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A closer look — William Slavik gets a magnified view of his dad at Zion Lutheran ECEC's Science Night on Nov. 14. Children and their parents were able to experience several different types of science activities, ranging from making a bird feeder to a STEAM challenge. Please turn to Page 16 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

Would-be robber flees shop empty-handed

By Ken Knutson

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A man brandishing a gun entered a Hinsdale business last week, ordering a customer and employee to lie face-down on the floor before leaving without taking anything, according to Hinsdale police and witness accounts.

Police are investigating the attempted armed robbery of Shiny Nails, 5823 S. Madison St., at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 20.

Customer Heidi Wendland of Clarendon Hills had just entered the store and was standing with her back to door picking out nail polish when the suspect came in.

"I had just walked in, so I was literally the closest to him, and he literally bumped the door into me," she recounted, saying she was initially annoyed by the contact.

Salon owner Tong Sik Oh said the man told everyone to get on the floor.

"He pulled out something that looked like a gun and he demanded

money," Oh said, with his son translating from Korean to English.

Oh and Wendland said the bottom half of the man's face was covered and he was wearing a hoodie.

"He started counting down from 5," Wendland said.

Oh took money out of the register and put it on the front counter. Wendland said her wallet and phone were on the counter, too.

"He didn't take it," Oh said. "We think he looked up and saw the security camera pointing at him."

"He said, 'Never mind' and just ran out the door," Wendland said, concurring with the belief the camera spooked him.

Oh estimated the entire incident lasted about 20 seconds.

Police reported that he fled on foot from the scene and was seen heading south on foot toward 59th street before he was lost. He was described as a Hispanic male.

There were several other employees and customers in the salon at the time, and Wendland said they all ran to the back of the store once the suspect left, only to see him "casually walking down the alley." Several of them then hid in a closet for safety until police arrived.

Oh said he had never experienced an armed robbery in 10 years of business. Wendland, who has four children under the age of 6, was thankful she hadn't brought any of them with her that day. Even after the police were done with their inspections, she still felt wary.

"I made (the police) search my car. I have a big van, and I wanted to make sure nobody was in there," Wendland said. She praised Oh for staying "super calm and collected" during the ordeal.

Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King said Monday that an investigation is continuing, including studying camera footage from the store that captured the suspect's image.

"We're making some progress and we're pursuing leads

Police request that anyone with information regarding the incident call the department at (630) 789-7070.



The suspect in the attempted armed robbery of Shiny Nails in Hinsdale is shown in an image from the store's surveillance camera. (photo courtesy of Hinsdale police)

Hitting the hardwood for upcoming Jodie Harrison season





The Community House's Jodie Harrison basketball season is about to get under way. Earlier this month several players attended a preseason clinic. Tommy Olk found the perfect place to listen to instructions from his coaches. Jack O'Malley shoots a quick pass and Charlie Mohns works on some dribbling skills. (Jim Slonoff photos)



ONCE UPON A TIME



Home sweet home — This photo is from Sandy Williams' book "Images of America Hinsdale". The home, located at 419 S. Oak St., built in 1912 in the Classical Revival style, originally sat on five acres of land. According to Williams, the photograph was taken about the time Philip R. Clarke, a prominent Chicago banker, purchased the home. "Clarke served tirelessly for charitable and public projects, raising an estimated \$2 billion over his lifetime," she wrote.

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HCS feeds 200 families on Thanksgiving

Clients will enjoy turkey and all the trimmings thanks to the community's generosity

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green been casserole, pumpkin pie. These are the dishes that will grace tables throughout Hinsdale and around the country on

Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks to the efforts of HCS
Family Services, families who
can't afford a special holiday
dinner still will be able to enjoy
one

"We opened early because we had 20 people waiting in line," HCS Executive Director Stan Cook said Saturday morning at the Memorial Building, where 150 dinners were distributed between 9:30 a.m. and noon. Another 50 were passed out Monday night at the pantry at Anne M. Jeans School in Burr Ridge. Individual donors and major sponsors, including Evergreen Bank and the Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions Club made the event possible.

The mood was festive, with music playing and smiling volunteers — members of the HCS Family Services Junior Board — ready to help clients shop.

"It's a really good feel-

ing to know everybody can go home with a turkey and a Thanksgiving dinner for their family," said junior board member Camryn Saltzman. "Its' a really good feeling to know everyone will have a happy Thanksgiving."

Saltzman, a junior at Hinsdale Central, was first exposed to HCS while enrolled in a summer volunteer camp at The Community House.

"I just really enjoyed it and in high school I joined the board," she said. "I really enjoy coming here and spending time with the people here."

Adam Mejorado, assistant food pantry manager, shares that sentiment.

"I thoroughly enjoy working here because I used to be a child of hunger as well," Mejorado said. "I wouldn't trade this job for anything."

People often believe food insecurity is a problem that exists somewhere else, said Mejorado, a graduate of Hinsdale South High School.

"No one really realizes that your neighbors are the ones going hungry," he said.

Mejorado also runs the emergency rent and utility assistance program for HCS and serves as





Allie Hildreth, Matthew Burns, Abby Clark and Camryn Saltzman unload frozen turkeys and Nash Burns grabs a bag of potatoes for a client at the HCS Family Services Thanksgiving meal distribution Saturday at the Memorial Building. HCS provided holiday meals for 150 families on Saturday. (Jim Slonoff photos)

an interpreter for the deaf.

"And I do the heavy lifting," he said not long before he headed off to bring out another batch of turkeys.

Clients received a frozen turkey, a bag of potatoes and a box containing ingredients for other traditional sides.

"We even have recipes for the traditional green bean casserole," said HCS board member Joel Pundmann of Hinsdale, who was volunteering at the event. Unlike HCS clients, most people don't consider buying food for Thanksgiving dinner a luxury.

"Most of us don't look at prices even," he said.

Frank does. He's been receiving a turkey dinner from HCS for the past six or seven years. He said he was disabled after being involved in two accidents and then forced to retire.

"These people help the ends meet," he said. "This is almost like going to the grocery store." He'llbe cooking Thanksgiving dinner at his house and said his daughter and grandkids might stop by. Even if they don't, he's not worried about having too much turkey.

"Will I eat that whole 13-pounder? You betcha," he said.

Despite his circumstances, he said he has much for which to be thankful.

"No matter what I'm always grateful I woke up on this side of the grass," he said.

Churches offer holiday assistance to those in need

HCS Family Services' annual turkey dinner distribution might be one of the most well-known Thanksgiving outreach efforts in Hinsdale, but it's certainly not the only one.

Several churches also are involved in

helping those in need this season.

Families at Hinsdale United Methodist Church packed up 25 boxes of food and 25 hams Saturday to bring to the Olivet United Methodist Church in the West Garfield Park neighbor-

Ron McDaniel and Rev. Young-Mee Park of Hinsdale United Methodist Church fill a car with food boxes Saturday morning to deliver to Olivet United Methodist Church in Chicago.

hood of Chicago.

The relationship with the Chicago church began about 10 years ago, said HUMC member Dan Irwin, who is involved in this ministry.

"Chicago is a city that has a lot of problems and West Garfield Park in particular has a lot of problems and the people of that church — many of whom have moved away but still attend that church and still serve that neighborhood — want to be able to provide for the people to have an enjoyable holiday.

"That means a lot for me to do that."
The ministry has grown over the years, and now HUMC members deliver food boxes three times a year (Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter), purchase warm clothes for kids at Christmas and donate school supplies before classes begin. Irwin's wife, Bobbie, made blankets and helped collect more than 100 items — including winter coats — for a new warming ministry this year.

"It's really rewarding," Irwin said.

At Union Church of Hinsdale, a special Thanksgiving offering will support The Night Ministry, said the Rev.

Michael Solberg, senior pastor.

The organization "provides food and other services as a way to get people who are chronically homeless in Chicago to be more open to transformative care," he wrote in an email. "We have supported them for many years."

Other churches are offering support between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Many parishioners at Grace Episcopal Church are making extra turkeys for clients of the Trinity Soup Kitchen in Aurora, said Allison Peters, communications director.

"We are on a rotating schedule of churches who serve there and that's our next date, so we're asking people to start preparing them now," she wrote in an email.

Covenant Church of Hinsdale is busy collecting blankets for its annual blanket drive. New or used blankets of any kind — lap throws, baby blankets, spreads sheets and towels — will be collected and then passed on to needy families in the inner city on Christmas Eve.

Donations may be left inside the main entrance at 412 S. Garfield Ave. by Sunday, Dec. 8.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: public hearings on 14 Orchard Place and 244 E. First St., sign permit review on 12 E. First St. (Glimpse Vision) and 14 W. First St. (Work Shop)

New D86 science sequence sparks heated debate

By Ken Knutson

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The decision to reorder the sequence of science courses at Hinsdale Central High School beginning next school year has proven to be a combustible subject for some residents. But District 86 officials stand by the plan as one that better aligns the district's two schools and is in step with prevailing wisdom.

At Monday's board meeting, board members approved the program of studies for 2020-21, offering both the traditional biology-first option and the new physics-chemistry-biology (PCB) track. The school will go exclusively to the PCB sequence the following year, with earth science content woven throughout courses. Hinsdale South has followed the PCB sequence for several years.

School officials say the PCB sequence follows Next Generation Science Standards established by a national consortium. Carol Baker, assistant superintendent for academics, detailed the new Illinois assessment that all juniors in the state will take this spring as reflective of this approach.

"Chemistry, biology, physics and earth science will all be represented in the test," she said, noting that the recommendation for the new sequence from district administrators and science department chairs took this into account. "We specifically talked about the need to infuse earth science so that all of our students would have a background in earth science because currently only students who choose to take earth science as a course are receiving that."

In a letter disseminated to the District 86 community last week, board President Nancy Pollak said another benefit is achieving parity between Central and South.

"It will also help advance the first strategy listed under Goal 1 (student growth and achievement) of the district's strategic plan, which is aimed at ensuring that 'course and instructional units include common critical competencies, aligned assessments between the two high schools and multiple measures of success'," the letter read.

Board member Cynthia Hanson said Hinsdale South has had a lot of success with the sequence, despite what some perceive.

"I think it's a misconception that the PCB program at South doesn't accommodate high achieving students who've gone on ... to very excellent schools in STEM and engineering," she commented.

But community members expressed misgivings with the plan during public comment.

Resident Milan Mrksich, professor of biomedical engineering and chemistry at Northwestern University and parent of two Central students, said the reason biology has traditionally been taught first is because it's the least math intensive.

"I think altering that model has real consequences for student preparedness in going into college," he said. "We've got to be mindful of what it takes to be a top-10 high school in the state and not sacrifice those rankings, which bring so much attention and value and impact on home prices for other, perhaps, agendas."

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NEWS

Holiday gifts for everyone on the list

New chair of economic development commission discovers plenty of reasons to shop local

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

Jill Sunderson loves to shop in Hinsdale.

But her appreciation for the village's retail stores isn't her only qualification for serving as chairman of the Hinsdale Economic Development Commission. She's also got a bachelor's in economics from Harvard University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

She's staying home right now raising the three children she has with husband Jason — Owen, a fifth-grader; Kate, a second-grader; and Charlotte, a kindergartner.

Sunderson took time out to visit a dozen stores last week for the first installment of The Hinsdalean's annual gift ideas series. She noted that the village is at its highest retail capacity in years, with more than 200 retail shops and services in town.

"Maintaining this strong retail environment is essential to the charm of our community," Sunderson said. "So grab a coffee, grab a friend and shop local this holiday season."

- A royal blue cashmere sweater with ruffle trim is a gorgeous and pragmatic choice for sister Jana. J. McLaughlin, \$278
- When niece Caroline, a Harvard sophomore, travels to Shanghai on a Women in Business trip in January, she'll look quite professional in a black and white tweed blazer with a removable dickie blackand-white striped sweater

that keeps things fun. Lepa Boutique, \$272

- Sister Jenae and her husband can ring in the new year and relive some fond memories of their honeymoon in France with a bottle of Cristal 2009 Louis Roederer champagne. Hinsdale Wine Shop, \$199
- A set of 25 personalized flat correspondence cards in 120-pound card stock with lined envelopes will make the perfect gift for sister-in-law Emily. Ashley's, \$75.
- Sunderson can't wait to give a V-neck royal blue sequined mini dress with billow sleeves and a velvet and sequined tie to her niece, Claire. "Then I would borrow it from Claire," she said. Red e Mas, \$650
- A 9-pound corn-fed completely trimmed beef tenderloin will be the star of the menu for the 40 or 50 people who gather every year at Sunderson's parents' home for Christmas Eve. Missing from the gathering will be her father, Ray, who passed away in August. "He cooked the beef tenderloin every year, and now it'll be up to Jason," she said. Prime 'N' Tender, \$450
- Baby-sitters Erika and Carlee Schwartz can use these Oliver Thomas machine-washable bags with a water bottle pocket and hidden bottom compartment as an overnight bag or for going to the gym. One sister will get the blue camo, the other metallic silver. Trousseaux, \$125 each



A vest from Jeans and a Cute Top Shop is perfect for Jill Sunderson's mother-in-law, who lives in Fresno, Calif. She found gift ideas at each of the dozen stores she visited in Hinsdale, where she serves as chair of the economic development commission. (Jim Slonoff photo)

- A mini chain foldover cross-body bag in sparkly black faux leather will be the perfect accessory for Jenna, Sunderson's best friend since the two grew up next door to each other in Joliet. Vintage Charm, \$48
- The family ornament party Sunderson hosts Dec. 8 will be even more festive with a 32-inch-long rectangular centerpiece filled with spruce, pine cones, ornaments, berries and flowers. Phillip's

Flowers and Gifts, \$329

- Seventh-grade nephew Ryan, a huge sports fan, will stay warm under a 50-by-60inch fleece with the Crimson Tide "A" logo during a long winter of playing Xbox with his friends. "I can picture him now in the basement," she said. Campus Colors, \$39.95
- Sunderson selected a bronze vest with a furtrimmed hood (fur removable) for her mother-in-law, Krista. "This would be perfect

for her walks in the wintertime in Fresno," Sunderson said. Jeans and a Cute Top Shop, \$148

• Sunderson hopes this sparkly dome ring — with almost 2.5 carats of sapphires and .32 carats of diamonds — will bring a smile to the face of her mom, Mary, this Christmas. "My mom deserves it," Sunderson said. "My mom helps me with everything in my life." Fine Gold Jewelry,



POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Nov. 26.

DUI arrest

Lynette M. Mahoney, 48, 6821 N. Oriole Ave., Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and disobeying a traffic control signal at 11:45 p.m. Nov. 21 at Ogden and Cass avenues. Police were dispatched to a witness report of a motorist who ran a red light and struck a curb. She was charged and released to appear in court.

Suspended license arrest

Brandon K. Johnson, 27, 117 E. 70th St., No. 2, Chicago, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and improper window tinting at 4:31 p.m. Nov. 22 in the 400 block of East 55th Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Package taken from home

A package containing winter hats worth \$50 was taken from the front door of a home in the 800 block of South Thurlow Street at 2:01 p.m. Nov. 14. The suspect was observed on surveillance video and described as an African-American man wearing a black hoodie and tan boots with a covered face. He left in a gold-colored passenger van.

Identity thief purchased vehicle

Someone purchased a \$62,000 vehicle in Missouri using the identity of a resident of the 700 block of Wilson Lane on Nov. 11. The suspect paid \$500 and financed \$61,589. The theft was reported Nov. 21.

Free fall leaf collection extended one week

Due to the weather, free fall leaf collection will be extended through the first week of December.

This program allows residents to place their bagged leaves curbside for collection without the use of a yard

waste sticker.

Free collection began the week of Oct. 21 and now will run through Dec. 5.

Extended free leaf collection will take place on Monday, Dec. 2, and Thursday, Dec. 5.

Contest seeks happiest baby in town for cover

The Hinsdalean is looking for Hinsdale's happiest baby to feature on the final front cover of 2019.

Readers who know a happy Hinsdale baby born since Jan. 1 of this year who would look great on our New Year's cover should email a photo to news@thehinsdalean.com. Please include the baby's

name and birthday along with the name, address and daytime phone number of the person submitting the picture.

The winning baby will be photographed by Jim Slonoff to appear on the Dec. 26 cover of The Hinsdalean.

The entry deadline is noon Friday, Dec. 13.



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Rotary offers teen look at life in America

Seventeen-year-old Akane Rincon said she's always wanted to be exposed to life outside of her hometown of Chiapas, Mexico.

And so she's thrilled to be spending this school year living with a Hinsdale family and studying at Hinsdale Central High School as part of a Rotary Club exchange program.

"It is a great opportunity to be here and know more than my culture," she said.

Rincon is staying with Rotary Club of Hinsdale member Ahsan Karim, his wife Silvia, and their two daughters, Anais, 18, and Sabrina, 15.

The warm welcome from her host family and the town helped set her nerves at ease when she first arrived.

"I have such a kind family and all the people are really nice in Hinsdale, so I am just having a good time," she said.

She didn't have to look hard to notice a number of differences between her home country and the U.S.

"My country is really loud all of the time," Rincon said. "In my school, we were all the time dancing and screaming and dancing and joking around, even with the teachers. In Hinsdale, everyone is so quiet always. That was kind of shocking in the beginning."

She also was surprised by the number of people here from other countries, how expensive everything is, the high cost of health care and the gigantic portions at restaurants.

"I love it!" she said of American food — except for Taco Bell. "That's not a taco," she said.

Rincon has enjoyed visiting the National Museum of Mexican art in Chicago, the outlet mall in Aurora and Lake Michigan.

"It was super fun," she said. "I went with the exchange students."

She's looking forward to trying traditional Thanksgiving foods, some of which she already has had the opportunity to sample.

"I tried the pumpkin pie. I thought it was going to be horrible," Rincon said. "It was actually pretty good."

American students have a number of misconceptions about Mexico, she said, and pose some pretty silly questions.

"You have cars? You have ice cream?" she said they ask her. "I'm like, 'Yeah, we are normal people.' "Rincon, who will not return home until next summer, admitted to being rather homesick after she first arrived in August.

"I've always been really close to my family," said Rincon, who is an only child. "Being away from them is hard. But now I'm OK because I know I am going to see them (again)."

An American exchange student once described her experience living in Mexico to Rincon, and now Rincon can relate.

"(She told me) in exchange you learn to be proud of yourself and what you really are and your country," she said. "I think that's real because you are representing your country."

Mexican students are very involved in Rotary, she said, and encouraged more American kids to do the same.

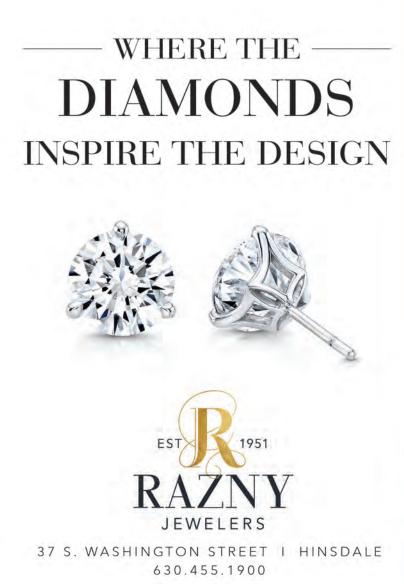
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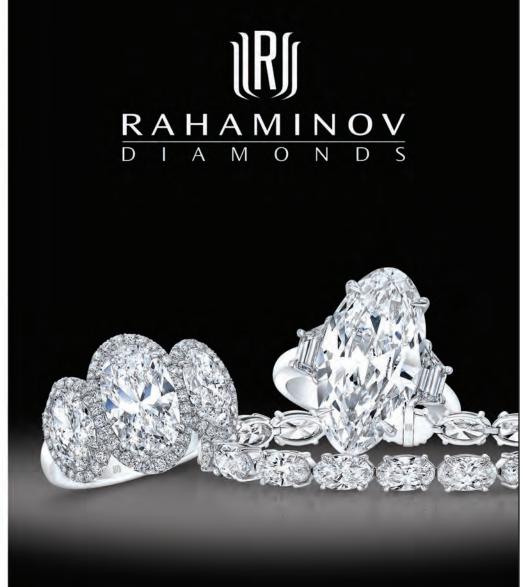
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AKANE RINCON

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Our 'thankful' editorial — served up with a twist

If you're a fan of Food Network, you know about the importance of balance. For every sweet ingredient, you need a salty one.

At Thanksgiving, we often find ourselves writing a sugary editorial about all the things we have to be thankful for here in Hinsdale. And thankful we are. But sometimes you get a taste for something a little salty. And so, today, we offer up our own "Thank You Notes," inspired by the one and only Jimmy Fallon.

- Thank you, e-learning days in Hinsdale High School District 86, for ruining every snow day for students forever.
- Thank you, supporters of Laurel Haarlow, for electing her to the Hinsdale Village Board and astronomically increasing the percentage of women who serve on it.
- Thank you, property tax levies, for being discussed and filed in December, the month when people clearly have nothing else to think about.
- Thankyou, sub-zero temperatures in January, for giving us the chance to use the phrase, "It's warmer on Mars!"

- Thank you, Illinois Tollway Highway Authority, for agreeing to take the dirt excavated from the site of the new parking deck at Hinsdale Middle School and giving a whole new meaning to the phrase "dirty dealings."
- Thank you, alliteration, for making our "Girls on the Gridiron" a catchy headline and not, as one Facebook post suggested, an anti-feminist characterization of a grown woman.
- Thank you, Hinsdale trustees, for agreeing to permanently extend the hours liquor is served on Blackout Wednesday, thereby eliminating pressure to be completely intoxicated by 10:30 p.m.
- Thank you, new Hinsdale Middle School, for looking absolutely nothing like your predecessor.
- Thank you, "physics first" science sequence in District 86, for going by the acronym PCB, which shares two letters with CBD, which we're sure to be writing more about in 2020.
- Thank you, Jeannie Cella, for retiring after only 29 years at Wellness House. Had you stayed

any longer, your shoes would have gone from hard to fill to impossible to fill.

- Thank you, people who call to tell us we got something wrong, for reminding us how passionate readers are about our newspaper.
- Thank you, microbreweries, for being located all around Hinsdale. Instead of visiting just one in the village, we were forced to visit nine and try the various creations at each.
- Thank you, Bruce Law, for providing us with one of our favorite school board meeting moments of all time while you were in District 86. How often do you get to hear a superintendent and school board member argue about the proper translation of a Latin phrase?
- Thank you, parents of Hinsdale, for providing a seemingly endless supply of cute kids to appear on our cover.
- Thank you in all seriousness this time to all of our readers, advertisers, sources, columnists and reader advisory board members for an amazing 13 years of providing community journalism the way it was meant to be.

COMMENTARY

It's OK to ignore the rules — except at holidays

I've always been a rule follower. You'd think this would have delighted my mother when I was a child. Unfortunately, as I had no siblings, she had no comparative yardstick with which to measure my behavior. As a result, she saw my very infrequent lapses as major transgressions.

Anyway, I unfortunately carried this mindset with me into adulthood. I've worked diligently to break some of the "rules" I learned growing up, such as "All the laundry must be put away immediately after it is folded." I break that rule spectacularly each and every week. I also am in recovery from the practice of completing a task cleaning the house, putting up the Christmas decorations, finishing an assignment — without taking any breaks whatsoever, no matter how exhausted I am, mentally or physically.

I've realized, however, that I have implemented a completely different set of rules that I follow just as assiduously. Most of them apply

to the final three months of the year and involve protocol around eating, drinking and enjoying seasonal items.

Case in point: I will not eat or drink anything with a pumpkin spice flavor before Oct. 1 or after Thanksgiving. Period.

I indulge in one Starbucks pumpkin spice latte each autumn (pri-

marily for caloric reasons). This year I strategically timed the purchase of my drink for last Thursday (I won't bore you with the details).

"How was your pumpkin spice latte?" my neighbor asked me Friday night as we were headed out for drinks.

"Kinda disappointing," I admitted.

I waited more than 50 days of pumpkin spice season to drink it. There was no way any cup of coffee could live up to that level of anticipation.

Of course, I also have rules



Pamela Lannom

about Christmas decorations. One, really. They shouldn't be up before Thanksgiving. It's too early. Who wants to see one house that still has its Halloween decorations out next to another house that looks like it should be featured in a Hallmark Christmas movie?

Apparently I have discussed this too frequently

in front of Ainsley, who now is even more outraged than I am on with violators.

"Tim and Molly have their tree up!" she exclaimed in disgust one night as we drove past our nextdoor neighbors' house before pulling into our driveway.

"It's OK," I said, trying to calm her outrage. "Some people like to get their trees up a little early."

At some level, I recognize I have no right to judge grown adults who decide cramming every single holiday activity into the few short weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas is ridiculous. Certainly a 10-year-old should not be weighing in on this topic, either.

Purists might accuse me of being a hypocrite, because sometimes I forget to keep the baby Jesus out of the manger scene until Christmas Day. And the wisemen appear in our crèche long before Epiphany on Jan. 12 (like the day it goes up).

No matter. I will continue to follow the rules I enjoy and ignore the ones I find inconvenient.

I do know one thing. With no gingerbread latte on Starbucks holiday menu this year (at least in the U.S.), I will be forced to decide between the caramel brulee latte and the toasted white chocolate mocha for my Christmas Starbucks splurge. Rules prevent me from enjoying one before Thanksgiving, but you'd better believe I won't delay so long that my 450-calorie coffee doesn't live up to the hype.

— Pamela Lannom is editor of The Hinsdalean. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

■ I also am in recovery from the practice of completing a task — cleaning the house, putting up the Christmas decorations, finishing an assignment — without taking any breaks whatsoever, no matter how exhausted I am, mentally or physically.

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Guests make table memorable

We sold Mom's Spode Christmas Tree china set this week on Craig's List.

"That wasn't so hard, was it?" I asked Mom.

She pointed out that we had packed up the set over a year

ago. She apparently needed a buffer year before being ready to actually sell it.

This got me thinking about collections. Mom's Spode was not just a collecting event for her, it was a signaling of the holiday season for our family. But last year, no one noticed it was gone. What focused our attention was the fact that we had managed to get so many of us together at the same time. We were too busy enjoying our time together to think about the table settings.

One collection Mom isn't getting rid of is the collection of some 25 clocks she inherited from her father. Over the past year, as she and I have begun a process of divesting ourselves from objects we've gathered over the years, we have made choices about what goes and what stays. Grandpa's clocks definitely stay and have found a place of pride in the family room. Each child and grandchild gets to pick one out. This collection keeps Grandpa in our present lives.

I guess that's why my kids insisted that I keep my silly collection of over



Beth Smits

1,000 plastic windup toys. It wasn't difficult for me to agree with them: I still love keeping my eye out for the ones I don't yet have and delight in winding them up and watching them wiggle around. But as

my kids explained, this collection stays because it reminds them of their mom.

"We'll each get some when you're dead, Mom," my eldest told me, "and everyone will know how weird you were."

With that (somewhat) comforting thought in mind, I understood that my windup toys and Grandpa's clocks are totems — symbols of us. Why didn't Mom's Spode serve that purpose? Maybe it was the holiday theme: Mom is more to us than the holidays so the Spode wasn't a good symbol of her.

Or perhaps it's because as we all get older, the things that surround us lose their importance. It is lovely to have a festive table at Thanksgiving, but what we're truly grateful for is the chance to sit at a table with people who mean something to us. Collecting those memories is what counts.

And I just had an awesome idea to use windups in the centerpiece!

— Beth Smits of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't allow state legislators to allow guns in schools

Guns do not belong in schools. This past weekend, for the second year in a row, delegates at the Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Conference narrowly defeated a resolution advocating legislation which provides local school boards the option to allow school district employees to carry concealed firearms. The District 181 Board had voted (4-3) to support the resolution.

I am extremely concerned by the D181 board decision. Placing guns in schools, even when the schools are in rural areas, which board members cited as justification for resolution support, opens up children to more danger, not less.

It is natural to want to take strong action to keep children safe in school.

We cannot react to the horrific incidences we have witnessed too many times by

responding with more guns in schools.

District 181 board members have declared that they would not support allowing armed staff in our schools. My concern lies in legislation that would gain momentum with an IASB endorsement. There are no guarantees what choices individual school districts would have in future legislation. There are also no guarantees what future D181 boards would support.

Chances are good that the resolution will be before the IASB Annual Conference again next year. This is the time to start a serious conversation with representatives of Districts 181 and 86 parents, teachers and school administrators and local emergency responders to inform future decisions that can impact our community.

— Penny Davey, Hinsdale, former D181 teacher

Support of IASB policy by D181 board was a pro-gun vote

Last week the D181 School Board voted 4-3 in favor of IASB's resolution No. 1 — to lobby legislators to allow the arming of teachers and staff. The vote wasn't noticeably listed on BoardDocs or communicated to parents. The board later emailed stating they "did not vote to allow its employees, in any capacity, the ability to carry a firearm on district property." They say they voted to give rural districts the option to arm.

No matter how the board tries to explain it, their 4-3 vote was a pro-gun vote. Voting to allow any school district in the state to arm its teachers includes D181, and a handshake deal among our board members not to do so could be changed at any time. There is zero evidence-based research to prove kids are safer if guns are

added to classrooms. There is plenty of evidence to the contrary.

The best way to protect students from gun violence is adopting an evidence-based intervention plan including extreme risk protection laws, responsible firearm laws, background checks, and funding social workers and mental health professionals to keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them.

Thankfully, the IASB voted down resolution No. 1 198-249. We won't have to worry about armed teachers in our schools for another year. However, this pro-gun vote shows a lack of transparency and foresight by our school board. Perhaps Duffy, Jakobsen, Kleber and Merchantz were not aware of the implications of their votes. — Alicia Schemel, Hinsdale

Criticism of state Rep. Mazzochi in letter was unwarranted

The letter regarding Rep. Deanne Mazzochi and the insulin cap last week was misleading and politically motivated. The only relevant content was that insulin prices have risen greatly and that some are struggling. The letter infers that the insulin price caps are helping all diabetics and resolving the issue. The fact is that the Illinois law only affects those in state-regulated plans, affecting about 20 percent, not all. A great percentage in these state-regulated plans are state employees. Are they indicating that the state employees have inferior health plans? What about the other 80 percent,

including those uncovered and self-pay or those under-insured due to excessive deductibles? Therefore, we help a few and ignore many.

Instead of opinion we need facts. Is this a bipartisan PR effort to create an illusion that our state government is resolving an issue or is it a benefit pandering to public employee unions? Was this legislation flawed?

Hinsdale has an astute and informed electorate. I am confident that they will make informed decisions and not give credence to misleading letters such as last week's. — **Joseph R. Craig, Hinsdale**

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OBITUARIES

Catherine R. Riehm

Catherine R. Riehm, 86, passed away Nov. 21, 2019, with her family by her side.

She was born in 1933 in Chicago and had worked as a retail store manager before retirement.

She is survived by her husband, Donald W. Riehm; her children, Donald W. (Debbie) Riehm Jr., Roger (Laurie) Riehm, Deborah (Doug) Domeracki and Lisa Schomer; her grandchildren,

Matthew, Sarah (Gabe Pattison) and Nathan Riehm, Ryan (Amanda) Domeracki and Peter (Ania) Domeracki, Michelle, Megan, Margeaux and Madalyn Riehm and Jake and Tarah Schomer; her five great-grandchildren; her



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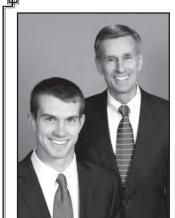
siblings, Peter Loutos, William (Joan) Loutos, Patricia Robinson, Angie (Robert) Paladino, Genevieve LaMantia, Helen Jakubosky and Betty (Bud) Skelton; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral services was held Nov. 26 at Zion Lutheran Church in Hinsdale.

Interment was at Zion Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Zion Lutheran Cemetery, c/o Zion Lutheran Church, 204. S. Grant St., Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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New science sequence sparks debate

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Resident Linda Burke characterized the roll out of Physics in the Universe course for freshmen as premature.

"(It) is still unplanned, that we don't have enough teachers to teach, and we're not sure it corresponds with any college expectation or standardized test outside Illinois," she said. took umbrage at the notion that the district has a hidden agenda, contending the design of the new sequence has been deliberate and transparent involving highly experienced district science teachers in developing the plan.

"To say that (the process) has been rushed, that there's no expertise behind it, that's there's been no work behind

Board member Keith Chval it, that's just silly," he said.

Hanson said the time is right for a fresh vision.

"This district is at a point where we're ready to change and look forward and try to figure out how to move our entire district forward," she said.

Information about the changes to the district's science program is available on the district's website at https://d86.hinsdale86.org.

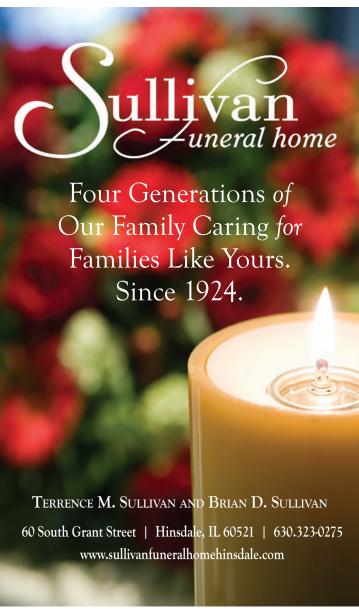




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GOOD NEWS

D86 CIO SELECTED TO PRESENT

In conjunction with National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, Keith Bockwoldt, Hinsdale High School District 86's chief information officer, was invited by CoSN (the Consortium for School Networking) to present at a conference and help lead a webinar about the issue of cybersecurity. The presentation, which was titled, "Prevention: Building a Security Program from Nothing," was focused on how to build a security program by leveraging current resources and using stakeholder analysis and risk assessments to prioritize security tasks.

The webinar, which can be accessed at https://bit.ly/2p8ovlg, was titled "Cybersecurity: Limiting Risks with a Robust Security Program." Similar to the presentation, the webinar focused on how to build a security program using stakeholder analysis and risk assessments.

STUDENTS EARN MERIT AWARDS

Six students who attend Hinsdale Central High School and the Hinsdale Adventist Academy received the Rotary Club of Hinsdale's Youth Merit Award Nov. 8.

This award recognizes extraordinary high school and middle school students for services to their community and classmates, leadership qualities and academic achievements.

The Rotary Club of Hinsdale honors students from area public and private schools at award ceremonies several times each school year. The award winners attend a Rotary luncheon, address the club members about their activities and interests, and receive a certificate to commemorate the occasion. The honorees attend with their parents and invite an influential teacher.

The following students earned the award this month:

Jason Goliath, senior, Hinsdale Adventist Academy

Mikenna Healy, senior, Hinsdale Adventist Academy

Nathan Tessalee, eighth grade, Hinsdale Adventist Academy

Heiry Sierra, eighth grade, Hinsdale Adventist Academy Sydney Thayer, senior,
Hinsdale Central High School
Patrick Hsiao, senior,
Hinsdale Central High School
A photo appears online at
https://www.facebook.com/
thehinsdalean.

AUTHOR'S NINTH NOVEL PUBLISHED

"The Black Cage: A Milo Rigg Mystery," the latest novel of Hinsdale writer Jack Fredrickson, was released Oct. 31 in Europe and the United Kingdom.

The novel tells the story of Milo Riggs, who has exposed a botched murder investigation and found his reputation and career as a journalist in tatters. When a second case turns up months later with disturbing similarities, it presents Riggs the chance to right the wrongs of the past and uncover the identity of a ruthless serial killer.

Severn House has set a U.S. release date of Feb. 4, 2020.

DOCTOR JOINS HINSDALE OFFICE

Dr. Jeffrey Fitzer, an obstetrician/gynecologist with Elmhurst Clinic, has joined the Edward-Elmhurst Health Center in Hinsdale

He also sees patients at his offices in Addison and North Elmhurst.

PET PROGRAM HELPS VETS

In recognition of and appreciation for the service and sacrifices of veterans, The Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center has created a Veterans Appreciation Program.

The program offers low-cost dog and cat vaccination and spay and neuter services for active duty service men and women.

Military veterans also receive 50 percent off adoption fees. To ensure all animals adopted have permanent homes, eligible veterans must not be active duty and must provide proof of honorable discharge from military service.

"There is a tremendous amount of research showing the benefits pets have on people suffering from depression and/or anxiety," said Tom Van Winkle, the humane society's executive director. "Some of the greatest roadblocks to getting a pet are the cost of adopting, training and caring for this important partner. That's why we're taking steps to create a win-win situation where we find a fantastic home for one of our pets in need and that pet provides an invaluable service to a person in need."

HMS ARTISTS EARN SPOTS IN EXHIBIT

Pieces by 24 Hinsdale Middle School art and digital media students were showcased Nov. 6 in the Chicagoland 4x5 Art Exhibition at Oswego High School.

HMS had seven students receive awards, more than any other middle school, and was the only school to have award winners in both the 2D traditional and digital media categories. The Chicagoland 4x5 features more than 2,000 student pieces from about 40 Chicagoland high and middle schools.

HMS students whose work was selected for the exhibit are award-winners Caroline Petersen (third place in traditional 2-D) and Lauren Terry (second place in digital media); honorable mention recipients Calista Chang, Eshan Doshi, Angela Lim, Maddie Miller and Ayla Mushtaq; and Sofia Antonelli, Abigail Auyeung, Lola Baca, Johann Balbach, Analise Burns, Calista Chang, Claire Chung, Eshan Doshi, Caitlin Haines, Tecoa Jankowski, Angela Lim, Maddie Miller, Beatrice Murphy, Ayla Mushtaq, Alasdair Wudtke, Catherine Yan and Bia Zeb.

"I am so proud of the amazing conceptual ideas and extraordinary skilled work the HMS kids produced," said Theresa McGee, HMS art and digital media teacher.

The award winners will have their artwork shown at Water Street Studio Gallery in Batavia on Friday, Dec. 13, and the Illinois High School Art Exhibition in Chicago at the Zhou B Art Center on Sunday, March 8.

This is the first year the Chicagoland 4x5 was open to middle school students. More information on the exhibit can be found at https:///www.chicagoland4x5.org.

BUSINESS PROFILE

When the temperatures dip, activity at Hinsdale Furriers surges, whether its new purchases being made or longstanding clients collecting winter outerwear from summer storage.

Store manager Melissa Waters relishes the familiar warmth that enfolds those customer connections.

"I like knowing the customers, having that relationship with the customer, recognizing people when they come in and having them recognize me," said Waters, now the fourth generation of her family to oversee operations. "Before they give me their name, I already have their account up. If I don't know their name, I know what their coat looks like."

Small Business Saturday on Nov. 30 salutes that close-knit, locally rooted spirit, a cue to shoppers to explore their in-town independent merchants during the holiday gift-buying season.

Waters said having no corporate office to answer to allows the shop to be nimble responding to changing tastes. For example, while long fur coats are prominently featured on the sales floor, they share the space with lighter, fabric pieces with fur

HINSDALE FURRIERS

"People are moving out of the full-length mink coat. If they're wearing something, it's something that's a little bit in between seasons, light-er-weight cashmere sweaters and young-style hats with the poms," she said. "You want to bring new people in, but you don't want to turn away the people that have been coming for so many years. You want to keep what's tradition, but you also want to appeal to a new crowd."

Summer time is storage and cleaning time, as customers bring in their articles for safe-keeping during the offseason. Others no longer have need for their coats but are reluctant to part with them for sentimental value. That's where coat remodeling comes in.

"We can take an old coat and make it new, make a different style, make pillows and blankets, accessories for gifts," Waters said. "We try to remind people that we do that. People do end up with coats that they don't know what do with."

All services are handled on site. When it is time to bid "fur" well to a piece, Hinsdale Furriers' consignment shop is ready to receive it.

"A lot of people don't even want to try and sell it themselves, that's why we have such a huge consignment," Waters said

Women aren't the only ones in the market apparently.

"If we get something on consignment that's men's, it usually goes pretty fast," she remarked.

Forging bonds with clients allows for productive exchanges on potential new offerings in the store, a Hinsdale fixture since 1952.

"We're always asking customers, 'What would you like to see?' "Waters related.

That led to stocking more fur boots and slippers, and poms for youngsters as fashionable backpack attachments.

A shared interest in promoting the local economy sparks collaborative promotions among village merchants, Waters said.

"It's nice to connect with the other small businesses," she remarked, citing a Dec. 3 fashion show with Jeans and Cute Top at Harry & Eddie's restaurant.

At the end of the day, patron satisfaction is the warm embrace Waters cherishes.

"I had a customer bring me flowers because she was just so thrilled with how easy (a coat remodel) was," she said.

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale Furriers' Melissa Waters is looking forward to the holiday shopping season as a small village business. She appreciates the way customers support local shops as well as the cooperative spirit among merchants in an effort to promote the success of small businesses. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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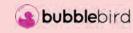










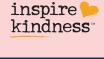




CARLISLE







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Friday, Dec. 6, 10am - 8pm

3pm Champagne Shopping starts **5 - 8pm** Hinsdale Holiday walk.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10am - 5pm Kids Craft Table sponsored by Art Depth

11am - 12pm Interactive story time with Heidi Roemer, author of PEEKITY BOO-WHAT YOU CAN DO! (ages 2 - K)

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Friday, Dec. 20, 10am - 5pm 3pm Champagne Shopping starts

Saturday, Dec. 21, 10am - 5pm

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Zion Lutheran's Early Childhood **Education Center** held its annual Science Night Nov. 14. Children had an opportunity to have fun and learn while exploring several exhibits in the school. When Jane Dunlap wasn't smiling, she played with the blocks on hand. Brendan Huang sampled some of the entrées at the creative cooking exhibit, where he made his own healthy snack. Maeve Hazlett works on her bird feeder. (Jim Slonoff photos)





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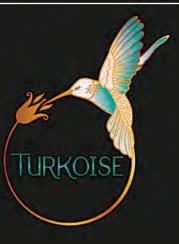


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Countdown to Christmas is on!

Holiday weekend features tree lighting, tree cutting, Christkindlmarket and more

By Pamela Lannom

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When the parade has been watched and the turkey has been eaten and everyone's gotten a good night's sleep, what's next?

A plethora of activities exists for keeping family members, friends, even out-of-town guests busy over the long weekend. Many of these ideas — from taking in a performance of "The Nutcracker" at Hinsdale Central to visiting Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo — are listed in Holiday Happenings, which starts on Page 30.

For those who are looking to venture a little farther — and willing to spend a little time on the highway — there are even more options for festive fun.



Friday night lights

Watch as the switch is flipped on more than 80,000 holiday lights at Light Up the Park at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at Parkway Bank Park in Rosemont.

Enjoy a variety of family friendly activities before and after the tree lighting. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus (3 to 7 p.m.), relax during a free horse-drawn sleigh rides and listen to strolling carolers (5 to 8 p.m.). The Chicago Wolves Ice Rink also will open for the season (11 a.m. to 10 p.m.). Guests may bring their own skates or rent them for \$8.

Special holiday activities continue through Dec. 29.

Parkway Bank Park is at 5501 Park Place. Visit https://www.rosemont.com/thepark/.

To market, to market

Nothing says holidays in Chicago like this giant open-air Christkindlmarket inspired by a similar seasonal tradition in Nuremberg, Germany.

Guests can shop handcrafted items like nutcrackers, cuckoo clocks, beer steins and glass ornaments. When hunger strikes, nibble on potato pancakes, hot pretzels, schnitzel, döner



and chocolate-covered treats. And no trip to Christkindlmarket is complete without a steaming mug of Glühwein, a traditional hot spiced wine (there's also hot cocoa for the kids).

Reserve a "Stammtisch" table online and order food and a beverage package from one of the market's vendors.

When the weather is decent, the market is very crowded in the evenings, so stop by in the afternoon for a more pleasant shopping and/or dining experience.

The market has two Chicago locations: one in Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St., and one at Gallagher Way, 3635 N. Clark St.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays to Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at Daley Plaza and 3 to 9 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays at Gallagher Way. The markets are open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day.

Visit https://www.christkindlmarket.com.



Northern lights

A playful choir of singing trees, immersive ribbons of light, a garden of fire, a sparkling tunnel of light and a stunning festive finale — plus the opportunity to toast marshmallows over a fire —

are sure to put visitors to Chicago Botanic Garden in the holiday spirit.

Direct from London, Lightscape is making its U.S. debut at the garden. More than 1 million people in 2018 were delighted by the show across the U.K.

The mile-long path bring the night alive with color, imagination and sound.

Strollers are allowed. Side-by-side strollers are acceptable, but for best path experience, single or front-to-back strollers are suggested.

The exhibit is open Wednesdays to Sundays (plus Mondays, Dec. 23 and 30 and Tuesday, Dec. 31) from 4:30 to 10 p.m., with timed entry between 4:30 and 8 p.m.

Tickets range from \$17-\$23 for adults and \$10-\$13 for children ages 3 to 12, depending on the date and time of the visit (children younger than 3 are free) plus \$10 parking. Prices are higher for same-day tickets and parking.

The event runs through Jan. 5.

Visit https://www.chicagobotanic.org or call (847) 835-5440



O Christmas tree

Richardson Christmas Tree Farm in Spring Grove provides a great opportunity to renew the tradition of going out into the woods, choosing the perfect tree and harvesting it to bring home.

More than 50,000 trees of many varieties and sizes are spread over 75 acres. The spacious, heated sales barn has indoor restrooms and friendly people available to offer assistance.

On weekends, enjoy a free wagon ride to and from the fields. Handsaws are provided. Cut trees are then baled in plastic netting to be more manageable for the ride home. Enjoy a free hot chocolate or coffee during the wait while shopping for fresh wreaths, garlands and other decorations.

Dogs are welcome if they are on a leash and play well with others.

The farm is at 9407 Richardson Road, about an 80-minute drive from Hinsdale. Trees are available Nov. 29 through Dec. 23 and cost \$75.

Call (815) 675-9729 or visit https://www.richardsonadventurefarm.com.

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Studio Vino: Wine & Paint

Dec. 13
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
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https://www.thecommunityhouse.org

The studio, canvas, paints, brushes and stemware will be supplied in this relaxed atmosphere for any skill level. Create a uniquely themed project, guided by an instructor, that can be taken home at the end of the night. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$45. RR, MD

FAMILY FUN

■ Daddy Day

Dec. 7
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
(630) 986-1976
https://www.hinsdalelibrary.
info

Dads can enjoy doughnuts, coffee, and spending time with their kids while having fun with a huge Hot Wheels track, Legos and other different activities. Hours: 9:30 to 11 a.m.

■ Cookies and Canvas

Dec. 14 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale (630) 323-7500 https://www.thecommunityhouse.org

This class for kids ages 6 1/2 and older, along with parents, combines paints and sweets. Work with all kinds of painting approaches and then take the creations home. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$25. RR, MD

FOR A CAUSE

■ Belly Up for Brooks

Dec. 6 Harry & Eddie's 29 E. First St., Hinsdale https://brooksstrong.org/ belly2019

Celebrate the mission of the Brooks Strong Foundation and the life of the boy who inspired it. The foundation works to provide scholarships for youth sports and extracurricular activities for kids going through

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The Halloween snowstorm last month took many of us by surprise. Looking forward, the forecast for the rest of the holidays and winter doesn't look much drier or warmer. The stalwart of weather prediction with over 201 years of publication, the Farmers' Almanac, is predicting a "polar coaster" of cold and wet weather. In fact, the words "frozen, snowy" are prominent across the Midwest on their map, including Illinois.

This doesn't necessarily sound like the fun kind of coaster. It does sound like we may have many opportunities to stay nested at home. Along with stockpiling your favorite authors, the library offers online services, Kanopy and Hoopla, for movie and television marathons. Both services are available as channels through Roku, Chromecast, AppleTV, AndroidTV and Fire products, so you can watch the same way you dig into any of your streaming services. They are also

available as apps on your devices for viewing on the go and some content may only be available this way.

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Cynthia Dieden Check this out

ten the footed pajama set in their entertainment.
Kanopy Kids offers a separate portal to Kids content including favorites like "Sesame Street" and "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" and old friends like "Curious George." Parents can set up controls for kid use. HPL cardholders receive five checkouts on Kanopy per month, but viewing Kanopy

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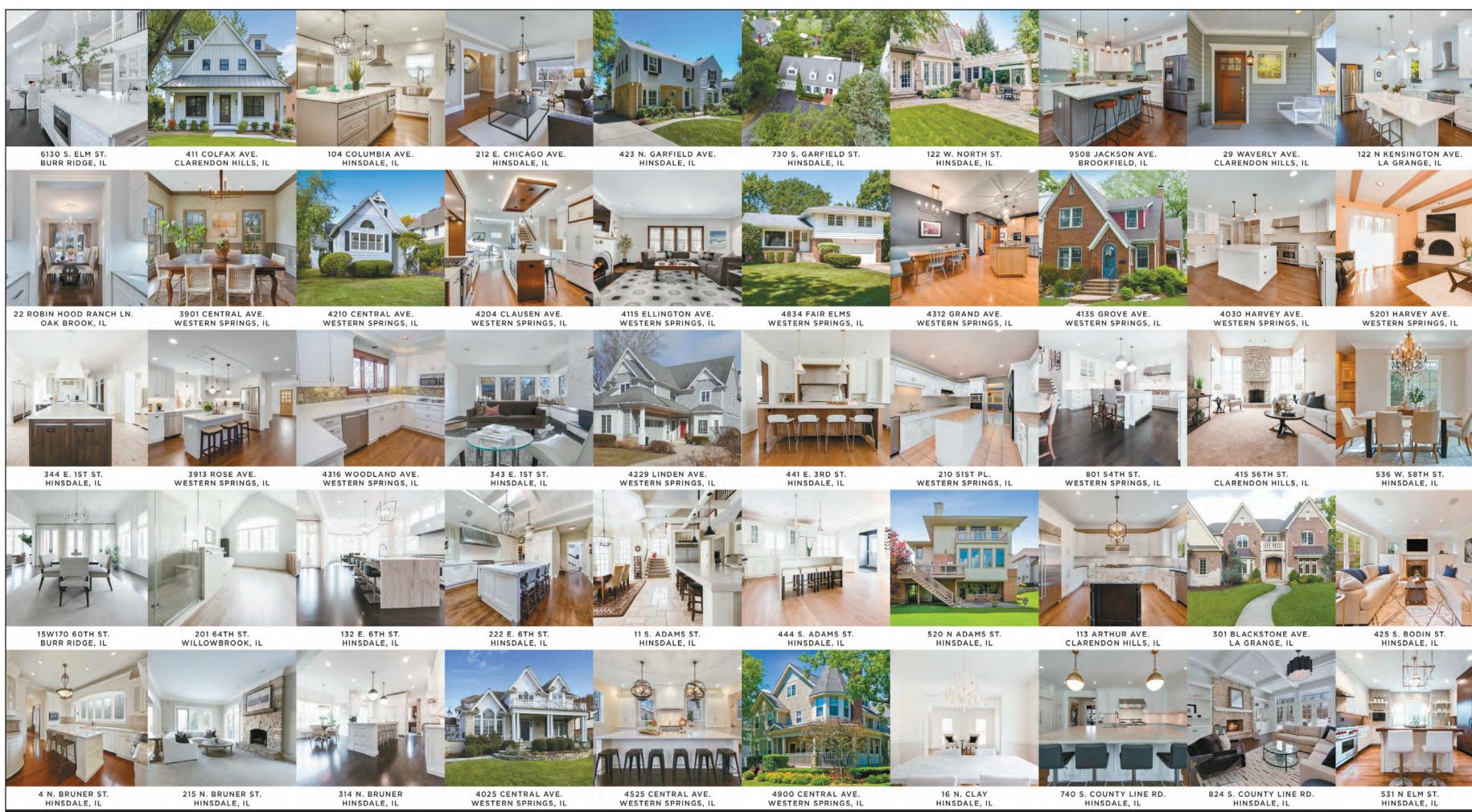
Hoopla is best known for its eAudiobooks and eBooks, but its selection of movies and television is growing. Its feel-good holiday selection of movies for December makes a worthy companion to a cozy blanket. Hoopla's television offerings are especially strong in British series. British detectives and police dramas are well represented including "Agatha Christie's Poirot," "Vera" and "No Offence." If you never watched the heartwarming amateur baking contest, "The Great British Baking Show," this is a chance to find out about proofing dough and to learn polite British slang. You may be tempted to bake your own or just enjoy treats from the comfort of your couch. And, if you decide to give in and fully commiserate with the weather, you can turn up the volume on the "Frozen 2" or original "Frozen" soundtracks available in Hoopla's audio offerings. HPL cardholders receive 15 monthly borrows on Hoopla.

Stop by the Library, call (630) 986.1982 or visit hinsdalelibrary.info for more information or to get started with these services.

— Cynthia Dieden is the adult services manager at the Hinsdale Public Library.

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cancer treatment, and to fund cutting-edge pediatric cancer research. The event will feature guest bartenders, heavy appetizers, a raffle and a no-host bar, with 15 percent of all sales going to the foundation. Time: 8 p.m. to closing. Tickets: \$75.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Fall Hike

Nov. 30 Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont (630) 257-2045 https://www.fpdcc.com

Enjoy a naturalist-led hike in the crisp fall air. Time: 1 p.m.

■ Cast-Iron Cooking

Dec. 7 Churchill Woods 900 W. St. Charles Road, Lombard (630) 933-7248 https://www.dupageforest.

Help prepare a hearty meal over an open campfire while learning tips for cooking with cast iron. The program is for ages 8 and up; those under 18 must be with an adult. Participants should meet at the campground on the south side of St. Charles Road, dress for the weather and bring water. Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

■ One Ounce Wonders

Dec. 7 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs (708) 839-6897 https://www.fpdcc.com

Join a bird walk to search for tiny songbirds that spend winter at Little Red Schoolhouse. Binoculars will be provided, and all ages are welcome. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. RR

■ Cross-Country Ski Seminar

Dec. 7 & 15 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs (630) 257-2045 https://www.fpdcc.com

Learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for one's first cross-country skiing experience. This program will be held only if ski trails are closed. Call the number listed above or visit the Sagawau Facebook

page to check program status. Time: 1 p.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Quick Steps to an Enhanced You

Dec. 3 Wellness House 131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale (630) 323-5150 https://www.wellnesshouse.

Learn tips on dealing with some of the aesthetic side effects of cancer treatment, like how to tie scarves, apply makeup and create eyebrows to improve appearance and raise confidence. The program is for diagnosed individuals. Time: 2 to 4 p.m. RR

■ Eye Health During Cancer **Treatment**

Dec. 5 Wellness House 131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale (630) 323-5150 https://www.wellnesshouse.

Different types of cancer treatment can cause changes to one's sight and vision. Learn from Dr. Treacy Adamo of Hinsdale about common vision-related side effects, overall ocular health and preventative eye care measures. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Heart Saver CPR

Dec. 7 Hinsdale Fire Department 121 Symonds Drive (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

The Heart Saver AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) is intended for people who need or desire certification in CPR but are not health care professionals. Time: 8 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$50. RR

■ Holiday Stress Reduction

Dec. 11 Wellness House 131 N. County Line Road, Hinsdale (630) 323-5150 https://www.wellnesshouse.

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JUST FOR KIDS

■ Basic Roller Skating

Dec. 3-Jan. 25 Revolution Skate 1300 S. Main St., Lombard (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

Kids ages 6-10 will learn to roller figure skate with nationally certified coaches, fun games and activities. Students will be evaluated on their progress with coach feedback available online. Medals are presented to students every time they pass eight new skills. Skate rental is included and all new skaters receive a free T-shirt at their first class. Sign up for the Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday sessions. Times: 5:25 to 6:25 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$155.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Healthy Rivers, Healthy Streams

Dec. 5 Morton Arboretum's Thornhill Center

4100 Route 53, Lisle https://healthyriverswork-shop.eventbrite.com.

DuPage County Stormwater Management and The Conservation Foundation will host this workshop to discuss ways to reduce pollution in waterways, provide examples of healthy ecosystems and highlight local projects that have improved the quality of streams. Attendees can also network with experts and peers interested in protecting waterways. The event is open to the public. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ Chamber Orchestra

Dec. 3 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn (630) 942-4000 https://www.atthemac.org

This group of instrumentalists consists of student and community members from high school to adult ages. The ensemble performs both traditional literature for small

orchestra/chamber music as well as less traditional chamber orchestra styles such as jazz, contemporary classical, theater and film music. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

■ Percussion Ensemble

Dec. 4
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
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(630) 942-4000
https://www.atthemac.org

Come experience an exciting and eclectic mix of world drumming, pop arrangements, original compositions for percussion ensemble and classics from the minimalist schools. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

ON SCREEN

■ Black Friday Movie

Nov. 29 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. (630) 986-1976 https://www.hinsdalelibrary. info

Still stuffed from Thanksgiving? Go to the library to hang out and watch a movie. Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

SENIOR SCENE

■ Navigating the Holidays with Dementia

Dec. 5
Aging Care Connections
111 W. Harris Ave., La
Grange
(708) 603-2277
https://www.agingcareconnections.org

The holiday season can be stressful when a loved one is dealing with an advanced illness or dementia. Learn how to make these events joyous and moments that will last a lifetime at this talk as part of the Seminar and a Snack Series. RSVP to the number listed above or to rvitali@agingcareconnections.org. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Technology Open Lab

Dec. 5 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. (630) 986-1976 https://www.hinsdalelibrary. info

Library staff members will be on hand to help answer computer and handheld

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device questions. The portable open lab has internet-enabled computers equipped with Microsoft Office, so guests do need not bring their laptops. Time: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

■ Holiday Sales Party

Dec. 7 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn (630) 942-4000 https://www.atthemac.org

Ticket buyers attending this even can save 10 percent off the price of tickets to the MAC's holiday performances as well as shows in the 2020 winter/spring presentations while avoiding handling fees. Attendees will also be among the first to be able to purchase tickets for the "Frida Kahlo 2020" exhibition coming to the Cleve Carney Art Museum

from June through August. Gift certificates will also be available, and visitors will be treated to free food, entertainment and photos with Santa. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Holiday Memorial Candlelighting Service

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remembrance and light a candle. Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to the phone number or email listed above. Time: 2 p.m.

SPIRIT OF GIVING

■ Sherry Party

Dec. 5 Vintage Charm 52 S. Washington St., Hinsdale

childrenshomeandaid.org

Bring a friend, sip bubbly and spread holiday cheer at the Hinsdale Auxiliary of Children's Home and Aid annual party. Organizers are collecting gift cards for foster teens from Wal Mart, Best Buy, H&M, GameStop, Jewel Osco, Amazon, Target and gas stations. Vintage Charm will

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■ Lux Living Holiday Party

Dec. 6 323 S. Washington St., Hinsdale http://luxliving2019. splashthat.com

Lifetherapy, owned by Hinsdale's Lynette Lovelace, will host this unique shopping event offering one-of-a-kind gifts from vendors such as Mucci de Firenze of Hinsdale. Enjoy wine tasting hosted by Standard Market, wood-fired pizzas from Billy Bricks Pizza Truck and live music from 5 to 8 p.m. Donations will support Young Life and R33M, the Ross K MacNeill Foundation, which works to end pediatric brain cancer. Time: noon to 9 p.m. Suggested donation: \$20

STEPPING BACK

■ The Ghost Army

Dec. 5 Cantigny Park 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton (630) 668-5161 https://www.cantigny.org

Author and documentary filmmaker Rick Beyer discusses "The Ghost Army of World War II," his book on the top-secret Army unit that employed battlefield trickery to fool the enemy and gain strategic advantage. Time: 7 p.m.

WEE ONES

■ Tiny Tots Roller Skating

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Kids ages 3-5 will learn to roller skate from nationally certified instructors using games, toys, songs and activities. Coach feedback is available online and students receive medals every time they pass eight new skills. Skate rental is included. Courses are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Saturdays. Times: 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:35 to 10:20 a.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$135. RR

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Nov. 29 Brookfield Zoo 8400 31st St. https://www.czs.org/reindeerrun

Zoogoers are invited to grab their glow sticks and running shoes for this event. With a two-mile course entirely inside the park, families and friends can "fun run" or walk along the pathways decorated with 1 million LED lights for the zoo's annual Holiday Magic festival, which begins Nov. 30. Park in the zoo's main lot on 31st Street. The run will take place rain, shine or snow. Time: 5:30 p.m. check in, 7 p.m. Cost: \$27 plus \$2.50 signup fee.

■ 'A Christmas Carol'

Nov. 29-Dec. 23 Drury Lane Theatre 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace (630) 530-0111 https://www.drurylanetheatre. com

This adaptation of Charles Dickens' holiday classic is sure to delight audience members of all ages. The performance lasts 60 minutes with no intermission. Breakfast with Santa is offered in conjunction with the show Saturdays, Nov. 30 to Dec. 21. Dinner with Santa is available Dec. 3 and 18. Show times: See website for a complete list. Tickets: \$20 for the show, additional cost for meals.

■ 'The Nutcracker'

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 Hinsdale Central High School 55th and Grant streets (630) 769-1199 https://www.saltcreekballet. org

Enjoy the Salt Creek Ballet's annual performance of this holiday classic featuring the 48-piece Chicago West Chamber Orchestra. The Sugar Plum Party follows the Sunday matinée. Times: 1 and 5 p.m. Nov. 30, 1 p.m. Dec. 1. Tickets: \$22 to \$48.

■ Home for the Holidays

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 Emmanuel Episcopal Church 203 S. Kensington Ave., La Grange (312) 510-1823 https://www.hinsdalechorale.

The Hinsdale Chorale will present its annual holiday concert, with Jason Deroche as the featured guitarist. Times: 7 p.m. Nov. 30, 3 p.m. Dec. 1. Tickets: \$20, \$15 for seniors and students.

■ Holiday Magic

Saturdays & Sundays, Nov. 30-Dec. 22 & Dec. 26-31 Brookfield Zoo 8400 31st St. (708) 688-8000 https://www.czs.org

Celebrate the holiday seasons at Chicagoland's largest and longest-running lights festival. Sing to the animals and enjoy professional ice-carving demonstrations, magic shows, a 41-foot talking tree, special visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus (through Dec. 22) and more. A full schedule is available at the website listed above. Hours: 4 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$21.95 for adults, \$15.95 for children 3-11 and seniors 65 and older, free for

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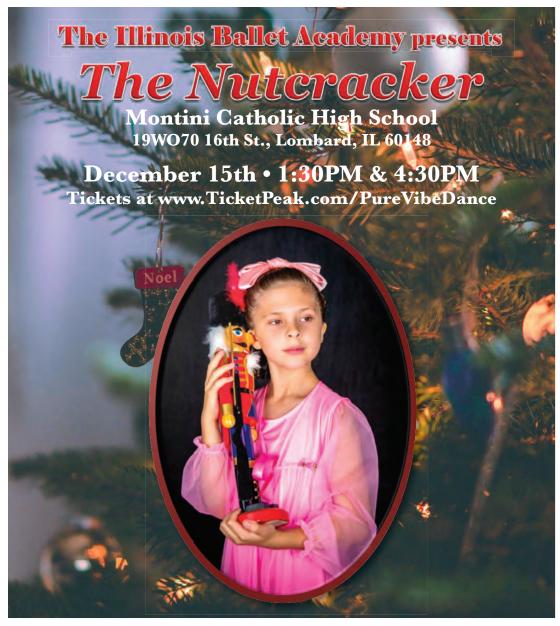
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10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

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■ Ice Cream Cone Trees

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

Drop by with the family to create beautiful — and delicious — Christmas trees made of ice cream cones, frosting and candy pieces. Time: 3 to 4 p.m.

■ Brunch with Santa

Dec. 1 & 22 Le Jardin Cantigny Park 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton (630) 260-8188 https://www.cantigny.org

Enjoy a special holiday buffet, meet and take a photo with Mr. C. and enjoy a balloon artist and face painters. Time: 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. seatings. Cost: \$38 for adults, \$33 for kids ages 4-12, \$5 for children 3 and younger. RR

■ Breakfast with Santa

Weekends, Dec. 1-23 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle (630) 725-2066

https://www.mortonarb.org Enjoy a special breakfast buf-

fet in The Morton Arboretum's scenic Ginkgo Restaurant and a visit from Santa. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. weekends and Monday, Dec. 23. Cost: \$42, \$36 for children 3-12, free for children under 3

■ Characters on Ice

Sundays, Dec. 1-29 Parkway Bank Park 5501 Park Place, Rosemont https://www.parkwaybankpark.com

Join the fun every Sunday in December and ice skate with favorite characters on the Chicago Wolves Ice Rink. Skate with Cinderella and the Prince Dec. 1, Anna and Kirstoff Dec. 8, Batman and Catwoman Dec. 15, Santa and Mrs. Claus Dec. 22 and Peter Pan and Captain Hook Dec. 29. Bring skates or rent them at the rink. Time: 9 to

11 a.m. Cost: \$8 skate rental.

■ Farmhouse Museum Tours: Christmas Memories

Dec. 1-Jan. 6 Kline Creek Farm 1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago (630) 876-5900 https://www.dupageforest.

Discover Victorian holiday traditions and explore the lifestyle of a successful farm family during a tour of the farmhouse museum. Tours offered on the hour Thursdays to Mondays. Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Hinsdale's 12 Days of Holiday Cheer

Dec. 2-17

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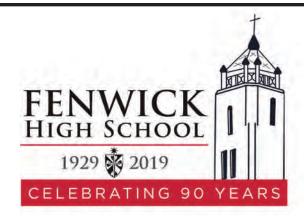
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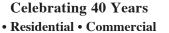


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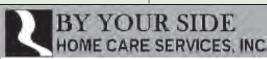


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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **ZONING BOARD** OF APPEALS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois, for the purpose of considering an application filed with the Village for variations pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Hinsdale Zoning Code. Copies of the application, known as V-05-19 and the Zoning Code are on file with, and available for public inspection, during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building.

This application requests relief from 9-10-4(J)(1)(e)(xi) to allow a reduction in required from 9-104(H)(2) parking, (g&i); 9-105(c)(2); 9-107(A) (1&2); 9-107(B) to waive landscape island, open space buffer and loading space screening requirements. from 9-12-3(E), 9-12-3(D&E), 7-310 to waive 8' foot height limitation on fences, 7-310, 9-107(H)(2) to waive building setback, building height, and screening requirements for the construction of 2 soccer field team shelters and a press box. The applicant is requesting all other necessary and appropriate relief for the property commonly known as Hinsdale Central High School 5500 South Grant Street. Hinsdale, Illinois, and legally described as follows:

PARCEL I: LOTS 1 AND 2, IN BLOCK 7, IN LOTS BRANIGAR BROTHERS HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER QUARTER (EXCEPT THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE **THIRD PARINCIPAL** MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 5, 1920 AS DOCUMENT NO. 141390, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, **ILLINOIS**

PARCEL II: THE EAST 350 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 3, IN BLOCK 7, IN BRANIGAR **BROTHERS** HINSDALE FARMS, BEING SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER

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PARCEL III: THE EAST 350 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 3, IN BLOCK 7, IN BRANIGAR BROTHERS HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPT THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 5, 1920 AS DOCUMENT NO. 141390, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PARCEL IV: THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 3 (EXCEPT THE EAST 350 FEET THEREOF), IN BLOCK 7, IN BRANIGAR BROTHERS HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPT THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 5, 1920 AS DOCUMENT NO. 141390, DUPAGE COUNTY, **ILLINOIS**

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PARCEL VII: THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 4, (EXCEPT THE EAST 200 FEET THEREOF) IN BLOCK 7, IN BRANIGAR BROTHERS HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPT THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER) OFR SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 5, 1920 AS DOCUMENT NO. 141390, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PARCEL VIII: LOT 1, IN PENZES RESUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 4 (EXCEPT THE EAST 60 FEET THEREOF), IN BLOCK 7, IN BRANIGAR BROTHERS HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPT THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 5, 1920 AS DOCUMENT NO. 141390, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PARCEL IX: LOT 5, (EXCEPT THE EAST 150 FEET THEREOF), IN PENZES RESUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 4 (EXCEPT THE EAST 60 FEET THEREOF), IN BLOCK 7, IN BRANIGAR BROTHERS HINSDALE FARMS. BEING

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PARCEL X: THE WEST 75 FEET OF THE EAST 150 FEET OF LOT 5, IN PENZES RESUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 4 (EXCEPT THE EAST 60 FEET THEREOF), IN BLOCK 7, IN BRANIGAR BROTHERS HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPT THE EAST HALF OF THE QUARTER NORTHWEST QUARTER
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PARCEL XII: THE EAST 60 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 4 (EXCEPT THE EAST 60 FEET THEREOF), IN BLOCK 7, IN BRANIGAR BROTHERS HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPT THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST

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PARCEL XIV: LOTS THROUGH 20, BOTH INCLUSIVE, IN BLOCK 2, IN BRANIGAR BROTHERS HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPT THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 5, 1920 AS DOCUMENT NO. 141390, DUPAGE COUNTY. ILLINOIS

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

DATED: November 21, 2019

/s/ Kathleen A. Gargano Village Manager

Published in The Hinsdalean, November 28, 2019

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.

Hal Borland
Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

William Arthur Ward

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Case No: 2019MR001232 FOR CHANGE OF NAME Public Notice is hereby given that on January 3, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No. 2007 at DuPage County Judicial Center, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from: Rileigh Silva to that of Rileigh McGregor, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, Dated: November 6. 2019 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/ Rileigh Silva Petitioner.

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CERTIFICATE NO. 77262 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on November 21, 2019, wherein the business firm of

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O. Henry

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John F. Kennedy

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by Linda Thistle

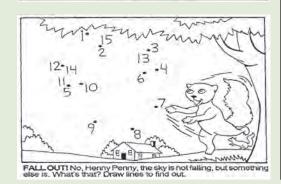
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **

* Moderate ** Challenging *** HOO BOY!

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SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

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THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

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CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Take your foot off the gas pedal this week, Capricorn. You have a funny way of always being on the move. Sometimes you need to scale back and do nothing.









LIBRA – Sept 23/0ct 23 LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, it is time to spread
your wings and try something new this week. You'll
get restless tied behind a
desk. Take some time off
to indulge your wanderlust.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Sometimes the most exciting things happen when you allow them to develop organically, Aquarius. Let things unfold without too much oversight in the days ahead.

TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you are ready to break out of a rut that has kept you in neutral for some time. You may have to sacrifice some comfort to get up and moving.





LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you do not need a reason to be self-indulgent this week. Just step out there and go get what you desire. You're a hard worker and have earned the privilege.

SCORPIO



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, loosen up the purse strings a little bit this week, as you have been quite disciplined with your finances lately. If you are ahead of the game, splurge.







PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, many people see you as gentle and cooperative. These are valuable traits that can benefit you and those around you in the coming weeks.

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Pisces, many people see you as gentle and cooperative. These are aligned with your interpersonal relationships. This component of this week, Better to pick up the phone and talk things out first.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Don't try to rein yourself in this week, Sagittarius. The cosmos are certainly against it. Pour your heart out to someone or take on out to someone or take on and talk things out first.



SPORTS

Swimmers place 11th at state meet

Freshmen and senior Gruvberger lead Red Devils as program is poised to rise

By Ken Knutson

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The Hinsdale Central girls swim team placed 11th at the IHSA state swimming and diving championship meet Friday and Saturday at New Trier High School.

"We're very proud of the result," coach Bob Barber said of the team's 51-point total and making the finals in five events (see sidebar for full results).

Neuqua Valley High School claimed the state title with 183 points.

Freshman Kendall Pickering had the best individual showing, placing fourth in the 100-yard backstroke, the only freshman to finish in the top five. And her time of 55.96 was a career best.

"I really wanted to go under 56 seconds, so I was really happy about it," she said. "I knew there were going to be some older girls there that were really fast and that I had to hold my ground."

Barber said much more lies ahead for Pickering as a Central swimmer.

"Finding fourth overall as a freshman, she's starting to write her own storybook," he said.

Pickering teamed up with senior

Anna Gruvberger, freshman Carrie Kramer and junior Melanie Quinones to capture fourth in the 200-yard medley relay.

With the relay serving as the opening event, Gruvberger said it was nice to kick off the finals with a strong performance.

"That's always definitely really exciting. It always sets the tone for the meet," said commented, adding it was her highest ever state meet placement.

After shaking off some early jitters, Pickering settled in quickly to lead the quartet.

"All the girls on the team were talking abut it, but once I got there I realized how excited and how big the crowds really are," she said. "That's like one of my favorite events. You give it all you've got and you're swimming with your best friends."

Barber was happy with the outcome.

"We're always excited about getting the first event in the top six," he said.

Junior diver Robyn Tischke's 11th place in the 1-meter diving competition was a testament to her tenacity, Barber said, explaining that her ankle surgery prior to the season

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Hinsdale Central swimmers Anna Gruvberger (clockwise from top left), Melanie Quinones, Lauren Biegel and Kendall Pickering celebrate their eighth-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay Saturday at the IHSA state final. The Red Devils came in 11th overall at the meet. (photo courtesy of Hinsdale Central Athletics Department)

meant she couldn't compete until right before the postseason.

"She came back virtually a week or two before the conference meet, and she didn't miss a beat," he said.

Sophomore Kayla Teuscher, although eliminated in the preliminaries, gained valuable state meet experience, Barber added.

Gruvberger was also a member of the team's 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays that finished 10th and eighth, respectively.

"A huge part of swimming is relays, and being a part of a team effort is always really great," Gruvberger said.

Barber said qualifying three relay teams for the finals is the mark of a strong program, and he was happy for Gruvberger that she was an integral part of each one.

"She's a special athlete that's given her heart and soul to the program," Barber said. "She will be impossible to replace."

Pickering also competed in the 400-yard freestyle relay, swimming the final 100 with a mission to make up as much ground as possible.

"I love anchoring," she remarked.
"It's just the feeling of chasing
someone down and doing it to get
your team a higher placement."

This year's squad broke seven school records and came within a second of breaking several others, Barber said.

"We were conference champions and sectional champions," he said.

Barber said the athletes gave their full effort in preparing for the state meet and made the most of the opportunity.

"They rose to the occasion and did a really nice job," he said, citing the first-year Central swimmers in particular who demonstrated veteran poise, even when some last-minute changes were made to event assignments.

"They showed they could handle that (state final) venue," Barber said. "It just shows our depth. These girls should know that I'm very proud of them."

Pickering said competing at state was like a dream come true.

"I've been waiting for high school season since I was in fourth grade," she said, crediting the mentorship of upperclassmen like Gruvberger with helping equip them to succeed

Water Devils

The following Hinsdale Central swimming & diving team members competed in the finals of the IHSA state championship meet on Saturday.

 100-yard backstroke Kendall Pickering Place: 4th Time: 55.96

• 1-meter diving Robyn Tischke Place: 11th Score: 407.24

 200-yard medley relay Pickering, Carrie Kramer, Anna Gruvberger & Melanie Quinones

Place: 4th Time: 1:44.06

• 400-yard freestyle relay Gruvberger, Lauren Biegel, Quinones, & Pickering

Place: 8th Time: 3:29.3

 200-yard freestyle relay Quinones, Gruvberger,
 Biegel & Lindsey Theoharous

Place: 10th Time: 1:36.01

at this level.

Gruvberger said it was bittersweet to be at her final state meet, but the Cornell University recruit is high on the Red Devils' future prospects.

"I was the only senior there this year. It was fun to be with a really young group and see them experience it for the first time, and it brought me a lot of joy knowing that these girls still have so much time ahead of them," she said. "They allowed me to be the leader that I was, and I learned as much from them as they did from me. They're like my second family."

The future does look bright for Central, Barber suggested, and he hopes his returning state swimmers embrace their potential.

"Hopefully it will keep them motivated to be able to stay in the water and be ready for next season," he said.

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