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Tiny Devil to be — Olivia Agema kept the crowd entertained at the Hinsdale Central and St. Charles East basketball game during the Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic Dec. 22. During time outs she did her best to cheer on the team, and it worked — the Devils beat St. Charles 72-57 to advance in the tournament. Olivia's cousin, Evan Phillips, plays point guard for Central. The Red Devils went on to win over DePaul Prep and fall to Oswego East before beating Stevenson to capture third place in the tourney. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

Supply chain issues affect plow purchase

By Pamela Lannom
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Village officials had expected to buy a new snowplow for \$190,000 and have it delivered this year.

Now, the Peterbilt Model 578 will cost \$220,134 — 16 percent more — and not be available until the second quarter of 2023.

"The manufacturer has informed public services that lead times and prices have drastically increased due to supply chain issues," Trustee Neale Byrnes said at Tuesday's Hinsdale Village Board meeting. "Not a surprise with everything that is going on in the news."

The new plow is intended to replace Truck No. 5, which the village purchased in 2003. Truck

No. 5 is a three-ton truck with a dump body, plow, auger box and spreader and is used for snow and ice removal in the winter and dry material hauling in the summer.

The department's equipment replacement schedule calls for new plows to be purchased every 12-15 years. Truck No. 4 is due to be replaced next year.

"It looks like the best thing to do is buy both trucks now for delivery in 2023," Byrnes said.

Village President Tom Cauley questioned whether that is the best approach, seeing as supply chain issues eventually will be resolved.

"We're going to pay \$60,000 or \$70,000 more by buying two trucks now, which is probably, I would guess, the absolute worst time to buy something, when there is

a higher demand and less supply because of the supply chain issues," he said.

He suggested buying one truck this year, holding onto Truck No. 5 and waiting to buy a replacement for Truck No. 4 until next year.

"Hopefully prices will come down by then," he said. "If not, we've got a backup truck in case we have a problem."

Trustee Luke Stifflear said he's not opposed to waiting but wonders if the village will save any money.

"I don't think we should set the expectation that prices will come down because they very well may not," he said.

George Peluso, director of public services, said he doesn't think the village wants to wait more than

19 years to replace a plow, but he is not expecting any major issues during the wait.

"We think we can do this winter and probably next winter without any issues," he said, suggesting the village order one plow now and check prices again in six months. Cauley and other trustees agreed.

"We'll see where we're at this summer with prices," Peluso said. "It's such an unpredictable economy right now. What we're hearing from the truck makers is it's actually going to get worse before it gets better. The steel prices are really phenomenal right now."

The board is expected to take an official vote authorizing the purchase at its Jan. 18 meeting. The order must be placed by Jan. 20 to get the \$220,134 price.

Cue the snow



Hinsdale's first snowfall missed Christmas by three days but it still created a beautiful background for the Christmas lights near the Memorial Building and in Burlington Park. And while not a lot of snow is forecast over the next few days, there is no doubt that

winter is finally here with temperatures expected to drop the next two days. The good news? This weekend we are expecting to warm right back up. The bad news? Next week the cold returns. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Fountain of Burlington — Sandy Williams’ book, “Images of America — Hinsdale,” mentions the Burlington Park fountain, which was first installed in 1934. “Lit with white and colored lights, the fountain was part of a Public Works Administration improvement project. Removed about 1940, the fountain returned, in a different style, some 60 years later.” 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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Nonprofits share highlights of past year

Agency leaders offer a glimpse of challenges, triumphs of 2021 in annual feature

By Pamela Lannom
and Ken Knutson

Every January, The Hinsdalean checks in with the leaders of the seven nonprofit agencies in the village, inviting them to share highlights of the previous year and a wish for the new one.

This is the first of two installments.

A Jan. 13 article will feature Candor (formerly Robert Crown), HCS Family Services, Hinsdale Historical Society and The Community House.



Community Memorial Foundation

As COVID-19 continued to mean greater demand for services for many nonprofits in 2021, Community Memorial Foundation continued to support its grantee partners on the front line.

"We focused on accompanying our grantees, listening to our community and working together to build a stronger region," said Greg DiDomenico, president and chief executive officer.

The foundation has grantee partners in 27 communities and several in Hinsdale. The Community House received support for its community-based counseling program, Wellness House for its cancer care collaborative, HCS Family Services for its food pantry at Anne M. Jeans School and Candor Health Education for program enhancements and program equity.

The foundation also made a grant to the Northern Illinois Food Bank for the Mobile RX food pantry at the Hinsdale Family Medicine Center, which is offered in partnership with Amita Hinsdale Hospital, the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church and many volunteers, DiDomenico said.

The foundation offers more than financial support to its grantee partners. It offers training to build capacity and other less tangible forms of support. In 2021, staff conducted a listening tour with 25 grantees who were part of the foundation's COVID Rapid Response Fund.

"What we learned from them is what we already knew — the work they are doing during the pandemic is nothing short of transformational. They are resilient, courageous, creative and so dedicated to the community," he said.

"As a foundation that carries out its mission and vision through our grantee partners, we are just so grateful to them for all they are doing."

The foundation continued to foster the next generation of philanthropists with its YC2 program, which now includes 60 teens from four high schools, including Hinsdale Central.

"Last year those teens chose two of our grant-making priorities as their focus — to increase health equity by reducing health social and economic barriers and secondly the promotion of good mental health," he said.

The YC2 program is one way to help build a culture of philanthropy in the western suburbs, DiDomenico said.

"The studies show, and we have seen this ourselves, that when youth and teens get involved at an early age, they are more likely to volunteer their time, their talent and their treasure and to continue to do that as an adult," he said.

Three families — the Burjan family, Moira and Paul Naffah and Corlyn and Jeff Simmons of Hinsdale — signed on in a new partnership to support the YC2 program.

Last year the foundation also became part of the Health First Collaborative. The group of 22 funders in the Chicago area works to leverage funding and resources to address health equity during the pandemic. The initiative started in the city and expanded last year to the suburbs, prompting the foundation to get involved.

Last year also saw a focus on helping grantee partners advance racial equity and leadership development, DiDomenico said.

"Over the year, we learned together with our grantee partners and community leaders to further a shared vision for a more equitable and inclusive region," he said.

With the grants presented in 2021, the foundation's total investment over 26 years topped \$81 million.



Hinsdale Humane Society

If 2020 was the year of the dog for Hinsdale Humane Society, 2021 was the year of the cat, according to Chief

Executive Officer Tom Van Winkle.

"We did more adoptions this year (than in 2020), but we had a lot more cat adoptions," he said. "Of our roughly 1,500 adoptions, 900 were cats and 600 were dogs."

It was natural shift after the surge of dog adoptions during the first few months of the pandemic, Van Winkle said, but posed a challenge in that cats are more costly for the Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center to host and carry a lower adoption fee to offset that expense.

"We put about twice the amount of medical treatment into cats that we do into dogs," Van Winkle related. "So some 60 percent of our animals were at the low fee but the higher cost for us. That put a bigger strain on the money. Were spending more and taking in less."

Additionally, because the pandemic compelled many smaller shelters to close, the Hinsdale Humane Society's services were in greater demand.

"We were getting calls from all over the place looking for help," he said. "We were able to bring in more animals."

The center's veterinary clinic performed more than 2,500 surgeries during the year.

To help with that burden, the Zach Leathers Emergency Medical Fund was launched in 2021. The memorial fund for the Hinsdale Central grad and humane society volunteer who passed away in 2014 provides financial support for extreme medical procedures.

"Normally we're not able to perform those surgeries, but now we can take those funds and we're able to help those animals," Van Winkle said.

Also launched last year was the BJ Chimenti Angel Fund to furnish pets for military veterans.

"We are working with the veterans' community and mental health community to provide emotional support animals," he said. "These animals help those back from active duty restore their mental health and reacclimate to society, just as they helped us with their service."

The growing foster home program has gone a long way to alleviating shelter crowding, with members of the public taking in adoptable animals on a short-term basis.

"We can really grow our shelter without huge capital spending on new cages and buildings," Van Winkle said, noting that 25 new foster homes were added to the roster in just the last quarter. "We're looking to add a lot more in 2022."

COVID-19 restrictions forced the humane society to require appointments to visit the shelter the first half of the year. Rising demand for services made for tight resources, Van Winkle acknowledged, but said the squeeze pushed the organization to broaden its donor pool.

"It was definitely a challenge to get the

One wish

Nonprofit leaders shared their hopes for the year ahead.

"To continue to work together as a community to support each other and promote good health and wellness." — **Greg DiDomenico, Community Memorial Foundation**

"You always want more adoptions and less intake. We hope people don't forget that their support is the lifeblood of our existence, whether they give money or time or a donation of supplies." — **Tom Van Winkle, Hinsdale Humane Society**

"My wish is that people will just continue to see the power of connection and all the ways that they can take care of themselves, even through the most difficult of circumstances. We will continue to be here to offer that care and support to anyone going through cancer. My wish for all people is they will find those ways to take care of themselves." — **Lisa Kolavennu, Wellness House**

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NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13
Hinsdale Central High School
55th and Grant streets
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org>

Hinsdale Plan Commission (Zoom only)

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org>

On the draft agenda: public hearing on a special use permit for 5837 S. Madison St. (Hinsdale Discount Tires and Automotive), findings and recommendations on 777 N. York Road (Premier Martial Arts)

MEETING ROUNDUP

Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business Tuesday, trustees:

- discussed approving a special-use permit for Premier Martial Arts to operate at Gateway Square, which is in the B-1 business district. Trustees will vote on the matter at their Jan. 18 meeting.
- supported a plan for the subdivision of an 18,684-square-foot lot at 820 N. County Line Road into two code-compliant lots. The second will have access off Jefferson Street. A vote on the matter will be taken Jan. 18.
- unanimously approved a plan for two parking lot light poles and one new wall mounted light for JP Morgan Chase at 4 N. Washington St.
- unanimously approved proposed improvements to the building at 36 E. Hinsdale Ave. to be made by Performance Wealth Management, the second-floor tenant.
- heard an update on claims made by residents of northeast Hinsdale, who suffered severe flooding in June that was blamed on work related to the Central Tri-State Tollway expansion project. Progress continues to be made, assistant village manager Brad Bloom said.

"I think a lot of people already have their checks," he reported. "Even with the holidays, they made some significant progress."

COVID-19 case count still high in the village

Two hundred and nine Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 209 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported 40 new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 2,884, compared to 2,675 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had 46 confirmed COVID-19 patients and one patient awaiting test results as of Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Hinsdale Central High School reported 50 positive cases, 56 in isolation and 10 in quarantine as of Dec. 21. Numbers will be updated tomorrow now that winter break is over. Vaccination rates are holding at


81 percent for Central students and 95 percent for Hinsdale High School District 86 staff.

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 reported 170 cases over winter break, involving 123 students and 47 staff, and 50 cases Jan. 3-5, involving 37 students and 13 staff.


The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 21 percent on Jan. 2, compared to 12.1 percent on Dec. 25.

Illinois has administered more than 19.4 million doses of vaccines. An average of 45,297 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 48,152 last week.

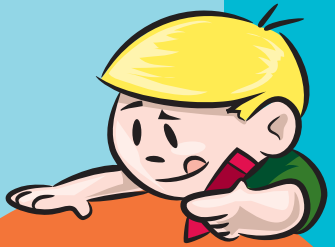

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2022 kicks off with debut of new laws

State legislation ranging from mental health support to policing measures implemented

By Ken Knutson

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More than 300 new laws took effect in Illinois on Jan. 1, the influx of fresh state-wide rules and regulations for citizens, businesses and governmental entities to adjust to each year.

Many of the measures will have little to no effect on average Hinsdaleans' lives, but a few are worth highlighting as 2022 begins to unfold.

Residents in the market for a new set of wheels will pay more in sales tax this year due to an increase in the private vehicle tax. Buyers will pay \$75 more for each model year if the purchase price is less than \$15,000 and \$100 more for vehicles priced above that amount. Trailer owners can rejoice, however, as the registration fee for trailers weighing less than 3,000 pounds will drop to \$36 from \$118.

Minimum-wage workers got a \$1 boost in their hourly pay to \$12 per hour this year. The increase is the latest step-up as part of the 2019 law requiring a \$15-an-hour minimum wage to be phased in by 2025.

Observing the importance of mental

health, students are now able to take up to five excused absences to attend to their mental or behavioral health without providing a medical note.

The Higher Education Fair Admissions Act forbids public colleges and universities from requiring applicants to submit SAT, ACT or other standardized test scores as part of the admissions process.

On the medical front, Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R-47, Elmhurst) highlighted expanded coverage for certain patients in her overview of new laws.

"Insurance companies will now be required to cover comprehensive testing for cancer predisposition, pancreatic cancer screenings and tests for diabetes and vitamin D deficiency," Mazzochi stated.

Additionally, pharmacies are under new requirements for reporting retail prescription costs to consumers, including when the retail cost is lower than the pharmacy's cost-sharing amount.

The Body Camera Act mandates that all police departments across the state outfit their officers with body cameras by the start of 2025. Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King said the village is well ahead

of that deadline.

"Hinsdale already complies with the Body Camera Act," he said.

King also cited the new requirement that officers complete annual training on law updates, officer wellness and mental health, crises intervention and emergency medical response.

"The Hinsdale Police Department already subscribes to a monthly training consortium to ensure officers complete their mandatory trainings each and every year," he said,

Officers must now also participate in annual mental health screenings, guided by mental health standards furnished by the board, which is remains a work in progress, according to King.

"We are also waiting, like every other Illinois law enforcement agency, for the database and mental health standards required for the annual screenings," he said.

The renewal process for Firearm Owner Identification cards and Concealed Carry Licenses has been streamlined for people who voluntarily submit fingerprint records. The Illinois State Police may also issue a combined

FOID card and Concealed Carry License, and a new Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force can take action against people with revoked FOID cards.

And kids' lemonade stands got protection from lawmakers, who prohibited public health authorities from regulating or shutting them down when operated by children younger than 16.

Here are few other notable laws added to the books:

- Utility, phone, cable and other service providers can no longer impose a fee for termination or early cancellation of a service contract due to customer death.

- Schools cannot ban hairstyles like dreadlocks, braids, twists and afros historically associated with race, ethnicity or hair texture.

- Expectant mothers in their third trimester can now obtain a free vehicle placard from the Secretary of State's office valid for 90 days permitting them to park in handicap-designated spots throughout Illinois.

- June 19, or "Juneteenth," has been established as an official state holiday commemorating the end of slavery.

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DUI arrest

Bryan K. Bylaitis-Pruim, 31, 128 Lakeview Ave., Wauconda, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, battery, speeding and possession of open alcohol by driver at 12:18 a.m. Dec. 31 at Route 83 and 22nd Street. He made contact of an insulting/provoking nature with a police officer while in booking. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Zero tolerance arrest

Daniel P. Farnan, 20, 535 S. Edgewood Ave., La Grange, was arrested for zero tolerance-alcohol and speeding at 4:32 a.m. Jan. 1 in the 5500 block of South County Line Road. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Man cited for abusing dog

Charles A. Cole, 25, 701 Fotis Drive, DeKalb, was arrested for animal cruelty at 8:02 p.m. Dec. 30 at Shell Gas Station, 210 E. Ogden Ave., after a witness saw him punch and kick his dog in the parking lot. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Arrest for obstruction, soliciting

Tyron D. Shelton, 20, 4439 W. Van Buren St., No. 1, Chicago, was arrested for obstructing a police officer and soliciting without a permit at 2:11 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 10 block of East First Street after police were dispatched to a solicitor complaint in the business district. The suspect ran from police and refused to comply. Police also determined he had active arrest warrants from DuPage and McHenry counties. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

Thefts reported from workplaces

- Credit cards and \$98 were taken from an employee's backpack between 1:30 and 1:50 p.m. Dec. 29 at West Coast Men's Health, 907 N. Elm St.
- A wallet containing credit cards and \$20 was stolen from an employee between 12:30 p.m. Dec. 28 and 2 p.m. Dec. 29 at Modern Pain Consultants, 907 N. Elm St. The victim later reported a fraudulent charge of \$504.94 on her credit card.

Victim of phone scam

A resident of the 800 block of South Clay Street sent \$149.99 through PayPal to an unknown suspect claiming to be a cable/internet service representative at 11 a.m. Dec. 29. He said the fee was for a service charge.

Identity theft incident

Unauthorized activity was reported on the savings account of a resident of the 5500 block of South Elm Street between Dec. 20 and 27.

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■ “It’s so important to me to give back to the community.”
— Kristin McDaniel

Givng back to the place generations have called home

As co-president of the Hinsdale Middle School Parent Teacher Organization, Kristin McDaniel wants the organization’s bi-monthly meetings to go beyond business updates and budget discussions.

“I want the meetings to be very valuable for the people who are attending,” said McDaniel, who shares the role of president with Beth Folkmann.

Along with updates about the many events and projects that the PTO undertakes each year, parents who attend the group’s general meetings gain valuable information to help them support their children both at home and in school. At the first general meeting of 2022, set for 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, parents will hear from school psychologist Kasia Kula about ways to support their children’s social and emotional wellness.

With about 80 percent of parents in its membership, the HMS PTO is a strong network focused on making every student’s middle school experience the best it can be. Like most organizations, the PTO was forced to adapt to many changes in 2020 and now is enjoying a slow and careful return to in-person events.

The 2021 book fair took on

a hybrid form, with opportunities to purchase books both in person and online, and Unity Day, a districtwide event held in October, promoted kindness and equity and encouraged everyone to wear orange in a show of support against bullying. While existing events returned to something resembling their old selves, new events were created to fulfill the new needs of students. As sixth-graders stepped into their new school after spending much of fifth grade at home, the PTO welcomed them with a celebration.

In addition to events, the PTO supports more tangible projects within the school. Throughout 2020 and 2021, members of the PTO helped to raise money toward much-needed repairs to Windhover. The plan is to repair and relocate the outdoor sculpture, which is registered by the Smithsonian.

Inside the middle school, the PTO is seeing the finishing touches take place on the calming room. A project overseen by Kula, the space will provide a place for students to destress and decompress.

Meanwhile, World War II Day will return in a more familiar form this March, the eighth-



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grade trip to Washington, D.C., is scheduled and graduation is set for June 3, all with the support of the PTO.

“I enjoy every minute,” McDaniel said of her work with both the HMS and Hinsdale Central PTOs. With her youngest child set to graduate from middle school this year, McDaniel is preparing to step down as president just in time to take on the same role at

Hinsdale Central High School, where she currently serves as PTO vice president.

Born in Hinsdale, McDaniel spent time in several states before returning to her hometown nearly 10 years ago. The move brought her back to where generations of her family settled, including her great-great-grandmother.

“I love the village. It means a lot to me,” she said.

McDaniel isn’t the first member of her family to have an impact on Hinsdale, and she hopes she won’t be the last. She said instilling the importance of volunteerism in her three children is important and something she does by example.

“It’s so important to me to give back to the community,” she said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff

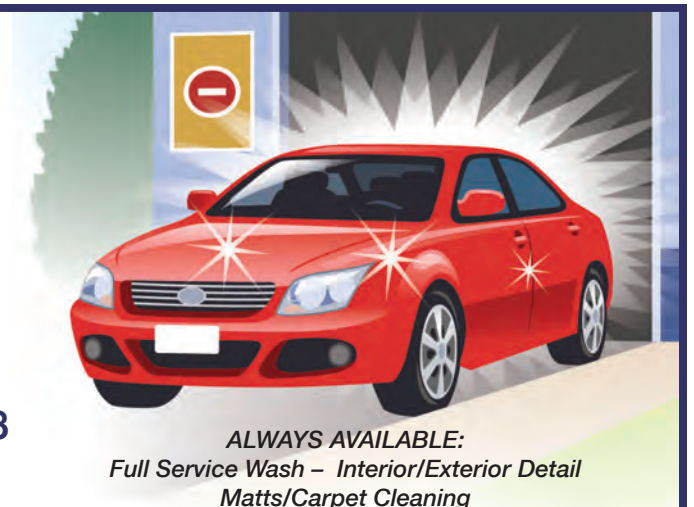
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EDITORIAL

New year feels a lot like some old ones

“Plus ça change, plus c’est la même chose.”
— **Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr**

Less recognizable in its original language than the Spanish “Que será será” — “Whatever will be, will be” — this French phrase might be even more well-known. “The more things change, the more they stay the same.”

The opening days of 2022 certainly seem to fit the bill.

High number of positive COVID-19 cases.

Check.

Disappointment over holiday plans changed or canceled due to COVID-19.

Check.

Uncertainty over what the weeks and months ahead will bring with COVID-19.

Check.

Some key differences exist from January 2021 to January 2022. A year ago we hoped the new vaccines would bring an end to COVID-19 — and they almost did. Until the Delta variant showed up. And now we’re battling Omicron.

A Monday article in the New York Times suggests there will be silver linings when the current

surge recedes, namely a higher level of immunity and an increased focus on the need for booster shots.

The article also cites two new treatments expected to significantly lower the risk of hospitalization and death for those who are infected. By the end of 2022, the writers posit, COVID-19 may have transitioned from a pandemic disease to an endemic one that we learn to navigate, like the flu.

If we are lucky, we’ll also have a repeat of 2021 in February, when cases were falling, and this past spring and summer, when cases were low and much of life had returned to normal.

Unfortunately, the pandemic isn’t the only area where it’s déjà vu all over again as 2022 opens.

The late-night Hinsdale High School District 86 meetings of the mid-2010s have returned, complete with emotional pleas from the public and lengthy debates over virtually any agenda item. The term “uniform grievance” is even in use again. This time the incident in question was between two board members rather than a board member and a student. We’re not sure that makes it any better.

Women continue to be under-represented on

the Hinsdale Village Board. Way back in January of 2018, when the board was all male, we encouraged women to consider running for a seat in the 2019 elections. Thanks to Laurel Haarlow and Michelle Fischer, elected in 2019 and 2021, there are two women on the board. Could the next election cycle (which begins later this year) bring that number to three? Golly, we hope so.

Teardowns continue, resulting in the loss of vintage homes and the sense of history and character they embody. Although we, too, were happy to see the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Bagley House saved from demolition, we worry that other historic properties will not be so lucky as to be purchased by dedicated preservationists. We anxiously await pending recommendations on how to encourage the renovation of these treasures.

In 2018, we also said we hoped to see a plan to salvage a piece of the Hinsdale Oasis. We’re still waiting on that. And on a redevelopment proposal — or should we say an approved redevelopment proposal — for the Institute of Basic Life Principles site.

Fortunately, there are still 359 days in 2022. Here’s to some new in this new year!

COMMENTARY

‘Nonresolutions’ no easier to achieve in 2021

I blame my timing.

I didn’t finish my list of “21 for ’21” nonresolutions until February of last year. Had I had the month of January to work on them ...

Of course, when I wrote about the suggestion by Gretchen Rubin, author of “The Happiness Project,” to consider writing such a list as an alternative to resolutions, I was impressed with her laissez faire approach to her own list.

The things she did were marked “DONE.”

The things she did not do were marked “no.”

There were no apologies or explanations or excuses. She just didn’t get to them. End of story.

When I look at my list of 21 for ’21, I can write “DONE” next to only four items. I met both of my birth parents, I made them each a photo album of my life (I should have counted that as two separate items!) and I planned a memorial service for my mom (who passed away in 2020).

I have one “kinda” (have a meditation practice), two “sometimes” (speak kindly to myself and relax) and one “yes and no” (basement was cleaned out but then filled up again with items displaced while we had some construction going on).

That leaves an embarrassing 10 “no’s” on my list — almost half of my items. One “no” will turn to “yes” on Friday when I get my colonoscopy — only seven days into 2022.

Of course, this kind of rationalizing is exactly what I had hoped not to do. I shouldn’t need to point out that I almost earned a yes on No. 8 by walking at least 21 days a month 10 out of 12 months. Or make a case that I was, in fact, less serious (No. 5) in 2021 than I was in 2020.

I wanted, like Rubin, to simply note what I had not done as if it were no big deal. Perhaps I under-



Pamela Lannom

estimated how many times “no” would appear on my list. And perhaps I should change my answer to No. 21, relax, from “sometimes” to a flat-out “no.”

I don’t know what Rubin would suggest, but I am familiar with the old adage “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.”

And so I will give these five items another try:

1. Bake a pie from scratch
2. Walk 21 days every month
3. Drive to Bloomington from an impromptu lunch with my best friend
4. Make macarons
5. Clean out the basement (again!)

And I’ll put my kinda and sometimes items back on the list, too. That takes me up to eight.

Most of the rest of the items I am willing to let go. I don’t think I real-

ly will try one new recipe a week, play a game with my family every night for a month or read an article every day.

So that means I have 14 things to add to my “22 for ’22” list. I could ensure my success by adding items like “Watch every episode of the final season of ‘This is Us’” or “Take my first cruise over spring break” or “Spend a week in Saugatuck” since I know these things are going to happen. But that feels like cheating.

I could add ridiculous ones like “Wear PJs and bring popcorn to the next (five-hour) District 86 meeting.” While entertaining, that’s not really in the spirit, either.

Based on my performance on my “21 for ’21” and the late creation of my “22 for ’22” list, perhaps creating the “23 for ’23 list” should be No. 22 this year.

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

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

A little more magic, if you please

As I write this article, I'm in the throes of "the most wonderful time of the year." My kitchen island is littered with barely-legible to-do lists, package deliveries are coming in so fast and furious Vin Diesel would blush and my browser has so many open tabs that I fear my laptop is about to overheat. The same goes for my brain: Ho-ho-holy crap, there's still so much to do.

When I was younger, I didn't truly understand what went into making the holidays special. Write a list for Santa? Leave out milk and cookies? Agonizing over naughty versus nice parameters? Check, check, check. But when I realized how many lines were waited in, the hours spent meal planning for a massive Italian family (we consume seven types of fish on Christmas Eve alone) and the endless wrapping-induced paper cuts endured, I was humbled — and mildly terrified of my seasonal future.

Dramatic? Perhaps, but after glimpsing behind the festive curtain, my concerns weren't totally unfounded. Every year brought new challenges: Perpetuating the ruse just a liiiiiittle longer for my younger siblings, juggling holiday expenses with rent/bills on a starting salary, finding THE gift for my then-boy-friend now-husband, making visiting family feel at home and now — coming full circle — providing an epic sense of wonder for my kids for a month and change. Yeesh.

Manifesting holiday magic



Lex Silberberg

is a full-time job. Clearly not well-paying monetarily but personally rewarding. The awe on my sons' faces upon meeting Santa was picture perfect ... as was the look of horror when one flubbed the name of the toy he'd been wanting

for months. (Crisis averted: The elves scooped one in October.) Their joy in deconstructing paper chain countdowns, their excitement over advent calendar reveals and even their kerfuffles involving glue stick seniority and cotton ball allocation were special. My hope is they remember these times as fondly as I do my own childhood. Thirtyish years later, I still get warm and fuzzy looking back.

Today, that magic remains palpable in our house. The tree? Standing tall in the corner. The stockings? Hung by the chimney with care. The boys? Conducting living room Wrestlemania with oversized Grogu and Bluey plushies. My feet will be up (until I'm inevitably asked to fetch snacks) and my stress level will be down. After weeks of late nights and moving parts, this scene is a welcomed change.

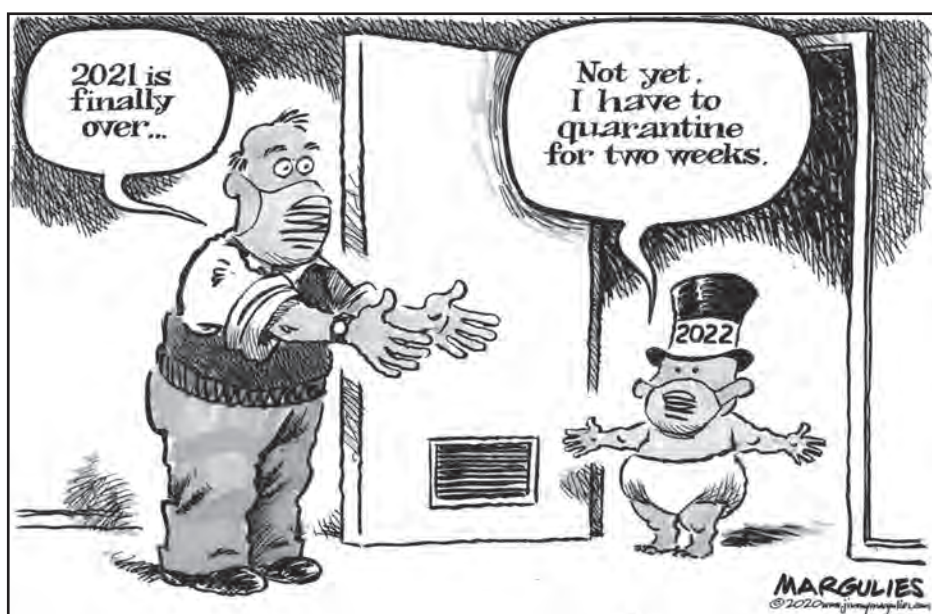
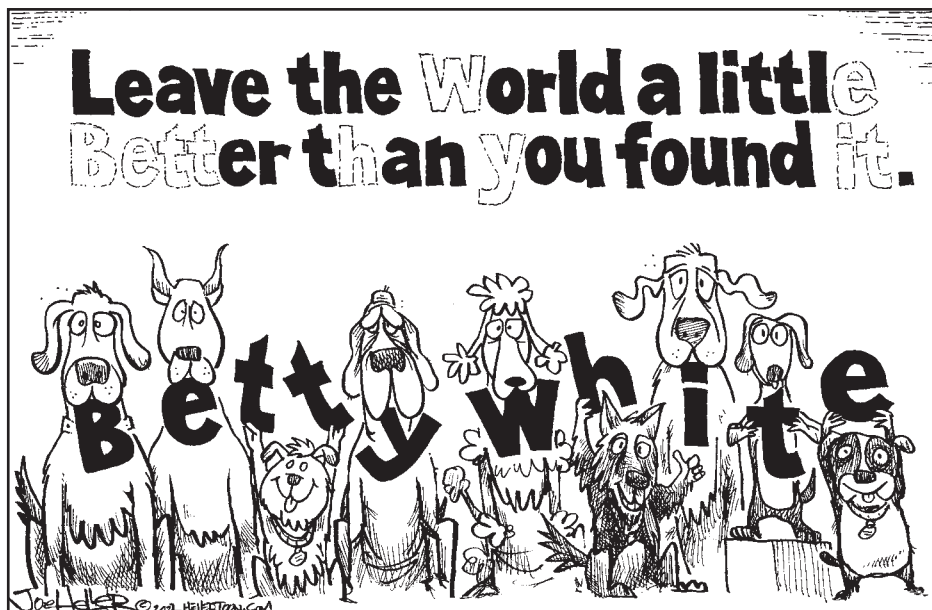
As we enter a new year of uncertainty, I am sure of something: A little magic goes a long way. I'm planning to hang onto it for as long as I can and encourage you to do the same.

If that fails? Let's try again, same time next year.

— Lex Silberberg of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist.

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OBITUARIES

Americo Di Gianfilippo

Americo Di Gianfilippo, 99, passed away Jan. 2, 2022.

Cesidio Eligio Amerigo, known as Americo, was born in Luco dei Marsi, Italy, in 1922 to Domenicantonio Di Gianfilippo and Elisabetta Ciangoli.

He immigrated to the U.S. in 1940, and resided in Chicago for many years, then in Niles, and recently, with family and friends in Hinsdale.

Americo took pride in his work and felt fortunate to work with the CTA for 36 years (1949-85). He loved gardening, cooking and the companionship of his family, friends and dogs.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Antonia (Settimia) Marchetti; his brothers, Rinaldo (Sebenica) and Anello (Natalina); and his sister,

Ilia (Luigi) Granata.

He is survived by his sons, Anthony (Lynn) and Dominic (Susan); his grandchildren, Carina and Adriana (Brad); and many extended family here and in Italy.

A funeral Mass was said Jan. 5, at St. Francis Xavier Parish in La Grange. A funeral Mass will follow at the church at noon. It is available via live stream on the St. Francis Xavier Parish website at <https://www.sfxlg.org> or <https://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the St. Francis Xavier Parish food pantry at <https://www.sfxlg.org>.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Zona Zoe Dressel Douglass

Zona Zoe Dressel Douglass, 98, died Nov. 27, 2021.

Zona Zoe was born in 1923 in Bushton, Kan., to George Martin Dressel and Edna Leslie Dressel, the third of five siblings. Growing up on a farm in the heartland formulated her character and spirit, and gave her an indomitable ability to face all of life's difficulties with energy and a smile.

She graduated from Bushton Consolidated High School in 1941 with a class of 19 fellow classmates. Answering the call of the war effort, she moved to Kansas City, Kan., and took up a career as a train scheduler and telegraph operator with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. One of her primary tasks was coordinating the movement of troop trains bound for the east and west coasts. She also worked at Winter General Hospital, assisting wounded soldiers who were returning from the fronts of World War II.

Zona Zoe met her husband, Claude Eugene "Doug" Douglass in her hometown of Bushton in what could only be described as a cinematic moment. While out with a friend, Zona Zoe noticed the handsome Doug crossing the street in front of her. When her friend was unable to identify this stranger, Zona Zoe declared that if nobody else knew who he was, she was going to find out for herself.

The two were married on Aug. 29, 1946. They spent the next 73 years in a bond that few get to enjoy, raising three boys.

After Doug completed his degree at Central Missouri State University in 1950, the couple embarked on a 35-year career with 3M, transferring to numerous offices in the Midwest before arriving in Clarendon Hills in 1958. As Zoe's

boys got older, she returned to the workforce, spending 25 years with Montgomery Ward in La Grange.

After retiring, Zoe became a volunteer at Hinsdale Hospital, completing 25 years of service while also providing volunteer support to the Meals on Wheels Program in the Western Suburbs.

She was an avid fisherman all her life and loved the family's annual trip to Lecuyer's Resort on the Lake of the Woods in Ontario. She routinely caught the most (and the biggest!) fish. She bowled, gardened, baked, played Bunco, and loved spending time with her friends and neighbors. She will always be remembered for her loving heart, courtesy and hospitality. She was incredibly devoted to her family and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her sons, Ronald and Stanley; her daughter-in-law, Kathy; her grandsons, Benjamin and Andrew, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doug; and her son, Samuel.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

A celebration of life party will follow at 4 p.m. at Parkers' Restaurant in Downers Grove.

Inurnment will be private at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Amita Adventist Hinsdale Hospital at <https://www.amitahealth.org/giving/> or the Meals on Wheels Program at <https://www.dupageseniorcouncil.org>.

Robert E. Mars

Robert E. Mars, 82, a longtime Hinsdale resident, passed away peacefully Jan. 2, 2022.

Bob was born in 1939 to George and Maline Mars.

He grew up in the South Shore neighborhood of Chicago and graduated from Loyola University Chicago. After starting his career at Arthur Andersen, he followed his dream to live on a ranch and be a cowboy. After a year at the Two Bars Seven (=7) Ranch in Wyoming, Bob returned to Chicago and began his tenured career at the Art Institute of Chicago, where he ultimately rose to chief financial officer and executive vice president for administrative affairs.

Bob loved the arts, music, horses, the White Sox and talking with his friends multiple times each day. Bob was unfailingly kind and gener-

ous to all.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Mars, nee Compton; his stepson, Christopher (Molly) Ericson; his grandchildren, John, Elizabeth, and Luke; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 7, at Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale, 60 S. Grant St.

A funeral service will follow at noon at the funeral home.

Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hinsdale Professional Firefighter's Association, Attn. Chief John Giannelli, 121 Symonds Dr., Hinsdale, IL 60521; or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (online at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>).



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Nonprofits share highlights of past year

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funding for our everyday operations,” he said. “We’re trying to pivot and find ways to increase the number of people that can help, even through smaller donations, so we can have what we need for the animals.”

Van Winkle reserved special praise for his staff and volunteers.

“The animals have never suffered, and that is thanks to the dedicated volunteers and team that works for me,” he said

Wellness House

Despite all of the challenges presented by a second year of COVID-19, Wellness House continued to do what it does best, Executive Director Lisa Kolavennu said.

“I feel so proud of the work that Wellness House has accomplished this past year,” she said. “There was such a shift two years ago in everyone figuring out how to do things online. This past year, it’s really been about maintaining a high level of quality service with the warmth and compassion and care Wellness House does so well for people with cancer.”

Wellness house offered more than 59,000 programs online last year, or about 500 a month, she said, with a record-breaking 47,500 visits to programs.

“It really does underscore the compounding experience that people with cancer have had during this pandemic in terms of isolation and anxiety and their continued need for support in ways that work for them,” she said.

Online programs were accessed by people in Hinsdale, the Chicago area and 36 states, which came as a surprise, Kolavennu said. Knowing more people were connecting with Wellness House online prompted leaders to brainstorm new ways to improve accessibility. One result was in a new line of programs offered in Spanish.

Late last year, prior to the emergence of Omicron, Wellness House had begun to invite participants back to its facility, offering about 15 percent of programs in person.

“Certainly the return to in-person programs this year stands out as a major accomplishment,” Kolavennu said. “We’re able to safely offer lots of in-person programs. Moving forward,

what we continue to think about is, ‘What is the right balance?’

“Once we can be in person to the degree we want, what will we continue to keep online so we can reach more people?” she posited.

With the recent spike in cases, Wellness House moved all groups and classes online for the month of January and will determine later this month how to proceed in February. Individuals can visit the house in person and schedule appointments as appropriate.

“We feel it’s important to get through the next four weeks to see how our communities — and especially those dealing with cancer — will recover from this surge,” Kolavennu said.

Wellness House’s two signature fundraisers, the spring Walk for Wellness and the annual ball, Under One Sky, were able to take place in person.

Under One Sky offered guests the chance to gather at one of three sites to keep crowds more manageable. The event raised more than \$800,000, the most of any gala.

“I really feel that’s a vote of confi-



dence and support that people recognize how important this continues to be,” Kolavennu said.

The Walk for Wellness was held in a modified format, with staggered start times for walkers and multiple walking sites. Kolavennu said the plan is to return to the regular in-person event in May.

“Of course, we’ll have contingencies in place,” she added.

No matter what happens with the pandemic, reaching people in new areas will continue to be a focus for Wellness House, Kolavennu said.

“We know that’s a great way to make what we do accessible to more people,” she said.

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How should people approach home organization?

2022 is the year, right? The year to get organized, declutter and find peace through purging.

Nice dream, but slow that reduction roll, advised professional organizer Jamie Novak.

"We start out with the best of intentions and strong energy, right about the turn of the calendar," Novak said. "Then two to three weeks into January we're already putting it off to next year."

Novak will share her tips on effective organizing in her "Keep This, Toss That" virtual program at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 (see Page XX for details).

She cited an overly aggressive vision as among the most common pitfalls.

"It's like, 'I'm going to organize my whole house — the kitchen, the basement, the attic, all those papers,'" Novak said. "We can't possibly do all that. We're setting ourselves up for failure."

Better to break up the grand plan into bite-size increments, she sug-

gested.

"Instead of thinking all or nothing, my advice is to think about tiny tasks that will lead to success," Novak said.

Set a kitchen timer for 10 minutes to help pace the work.

"Just do one shelf in the kitchen or just tackle the gardening section in your garage," she counseled. "Little by little you're breaking bad habits. Once you see a little progress, the momentum builds to keep it going."

Avoid starting the process with sentimental material, Novak cautioned, which can trigger emotional attachments.

"I love starting in the bathroom medicine cabinet because it's a place where we spend time first thing in the morning," she said. "You're really building the muscle of learning to let go."

The fear of making a wrong decision can also be an obstacle, she noted, predicated on the unlikely chance that the item might one day be needed. Consider donating the item for someone else's benefit.

"The question to ask is, 'Would someone get more use out of this than I would?'" Novak said, adding that reuse is preferable to landfill refuse.

She's a proponent of the "one in,

two out" philosophy when acquiring a new item.

"That way we're paring down," she remarked.

Novak said on many occasions, after helping someone declutter before moving out, the client finally recognizes the home's potential.

"Now they love the home but they can't benefit from the space they have created," Novak said. "(Organizing is) such an opportunity to create that space that you love."

She promised those participating in "Keep This, Toss That" can expect some light-hearted humor and transparency from the presenter.

"We're going to have a lot of laughter," Novak said. "I share my own clutter on camera. Everyone is always shocked when I show my collectibles."

There also will also be a short interactive portion in which attendees will be guided through a live "tidy-up" session.

"By the time they log off, they'll have their jumpstart," Novak said.

And the benefits go beyond having less stuff around.

"Your stress level goes down, your free time increases and the result is having a home they love to live in."

— by Ken Knutson



Professional organizer Jamie Novak will share practical tips from her most recent book, "Keep This, Toss That," with Hinsdale Public Library patrons in her Jan. 15 virtual program. "Life is messy, it comes with stuff," said Novak, who found inspiration for the book topic through her deliberations over how many coffee mugs she should have in her collection. (photo provided)



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The debutantes are Caitlin Brady, Charlotte Callahan, June Cashman, Leah Cecchini, Jayne Crouthamel, Gianna Dugan, Isabella Facchini, Katrina Geiersbach, Emma Gillman, Phoebe Goebel, Olivia Guido, Elizabeth Haarlow, Ella Kisluk, Alexandra Klein, Greer Lagor, Avery Mavon, Susannah Melkus, Lauren Oleferchik, Olivia Ostrowski, Julia Paulman, Delaney Seligmann, Katelyn Turner, Alegra Waverley, Elliot Welch, Olivia Widtfeldt and Katherine Wilson.

Honor guard members are Thomas Ambrose, Gavin Bailey, Owen Bots, Patrick Boyle, Cole Castellon, Evan Chatterjee, Nicholas Chung, Brendan Conboy, John Costello, Quintin Craig, Michael Crannell, Nicholas Crouthamel, William Gerami, Matthew Hester, Patrick Kelly, Ryan Martinath, John McClear, Andrew Merz, Nicholas Mittelstadt, Andres Munoz, James Owens, William Ritchie, Matthew Schwab and Jackson Steigbigel.

The ball is the culmination of a busy year for these 2021 high school graduates, who learned the importance of philanthropy and community service through a variety of volunteer experiences.

Since 1963, with the support of debs, honor guard and their families, along with patrons and sponsors, the Hinsdale Assembly Board has contributed more than \$3 million to the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation for state-of-the-art medical equipment and for special projects. This year, the

Hinsdale Assembly is donating \$50,000 to Hinsdale Hospital Behavioral Health to elevate mental health services.

MPI HIRES NEW ASSISTANT

MPI Wealth Management in Hinsdale has hired a new executive assistant, Christina Vasquez.

Vasquez is a 2016 graduate of Southern Illinois University. Previously she worked at LAGO Asset Management and the law firm Thomson Coburn LLP.

NEW PADDLE HUT OPEN AT KLM

The newly renovated paddle hut at Katherine Legge Memorial Park as opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony Dec. 3.

The hut was publicly dedicated to Bill O'Brien, a longtime community paddle ambassador. Renovations at what is now The Bill O'Brien Platform Tennis Center were a joint effort between the village and the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association. More than \$350,000 worth of work was done on the facility.

AGENT RISES TO MANAGEMENT JOB

Tammy Bobbitt has been named associate managing broker for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Chicago's Hinsdale, Downers Grove and La Grange offices.

Bobbitt, who joined the Downers Grove office in 2020, is a past president of the West Suburban Women's Council of Realtors.

"As I've gotten to know Tammy even better, I've been really impressed with her market knowledge, professionalism and client

care," said Terri Doney, managing broker of the Hinsdale, Downers Grove and La Grange offices. "She shares my philosophy of helping agents attain their business goals and even exceed their own expectations. I love that my agents will have additional support and assistance at the ready."

DESIGN FIRM RECOGNIZED

Hinsdale-based Bellehaven Designs was recently honored by the Illinois chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers with a first place for a kitchen by a small firm. The award was part of the 2021 Design Excellence Awards recently presented by ASID Illinois at the Merchandise Mart. The award was accepted by Stephanie Sarris, owner of Bellehaven Designs.

The winning kitchen is in a British arts and crafts-style home built in Hinsdale during the early 1900s. The previous kitchen was circa 2000. Sarris's new design added modern elements that still respected the home's original architecture.

The kitchen features a 48-inch Wolf Range, hand-made subway tile backsplash, 36-inch island, an enlarged opening to the family room, Shaker cabinetry, banquette seating and skylights.

"This project is a prime example of our design philosophy: focus on our client's aspirations for their home and then develop a design that they love now and will for many years to come," Sarris said.

Sarris collaborated with Darin Johnson from Hinsdale-based Amish Touch Custom Cabinetry on the project.



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GOOD NEWS

STUDENTS NAMED STATE SCHOLARS

Nearly 300 students from Hinsdale High School District 86 were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, including 240 from Hinsdale Central.

They were selected for this honor based on their SAT and/or ACT test scores and sixth semester class rank.

Central's state scholars are Masa Abboud, Jon Adams, Arnima Agrawal, Aminah Ahmed, Shaan Ahuja, Arman Akbar, Sydney Akers, John Alden, Rami Alkadri, Anna Amine, Emmelia Anderson, Theodore Andrews, Marianna Angelopoulos, Ann Ascher, Max Aschinberg, Alyssa Aucoin, Timothy Aziz

Kelly Baird, Sohum Banerjee, Louisa Barnum, Brooke Bauer, Megan Bauschard, Gabrielle Becka, Rama Bhagwat, Rohan Bhatt, Dylan Biala, Emma Biegansky, Jack Bilenko, Aiden Bonino, Lauren Borhani, Louisa Brorson, Jackson Brown, Nadia Burt Declan Cain, Liam Carden, Morgan Carlson, Emily Caverro, Olivia Cernok, Riley Chafin, Roma Chandra, Aaron Chen, Ryan Chen, Jacob Chisholm, Ethan Chow, Matthew Cihlar, Antonio Cimmarrusti, Annette Ciupek, Alexandra Collins, Erin Collins, Kelsey Condon, Amelia Cook, Sophie Crabb, Estera Crisan Samuel Daw, Peter Deftos, Katherine Demakis, Austin Dolan, Amy Dong, Parker Donnan, Eden Drescher, Naiyong Duan, Rana Dubauskas, Max Dynis Cyrus Fallah, Elise Fendon, Kenna Fikejs,

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Five friends become Eagle Scouts together

After COVID delays, Troop 52 members able to participate in ceremony, celebrate rank

By Pamela Lannom

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Five young men who have been friends since kindergarten were able to celebrate a significant accomplishment last month.

The five members of Boy Scout Troop 52 — Sal Aguilar, Patrick Kelly, Marty McCann, Bryan Phlamm and Conor Richards — all earned their Eagle Scout rank at a Dec. 21 ceremony. They are among only 4 percent of Boy Scouts nationwide who achieve this rank.

The Hinsdalean spoke to each of the Scouts about their projects and their advice to younger Troop members who hope to follow in their footsteps.

Sal Aguilar

Project: Install a concrete pad and path connecting an exit to a picnic area behind Hinsdale United Methodist Church

Completion date: June 2018

Aguilar, now a freshman at West Point, said he wanted to choose a project that would benefit Hinsdale United Methodist church, where Troop 52 meets.

"I wanted to do something for our sponsor, since they have done so much for us," Aguilar said.

His uncle helped him with the project, as he had never laid concrete before. Making sure the path — which was on a slant — was level was a challenge. But nothing Aguilar and his team couldn't handle.

"I felt proud because everything went the way we wanted it to. We didn't have any complications or difficulties getting it to work," he said. "Everyone enjoyed spending time doing something good."

His advice to other Scouts who are considering pursuing the Eagle rank is to start

early, consider many options and find an unusual project.

"I did something new and I think that makes it more rewarding, have something that you did that is unique from everyone else," he said.

Patrick Kelly

Project: Built two hand-crafted wooden honeybee puzzles to be used as teaching tools at the Fullersburg Woods Nature Center

Completion date: August 2019

Kelly's visits to Fullersburg Woods as a kid and his love of LEGOs led him to choose his Eagle project.

"I figured this is a bigger LEGO kind of project," he said.

He started with a balsa wood model of a honeybee, using an "old school" projector to trace the outlines on large sheets of construction paper taped on his wall. He cut those pieces out to use as patterns for the plywood, ultimately creating honeybees that were 12 times larger than the model.

"It took a lot of thinking. It took a lot of help from friends and also people more knowledgeable with tools than I am," said Kelly, now a freshman at Marquette University. "I learned a ton doing this project. It was a lot of fun."

He suggested potential Eagle Scouts finish eighth grade prepared.

"I think it's best if you get the vast majority of merit badges and rank advancements done before high school," he said.

Marty McCann

Project: built three fish cribs for the DuPage County Forest Preserve District

Completion date: summer 2020

McCann learned from his friend Patrick Kelly about

the DuPage County Forest Preserve District's list of potential projects and found one that spoke to him.

He said he's happy to know his project will help local lake and pond ecosystems.

"I really like fishing and I have seen problems with overfishing," the Creighton University freshman said. "It's just really hard to catch a fish, especially around here. Knowing that (the cribs) will help cultivate the populations of fish in our local preserves is great. That makes me happy."

He enjoyed seeing his former St. Isaac Jogues classmates last month.

"Everyone who was at the ceremony, I've known them my whole life. It was just good to reconnect," he said.

He recommends talking to Eagle Scouts about their project before choosing one. He also credited his Eagle coach, Sally Sylvester, for her help, and said everyone he met through Scouting was great.

"I really enjoyed myself in Boy Scouts — a lot of good memories," he said. "Definitely if I have kids, I'm going to put them in Boy Scouts."

Bryan Phlamm

Project: Created and mounted 24 wooden identification signs for the Hansen Center barn

Completion date: March 2021

Phlamm, who had volunteered at the Hansen Center, was happy to create signs to help the children and adults with disabilities who use the barn more easily find their way around. Doing so was no easy task.

"The most challenging part of my project was programming the CNC machine to cut out the numbers and words due to not having any prior experience pro-



Bryan Phlamm (clockwise from back left), Patrick Kelly, Conor Richards, Sal Aguilar and Marty McCann all earned their Eagle Scout rank at a Dec. 21 ceremony at the Hinsdale United Methodist Church. Also recognized were David Phlamm (front left) and Dennis McCann (not pictured), who earned their Eagle rank two years ago but did not have an official ceremony due to COVID-19. (Jim Slonoff photo)

gramming machinery," said Phlamm, a freshman at the College of DuPage.

But it was worth the effort. "The most rewarding part of the project was installing the project and seeing how much the staff was appreciating the signs," he said.

Like other Eagle Scouts, he recommends choosing a project that resonates on a personal level.

"Pick a local organization that you care about and find an project that can truly benefit them," he said.

Conor Richards

Project: collected more than 3,000 books for Bernie's Book Bank and built a mobile shelving unit for the nonprofit's warehouse

Completion date: July 2020

Richards knew he wanted to do something involving books and education for his project and discovered Bernie's Book Bank through a family friend.

"I really loved how they were targeting underprivileged kids. I really loved how they were focusing on people who normally don't

have access to books," said Richards, a freshman at Boston College.

He set a goal of collecting 1,500 books and ended up with 3,000, about two-thirds of which met Bernie's requirements for donation.

COVID-19 forced him to delay the drive and change its format. It also affected construction on the shelving unit.

"That was done in the summer outdoors and we were all wearing masks," he said. "We also had to focus on a much smaller group of kids."

He enjoyed seeing the faces on the individuals who came with a truck to pick up the books and shelving unit.

"The guys who were picking it up were shocked at how many books there were," he said. "Seeing their shock and awe at our hard work was amazing."

He also believes it's important for Scouts to choose an Eagle project they are passionate about, as he did.

"I loved it because I felt purpose every step of the way," he said.

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■ Introduction to Drawing

Mondays, Jan. 10-Feb. 7
The Community House
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Participants age 16 and up will grow in their drawing and sketching techniques. Both beginning and experienced students are welcome and will explore various subject matter, including still life, portrait and figure drawing and landscape. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$150. RR, MD

■ Eco Ugly Art Workshop

Jan. 22
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

Beat the winter blahs and learn to use recycled materials to create ugly art and get inspiration for future "upcycled" projects. Materials will be provided. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 2 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

GAME ON

■ Intro to Lacrosse

Sundays, Jan. 9-30
East Avenue Training Facility
833 Church Road, Elmhurst
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Boys in first through eighth grades of all skill levels can get ready for the spring season at this Winter with the Herd program. Equipment will be provided; players must provide mouth guards and footwear. Time: 8 to 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$225. RR

■ Floor Hockey

Mondays, Jan. 10-Feb. 7
Madison School
611 S. Madison St.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Beginners and experienced players ages 5-9 will learn shooting, passing, teamwork, positions and game strategies. Sticks and pucks will be provided; goggles and mouth guards are recommended but not required. Time: 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. for ages 5-6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 7-9. Cost: \$48. RR

■ Basketball

Wednesdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 9
Madison School

611 S. Madison St.
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Boys and girls ages 5-7 will enjoy learning the skills to advance them in the world of basketball. Beginners and experienced players will have a ton of fun through games and drills, practicing dribbling, passing, shooting, positions and the importance of teamwork. Games will be played at the end of each class. Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$48. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Hiking With Our Nocturnal Neighbors

Jan. 11
Greene Valley Forest Preserve
Greene Road and 79th Street, Naperville
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 942-6200

Explore the secrets of nighttime in nature on a guided hike, searching for signs of coyotes, owls and deer and learning what it takes to survive the cold of Illinois. The program is for ages 12 and up; participants should bring a flashlight, water and snacks. Time: 5 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$10. RR

■ Poop and Prints

Jan. 15
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Enjoy a naturalist-led hike on the trails in search of signs of local wildlife. Learn how to identify animals just by the signs they leave behind. Time: 1:30 p.m. RR

■ Hard Water Classic

Feb. 12
Blackwell Forest Preserve
Butterfield Road west of Winfield Road, Warrenville
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Compete in the only competitive ice-fishing tournament in DuPage, and then stick around for door prizes and awards. Participants should bring their own equipment and bait. All ages are welcome. Time: noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the event.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Fitness Hike

Jan. 13
Wolf Road Woods
Wolf Road south of 95th Street near Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>

Those looking to get some exercise outdoors can join this faster paced 5.5-mile hike with little to no stopping or interpretation. Time: 10 a.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Drumming Tots

Mondays, Jan. 10-Feb. 7
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-6 will be guided through simple movements enhancing their bilateral coordination while also developing their listening skills, sense of rhythm and following directions. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$44. RR

■ Pinecone Snowy Owls

Jan. 15
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Come to the library and turn a pinecone into an adorable snowy owl. Times: 1 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. RR

■ Little Medics — Wilderness Medicine

Jan. 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 6-12 will explore some of the dangers in the wild such as big bites, snake bites and poisonous plants and learn how to splint a broken leg, tie a tourniquet, filter dirty water, the effects of hypothermia and 20 ways to use a bandana in emergencies. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$165. RR, MD

■ Snowy Winter Town

Jan. 17
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Taking a healthy approach to the new year

A common tradition of ringing in the New Year is establishing New Year's resolutions. To a number of people in the United States, that entails setting goals to promote a healthier way of living. Throughout your efforts to search for ways to optimize an ideal diet and a healthy lifestyle, make sure to take steps to boost your digestive health. Your digestive system conducts a number of important functions that help preserve your overall health. We encourage you to make plans now to take proper care of your gastrointestinal health and ring in the New Year with a healthy start.

What foods can I eat to improve digestive health?

Begin the New Year by choosing to follow some healthy dietary habits. Included among the most significant steps you can take to bolster your digestive health is to consume an abundance of foods high in fiber. This helps keep your digestive tract processing properly and could inhibit concerns, like diverticulitis, hemorrhoids and constipation.

Nutritional foods to add to your dietary intake that contain a high amount of fiber are items like:

- apples
- whole grains
- green peas
- lentils
- beans
- artichokes
- chickpeas
- broccoli

Along with foods high in fiber, you can additionally consider integrating probiotics into your nutritional intake. Your GI tract relies on a proper proportion of helpful bacteria to work properly. If you increase the consumption of good flora, you could potentially support a healthy balance of bacteria in your digestive tract. Probiotics can be consumed as supplements or incorporated into your diet in the form of fermented foods and drinks.

What are other tips to boost GI health?

The foods you eat are only a portion of the battle. Some other activities that may help improve your

digestive health include an exercise regimen. Remaining physically active might help inhibit and relieve constipation as well as help you develop stronger muscles.

The next thing you can consider to help bolster your GI wellness is to manage stress effectively. Unchecked stress and tension might possibly lead to symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and constipation. Consider minimizing stress by practicing meditation, making sure to get a proper amount of sleep and strengthening meaningful bonds with others.

Considering that tobacco has a harmful impact on every portion of the body, one last way you can aid your gut health is to stop smoking and using tobacco.

When should I visit a GI doctor?

Though maintaining nutritious dietary habits and establishing an active lifestyle can considerably support your gastrointestinal health, there could be instances in which you should consult a gastrointestinal doctor for more troubling issues.

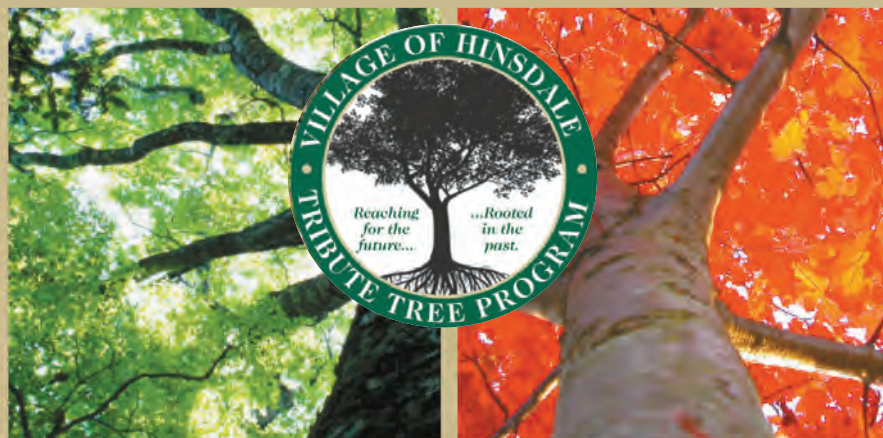
Common signs that you might have a GI condition or disease are as follows:

- unintentional weight loss
- constipation
- loose stools
- blood in your stool
- incontinence
- abdominal pain
- recurring heartburn
- vomiting and queasiness

When should I set up a colon cancer screening?

Promoting good gut health also means remaining current on your preventive care. Colorectal cancer is the third leading form of cancer for both women and men; however, the good news is that an early diagnosis can greatly improve prognoses. Medical experts recommend that individuals begin undergoing routine colonoscopy procedures when they are 45 years old. If the colonoscopy outcome reveals no abnormalities, then another will not be needed for about 10 years.

— This column was provided by Hinsdale Gastroenterology Associates.



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■ St. Petersburg tour

Jan. 10
Clarendon Hills Library
<https://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org>

St. Petersburg native and licensed tour guide Olga Cardamone will present an armchair Zoom tour of her majestic, history-filled home city. Known also as Petrograd and Leningrad at times in its history, this so-called the "Venice of the North" with its many canals is also the northernmost city in the world with at least 1 million people. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Using Online Calendars

Jan. 11
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Explore the pros and cons of some of the most versatile and popular calendar applications

and learn what apps are best for multiple platforms, multiple users and multiple schedules. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Critical Race Theory: What It is and What it Isn't

Jan. 13
<https://www.cantigny.org>
(630) 260-8257

Dr. Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, a professor at Eastern Illinois University and a historian who specializes in American women's history, will present this virtual program. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Keep This Toss That

Jan. 15
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

The Hinsdale Public Library will host organizing humorist and bestselling author Jamie Novak virtually for de-cluttering tips through her humorous approach to what to do with all that stuff — without getting overwhelmed. Time: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ Sons Of The Never Wrong

Jan. 8
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
<http://www.acousticren.com>
(630) 941-7797

This alt-folk trio from Chicago delivers witty, whimsical songs with their signature soaring vocal harmonies and gorgeous arrangements, combining influences of folk, jazz, pop and rock. Their odd-ball humor and spontaneous stories have earned them a cult-like international following for almost 30 years. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

ON STAGE

■ The Winter Workshop

Jan. 7-9
Theatre of Western Springs
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<https://www.theatreofwesternsprings.com>
(708) 246-4043

The Directors' Workshop presents an evening of one-woman shows, including "Illuminated Dresses"

and "50 Guns." Reservations are required. There will be a post-show discussion with the directors each evening. Time: 8 p.m. Jan. 7 & 8, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9. Tickets: donations will be accepted at the door.

SIGN UP NOW

■ Know your WHY

Jan. 12
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunityhouse.org>
(630) 323-7500

Women are invited to join this free one-hour seminar to listen to Hinsdale's Kelly Cox Watkins, principal strategist at Spiritus Strategies, offer guidance on living a life of congruence and finding a sense of joy and accomplishment. Times: 7 p.m.

■ Tech to Table: 25 Innovators Reimagining Food

Jan. 13
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Local author Dick Munson

will discuss his new book "Tech to Table: 25 Innovators Reimagining Food" in this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program. Munson's book profiles entrepreneurs redefining what it means to farm and even the nature of food and explores their shared ambition to disrupt the un-digitalized food system and feed a growing population nutritiously and sustainably. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Rep. Mazzochi virtual town hall
Jan. 10
<https://www.RepMazzochi.com>
(630) 852-8633

State Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R-47, Elmhurst) invites residents to join the town hall by clicking on the Zoom link or watching via Facebook live at her page, Facebook.com/RepDeanneMazzochi. She will discuss issues to be tackled during the spring session. For

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Pet pic of the week

Ku is a gray kitty who is ready to meet his new family. He would do well with kids 5 and older. He's a super gentle and sweet 12-year-old whose adoption fee is \$25. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center has re-opened to the public. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Capacity will be limited to about 20 visitors. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at <https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org> before arriving. Call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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more information, visit the website listed above. Time: 6 p.m.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen 3D Paper Snowflake Take Home Kit

Jan. 14
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Bring the beauty of winter inside by creating 3D paper snowflakes. RR

WEE ONES

■ Discover Dance

Thursdays, Jan. 13-March 17
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

In Discover Dance Tots for ages 2-3 and Discover Dance for ages 3-5, children will explore the joy of movement

with a caregiver through circle activities, open exploration and gross motor development exercises. Participants should wear comfortable, form-fitted clothing and bare feet. Times: 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. for tots, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for Discover Dance. Cost: \$63 for tots, \$94 for Discover Dance. RR

■ Pee Wee Floor Hockey

Fridays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
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Kids ages 4-6 will learn the game of hockey before the skates go on through drills for stick handling, passing, shooting and goalie skills as well as team drills. They'll enjoy learning the fundamentals and mechanics of this fast-paced and super-fun game. Time: 1:15 to 2 p.m. Cost: \$63.

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Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County between Nov. 22 and Dec. 17.

1. 333 E. Chicago Ave., First Midwest Bank & Trust to Kyle Armstrong, Nov. 22, \$450,000

2. 556 N. Elm St., Joseph and Andrea Mularczyk to Christine and Philip Allen, Nov. 22, \$1,100,000

3. 38 S. Bruner St., Kenneth and Rochelle Hoganson to Christopher and Catherine Wagner, Nov. 24, \$450,000

4. 149 Kennedy Lane, Joyce R. Cassens Trust to Gjuero and Vera Petras, Nov. 29, \$381,000

5. 622 N. York Road, Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Monica Fuentes, Nov. 29, \$390,000

6. 532 W. 56th St., Jaime Quinlan to Edwin Bush, Dec. 1, \$335,000

7. 1 Charleston Road, Wesley and Linda Gibson to Tony and Tina Alexander, Dec. 3, \$1,100,000

8. 5554 S. Stough St., Group K Properties LLC Fox Lake to Joseph and Sherry Moawad, Dec. 6, \$550,000

9. 522 N. County Line Road, Patricia McLaughlin Trust to Faisal Saghir, Dec. 7, \$850,000

10. 420 S. Park Ave., Christopher Traut, Sabrina Usher Charron F. and Richard M. Traut trusts and GST Exempt Marital Trust to Mimi Collins, Conor Scanlon and Danielle Moss, Dec. 8, \$1,800,000

11. 215 N. Washington St., James and Christine Massie trusts to Everbrite LLC, Dec. 8, \$850,000

12. 802 S. Monroe St., Brent and Jill Rasmussen to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Dec. 8, \$2,699,000

13. 424 S. Washington St., Robert and Joanna Sohovich to Scott Zawitz, Dec. 8, \$2,700,000

14. 228 S. Adams St., John Willand to McGann 1998 Family Trust, Dec. 10, \$357,750

15. 410 S. Bruner St., Peter Konstant Revocable Trust, Paul Konstant, Joan Fieldhouse and Anthony N. Konstant Trust to Lynn and Barry Craig, Dec. 13, \$764,000

16. 111 N. Clay St., Michael and Diane Fox to Felix and Rachel Flores, Dec. 13, \$1,030,000

17. 617 S. Washington St., Christina Rediehs to Peter and Sabine Hinrichs, Dec. 13, \$1,570,000

18. 138 E. Maple St., Larry Rogawski and Mario Cirignani to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Dec. 14, \$1,475,000

19. 38 Madison St., Jamie Dubrovay to IB Property Holdings LLC, Dec. 14, \$275,000

20. 721 N. Oak St., Vijayalaksh Ananthanarayanan, Girish Venkataraman and Venkataraman Family Trust to

Jenny Handa, Dec. 15, \$590,200

21. 111 Fuller Road, Neil Thomas to Sam and Lauren Cincinnato, Dec. 15, \$895,000

22. 243 S. Bruner St., Iouri Melnik to Olga Saletska, Dec. 16, \$498,000

23. 105 Chanticleer Lane, David and John Norman to Michael and Mary O'Neill, Dec. 16, \$340,000

24. 405 Ashbury Drive, Wiezhzen Tu and Shan Chen to Stephanie Tatoiu, Dec. 16, \$397,500

25. 425 E. Eighth St., Marian Fuller, Charles, Nancy, Catherine, Thomas, Richard and Robert Janda and John and Cecily Glouchevitch to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Dec. 17, \$2,400,000

26. 1401 Burr Oak Drive, Nancy A. Nicholson Revocable Trust to Maria L. Katona Trust, Dec. 17, \$415,000

27. 552 N. Garfield Ave., Marueen Girkins to Robert Knapel and Rosemary Rojas, Dec. 17, \$950,000

28. 132 N. Vine St., John Guastaferrero to Kathryn Schwendener, Dec. 20, \$545,000

29. 609 S. Bruner St., Andrew and Julie Grieve to Jeffrey and Natalie Anderson, Dec. 21, \$1,399,000

30. 138 N. Garfield Ave., Philippa Taylor and Mona M. Taylor Trust Agreement to KMD Investments LLC, Dec. 21, \$920,000

31. 823 S. Bruner St., Anthony and Bianca Lupescu and Lupescu Family Trust to Li Wey Lu and Morgan Varone, Dec. 21, \$745,000

32. 424 S. Monroe St., Brett and Michelle Verkaik to Bryan and Lauren Pasciak, Dec. 22, \$1,087,500

33. 430 E. Seventh St., Philip and Christine Allen to Purva Shah Living Trust, Dec. 22, \$1,766,600

34. 2 S. Quincy St., Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Stephen and Heidi Beeaker, Dec. 22, \$1,350,000

35. 634 W. Hickory St., Daniel and Amanda McQuade to Badal and Sonia Shah living trusts, Dec. 22, \$3,550,000

36. 137 Ravine Road, Sara and Keith Medick and Sara H. Medick Trust to Bryan and Lauren Rozum, Dec. 22, \$1,150,000

37. 421 S. Quincy St., Lorraine Vaughn, Elizabeth Panzica and Lorraine Vaughn Trust to Anthony Taylor and Philippa Coates, Dec. 22, \$460,000

38. 220 S. Bruner St., Christopher and Amanda Vardas to James Bey and Maria Roca, Dec. 23, \$715,000

39. 5810 S. Madison St., Wayne Wright to Dean and Lauren Patzer, Dec. 23, \$1,100,000

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ESTATE OF GLEN M. GOY

CASE NUMBER 2021 P001353

Notice is given of the death of Glen M. Goy whose address was 821 S. Clay Street, Hinsdale, IL. 60521. Letters of Office were issued on December 13, 2021 to Mary C. Goy, as Independent Executor whose attorney is Dominic J. Mancini.

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the Will to probate, an order was entered by the court on December 13, 2021, admitting the Will to Probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21) You will also have the right, under the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after the admission of the Will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of **CANDICE ADAMS**, Circuit Court Clerk, 505 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before *June 30, 2022 any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed with the Circuit Court Clerk.

Name: Dominic J. Mancini
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 27th day of December, A.D. 2021.

Jean Kaczmarek
 DuPage County Clerk

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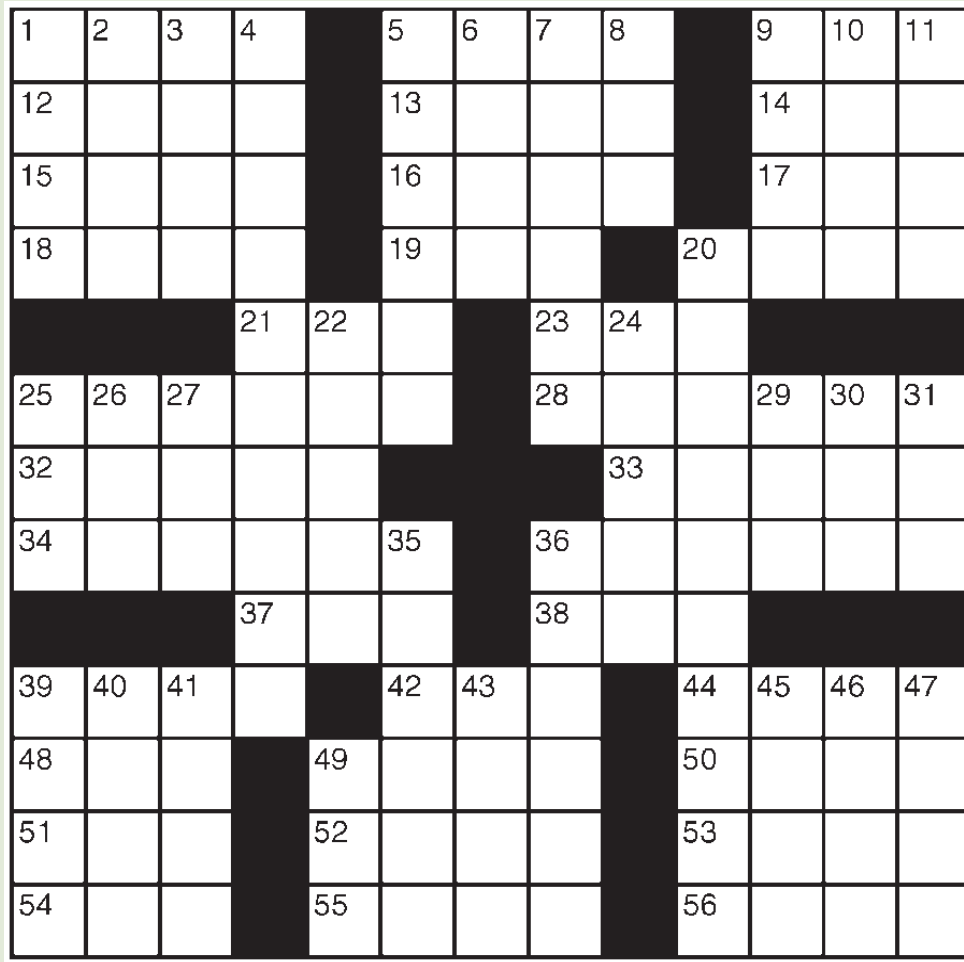
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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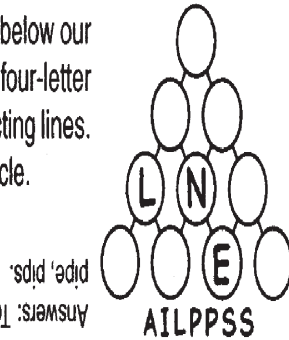
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Pall, Pals, Pans, Pans, Pans, Pans, Pans, Pans.

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HOROSCOPES

January 2022 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, others may not share your sense of humor. Play to your audience and don't get too down if some jokes don't go over well. Consider toning it down for a bit.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you are self-confident and know who you are, which helps you take charge of situations. Many people rely on you, and you feed off that accountability.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, a get-together with loved ones could do everybody some good. You may need to find the secret that can pull them everyone together, even if it's only for a day.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, the last thing you want to do lately is slow down, but you may have to do just that or special moments may pass you by. Carve out time to spend with loved ones.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, what you see in the mirror just isn't matching up to what you're thinking in your head. Look to wise friends for answers as to why this is.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may feel like you have to be a mediator between two sides, and that only adds to tension you have been feeling recently. Take a deep breath and a step back.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, a friend of yours may be feeling like a third wheel on group outings. Consider playing matchmaker, or make plans for a get-together with just this individual.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, someone is trying to stay on task this week but you are all about a less serious approach. Let others focus on the tasks at hand, even if you can't.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if you are finding difficulty finding satisfaction at work, it may be time to start looking for something new to do. Put out some feelers.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, perceptions can be misleading. Look at a confounding situation from another angle. A new perspective may be all you need to see things more clearly.



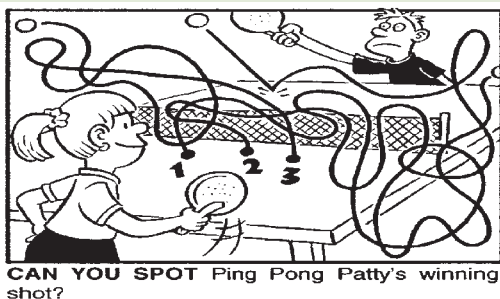
VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, someone may try to burst your bubble in the next few days, but you won't let it get in the way of your lively, imaginative nature. As time goes by, others will come around.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, technology is designed to make processes easier, but you may find you get fouled up by devices this week. Try doing things the old fashioned way for a bit.



Answer: No! I will put Freddy away.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Max Pohlenz
Year: senior
Hometown: Hinsdale

When did you first start wrestling?

Freshman year I tried out for the Mock Trial team and I got cut from that. I was looking for something to do in winter and (coach Jason) Hayes gave me the recruiting pitch and I was hooked.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

It's very much a sport where you get what you put in. I think that idea to win and be good at something through sheer will and sheer mental toughness just kind of caught on with me.

What's it like to compete at 182 pounds?

You almost kind of get the best of both worlds. You have that out-muscling of a heavyweight but you also have to be quick and tricky like some of the smaller guys. You really can look at something from a plethora of ways and really use everything you have in your tool box.

Do you have any pre-meet routines?

I don't eat dairy that day because it just doesn't work well with my stomach. I really don't eat much before a match, not because of weight, but because I have this fear I'll

get on the mat and all that stuff will come up. It's a bit of an irrational fear, but I feel better safe than sorry.

How did you dislocate your elbow?

(Monday) during practice, I was wrestling live. I was in a tripod position. The person I was wrestling tried to chop my elbow. In chopping it they twisted it, causing it to dislocate. They popped it back in place. Right now it's not that bad. Hopefully I'll be able to work for a speedy recovery and get back before my season ends.

What is your goal for the season?

When I was a freshman, there were these seniors that I looked up to and really admired. I really want to complete the cycle and try to leave a legacy and inspire the next group of wrestlers with what I do.

Why does coach Jason Hayes like having Pohlenz on the team?

Max works extremely hard at both his academics and athletics. He is our starter at 182 pounds. He played football in the fall and now is on the wrestling team. He has done this all four years. Max is an overall great student-athlete.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys
Dec. 22-29 @ Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic vs. Stevenson (3rd place game)
V wins 63-59
Oosterbaan, 21 points, 8 rebounds, assist
Phillips, 12 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, steal

Quast, 11 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists
Collignon, 10 points, 6 rebounds, assist
Eck, 5 points, 4 rebounds, assist
Engels, 4 points, 6 rebounds, block
Hinchman, 2 rebounds
Cernugel, rebound, steal

Yaeger, assist vs. Oswego East
V loses 53-59 (2OT)
vs. DePaul Prep
V wins 45-44
vs. St. Charles East
V wins 64-57

Basketball, girls
Jan. 4 @ Naperville Central
V loses 45-64
Howe, 15 points

Sarros, 15 points
Monyek, 13 points
Sheehan, 2 points
Dec. 22-28 @ Wheaton North Invite
vs. Palatine
V wins 51-40
vs. Wheaton North
V loses 32-55
vs. Schaumburg
V wins 48-45

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central gymnast Amanda McLaughlin attempts a vault, while teammate Leila Sullivan performs her routine on the uneven bars and Kelly Klobach goes airborne above the balance beam during a home meet against York Dec. 15. The Red Devils defeated the Dukes 139.65-128.90. (Jim Slonoff photos)

SPORTS

Coaching right up Hipkind's alley

Inaugural leader of Central boys bowling program continues to roll with it

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale Central varsity boys bowling head coach Alex Hipkind never imagined that the clangor of ricocheting pins would become the soundtrack of his winters.

He had, after all, been on track to give legal advice, not lane assignments.

"I went to law school at Loyola (University) and I got my JD, and I passed the bar," Hipkind related.

During his studies he participated in a program in which he taught a law class at a Chicago high school. Something clicked. "I just enjoyed it, working with young people, and it kind of planted a seed," he said.

Hipkind eventually returned to Loyola to obtain his master's in education and landed his first teaching job in the social studies department at Hinsdale South in 1993. A couple years later he was asked to split time between South and Central.

"That 95-96 school year, I taught periods one, two and three at Central, and then I taught the last two classes at South," he recalled.

Central became Hipkind's permanent post after that. A college soccer player, he joined the Central soccer coaches' ranks.

"I always envisioned myself just coaching soccer and not anything else," Hipkind acknowledged.

But when bowling became an IHSA sanctioned sport in the 2002-03 season, he was all in.

"I had played recreationally in college and thought I could do a good job with it," he said.

The Constitutional law and civics teacher admittedly leveraged his instruc-



After two decades as Hinsdale Central varsity boys bowling coach, Alex Hipkind is a familiar face at the team's home turf of Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. The first and only coach in the program's history relishes getting to know his players outside the confines of the classroom. (Jim Slonoff photo)

tional role to recruit for his roster.

"That first year I had 12 (players)," Hipkind said, "We've never really worried about the numbers."

At one of the first big tournaments the team attended, he saw his first two-handed bowler on another squad. The results were impressive.

"He had an 800-something series. It was amazing," he recounted. "He bowled a perfect game in the morning, a perfect game in the afternoon."

Nearly two decades later, the method is no longer a novelty.

"Almost every kid does that now," Hipkind said, noting that rules require the finger holes to be filled in if not used. "I really do not have a one-handed bowler anymore."

Like so many advances, he said the technique has pros and cons.

"You can see more

immediate results, but I think you plateau quickly," he said.

Hipkind grew up in Roselle and went to Loyola to get his bachelor's and play soccer. His sporting highlight from those days was scoring the game-winner for the Ramblers against his older brother's Bradley Braves.

As a coach, he's relished the times he and his teams have reached the state tournament.

"It's kind of a culminating activity to take those kids to state. I've been blessed I've been able to do that a few times," said Hipkind, who has continued to lead the JV girls soccer team in the spring.

Coaching is a dimension of a teaching career he's always gravitated to for more authentic engagement.

"I felt like that was part of education — it's not just what you do in the four

corners of the classroom, but the kids should also see, outside of that classroom, what you're like and what you know and how you conduct yourself as a coach/leader," he commented. "You really get a different perspective on each of the individual students/athletes. It's just nice to get to see them in a different element."

It also helps fuel his energy as a teacher.

"It keeps you young, keeps you feeling like you have some kind of purpose," Hipkind said.

In addition to the in-season, the payoff also comes those times he hears from alums.

"I think it's really nice that former students reach out to me a lot," he said.

"Once in while you reconnect with them, and you realize, 'Wow! I've been here a long time.'"

Hipkind has sensed the importance of team fellow-

ship during the pandemic, with kids' normal activities having been so disrupted.

"This has been a difficult stretch for everybody, so just to give any of these kids a different outlet and reason to get out of the house, it's really nice," he said.

The father of a 12-year-old son and two daughters, 10 and 6, said coaching has helped him become more flexible and adaptable.

"I think I've learned to roll with the punches and recognize what's a hill worth dying on and what's not," Hipkind said.

Hipkind marvels at the maturity level of the teens he interacts with and how much he gleans from them.

"To me, it's just refreshing to be able to work with these young people," he said, "They're fun to be around, they're interesting, they're really coachable kids. I've been really lucky with that."



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