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Holding court with the big guy — Mrs. Claus and Santa visited with children during the Hinsdale Park and Recreation Department's Winter Wonderland earlier this month. Poppy, Grace and Mia Worthley chatted with the dynamic duo during the photo session sponsored by The Hinsdalean. Santa will be dropping by Burlington Park this Saturday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Families can take a horse drawn carriage ride and decorate cookies during those hours as well. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

December time for fa-la-la-la levies

Four local taxing bodies approving requests to receive property tax revenues in 2022

**By Pamela Lannom
and Ken Knutson**

December is a month for caroling, baking cookies — and approving tax levies.

This week, Hinsdale's village and school boards are approving their tax levies, or annual requests for property tax revenue.

These levy requests will be submitted to the clerks in Cook and DuPage counties, who will translate them into the tax rates (see related coverage on Page 7) that will appear on homeowners' bills in 2022.

Village of Hinsdale

The village's 2021 tax levy of almost \$14.3 million is a considerably larger amount than officials hope to receive in tax revenue next year.

In addition to approving the levy at their meeting Tuesday night, trustees also approved six resolutions to abate, or not collect, taxes. The abatements are for bond issues ranging from \$2 million to \$20 million dating from 2014 to 2021 that will be paid off with other

revenue sources. Funds were borrowed for a variety of purposes, from library renovations to accelerating work in the master infrastructure plan. Unless the village board votes to abate the taxes, the repayment amounts are automatically included in the levy.

The abatements drop the total levy to \$11.1 million, with \$10.8 million subject to the tax cap (see Page 7).

Village President Tom Cauley reported Nov. 16 that bonds issued 10 years ago to pay for part of the Woodlands drainage improvement project will be paid off this year, in part with \$112,000 from an excess fund balance. The 161 affected homeowners will see an average drop of \$700 on their tax bills.

Hinsdale Public Library

Because the Hinsdale Public Library is not its own taxing district, its \$3.34 million levy is included in the total levy request the village submits.

The library's request includes the better part of \$60,000 to formulate a new

strategic plan and \$70,000 to implement it, said Executive Director Karen Keefe. The library board originally expected to work on the plan last year but put it off due to COVID-19 disruptions.

"We're really eager to see how COVID has impacted the needs of our residents," Keefe said. "If people are going to be working from home permanently and indefinitely, what does that do to audio book circulation because people aren't community any more?"

The library might need to buy more books on home renovation or tech training with people working from home or consider doing more programs outdoors.

The strategic plan will help library leaders answer one key question.

"What has changed for people and how can we respond and meet those needs?" she said.

District 181

Community Consolidated District 181 Board members adopted a \$69 million 2021 property tax levy Monday to

fund more than 90 percent of the operating budget.

In his board report, Richard Engstrom, assistant superintendent of business and operations, outlined that the "balloon" levy request is designed to ensure all available revenue under the tax cap is collected. He projected that the district would receive \$67.9 million, or about 1.4 percent more than the 2020 extension.

When debt service is included, the levy totals \$72.1 million. New construction is estimated to be \$27.6 million, and the preliminary abatement is \$6.1 million.

There were no comments during a public hearing on the matter and no board discussion, as members had tentatively signed off on the levy Nov. 15. At that meeting, Engstrom apprised the board that he will present fund balance projections in February to determine the appropriate amount of taxes to abate.

"Anything above 50 percent (of six months of district expenditures), according to our fund balance strategy, we will make adjustments for our abatement amount," he said.

District 86

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members are expected to officially approve their levy when they meet tonight, Dec. 16.

Last month they approved a tentative request for operating funds that shows a 2.2 percent increase over 2020, compared to a 3 percent increase the previous year.

A lower CPI — 1.4 compared to 2.3 percent — and a slightly lower estimate for new construction are driving the lower levy amount, according to Josh Stephenson, chief financial officer.

The total levy includes almost \$12.2 million for debt repayment next year. Almost \$10 million is related to the facilities improvement referendum voters approved in April 2019. The final set of bonds for the \$140 million projects were issued in November 2020.

"Now that the referendum bonds were fully on last year, those are going to be pretty level year over year," Stephenson said.

Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club makes the season brighter



Members of the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club provided more than 300 families with "Gifts of the Season" with their annual program. Members met Saturday morning at Grace Episcopal Church to wrap and hand out the presents. Christy Hernandez

gets a hand with the gift wrap from her daughter, Katelyn. Colleen Whitehead and Jen Kasmarick help load up a "sleigh" with gifts. And Tom and Caitlin Riley bring a large gift ready for wrapping. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Can you hear me now? — Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," talks about life before cell phones, or any phones. "Telephone service had been available in Chicago since 1878, but cautious Hinsdale village boards questioned the telephone company's mandatory long-term contract. The first telephone was installed at McGee's Drugstore at 49 S. Washington St., pictured here. Calls would come in, answered by boys eager to deliver messages. When the store closed, phone service was shut down and this was the only telephone in town."

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Borrow some of these great gift ideas

Friends of the Hinsdale Public Library leader checks off her shopping list at village stores

By Ken Knutson

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Diane Nelson is president of the Friends of the Hinsdale Library, with her previous stint as a board member giving her a total of seven years volunteering with the group to support the library and the greater community.

"I enjoy supporting the library's programs as well as getting to know patrons and staff members," Nelson said, noting that the group recently celebrated its 80th anniversary. "We just bought an AED for the library."

Residents can see the Friends giving out books at the Fourth of July parade, and the group also provides an annual scholarship to a graduating library page. The Friends have also sponsored a number of "After Dark" programs.

"We do a wine night or the Trivia Night every year," Nelson said. "We'd have music concerts — jazz, blues — or an author come in, a lot of different entertainment that's free to the community."

The pandemic has limited those activities, but an outdoor concert and children's book reading at the Farmer's Market were able to be held

this summer. The Friends is fulfilling fellowship for her.

"It's a nice group of people. We meet about once every six weeks, so it's not too much," she said.

Library promotion is not just a sidelight for Nelson works as a district teacher librarian in Darien District 61.

"I run three libraries for our district," she said, noting that she is in her 10th year and has a background in special education and English language learning."

The mother of three grown sons looks forward to being in warmer environs for Yuletide.

"I plan to celebrate the holidays in Sanibel Island, Fla., as well as the Tampa Bay area," Nelson said.

And festivities related to her son's wedding next June will also factor into the itinerary.

"I'm also co-hosting a destination co-ed bridal shower for my son and his fiancé at Zoo Tampa during the holiday season," said Nelson, noting the couple had to delay their nuptials because of COVID-19.

"It's hard to move a wedding!" she exclaimed.

• Nelson quickly locks on to an 84-piece set of "The Joy of Christmas" holiday



Diane Nelson delights in this 84-piece set of festive holiday dishes she found during her hunt for the perfect presents available right in Hinsdale. (Jim Slonoff photo)

dinnerware for her son Scott and his fiancé — so they'll be fully equipped to host next Christmas. The Courtyard, \$195

• Some Latika Body Essentials geode bath bombs — in moonstone and turquoise varieties — are sure to be a smash as gifts for the

ladies in Nelson's regular tennis group. "I play a little bit of tennis. I'm not good," she quipped. Work+Shop, \$9.95 each

• A Italian-made hooded sweater made of rain wool would make a great addition to the wardrobe of her oldest son, Clark. Burdi, \$625

• Nelson picked out a lovely poinsettia for her principal at Mark DeLay School, Lisa Kompore, to help deck her holiday halls. "She would love that. She does a lot of entertaining," she said. Blue Iris, \$85

• Let it snow for outdoor enthusiasts like Nelson's son Mike and his girlfriend, Kayla, for whom she selected Picture eco-friendly ski jackets, specifically a black ripstop Stone style (Mike) and the black Famer model (Kayla). King Keyser, \$220-\$330

• A painting by Michael McConnell entitled "Gentle Green" with a rabbit as its subject catches Nelson's eye. "I would buy it as a gift to my sister Nan and her husband, who are both artists," she said. Virgil Catherine Gallery, \$800

• A 24-inch 14-karat yellow gold box chain would look lovely around the neck of

Nelson's mom. "It looks really glamorous," she said. Fine Gold Jewelers, \$1,360

• Nelson picks out a pair of black work shoes for herself to make sure her feet make it through the day pain-free. "I wear a lot of black clothes and need comfortable shoes to run the libraries," she said. Kingaroos, \$120

• Her family would be highly likely to accept an invitation to enjoy six prime grade New York strip steaks to celebrate, well, any occasion. Prime "N" Tender Meats, \$37.98 each

• Nelson is ready to add more bling into her own collection with a pair of Venetian glass earrings with eight aquamarines and featuring a Neptune Poseidon Siren design. Caffray Jewelers, \$1,395

• An Archipelago Havana glass jar candle would give Hinsdale Public Library staffers Karen, Molly and Nancy all the feels this holiday season and through the winter. Fuller's Home and Hardware, \$37.99 each

• Who wouldn't love a polished nickel chandelier to glam up a newlywed home? Nelson has Scott and Anna's nest in mind. Circa Lighting, \$3,499



These Latika geode bath bombs would add a splash of cool to her tennis pals' hot baths this winter. (Jim Slonoff photo)

NEXT WEEK

The Hinsdale Village Board, Community Consolidated District 181 Board and Hinsdale High School District 86 Board are not scheduled to meet the week of Dec. 20-24.

Number of new COVID cases still on the rise

Sixty-three Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 58 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported five new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 2,360, compared to 2,297 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had 23 confirmed COVID-19 patients and no patients awaiting test results as of Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Hinsdale Central High School reported 11 positive cases, 18 in isolation and no one in quarantine as of Dec. 10. Vaccination rates are 81 percent for Central students and 95 percent for D86 staff.

In Community Consolidated Elementary District 181, 19 positive cases were reported Dec. 8-15, involving 14 students, two teachers, and three staff members. The district had 11 students in quarantine as of Dec. 10.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 6.3 percent on Dec. 11, compared to 6.5 percent the previous week.

Illinois has administered almost 18.3 million doses of vaccines. An average of 68,908 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 69,951 last week.

The percentage of individuals fully vaccinated is almost 69.4 percent in DuPage County and about 72 percent in the 60521 ZIP code.

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Steps are part of taxing cycle in Illinois

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arate amount for each fund for which it levies. All levies must be filed with the county clerk by the last Tuesday in December, which is Dec. 28 this year.

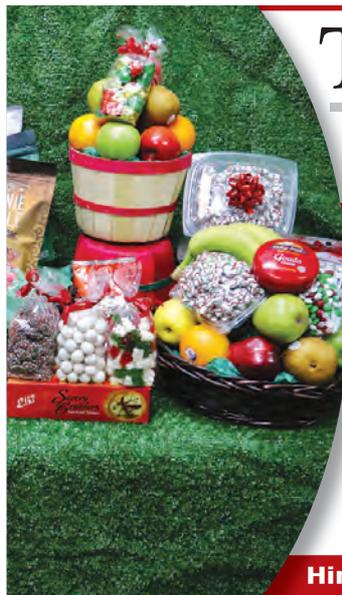
5 Extension

The county clerk applies the state equalization factor, calculates the tax rate needed to produce the amount of revenues each taxing district may levy legally, apportions the levy among the properties in a taxing district according to their EAV so tax bills can be com-

puted, abates taxes as directed by taxing districts and prepares books for the county collector. The term "extension" also refers to the amount of taxes actually billed.

6. Collection and distribution

The county collector prepares tax bills, receives payments from property owners, distributes taxes to the local government taxing districts that levied them and administers sales of liens on real estate parcels due to nonpayment of taxes.



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Understanding state's property tax cycle

School districts and village setting 2021 levies that will determine 2022 tax bills

The property tax is largest single tax in Illinois and is the major source of revenue for Community Consolidated District 181 and Hinsdale High School District 86. It also is a significant source of funding for the village of Hinsdale, along with the Hinsdale Public Library, although the village has several other sources of revenue to support operations.

Taxing bodies are required each year to file a levy, or request for property tax revenue. Setting the levy actually is the fourth of six steps in the property tax cycle, which spans two years (see sidebar).

As the cycle begins, property is assigned a value that reflects its worth as of Jan. 1 of that year. During the second year, tax bills are calculated and mailed and

payments are distributed to local taxing districts.

Much of the information on this page is taken from The Illinois Property Tax System: A General Guide to the Local Property Tax Cycle, published by the Illinois Department of Revenue. An accompanying glossary provides definitions for several terms associated with the levy process.

Glossary

abatement: a local taxing district may instruct the county clerk to abate, or not collect, any portion of its taxes

assessed value: the value placed on a property by the county assessor for tax purposes (theoretically 1/3 of market value in DuPage)

capped funds: generally speaking, a taxing district's operating funds (see tax cap entry for more)

consumer price index: the CPI used for tax cap purposes is the national CPI for all urban consumers for all items as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. The CPI that will be used in 2021 is 1.4 percent. The CPI since 2005 has ranged from a high of 4.1 percent to a low of .1 percent.

equalized assessed value (EAV): the assessed value multiplied by any state or county equalization factor. The result is the value from which the tax rate is calculated after deducting homestead exemptions, if applicable. Tax bills are calculated by multiplying an individual home's EAV by the tax rate.

extension: the actual dollar amount billed to property owners in a taxing district, which equals the taxing body's net equalized valuation multiplied by its tax rate as calculated by the county clerk

levy: a taxing body's annual request for a specific amount of property tax revenue to support operations and debt payments

net equalized assessed value: the equalized assessed valuation of any property minus any legal exemptions, such as the Homestead Exemption

new growth: new construction or annexed property in a taxing district. The tax cap law provides an allowance for new growth in addition to the CPI increase.

property tax: the single largest tax in Illinois. It is sometimes called an "ad valorem" tax, which means "according to value."

tax base: the total net equalized assessed valuation of the taxing district

tax cap: officially known as the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, it is designed to limit increases in the property tax extensions for operating funds to 5 percent or the change in the previous year's consumer price index, whichever is lower, plus an amount for new growth. The cap does not apply to bond repayment.

tax rate: the county clerk calculates each taxing body's rate by dividing its levy by its total net equalized assessed valuation. That rate is then multiplied by a home's EAV to determine the tax bill for that property.



Village of Hinsdale

2021 proposed levy all funds: \$11.1 million*
 2021 proposed tax levy capped funds: \$10.79 million
 2020 tax extension: \$10.88 million
 Percent increase: 1.9
 New growth assumed for 2020: \$14 million
 2020 total EAV: \$2 billion
 2020 tax rate capped fund: .425 Cook, .356 DuPage
 2020 tax rate all funds: .443 Cook, 371 DuPage



Hinsdale Public Library

2021 proposed levy all funds: \$3.34 million
 2021 proposed tax levy capped funds: \$3.34 million
 2020 tax extension: \$3.27 million
 Percent increase: 2.11
 New growth assumed for 2020: \$14 million
 2020 total EAV: \$2 billion
 2020 tax rate all funds: .19 Cook, .16 DuPage



District 181

2021 proposed levy all funds: \$72.1 million
 2021 proposed tax levy capped funds: \$69 million
 2020 extension capped funds: \$66.3 million
 Percent increase: 1.4 percent
 New growth assumed for 2020: \$27.6 million
 2020 total EAV: \$2.9 billion
 2020 tax rate capped fund: 2.3
 2020 tax rate all funds: 2.41



District 86

2021 proposed levy all funds: \$101.9 million
 2021 proposed tax levy capped funds: \$89.7 million
 2020 extension capped funds: \$87.7 million
 Percent increase: 2.2
 New growth assumed for 2020: \$50 million
 2020 total EAV: \$6.1 billion
 2020 tax rate capped funds: 1.43
 2020 tax rate all funds: 1.63

*after abatements

Steps are part of taxing cycle in Illinois

1 Assessment

All property is appraised so values for property tax purposes can be determined. The chief county assessment officer (county assessor in Cook, township assessor in DuPage) ensures assessment levels are uniform and at the legal assessment level by applying a uniform percentage increase or decrease to all assessments in the jurisdiction, otherwise known as "equalizing" assessments.

Bylaw, most property is assessed at 33 1/3 percent of market value. Cook County is the exception; it has 13 classes of property that

are assessed at anywhere from 16 percent (residential) to 33 percent (commercial) of market value. Property is reassessed every four years in DuPage and every three years in Cook.

2 Review of assessment decisions

County boards of review determine whether local assessing officials have calculated assessed values correctly, equalize assessments within the county, assess any property that was omitted, decide if homestead exemptions should be granted and review non-homestead exemption applications.

Property owners and local taxing districts may appeal what they believe to be unfair assessments

to their local county boards of review and, if dissatisfied with that decision, the State Property Tax Appeal Board or circuit court.

3 State equalization

The Illinois Department of Revenue equalizes assessments among counties and issues a state equalization factor for each county to bring the level of assessment to 33 1/3 percent of market value.

4 Levy

Taxing districts determine the amount of revenue they need to raise from property taxes, hold hearings if the levy increase is 5 percent or more and certify levies to the county clerk. Each taxing district must show a sep-

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Dec. 14.

DUI arrests

• Anthony M. Wilson, 56, 10S515 Ivy Lane, Willowbrook, was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and illegal stopping, standing or parking where prohibited at 4:25 a.m. Dec. 10. Police observed the suspect's vehicle parked in the intersection, facing oncoming traffic. He was charged and released to appear in court.

• Diante R. Williams, 32, 6749 S. Paxton Ave., Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, unlawful possession of cannabis by a driver and improper parking at 3:15 a.m. Dec. 11 at Washington Street and Chicago Avenue. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Aggravated assault arrest

Steven V. Pebelske, 37, 724 Phillippa St., was arrested for aggravated assault for threatening a family member while holding a pair of scissors in a threatening manor at 11:10 a.m. Dec. 11. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Warrant arrests

• Isael J. Hernandez-Avelar, 22, 2195 London Drive, Glendale Heights, was apprehended on an active arrest warrant out of DuPage County after the car in which he was a passenger was stopped for a traffic violation at 11:43 p.m. Dec. 6 at 55th Street and County Line Road. He was taken to DuPage County Jail. The driver was released without charges.

• Laquell J. Brown, 38, 5502 S. Madison St., Hinsdale, was arrested on an active warrant out of DuPage County at 10:52 a.m. Dec. 12 in the 5500 block of Madison Street. He was taken to DuPage County Jail.

Resident victim of fraud

A resident of the 1400 block of Burr Oak Court received a cashier's check for \$3,000 with instructions to make payments of \$2,900 using online banking from someone posing as a job recruiter. The victim discovered the cashier's check was fraudulent after completing the online bank transactions.

Christmas decorations stolen

Christmas decorations worth \$710 were stolen from the front lawn of a home in the 300 block of North Adams Street between midnight and 9 a.m. Dec. 12. A neighbor reported he also had decorations stolen from his yard.

Vehicle burglarized

Someone entered an unlocked car parked in a driveway in the 500 block of North Vine Street and rummaged through the interior. The incident was reported at 11:46 p.m. Dec. 9.

Man caught on surveillance camera

A resident of the 100 block of North Lincoln Street saw an unknown man exiting his residence on their surveillance camera at 2:51 p.m. Dec. 10. The man was described as white, wearing a black baseball cap, blue jacket, gray sweat pants and gray shoes. Nothing was reported missing from the home, which did not appear to be ransacked.

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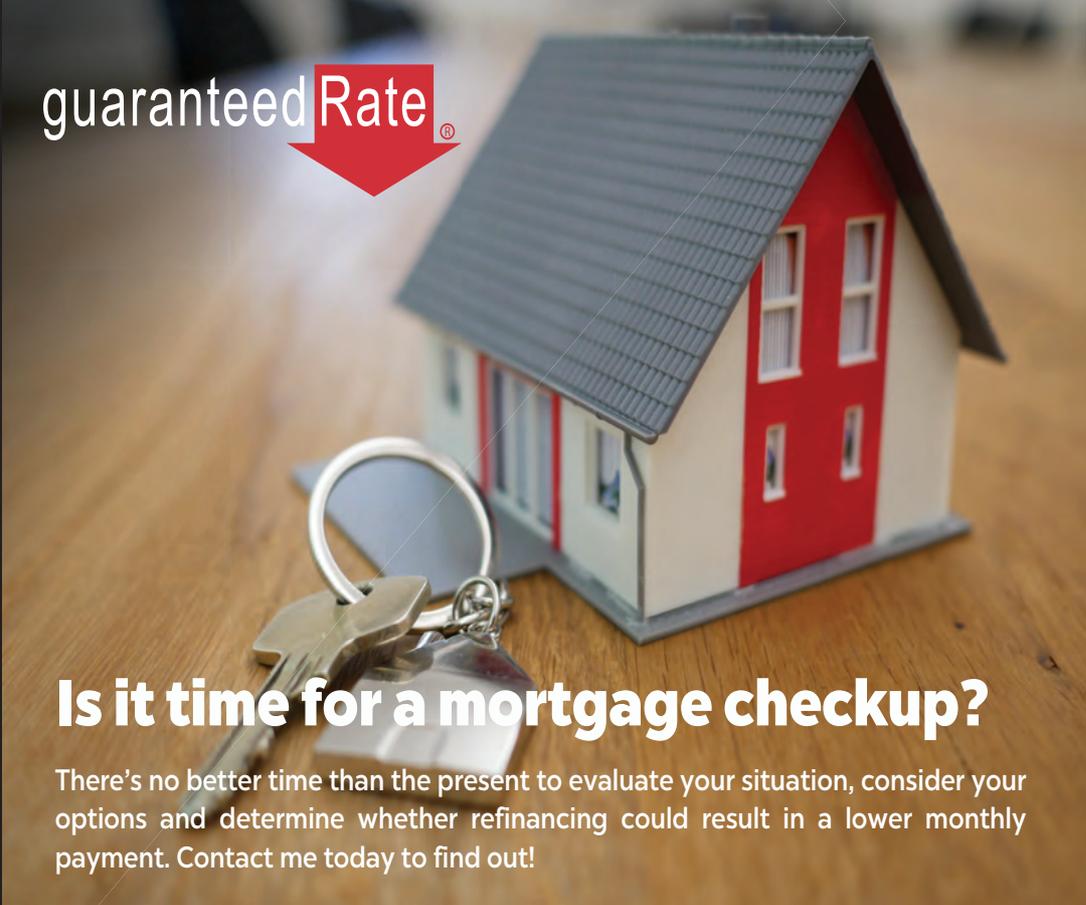
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■ Historians say that in medieval times, the Nativity story was acted out on traveling wagons as part of religious dramas about the life of Jesus.

Hinsdale youths ready to take on nativity roles

Few 2,000-year-old stories get an annual retelling, let alone theatrically depicted in cities and towns across the country.

For many churchgoers, the Christmas Pageant is a cherished live-action reminder of the events giving rise to our modern-day celebration. And for the youth in those faith communities, it's an opportunity to carry on the generations-old tradition of portraying characters in that sacred scene.

This Sunday, Union Church of Hinsdale will present the pageant at its 10 a.m. worship service. Topping the bill are Hinsdale's Vivi Kapcar as Mary and Charlie Parwani as Joseph, both seasoned veterans of the production.

Vivi, a fifth-grader at Monroe School, said her earliest memory is being part of a heavenly host around age 5.

"I remember a little bit of being an angel, but not much," she said.

Charlie's recollection was more down-to-earth.

"I remember being an animal — I think I was a donkey my first year," he said.

Now, after years of paying their dues, the two will take center stage, which at first was an intimidating proposition for

Charlie.

"It kind of was more scary because I knew I would have a lot more lines to memorize," he said

Charlie is actually reprising his Joseph after being one of several Jesus' dads in last year's online version.

"It was through Zoom, and it was kind of weird because there were three or four Josephs for different scenes," he related.

Vivi, having witnessed her older siblings go through the rite of passage, was eager for her turn.

"I wanted to be the main role," she asserted.

Historians say that in medieval times, the Nativity story was acted out on traveling wagons as part of religious dramas about the life of Jesus. St. Francis of Assisi is credited with popularizing the reenactments conducted in churches today. He reportedly staged a depiction of Jesus' birth — including live animals — in a candlelit Christmas Eve service in 1223.

No live animals are featured in the Union Church version, but the costuming strives for authenticity. That has taken some adjustment.

"It's not easy having to wear my costume because you feel



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really different," Charlie said of his Joseph robe and traditional head covering.

While the two acknowledge their dialogue requirements are not extensive, having to project confidently before a full sanctuary of intently listening congregants adds a daunting dimension to the experience. With only three rehearsals to refine their craft, practicing at home — especially the songs

— is critical.

"Some are pretty long," Vivi said.

But one of those classic carols is her highlight of the pageant.

"Every year (we sing) 'Silent Night' at the end, and I like that," she said. "Usually everyone in the sanctuary sings."

Last week the 32 pageant members did a run-through of the score by performing for the residents of Magnolia Senior

Living in Hinsdale.

"It was fun," Vivi said, adding she also enjoys mentoring her youngest castmates.

Charlie said his appreciation for the story has grown as he has.

"It sort of makes more sense as you get older," Charlie said. "I think it brings a lot of people happiness."

— story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A few safety measures can keep holiday fire-free

Residents of Kentucky, southern Illinois and three other states hit by twisters this past weekend are coping with death and destruction as many of us are preparing for Christmas festivities.

These powerful storms resulted in unavoidable tragedies. Our friends at the Hinsdale Fire Department hope to call our attention to avoidable tragedies this holiday season by participating in the statewide Keep the Wreath Red fire safety program. For each fire caused by holiday decorations, a red bulb will be replaced with a white one on the wreath that hangs outside the fire station at 121 Symonds Drive.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. fire departments annually respond to an average of 160 home fires that started with Christmas trees. Almost one-third of those fires are caused by electrical fires, and the blazes cause an average of three deaths, 15 injuries and \$10 million in direct property damage annually.

In 26 percent of Christmas tree fires and in 80 percent of the deaths, some type of heat source, such as a candle or equipment, was too close to the tree. A dried out tree will burn in less than 1

minute — much faster than one that has been watered regularly. Once the tree has become brittle, stop using the lights. And lights should never be left on when no one is home.

Firefighters also offer these reminders to help residents stay safe this holiday season.

- Check all illuminated decorations to make sure they are in good condition. Light strands with frayed or cracked wires should be thrown away and replaced with UL approved devices. Outside cords should be approved for exterior use.

- Do not overload extension cords or outlets with excessive holiday lights. Follow the manufacturers' recommendations. Also, be conscious of where you place extension cords. Keep them away from heaters, out from underneath rugs and anywhere else they might become damaged.

- Never leave candles unattended. Always place them in stable holders out of reach of children and pets. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.

- Make sure your fireplace is in good working order and the chimney is free from obstructions

and creosote build-up. Christmas wrappings and tree branches burn rapidly and should not be put in the fireplace, as they can cause chimney fires and flames to extend out of the firebox into your home.

- Keep Christmas trees at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Trees should be disposed of shortly after Christmas or when they become dry.

- As always, check smoke detectors and make sure they are in good working order. If you did not change the batteries when changing clocks to daylight-saving time, change them now.

- After Christmas, real trees should be thrown out. Dried-out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left inside or placed outside against the home. Hinsdale residents may place trees at the curb during the weeks following New Year's Day for free collection. All decorations must be removed. Artificial trees require two garbage stickers for collection.

- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and help them last longer.

COMMENTARY

Struggling to let go of Christmases past

My Christmas card this year is an homage to Christmases past, with a collage of my favorite shots of Ainsley visiting Santa over the years.

I've been thinking a lot about Christmases past this year, from the little cuts my mom and I would get assembling our aluminum tree (remember the '70s?) to our annual Christmas Eve celebration at my grandparents' house in Dolton. My aunt, a mere 18 months older, and I would wait anxiously until it was time to go downstairs and open presents. One year all the females in the family received robes, and there's some great video footage of us dancing around in them like fools. (Great if you are interested in blackmail, I should add.)

The first year Dan and I were married, we started our own holiday tradition of going out to breakfast on Christmas Eve. We stumbled on the Oak Tree on the top floor of the Bloomingdale's building on Michigan Avenue. They served a delicious breakfast with floor-to-ceiling windows offering an

unbeatable view of Fourth Presbyterian Church and the Hancock building.

A year later, as proud homeowners, we hosted our first Christmas dinner. A tad overenthusiastic, I served ham and turkey and a zillion sides. My parents and grandparents showed up an hour early just as I was about to hop in the shower. I think I cried at some point, but we continued to have Christmas dinner at our house every year — with a drastically simplified menu. Of course, things can't stay the same forever.

My grandparents moved to Alabama when I was 10. The Oak Tree closed in 2019. And our Christmas dinner guest list has grown smaller over the years, with all of the original attendees, except for my father-in-law, having passed on.

I've realized, as I've gotten older, that maintaining holiday tradi-



Pamela Lannom

tions is more difficult than I once thought. Family members move. Restaurants close. Loved ones die.

Last year I wrote a column about all the changes COVID-19 had wrought on our holiday celebrations, from the cancellation of Ainsley's holiday concerts at school to the empty seats at our dining room table Dec.

25. I hoped, at the time, that this Christmas would be different.

And it is, in some ways. Last week, we enjoyed watching Ainsley sing, play the violin and play the clarinet at three different concerts. We can return to the live nativity service Christmas Eve at Hinsdale Covenant Church. And we plan to resume our Christmas Eve breakfast, with a promising new location. With any luck, we'll be able to join my father-in-law and my mom's sweetheart, who has become part of our family, for a mid-day Christmas meal at

their assisted living facility and have our neighbor over for supper.

Last year I seemed able to muster more enthusiasm about embracing change, despite the loss of my mom in November. This year I'm struggling — even though I know all about "relentless impermanence" from Dan Harris' Ten Percent Happier podcast.

Returning to memories from the '70s, there's the year Santa left me a Barbie Dream House AND a Barbie Beauty Center. It was the best kid Christmas ever.

But I wouldn't want to go back. I wouldn't want to miss growing up, getting married, becoming a mother. I had no idea that day that I would experience even greater joy in my life.

Even today, I have no idea what joy is in store for me, this year or in years to come. A Christmas future — different as it's sure to be — just might be the best Christmas yet.

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

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

My Christmas conversion

At the end of the year we really (really) need Christmas.

I'm an admitted Christmas bah-hum-bug kind of guy. But a few years ago I had a miraculous conversion.

Was it God? Santa? The Easter Bunny, maybe hoping my Christmas conversion would spill over into his turf?

No. It was none of those things. Maybe, it was just this simple — I finally grew up.

Yeah. That's it. After all those years of thinking I was too cool, too mature, too intellectual, I finally faced the truth. I needed Christmas more than Christmas needed me.

After all those years of bah-hum-bug-ism, what did it get me? Christmas didn't stop. No one gave it up (not even me!). So, finally, I grew up and recognized my defeat.

Christmas is God-sent (literally for some). Christmas comes along right when we need it most. Weather-wise for sure. Who wants to face the onslaught of winter without gifts, sweets, twinkling lights, family and the big guy himself? And, hey, what about the little guy? No, not the elves! You know, Jesus. After all, it's his birthday we're celebrating.

I'm a convert for sure. I start my Christmas celebration even before I see the fake Christmas trees, the fake snow and the fake Santas on the day after



Bill Barre

Halloween. After all, why wait? Why? Let's get the party started! Gifts, drinking in all its forms, even eggnog. What is that stuff anyway? Anybody got a clue?

And, of course, the Christmas songs. Year after

year after year, the same darn songs. Uh-oh, my bah-hum-bug is sneaking up again. Sorry. OK. Back it up. Those wonderful Christmas songs that make us wish we were kids again or with old friends or somewhere in Austria with the Von Trapp family — or just about any place else except stuck in mind-boggling traffic, over-crowded stores and facing the dreaded deadline of Dec. 24. And that's a deadline with no reprieve, people.

Oh, darn. There I go again. It's really hard beating that bah-hum-bug-ism out of my system. Bear with me, please.

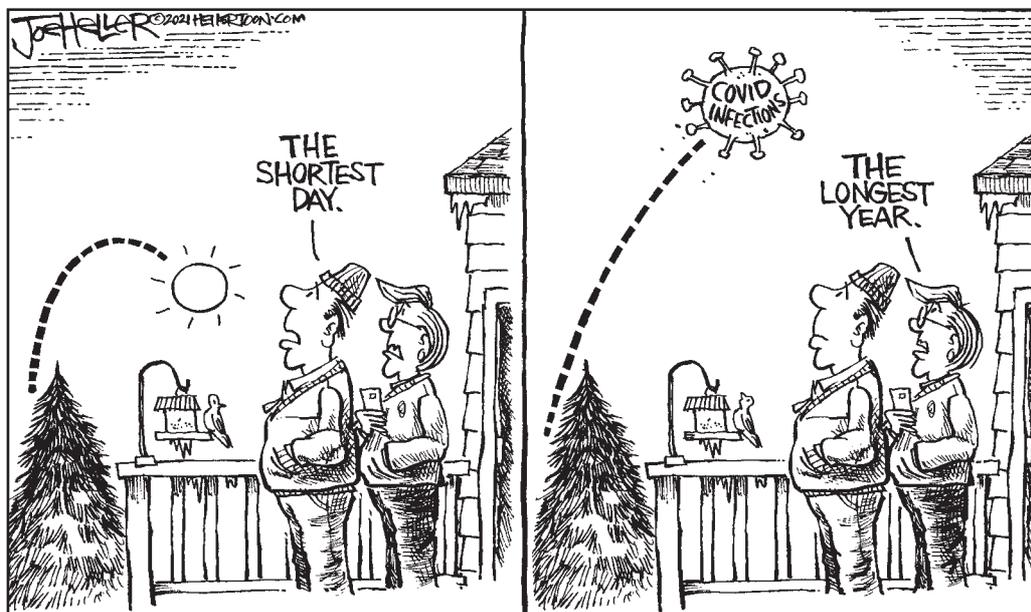
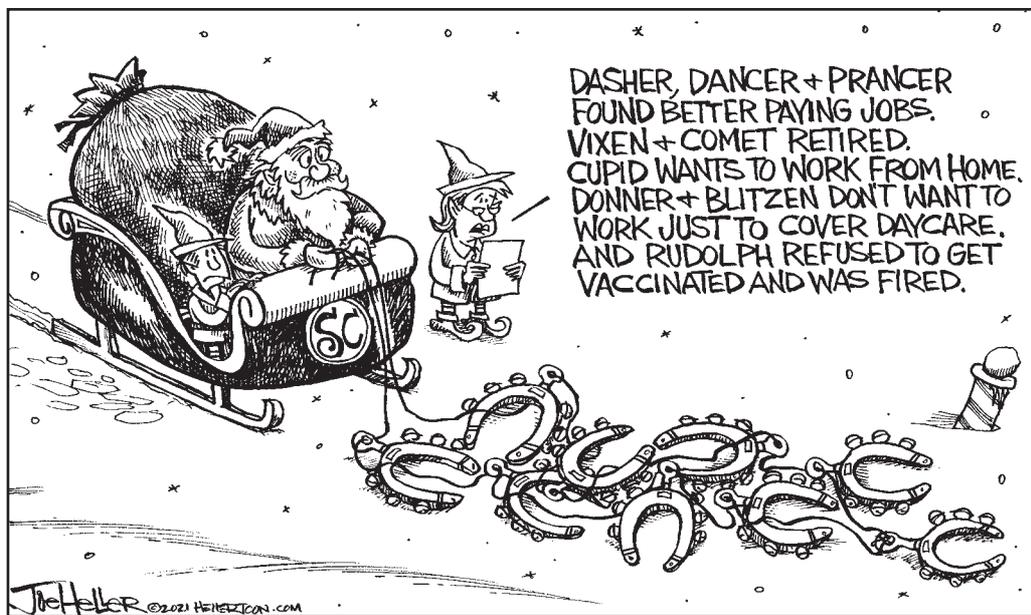
Yes, Christmas is here to stay. I've accepted that and embrace it. I have swallowed hard and now enjoy the complete insanity of it all. It's a magical time of giving, white-bearded old guys, tiny elves and long-forgotten songs that only rise from the dead once a year — just like zombies.

Bah-hum-bug? Not me. Not anymore. I need Christmas. And I'm mature enough now to admit it.

Pass the eggnog, please.

— Bill Barre of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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OBITUARIES

J. Beverley Barnes

J. Beverley Barnes, 93, of Hinsdale, died Dec. 9, 2021.

She was born in 1928, in Berwyn Nils Arvid and Myrtle (nee Landeor) Peterson.

Beverley was a devoted wife and mother and a loyal friend. She is survived by her five children, Peter (Kristine), Joan (Ken) Konyon, Steven Jr. (Dana), Mary (Donald) Cupps, and Jim (Cyndi); her 13 grandchildren, Karen, Raymond, Leah, Jenai, Maggie, Jessica, Emily, Steven III, Mary, Grant, Matt, Claire and Steven; her 29 great-grandchildren (and one on the way); her five great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Paul Peterson; and many nieces and nephews.



Barnes

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steven J. Barnes, and her sister, Muriel Kruse.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17, at Elmhurst Community Funeral Home - The Ahlgrim Chapel, 567 S. Spring Rd, Elmhurst.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 18, at Visitation Catholic Church, 779 S. York St., Elmhurst. Interment will be private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities, 1301 W 22nd St., Suite 905, Oak Brook, IL 60523 (online at <https://www.RMHCCNI.org/donate>) or to a charity of choice.

Chuck C. Beuke

Chuck C. Beuke, 92, died Dec. 7, 2021.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Beuke, nee Zanchetta; his children, Richard (Re) Beuke of Hinsdale and Paula (Dwain) Halcomb; his grandchildren, Elizabeth (Ryan) Rosenstein, Nick (Valarie) Halcomb and Hannah Halcomb, Peter (Katie) Beuke and Ricky (Nicole Morin) Beuke; and his great-grandchildren, Jackson and Nathan Rosenstein, MacKenna Halcomb and Lily, Zoey and Charlie Beuke.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Matthew Fitzpatrick Beuke.

A funeral Mass took place Dec. 10 at Our Lady of the Snows Church in Chicago.

Entombment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Les Turner ALS Foundation at <https://www.lesturnerals.org>. Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Stephen Michael Kraynak

Stephen Michael Kraynak, 60, passed away Nov. 29, 2021, in Fort Myers, Fla.

Born in Bayonne, N.J., in 1961, Steve was the only boy among Steve and Therese Kraynak's four children. He attended Elizabeth High School, where he stood out as a popular fixture of the school's rowdy "zoo crew" with his wild tuft of curly brown hair.

After graduation, Steve entered the Marines and served as an AAV Crewman. He was honorably discharged with two expert marksmanship badges, a sea service deployment ribbon, and good conduct and humanitarian service medals.

Known affectionately as "Binks" to his family and friends, he devoted his life to raising his only son and namesake. The two lived together in Hinsdale, where Binks worked with his sister building custom homes in the area. A talented teaser who loved a good joke, he entertained his coworkers and himself with regular pranks on the job.

A Jersey man at his core, Binks was a die-



Kraynak

hard fan of the Yankees and New York Giants. His love of baseball ensured his relentless devotion to his son's athletic pursuits. Binks was found at every single game from Little League to the NCAA. He was a revered coach and mentor to dozens of young men throughout his years.

A beloved uncle, Binks had a special way of engaging his 23 nieces and nephews, tossing them in the air and making silly faces or getting down on the floor to push Hess trucks. The birth of his grandson, Stephen Kraynak V, last summer brought him unparalleled joy.

Binks retired to Fort Myers in 2018, reliving his glory days on the Jersey Shore fishing off the Florida Coast.

Binks is survived by his son, Stephen (Anne); his grandson, Stevie; and his three sisters, Judy Linn, Eileen Hare and Meme Binko.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. today, Dec. 16, at St. John of the Cross, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs.

Anita Maxine Ludington

Anita Maxine Ludington, 100, an 80-year resident of Hinsdale, passed away Dec. 9, 2021.

She was born in 1921 in Springfield, Mo.

She was mother of three, grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 10



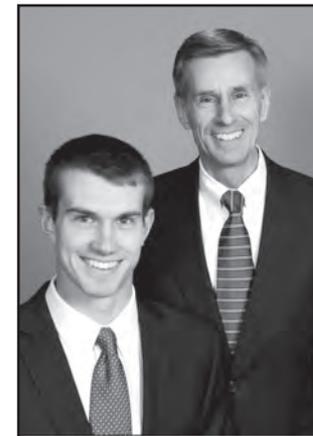
Ludington

and great-great-grandmother of two.

Friends and family will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 for a Mass of Christian burial at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale. Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

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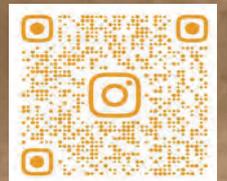
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JENNIFER CAVE, HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

What is the goal of Mental Health month at Central?

Students and faculty at Hinsdale Central and South high schools are seeing green this month, and it has nothing to do with jealousy. Throughout the month of December, teachers, staff and students at both schools are being encouraged to wear green to show support of those struggling with mental health.

Led by the Hinsdale High School District 86 Operation Snowball chapter and club sponsors Jennifer Cave of Hinsdale Central and Michelle Proutsos and Bridgette Bova of Hinsdale South, December is being recognized as Mental Health/Healthy Choices Awareness month on both high school campuses.

"We really wanted to remind everyone that it's OK to not be OK," said Cave, a social worker at Central.

The monthlong series of events began Dec. 1 with a presentation by M&P Productions, a nationally known pair of motivational speakers from Carl Sandburg High School who promote positivity and confi-

dence. Their presentation focused on "ordinary is extraordinary — embracing awkwardness," Case said. A majority of students at both schools attended the presentation either live or via livestream, she said, kicking off a month of activities geared toward raising self-esteem and fighting the stigma that too often comes with mental health struggles.

Hundreds of students and staff purchased green "you matter" T-shirts to wear at the Dec. 3 "green-out" varsity basketball game and throughout the month. The shirts serve as a visible show of support to those who are silently struggling, a message that they don't need to struggle alone and a reminder that it's OK to ask for help. Cave said she's already seeing a difference in the way students are facing their stresses and worries.

"Students are talking about mental health and they're talking about how they're feeling," Cave said.

Money from T-shirt sales will be used to support Erika's Lighthouse, a Winnetka-based nonprofit that raises awareness about adolescent depression and encourages good mental health.

One week in December was set aside as spirit week. On Mindfulness

Monday, comfort dogs paid visits to both campuses. On Treat Yourself Tuesday, students were reminded about the importance of self-care and given cookies as a reminder to treat themselves with care and kindness. On Wednesday, both campuses recognized Write it Out Wednesday and the importance of journaling as a tool for mental health. Central's poetry club marked the day with an open mic event.

Thursday was Thankful Thursday, when teachers spoke about how to express gratitude and show appreciation to others. Finally, Friday was Free To Be Me Friday. Students were treated to hot chocolate, invited to participate in a Zumba class and reminded throughout the day that their differences are what makes them special.

"We really are trying to build up that self-esteem," Cave said.

As students leave for break and begin preparing for end-of-semester exams, Cave said she hopes they use the tools and resources available to them to support their mental health.

"We go beyond academics," Cave said, reminding students that their school's counselors and social workers are there to help.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Hinsdale Central High School social worker Jennifer Cave sees the pressures that today's students are under. By drawing attention to mental health throughout the month of December, she hopes more students will realize that it's OK to ask for help. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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OBITUARIES

Katherine M. Miller

Katherine M. Miller, 63, passed away Nov. 22, 2021, in Brooksville, Fla.

She was born in 1958 in Hinsdale to Graydon and Marilyn Miller.

She is survived by her brother, Brian Miller.

A graveside service was held Dec. 7 at

Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien.

Memorials may be made to the Tuthill Hinsdale Humane Society, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Katherine "Kay" Morrissey

Katherine C. Morrissey, nee Carroll, 97, of Indian Head Park, passed away peacefully at her home Dec. 7, 2021, surrounded by family.

She was a teacher for the Chicago Public Schools for more than 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James J.; her son, John Paul; her siblings, Frances and Ramona Carroll; and her parents, Paul and Ramona Carroll.

She is survived by her children, Joe (Mark) of Hinsdale, Jamie (Dr. Edwin) Zarling (former long-time residents of Hinsdale), Daniel (Mary Beth), Michael (Nancy), Thomas (Carole), Mary Kay (John) Gilger, Patrick and Raymond (Lisa); her 23 grandchildren, including Sam and Frank of Hinsdale; Bridget, Beth,



Morrissey

Brad, Brendan and Becky (formerly of Hinsdale); and her 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave, Chicago.

A funeral Mass will follow at the church at 11 a.m.

Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip.

A live stream of the Mass will be available online at <https://www.asimplestreaming.com/kmorrissey>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christ the King School Foundation, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643

Curley Funeral Home in Chicago Ridge handled the arrangements.

Robert "Bob" Woods Ricker

Robert "Bob" Woods Ricker, 92 of Vienna, Va., died peacefully in his home on Dec. 5, 2021.

Born in Paterson, N.J., Bob moved to Washington, DC, to attend Catholic University of America. His education was interrupted by the Korean War, where he served as an officer in the U.S. Army. He returned to CUA and, upon graduation, joined the Central Intelligence Agency, where his service to his country continued for several decades. His career with the agency saw him travel all over the world, including two tours in Vietnam.

In 1968, while swimming at the pool of his Tunlaw Road apartment complex, Bob met a young nurse, Julia Madden. The couple married in 1969 and settled in Vienna, Va. Bob's family was the most important part of his life. He was a loving husband and an active participant in his children's lives.

Bob also strongly believed in serving others at a local level, a belief that was formed and reinforced by his Catholic faith. Active in his parish

and his community throughout his life, Bob was a committed volunteer at the church and the parish school.

He also donated his time to organizations including So Others Might Eat and Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic. He was a founding member and president of his parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Julia; his son, Chris (Kelly) of Hinsdale; his daughter, Alexandra (Neil) Sunley; his grandsons, William Ricker and Owen Ricker; his sister-in-law, Mary (Paul) Luck; and his niece, Patty (Mark) Barbato and her sons.

He was preceded in death by his nephew, Major Nick Ferencz, USMC.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the OLGCA Society of St. Vincent de Paul at <https://www.olgca.org/outreach/svdp>.

Police chase ends on Bonnie Brae

A police chase that started in Midlothian ended up in the Fullersburg neighborhood of Hinsdale Monday night.

A construction trailer was reported stolen from a yard in Crestwood at about 10:15 p.m., Police Chief Brian King said Tuesday. Midlothian police began pursuing the suspect vehicle — a U-Haul with two suspects — when they observed it heading north on Interstate 294, King said. When Midlothian police terminated pursuit, an Illinois State Police helicopter and state police officers picked up the trail.

Hinsdale police monitor pursuits that travel through its jurisdiction, King said, so they were aware when the suspect vehicle exited 294 to head west on Ogden Avenue, still followed by the helicopter and squad cars.

The vehicle headed north on Madison Street and west on Bonnie Brae, ending up in the driveway of the last house on the block. Two individuals fled on foot, heading toward the IBLP property, King said. Officers from Clarendon Hills and Oak Brook joined those from Hinsdale to assist state police. One of the offenders

was quickly taken into custody by Oak Brook police and was turned over to Crestwood.

A search for the second suspect continued with a K-9 unit from Villa Park, with no success.

"We subsequently learned the offender had made his way to BP Amoco station at Ogden and York, where he asked somebody to borrow their phone and he called for a ride," King said.

Neighborhood residents were not notified because of the nature of the crime and the lack of a threat to the community, King said.



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GOOD NEWS

NEW FUND IN MEMORY OF BJ CHIMENTI

The Hinsdale Humane Society's Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center has announced that a new fund for veterans has been established in memory of board member BJ Chimenti.

The mission of the BJ Chimenti Angel Fund for Veterans and Pets is to nurture the human animal bond and provide ongoing financial, educational and moral support to military veterans and active duty servicemen and women.

"I'm thrilled that the humane society wants to honor our beautiful and amazing BJ this way," said her husband, Norm Chimenti. "It's perfect. Our family hopes that everyone will want to preserve her memory by supporting the new program in any way they can. Not only does it benefit vets and animals, but it keeps BJ alive in our hearts. We're grateful beyond words for that."

The fund will

- reduce the costs of pet guardianship to prevent veterans from returning their adopted pets to the shelter due to financial hardship.

- share the positive benefits of the human-animal bond through the society's Therapaws Pet Therapy teams.

- build mutually beneficial relationships between veterans in need of companionship and animals in need of good homes by finding loving families for the most overlooked sheltered animals: seniors, special needs and long-term homeless pets

- build a volunteer program inclusive to veterans that offers the chance to help animals in need, be around like-minded people and work for the greater good of the community

"BJ brightened every life she touched with her warmth, wit, talents, elegance and compassion," said Tom Van Winkle, CEO, Hinsdale Humane Society. "It was her wish that this program be created to help veterans and animals everywhere. It is a fitting tribute to the dynamic person she

was, always seeking to make a difference in her life."

For more information about the fund, please contact Jacki Rossi at jacki.rossi@hinsdale-humane.org or (630) 323-5630, ext. 12.

SHOPPING TRIP FOR WELLNESS CLIENTS

Eight cancer fighters, survivors and caregivers who are clients at Wellness House enjoyed an exclusive shopping experience at the Lululemon store in Oak Brook Nov. 22. Each participant was given a budget of \$320 and treated to a private, in-store shopping experience.

"Like so many at Wellness House, cancer support is near and dear to my heart," said Katya Sidelnick, InnerJasmine Yoga Studio founder and Lululemon ambassador. "Navigating my mom's cancer journey as one of her caregivers showed me not only how strong she was but how complex the challenges are facing all those diagnosed. I am fortu-

nate that my mom is a survivor but realize that not everyone faces the same outcome.

"I believe with the little time we do have it is important to find ways lift each other up — not only individually, but as a community. It is something both my fiancé and I who is also a cancer survivor strongly believe in."

Wellness House Executive Director Lisa Kolavennu said the act of kindness was much appreciated.

"At a time when life can seem cold and challenging, Katya and Lululemon have extended this gift to several Wellness House participants to help them feel better as they travel their wellness journey. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and spirit of giving."

— Photos are posted online at <https://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean>.

TEENS RAISE MONEY FOR HOSPITAL

Three Hinsdale Central

juniors organized a special viewing of "Harry Potter: The Sorcerer's Stone" Nov. 13 to raise money for LaRabida Children's Hospital.

Daniel Kamon, Ethan Ho and Max Pavlik created, organized and marketed this unique event, raising more than \$1,800 to help LaRabida care for its young patients. The Nov. 13 screening took place at the Classic Cinema York Theater in Elmhurst.

TCH RECEIVES FOUNDATION GRANT

The Community House has received a \$15,000 grant from the DuPage Foundation through its fall Community Needs grant cycle.

The Hinsdale nonprofit was one of 16 agencies to receive grants totaling \$248,693. The funds will provide social services and education, recreational and arts opportunities to children and families residing in the Willowbrook Corner neighborhood.



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Gift ideas for bibliotechs and babies

Hinsdale librarians offer their recommendations, from board books to travel guides

By Pamela Lannom
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This Christmas, forget sending an Amazon gift card via text. Think about celebrating the old-fashioned way by giving a book — an actual book with a cover and pages that turn (and not with the swipe of a finger).

Not sure which books would make good gifts?

Not to worry. We asked librarians and staff at the Hinsdale Public Library to share their suggestions for titles many on your list would love to receive.

“All Systems Red” (Murderbot Diaries 1) by Martha Wells

“All Systems Red” is a fast-paced science fiction novella that is more gripping than it has any right to be. It follows a semi-misanthropic security android (aka SecUnit) with a mysterious dark past. These days, all the SecUnit (who calls itself “Murderbot” in the privacy of its own head) wants to do is watch TV and be left in peace. Unfortunately, it's owned by a company that has hired it out on a contract protecting a group of humans, and things aren't going to go to plan.

“All Systems Red” makes a great gift because it is a page turner with a hero who's easy to love and it will leave your giftee contemplating a big question: What does it mean to have humanity? It's perfect for sci-fi fans, busy readers who want something they can devour in a day and those who love a little philosophy mixed with a huge dose of fun.

— Lizzy Boden, adult services manager

“Gastro Obscura: A Food Adventurer's Guide” by Cecily Wong and Dylan Thuras

Tom Colicchio called this book “deep, yet snackable.” It's on my gift-giving list for family and friends alike. And maybe for my dentist's office! You might sit down with it in the afternoon and look around to find it is midnight. Or you might look forward to reading a page a day, with a notebook at hand to jot down places you'd like to visit, recipes you'd like to make or just fascinating facts to tell the folks at the office the next day.



The Hinsdalean asked our friends at the Hinsdale Public Library to share their thoughts on the best books to give as gifts this Christmas. Adult services manager Lizzy Boden and her colleagues generated a great list, including this science fiction novella. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Did you know there are only four women in Italy who know how to make Threads of God pasta? Or that Sumo wrestlers make and eat a particular stew for every meal? Why are carefully mended teapots essential to an Afghani soup recipe? Why does the European Food Court (like, a judge and jury court) exist and what do they do? And where exactly is that pecan pie vending machine in Texas?

Crammed with beautiful pictures and cheerful text, this substantial book explores culture, history, geography, and humanity, through something we all enjoy — food.

— Roberta Johnson, interim assistant director

“The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig

Nora Seed, questioning her will to live, ends up in a purgatory state that takes the shape of a library. She retrieves (with the help of a librarian, of course!) different tomes representing the lives she could have lived. She is then transferred to these worlds to try her hand at other existences.

My best friends and I take on the role of Oprah at Christmastime and gift each other our “favorite things” from the year. This book landed as one of my favorite reads since it is a great reflection of middle age and the contemplation of life choices. Haig also wrote a nonfiction book called

“The Comfort Book,” which could be a great companion gift. It compiles aphorisms and short stories helping readers find reassurance. These are both great books for those end-of-year reflections while we seek peace and comfort.

— Lauren Cooper, adult services assistant

A trio of picture books

If you are looking to make a little one in your life smile, these picture books will have you both laughing out loud. Three of my top favorites for gifting are “Fluffy McWhiskers Cuteness Explosion” by Stephen W. Martin, “Something's Wrong” by Jory John, and “Still Stuck” by Shinsuke Yoshitake. You will want to read them again (and again). All three stories are hilarious, delightful and fun for all ages!

— Lisa Winchell, Youth Service Manager

“Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow” by Jessica Townsend

“Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow” is the perfect book to give any Harry Potter fan. The book centers on Morrigan Crow, a girl who has lived her life believing she is cursed and fated to die on Eventide day. When a mysterious man named Jupiter North shows up on Eventide, saying she has magical

powers, Morrigan knows she has to follow him. She travels to Nevermoor with Jupiter and pledges herself to join the Wondrous Society, a magical organization that will teach her to harness her abilities. However, she must first win the competitive and mysterious trials, all without knowing what her magical ability is. Filled with whimsy, magic and adventure, this book promises to delight readers of all ages.

— Caitlin Atkinson, youth services assistant

“Peek a Who” by Nina Laden

Who doesn't love to help build a library for little ones? I find I am purchasing lots of baby books right now and one that I pick up regularly is “Peek a Who” by Nina Laden. (This is also a favorite in the library's storytime rotation for babies.) It is a darling, interactive board book that brings joy to both the reader and the listener. Vibrant illustrations, rhyming, flaps to engage developing small motor skills, suspense and a surprising final discovery that is truly a crowd pleaser! The bonus is that it will remind you to play peek-a-boo, too. A great gift that guarantees giggles.

— Martha Kennedy, patron services manager

“The New York Times 36 Hours: 125 Weekends in Europe”

Given to me at Christmas one year, I now love gifting this travel book to others. Great for both seasoned and novice travelers alike, it includes traditional landmarks, delicious restaurants and off-the-beaten-path gems for 125 European cities. Each city is broken down into a 36-hour stay, which makes jetsetting feel very manageable (airfare, time off requests and child care notwithstanding). Whether you want to arm-chair travel or are looking to build an actual itinerary, this book is a perfect place to start. Flipping through hundreds of beautiful and colorful photos will get any traveler inspired for their next quick getaway or grand European tour. For those who prefer to stay closer to home, try “36 Hours: USA and Canada for 130 itineraries in North America.”

— Molly Castor, marketing, outreach and data manager



Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn," based on the classic film, is on stage at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace through Jan. 9. See the Holiday Happenings listing on Page 40 for more information. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ **Art Journaling**

Thursdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 24
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

Savor favorite teas and then reuse the dried tea bags, working with the beauty of flow in life and using the magic of the natural world as inspiration. Participants will receive a supply list with the receipt. Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$145. RR

DINING LOCAL

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<https://www.altamurapizza.com>

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■ **Baldinelli Pizza**

114 S. Washington St.
(630) 654-4600
<https://www.baldinellipizza.com>

Indoor dining, curbside pickup and free delivery available, plus frozen pizzas available. Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Café la Fortuna**

46 Village Place
(630) 537-1586
<https://www.lafortunahinsdale.com>

Curbside pickup and Door Dash available. Hours: 7 a.m. to noon Monday to Saturday.

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25 E. Hinsdale Ave.
(630) 455-9000
<https://www.casamargarita.com>

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Realistic expectations key to finding joy during holidays

Imagine it's mid-December and we're fighting our way through the first snowstorm traffic jam of the season. We turn on the car radio to the sounds of holiday music. The song playing is telling us, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." We can't help but ask ourselves, "Is it?"

If this is at all familiar to you, you are not alone. Many adults feel the weight of the world around the holiday season, but how does that weight effect the children in our lives?

It's easy to set high expectations for holiday time. The stress levels build in an endless swirl of should dos, must dos, have to dos, it's only right to dos and on and on. Many have been fortunate to have had wonderful holiday seasons in their childhood, which heavily influences their expectations to repeat that experience year after year. The irony is that sometimes those holiday memories may not have happened as we remember it, so in essence, we're trying to duplicate a

fantasy. An extremely difficult task to replicate for both the adults, but especially children — and it's a definite stress builder!

When adults, children and teens are surrounded by unrealistic expectations it becomes a very stressful situation, and there is a connection between stress and unhealthy decision making. It's natural for someone who is stressed to seek relief the easiest and quickest way. Perhaps that solution includes a glass of wine to make it through a holiday party, a Xanax before heading out to shop or an Ambien to clear the mind and fall asleep. Media too often present drug use as an appropriate and effective way to relieve stress and many times make a joke of it. We need to remember that a "holiday cup of cheer" is different than a drink to "take the edge off" ... and children certainly



Betty Barsley-Marra
On mental health

notice. So, how do we manage the stress around the holiday?

First, remember there is no "perfect" holiday. The American Psychological Association addresses expectations with this: "Have realistic expectations — No Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or other holiday celebration is perfect. View inevitable missteps as opportunities to exercise

your flexibility and resilience. A lopsided tree or a burned brisket won't ruin your holiday — it will create a family memory. If your children's wish list is outside your budget, talk to them about realistic expectations and remind them that the holidays aren't about expensive gifts."

Second, while there is no shortage of tips to prevent holiday stress, feeling compelled to put all those tips into practice may actually cause stress.

Setting and having realistic expectations is an excellent stress prevention strategy for not just the holiday but life. By setting realistic expectations as a first step and teaching the children and teens in your life to do the same, you will help develop a valuable skill.

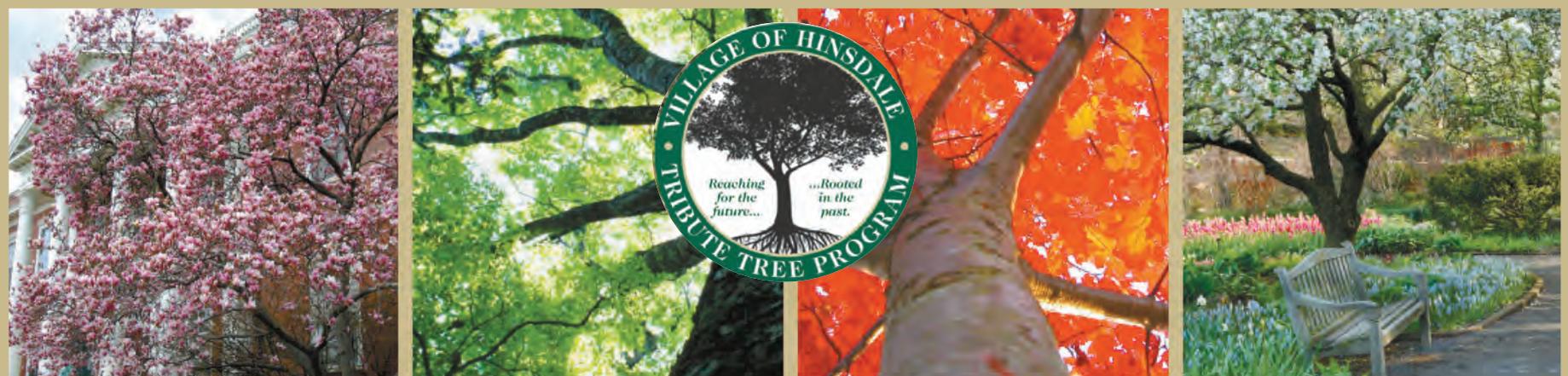
Some worry that setting realistic expectations discourages big ideas and dreams. Lofty goals and aspirations are not incompatible with realistic expectations. One can still wish and work toward a certain outcome while not expecting it.

For one of the many resources about holiday stress, please visit The American Psychological Association's Holiday Stress Resource Center at apa.org/helpcenter/holiday-stress.aspx.

Have a wonderful realistic-based holiday season!

— Betty Barsley-Marra is a senior health educator at Candor Health Education in Hinsdale. This column was first published Dec. 18, 2020.

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■ Fuller House

35 E. First St.
(630) 568-5466
<https://www.fullerhousebar.com>

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■ Giuliano's Ristorante

40 Village Place
(630) 734-1500

<https://www.giulianospizza.com>

Indoor dining, regular or noncontact delivery and carryout available. Hours: starting at 4 p.m.

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777 N. York Road
(630) 789-0505
<https://www.huatinghinsdale.com>

Indoor dining, takeout available. Hours: 11:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, closed Tuesdays.

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<https://www.ilpoggiolohinsdale.com>

Indoor and outdoor dining, curbside carryout and delivery with DoorDash and Grub Hub available. Hours: noon to 2:30 p.m. weekdays for lunch, 5 to 9 p.m. weekdays, 5 to 10 p.m. weekends for dinner.

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■ Nabuki

18 E. First St.
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■ Page's Restaurant

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<https://www.facebook.com/pagesrestaurant>

Indoor and outdoor dining, carryout available. To preorder doughnuts, send a text to (708) 476-0900 with name, quantity and day to pick up. Hours: 7

a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

■ Sweet Ali's Bakery

13 W. First St.
(630) 908-7175
<https://www.sweetalis.com>

Curbside pickup available. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday.

■ Toni Patisserie & Café

51 S. Washington St.
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112 S. Washington St.
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Indoor and outdoor dining. Hours: 4:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday; 4:30 to 8 p.m. Sundays; closed Mondays.

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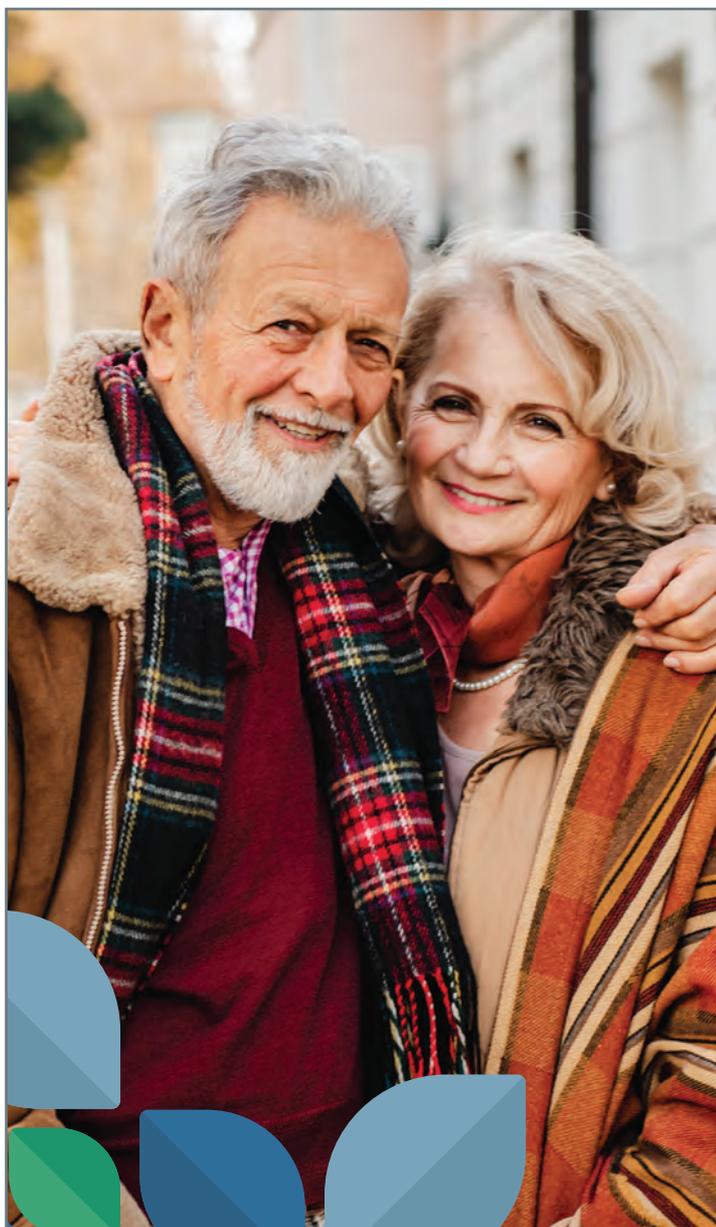
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This program for high school students and older concentrates on Taekwondo techniques through the study of forms, stances and the skills of punching, kicking and blocking. Time: 7:20 to 8:10 p.m. Cost: \$132. RR

■ **Intro to Lacrosse**

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

Kids 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.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

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

■ **Tracks and Scat**

Dec. 19
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Search nature trails with a naturalist to look for tracks, scat and other signs of wildlife activity. Time: 1 p.m. RR

■ **Winter Solstice Sunrise Hike**

Dec. 21
Blackwell Forest Preserve
Butterfield Road west of Winfield Road, Warrenville
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 942-6200

Welcome the first day of winter on a hike to the top of Mount Hoy to see the winter solstice sunrise. Participants should bring water and a flashlight. This program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 6:30 to 8 a.m. Cost: \$10. RR

■ **Winter Solstice Night of Lights Walk**

Dec. 21

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

Join a relaxing candlelit walk through the woods to celebrate the equinox. Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m. RR

■ **Winter Ornithology**

Dec. 26
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(630) 257-2045

Learn about the variety of adaptations and strategies birds have to survive the winter's cold. Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ **Winter Hike**

Dec. 29
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(630) 257-2045

Enjoy a trail hike with a naturalist. Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ **Hard Water Classic**

Jan. 8
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.

■ **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

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and snacks. Time: 5 to 7 p.m.
Cost: \$10. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Mindfulness Meditation Circle

Dec. 20
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>
(630) 323-5150

This class will start with a short discussion and check-in and then will be guided with breathwork and meditation to help connect with inner calm. The program is for those on the cancer journey. Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. RR

■ Zumba!

Sundays & Thursdays, Jan. 2-April 28

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

Join instructor Sima Mehta Madhiwala for easy-to-follow moves on Sundays and/or instructor Estela Medina's energizing style on Thursdays to decrease one's waistline and enjoy fellowship. This fitness party mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance combining cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sundays, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays. Cost: \$90 for 10-punch card; \$15 drop-in fee. MD

■ Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays or Thursdays, Jan. 5-Feb. 24
KLM Park Lodge
5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

This slower paced yoga class for older adults uses poses to promote wellness and improve balance, flexibility and joint stability. Warm-ups are done on seated on a chair, and standing poses include chair access. Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$75. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Winter Break Scavenger Hunt

Dec. 20-31
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Visit the library to find the hidden pictures, solve the puzzle and win a prize. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

■ Hinsdale in Legos

Dec. 22-23
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Junior architects and future city planners are invited to help rebuild the village of Hinsdale in Legos on a to-scale city map. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

■ Beginning Voice Class

Mondays, Jan. 3-Feb. 21
Darien Park District
7301 Fairview Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-12 will sing songs from musical theater, Disney, pop music and more. Young singers will learn how to sing together and harmonize and explore musical traditions in a noncompetitive, nurturing environment. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$75. RR

■ 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. Registration opens Dec. 17. Times: 1 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. RR

■ CTWS spring classes

Jan. 18-May 5
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.

<https://theatreofwesternsprings.com>
(708) 246-4043

Explore and create theatrical magic together with classes for kids in preschool through high school. Programs include Lion King for ages 3-5; Musical Theatre: Mary Poppins/Mary Poppins Returns for kindergarten through second grade; Acting: LOTR/Narnia for third through fifth grades; Physical Comedy — Pranks and Pratfalls for ages 10-15; and Technical Theatre for high school. Most programs are in person; a couple virtual courses are also offered. See the website above for a full program listing and schedule. Cost: varies by age and type of program. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ 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

NOTEWORTHY

■ 'Hänsel and Gretel'

Dec. 19
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org>

Experience the abridged version of this fairy-tale opera by Engelbert Humperdinck, sung in German with projected English translations and with orchestra accompaniment. Time: 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24, \$7 for students.

■ Sons Of The Never Wrong

Jan. 8
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale

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Twenty-six Debutantes and twenty-four Honor Guard will be presented at the 58th annual Hinsdale Assembly Ball to be held Thursday, December 23, 2021 at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort. The Ball is the culmination of a busy year for these young women and men, who learned the importance of philanthropy and community service through a variety of volunteer experiences. Since 1963, with the loyal support of our Debutantes, Honor Guard, Parents, Patrons, and Sponsors, the Hinsdale Assembly Board has contributed over \$3,000,000 in funds to the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation for the purchase of state-of-the-art medical equipment and for special

projects to help our community. For 2021, the Hinsdale Assembly will donate \$50,000 to Hinsdale Hospital Behavioral Health. With these funds, we will be able to elevate the mental health services in our community for our friends, families, and neighbors. The Hinsdale Assembly Board could not have planned a more appropriate and better way to support the community during an unexpected global pandemic. We are investing in helping people think, feel, and act in ways that promote health, prevent illness, and aid in recovery.

Honor Guard Not Pictured
 Thomas Daniel Ambrose
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 Brendan McGuinness Conboy



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PULSE

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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 oddball 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

■ 'Shrek The Musical'

Dec. 17-19
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
<https://theatreofwesternsprings.com>
(708) 246-4043

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, this fairy tale adventure features all the beloved characters from the film about an unlikely hero, Shrek, who finds himself on a

life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and the result is ogre-sized fun. Patrons need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination to enter the building. See the website above for more details on COVID-19 protocols. Times: 7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15, \$12 for ages 18 and under.

■ Tina Turner Tribute

Jan. 15
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
<https://theatreofwesternsprings.com>
(708) 246-4043

"Proud Mary" is just the beginning of the hits Dorothy Roberson and her amazing live band deliver. Come join this tribute to the Queen of Rock as part of the TWS Performance Series of Fundraisers. Time: 8 p.m. Tickets: \$35 plus fees. MD

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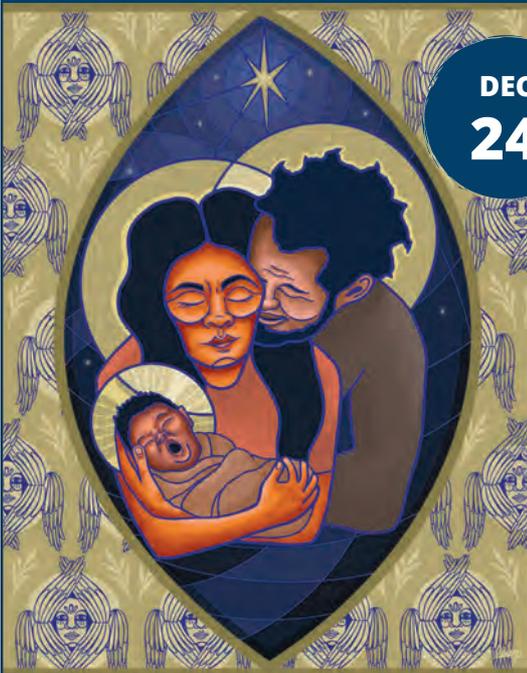
DEC
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DEC
21

The Longest Night
7pm service
in the Chapel



DEC
24

Christmas Eve

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PULSE

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SIGN UP NOW

■ The Challenge: Live Quiz Game

Jan. 7
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

Show off knowledge and compete for prizes during this friendly quiz game featuring pop culture, music, animals,

history, geography and other categories. Register as a team of up to five or be assigned to one. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person. RR

■ Tech to Table: 25 Innovators Reimagining Food

Jan. 13
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

(630) 986-1976

Local author Dick Munson will discuss his new book "Tech to Table: 25 Innovators Reimagining Food," which profiles entrepreneurs redefining what it means to farm and even the nature of food. They share an ambition to disrupt the un-digitalized food system and feed a growing population nutritiously and sustainably. The program will take place both in person at the library and

virtually on Zoom; it will also be recorded and shared online. Copies of the book will be available to purchase during the event. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen Switch Up Saturdays

Jan. 8
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

(630) 986-1976

Drop in to play some favorite Switch games at the library. Players are welcome to bring their personal Switch handhelds or use the library's console. Hours: 1 to 4 p.m.

■ Teen 3D Paper Snowflake Take Home Kit

Jan. 14
Hinsdale Public Library

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COMPASS

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20 E. Maple St.
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 (630) 986-1976

Bring the beauty of winter inside by creating 3D paper snowflakes. Registration opens Dec. 17. RR

WEE ONES

■ **Little Dragons Taekwondo**
 Wednesdays, Jan. 5-March 23
 KLM Park Lodge
 5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
 (630) 789-7090

This introductory class for ages 4-5 is designed to develop skills through gentle instruction and appropriate games focusing on balance, coordination and respect for the discipline. Time: 4 to 4:40 p.m. Cost: \$132. RR

■ **Musical Me with Miss Gretchen**
 Fridays, Jan. 7-28
 Clarendon Hills Community Center
 315 Chicago Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
 (630) 789-7090

Kids ages 9 months to 3 years with an adult can join music instructor and preschool teacher Miss Gretchen for songs, rhymes, fingerplays, dance and song-story books for socializing and learning. Time: 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Cost: \$65. RR

■ **Pee Wee Floor Hockey**
 Fridays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18
 The Community House
 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
 (630) 789-7090

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.

WINTER BREAK CAMPS

■ **Winter Break Camp**
 Dec. 20-23, 27-30
 The Community House
 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
 (630) 323-7500

The Community House invites kids in kindergarten through eighth grade to have fun with arts and crafts, group games, cooking projects and STEM activities — even a field trip on Wednesdays — during its winter break camp. Extended hours from 3:30 to 6 p.m. are available for an additional \$30 per day. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 per day, \$575 for all eight days. RR, MD

■ **Chicago Elite Volleyball Winter Break Camp**
 Dec. 20-22
 The Community House
 415 W Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
 (630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-14 can join this camp to learn about to the game of volleyball and continue to improve individual skills in the sport. The program develops important skills such as passing, setting, attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Developmentally appropriate equipment and games are used in a fun and positive environment. Players will be divided according to skill level and age and challenged accordingly. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$90. RR

■ **Soccer Made in America**
 Dec. 20-22
 Oak Brook Park District
 1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
 (630) 789-7090

Kids ages 4-14 will learn proper technical skills while enjoying playing soccer. Players will be challenged to improve on a daily basis. Participants must bring their own soccer ball and a water bottle to camp. Each participant receives a T-shirt, certificate of achievement and participation in contests with awards. Time: 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$149. RR

■ **Winter Break Pee Wee Soccer Camp**
 Dec. 20-23
 The Community House
 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
 (630) 323-7500

Kids ages 3-6 will learn the basics of passing, dribbling, shooting and defense along with teamwork and sportsmanship through fun games,

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THE KIDSDALEAN

A little bit of fun for our younger readers

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3. How old is the kid in the birthday greeting?
4. What advertiser is on the back cover?
5. Who took the cover picture?

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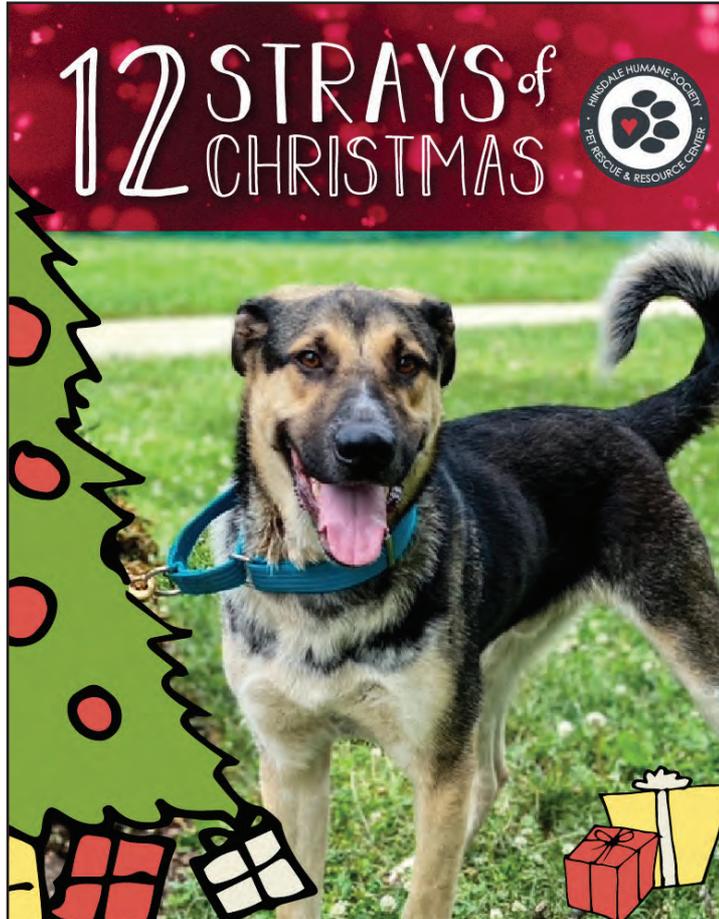
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Flyer is a German shepherd who is ready to meet his new family. He would do well with kids 13 and older. He's a super smart and funny 3-year-old guy whose adoption fee is \$12 for the rest of 2021. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center has re-opened to the public. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays through 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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competitions and challenging skill-building activities. Campers should bring a labeled water bottle. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$56. RR, MD

■ Winter Break Arts Camp

Dec. 27-30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>

Each day of camp will focus on a different type of artistic medium led by an expert instructor in the field. Explore the art of jewelry making, dance, sculpture and painting (theme days are subject to change). Students are encouraged to bring old, oversized shirts to wear as smocks and a nut-free snack to enjoy during a break. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$40 a day, \$150 for all four. RR, MD

■ 5 Star Soccer Camp

Dec. 27-29
Hinsdale Central High School
5500 S. Grant St.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

(630) 789-7090

This program is the ultimate winter co-ed mini-camp for kids ages 5-12 looking develop fundamental technique while creating an atmosphere that unlocks the game within each child. Campers receive a T-shirt and must bring a ball. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$80. RR

■ T-Ball Training Camp

Dec. 27-30
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 4-6 will learn the basics of batting, base running, catching and throwing using safe and developmentally appropriate equipment through a series of fun games and activities designed to reinforce fundamental skills and incorporate game situations. Participants should bring a labeled mitt and water bottle. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$56. RR, MD

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

■ 'The Nutcracker'

Dec. 17-19
Reber Center Auditorium
Lyons Township High School
100 S. Brainard Ave., La Grange

West Suburban Ballet Conservatory offers its inaugural performance of this holiday classic. Times: 7 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$30.

■ Holidays in Hinsdale

Dec. 18
Burlington Park
30 E. Chicago Ave.

Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the downtown, make festive gingerbread cookies and visit Santa during this special holiday event sponsored by the village. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ 'The Nutcracker'

Dec. 18-19
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
(630) 942-4000

<https://www.atthemac.org>
Salt Creek Ballet offers its production of this holiday clas-

sic, accompanied by the New Philharmonic under the baton of maestro Kirk Muspratt. Photo opportunities will be available with Santa one hour before each matinee. Times: 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 18, 1 and 5 p.m. Dec. 19. Tickets: \$46, \$36 for youth, \$46 to stream on demand.

■ Supper with St. Nick

Dec. 18 & 22-23
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 725-2066

<https://www.mortonarb.org>
Enjoy a decadent buffet dinner in the Thornhill Education Center and then head on over to the Founder's Room for a special visit with Santa in front of the fireplace. After dinner, enjoy Illumination: Tree Lights, included in the ticket price. Time: 5 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$95, \$80 for young adults ages 13-20, \$65 for children 3-12, free for children under 3. RR, MD

■ Holiday Magic

Through Dec. 31
Brookfield Zoo
3400 31st St.

(630) 688-8400
<https://www.czs.org/events>

Visitors will enjoy more than 1 million twinkling LED lights, a 600-foot-long tunnel featuring lights synchronized to music, a 41-foot tree and more at the zoo's 40th annual Holiday Magic. Several animal areas will be open, including dolphin presentations at 4 and 6 p.m. Admission and parking tickets must be purchased in advance at <https://www.czs.org/onlineticketing>. Times: 3 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for ages 3-11, \$19.95 for seniors 65 and older plus \$15 parking. RR, MD

■ New Year's Eve Concert

Dec. 31
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Ring in the New Year with New Philharmonic, which welcomes back baritone Ted Allen Pickel. Maestro Kirk Muspratt conducts waltzes, polkas, arias, light classical and pops. Times: 1:30, 5 & 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$67, \$65 for seniors,

\$77 for gold circle table seating (including glass of bubbly and party favors), \$67 to stream on demand. RR

■ Skating in the Park and NYE Fireworks

Dec. 31
Parkway Bank Park
5501 Park Place, Rosemont
<https://www.parkwaybank-park.com>

Celebrate New Year's Eve skating under the stars with a special fireworks display at midnight. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Admission: Free, skate rental is \$8.

■ Bubble Bash

Dec. 31
DuPage Children's Museum
301 N. Washington St., Naperville
(630) 637-8000
<https://www.dupagechildrens.org>

Families can spend time together taking part in special activities, grooving to good music, exploring the museum's hands-on exhibits and counting down at 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. with confetti, bubbles and

more. Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets: \$30. RR, MD

■ New Year's Eve family dinner

Dec. 31
Il Poggiolo
8 E. First St., Hinsdale
(630) 734-9400
<https://www.ilpoggiolo.com>

Families with kids are invited to ring in the New Year, with a celebration featuring party favors and an early countdown. Time: 5 p.m. party begins, 7 p.m. countdown. Special menu: \$50 adults, \$25 children.

■ Renew, Rejuvenate, Restore

Jan. 2
Little Red Schoolhouse
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
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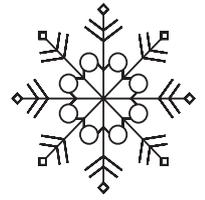
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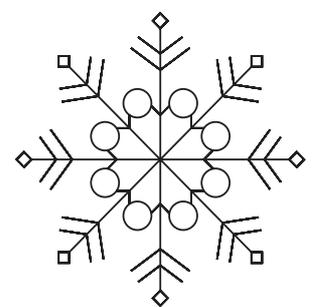


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■ Illumination

Through Jan. 2
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 968-0074
<https://www.mortonarb.org>
Illumination: Tree Lights returns to the arboretum as a walking trail, with five new features this year, including Human+Nature sculpture
Hallow lit at night. Along the route, warm up by a crackling fire and roast marshmallows for s'mores or stop in one of the concession tents for a snack and beverage. Advance ticket purchases are encouraged.
Hours: 4:30 to 8 p.m. slots.
Tickets: \$13-\$24. RR, MD

■ Skating in the Park

Through Jan. 4
Parkway Bank Park
5501 Park Place, Rosemont
<https://www.parkwaybank-park.com>
Visitors can skate on the Chicago Wolves Ice Rink under breathtaking lights for a magical experience. The rink is open daily through Jan. 4,

then on select Sundays through February. See the website for hours and details. Admission: Free, \$8 skate rental.

■ Irving Berlin's 'Holiday Inn'

Through Jan. 9
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
(630) 530-0111
<https://www.drurylanetheatre.com>

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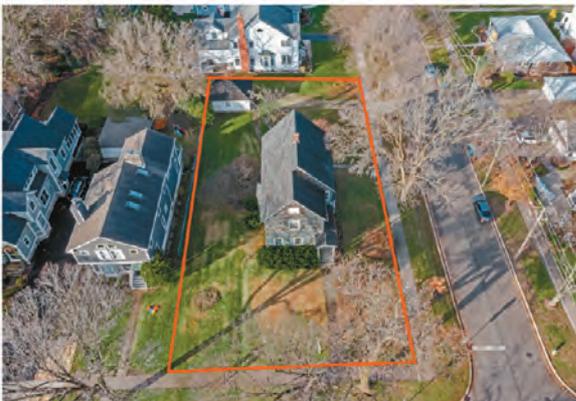


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Amita St. Thomas Hospice's Tree of Remembrance will stand outside of BMO Harris Bank from Thanksgiving through the new year. Community members are able to make a donation and have a loved one's name listed on the boards beside the tree. Visit the website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

■ Hinsdale Humane Society Gift Shop

<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org>
Find the perfect gift for an animal-lover at the Hinsdale Humane Society Pet Rescue and Resource Center online gift shop. T-shirts, hoodies, mugs, tote bags, stuffed animals and more are available for the humans on the gift

list. Purchases help the organization care for the animals at the shelter.

■ D86 Threads Gift Shop

<https://store.hinsdale86.org/?ZUB475YAI=QCKJEI-2AFF>

The young adults from the Hinsdale Transition Center program can create custom spirit wear for the perfect holiday gift. Proceeds help support social outings for the program. Visit the website listed above to view products and pricing.

■ Sponsor a Homeless Animal

<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org>
Animal sponsorships are a great way to support homeless animals and a great gift idea. For a minimum sponsorship of \$50, recipients will help provide care for an animal of their choosing, receive a personalized gift sponsorship certificate with the pet's photo and listing on the society's website, if desired. Sponsorships can be purchased online. Questions?

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■ Brookfield Zoo Adopt an Animal

<https://www.czso.org/animaladoption>
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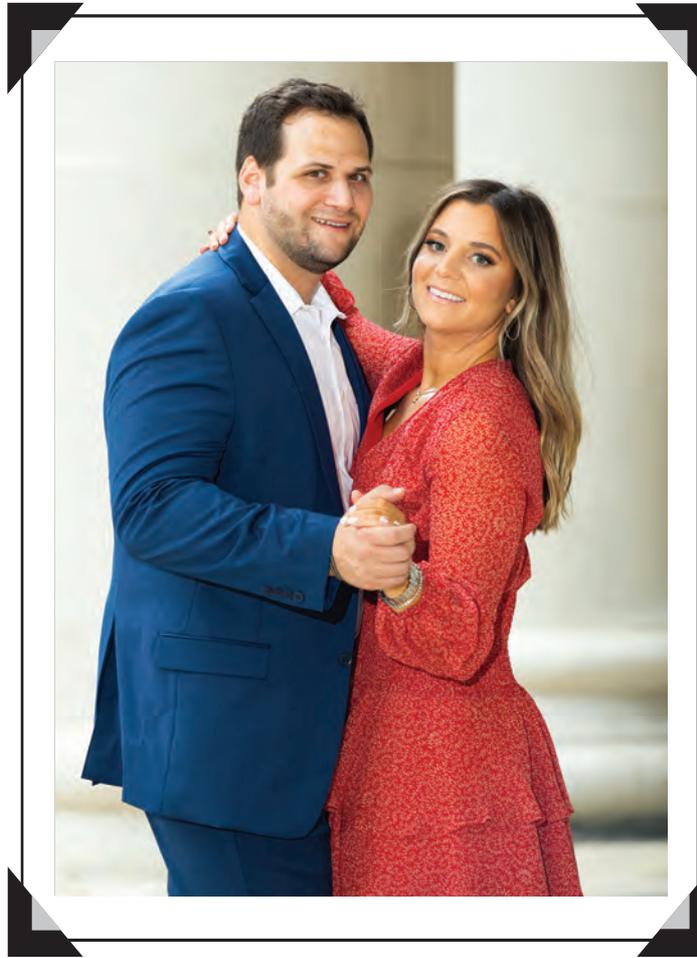
Gaetano LoPresti and Liana Marino

Sam and Madeline LoPresti of Hinsdale have announced the engagement of their son, Gaetano LoPresti, to Liana Marino, daughter of Frank and Sara Marino of Willowbrook.

The bride-to-be is a 2010 graduate of Hinsdale Central High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Illinois State University in 2014 and her master's in teaching in learning with an endorsement in English as a second language from St. Francis University in 2018. She currently works as a fourth-grade teacher in Downers Grove Elementary District 58 and as the head cheer coach for Hinsdale Central.

The groom-to-be is a 2007 graduate of Hinsdale Central and a 2011 graduate of North Central College, where he received a bachelor's in history and sociology. He is an executive sales producer at LoPresti Allstate Insurance Agency of Hinsdale.

The couple plans to marry at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale in the spring of 2022.



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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 10:00AM

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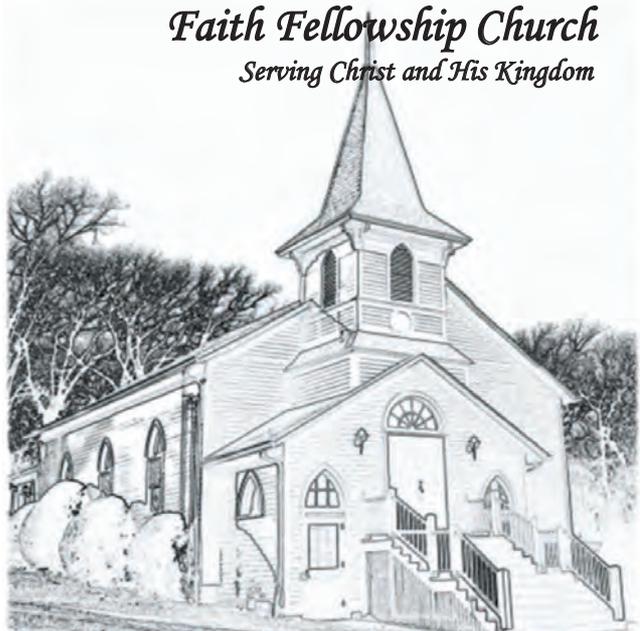
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- * 4:30 PM [CHURCH]
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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE NOTICE OF PLAN COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Plan Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois for the purpose of considering an application from Samir and Ghada Sharabatee for a Special Use Permit to allow for the operation of an automotive repair shop (but not including tire retreading) for Hinsdale Discount Tires and Automotive, Inc. at 5837 S. Madison Street located in the B-1 Community Business District. This request is known as Case A-36-2021.

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Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

The common address is 5837 S. Madison Street, Hinsdale IL, 60521 (PINs: 09-13-103-025; 09-13-103-024; 09-13-103-026) and legally described as follows:

PARCEL 1: THE SOUTH 150.00 FEET OF THE WEST 150.00 FEET OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 6 IN BRANIGAR BROS. HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ AND OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ (EXCEPT THE EAST ½ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SAID NORTHWEST ¼) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 5, 1920 AS DOCUMENT 141390, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: THE WEST 180.00 FEET (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 150.00 FEET OF THE WEST 150.00 FEET THEREOF) OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 6 IN BRANIGAR BROS. HINSDALE FARMS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ AND OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ (EXCEPT THE EAST ½ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 5, 1920 AS DOCUMENT 141390, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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

Dated: December 9, 2021

Christine M. Bruton,
Village Clerk

Published in The Hinsdalean on December 16, 2021

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CERTIFICATE NO. 78472 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on November 29, 2021 wherein the business firm of **BaseLine Echo**

Located at 508 Bernie Court, Naperville, IL. 60565 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Tyrone C. Johnson, 508 Bernie Court, Naperville, IL. 60565.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 29th day of November, A.D. 2021.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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

Public Notices

STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT DUPAGE COUNTY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Case No: 2021MR001291 FOR CHANGE OF NAME

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Selin Ipek Turkyilmaz to the new name of Celine Rose Ipek.

The Court date will be held: on 01-21-2022 at 8:00 a.m. at 505 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL. DuPage in Courtroom #2005
/s/ Selin Ipek Turkyilmaz

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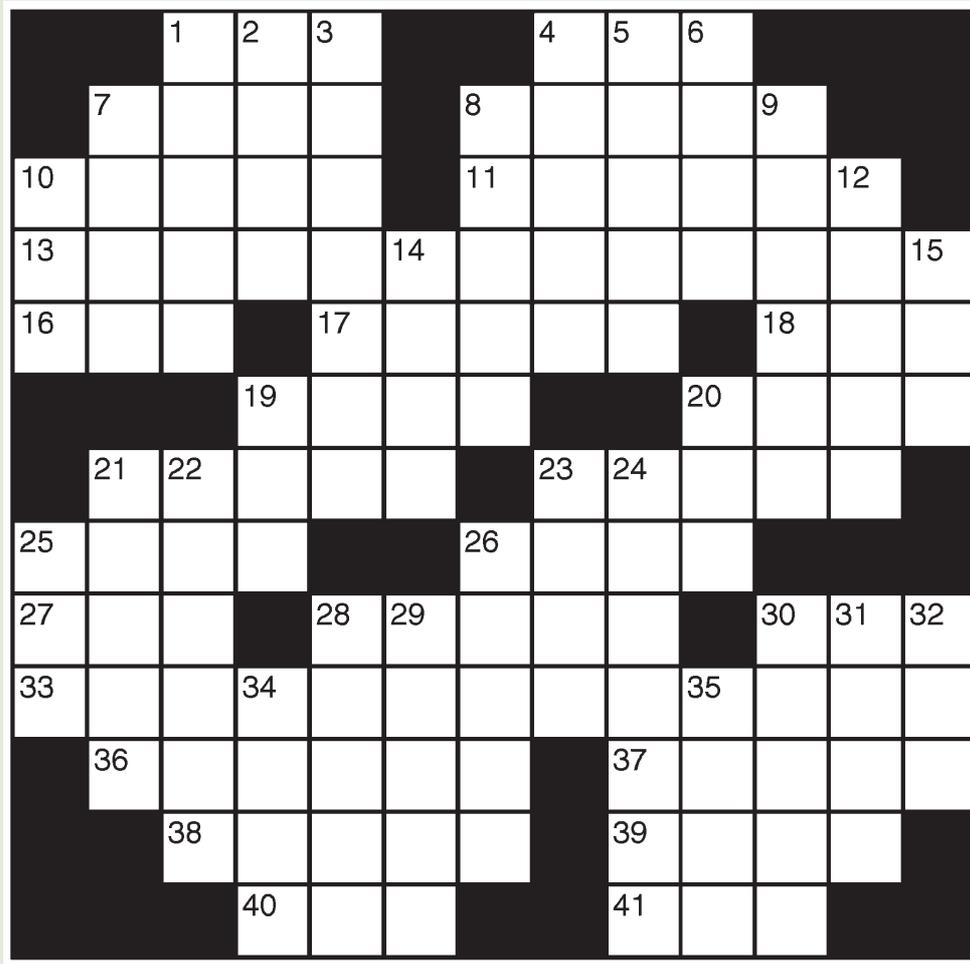


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 - 16 STANDARD
 - 17 CYBERCOMMERCE
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 - 19 GREET
 - 20 "ROOTS" AUTHOR HALEY
 - 21 RACING SHELL
 - 23 RED-TAG EVENTS
 - 25 POKER VARIETY
 - 26 \$ DISPENSERS
 - 27 1040 ORG.
 - 28 MIDEAST PENINSULA
 - 30 MIMIC
 - 33 "DON'T SLOUCH!"
 - 36 SPUD
 - 37 THIN NAILS
 - 38 BRICK WORKER
 - 39 USED CAR SITES
 - 40 MED. PLAN OPTION
 - 41 AWAY FROM WSW



- DOWN**
- 1 OF AN ARM BONE
 - 2 WRITER O'CASEY
 - 3 UNFAIR TREATMENT
 - 4 "THANK YOU, HENRI"
 - 5 YULE TUNE
 - 6 PESKY EMAIL
 - 7 ALPHA FOLLOWER
 - 8 HIMALAYAN LAND
 - 9 REPRESS
 - 10 RECIPE ABBR.
 - 12 FARM UNITS
 - 14 GAS CO., FOR ONE
 - 15 BOSTON TEAM, FOR SHORT
 - 19 PAUL NEWMAN FILM
 - 20 GORE AND FRANKEN
 - 21 VEGAS AREA
 - 22 CONVENTION
 - 23 LUMINARY
 - 24 GOOD-NATURED
 - 25 VENUS, TO SERENA
 - 26 PLAYWRIGHT
 - 28 TIC
 - 29 "LIFE -- SHORT ..."
 - 30 MARBLE TYPE
 - 31 PROFS' DEGREES
 - 32 UFO CREW
 - 34 HEXAGONAL STATE
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

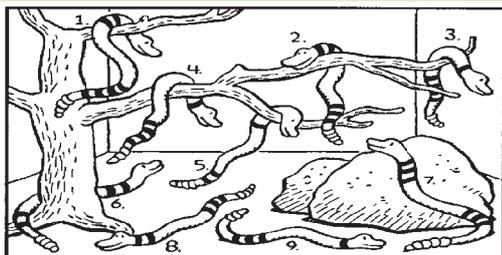
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

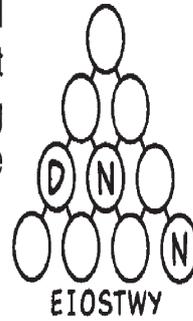
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SNAKES ALIVE! Two of the above slinky serpents are exactly alike. Can you find them in 30 seconds?

Answer: Snakes 2 and 8.

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: tidy, tide, time, tins, tone, tons, tows, towns.

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

December 2021 Horoscopes • Week 4



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
This week is packed with cosmic action, Capricorn. All of this energy has you a bit restless. Rest easy, as you will soon figure out how to juggle your personal and professional lives.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, the stars have been keeping you on your toes lately. There has been much going on but somehow you have been able to wade through it all like a rock star.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may be introduced to someone who is the ideal partner for you at work. This pairing can lead to the successful completion of projects new and old.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Continue to lean into an optimistic mindset, Libra. It will enable you to be a bright light when others are feeling a little down. Boost good moods.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you're on a truth-seeking mission and you're ready to question everything you see. Take a step back and figure out your strategy, which will require finesse.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Others are asking you to stretch yourself beyond normal limits, Taurus. Do your best, but weigh the effects that this could have on your overall well-being.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Prioritize your actions to maximize peace and quiet, Leo. You have been under pressure lately, so take every opportunity to enjoy some quiet time.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You are naturally compelled to look deeper into any circumstance you find yourself in, Scorpio. Always dig below the surface to unveil the truth, even if it takes work.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, try to smooth over something that has been a thorn in your side for some time. Keep at it and you'll persevere.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Aim to be honest and direct with others as much as you can this week, Gemini. If you can prove you are trustworthy, then more people are likely to follow you.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, your intuition is telling you that there are tensions growing at home or at the office. You will have to find ways to diffuse any situations that may grow out of control.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Be direct about any frustrations you may be harboring, Sagittarius. Share your feelings with others who are willing and able to help. Releasing this burden will prove liberating.

Local products star on college gridiron

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planted by a focus on toning for more speed in his special teams role.

"I'm more athletic than I've ever felt," he said, noting, "I've made a few tackles in my career."

After Bjorson's junior year he was honored by his team with the "Mental Attitude" Award. He said Central helped prepare him for the rigors of college as a public management major.

He reflected proudly and poignantly on his IU career.

"It was just a sad last moment with each other (after the last game), but it was an awesome four years," he said. "The memories are so special, I wouldn't trade it for anything. I love playing here."

Doug Kramer, Illinois

Doug Kramer's college football resume stretches out in lengthy fashion with individual accolades and achievements. But for the center and offensive line member, it's always about the team.

"The offensive line is based on five guys doing their job at the same time, and that performance can determine the outcome," Kramer said. "It helps you play better when you play for the guys next to you."

Hinsdale's Doug Kramer racked up numerous awards and honors in his six years at University of Illinois while being a team leader and regular media liaison. (photo courtesy of Illini Athletics)



The individual laurels are nice, of course, like being named All-Big Ten second team by the coaches.

"It's definitely cool when the coaches recognize you as one of the best players in the conference," he said.

Competing in the Big Ten means playing in front of packed stadiums and hostile environments on the road, like the Fighting Illini faced on Oct. 23 against top-ranked Penn State in State College, Pa. In a stunner, the record-setting nine-overtime contest ultimately went the visitors' way.

"That was definitely the loudest (game) that I've been to," Kramer said. "It brings your team closer together because it kind of feels like us versus the world."

He experienced the thrill of starting as a redshirt freshman and the agony of being sidelined by injury the same season.

"In high school I had never been hurt," he said. "I just had to rehab and try get back on the field as quickly as possible."

Kramer was recruited by one head coach and played for two other ones during his six seasons (eligibility extended one year due to COVID-19).

"Change is kind of inevitable. You've got to take it as an opportunity to get better through change," he said.

Finishing with a win over rival Northwestern and hoisting the Land of



Former Red Devil receiver Garrett Oakey has brought his big-play game to bear for Colgate University's program since 2018. (photo courtesy of Colgate Athletics)

Lincoln Trophy was sweet.

"We hadn't beaten them before that, so to hold that trophy was really cool and definitely one of my top moments," Kramer said.

A series of all-star exhibitions the next couple of months is aimed at setting him up for the NFL Draft.

"It's what's you've been working for your entire life," he said of making it to the NFL. "I'm just taking it day by day and trying to get better."

Garrett Oakey, Colgate

On his first day of Colgate University football practice the summer of 2018, wide receiver Garrett Oakey lined up opposite his new teammate, an All-American defensive back.

Right from the jump, the Central star got a harsh reminder that he wasn't on Dickinson Field anymore.

"He jammed me at the line and put me in the stands," Oakey said. "Once you get to this level, every single person on the roster was that high school player you had to watch out for."

Fast forward to last month. Senior Oakey and his Raiders were locked in a 13-13 tie at Lafayette College with just over minute left in the game. Colgate had the ball near midfield but needed a third-and-long conversion to keep the

drive alive.

"The call was for a deep pass. I was running when all of sudden I just see the ball flying through the air," he related. "I dove for it, stretched out and caught it at the 15-yard line."

The clutch reception — thrown by fellow Red Devil alum Michael Brescia — set up the game-winning touchdown. It even made ESPN's Top-10 plays that week.

"A lot of my friends saw it on television. I woke up to a lot of texts the next morning," Oakey said.

As a freshman, the Hinsdale resident earned the special teams award and was named Scout Team Player of the Year for helping prep Colgate's top-ranked defense for each week's opponents.

"I took a lot of lot of pride in that," he said.

A starter as a sophomore, Oakey garnered the Unsung Hero Award for being second in the Patriot League in receiving yards. He's thankful to have had a full senior schedule, albeit with a bittersweet finale.

"It was the last time walking off the field with a lot of the guys I've been in the program with the last four years," said the political science major, noting he has playing eligibility left. "It's definitely taught me some of the most important lessons that I'll carry with me for the rest of my life."

SPORTS SHORTS

BUNTING DEBUTS WITH COWBOYS

Hinsdale native Ian Bunting was called up from the practice squad and made his debut at tight end Sunday with the Dallas Cowboys at Washington. The Cowboys won 27-20.

The 25-year old is a 2018 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he appeared

in 34 games at tight end and made eight starting assignments while also contributing on special teams. He caught 10 passes for 118 yards in his career and was named an Academic All-Big Ten honoree three times.

He is a 2014 graduate of Hinsdale Central, where he lined up as both receiver and defensive end and served as co-captain his senior year.

MONYEK NAMED TOP PERFORMER

Hinsdale Central senior Eleanor Monyek was included in a list of top week-two performers by Illinois High School Basketball for her performance in the Red Devils' win over St. Ignatius at the Hornet/Red Devil Invite Nov. 24. She scored 23 of the team's 46 points. She also scored

a game-high 22 points in a 60-48 loss to Neuqua Valley at the tourney.

HMS TEAM NETS CONFERENCE TITLE

The Hinsdale Middle School eighth-grade girls basketball team won the West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference Championship by defeating Bryan Middle School

33-22.

The team, coached by Dan Powers, last won the championship in 2017.

Team embers are Ava Thomas, Adrianna Giannini, Kasey Quast, Nadia Marlovics, Caitlin Leddy, Katherine Skinner, Emma Schiedemeyer and Mailin McGivern.

A photo is posted online at <https://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean>.

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Sofia Gomez
Year: senior
Hometown: Clarendon Hills

How is the bowling season going so far?

It's pretty fun. I'm doing pretty good and I enjoy being with my friends. They're really, really kind people.

When did you join the bowling program?

I actually started as a sophomore because I believed it was interesting and I wanted to enjoy at least one sport from high school and experience the competitive nature of it and just have fun.

What's the most difficult aspect of the sport?

Sometimes I might get a strike and sometimes I might do a little worse.

Do you have any special techniques?

I try to position myself a little to the side, and when I release the ball, I try to lift my hand higher so I can make the ball curl. If there are pins still standing, I might move to a different dot (on the alley) to help me guide the ball.

What's your high score?

Recently one of my highest scores was 158.

Is there good team camaraderie?

They're all fun to be with. I cheer for my teammates when they're playing.

How would your teammates describe you?

Very enthusiastic and always wanting to participate.

What's your goal for the season?

My goal is just to practice more on the way I roll the ball and also try to have a better mood. It helps me play better when I'm enthusiastic. I feel better about how the season's going and being there for my team.

How do you like to spend your free time?

I just like to listen to music and relax. One singer I like is Post Malone.

What's your favorite high school class?

I like to be creative, so art class and stuff like that.

What's your favorite sitcom?

I like "That '70s Show."

Why does head coach Paul Parpet like having Gomez on the squad?

Sofia has been a very dedicated team member the past three years. She works extremely hard to improve her game. Sofia is an outstanding teammate and it was a pleasure to have her on the Red Devils Girls Bowling Team.

— profile by Ken Knutson,
 photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys
 Dec. 11 @ Storm
 Shootout
 vs. New Trier
 V loses 66-69
 Dec. 10 vs. LT
 V loses 41-60

Basketball, girls
 Dec. 13 @ OP-RF
 V wins 57-35
 Monyek, 16 points
 Sarros, 14 points
 Howe, 9 points
 Dolan, 7 points
 Ahdap, 4 points
 Knapp, 3 points
 Qiu, 2 points
 Dec. 10 vs.
 Downers North
 V loses 35-48

Bowling, boys
 Dec. 8 vs.
 Naperville Central
 V loses 2,414-2,914

Bowling, girls
 Dec. 14 vs. Addison
 Trail
 V wins 2,533-2,414
 Andersen, 492
 Wu, 442
 Vladislavjevich, 417
 O'Neill, 404

Katsis, 394
 Dec. 9 @ Hinsdale
 South
 V loses 2,314-2,437

Gymnastics, girls
 Dec. 11 vs. Red
 Devil Invite
 V places 1st with
 137.775 points
 All-around
 Klobach, 1st, 9.3275
 Austin, 4th, 8.675
 Sullivan, 12th,
 8.1625
 McLaughlin, 13th,
 8.025
 Vault
 Klobach, 1st, 9.6
 Austin, 2nd, 9.4
 McLaughlin, 10th,
 8.75
 Huber, 22nd (tie),
 8.5
 Uneven bars
 Klobach, 1st, 9.2
 Sullivan, 4th, 8.6
 Austin, 11th (tie),
 8.25
 Huber, 18th, 7.85
 Balance beam
 Klobach, 1st, 8.9
 Austin, 11th, 8.35
 Koulouris, 13th, 8.2
 McLaughlin, 23rd

(tie), 7.6
 Sullivan, 23rd (tie),
 7.6
 Floor exercise
 Klobach, 2nd, 9.25
 Austin, 8th, 8.7
 Huber, 14th, 8.475
 Sullivan, 21st (tie),
 8.15
 Dec. 8 @ LT
 V wins 138.05-132.1

Hockey
 Dec. 12 @ Lincoln-
 Way
 V wins 5-0
 Devine, goal, assist
 Dufort, goal
 Haag, goal, assist
 Hadesman, goal
 Ritter, goal
 Romberger, 2
 assists
 Cook, assist
 Pelinkovic, assist
 Ryndak, assist
 Dec. 11 vs.
 Naperville North
 V loses 3-4
 (shootout)
 Dec. 10 vs.
 Glenbard
 V loses 3-4 (OT)

Swimming, boys

Dec. 11 vs. New
 Trier
 V wins 97-89
 200-yard medley
 relay
 Bertulis, Harris,
 Gao, Marcet, 1st,
 1:40.17
 Daw, Fix, Wang,
 Shvydkoy, 3rd,
 1:42.87
 200-yard freestyle
 Priest, 4th, 1:50.65
 Bokos, 5th, 1:50.72
 Newcomer, 6th,
 2:00
 200-yard IM
 Harris, 2nd, 2:00.34
 Gao, 4th, 2:03.18
 Bey, 6th, 2:03.73
 50-yard freestyle
 Gilbert, 1st, 22.11
 Marcet, 3rd, 23.14
 Daw, 4th, 23.69
 1-meter diving
 Kassir, 3rd, 242.8
 Furlong, 4th, 234.1
 Brown, 6th, 151.45
 100-yard butterfly
 Bertulis, 2nd, 54.62
 Guo, 3rd, 54.87
 Gao, 5th, 56.91
 100-yard freestyle
 Gilbert, 1st, 49.05
 Shvydkoy, 3rd,

50.46
 Pelinkovic, 6th,
 52.78
 500-yard freestyle
 Bokos, 1st, 4:52.18
 Priest, 3rd, 5:03.89
 Newcomer, 6th,
 5:28.44
 200-yard freestyle
 relay
 Gilbert, Marcet,
 Guo, Harris, 1st,
 1:29.99
 Wang, Shvydkoy,
 Priest, Bokos, 3rd,
 1:32.75
 100-yard backstroke
 Bertulis, 1st, 54.35
 Daw, 2nd, 55.05
 Bey, 5th, 1:00.87
 100-yard breast-
 stroke
 Harris, 3rd, 1:02.23
 Fix, 4th, 1:03.36
 Wang, 6th, 1:08.55
 400-yard freestyle
 relay
 Gilbert, Marcet,
 Guo, Priest, 1st,
 3:17.19
 Daw, Shvydkoy,
 Bertulis, Bokos, 3rd,
 3:24.18
 Dec. 10 @ OP-RF
 V wins 112-74

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central bowlers Luke Speziale and Brian Williams release their rolls during a home match against Naperville Central Dec. 8 at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. The Red Devils fell to the Redhawks 2,414-2,914. (Jim Slonoff photos)

SPORTS

Local products star on college gridiron

Hinsdale residents leverage their talent to elevate their university football programs

By Ken Knutson

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Red Devil Nation has been well represented in Division I football programs across the country the last four-plus years thanks to these former Hinsdale Central standouts. Learn about their journeys.

Matt Allen, Michigan State

After a snowy home victory over Penn State Nov. 27 closed out Matt Allen's tenure with Michigan State, the Spartans' stellar center just took in the moment.

"Before I left the field, I just kind of looked back at everything and thought about all the years I watched my brothers play, hoping that I just had the opportunity to play there," he said.

That opportunity began in 2017, playing alongside older brother Brian, who had played with eldest brother Jack. He quickly made people recognize the value of the youngest Allen, playing in 43 games and

starting in 29 across five seasons. A foot injury brought his 2020 campaign to an abrupt end and put a 2021 final season in doubt.

"I was kind of upset when it happened, but I said, 'God, whatever plans you have for me, I'm all for it,'" said the faith-led Allen.

A post-season meeting with coach Mel Tucker made it clear.

"He said, 'Yep. We want you back next year,'" Allen related.

Allen finished strong with All-Big Ten honorable mention performance while mentoring younger teammates.

"When I was a younger guy coming up, I needed a ton of help," he said. "I was looking forward to the opportunity to give back and help lead them in the right direction."

Among the highlights of his playing career was a last second victory-clinching touchdown at Penn State in 2018 and this season's emotional comeback win over in-state rival Michigan.

Allen's next appointment on the field is at the Chik-



Matt Bjorson eludes defenders in Indiana University's game against Rutgers during the Hinsdale resident's four-year career as tight end with the Hoosiers. (photo courtesy of Indiana Athletics)

Fil-A Peach Bowl Dec. 30 in Atlanta. Pro scouts will no doubt be watching in preparation of April's NFL Draft.

"I'm going to see what happens," he said of the draft, having watched brother Brian be a fourth-round selection by the L.A. Rams in 2018 and brother Jack

join the New Orleans Saints as a free agent in 2016.

With degrees in both food industry management and communications, the future holds tremendous promise. And he'll have great memories to take with him.

"The moments I shared with my teammates in the locker room, our stupid but funny conversations we've had over the years, is what I'll miss most," he said.

Matt Bjorson, Indiana

Hinsdale's Matt Bjorson will never forget when his Indiana University team took the field at University of Nebraska in 2019.

The then-sophomore tight end caught his first touchdown, a 2-yard pass that gave the Hoosiers a 31-24 fourth-quarter lead and silenced the raucous Lincoln crowd. The eventual 38-31 victory helped IU earn a Gator Bowl invite at season's end.

"It was awesome because it was coach (Paul) Allen's first bowl game as head

coach for Indiana," Bjorson said.

Bjorson played every game as a freshman, sophomore and junior. He hauled in a 15-yard reception in his very first game, buoying his collegiate confidence.

"It was like a sigh of relief, and then you're not nervous the rest of your time," he said. "Playing as a freshman gave me an advantage whenever I was out there."

Although fans were not allowed into games last season due to COVID-19, the team's success had Hoosier Nation's energy surging.

"You walk outside the stadium and there's like 20,000 people out there. It was awesome," he said, citing the thrill of competing before this season's sold-out crowds.

As a senior leader, Bjorson said he's tried to let his actions do his talking.

"I think basically I show that I'm a hard-working kid in the way I lead the team," Bjorson said.

His freshman focus on "trying to get big" was sup-

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Matt Allen became a fixture on Michigan State's offensive line, holding down the position of starting center the last four years and becoming an NFL prospect. (photo courtesy of Michigan State Athletics)

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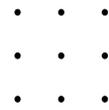
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