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Two horse open “sleigh”

The Memorial Building was the perfect backdrop for the horse drawn carriage rides last weekend at Hinsdale’s holiday events in Burlington Park. In addition to the rides, kids could decorate gingerbread cookies and share their wish lists with Santa in his Hinsdale tiny home. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Volunteer vibe

Hinsdale woman focuses on supporting kids, families.

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NEWS

Full-day kindergarten plans move ahead

By Pamela Lannom
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Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 expects to award construction contracts in February and borrow \$24.6 million in June so the district can offer full-day kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year.

The board passed a resolution at its meeting Monday indicating it plans to reimburse “certain capital expenditures” from the bond issue. Any hard costs for labor and materials can be reimbursed out of the bond proceeds only if such a resolution is passed, said Mindy Bradford, assistant superintendent for business and operations.

District officials have been working with architects on bid documents, and the notice to bidders was set to be published today, facilities director Mike Duggan said. The plan is to open the bids at the board’s Jan. 18 meeting and award the contracts at the Feb. 12 meeting.

The work has been divided into four bids — two of which are for one school each (Oak and Walker) and two of which are for two schools each (Elm and The Lane paired in one, Monroe and Madison on the other).

“That was done based on dollar amount,” Duggan said. “We didn’t want to have one bid package be too high, because you lose a lot of bidders.”

While some contractors might be large enough to bid on all four packages, the district could end up choosing four separate contractors to do the work, he said.

Construction at all schools is estimated to cost \$20.7 million, with another \$5.7 million in expenses projected for furniture, fixtures and equipment; fees; and contingencies.

A revised timeline anticipates the board hiring an owner’s rep at its January meeting. Duggan said he has met with three candidates and plans to meet with a fourth this week.

Several firms are expected to bid on the project.

“The indication from the architect is that we’ll have quite a few.

The owners reps that we talked to said quite a few, too,” commented Duggan, adding that he hopes for five or more per bid package.

Board members in February voted unanimously to begin planning for full-day kindergarten. Then this summer, Gov. JB Pritzker signed House Bill 2396, requiring all Illinois districts to offer full-day kindergarten by the start of the 2027-28 school year.

Board member Bill Cotter noted the district has no choice but to borrow money to make the move to full-day kindergarten.

“The full-day kindergarten program, apart from the merits of it, this is a state mandate and there is no money attached,” he said.



Stocking stuffing

Children from the Union Church Gather + Grow groups participated in Eleanor’s Project earlier this month, filling 310 Christmas stockings with toothbrushes, toothpaste, crayons, socks, games, toys, gloves and candy. The stuffed stockings were topped with a hat to keep the recipient warm this winter. Antonia Logan, Lucy Kieffer, Ava Poetter, Henry Weil and George Schaefer work on filling the stockings. Alex Weil and Charlotte Poetter select a Beanie Baby to include. The finished stockings were sent to charities that support underserved and vulnerable children. (Jim Slonoff photos)



ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, a Hinsdale Central graduate, moved to Hinsdale in 1971 and spent many years here in his youth. Having spent more than 40 years with the village, there isn’t a lot about Hinsdale he doesn’t know or hasn’t photographed. This photo from 1979 is of Hinsdale Sport & Ski, which is now home to a large multipurpose retail and office building located on the south side of First Street, just west of Garfield Avenue. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com.



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“ Hinsdale businesses are thriving. The retail vacancy rate in the central business district is at 2.4 percent, which is lower than in many neighboring communities. ”

Village ends 2023 in a strong position

Annual report highlights finances, roads, historic preservation and crime prevention

The village will have a reserve balance of \$6.7 million at the end of 2023. That balance will exceed 25 percent of the village's annual operating expenses, which is the percentage of reserve balance rating agencies require for municipalities to obtain a AAA bond rating. Hinsdale has maintained a AAA bond rating for many years. Only about 15 percent of Illinois municipalities carry a AAA bond rating.

Hinsdale takes crime prevention and the apprehension of individuals who commit crimes in our community very seriously. Serious crimes that occur in Hinsdale are typically part of a larger regional pattern. This year, Hinsdale hosted regional saturation patrols aimed at stopping pattern crimes in DuPage County. Hinsdale police have participated in numerous felony arrests involving burglaries, stolen autos and weapon-related offenses. Chicago's chief of detectives complimented the Hinsdale Police

Department for its assistance in apprehending the shooters of a 12-year-old boy after an incident in Chicago late last year. The village board will continue to ensure that the police department has the best training and equipment necessary to continue with its successes.

Hinsdale businesses are thriving. The retail vacancy rate in the central business district is at 2.4 percent, which is lower than in many neighboring communities. Hinsdale remains a sought-after location. Next fall, an additional luxury auto dealership, McLaren, will open on Ogden Avenue, further bolstering the village's sales tax base.

Historic preservation is a goal of the village board. The village has had remarkable success with its recently adopted program to preserve historic



Cauley

homes. Less than one year after implementing that program, 80 homes are participating in the program and 10 homes are taking advantage of the village's incentives designed to save homes from demolition. Also, consistent with its goal of reusing Hinsdale's existing buildings, the village board recently approved the Vine Street Station project, which will bring 12 age-re-

stricted condominiums to the old Zion Lutheran School building.

The village board continues to make infrastructure improvements a priority. In 2023, the village completed the rehabilitation of the Hinsdale Water Tower and improved more than a mile of roadway, including resurfacing part of South Lincoln Street. In 2024, the village anticipates spending \$4.5 million on infrastructure work on

Sixth Street. By the end of 2024, which will be the final year of the village's 15-year master infrastructure plan, the village will no longer have any failed asphalt or concrete roads and will have replaced or improved 63 of the 69 miles of the village's roadway, 16 miles of watermain and 18 miles of sewers as part of the master infrastructure plan.

This year marked the village's 150th anniversary. A highlight of the village's celebration was a resident-led rehabilitation of the Memorial Building carillon and bell.

The carillon and bell provided a festive backdrop for the annual tree lighting and Christmas Walk. The village board thanks those who have assisted with the various 150th celebratory events.

I thank the village board members, members of the various commissions and staff for all their hard work in 2023.

Happy Holidays!

— by Tom Cauley, village president

“ We've more than doubled the number of programs we offer adults, including daytime programs for older patrons, and the growth in attendance is astonishing. ”

Library focused on new strategic plan

HPL offered more books, more programs and more opportunities for connection in 2023

As we prepare to “close the book” on 2023, it's worth remarking on what a year it's been for Hinsdale Public Library.

This past year was our first year guided by our new strategic plan. Four clear priorities emerged from dozens of community conversations and hundreds of patrons' comments:

- access and convenience
- education and enrichment
- connection and community
- awareness of what we offer

By these standards, the past year was a major success for HPL, and I'm pleased to report we're already seeing our strategy pay off.

We continue to make the library easier to use. Many of our newest items are set aside for Hinsdale residents on our always-available “Lucky Day” shelves. We focused on our digital collections, purchasing more what patrons want and reducing hold times by over 30 percent. To save you time

in the library, we're testing self-unlocking study rooms. (You'll get a PIN number to use with your reservation.)

We're also bringing programming out of the building to meet our patrons wherever they are. Nature walks at Fullersburg Woods, tours of some of Hinsdale's beautiful homes, even a book club for new moms at a wine bar — each of these off-site events has been a hit.

HPL has been visiting schools for years, but this year we developed 13 new outreach experiences, creating an additional 875 student interactions with our dedicated children's staff.

We've more than doubled the number of programs we offer adults, including daytime programs for older patrons, and the growth in attendance is astonishing.

We've used software to analyze our



Bloomfield

entire collection, making sure it meets patrons' interests, and, as a result, we now own more books on travel, history and interior design.

Responding to our growing Asian community, we increased our world languages collection by over 400 percent — adding new titles in Chinese, Hindi and Korean.

The success of our efforts to connect Hinsdale with

the wider world was highlighted during this year's mid-autumn celebration, when nearly 400 people came to the library to celebrate the Chinese Moon Festival.

These efforts to create an accessible, culturally-enriching space have made HPL a premier space to gather with friends, neighbors and family. Our programs often fill up, our study rooms are in high demand and after

school, the library buzzes with parents, tutors and teens helping children with homework. (One popular teen activity is our Junior Advisory Board, which creates incredible programs for high schoolers.)

This fall, 60 teens filled the library on a Friday night to think their way out of HPL's escape room.)

Next year, the board will use the results of a new space utilization audit to plan enhancements that will give us more flexibility in serving all our residents.

I hope you will join the growing number of patrons who use our library. We truly have something for everyone. If you haven't visited lately, please resolve to visit this winter.

Apply for your card online at hinsdalelibrary.info/get-a-card/ today, call (630) 986-1976 to schedule a tour or just come by!

— by John Bloomfield, library board president

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

On the agenda: appoint new board member, approve interim superintendent (Yonke) resignation effective Dec. 22, truth in taxation public hearing and levy adoption, administrator contracts and 2024-25 salaries, annual financial report, 2024-25 staffing framework

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business at their Dec. 14 meeting, trustees:

- voted 5-0 to approve a 2023 tax levy of \$15.6 million, including the library's portion of \$3.67 million, and \$3.2 million in abatements for debt that will be paid back with revenue other than property taxes, leaving a net village levy of \$8.7 million
- unanimously adopted the 2024 annual budget, which includes \$21.2 million in general fund expenses, \$3.9 million in capital expenses and \$7.3 million in infrastructure projects
- voted 5-0 to approve a 3.5 percent salary increase for Kathleen Gargano to bring her annual pay to \$225,432 a year
- voted to extend the village's contract with the DuPage Water Commission by 40 years and to extend the water commission's contract with the city of Chicago
- added five properties to the Historically Significant Structures List: 232 S. Clay, 202 E. Fourth, 306 N. Garfield, 134 S. Park and 408 S. Washington
- approved seasonal pay rates for 2024 for the Hinsdale Community Pool of \$23 an hour for an aquatics coordinator, \$18 an hour for pool manager, \$15.50-\$16 an hour for lifeguards and \$14 an hour for cashiers. Public services workers will earn \$15 to \$22 an hour and interns \$15 to \$18 an hour.

Former Hinsdale man sentenced to 30 days in jail

A former Hinsdale resident arrested in April in Minnesota was sentenced Dec. 11 to 30 days in jail, five years of probation and \$889 in fees after pleading guilty to the felony charge of solicitation of a child or someone believed to be a child through electronic communication to engage in sexual conduct, according to Minnesota court records.

Derrick D. Willman, who lived at 502 N. Garfield Ave. at the time of his arrest, also must register as a predatory sex offender, attend a sex offender program and complete individual therapy with a therapist who specializes in addressing sexually abusive behaviors.

Prior to his arrest, Willman, now 57, had been communicating in an online chatroom

with investigator Celeste Walz with the Central Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force, who was posing as a 14-year-old girl, according to the complaint. Investigators know the chatroom as a place where teens are frequently solicited to engage in sexual conduct. He was arrested after arriving at a Minneapolis address where Walz had agreed to meet him.

According to the sentence, Willman also is prohibited from unsupervised contact with anyone younger than 18 unless approved by his therapist and possessing pornography and sexually explicit material and required to submit to polygraph tests as directed.

Willman and his wife sold their home in Hinsdale in September.

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Writing down the wonder of Christmas

Village's youngest residents opened their hearts in expressing holiday wishes to Santa

In 1957, The Doings published Christmas letters and stories from Hinsdale schoolchildren, then republished them in the paper's 1995 centennial edition. Here are some of those charming — and unedited — submissions for the season.

Dear Santa, I know Christmas is almost here. I love to go in to the stores and see them all decorated. It's a lot of fun to set on your lap and tell you what I want for Christmas. I always forget the names of your reindeers. I can remember: Dancer, Prancer, Commet and Cupid, and, and, oh foo! "cause" we might have some hot coca, and cookies there for you. Have a Merry Christmas, Santa. — Dorothy Elgen, Mrs. Weber's third grade, Oak School

Dear Santa, I hope you will come on Christmas Eve because you are funny. And I like your red coat. You are so big and you have a big bag. Full of toys.

I am very good. Christmas is a Mary time. Mary Christmas and a Happy New Year. — Robert Beiringer, third grade, St. Isaac Jogues School

A Big Bump — Santa's 10 helpers, Sandy, Christy, Bootys, Mittens, Chimpeys, Chocolatery, Chumpys, Inky, Naddy and Chuckley all loved a doll with curly gold hair. On Christmas Santa took his bundle to the sleigh and put it in. The doll was on top of the other toys. Then suddenly they took off. Half way to the city the doll fell out. She landed with a bump. Three weeks later the doll heard foot steps coming toward her. She was afraid. Suddenly someone picked her up. A smiling face looked at her and then they walked away. The girl went in a warm house and warmed up the doll. They lived happily ever after. — Gail Younker, third grade, Prospect School

Dear Baby Jesus, Please do not forget this year we are one more than

last Christmas I have here my cousin Leslie now from Canada before residing in Hungary behind the iron curtain. So he could not have a nice Christmas there for I'd like to have for him this year a very nice Christmas her in the United States of America. Your child — Arpad Horwath, fourth grade, St. Isaac Jogues School

Dear Santa, I was wondering how old you and your reindeer were. I am going to see you soon. We will have some milk and cookies for you. I hope you will give me an eraser that won't fall off my desk, like the one I have now does. A letter full of love — Scott Simundra, third grade, Walker School

Dear Mr. Claus, I would like to have books for Christmas. Lots of books, any kind. Mysteries. Fairy Tales, funny books, as long as I can read them. Also, I think I'd like the poor little children in other lands to have a nice Christmas too. I like books because

they can make the hours go faster and you can learn a lot from them. Yes, books are wonderful. I guess by what I'm talking about you can see I'm a book worm. I am and the bookiest book worm you ever saw. — Mary Van Vieck, Mrs. Weber's third grade, Oak School

Mrs. Santa's Kitchen — There is a place up at the north pole where Santa Claus lives. He has a dear little wife. Their house is white with red shutters. His suit is red and white and so is hers. The kitchen is painted yellow and they have an old-fashioned stove. The kitchen is the warmest place in the house. A cat sits by the stove. It has a sink with a pump on it and the ice box is a square hole cut in the wall with logs around it, with a log door. Now lets see about the rest of the house. There was a living room. A den that they watch T.V. in. It's very cosy. — Rhea Arnold, third grade, Prospect School



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Dec. 20.

Disorderly conduct arrest

Briana M. Griffin, 30, 29 N. Garfield St., Lombard, was arrested for disorderly conduct after she reportedly displayed a handgun to an employee of Whole Foods Market in Hinsdale in response to the employee's complaint about littering coming from her vehicle at 2:08 p.m. Dec. 18 on Bob-O-Link Drive near the store. Griffin, a DoorDash driver, had three young children in the vehicle at the time. She drove off but her vehicle was subsequently located by police in Oak Brook, which led to her arrest at her home. She was charged and released to appear in court.

DUI arrest

Timothy J. Barron, 61, 620 Rock Spring Road, Naperville, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, use of unsafe tires and disobeying a stop sign at 2:13 a.m. Dec. 15 in the 700 block of North County Line Road after being stopped for driving with two blown out tires. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Arrest for fleeing

Davion T. Beckom, 25, 583 Cades Court, Bolingbrook, was arrested on a warrant for fleeing to elude at 10:13 a.m. Dec. 17 at Cook County Jail. The arrest stemmed from an April incident when Beckom fled a traffic stop by Hinsdale police at Eighth Street and Garfield Avenue. He told officers that he fled because there was a gun and a large amount of cocaine associated with a passenger in the vehicle at the time of the initial stop.

Warrant arrest

Juan F. Rodriguez Cornelio, 26, 3039 S. Karlov Ave., Chicago, was arrested on an active warrant out of Cook County at 3:54 p.m. Dec. 16 at Shell Gas Station, 210 E. Ogden Ave. He was served a peace bond complaint and taken to DuPage County Jail.

Decorations vandalized

Christmas decorations valued at \$450 were damaged between 10 and 11 p.m. Dec. 16 in the front yard of a home in the 600 block of North Washington Street.

Fraud reported


Someone from the 200 block of East Ogden Avenue sent \$500 via online banking as a deposit for a car posted for sale on a social media account that had been hacked at 12:19 p.m. Dec. 15.

Arrests do not constitute conviction of a crime, and individuals listed here should be presumed innocent until proven guilty. If charges are dismissed or reduced or the accused is found not guilty, he or she can contact The Hinsdalean at news@thehinsdalean.com to provide us with documentation. Information will be updated online and in the next issue of the paper.

Christmas ornament honors village's 150th anniversary

In conjunction with the village's 150th anniversary, a limited edition commemorative ornament is available, featuring the Memorial Building and the 150th anniversary logo on the back.

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■ “It spoke to me based on my family’s past with foster care. This seemed like a whole support approach that really resonated with me.” — **Julie Smith**

Children focus of Hinsdale mom's volunteer work

Volunteering has been a hallmark of Julie Smith's life since her kids were little.

She and husband Chadd moved to Hinsdale when their oldest two were just 3 and 1. By the time they were in elementary school, she was ready to lend a hand where needed.

"My favorite was helping Patty Mardula in the Madison library," she said.

Meaningful opportunities to help others also have arisen through her church, Avenue Christian Church in Clarendon Hills. There she has been on the steering team for the Safe Families for Children ministry and has served as a host family since 2018.

“The mission is to keep children safe and to keep families together,” Smith said. “They do that through creating a support system for families who are socially isolated.”

The nonprofit's goal is to provide temporary care for children — who range in age from infants to teens — who can't remain in the home but don't necessarily need to go into foster care. Smith said she and her family have hosted about eight different

children, some for a few days
and some for several weeks.

"I tend to go for the shorter visits," she said. "We had a baby in 2019 that was five months old that we hosted for five weeks. In COVID, summer 2020, we had her again for two weeks, which was awesome."

Smith said the cause interested her in part because her great aunt and uncle served as foster parents for many years.

"It spoke to me based on my family's past with foster care. This seemed like a whole support approach that really resonated with me," she said. "I think, too, just being a parent when my kids were little and my husband was traveling and we moved away from grandparents and friends. If you don't have a support system, it makes life's challenges really difficult."

She's currently helping Safe Families get the word out to schools in Chicago and the western suburbs — including Holmes School in Clarendon Hills and the Anne M. Jeans School in Willowbrook — so parents are aware of the services available.

“We’ve got a lot of families



JULIE SMITH

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in need here, too," she said.

Smith also enjoys providing comfort to kids through her work with the Hinsdale Humane Society and DuPage Paws For People. She and her 3-year-old golden retriever, Cali, are pet partner certified. The two visit schools like Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South as well as the humane society and the fire and police station.

"I love to help and I wanted a golden retriever. It was a family plan. Everybody was excited about it," she said, noting that the family has two other pets — a 12-year-old cat named Nacho and a 6-month-old golden retriever puppy named Bear.

Smith also is involved with the Sunshine Gospel Ministries at her church and recently joined Assistance

League Chicagoland West.

"There are a lot of amazing women involved in that organization, too," she said.

Smith is looking forward to celebrating Christmas with family and hopes to find a desktop calendar refill from Sass 'n' Class under the tree.

With her busy schedule,
she'll need it.

— story by Pamela Lannom,
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OPINION

EDITORIAL



'Twas the night before Christmas in Hinsdale

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the town
The Hinsdaleans were scurrying, they rushed all around.
For last-minute gifts and cards they did sprint,
Armed with lists and ideas and maybe some hints.

Gateway and Grant squares and downtown they traveled
But with each stop, their nerves did unravel.
The hustle and bustle had dampened their mood.
They were tired and cranky and needed some food.

They stopped for some lunch and looked over the list.
To finish their shopping, they knew they'd persist.
But they wanted much more than to just finish this chore.
The true meaning of Christmas they hoped to explore.

Where to find it, they wondered, as they ate their last bites.
Nice presents, they knew, brought recipients' delight.
And parties and dinners made all their friends glad
But the cooking and cleaning often left them quite sad.

They looked out the window like small boys and girls
And noticed that snowflakes were starting to swirl.
The flakes grew bigger — and so did their smiles.
Perhaps they'd stop rushing, if just for a while.

The sun shining bright on the new-fallen snow
Made the trees and the buildings look all aglow.
With food in their bellies and a light in their eyes
They paid, left a tip, bid the waitress goodbye.

Out into the snow they stepped with great haste.
The day was half over — they'd no time to waste.
Jewelry and candy and toys they did buy.
They finished their shopping in the blink of an eye.

Then they strolled down the walks and admired their town
As light, fluffy snowflakes kept tumbling down.
They noticed some carolers out spreading good cheer
On this, a most special day of the year.

Their eyes, how they twinkled! Their dimples, how merry!
Their cheeks were like roses, their noses like cherries.
They sang out their carols with love and with joy,
Bringing smiles to the faces of each girl and boy.

After singing and humming they walked to the pool.
Not long after that, they reached the kids' school.
They loved all the teachers and the principal, too.
They were lucky to have such great schools, they knew.

A park they did pass as they journeyed along
Where they had spent summer months in play and in song.
They walked still some more and looked up the hill.
The view of village hall still gave them a thrill.

The town, they were reminded, had so many treasures.
Living here brought them so many pleasures.
The smell of Kramer's when they walked in the door,
The service agencies that helped people galore —

Wellness House, The Community House, HCS and Robert Crown,
The chamber and humane societies were assets to town.
They loved the library and all it did lend,
The firefighters and policemen on whom they depend,

Their friend Robert Frost, writing poems in the park,
The lights on the trees twinkling bright after dark,
A historic museum showing life long ago,
Neighbors and friends so delightful to know.

They continued their walk, by a church they did pass.
They heard the first sounds of the 5 o'clock Mass.
In churches nearby, pews soon would be filled,
And the hustle and bustle would finally be stilled.

They felt peace in their hearts and joy in their souls
They had gotten so much from this Christmas Eve stroll.
Their frantic, anxious mood had experienced a shift
As they walked 'round the village and saw all its gifts.

These blessings, they knew, were a gift from above —
A sign of God's care, a sign of God's love.
And you could hear them exclaim 'ere they drove out of sight
"Happy Christmas, dear Hinsdale, and to all a good night."

—first published Dec. 21, 2006

GUEST COMMENTARY

The ceramic Christmas tree

Hunched into the crawl space, my eyes do a quick scan.

A collection of unlabeled plastic bins are organized into sections, known only to me as "Halloween," "Easter," "Christmas,"

I see it. A weathered cardboard box that predates the colorful bins surrounding it by not just decades, but generations.

Ever so gingerly I pick it up and squat-walk-shuffle my way out of the storage space. Relieved to be standing up straight again, I carefully open it. Beneath protective layers of paper towels and old newspapers, everything looks to be in order. I see the familiar plastic bag that was originally used to cover a pillow, along with a note on yellowed paper, scotch-taped to the edges, that reads in cursive: "Use this to cover our ceramic Christmas tree".

Less remarkable than the message is the opportunity to see my grandmother's penmanship. I smile, taken back to the excitement of childhood birthdays or holidays, seeing this handwriting on the envelopes in our mailbox. Receiving a card from my grandma meant two things: the card itself would not be signed (just in case we wanted to reuse it), and she would always include a handwritten bonus message from the second choice greeting card (the one she didn't buy, but who's sentiment she still wanted to share). My grandmother was clever like that — always thoughtful and extra diligent in these, her acts of love. It was hard to out think her.



Carissa Kapcar

Except on one occasion my grandfather did. When they retired from a life as hard-working farmers and moved to a smaller, more manageable house "in town," it was right before Christmas. He surprised her by putting their ceramic tree

in the front window, then driving up and telling her that the house was theirs. Every Christmas after, my grandma kept that tree in that window. As a kid, I loved it!

It looks just like many of yours. Originally popular in the 1960 and '70s, more recently with a vintage twist: green with multi-colored lights, illuminated from underneath.

When my grandmother passed away years ago, I knew immediately which of her keepsakes I'd like most: her tree. And so every year I carefully trek into the crawl space and bring it out with our decorations.

This is a season when we reflect back connecting loved ones and traditions past and present. Her ceramic tree provides me with the link to do just that.

I've added a new-world-twist, though, to this old-world-treasure. Plugged into a smart outlet, the tree shines its light when my grandma's name is said out loud by my children and husband, the people she did not know, yet who were a part of her dreams for me.

"Alexa, turn on Grandma Reinhard's tree."

— *Carissa Kapcar of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist.*

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OBITUARIES

Philip R. Clarke III

Philip R. Clarke III, 75, of Westmont, formerly of Clarendon Hills, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 6, 2023.

A lifelong resident of the Chicago area, Philip attended Walker School in Clarendon Hills. He later continued a family tradition by attending and graduating from Asheville School, a private boarding school located in Asheville, N.C. He returned to Chicago for his undergraduate and master's degrees, obtaining both from the University of Chicago (economics and MBA), and also completed his CPA from the University of Illinois.

Pursuing a career in investment banking, in 1972 he joined the original Chicago Corporation — a firm founded by his father in 1965 — leading to a nearly 50-year career in the financial industry with firms such as ABN-AMRO, Heller Financial, GE Capital and Focus Investment Banking. In 2010, he co-founded a new incarnation of The Chicago Corporation, and as managing director he focused on merger and acquisition transactions, raising public and private equity capital, and specializing in middle-market deals. At The Chicago Corporation, he particularly enjoyed mentoring young associates and proudly supported them when they moved on to larger firms.

A long-suffering Chicago sports fan, he rejoiced in finally getting to celebrate the Cubs winning a World Series Championship in 2016, along with three Stanley Cups for the Blackhawks, the latter of which he was able to personally witness from his season ticket seats. In addition to being a Chicago sports fan, he was also an enthusiastic supporter of his two daughters' sporting careers, from the youth level to collegiate and beyond.

An avid fly-fisherman, he traveled the world in pursuit of the elusive "grand slam". He was happiest in a boat on a lake in Northern Wisconsin with friends and family, guiding them to the best fishing spots and closing the evening out on the front porch listening for the



Clarke

whippoorwills and loons, a glass of red wine in hand.

Philip was a dedicated golfer, and spent many happy weekends on the greens, racking up three hole-in-ones, and culminating in winning the 2013 Centennial Cup Grand Championship with his partner Brian Mulhern at Hinsdale Golf Club. He supported the Evans Scholar Caddy Program for 47 years. He also served as a board member of HGC, having the honor of being president during the centennial year in 1998.

Much like his grandfather and namesake, Philip was a devoted philanthropist and servant leader, donating time and resources to many causes close to his heart. One of the most special was Asheville School, where he served 18 years on the board and held many roles from class representative all the way up to chairman, which allowed him the honor of presenting both Valerie and Lissa their diplomas. In 2016, he was presented with the Henry G. Heedy '33 Service Award, an award recognizing an alum "whose outstanding and unselfish service to the school personifies the highest ideals of an Asheville School education."

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Diane L. Clarke; his daughters, Valerie Ann (James McLemore) and Lissa Hope Clarke; and his sister, Barbara C. (the late Dr. Robert) Nash.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Philip R. Clarke Jr. and Valerie M. Clarke.

A celebration of Philip's life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Philip R. Clarke Scholarship Fund at Asheville School. Donations may be made via check, mailed to the Philanthropy Office at 360 Asheville School Road, Asheville NC 28806, or online at www.givecampus.com/hhvyxq (indicate his name in the "In Honor/Memory of" section).

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Carol Giles Parrillo

Carol Giles Parrillo, 90, of Oak Brook died Dec. 15, 2023.

Carol touched many lives and will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, William J. Parrillo; and her daughter, Cara Chantal (Kevin J. Hincks) Parrillo-Hincks.

She is survived by her sons, William G. Parrillo of Hinsdale and Jon R. (Heidi) Parrillo; her grandchildren, William J. Parker, Connor and Alexandra Parrillo, Daniel (Miki), Jon (Jessica) Jr., and Francesca (Connor Stewart) Stewart-Parrillo and Carolina Brennan; her step-grandchildren, O'Connor



Parrillo

(Kelly Ann), Alexandra, Griffin, and Brennan Hincks; and her great-grandchildren, Emiko Yoshimura Parrillo, Charlotte Elise Stewart and Kaia Jean Parrillo.

A funeral Mass was said Dec. 20 at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church in Oakbrook Terrace.

Interment was private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Rose Reed

Elizabeth "Betty" Rose Dean Reed, 95, died peacefully with her children at her bedside on Dec. 5, 2023, exactly 18 years to the day after losing her husband of 53 years, Dwight Reed.

Born in 1928 to Harry and Louise Dean, Betty grew up in Naples, N.Y., in the heart of the upstate Finger Lakes region. She was the proud valedictorian of her graduating class of 12 at Naples Central School and went on to graduate from Cornell University. At Cornell, Betty met Dwight, freshly returned from Europe and World War II military service, at a Methodist Wesley Foundation gathering.

Following a year of high school teaching in Bath, N.Y., Betty and Dwight were married and settled in the Chicago area. Having played such an important part of their early lives together, Dwight and Betty never missed a Cornell reunion, with Betty most recently attending her 65th in 2014.

Betty's interests and skills were wide and varied. She was an expert seamstress and taught sewing to youths and tailoring to adults, and, while nurturing her children at home, was a consumer product tester for Sears Roebuck & Co., memorably testing one of the very first microwave ovens. Not surprisingly, Betty was the first in her extended family to own, and to actually use, a home computer.

Betty's mother was a high school English teacher and instilled in Betty a lifelong love of the written word. She was a voracious reader — fiction and poetry were her favorites. Betty was an active member of the Barrington United Methodist Church, and her Christian upbringing and resolute and abiding faith fostered a commitment to the service of others. Betty was named a Volunteer of the Year by the Chicago Sun-Times for founding the Barrington area Meals With Wheels program and, among other activities, was the long time treasurer and 2013 Grand Marshall of the Barrington Area CROP (Community Response to Overcome



Reed

Poverty) Hunger Walk, and a co-founder of Barrington Giving Day. Betty was also a proud member of PEO Chapter KF.

For 20 years, as part of the Butterball Turkey Talk Line, Betty fielded calls from harried household chefs at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She celebrated her last Thanksgiving with her family 10 days before she died, once again regaling the group with her always-entertaining memories of her Turkey Talk Line experiences.

Betty spent the last 20 years of her life living independently at the Garlands of Barrington, where she enjoyed the company, love and support of her family and countless friends. Always forward-looking, Betty was an incredibly positive person through the very final days of her life; she never stopped thinking about the next gathering, the next book, the next bridge game, and the next sweater to be knitted for her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her son, Glenn (Barbara); her daughter, Margaret Reed (Matt) Moran of Hinsdale; her grandchildren, Evangeline (Rob) Reed Koslowsky, Anna (Tim) Reed Wheeler, Arden Mary Reed, Carolyn (Mike) Moran McIntyre and William and David Moran; and her six great grandchildren, Lola Josephine and Rowe William Koslowsky, Charles Reed, August Welsh, John Glenn Wheeler and Elise Genevieve McIntyre.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Dwight; and her brother, Robert F. Dean.

Visitation is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Barrington United Methodist Church, 98 Algonquin Road.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Northern Illinois Food Bank at www.solvehungertoday.org/

The Davenport Family Funeral Home in Barrington handled the arrangements.

Nelson "Ed" E. Tatlock

Nelson "Ed" E. Tatlock (retired U.S. Army CW5), 76, of Hinsdale, died Dec. 10, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Ed was born to Nelson and Helen, nee Flake, Tatlock in 1947, in Seymour, Ind., but spent most of his years in Jeffersonville, Ind., and Frankfort, Ky. He was one of four children, the only son. Ed grew up in southern Indiana. He went to high school in Jeffersonville where he met the love of his life, Anna Belle Cox. Ed was very active in athletics. He was a left-handed pitcher for his high school as well as the American Legion team. To this day, he still holds the record for the most strikeouts in a single game (21). After graduation, Ed went to Indiana State University. After a period of time at school he decided he wanted to be a pilot and serve our country. He turned down spring training for the Chicago Cubs and an offer to play with the Washington Senators (Minnesota Twins). He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967. Ed served a year in Vietnam as a Cobra helicopter pilot from Dec. 8, 1969, through Dec. 8, 1970. Ten days after returning home from Vietnam he married his sweetheart, Anna Belle. He and Anna Belle had two children, Amy and Andy.

In 1981, Ed joined the Kentucky Army National Guard and was also a pilot for the Commonwealth. During his career in the Kentucky Army National Guard he was commander of the Detachment 11 Operational Support Airlift Command. He was a standardization instructor and instrument pilot on seven fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. He has amassed more than 15,000 flight hours during his



Tatlock

career. He remained in the national guard until he retired in 2002 with the rank of chief warrant officer 5. He received his bachelor's in professional aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He has received numerous awards and medals — most notably the Bronze Star, Kentucky Colonel and Legion of Merit. After hanging up his military boots, he flew a private jet for 12 years and flew as a Medevac helicopter pilot. Not ready to fully retire, he also flew

the helicopter for the Clark County Sheriff's department.

Aside from being a technical expert in aviation, he was a special man to all who knew him. He never met anyone he didn't like. One of his friends recently said, "Ed would give you the shirt off his back and then go buy another and give that to you, also." He was a mentor, a soldier, patriot, friend, brother, loving husband and the best Papa in the world. He loved his dog, Bo. He lived his life helping others and wanting nothing in return. There will only ever be one Ed. They broke the mold when they made him.

Ed is survived by his wife of 53, years Anna Belle; his daughter, Amy (Scott) Madden; his son, Andy (Catherine) Tatlock; his sisters, Joy (Johnnie) Sims and Betty (Leroy) Hughes; and his grandsons, Keegan, Brady, Beckham, Tristan and Chase.

A funeral service was held Dec. 20 at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home in Willowbrook.

Interment was at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

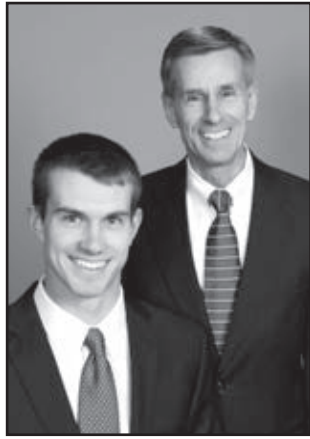
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When and where are Christmas worship services?

Hinsdale faith communities offer a range of opportunities to celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, whose timing this year may alter churches' normal week-end rhythms. Here are the times and activities offered by the towns' houses of worship, from family-friendly fellowship to candlelight services for people who want to step outside just as the clock strikes Christmas.

In addition to the in-person services listed below, many churches are also offering online worship options for people's convenience. Use the contact information provided for more details.

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www.firstchurchhinsdale.com

(630) 323-4740
Dec. 25
10 a.m. — service
• **Grace Episcopal Church**
120 E. First St.
www.gracehinsdale.org
(630) 323-4900
Dec. 24
4 p.m. — Holy Eucharist with children's narrated nativity pageant
10 p.m. — Holy Eucharist with choir and harp
Dec. 25
10 a.m. — Holy Eucharist
• **Hinsdale Covenant Church**
412 S. Garfield Ave.
www.hinsdalecovenant.com
(630) 323-2318
Dec. 24
2, 3, 4 & 5 p.m. — live nativity experience
10 p.m. — candlelight service
• **Hinsdale United Methodist Church**
945 S. Garfield Ave.
www.hinsdaleumc.com
(630) 325-1280
Dec. 24
4 p.m. — family friendly service
5:30 p.m. — "Sound of the

Season" concert
7 p.m. — candlelight service
8 p.m. — open house with refreshments
• **Redeemer Lutheran Church**
139 E. First St.
www.redeemerhinsdale.org
(630) 323-5530
Dec. 24
10 a.m. — worship
4 p.m. — family-oriented service
7 p.m. — service
Dec. 25
10 a.m. — worship
• **St. Isaac Jogues Church**
306 W. Fourth St.
www.sij.net
(630) 323-1248
Dec. 24
7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m. — Mass
3 & 4:30 p.m. — Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
10:15 p.m. — carols
10:30 p.m. — Mass at midnight
Dec. 25
7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. & noon — Mass
• **Trinity Church**
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201 N. Oak St.
www.trinityhinsdale.com
(630) 286-9303
Dec. 24
4 p.m. — service
• **Union Church**
137 S. Garfield Ave.
www.hinsdale.church
(630) 323-4303
Dec. 24
10 a.m. — children's Christmas pageant
7:35 p.m. — alumni bells

8 p.m. — worship
• **Zion Lutheran Church**
204 S. Grant St.
www.zionhinsdale.org
(630) 323-0384
Dec. 24
9:30 a.m. — corporate confession, absolution and Holy Communion
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“Our family loves meeting up with friends for the annual tree lighting and Christmas Walk festivities. Watching the kiddos brainstorm, practice and sometimes panic about what to ask Santa for while they wait in line is equal parts adorable and hilarious – as was hearing my older son invite the Clauses over for pizza, “You know, if they weren’t busy later” – well played, dude!”

– Lex Silberberg



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– Tom Norton

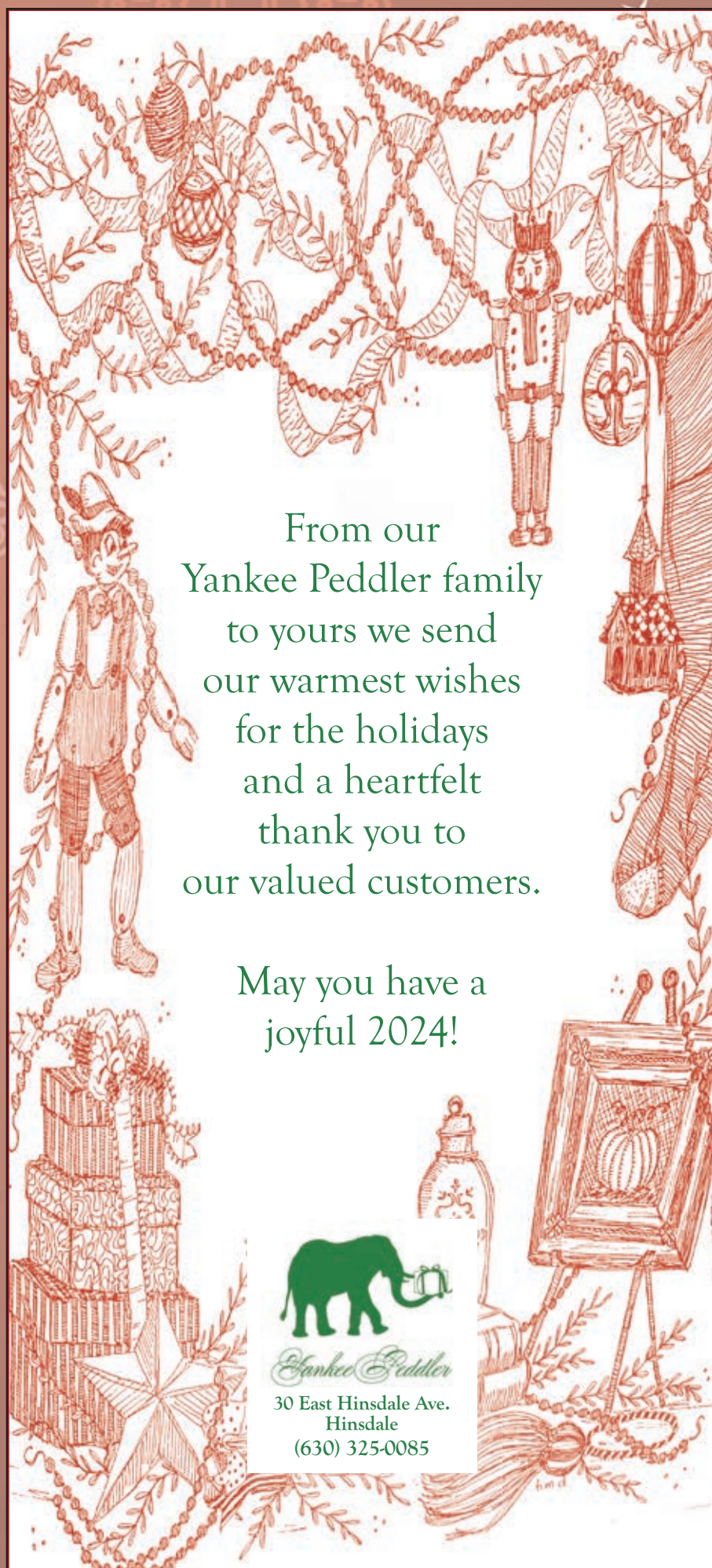
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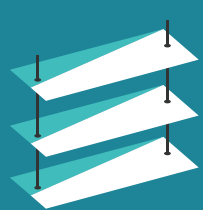
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“This will be the 57th Christmas in Hinsdale for my husband and I. My fondest memories of the season are the yearly Christmas walk, visiting the shops, sipping cider and wishing happy holidays to all, decorating ginger bread cookies and visiting Santa in Burlington Park, sitting at the fountain for a Christmas picture, taking the horse drawn wagon ride through town with the grandchildren, and the tower bells ringing on Christmas Eve at Union church. Christmas memories will always be special since our family of five (now 21 of us) still live within 4 miles of this town we call home.”

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– Carrie Rozich

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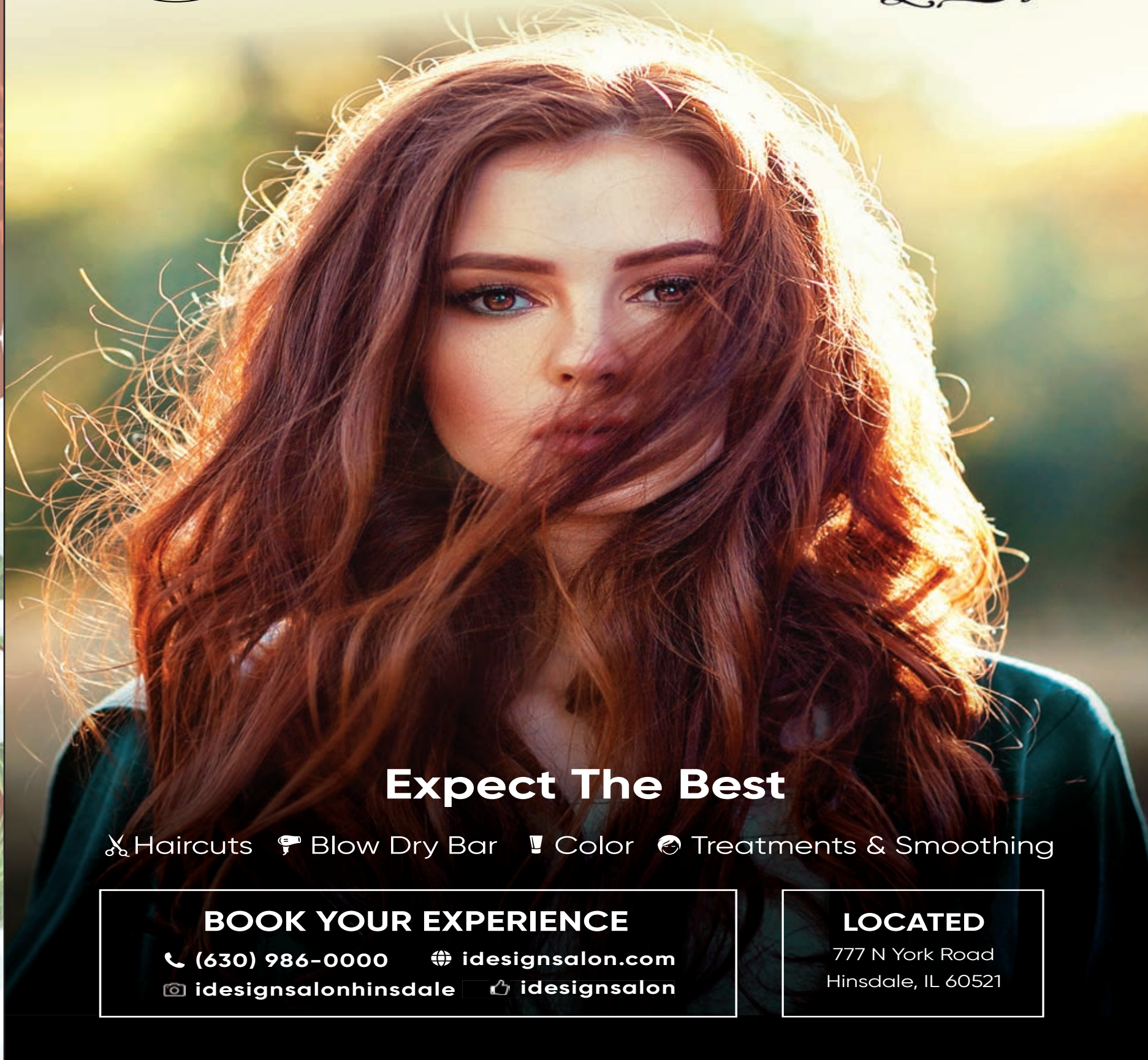
“Raising my two sons in Hinsdale — especially during the Christmas season — was always full of adventure. The Christmas Walk and listening to the Madrigal Singers as well as the Allegro Handbell ensemble from Union Church at the old Hinsdale Federal Savings bank. Then walking out into Grant Square and waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus. Truly a magical time of year.”

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— Tom Cauley

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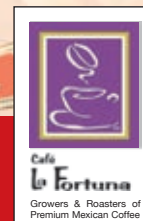
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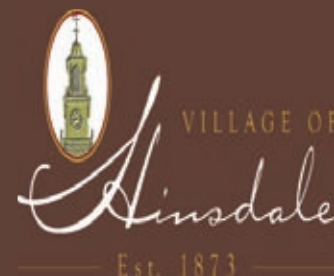
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Chicago is all lit up for the holidays

Don't miss chance to see these seasonal displays, which continue past Christmas Day

By Sandy Illian Bosch
news@thehinsdalean.com

The magic of the holiday season doesn't end just because the calendar turns to Dec. 26. With the kids free from school and homework, winter break is a great time to take in some of the holiday festivities available in Chicago before they're gone.

Navy Pier lights things up

Light Up The Lake is being called the largest indoor and outdoor holiday experience in Chicago. With photo ops at every turn, the light displays on Navy Pier include a giant teddy bear, snowflakes, a decorated 40-ft tree and a tunnel of lights.

Open through Sunday, Dec. 31, Light Up The Lake features plenty of illumination, and much more.

Visitors can roast s'mores at an outdoor firepit, take part in workshops and enjoy live music on the weekends. Of course, the Centennial Ferris Wheel is always turning. Guests also can try axe throwing or take a spin on the Navy Pier outdoor ice rink. Ice skating is free for those who bring their own skates.

The light show will take to the skies Saturday, Dec. 23, and Sunday, Dec. 31, with a fireworks show at 9 p.m.

Visit www.navypier.org/light-up-the-lake for more details and ticket information.

Christmas Around the World

Each year the Museum of Science and Industry celebrates the world's holiday traditions with a collection of trees from dozens of countries and cultures. This year's Christmas Around the World exhibit features a 45-foot, fully decorated tree surrounded by a forest of more than 50 trees and displays. Every 30 minutes, guests are treated to an indoor snow shower.

In addition to the special holiday displays, museum guests can view "Antarctica" at the museum's Giant Dome Theater. Experience the snowy tundra of Antarctica



Navy Pier (clockwise from top right), Lincoln Park Zoo, Gallagher Way and the Museum of Science Industry will offer holiday fun beyond Christmas, and, in some cases, into the new year. (photos provided)

on a five-story screen, including never-before-seen footage of the farthest reaches of Antarctica and the creatures that live there.

Photographs of real snowflakes are displayed in the museum's lower court and rotunda, offering guests a unique look at snow's true beauty, but from the warmth of the indoors.

Admission to Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light, open through Sunday, Jan. 7, is included with entry to the museum at 5700 S. DuSable.

Regular admission is \$25.95 for adults, \$14.95 for children 3 to 11. Advance tickets are strongly recommended. Visit www.msichicago.org for more information.

Lincoln Park ZooLights

ZooLights at Lincoln Park Zoo continues through Sunday, Jan. 7. This year's exhibit includes modern LED light displays and a garden-themed light show on the zoo's south lawn.

Along with new displays are some returning favorites, including



the twinkling light maze, the towering Ferris Wheel and the light tunnel on the zoo's main mall. Tickets are required for these attractions. Year-round attractions like the kiddie train and the endangered species carousel also are open to guests. And of course, the animal exhibits are open and included with admission.

Guests can enjoy an assortment of food and drinks throughout the zoo.

Hours through December are 4:30 to 9 p.m. Sundays to Thursdays and 4:30 to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and Sunday, Dec. 31. The week of Jan. 1-7, hours are 4:30 to 9 p.m. The zoo is closed Dec. 24-25.

ZooLights will offer free admission Monday, Jan. 1. Admission every other day is \$7 to \$10. Get more information at www.lpzoo.org.

Winter at Wrigley

Have fun on Chicago's north side with Winterland at Gallagher Way featuring the Christkindlmarket

Wrigleyville outside Wrigley Field as well as a bevy of activities inside the historic stadium through Sunday, Jan. 7.

Attractions include a 40-foot Ferris wheel at Christkindlmarket (open through Sunday, Dec. 31), an ice rink for skating and ice bumper cars, the Infield Express train, swings, the Umbrella Ride, The Edge, a fun slide and more.

Gallagher Way is located at 3635 N. Clark St, Chicago. Hours are 3 to 9 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Eve), with special hours of 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 26-28, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 1-3 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 4.

Admission to Gallagher Way activities are free. Wrigley Field admission is \$5, and attractions require tickets; packages are available. Entry is free for ages 2 and under. Visit www.gallagherway.com for tickets and more information.

Winter in bloom

Chicago Park District's Garfield Park and Lincoln Park conservatories are all abloom this winter. Now through Jan. 7, both destinations offer to add a splash of color to the winter landscape.

"Celebrating Silver" is the theme at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave., where the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance celebrates its 25th anniversary. Silver foliage, along with lush poinsettias in pink and white hues, are featured in this exhibit of winter flowers and plants.

The Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Drive, presents its winter flower show, "Wintergreen," featuring a giant tree silhouette brightly lit with thousands of green LEDs and unique poinsettias in gold, green and orange hues.

Conservatory hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays to Sundays, with Garfield Park open until 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Entry to both shows is free, but registration is required. Visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Assembly Ball has everyone dancing merrily

I have a confession to make: I didn't grow up in Hinsdale.

No, it's even worse than that. I'm not from anywhere near here. I'm a Southerner, born in Mississippi and raised in Texas, which means that I don't always know the lingo. When someone asked if I was going to write about the Hinsdale Assembly Ball, I may or may not have responded with a blank stare while my brain went into overdrive, trying to remember what I knew about this organization. When that same person noticed my hesitance, she gently added, "You know, the debutantes." Lightbulb! Yes!

Now, where I'm from, the very word "debutante" brings to mind very specific (if somewhat archaic) ideas related to women being property. Deep in the Bible Belt, I was surrounded by the idea that a young lady goes "from her father's house to her sorority house to her husband's house," and donning the big, white

dress was an essential step toward that first transition. I missed out on the experience, but one of my brothers served as a member of the Honor Guard, so I got to live vicariously through him. Well, I'm happy to say (especially as the mother of two daughters) that we've come a long way since those days.

Being a debutante or a member of the honor guard isn't just about the big party anymore. These days, these kids are being molded to learn what service looks like from a hands-on perspective, and they're being educated about the need to fund critical programs.

Since its inception in 1963, the Hinsdale Assembly has raised more than \$3.25 million for the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation, specifically for the purchase of state-of-the-art medical equipment and special projects.



Allison Peters
Society spotlight

Early donations in the 1960s were earmarked for a cobalt therapy machine, but more recent support has gone to the Digital Mammography Initiative, the St. Thomas' Hospice Bereavement camps and the Behavioral Health Services Line.

This year, funds once again will go toward a much-needed renovation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UChicago Medicine

AdventHealth Hinsdale. And that is not lost on the debts.

"My favorite thing about being part of the Assembly is that we fund-raise for the Hinsdale Hospital," Ann Haarlow, one of this year's debutantes, said. "Currently, the money is being put towards the NICU, both for new equipment and for the space overall. This is a wonderful, important cause. I'm not sure many people think of the NICU when con-

sidering the needs of a hospital, so I am extremely glad we are providing money for this particular unit."

Indeed, the NICU at Hinsdale Hospital hasn't been renovated in more than 20 years and the Hinsdale Assembly has made a five-year, \$250,000 commitment to help fund this much-needed renovation.

So, on Dec. 23, if you see 20 beautiful young ladies decked out like snowflakes and 19 handsome young men in tuxedos, you can know that, while they might be rocking around a Christmas tree at the 60th annual Hinsdale Assembly Ball at the Oakbrook Hills Resort, they're out in the community the rest of the year doing a lot of good for our smallest and most vulnerable members.

For more information, visit www.hinsdaleassembly.org.

— Allison Peters of Hinsdale is the paper's society columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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■ The Pine Pacer

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PULSE

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Jan. 1-31
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org

Start the new year off with this running and walking challenge by tracking the mileage of each workout and submitting it to the arboretum's virtual challenge website. First select a goal of 25, 50 or 100 miles to complete by the end of January, then run or walk at any location to meet this new year resolution. Registration includes a commemorative Pine Pacer Flex fleece pullover, challenge completion stickers and complimentary arboretum admission passes. Receive a Pine Pacer travel mug for an additional \$15 that can be used to receive a free hot coffee or hot tea for the day during January. Cost: \$65. RR, MD

HELP WANTED

■ Volunteer for Wellness House

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

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

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Toy Time

Dec. 23
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids are invited drop any time during the day for lots of opportunities to play. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Hinsdale in LEGOs

Dec. 26-28
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info

(630) 986-1976

Junior architects and future city planners are invited to help recreate the village of Hinsdale using LEGOs. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

■ Slime Time

Jan. 5
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kids in third grade and up will make different types of slime. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ The Gift of Failure

Jan. 22
www.nazarethacademy.com

As part of Nazareth Academy's 2023-24 virtual Parent Speaker Series, writer Jessica Lahey will speak on "The Gift of Failure — How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed." These sessions, conducted via Zoom, are free and open to all. Register through website above, under the Student/Parent tab. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

NOTEWORTHY

■ Michael Miles with Jill Kaeding & Ariane Lydon

Jan. 13
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
www.acousticren.com
(630) 941-7797

Banjo player Miles and cellist Kaeding breathe new life into J.S. Bach's Cello Suites. Miles puts the original cello melody on the banjo and Kaeding plays a contrapuntal continuo accompaniment. For the past two decades, guitarist and singer Lydon has toured and performed throughout the U.S. and Canada. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

■ Celebration of the Dance

Jan. 21
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 W. Brush Hill Road
www.elmhurstsymphony.org
(630) 941-0202

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will perform this program, including Lully's Selections from "Roland,"

Telemann's Concerto for Flute and Viola da Gamba, Rameau's "Pièces de Clavecin en concert," Praetorius' "Dances from Terpsichore" and Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 1, which has seven different dance sections. Featured performers are Craig Trompeter on the viola da gamba and flutist Mary Stolper. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$45, \$32-\$42 for seniors, \$12-\$17 for students.

ON STAGE

■ 'Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella'

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

Experience the classic Rodgers + Hammerstein adaptation of the beloved fairytale this holiday season. Featuring the songs "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible" and "Ten Minutes Ago," this magical musical is sure to entrance families of all ages. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 & 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$100.75-\$111.25.

SENIOR SCENE

■ Memory Cafe

Dec. 27
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Enjoy a social gathering of individuals living with dementia and their care partners, where both can socialize together and connect with others in similar situations. Activities may include education, music, games and arts. The program is sponsored by The Birches and Independence-4-Seniors Home Care. Time: 2 to 3 p.m.

SIGN UP NOW

■ Aromatherapy

Dec. 30
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
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■ Peabody's Pages Book Club

Jan. 5, Feb. 2 & March 1
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 206-9566

Discuss great reads with fellow book fans. January's title is "Kickback" by Robert Parker; February's selection is "Founding Gardeners" by Andrea Wulf; and March's discussion will be on "A 1,000 Mile Walk to the Gulf" by John Muir. Time: 10 to 11:15 a.m. Cost: \$10.

STEPPING BACK

■ At Home With Nature House Tour

Dec. 22-March 30
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak

Brook
www.dupageforest.org
(630) 206-9566

Learn some of the surprising history of Mayslake Hall, a landmark and architectural gem built as the home of F.S. Peabody in 1921, which has been surrounded by an oasis of nature for more than 100 years. Ages 12 and up are welcome. No tours Dec. 24-25 or 31 or Jan. 1. Times: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$8.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen Game Time

Dec. 22 & 29
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

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

WEE ONES

■ Messy Mixed Media

Fridays, Jan. 5-Feb. 9
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids age 3-5 can come dressed for a mess and explore art by creating their very own projects. The class is drop-off optional; parents and caregivers are welcome. Children should be toilet independent and bring an old, oversized shirt to wear as a smock. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or 1 to 1:45 p.m. Cost: \$125. RR, MD

WINE & DINE

■ Whiskey Dinner

Jan. 19 or 20
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 719-2468

Enjoy a five course meal perfectly paired with whiskey tastings, live classical guitar music and a view of Meadow Lake. During dinner, learn

about the history, production and appreciation of whiskey from Mississippi River Distilling Co. representatives. Guests will be seated at shared tables of 10. Time: 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets: \$108. RR, MD

WINTER BREAK CAMPS

■ Winter Break Camp

Dec. 27-29 & Jan. 2-5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5-14 will enjoy arts and crafts, group games, cooking projects and STEM activities, along with a field trip on Wednesday of each week. Register for one day or all seven to save. Visit the website above for latest availability info. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$85 per day, \$575 for all seven days. RR, MD

■ Volleyball Winter Break Camp

Dec. 26-28

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

This camp by Chicago Elite Youth Academy for ages 6-14 will both introduce children to the game of volleyball and continue to improve their individual skill development in the sport, including passing, setting, attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided according to both skill level and age and challenged accordingly. Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$105. RR, MD

■ T-ball Training Camp

Dec. 26-29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 4-6 will learn the basics of batting, base running, catching and throwing using safe and development-

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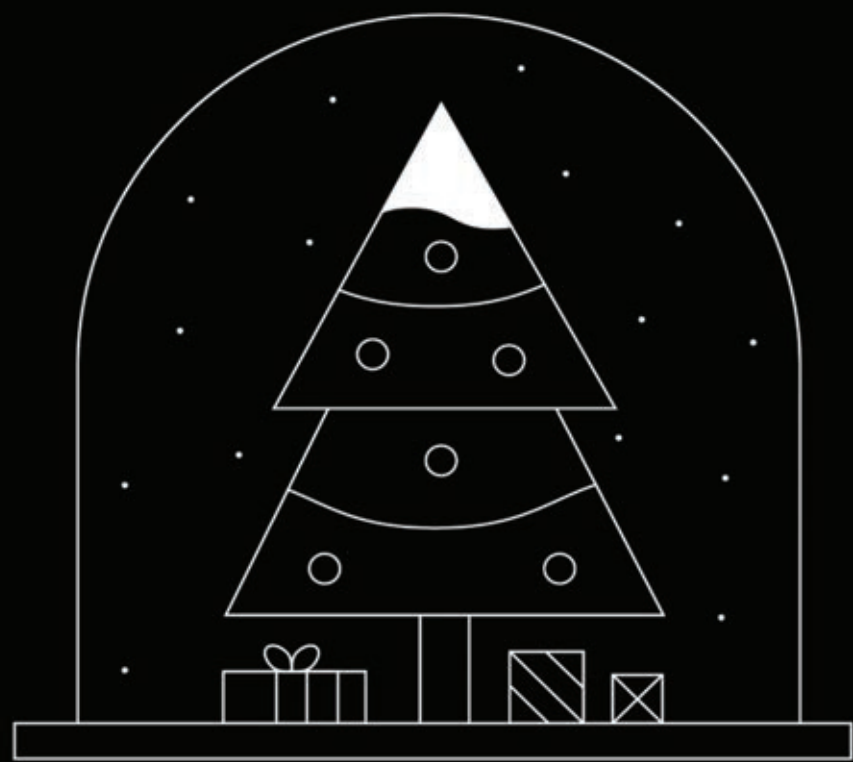


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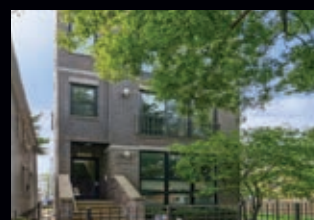
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Pet pic of the week

Hatima is a playful and energetic German shepherd mix who absolutely adores playing with tennis balls. This very smart girl is learning agility for fun at the shelter. Hatima is 5 years old and is spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. She is approved for children eight years and older, and her adoption fee is \$300. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Visit www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org or call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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tally appropriate equipment and a series of fun games and activities to reinforce fundamental skills and incorporate games situations. Participants should bring a labeled mitt and water bottle. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$65. RR, MD

■ EV Fine Arts: Holiday Break Sewing Camp!

Dec 28-30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 7-13 will learn to sew their very own dress, nightgown or T-shirt. No experience is necessary, and students receive a unique treat each day. Sign up for one, two or all three days. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$260 or \$98 a day. RR, MD

■ Winter Break Camp

Jan. 2-4
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center

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

Children ages 9-12 will enjoy three fun-filled days with outdoor activities, art making and s'mores at the fire. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$35. RR

■ 5 Star Winter Soccer Camp

Jan 3-5
Hinsdale Central Field
House
5500 S. Grant St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

This mini-camp for kids ages 5-12 presents a curriculum focused on developing fundamental technique, while creating an atmosphere that unlocks the game within each child. All participants need to bring a ball; T-shirts are included. Time: 1-3 p.m. Cost: \$104. RR, MD

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RR - registration required

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HOLIDAY HAPENINGS

■ Electric Illumination

Dec. 22 & 29
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 725-2066

Electric Illumination is a late-night experience for adults 18 and older, featuring a curated mix of trance and progressive house music, synchronized to the breath-taking light displays. An '80s night on Dec. 29 will feature songs like Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" and Dexys Midnight Runners' "Come on Eileen." A special temperature-activated color-changing ceramic mug will be available for purchase. Time: 9:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets: \$31-\$35, with member discounts.

■ Two Piano Christmas Concert

Dec. 23
Hinsdale Seventh-day
Adventist Church
201 N. Oak St.

Justin Gjata and Victor Moreno will entertain guests at this special holiday concert. A free will offering will be collection. Time: 6 p.m.

■ Christmas at Cantigny

Through Dec. 23
Cantigny
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton

Visitors to this inaugural event are in for a special holiday treat, including McCormick House walk-throughs, ice skating and dazzling light installations. Hundreds of fresh poinsettias from Cantigny's own greenhouse will be on display throughout the home. Outside, a 100-by-40-foot ice rink will add some wintery magic to the scene. Skaters can rent blades or bring their own. Spectators and skaters taking a break can enjoy a warm holiday treat in the heated hospitality tent overlooking the rink. Visitors can also reserve a private "Cocoa Cabana," perfect for families and friend groups. Enjoy creative lighting displays, pop-up activities and more. Hours: 4 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, with extended hours on weekends and for ice skating. Admission: \$15, \$5 for kids 4-15, free for 3 and younger plus \$10 parking.

■ 'A Christmas Carol'

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

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

■ New Year's Eve concerts

Dec. 31
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

New Philharmonic, under the direction of Kirk Muspratt, will perform three concerts to welcome 2024. All three performances will feature guest bass-baritone Richard Ollarsaba and include a highly entertaining program of waltzes, marches, polkas and light classical music, plus a champagne toast, party favors and more. Times: 1:30, 5 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$70-\$80.

■ Holiday Magic

Through Dec. 31
Brookfield Zoo
3400 31st St.
(630) 688-8400
www.czs.org/holidaymagic

Bright lights and magical nights await guests at the 42nd annual event. Visitors will enjoy more than 2 million twinkling LED lights, a 41-foot tall tree choreographed to seasonal tunes, photo opportunities in the ever-popular 20-foot-tall orb and 3D 16-foot-tall gingerbread house, a 600-foot-long "Tunnel of Lights" and more. Many of the zoo's animal buildings will be open as well restaurants and gift shops offering an array of unique items. View more than 600 decorated community and corporate trees along the malls and around Roosevelt

Fountain. Advanced registration and tickets are required. Times: 3 to 9 p.m. on weekends and other dates. Admission: \$29.95 for adults, \$20.95 for ages 3-11, \$24.95 for seniors 65 and older plus \$15 parking. RR, MD

■ Winter Holidays in the 1890s

Through Dec. 31
Kline Creek Farm
1N600 County Farm Road,
West Chicago
www.dupageforest.org

Enjoy a guided tour of the 1890s farmhouse focusing on winter holiday traditions. Learn how farm families decorated the tree, exchanged gifts, and prepared food for the holidays. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays. Admission: Free, suggested donation of \$5 per person ages 3 and up to enter the farm.

■ Sparkle Light Festival

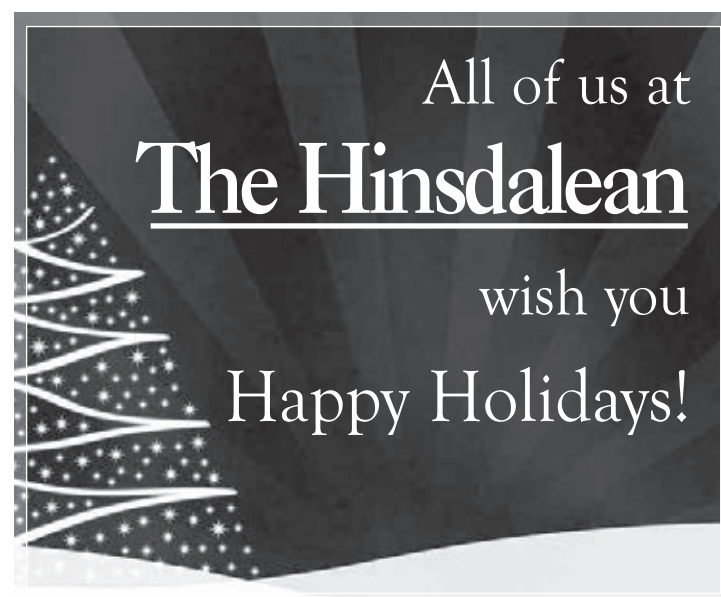
Through Dec. 31
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Balmoral Avenue and Pearl
Street, Rosemont
www.sparklerosemont.com

Guests will stroll through five illuminated villages, visit Santa Claus, ice skate with friends, enjoy free train rides on the Holly Trolley train and go tubing down the Alpine Slide. Festive food and beverage options will also be available. See full schedule at website listed above. Admission: \$24, \$18 for kids 12 and under, with premium tickets and add-on experiences available, plus \$5 parking.

■ Illumination

Through Jan. 6
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 725-2066

Celebrate the holidays and marvel at how light transforms a magnificent landscape at the arboretum's 11th annual tree lights display. Journey along a 1-mile paved walking path amid festive music and lighting effects that highlight the beauty of trees in winter. Visitors can enjoy s'mores or stop in one of the concession tents for a snack and beverage. Choose the price, date and time to attend; the earlier the purchase, the cheaper the admission. Time: visit the website for availability. Tickets: \$16-\$41.75, with member discounts.





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The work is to be performed in accordance with the proposed Contract Documents as prepared by Healy Bender Patton & Been Architects, 4040 Helene Avenue, Naperville, Illinois. The proposed Contract Documents may be obtained upon request to the office of the Architect at file@healybender.com. Bidders will be required to complete a Registered Plan Holder Record form and a Bidding Documents License Agreement for the Project.

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These proposed Contract Documents may be viewed online at Dodge Data & Analytics internet site at www.construction.com.

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Bids will be received for Base Bid - Combined Madison ES and Monroe ES, including all trades.
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PRE-BID MEETING
All bidders are invited to attend a voluntary pre-bid meeting for each school building. Pre-bid meetings will be held on January 4, 2024 at the following times and school building locations.

7:00 am- Elm ES, 15 W. 201 60th Street, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527
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Pre-bid meeting attendees should enter each school building at Door No. 1. The meeting will begin in a room to be designated by the Owner. Bidders will have the ability to view areas of work at each school building.

BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY
Each Bidder must satisfactorily complete the Bidder Responsibility process described in Section 01 00 00 - Bidder Responsibility Criteria of the Project Manual by providing the required Documents.

The required Documents must be delivered along with the bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each

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bidder's Responsibility Criteria Documents will be available for public review.

The Bidder Responsibility Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft in an amount equal to not less than ten percent (10%), of the bid and made payable to Community Consolidated School District 181, 115 West 55th Street, Clarendon Hills, DuPage County, Illinois. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the bids opening date without the consent of the Owner. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as practical after opening and checking the bids.

Successful bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract, acceptable to the Owner. This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.).

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Contact Mike Duggan, Facilities Coordinator at (630) 688-4926 to make arrangements to visit the sites.

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Sealed bids for the 2023 Addition and Renovation, Oak Elementary School, Hinsdale, Illinois will be received by the Board of Education, Community Consolidated School District 181, Clarendon Hills, DuPage County, Illinois at the District Offices for Community Consolidated School District 181 located at 115 West 55th Street, Clarendon Hills, DuPage County, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. prevailing time on January 18, 2024. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

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Bids will be received for Base Bid - Oak ES, including all trades.

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All bidders are invited to attend a voluntary pre-bid meeting for each school building. Pre-bid meetings will be held on January 4, 2024 at the following times and school building locations.

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This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et.seq.).</p> <p>The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.</p> <p>Contact Mike Duggan, Facility Coordinator at (630) 688-4926 to make arrangements to visit the site.</p> <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 181 CLARENDON HILLS, DUPAGE CO., ILLINOIS</p> <p>Published in The Hinsdalean December 21, 2023.</p> <p>DIVISION 0 - BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS Section 00 02 00 - Notice To Bidders</p> <p>Sealed bids for the 2023 Addition and Renovation, The Lane Elementary School, Hinsdale, Illinois will be received by the Board of Education, Community</p>	<p>Consolidated School District 181, Clarendon Hills, DuPage County, Illinois at the District Offices for Community Consolidated School District 181 located at 115 West 55th Street, Clarendon Hills, DuPage County, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. prevailing time on January 18, 2024. 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UNITED STATES OF
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT-
PROBATE DIVISION

ESTATE OF
RONALD LEO RODAK
DECEASED

CASE NUMBER
2023P005786

LETTERS OF OFFICE-
DECEDENT'S ESTATE

ELIZABETH CAMPBELL has been appointed Independent Executor of the estate of RONALD LEE RODAK, deceased, who died Saturday, 06/11/2022 and is authorized

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to take possession of and collect the estate of the decedent and to all acts required by law.

Witness: 11/03/023
IRIS Y. MARTINEZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court

CERTIFICATE
I certify that this is a copy of the letters of office now in force in this estate.

Darnella Broom at
Probate Division

Witness: Friday, 11/03/2023
Iris Y. Martinez
Clerk of Court

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79286 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on December 8, 2023 wherein the business firm of

ANointedLY MADE

HERBAL CONCOCTIONS

Located at 7199 S. Kingery Hwy. #1051, Willowbrook, IL. 60527 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Crystal Smith, 6104 Stonewall Ave., Downers Grove, IL. 60516.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 8th day of December, A.D. 2023.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79272 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on November 21, 2023 wherein the business firm of

MOON BRIGHT CLEANING SERVICES

Located at 724 Phillippa Street, Hinsdale, IL. 60521 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Miriam Villanueva, 724 Phillippa Street, Hinsdale, IL. 60521.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 21st day of November, A.D. 2023.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79289 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on December 11, 2023 wherein the business firm of

JoeMcB Technology

Located at 424 Minneola Street, Hinsdale, IL. 60521 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Joseph M. Burns, 424 Minneola Street, Hinsdale, IL. 60521.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 11th day of December, A.D. 2023.

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79248 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on October 27, 2023 wherein the business firm of

LaNora Travel

Located at 7730 Stevens Street, Darien, IL. 60561-4428 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: LaNora Auriene, 7730 Stevens Street, Darien, IL. 60561-4428.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 11th day of December, A.D. 2023.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79284 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on December 6, 2023 wherein the business firm of

Artistic Fundamentals

Located at 318 N. West Road, Lombard, IL. 60148 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Tricia Molnar, 318 N. West Road, Lombard, IL. 60148.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 6th day of December, A.D. 2023.

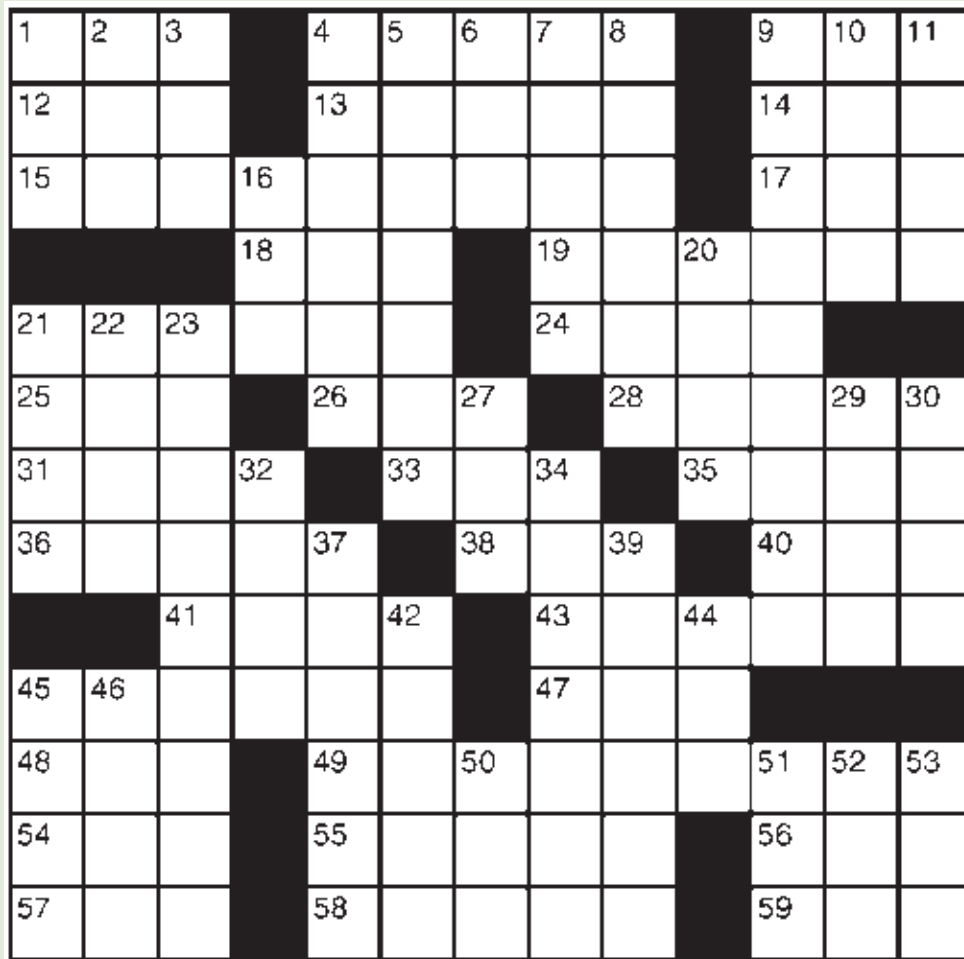
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I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.
Charles Dickens

MIND GAMES

- ACROSS**
- 1 TIVO PRECURSOR
 - 4 WIDE
 - 9 AMERICA'S UNCLE
 - 12 CONSUME
 - 13 HEART LINE
 - 14 LA-LA LEAD-IN
 - 15 GYM MACHINE
 - 17 AND SO ON (ABBR.)
 - 18 NABOKOV NOVEL
 - 19 BOWLING LANES
 - 21 PACKS TIGHTLY
 - 24 GO YACHTING
 - 25 YALE GRAD
 - 26 AUTHOR UMBERTO
 - 28 AEGEAN ISLAND
 - 31 BUILDING WINGS
 - 33 FARM FEMALE
 - 35 STEAKHOUSE ORDER
 - 36 RICE RECIPE
 - 38 PC KEY
 - 40 CHANEY OF HORROR FILMS
 - 41 FIRST LADY OF SCAT
 - 43 BISTRO FURNITURE
 - 45 TELEPATHIC
 - 47 SUSHI CHOICE
 - 48 HOSTEL
 - 49 HEAVY BURDEN
 - 54 MEMO LETTERS
 - 55 DEADLY VIRUS
 - 56 SCHLEP
 - 57 AIR SAFETY ORG.
 - 58 PHILLY HOOPSTER
 - 59 DIRECTOR LEE



- DOWN**
- 1 ANIMAL DOC
 - 2 TRAIN UNIT
 - 3 HWY.
 - 4 VILLAIN
 - 5 WOO
 - 6 "... -- QUIT!"
 - 7 WORLD RECORD?
 - 8 TEXAS CITY
 - 9 SHEET METAL PRODUCER
 - 10 BOHEMIAN
 - 11 APPLE COMPUTERS
 - 16 SMALL BATTERIES
 - 20 TALE TELLER
 - 21 ARMY TRANSPORT
 - 22 "THAT'S -- NEED TO KNOW"
 - 23 1,000-YEAR SPANS
 - 27 HAVE DEBTS
 - 29 BASSOON'S KIN
 - 30 TAXPAYER IDS
 - 32 PRETZEL TOPPER
 - 34 GETTY OF "THE GOLDEN GIRLS"
 - 37 FIREPLACE FLICKERERS
 - 39 SALAD TYPE
 - 42 SUSPECT'S EXCUSE
 - 44 CRUNCHY SANDWICH
 - 45 PEEVE
 - 46 "MAY IT BE" SINGER
 - 50 BAGEL TOPPER
 - 51 SLANGY SUFFIX
 - 52 SISTER
 - 53 SILLY PUTTY CONTAINER

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 a 1 of the numbers from one to nine

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Clasp 2. Slack;
3. Strain; 4. Compel

Today's Word
SPOKEN



"I thought it was a renovation place, my husband hasn't with me since!"

SCRAMBLERS

Below are the letters of the words in the scrambled words. Can you unscramble the letters to form the original words? Write the words in the spaces provided.

- Clash
SCALP _____
- Loose
LACKS _____
- Byrd
INSTAR _____
- Urges
CLOMPE _____

TODAY'S WORD

S	4	5	6	8	7	2	9	1	6	A
U	6	2	8	1	9	4	3	2	5	N
D	1	2	9	5	3	6	4	2	8	S
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HOROSCOPES

December 2023 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Focus your energy on ideas this week, Capricorn. You might not be changing the world, but each innovation you think up will have a positive impact.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
People may not be available this week to get together, and that is perfectly fine by you, Aries. Solitude is just what you can use right now after a busy stretch.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, give yourself some time to have fun and play around. The inner child in you needs the opportunity to explore and try new things. You'll have plenty of chances.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
You have many chores on your list, but things keep pulling you in different directions, Libra. If you can't focus on something difficult, try a creative pursuit.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, do not let moments of self-doubt derail you. Now more than ever, you need to believe in yourself. Think of this as a test that you can ace.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, expect a delay or two this week as those who you are expecting simply keep you waiting and it's very frustrating. This will be a lesson in patience for now.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
This week may bring many different feelings to the surface, Leo. You may not be ready to explore all of your deep emotions just yet, but you can start by being honest with others.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you may find if you look ahead that there are really no pressing matters on your calendar. This gives you the perfect opportunity to have an outing and enjoy yourself.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if you do not like what you are or where you are going right now, you have an opportunity to make any changes you want. This may be the ultimate resolution.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you may envision a plan in your mind, but now it is up to you to move it from your thoughts and into the reality of coming to fruition. It will take a little time.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, empathy may inundate you this week, as you are in tune with the feelings of many different people. Others will appreciate your thoughtfulness in the days to come.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Past memories could put you in a funk, Sagittarius. Rather than dwell on what may have happened, think about the future in your control.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Hazel Hamelka
Clarendon Hills

When did you first start competing in gymnastics?
I started doing gymnastics at the age of 2, but I didn't start competing until I was 10.

What is your favorite event?
That's a tough question. I'd probably say vault because I'm the best at it.

What is your least favorite event?
Probably beam, only because I'm a big worrier and I think sometimes it's kind of hard to be positive, especially if you fall, because it's pretty easy to fall off a beam.

How have you improved since your freshman year?
I've really been working on my attitude the past couple of years, because that is the one thing that kind of drags me down personally. I have improved skill-wise a ton.

What is your goal for the season?
Last year I got pretty close to making it to state, so that's kind of been my goal since freshman year, to make it to state. I do just want to have a more fun and positive season regardless of how I do overall. I want to make the most of it before it ends.

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

To stop worrying. They always tell me to just take a breath and take one step at a time.

How would your teammates describe you?
Very motivated and hard-working. I'm always the first one to get onto the equipment and try and work the most. I also like to mess around a lot, too.

What is your Christmas wish this year?
To have my back healed and be injury-free this year. It hurts every year from over-use. This year it's been a lot worse. I'm giving it time right now, and I'm not competing in all four events like I always do.

What are your plans for next year?
I got accepted into Grand Valley State University. They do have a club gymnastics team, so I'm possibly thinking about doing that and maybe even talking to the diving coach there, because I also do diving.

Why does coach Kim Estoque like having Hamelka on the team?
Hazel works hard and wants to do well both for herself and her teammates. She works hard on the off-season to increase her skills and knows the season is the time to refine those skills.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys Dec. 16 @ Sandburg Shootout vs. Bolingbrook V loses 63-69 Dec. 14 @ OP-RF V wins 62-53	Basketball, girls Dec. 16 @ Naperville North V loses 61-66 Dec. 15 @ OP-RF V wins 73-19	Bowling, boys Dec. 18 @ Lemont V loses 1,842-2,221 Kwon, 378 Westerberg, 300 Berger, 295 Kowalkowski, 293 Dynis, 290 Hyland, 286	Bowling, girls Dec. 14 vs. Willowbrook V loses 1,837-2,591 Montanye, 366 Lu, 330 Oranu, 323 Reinhardt, 313 Lopez, 257 Groom, 248	Gymnastics, girls Dec. 16 @ New Trier Invite V places 7th with 131.5 points Vault Hamelka, 7th, 9.2	Driscoll, 22nd, 8.525 Hannah, 38th, 8.125 Danhaussen-Brun, 41st, 8 Uneven bars Sullivan, 11th, 8.475 Driscoll, 16th, 8.3 Hamelka, 25th, 7.95 Hannah, 30th, 7.5 Balance beam Koulouris, 10th, 8.675 Driscoll, 18th (tie), 8.35 Hannah, 25th (tie), 8 Inabnit, 34th, 7.55 Floor exercise Driscoll, 19th, 8.725 Hannah, 35th, 8.125 Inabnit, 36th, 8.1 Danhaussen-Brun, 38th (tie), 7.9 All around Driscoll, 10th, 33.9 Hannah, 15h, 31.75 Dec. 13 @ Glenbard West V loses 127.15-137.75	Hockey Dec. 18 @ Wheaton West V wins 2-1 Daze, goal Harris, goal Dec. 16 vs. DuPage Stars	V wins 4-2	Swimming, boys Dec. 16 @ Neuqua Valley Invite V places 1st with 664 points 200 medley relay Bey, Harris, Hou, Bertulis, 1st, 1:33.75 Marcet, M. Vatev, Guo, Adamo, 3rd, 1:35.76 200-yard freestyle L. Vatev, 2nd, 1:44.53 N. Pelinkovic, 5th, 1:47.48 Chase, 8th, 1:50.47 Feiro, 10th, 1:50.79 200-yard IM M. Vatev, 1st, 1:55.48 Bey, 3rd, 1:58 Benington, 6th, 2:00.38 Norman, 8th, 2:03.77 50-yard freestyle Bertulis, 1st, 21.38 Harris, 4th, 22.03 Marcet, 9th, 22.59 Byrne, 12th, 23.14 1-meter diving Brown, 5th, 365 Kassir, 6th, 346.2 Turek, 7th, 326.1 100-yard butterfly Hou, 1st, 50.6 Gao, 5th, 53.42 Newcomer, 11th, 55.03	Vergara, 12th, 55.08 100-yard freestyle Guo, 1st, 46.98 Suliga, 4th, 48.91 Tarnauskas, 11th, 50.11 Byrne, 14th, 51.44 500 freestyle L. Vatev, 4th, 4:55.5 Feiro, 5th, 4:56.01 N. Pelinkovic, 8th, 5:00.27 G. Pelinkovic, 9th, 5:01.48 200-yard freestyle relay Bertulis, Harris, Marcet, M. Vatev, 1st, 1:25.72 Bey, Adamo, Chase, Suliga, 5th, 1:30.17 100-yard back-stroke Guo, 1st, 51.89 Hou, 2nd, 52.25 Adamo, 7th, 54.51 Shiell, 9th, 55.76 100-yard breast-stroke Bey, 1st, 57.83 M. Vatev, 2nd, 57.94 Benington, 8th, 1:02.64 Vergara, 9th, 1:02.88 400-yard freestyle relay Suliga, Hou, L. Vatev, Bertulis, 1st,	3:12.35 Tarnauskas, Harris, Marcet, Guo, 2nd, 3:13.01 Dec. 15 @ LT V wins 130-56	Wrestling, boys Dec. 15-16 vs. Whitlatch Invite V places 19th with 61 points 285 pounds Ivanisevic, 2nd, 24 points 175 pounds Kruse, 6th, 12.5 points 215 pounds Koschik, 7 points 113 pounds Murante, 5.5 points 138 pounds Barrios, 4 points 144 pounds Ravanasa, 4 points 165 pounds Howard, 4 points	Wrestling, girls Dec. 13 @ Glenbard North Quad vs. Wheaton North V wins 36-18 130 pounds Hart, fall 190 pounds Black, fall
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Instant replay



Hinsdale Central's Barsum Ravanasa faced West Aurora's Emilio Ayala in a 144-pound match during the Whitlatch Invite Saturday at Hinsdale Central. Ravanasa contributed 4 points to the team's 61, which resulted in a 19th-place finish. (photo for The Hinsdalean by Mike Prepelica)



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\$325,000 was raised this year thanks to our donors, Books & Brunch participants, and the member volunteers of Assistance League.

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Holiday Classic is comin' to town

Hinsdale Central set to host 16-team boys basketball tournament again this year

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The Hinsdale Central boys varsity basketball team will return to the eighth annual Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic Dec. 27 as defending champions.

The Red Devils beat Oswego East 54-41 last year to capture the program's first title in the tourney. The team went on to set school records for wins in a season (31) and consecutive victories (23).

Then 94 percent of that's team offense graduated in May.

But varsity boys basketball coach Nick Latorre is approaching this tournament as he would any other.

"Just like always, we just want to use it as opportunity to get better," he said. "I feel like the Christmas tour-

nament is kind of where you solidify your identity.

"We've gotten better since the start of the year," he added. "We never talk about results. We always talk about the process."

The tournament, started eight years ago by then athletic director Dan Jones, quickly became the premier winter basketball tournament in the area. This year's 16 teams, which hail from 15 different conferences, include a defending state champion. Eight of the teams won 20 or more games last season.

"It's loaded," Latorre said. "It's a really good tournament. I feel like this year we might have our best field."

Central will play its opening game against Schaumburg at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27. If the team wins that game, it

will face the victor of the DePaul Prep/Lincoln-Way Central game at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28. (See bracket for full schedule.)

Even though they know they will face some tough competition, athletes are looking forward to the event, Latorre said.

"I love it. They love it. It's just so cool to be at home," Latorre said. "We usually have a practice in the morning, and if we're fortunate enough to be playing in the evening, it really makes it fun."

The tournament, which has its own website, identifies four Central plays to watch — 6' 4" guard Vincas Buzelis, 6' guard Will Kusak, 5' 10" guard Daniel Orozco and 6' 7" forward Tyler Thick.

Latorre said he is less concerned about a standout player and more inter-

ested in seeing the team build good chemistry, with players buying into and enjoying their roles.

"I just hope we continue to improve as a group. I'm not really looking for any one individual to do anything spectacular," he said.

One individual who has done a spectacular job, Latorre said, is tournament organizer Joe Spagnolo.

"He's the whole show as far as organization, greeting everybody, recruiting the right teams," Latorre said. "He's just top notch. Everything is first class. He does a great job with it."

Spagnolo, an assistant coach for the varsity team, had been running the tournament since the inaugural event. Planning starts more than a year in advance, he said.

"In October, we already assigned all the officials for

the following year," he said. "It's definitely an event that a lot of officials want to work in. We want to make sure we get the best people we can get."

With three officials assigned to each of 32 games, Spagnolo has 96 slots to fill.

Monitoring potential participants also is an ongoing assignment.

"We're kind of always updating the short list of teams that might want to come in," Spagnolo said. "This year was kind of unique. We have five new teams, which is the most we've ever had at any one time. Usually it's one or two changes every year."

He encouraged fans to visit the tournament website at www.hcholidayclassic.com for information on tickets (\$8 a day, \$25 for the tournament), teams, players and more.

"It's cool because we started it from scratch," he said. "You've got every bit of history that's there."

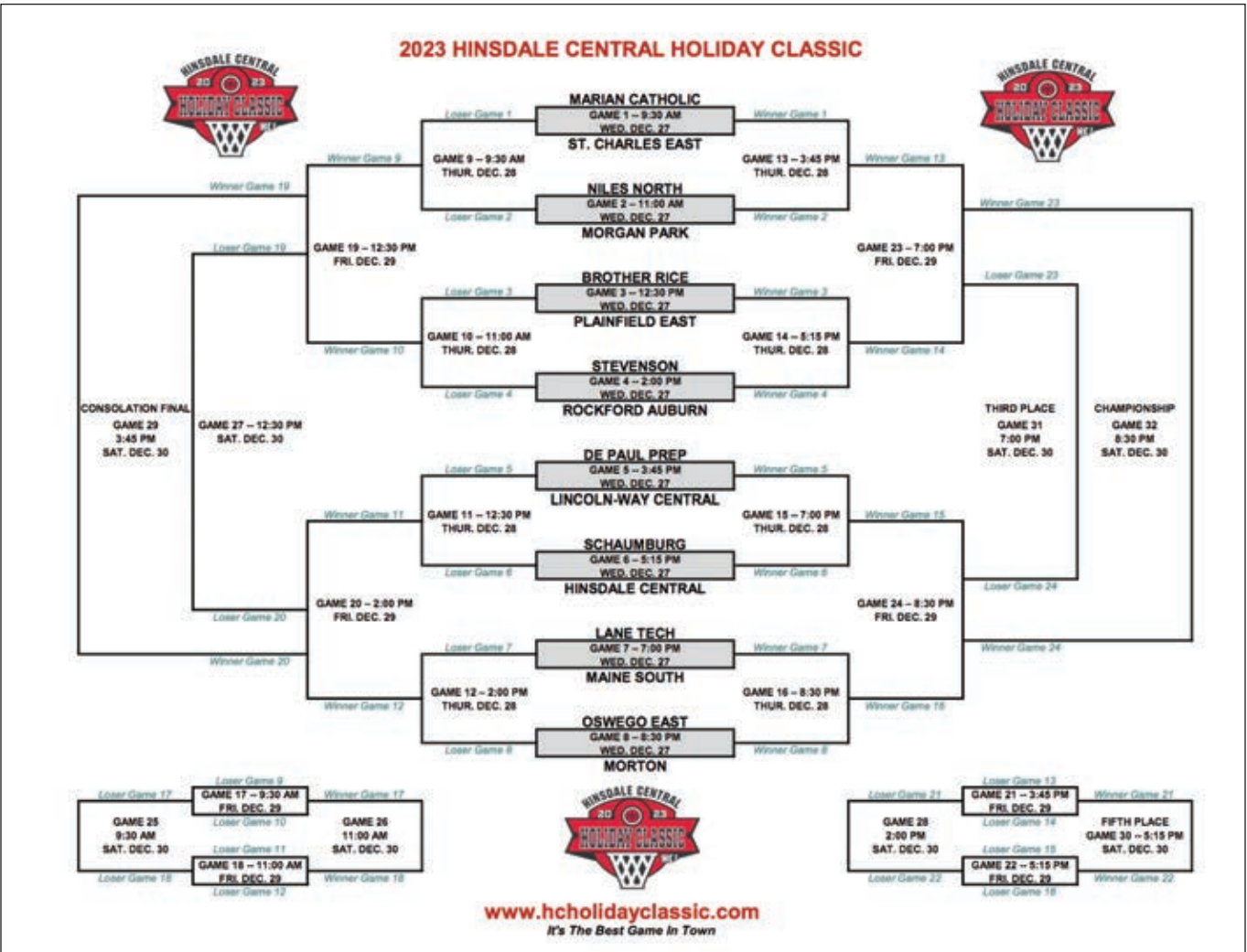
While planning the tournament is a challenging task, Spagnolo says he enjoys managing all the moving pieces.

"It's like a big puzzle, trying to get a lot of people in a place, in and out over the four days, whether they are fans or teams or media. It's definitely a good challenge."

"I like seeing a lot of different people, whether they are coaching friends that I have or whether they are fans that come back every year," he added. "It's kind of like a family reunion of basketball people. It's the people that make the tournament."

Latorre said everyone involved feels lucky and blessed to host the tournament.

"If you like basketball like me, if you're a gym rat, it's a cool four days," he said. "It's so much fun."





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