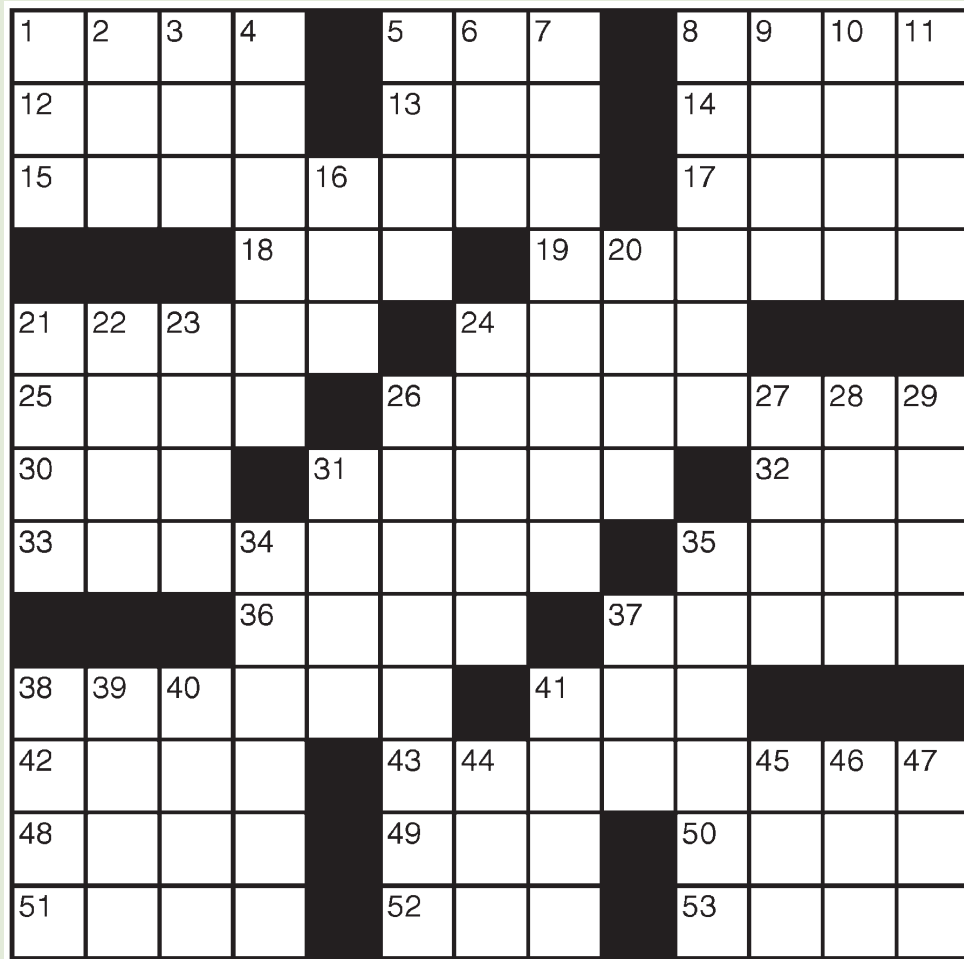


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- ACROSS
- 1 CHOIR VOICE  
5 RIGHT ANGLE  
8 DALLAS TEAM, TO FANS  
12 CHECK  
13 SHEEP CALL  
14 OUT OF THE STORM  
15 RUB WITH AN EMERY BOARD, PERHAPS  
17 SPECK  
18 AUTHOR FLEMING  
19 T-SHIRT FABRIC  
21 PRIMITIVE  
24 SPARTAN QUEEN  
25 HAMILTON-BURR SHOWDOWN  
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43 COLOR AKIN TO TURQUOISE  
48 FRENCH RIVER  
49 WILDEBEEST  
50 COLD WAR INITIALS  
51 GETZ OF JAZZ  
52 KENNY G'S INSTRUMENT  
53 LITIGATES



- DOWN
- 1 "BOW-WOW!"  
2 ISLAND GARLAND  
3 UP TO  
4 "ANNA CHRISTIE" PLAYWRIGHT  
5 BLACK, IN VERSE  
6 MURPHY'S --  
7 GUINEVERE'S LOVER  
8 RUM COCKTAIL  
9 OODLES  
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47 HOSP. PARTS

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  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Ramble 2. Install;  
3. Dusty; 4. Bristle

Today's Word  
**DISTURBS**



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### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Introduce

Dirty

Stubble

RIBLETS

TODAY'S WORD

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## February 2023 Horoscopes • Week 1



CAPRICORN

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Your tendency to want to tackle things all on your own could have you pushing others away, Capricorn. Accept others' willingness to pitch in.



ARIES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, it's important to focus on progress and not necessarily on money that can be made. See what you can learn along the path you choose.



CANCER

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, distractions seemingly abound this week and your head isn't in the game. While you can get away with a few oversights here and there, too many can be problematic.



LIBRA

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
If you made a career change recently, you may be discovering that the payoff isn't quite what you expected. Fulfillment is essential, so give some thought to new pursuits.



AQUARIUS

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, there has been a lot on your plate and many thoughts swimming through your mind. A quick getaway could be what is needed this month.



TAURUS

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
You have high hopes that your efforts will be well received this week, Taurus. Before you move full speed ahead, run your ideas by a trusted group of confidantes.



LEO

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, someone in your life is looking for a pep talk and you are just the person to provide one. Listen to the problem at hand and offer this person some solid solutions.



SCORPIO

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, it is not like you to feel adrift, but that could be the situation right now. Latch on to one activity or person that brings you joy. Focus on the positives in life.



PISCES

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, you have a few offers on the table, but could be having trouble narrowing down your preference. Bring in a third party to help.



GEMINI

**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
You don't learn by getting things right all of the time, Gemini. A few mistakes along the way provide an opportunity to grow and figure out new ways to do the job.



VIRGO

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, you could be at a crossroads in your life. You are pondering many different scenarios, and now is the time to solidify plans for the next few weeks.



SAGITTARIUS

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, family members want to spend more time with you, so plan for the extra company. Have a few extra snacks on hand and make sure the house is orderly.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Charlotte French**  
Clarendon Hills  
senior

**How long have you been a gymnast?**  
Since I was 3, so about 15 years

**What do you enjoy about the sport?**  
I just feel like not everyone has the ability to do the crazy skills that I can do and my teammates can do. I feel like I was put here to do that sport.

**How you improved since freshman year?**  
I first joined the high school team from club gymnastics, and I was used to being upset with myself if I didn't do as well as I wanted in a meet. Over the last few years I've focused a lot more on the team aspect and having fun with everyone. Now I never go home from a meet feeling upset.

**What's your strongest event?**  
I would say my strongest event score-wise is bars, and I went to state last year in bars. But my favorite event is floor because my routine has a lot of difficulty.

**What's your goal in your final season?**  
This year I'm a lot more focused on myself and what I want to accomplish by the end of this year, as it will be my last year doing gymnastics.

**How would your teammates describe you?**  
I would say hardworking, motivating, compassionate about my teammates and about the sport. I try and mentor the younger team members and show what it means to put in the work.

**How's the new gymnastics gym at Central?**  
It's really nice, and it kind of puts everyone in the zone because everything's all in one spot and we can see everyone on all the events.

**Who inspires you?**  
I would say Simone Biles, just everything she's gone through as a gymnast of color and making it as far as she has in the sport, that's really inspiring.

**Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?**  
I want to become a psychiatrist helping military veterans and their families with their mental health.

**Why does coach Kim Estoque like having French on the squad?**  
Charlotte is a pleasure to work with. She is a leader, hard working and very caring person. She shows great sportsmanship for her fellow teammates as well as others from other teams.

— profile by Ken Knutson,  
photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

<b>Basketball, boys</b> Jan. 24 vs. Willowbrook V wins 67-52 Oosterbaan, 16 points Collignon, 14 points, 9 rebounds Orozco, 13 points Graham, 11 points Trainer, 6 points Phillips, 8 assists Jan. 21 @ Batavia Shootout vs. Batavia V wins 54-49 Jan. 20 vs. LT V wins 49-41	V wins 45-35 Dolan, 13 points Sheehan, 11 points McLaughlin, 7 points Gin, 4 points Skinner, 4 points Dani, 2 points Qiu, 2 points Sherpitis, 2 points Jan. 21 vs. Glenbard West V loses 28-56	<b>Swimming, boys</b> Jan. 21 @ St. Charles North Invite V places 1st with 379 points 200-yard medley relay Bertulis, Bey, Guo, Carlbaum, 1st, 1:36 200-yard freestyle Gilbert, 5th, 1:49.69 Chase, 6th, 1:49.95 200-yard IM Guo, 1st, 1:56.52 Harris, 4th, 1:58.74 50-yard freestyle Vatev, 5th, 22.18 Hou, 6th, 22.3 100-yard butterfly Bertulis, 1st, 51.26	Dimitriou, 309  <b>Swimming, boys</b> Gao, 2nd, 52.64 100-yard freestyle Carlbaum, 1st, 47.05 Priest, 4th, 48.49 500-yard freestyle Pelinkovic, 4th, 4:56.91 Feiro, 9th, 5:12.06 200-yard freestyle relay Bertulis, Gilbert, Hou, Harris, 1st, 1:27.39 100-yard backstroke Carlbaum, 1st, 52.19 Marcet, 4th, 54.45 100-yard breaststroke Bey, 1st, 59.1 Fix, 2nd, 59.36	400-yard freestyle relay Harris, Gilbert, Priest, Carlbaum, 1st, 3:11.37 Jan. 20 vs. LT V wins 135-53  <b>Wrestling</b> Jan. 20-21 @ Stagg Invite 138 pounds Tavoso, 1st 220 pounds Ivanisevic, 1st 160 pounds Kruse, 4th 170 pounds Taylor Riggi, 5th 285 pounds Koschik, 6th
<b>Basketball, girls</b> Jan. 24 @ Proviso West	<b>Bowling, girls</b> Jan. 24 vs. York V loses 2,488-3,049 Wu, 529 Vladislavjevich, 485 Andersen, 455 Nardulli, 395 Brugge, 315			

Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central** sophomore guard Grace Dolan eludes a Glenbard West defender and the two teams battle on the floor for a loose ball during a home game against Glenbard West Jan. 21. Dolan led the way for the Red Devils with 9 points, but the team came up short to their conference rival Hilltoppers 28-56. (Jim Slonoff photo)

# SPORTS

## Alumna back coaching sport she loves

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understanding that building the program is more important than individual games will serve her well.

"To me — and I think Erin understands this — the key to having a good high school program is to have a program where the freshmen through the upperclassmen all understand the expectation of how hard they have to work, how they have to play together, that basketball is a team sport," he said.

Navolio said her goal is to create the type of program her former coach ran.

"He had such success in the '90s and 2000s and I love his defensive strategy and his intensity, so I try to bring that back to the program," she said.

Navolio brought those high expectations to the program even as an assistant coach, said former Red Devil Nina Sarros, who graduated in 2022.

"Sometimes that was daunting, but it also put us in a position to reach our full potential, because she did expect so much from us, and it showed us we were capable of it," said Sarros, who played her freshman year on the sophomore team and three years on varsity. "I feel like I would not have reached my full potential if I had not had her as my coach."

Navolio's goal off the court is to help create women who are prepared to meet the challenges they will face as adults by teaching them self-advocacy, respect, discipline, accountability and perseverance.

"I want to be able to teach them not only basketball skills but skills for life. They're only with me about four months out of the year," she said.

Sarros said Navolio's experience as a player and long-time coach helped reinforce the lessons she tried to pass on to the team, Sarros said.



**With only nine** members on the varsity team, Navolio is working to grow the program. "We have a tendency to lose kids to Benet, Montini. I'm trying to keep interest and make them want to come here." (Jim Slonoff photo)

"She taught us a bunch of things and it was easy to know she was credible because she had done it herself," said Sarros, now a freshman at the University of

Kentucky.

Looking five or 10 years down the road, Navolio hopes to still be coaching at her alma mater.

"I know the program was

very competitive when I was growing up and I know we've lost that in the last few years," she said. "I want to have a competitive program in the conference and in the state."



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## **Mandatory Workout Day tryouts – 2/5/23:**

- Where: Hinsdale Central High School Field House
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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 2023 Season Schedule**



- Registration started 1/9/23
- Registration closes 2/17/23
- HLL draft 3/4/23
- Watch your emails for more info!
- Practices start first week in April (weather permitting)
- Opening Day to be early April

# SPORTS

## Alumna back coaching sport she loves

*Former player Erin Navolio now leading varsity girls basketball at Central*

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Erin Navolio is in her first year as head coach of Hinsdale Central High School's varsity girls basketball team, but her history with the program goes back many years — all the

way to her childhood.

"I had been attending their little kids summer camp since I was in third grade," she said. "My father and I would go to a lot of their games throughout the season. My dream was to be on the Hinsdale Central basketball team."

Her dream came true in 2006 when she earned a spot on the sophomore team as a freshman. She was called up to varsity in the middle of her sophomore year. She has fond memories of coach Steve Gross and her time on the squad.

"He was amazing," she said of Gross. "I had the best teams, the best friendships that came out of it. It was a big highlight of my high school experience."

"I knew as soon as I left high school I wanted to be back coaching."

Gross said Navolio, who at one point played point guard, would often get knocked to the ground, causing the coaches to cringe.

"She would just get up and keep on going. She was a great competitor and a super tough player," he said.

Navolio went on to play at Knox College in Galesburg, where she earned a degree in elementary education.

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher early on. I loved elementary," she said.

Although many of her fellow coaches teach at Central, she said it's easy for her to transition from her day job teaching first grade at St. Francis Xavier in La Grange to coaching.

"You finish your school day and hop right into it," she said. "I get to work with different age groups through the day."

Navolio was teaching at St. Angela School in Chicago in 2012 when she was offered the opportunity to be the assistant girls varsity coach under Tom McKenna. She jumped at the chance.

"And I've kind of been there ever since," she said.

In addition to serving as assistant coach, she also was head coach of the



**After 10 years** of serving as a girls sophomore and varsity assistant coach, former Red Devil Erin Navolio took the reins of the varsity team this year. She said her dream as a kid was to play for Central. (Jim Slonoff photos)

sophomore team for two years. Leading the varsity team, she's discovered, is a much bigger responsibility.

"It's been a lot," she acknowledged, quickly adding that the experience has been great.

"I have a really good group of girls. I have a very supportive group of parents," she said. "I have two seniors this year. We're incredibly young, but we have been learning a lot from each other. They're very coachable. They work very hard. It's been a good experience."

She credited Hinsdale Central athletic director Dan Jones with helping her through the transition. He said she's been doing a great job.

"Even for a young head coach, she has been paying attention to the details and is very organized," Jones said. "I think her greatest strength is her preparation

for both games and practices. She has really got the girls focused and she's got them competing together as a team."

As part of the West Suburban Conference, the Red Devils play some of the toughest teams in the state. Her young team has struggled in some of those contests, and at one point had eight losses in a row in December and early January. Navolio was not discouraged.

"With those losses there was improvement," she said. "The scores maybe didn't reflect it."

"Our confidence grew and we started to play with each other," she added. "I told the girls it was going to be a tough season and as long as I see improvement with each game, that's all I can ask for."

Gross said Navolio's

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**Navolio said she** relies on the coaches at all levels of the program. "They've been very helpful in calming me down," she said.

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# JANUARY



## *A league of their own*

While waiting for the Zamboni driver to finish preparing the ice for practice, Burlington West Grizzlies coach Julie Sochacki lent a hand to the sputtering machine, which was running low on propane. Team members, and Hinsdale Central students Ashley Ashbaugh and Amelia Sowers, were quick to drop their sticks and give their coach a hand as well. (Jim Slonoff photo)

“Any of these districts who can keep their schools running during this time have really had to work hard to put creative solutions into place.” — **Gina Herrmann, D181 assistant superintendent of human resources, on navigating staff absences and a sub shortage during the COVID surge**

“I think the board will be best served if you take this as one isolated incident and move on from it.” — **attorney Dana Crumley’s counsel after investigating a confrontation between D86 board members Eric Held and Jeff Waters after a board meeting a few months prior**

“I was freaking out with COVID just happening and there was no blood. I was terrified. But then somebody found blood. We were so happy.” — **Elise Allison, a fifth-grader at Madison School, on battling leukemia during the pandemic**

“When I’m in the net, I don’t really think about the puck flying at me. I just think about what I need to do to stop it — and it can’t go in.” — **Savannah Alexander, Hinsdale Central student and goalie for the Burlington West Grizzlies**

“I like the bees the most because I feel as though it is the purest test of your individual knowledge.” — **Benet Academy’s John Augustyn on competing in several national and international geography and history bees**

“I always have to take a shower, brush my teeth and prepare like I’m going out for a nice dinner.” — **Hinsdale Central basketball player Jake Quast on his pre-game routine**

“If a vendor pulls out because you guys don’t want me there, and I don’t want to be there, that should be the end of the conversation.” — **equity consultant Valda Valbrun on the firestorm around her withdrawing her firm from consideration to help D86 promote diversity and inclusion**



## 2022 in review

# FEBRUARY



## *To mask or not to mask*

The answer for the 150 or so people who gathered outside District 181 headquarters one Monday in Clarendon Hills was not to mask. With District 181 holding a remote learning day, many children were available to participate in the civics lesson. The demonstration was in support of a Friday decision by a Sangamon County judge that Gov. JB Pritzker's administration overstepped its bounds by issuing mask and vaccine mandates through emergency rules.



“ It is time for the kids to get back to learning. Stop pushing your agenda and your politics on our children. They need to start living and start learning normally again.” — **Stephanie Dillard to the District 86 Board before a vote to make masks optional for students**

“ When I got those photos, there was no question we were related. I can remember spending like an hour just staring at those photos over and over again. That was mind-blowing for me.” — **Alisa Messana, who was adopted as a baby, on receiving the first photos of her full siblings, Kelli and Bryan, from her birth parents**

“ Depending on whether (flights) are in west flow or east flow will probably affect what airplanes you're seeing in the vicinity of Hinsdale.” — **Aaron Frame of the Chicago Department of Aviation on why residents might be hearing increased airplane noise**

“ It still hasn't sunk in yet. I'm kind of just in disbelief.” — **Brian Allen, Hinsdale Central graduate and member of Los Angeles Rams, on winning the Super Bowl**

“ I think our community has so much turmoil right now, and this is my preferred form of therapy.” — **Allison Peters on being part of the cast in the 2022 Community Revue, “Hinsdale Unmasked”**

“ Because the competition there was so difficult, it motivated me to really push myself and do the best vault I could possibly do.” — **senior gymnast Kelly Klobach on competing at the IHSA individual state meet, where she placed fourth on vault**

“ Two million neurons die every minute that a stroke is left untreated. By reducing treatment times even by a single minute, this algorithm could reduce death and disability in stroke patients worldwide.” — **Jui Khankari, Hinsdale Central senior and winner of the national Regenero Science Talent Search**

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# MARCH



## Red Devil Nation goes blue and yellow

Bridget Kallas and Niko Rhodes hoped to raise \$20,000 to donate to the Ukrainian Red Cross, in part by hosting a run/walk Sunday, March 20, at Dickinson Field. People who couldn't make it to the walk could send a check payable to Hinsdale Central to the high school with the word "Ukraine" on the memo line.



**I knew I had something in me, but I really didn't see that coming.** — **Hinsdale Central freshman swimmer Josh Bey after setting a new school record time of 54.96 in the 100-yard breaststroke at the state final**



**We're appealing once more to protect the code and the way it is and to stop commercializing in our neighborhood.** — **Fullersburg neighborhood resident Dan Hemmer in opposing Ryan Companies' proposal for a senior living development on the former IBLP property**



**Even though (students) are allowed to come late, they come even later. That's something the deans have been frustrated about and teachers, too.** — **D86 assistant superintendent for academics Chris Covino on moving from a mix of late start and flex learning days to regular early dismissal Wednesdays**



**A lot of time I don't necessarily plan out what I'm going to shoot. I do like just walking around and doing street photography and other types of photography, too.** — **Hinsdale Central graduate Jared Callaway on his exhibit at Hinsdale's Virgil Catherine Gallery**

**Make no mistake, when violent crimes occur in Hinsdale, we will use all resources available from both the state and federal level to ensure that the offenders are held accountable.** — **Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King on the prison sentences for two men convicted in the 2017 armed robbery of Razny Jewelers**

**I was a competitive swimmer. But in water polo, you have to work together toward the common goal of winning. Being goalie is like the QB position in football, responsible for getting everyone in the right spot.** — **Hinsdale Central girls water polo player Olivia Zelenka on her love for the sport**

**When a community is under-resourced, it cannot thrive the way that it should.** — **Loren Williams on her work at The Community House's director of social impact**

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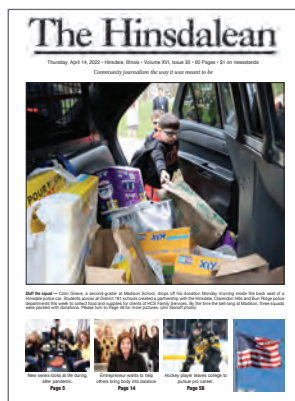
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# APRIL



## Hinsdale house fire

A person driving by the home at 323 W. North St. noticed flames coming from the roof on a Monday afternoon, called 911 and notified residents of the fire. The house was evacuated safely and there were no reported injuries. Crews from 14 other local fire departments assisted Hinsdale firefighters in extinguishing the blaze. Aerial ladders from Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills were used. The fire was contained to the roof and attic of the home. Hinsdale fire investigators were investigating the cause of the fire, which caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage.

“I called my dad but he didn’t answer. My mom didn’t answer. My sister didn’t answer. My brother didn’t answer. So I just walked out of my room and told my roommate.” — **Colin Swoyer on trying to reach his family after signing a one-year contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins**

“You could not make the music loud enough. There was not one inch of the course where there were not balloons and people shouting and cheering. It was nuts.” — **Alli Mason on trying to hear her playlist while running in her first Boston Marathon**

“The kids get the benefit of beautiful spaces. We get the benefit of access to each other. It’s a beautiful venue. We’re excited.” — **Hinsdale Central Principal Bill Walsh on the new student services center and student commons**

“We all challenge you to run because we want to crush you at the polls, just like we crushed the last set of incumbents that aren’t sitting at the table with you.” — **Yvonne Mayer to certain D86 board members**

“Real people need to eat real food if you expect to have real health. We’re actually overfed as a society, but we’re undernourished.” — **Kathy Napleton, wellness chef and founder of Nourished**

“It’ll be a nice look, so when you drive down First Street, you see all these restaurants that will have a certain uniformity about them.” — **Village President Tom Cauley on new outdoor dining regulations**

“We thought, ‘Oh, we’ll just do this for a few months because that is how long a pandemic will last.’ Here we are, 106 Tuesdays later.” — **Nerida Thomas on the “Tipsy Tuesday” sessions she and her three neighbors held each week to cope with the pandemic**

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# MAY



## Windhover returns

On May 6, a month to the day after the Windhover was removed from its home along Washington Street and sent off for a makeover, it returned to its new home sporting its new look. The new site along Third Street will have benches as well as landscaping and lighting to better display the Smithsonian piece of art. Workers from Methods and Materials Inc in Lake Bluff did the refinishing as well as the reinstallation. Committee member Erica Posthuma offered advice on the sculpture's new placement as the crew repositioned the piece. Other committee members were Susan Blumberg-Kason, Amy Cannon, Kirsten Douglass and Magda Sokolowski. A ceremony was planned for later in the month.



“Preservation is more than saving a building. It's also saving the stories of yesterday.” — **Hinsdale Historical Society Co-president Carrie Wester on Immanuel Hall's legacy**

“What the village did the last two years was amazing, to be out ahead of any other municipality in allowing this to happen.” — **Nabuki general manager Stephen DeKoker on Hinsdale's outdoor dining guidelines**

“A big thing is to make plans and having something to look forward to, whether it's meeting friends out at a restaurant or going for a walk at night with a neighbor.” — **Elise Matthei, AdventHealth social worker on self-care during difficult seasons**

“You definitely think about all the moments when you were playing out in the park near Madison (School) just with your buddies, and everyone's got Bears jerseys on.” — **Hinsdale's Doug Kramer, an offensive lineman, on being drafted by the Chicago Bears**

“I think that is partly because not a lot of people are thrilled about having to run almost an entire lap over hurdles the whole way.” — **Hinsdale Central 300-meter hurdler Elyssa Chandler on becoming only the fourth All-Stater in the event in school history**

“I'm really big on school spirit, so I just felt like it was only fitting that I say my piece about what I've experienced here.” — **Hinsdale Central's Maurice Tobiano on speaking at her Class of 2022 graduation ceremony**

“On Mom's Day, everyone has to shower mom with perfectly wrapped gifts, sentimental greeting cards and lots of hugs and kisses. On Dad's Day, the kids forget they have to give dad gifts and mom chases them around the house searching for anything usable.” — **contributing columnist Bill Barre**

## 2022 in review

# JUNE



## All safe after crash

This Toyota RAV4 ended up on its side after a two-car collision at Grant and Maple streets the evening of June 23. The car rolled clockwise and rotated counter-clockwise, coming to rest on the passenger side facing east, according to police reports. The driver and his daughter, a passenger in the vehicle, refused treatment. The other driver told police he was headed northbound on Grant and stopped at Maple, which does not have a stop sign. After not seeing any other vehicles, he proceeded into the intersection and made contact with the RAV4. That driver also refused treatment and was cited for failure to yield at an intersection.

“My husband thinks it’s funny the museums don’t want you to touch the art, but they call me and want me to come take a scalpel to it.” — **Anna Weiss-Pfau, art conservator**

“They don’t want to be called heroes. They’re doing what they love. It’s just been really, really hard for them.” — **Hinsdale Hospital chaplain Joyce Diesman on supporting health care workers during the pandemic**

“I remember it being super special and cool to be coached by the varsity players.” — **former camper turned coach Evan Phillips on the Red Devils summer basketball age group camp**

“(You’re) one turned ankle, one flu, one COVID diagnosis away from things changing. You don’t have the title until you have the title.” — **Hinsdale Central boys varsity head tennis coach John Naisbitt on winning the state title**

“They crack me up on a daily basis.” — **teaching assistant Kathy Behrens on her students at Hinsdale Covenant Preschool**

“From a child’s perspective, life couldn’t be better. But for us parents? Send thoughts, prayers and popsicles.” — **contributing columnist Lex Silberberg on facing 90 days of kids asking “What are we doing today?”**

“We had to put the beer in kegs and haul it (to First Street). Now we have our own trailer.” — **Eva Field, Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, on how Uniquely Thursday has grown since it started in 2002**



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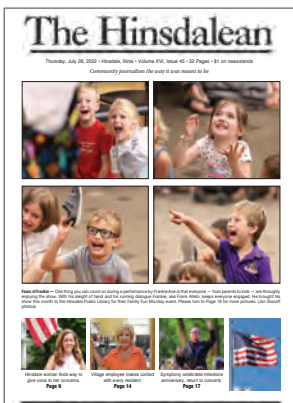
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# JULY



## Story time in the park

Beneath the shade of trees at Burns Field, the Hinsdale Public Library held another session of its popular story time in the park June 29. Casselyn Tertell along with her children, Caleb and Parker, work on the moves to "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes." In addition to listening to several books, the kids also had a chance to sing a song or two and dance.

“There were some tough times but it was a really good experience, and I learned from all the trials that I had. There were more beautiful times than there were not. I met some people that I'll never forget.” — **Stephanie Dolehide on her four years at West Point, where she garnered awards for her exploits with the Army tennis team and for her campus leadership**

“By the third practice, that's when you start to get the hang of it.” — **Hinsdale native and Chicago Underwater Hockey Club member Ariel Leung on learning the unusual sport**

“I traveled to D.C. with four others from Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills. We just started figuring out how we can use our voices to enact change.” — **Hinsdale's Alison Kozlow on her involvement with the March Fourth movement to ban assault weapons**

“A lot of people hate attending those kinds of meetings. I actually like it because I can only be an observer. You really get to see who people are and what's really going on with them.” — **Chris Bruton on enjoying being at village board meetings as Hinsdale's village clerk (she retired in December after 17 years in the post)**

“There are hero moments, but most of your work is being part of a team. You all work together to turn a situation around and stop its unraveling.” — **Deputy Hinsdale Fire Chief Jon Carlson on the department's objective**

“Twice a day we would have to haul out the toilets. They called that job 'The Brown Mile.'” — **Hinsdale's Brad Drake on serving as an Army Reservist military police officer at Bagram Theater Internment Facility in Afghanistan**

# 2022 in review

# AUGUST



## *And they call it puppy love*

A yoga class at The Community House switched up the practice of bringing harmony between mind and body to the class by adding almost a dozen puppies to the mix. The result was unconditional love throughout the class. Margaret Russell was swarmed for a few minutes during the class with an extra dose of puppy love.

“It’s kind of fun to be on the other side of the table here and run it. It’s been really fun seeing how excited they are to read.” — **Olivia Ostrowski, youth services summer assistant at the Hinsdale Public Library, on awarding summer reading prizes to kids**

“That screams volumes to the fact that there are certain members of this board that are not willing to work with other members of this board and that is a disappointment.” — **D86 board member Peggy James on the group’s inability to approve closed session meeting minutes**

“I just want to get better and play against other kids that might be better than me.” — **eighth-grader Hayden Velco looking forward to the Aug. 13 3-on-3 basketball tournament at The Community House**

“I always have a good tan. That’s always a plus.” — **Kayleigh Hester on one of the perks of working at the Hinsdale pool**

“It feels incredible. We were that one team that won the whole thing.” — **Jimmy Macri of the Hinsdale 10U All-Star Little League team, which won the state championship**



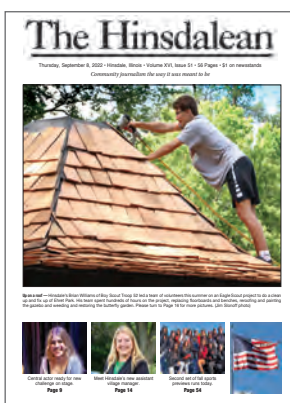
## 2022 in review

# SEPTEMBER



## Encouraging preservation

This home at 306 E. First St. was used as an example as village officials reviewed how zoning incentives might be used to encourage preservation. The alternative bulk regulations would allow for an expansion of about 8.5 feet to the south of the home in the rear yard and a gain of 5.7 feet in the interior side yard. Trustees approved the new program Sept. 20.



“We’re just right back where we were when we were 15, 16 years old.” — **former Hinsdale resident Lisa Mussman Steele on reconnecting with old friends at Hinsdale Central Class of 1982 reunion**



“It used to be that we had a 100-person excess on the waiting list pre-pandemic. Now we’ve not only lost the excess on the list, we’ve lost three-quarters of the people that were parking there.” — **Hinsdale Village President Tom Cauley on the Washington Street lot**

“Everything they did was beyond what was the expectation of the time.” — **Cynthia Curry on the mid-century Keck & Keck-designed home she and her husband purchased and restored**



“I noticed that between the chef and customer is only three, four feet away. You see the reactions of the people when you are making the food.” — **Nabuki chef Juan Perez on his decision to specialize in sushi**

“I used to resell sneakers back in the day. I would buy these super limited, super hyped-up sneakers in eighth grade, freshman year. I would sell them and actually made some money.” — **Hinsdale Central senior football player Aidan Murphy sharing a personal fun fact**

“I passed on it because I was really excited to start at (Hinsdale Middle School).” — **young Hinsdale actor and model Rio Lewis on declining a role on the national tour of “Annie”**



“Tailgates are extremely important to us, especially now as we’ve gotten older with families and living in the suburbs. This is our chance to catch up with one another.” — **Hinsdale’s Dan Logan on gathering before Chicago Bears home games with the “Halas Hauler” vintage van he co-owns with several friends**

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# OCTOBER



## Faces of victory

The Hinsdale Central girls tennis program captured its 20th state title with a hard-earned triumph at the IHSA final in Buffalo Grove. Sofia Kim finished third in singles, while teammates Nicole Hu and Bridget Novatney did the same in doubles. Members of Central's state champion girls tennis team pose for a selfie with the program's newest piece of hardware after the victorious conclusion of the tournament Oct. 22.



“It’s kind of like having a bunch of boiling pots on the stove and making sure they all stay on simmer and don’t boil over.” — **Nicole Schiever on her work as emergency nurse director at AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital**

“There’s nothing like walking down the hall and hearing everyone say, ‘Hey Ms. Burke!’ It kind of fuels you.” — **Corey Burke on becoming the principal at Hinsdale Middle School**

“It’s a pretty great accomplishment. The whole team came together at the right time.” — **Central sophomore Elyssa Abdullah, who tied for second, on the varsity girls golf team winning the state title**

“It is one of the hottest items out there. There is always a line to use the zipline.” — **Elm Principal Sara Olson on the school’s new playground, paid for in part by the PTO**

“I think it’s going to be more efficient, it’s going to be time saving and I think it’s going to enhance our neighborhood.” — **Susann Oakum, HCS Family Services volunteer, on moving the agency’s offices and pantry to 22 N. Elm St.**

“It’s important to take ourselves outside of our little bubble so that we can go where people’s needs are.” — **Central senior Leah Bradley, Red Devil Service Club president**

“I was really emotional because it was so much sweeter than if we had sealed it early on. Holding that trophy when you didn’t think you were going to was just amazing.” — **Central varsity girls tennis head coach Shawna Zsinko after a tough state title win**

## 2022 in review

# From The City, To The Suburbs

A glimpse into our 2022 sales.



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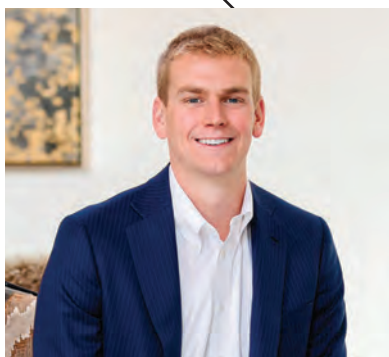
**Sold for \$1,100,000**  
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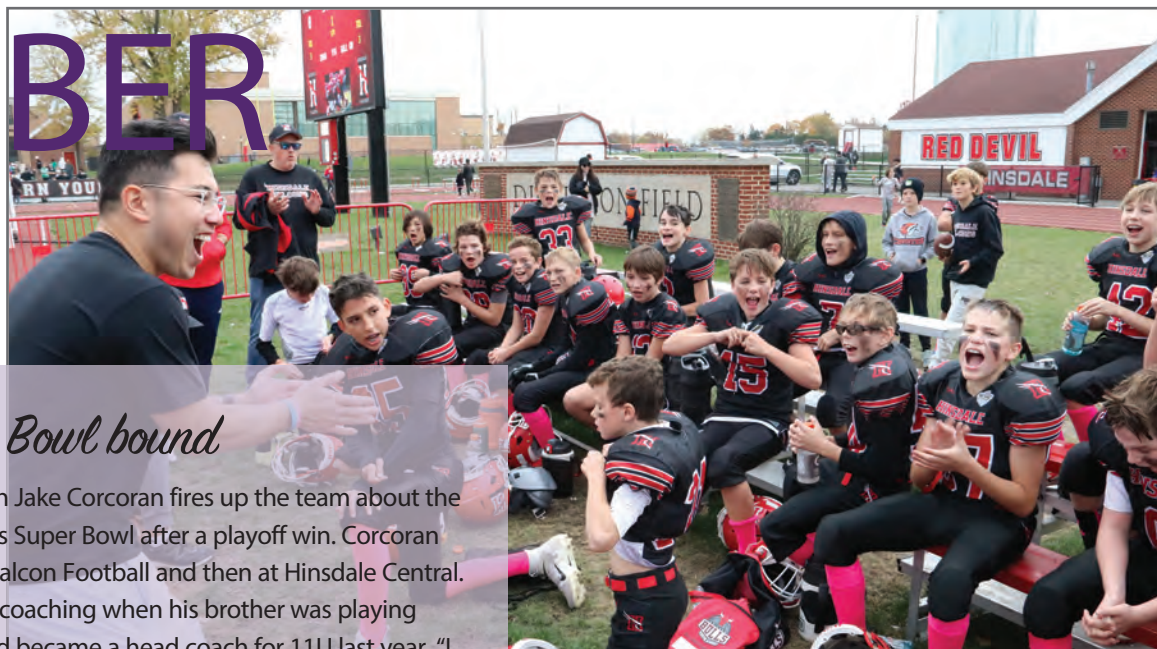
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# NOVEMBER



## Super Bowl bound

Head coach Jake Corcoran fires up the team about the next week's Super Bowl after a playoff win. Corcoran played in Falcon Football and then at Hinsdale Central. He started coaching when his brother was playing Falcons and became a head coach for 11U last year. "I love it," he said. "I love the group so much."

“ This is the best state meet that we've been a part of — and we've been part of some really good ones. I didn't think last year's school records were beatable and we took down five more.” — **Central girls swim coach Bob Barber on the team's runner-up performance at the state meet**

“ This group of kids has amazed all the coaches on their willingness to be coached, the effort they gave and the success they had. We are beyond impressed with them.” — **Jason Jones, head coach of the Hinsdale Falcon 9U Silver team, on his players' performance during the season**

“ There is a lot of work being done to plan for the events for next year, and we want people to think about how they might want to be a participant.” — **assistant village manager Andrianna Peterson on preparations for the village's 150th anniversary celebration in 2023**

“ It takes me about a month and a half to decorate my house.” — **the village's new superintendent for parks and recreation Jason Hayes on his home's holiday light display**

“ We used our time very specifically, so when students were in class or participating with their teachers that half of the day, they were focusing on their reading and math instruction.” — **Tracey Miller, D181 director of assessment, instruction and evaluation, on the approach to hybrid learning during the pandemic**

“ I saw plenty. But it was a fraction of what the guys in Iraq and Afghanistan endured.” — **retired Marine Chris Black on the time he spent in the Persian Gulf in the early 1990s**

“ A lot of places probably don't use them these days because there is a big footprint and they're not the fastest in the world and they cook pizzas a certain way.” — **Giuliano's owner Mick Weisz on the 1942 rotary style pizza oven the restaurant uses**

## 2022 in review

## 2022 Real Estate

# Meaningful Moves Were Made

Even in light of low inventory, rising interest rates, and recession on the horizon, there were many moves made in 2022. Thanks to widespread low inventory, the real estate market continued to be a profitable place for sellers last year.

In 2022, Mike McCurry Group of Compass closed more than 50 deals, including these notable transactions:

- Strategic design and pre-listing efforts resulted in McCurry selling the highest priced homes in south Clarendon Hills and The Hamptons of Hinsdale
- Group member Phil Ducato's expertise allowed the team to represent a landlord or tenant every 15 days of 2022
- McCurry closed the highest local commercial building sale at 1 Walker Avenue in Clarendon Hills
- Several businesses found their operating space in Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills with the guidance of McCurry

"I truly believe that the transactions we closed and the clients we supported in 2022 brought life to the heart and soul of local communities.

Being a part of positive local growth, especially in Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills where I live and work, is always of the utmost importance to me. Having the opportunity to make this impact on my community is exactly why I chose real estate as my profession," says McCurry.

McCurry, a long-time Clarendon Hills resident, also invested in the

*In 2022, my real estate group continued to be heavily involved in pre-listing preparations for our listings. My favorite aspect of the real estate business is being in the front row, witnessing, and oftentimes participating in the cycle of family life. Earning this trust from families is a humbling honor.*

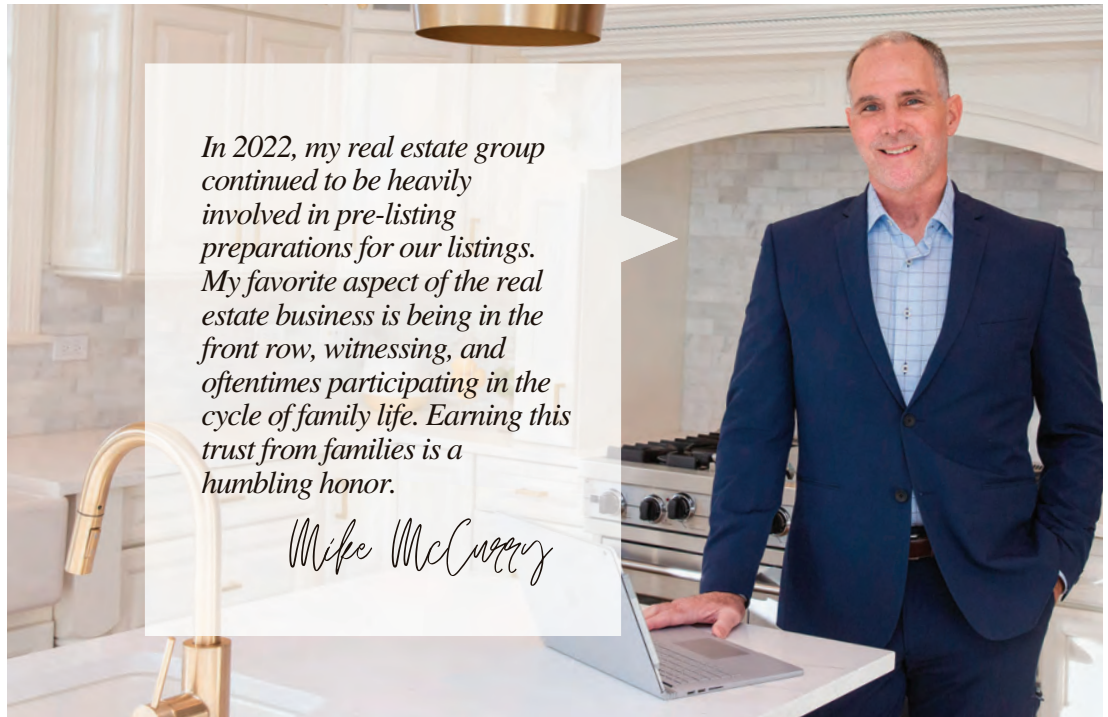
*Mike McCurry*

local community outside of his 2022 real estate transaction successes. For yet another year, McCurry was a proud stage sponsor for the locally-loved Dancin' in the Street summer concert series and supporter of the 66th Annual Holiday Walk in Clarendon Hills.

McCurry was also generous with his time and business resources. "We've proudly supported local business for decades. In recent years we've been doubling down," explained McCurry. "My team and I regularly create blogs and videos that support businesses serving and entering the community."

*For more information about the Mike McCurry Group and their community efforts, visit [themccurrygroup.com](https://themccurrygroup.com).*

*For 33 years, Mike McCurry has served 1,700+ local families and businesses as a full-time realtor. He has built his business around earning the trust of his community, resulting in 74% of his clients being repeat clients or referrals.*



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# DECEMBER



## Sacred spaces

Like many teenagers, Grant Glowiak didn't consider himself the smartest, most athletic or most talented of his peers at Lyons Township High School. But at his church's youth group, none of that mattered. "Standard cliques didn't necessarily apply in that space," said Glowiak, associate pastor and director of youth ministries at Union Church in Hinsdale.



“I loved it and thought it was totally adorable. It was so magical.” — **Amanda Wagner, marketing director for the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce, on attending her first Christmas Walk in 2021**

“Finding and celebrating what you have in common with your neighbors is a good spot for us. We love matchmaking.” — **Karen Keefe, Hinsdale Public Library executive director, on the new three-year strategic plan**

“I’ve been fortunate enough to coach a lot of very talented teams, to be able to work in Hinsdale for over two decades. This one’s potential is up there and it will be a really fun season to watch, both on paper and in person.” — **varsity head coach Bob Barber on the boys swim team’s prospects for the season**



“That was still the best feeling I’ve had in my sports career and maybe one of the best in my life.” — **senior Zach Hayes of Hinsdale, who grabbed an interception to secure a 45-44 victory and the state championship for his Nazareth Academy football team**

“They call it the fifth Gospel because it just brings the other four Gospels alive. It’s just something to go to church and hear the readings and say, ‘I’ve been there — I’ve seen it’ and it just makes it become 3D.” — **St. Isaac Jogues’ Father Burke Masters on traveling to the Holy Land**



“People were really entertaining. People were feeling good about the holidays and life in general and celebrating again.” — **Stacy Lorin, owner of Yankee Peddler, on a busy holiday shopping season**

“We talk and laugh as we pipe little dots, dashes and swirls of icing. Fueled by secret ‘quality assurance’ taste tests, my cookie artists soon create a trayful of masterpieces.” — **food columnist Amy McCauley on baking gingerbread cookies with her daughters, a favorite holiday tradition**



## 2022 in review



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