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Girls & the goats — A herd of goats was seen moving through The Community House a couple of weeks ago. They didn't bust loose from a passing truck; instead they were trucked in from Blue Sky Farm's Goat Yoga program. The goat yoga was hosted by Strong•Selfie, a subscription, gift box and event company for girls. Several dozen girls along with their moms took part in the goat yoga. Although the event looked like more fun than yoga. Amelia Cook, Katie Matricaria and Audrey Gallwas were among the participants. (Jim Slonoff photo)



More great gift ideas as shopping series continues.

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Chamber gearing up for annual holiday tradition.

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NEWS

School boards, village ready 2019 levies

By Ken Knutson
and Pamela Lannom

The Hinsdale High School District 86 Board is poised to pass a \$85.3 million property tax levy at its Dec. 12 board meeting.

Josh Stephenson, the district's chief financial officer, presented the proposed 2019 levy at the Nov. 14 meeting, and board members approved it Nov. 25.

"We are not required to have a Truth in Taxation hearing," Stephenson noted, since the amount does not exceed 105 percent of the 2018 property tax extension. "Year over year, we're looking at a 2.8 percent increase."

Board member Marty Turek asked Stephenson if he considered the impact a decrease in state revenue would have in light of ongoing budget challenges in Springfield. Stephenson said his department runs alternate budget forecasts in the event of such factors, such as the potential property tax freeze that was discussed a couple of years ago. But he suggested the current climate does not prompt such an exercise.

"We just use what we reasonably anticipate will happen," Stephenson said.

Turek then asked where cuts could be made.

"What's the biggest lever you have to pull, besides salary and benefits?" Turek asked, before admitting "there might not be one."

That qualifier elicited a laugh from Stephenson, who said the budget is very lean.

"About 80 percent of the district's expenses is salary and benefits," he said. "(We have) very minimal amount of supplies, purchased services, et cetera. Over the last few years, there's been cuts to those budgets, so there's not really that much there."

Board President Nancy Pollak asked how much in tax revenue has been forfeited since the district's zero increase levy in 2013.

"I believe it is \$6.7 million," Stephenson replied.

"I won't ask every year. It's depressing," Pollak remarked.

Board member Kevin Camden praised Stephenson at the board's Oct. 23 meeting when his forecast assumptions were approved, the first step in the levy process.

"Josh historically does a good job with forecasting," Camden said. "He errs on the side of conservative for revenue, liberal on expense increases, and it's served us well."

District 181

Board members in Consolidated Elementary District 181 have tried various approaches in setting the property tax levy in recent years in an effort to balance the need for revenue with concern for taxpayers.

"The lifeline for this school district is local property tax. About 90 per-

cent of our revenue comes from our very supportive and generous taxpayers," Mohsin Dada, chief financial officer, told the board Nov. 18.

Dada is recommending a levy of \$64.4 million, the full amount allowed under the tax cap, with the understanding that \$604,000 to \$780,000 will be abated in 2020.

The board plans to abate almost \$6 million between 2018 and 2022 to decrease taxpayers' burden. In levy year 2023, the district's debt service requirement is expected to drop by about \$4 million, Dada said.

"It is very, very rare for a school district to use those abatement dollars to lower the rate," he said.

The board could set a lower levy, but because the increase allowed each year is based on the amount requested the previous year, lost revenue would be compounded. But Dada cautioned the board from abating taxes in perpetuity.

"If you want to avoid a referendum for decades, the best way to do it is to make sure whatever you don't spend, grow it in your balance and don't abate it," he said.

Board President Bill Merchantz said he wants to know more about the \$3.7 million operating fund surplus from the 2018-19 fiscal year that he identified in the annual audit. That discussion will continue before the board finalizes the levy Dec. 16, Superintendent Hector Garcia said.

That meeting is set for 7 p.m. at the administration office.

Village of Hinsdale

At Hinsdale's village hall, trustees are expected to approve a 2019 property tax levy of \$7.07 million for the village and \$3.17 million for the Hinsdale Public Library at their Dec. 10 meeting. The amount represents a 2.8 percent increase over the 2018 property tax extension.

At a Nov. 19 joint meeting of trustees and finance commissioners, village manager Kathleen Gargano said the \$18 million in estimated new construction enables the board to ask for more than the consumer price index as provided by the tax cap, officially known as the property tax extension limitation law.

"While the CPI is 1.8, 1.9 (percent), the PTELL does allow us to increase for growth and a loss factor," she said.

Darrell Langlois, finance director, said the village has learned to levy and balance its budget even with less money from the state.

"Three years ago, the state imposed, basically, a 10 percent hold-back on what normal distributions were. It was reduced to 5 percent, and they keep saying it's a one-time thing," Langlois said. "So the budget is based upon continuing that 5 percent hold-back. That's roughly about \$80,000 of money that we're not getting because of the state budget."

Driver crashes car into Steinway doors



A motorist crashed her car into the front doors of the Steinway Piano Gallery at 120 S. Washington Street. Hinsdale police and firefighters were on the scene Monday afternoon. There were no injuries. A tenant in the building remarked that this is the third time in the past 5 years that a driver has driven up over the curb and crashed into a building along South Washington. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Hoop dreams — Sandy Williams, in her book “Images of America — Hinsdale” writes that this photo is of 1905 women’s basketball team members at Hinsdale Township High School. She believes this group might have been the first girl’s basketball team at the school. She also said the team was dressed in uniforms of wool bloomers, high-collared blouses and long black stockings. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com.



Happy Birthday!
Klara Bernqvist
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Understanding property tax cycle in Illinois

Schools districts, village setting 2019 levies that will determine 2020 property tax bills

The property tax is largest single tax in Illinois and is the major source of revenue for Community Consolidated Elementary 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.

As the cycle begins, property is assigned a value that reflects its value 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.

Most of the information listed

below 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 and used as a basis for distribution of the tax burden

capped funds: generally speaking, a taxing district's operating funds. The debt service fund is not included in the tax cap.

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 number that will be used in 2019 is 1.9 percent. The CPI increase since 2009 has ranged from a high of 3 percent to a low of .7 percent.

equalized assessed value (EAV): the assessed value multiplied by the state-certified 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 a home's EAV by the tax rate.

extension: the actual dollar amount billed to property owners in a taxing district

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 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 percentage increase in the previous year's consumer price index, whichever is lower, plus an amount for new growth

tax rate: the county clerk calculates a rate by dividing the tax levy by the total net equalized assessed valuation for the district



Village of Hinsdale

2019 proposed tax levy*: \$7.07 million
2018 tax extension*: \$6.88 million
Percent increase: 2.86
New growth assumed for 2019: \$18 million
2018 total EAV: \$1.92 billion
2018 tax rate capped funds: .352 DuPage, .414 Cook
2018 tax rate all funds: .368 DuPage, .432 Cook



District 181

2019 proposed tax levy*: \$64.4 million
2018 tax extension*: \$62.6 million
Percent increase: 2.98
New growth assumed for 2019: \$30 million
2018 total EAV: \$2.74 billion
2018 tax rate capped funds: 2.2748
2018 tax rate all funds: 2.5833



Hinsdale Public Library

2019 proposed tax levy**: \$3.17 million
2018 tax extension**: \$3.08 million
Percent increase: 2.86
New growth assumed for 2019: \$18 million
2018 total EAV: \$1.92 billion
2018 tax rate: .158 DuPage, .186 Cook



District 86

2019 proposed tax levy*: \$85.3 million
2018 tax extension*: \$83 million
Percent increase: 2.8 percent
New growth assumed for 2019: \$55 million
2018 total EAV: \$5.85 billion
2018 tax rate capped funds: 1.42 (blended rate)
2018 tax rate all funds: 1.45 (blended rate)

* capped funds ** all library funds are capped

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.

By law, 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 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.

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NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: public hearing on proposed text amendment to Hinsdale Zoning Code regarding definitions of lighting; sign permit reviews for 12 E. First St. (Glimpse), 14 W. First St. (Work Shop) and 540 W. Ogden Ave. (Kensington School)

Hinsdale Village Board

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10
Memorial Building
19 E. Chicago Ave.

Steps are part of taxing cycle in Illinois

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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 separate 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. 30 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 computed, 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.

CORRECTIONS

- The final line of Alicia Schemel's letter about a District 181 board decision in the Nov. 28 issue was edited incorrectly. It should have read: Perhaps Duffy, Jakobsen and Kleber were not aware of the implications of their votes, but Merchantz was.
- In last week's story on the Hinsdale Central girls swimming & diving team, diver Roslyn Tischke's first name was misspelled.

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Best gifts to be found here in Hinsdale

Central grad, new economic development commissioner locates items for family, friends

By Pamela Lannom
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Vishnu Srinivasan has lived in Hinsdale for only two years, but he's no stranger to the area.

He grew up in Oak Brook and graduated from Hinsdale Central before going on to earn his degree in finance from the University of Pennsylvania and his MBA from Harvard Business School.

Joining the Hinsdale Economic Development Commission was a no-brainer for Srinivasan.

"I've always been interested in business, and I like living in a community where there is a vibrant retail offering so you can walk to stores," he said.

Plans call for a trip to his sister-in-law's house in Florida later this month to celebrate Christmas and see family.

"Normally they all come here in the summer and we go there in December," he said.

Hinsdale won't be as warm as Florida this month, but the forecast calls for milder temperatures than usual, making holiday shopping here that much more enjoyable. Srinivasan sees many advantages to shopping local.

The small shops in Hinsdale offer things he can't find online, such as a chance to see the item before he buys it, advice from sales clerks and in some cases, complimentary gift wrapping.

He received plenty of advice and inspiration for the second installment of The Hinsdalean's annual gift ideas series.

- A mix of precious and practical, an 31mm Rolex with rose colored markers, an oystersteel and everose gold bracelet and fluted bezel is a timeless gift for wife Saila. Razny

Jewelers, \$9,650

- Daughter Meera's snow village collection is sure to have room for an adorable snow cottage, adorned with three frosted evergreen trees and complete with a resident snowman. Blue Iris, \$79

- Daughter Jaya prefers collecting items she can cuddle with, like a Fancy Pals fluffy white cat in a cupcake purse. Hinsdale News Agency, \$4.99

- A limited edition photo from Jeff and Jason Lewis of the Chicago skyline — with a "Go Bears" message in lights on one of the skyscrapers — will help remind Vish's brother, Hari, who now lives in San Francisco, of his hometown.

Acquisition of Fine Art, \$750

- Mrs. Lenhardt, middle school head at Avery Coonley School (where Meera is a fifth-grader) and a die-hard Cubs fan, will be reminded of her favorite team each time she looks at a print of Wrigley Field from Rifle Paper Co. Sass N Class, \$24

- Sister-in-law Srikala, who loves to cook, will enjoy a large holiday gift box filled with tagliatelle, olive oil, tomato sauce, limoncello jelly, chocolate-covered almonds, Nonna's biscotti and Amarena wild cherries (for the cocktails). Altamura, \$70

- Dad Gopal travels internationally for work and pleasure, and he'll do so in style with a Tumi Latitude light-weight polycarbonate four-wheeled carry-on. Kaehler Luggage, \$750

- A gift basket containing some 40 pieces of fruit and two pounds of nuts is the perfect hostess gift to bring to the neighbors' annual Christmas party. The Fruit Store, \$100

- Best friend Cyrus can jam to



Vishnu Srinivasan says his daughter, Meera, loves to collect stuffed animals like this one at Hinsdale News Agency. The member of the village's economic development commission found great gift ideas at the dozen stores he visited last week. (Jim Slonoff photo)

his favorite tune or relax to a piano sonata with iFrogz Audio Toxix wireless on-the-ear headphones with noise isolating ear cups. Verizon, \$59.99

- A Trinity NuFace Advance Facial Toning Device will brighten the holidays — and the complexion — of sister-in-law Judith. Blue Mercury, \$325

- Aunt Jyoti will stay warm and look good wearing a dark gray rex rabbit ruffle scarf. Hinsdale Furriers, \$60

- Good friend Paul can use a pure Italian 2-in-1 leather wallet when he travels to Hong Kong, pulling out the removable card case once he has arrived at his destination. Mucci di Firenze, \$209





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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Dec. 4.

DUI arrests

- Julius Jasiukenas, 27, 449 S. Wisconsin Ave., Villa Park, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08 and using unsafe tires at 9:22 p.m. Nov. 28 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83. He was charged and released to appear in court.

- Jose M. Cano-Avalos, 34, 5815 S. Washtenaw Ave. 1R, Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08 and driving on the wrong side of the road at 12:47 a.m. Nov. 28 at Seventh Street and County Line Road. He was charged and released to appear in court.

- Ping Zheng Oiu, 50, 2401 Spring Road, No. 5004, Woodridge, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license and use of an unsafe tire at 2:27 a.m. Dec. 1 in the 700 block of South County Line Road. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Theft arrest

Ronald L. Vagnoni, 55, 11848 Komensky, No. 2F, Alsip, was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of theft of labor of services for refusing to pay a cab far of \$171. A judge signed an arrest warrant Nov. 19, and the suspect was served the complaint on Dec. 2 and released with a court date.

Suspended license arrest

Lonnie Denzel Naylor, 24, 433 Perrie Drive, Elk Grove Village, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and improper display of registration at 10:05 p.m. Dec. 1 at 55th and Grant Streets.

Thieves hit parked cars

- A \$1,500 laptop was taken from a vehicle parked in a driveway in the 600 block of South Thurlow Street between 7 p.m. Nov. 26 and 6 a.m. Nov. 27. The victim was unsure if the vehicle was locked and noticed damage to the weather stripping around a passenger side door.

- Camera equipment worth \$810 and a guitar was taken from a car parked in the village commuter parking lot at 8 S. Washington St. between 2 and 4:45 p.m. Nov. 24. The victim said one of her locks is faulty and might not have been locked. The theft was reported Dec. 2.

Package taken from porch

A package containing a \$245 purse was taken from the front porch of a home in the 800 block of South Thurlow Street at 1:54 p.m. Nov. 14. The theft was reported Nov. 25.

Vandals damage street sign, park

- Police were called at 1:33 a.m. Nov. 27 about four males throwing bags of leaves in the street at Ravine Street and Radcliffe Way. They saw a street sign and pole lying in the street, a home address plate and multiple bags of leaves in the roadway. Police also received a call from the 300 block of North Garfield Avenue for a report of damaged Christmas decorations lying in the street.

- Someone vandalized the slides and a table in the kids play area of Brook Park, 776 E. Third St., sometime before 4:08 p.m. Nov. 30.

Identity theft reported

Someone opened a cellular phone account using the identity of a resident of the 5600 block of South Garfield Avenue. The victim received a package containing three iPhone delivered to his home Nov. 26. The incident was reported Dec. 1.

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Student spreads wings through D86 TC

Hinsdale's Maddie Maturino held up the birthday card she had just printed out at the Hinsdale High School District 86 Transition Center. The balloon-emblazoned card will be among numerous items for sale at a holiday craft fair tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Park High School.

Asked how it felt to help produce the card, a smile widens across Maturino's face.

"Good!"

She took time out from her labor to share a little about her experience at the Transition Center, which provides job and life skills training for people with disabilities after they graduate from Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South high schools. Preparing goods for the craft fair is one way the young adults learn about executing projects and contributing to the marketplace.

Maddie, a self-admitted avid shopper, said she enjoys this gift-buying season.

"I like winter," she said.

Where do all the presents go that she purchases?

"Under the tree," Maturino replied.

She said small stores are her

preferred destination for shopping excursions with mom Amelia, showing off the boots and barrette she recently bought to complete her head-to-toe ensemble.

"Maddie's very stylish," remarked special education teacher Heather Riggs, who joined the conversation.

In a seemingly tailor-made arrangement, Maturino works at Kelsey Resale Boutique in Hinsdale two days a week, keeping the shop nice and tidy for customers.

"Vacuuming and dusting," she said of her duties there.

Suddenly activity can be heard in the hallway outside through the half-open door. Maturino stands to close it, playfully declaring "Privacy!" to the noisemakers.

Among the classes she takes at TC, she said movement therapy is her favorite. To put it simply, this woman likes to dance. As for what tunes get her moving, Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas" is at the top of her Christmas season playlist. Just don't ask her to sing it.

"No!" she exclaimed.

Her dog Coach is a constant companion.

"On a leash," she said, gesturing Coach's effort to break free during

their walks. But her commands are usually heeded. "Coach, come on. Let's go!"

A tablet hangs from her neck, a instrument Maturino can employ to express thoughts when vocalizing is difficult. Riggs said she doesn't use it as much as she once did.

"She's definitely become more verbal on her own," Riggs said.

"She's doing great!"

With a bevy of extended family members in the area, holiday gatherings are especially lively, Maturino said. She looks forward to the homecoming of her collegiate cousin Renee, with whom she shares an especially close bond.

Maturino has participated in Special Olympics, competing in basketball, swimming and track. Basketball ranks first, but those hands need to look good when playing. She shows off the pretty shade of pink adorning her fingers.

"I do my own," said the amateur nail technician.

She's painted the nails of Transition Center staff, too, and soon many will be happy holiday recipients of her card-crafting talent.

— by Ken Knutson



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EDITORIAL

Burned out red bulbs shine bright for fire safety

The Hinsdale Fire Department is once again participating in the annual statewide Keep the Wreath Red fire safety program. A wreath will be hung outside the station at 121 Symonds Drive. For each fire caused by holiday decorations, a red bulb will be replaced with a white bulb.

The fact the wreath had not been displayed as of Wednesday because new red bulbs were needed could be received as welcome news. Those red bulbs must have held their positions, signaling a series of safe seasons. Let's all make sure that streak continues by staying vigilant to the dangers that the proliferation of candles and lights this time of year can present.

Holiday decoration and Christmas tree fires, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, are more severe than the average fire at other times of the year. Twice the injuries and five times the fatalities occur as a result of these fires. An average of 200 home fires started with Christmas trees nationwide from 2011-15, causing an average of six deaths, 16 injuries and \$14.8 million in 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 uses.

- 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 may become damaged.

- Never leave candles unattended and always

place them out of reach of children and pets. Make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily. 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 you changed your clocks to daylight-saving time, change them now.

COMMENTARY

Hallmark movie could be new holiday tradition

Hallmark movies are big business. Just take a quick peek at the merchandise available and the list of stars appearing on the channel this month.

They're also a source of entertainment — especially at our office, where we love to tease the two people who watch them most often: Jim and Ken.

Ken does a great plot narrative, highlighting the same events that take place in all of the movies, including Christmas versions. He is a kindred spirit of cartoonist John Atkinson, who recently posted a hilarious "Hallmark Christmas Movie Plot Generator" online. You can play yourself at <https://www.wronghands1.com>.

Simply choose one from each of four columns to create the plot. My favorite? "Recently single baker returns to her small town at Christmastime to save the family business and magically falls in love with some guy and his dog."

"So what's wrong with that?" Slonoff asks when I read the plot out loud. "It sounds familiar. But then again, most of them do."

I've covered many Christmas

topics in my December columns over the years, but never Hallmark Christmas movie viewing. So I thought I'd give it a try.

Disclaimer: I did not watch these films sitting in front of the fireplace drinking hot cocoa with the lights from our Christmas tree glimmering in the background. I watched them on my laptop traveling to and from our annual Thanksgiving weekend destination, Saugatuck, Mich. "That's not a real Hallmark movie experience," Slonoff opined. "This whole column is fake news."

I prefer to think of it as multitasking.

For my first film, I chose "Broadcasting Christmas," starring Melissa Joan Hart (very famous in my house as "Sabrina the Teenage Witch") and Dean Cain (who co-starred with Teri Hatcher in "Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman") playing two former TV reporters competing for the same morning



Pamela Lannom

anchor co-hosting job on the equivalent of the "Today" show.

For my second, I went with "Christmas Mix." Haylie Duff plays Sandy Love, a successful psychotherapist in Chicago who moves back to her hometown of Idlewild, Colo., to be with her mom (Maureen McCormick aka Marsha Brady!) after her father

falls ill. There she discovers her second career hosting the "Dr. Love in the Morning" call-in radio show. Tilky Jones plays Pepper Sterling, the edgy LA deejay who's banished to a sister station in (guess where?) after a radio stunt goes too far. He starts out as Love's bitter and reluctant co-host and ends up her fiancé.

This movie was originally called "Naughty and Nice" and, as that title suggests, was NOT a Hallmark Channel original movie. No matter. These people know what fits their formula.

It had all the requisite elements: the small town/big city contrast,

two people who seem to want different things in life but really want the same thing, the perfectly timed snowfall (filmed from overhead looking down on the happy couple) and the inside jokes (Cain talks about being a superhero; Jones says his life has turned into a TV movie).

After watching both movies, I couldn't help thinking that my December book club selection, David Balducci's "The Christmas Train," would make a perfect Hallmark movie as well. What do I discover online? It already is one!

It's too early to tell whether my little experiment has turned me into a Hallmark Christmas movie fan — although I need to decide by Friday when my free trial ends. With a fireplace, hot cocoa, Christmas tree lights (and a "this is my Hallmark Christmas movies watching shirt" like the one Jim received for Christmas last year), a Hallmark Christmas movie could be pretty enchanting.

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

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Loss can remind us of blessings

I was listening to the radio the other day when I heard something that resonated with me deeply.

The radio host was talking about the significance of family during the holiday season and the emotional impact this time of year can have for those who do not have close family or have recently experienced a loss. It can be extremely difficult to share in the holiday cheer for many, especially when the people around them are celebrating so publicly and extravagantly.

The short radio talk concluded with an empathetic statement in which the host remarked how those who are fortunate enough to have family around them could be mindful of those who do not during this time of thanks and gratitude.

Personally, I look forward to this time of year. The dinner my family shares every Thanksgiving is special in my heart and reminds me of how important family is. My family is extremely close to one another and my biggest support system.

However, the patriarch of my family, my grandfather, recently experienced a loss that I could not even begin to understand. His older brother passed away suddenly in their home land of Syria



Cedra Jazayerli

the day before Thanksgiving. My grandfather was devastated and my entire family left reeling after seeing the strongest man we know look so disheartened. But come the following

day, Thanksgiving, I had never seen my family so strong before. We banded together as one and supported one another during this time of thanks. The loss my family experienced reminded us all of how much we have to be thankful for the blessings we are given.

Although I am fortunate enough to have the family that I do, I am well aware that many do not. If there's any time to feel isolated from those around you, it would be in these long winter months.

As a community, however, I feel that we have a duty and the humbled opportunity to give back and help those in need. That could involve hosting a neighborly holiday dinner, volunteering at a food pantry or inviting those around you who are visibly in need of some holiday cheer. I know I will make a conscious effort to help those around me.

— Cedra Jazayerli, a junior at Hinsdale Central, is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

D181 board should've been more open about IASB votes

I am writing about D181's votes on IASB resolutions 1 and 3 at the last school board meeting (Nov. 18) and am concerned there are other, pressing matters that parents in this community are not aware of.

When D181 has needed funding for a new school building, a new roof, or any number of new projects, they have had no trouble in communicating these needs to the public. But now with the safety of our children,

the board didn't put resolutions 1 and 3 on their main agenda, either because they had something to hide or because they didn't view these resolutions as top priorities — or both.

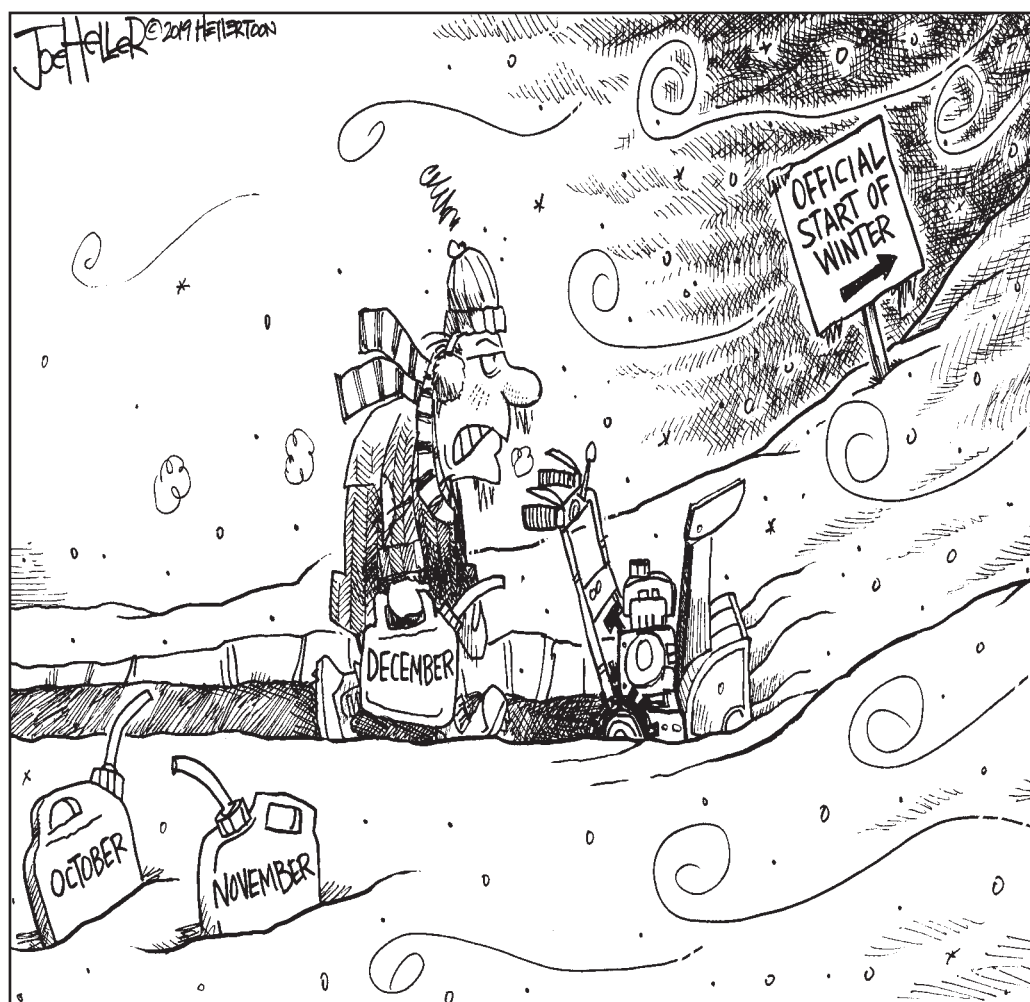
Yes, resolution 1 didn't pass, but resolution 3 did. If we end up with armed guards at our elementary school, will the board be forthcoming this time? Or will we be kept in the dark again? — Susan Kason, Hinsdale

Fredrickson's column a necessary reminder to us all

I want to express a heartfelt thanks to Jack Fredrickson for his column Nov. 21 turning a very personal and tragic event in his life, the accidental death of his wife, Susan, into a reckoning that many of us need to face concerning when to say "no more" to driving, whether it be the individual or someone for whom someone shoulders responsibility. All too often, the lifelong grief is borne not only by the loved ones of the deceased, but also rightly so by the person(s) who

caused the tragedy, directly or indirectly.

The heart of all this is the obligation that we — who have the responsibility to do the right thing, regardless of family angst — choose to do. Otherwise, we too could have the lifelong burden of grief by turning a blind eye to or ignoring a loved one's inability to drive any longer. Jack's column is a clarion call that hopefully, heeded by your readers, will unknowingly save lives. — Chuck Simanek, Hinsdale



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Joe Chiodo

Joe Chiodo of Downers Grove, a former U.S. Secret Service Officer, Marine Corps veteran and Purple Heart recipient, died of complications from cancer Nov. 29, 2019. He was 74.

Chiodo, a native of Chicago, was born to immigrant parents in the Grand Avenue neighborhood. After the death of his father when he was 10 years old, Chiodo cared for his mother and siblings while attending Fenwick High School's class of 1962 in Oak Park where he excelled both in the classroom and on the sports field.

After graduating high school, Chiodo volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966. While rising in the ranks, Chiodo took courses at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, Calif., to become a Vietnamese interpreter. Upon his graduation, Chiodo served as an infantry rifleman assigned to the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam from 1967-68, during the height of the war. Chiodo's Marine unit took part in numerous combat engagements, and his wartime service only concluded when Chiodo triggered an anti-personnel mine with his foot while on patrol with an ARVN unit. The mine's explosion miraculously threw him high in the air and forward, and while it seriously wounded him, the explosion left his limbs intact. Chiodo was after awarded the Purple Heart.

According to his family, Chiodo was fond of saying "every day of my life after Vietnam is a gift."

He used that gift to continue to serve his country in different ways, initially by coaching football at St. Vincent Ferrer School in River Forest, and then becoming a police officer with the Great Lakes Police Department and an Immigration Customs and Border Patrol agent. He then became an officer with the United States Secret Service.

During his time with the Secret Service from 1981-2001, Chiodo was assigned to Washington, D.C. and then to the Chicago Field Office where he spent a majority of his career. Over his time with the Secret Service, Chiodo protected five presidents, numerous foreign heads of state and even one Saint. One of the many highlights of Chiodo's



Chiodo

Secret Service career happened in 1987 during the visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States when Chiodo was tasked with driving the Pontiff's Popemobile during his visit to Detroit.

According to his son Theodore, "that assignment was a highlight for sure — here is a Catholic born son of immigrants from the west side of Chicago driving the Popemobile around the streets of Detroit.

He must have thought he was making the Fenwick Dominican's priests proud."

Chiodo's family noted that their father would be remembered for his fierce commitment to the community and to his fellow veterans as well. A longtime member of the VFW, Chiodo was recently elected by his fellow veterans to lead the Hinsdale Post 250 of the American Legion. He was the commander of the Hinsdale VFW for the last five years.

From raising money for the care of veterans, volunteering with the Fisher House, visiting veterans at the Hines VA Hospital and making and distributing care packages for veterans down on their luck, Chiodo worked hard to make sure every veteran had what they needed to live out the rest of their days in peace.

According to his daughter Caroline, Chiodo enjoyed collecting antique fishing equipment and selling it, fishing, and watching John Ford Westerns. He also followed Chicago sports closely and was a White Sox and University of Notre Dame fanatic.

Survivors include his wife Kathy, his daughter Caroline and his son Theodore.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today, Dec. 5, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills.

Memorials may be made to the Hines Fisher House, 5000 S. Fifth Ave., Hines, IL 60141 on online at <https://www.hines.va.gov> (choose Hines VA Hospital and then Fisher House and note the donation is in Joe Chiodo's memory).

Jeffrey A. Moser

Jeffrey Alan Moser, 56, of Chicago, died unexpectedly on Nov. 30, 2019, following a heart attack.

Jeff, 56, was born in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in 1963 to James F. and Dorothy Ruth (Powell) Moser. He graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School in 1981, then earned a bachelor's degree in material science engineering from the University of Cincinnati in 1988, and a master's degree from The Ohio State University in 1993. While completing his studies, he was a research associate at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland.

During his professional career, Jeff served in business development management posts in the electronic, optics and coating industries, including for Ibiden, ViaSystems, FEI and Chemeon Technologies. He had lived in the Chicago area since 1993.

Jeff loved spending time with his children, particularly watching their gymnastics, cheerleading and hockey activities. He also was an



Moser

avid Ohio State football fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Moser; and his brother, Gary.

He is survived by his children, Katelynn, Kristin, Mallory and Michael, all of Hinsdale; their mother, Patricia Farrell-Moser, also of Hinsdale; his mother, Dorothy Moser; his siblings, Darlene (James) Berry and

Brian Moser; his adopted dad, Bob Troyer; and his two nephews, two nieces and two great nephews.

Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday, Dec. 7, in Cuyahoga Falls. A celebration of life will be held in Illinois at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Ohio State Brick Program online at <https://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/brick-program> or to a charity of choice. A guest book is available to send condolences at <https://www.cliffordshoemaker.com>.



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ANDREA SIDOROW, GIVING CIRCLE CO-CHAIR

How does the West Suburban Giving Circle work?

Since 1985 the Chicago Foundation for Women has worked to improve the community through its support of organizations that benefit women and girls. That work spread to the western suburbs with the launch of the West Suburban Giving Circle a little more than four years ago.

The West Suburban Giving Circle is one of six organizations that share and drive the Chicago Foundation for Women's mission to "invest in women and girls as catalysts, building strong communities for all." Along with three regional giving circles based on the North Shore, South Side and west suburbs, three giving councils focus on the needs of specific populations within the female community — LGBTQ, young women and those representing cultural diversity.

"I really believe in the mission and the method of Chicago Foundation for Women," said Hinsdale resident Andrea Sidorow, co-chair of the west suburban group.

Sidorow said the giving circles and

giving councils allow the Chicago Foundation for Women to reach communities that once were beyond the organization's scope and capacity.

"We're the eyes and the ears of the Chicago Foundation for Women out in the community," Sidorow said.

The 31 members of the West Suburban Giving Circle come from throughout the suburbs to seek out and support organizations that promote financial stability and violence prevention for women and girls. Each member gives a minimum annual gift. They then work together to determine the best use of their pooled funds.

A liaison from the Chicago Foundation for Women works with and supports the circles, but each local group decides for itself where its money goes. Sidorow said the grantmaking process gives circle members a chance to learn about the needs of the community, and by keeping their donations local, they can witness for themselves the impact of their support.

The West Suburban Giving Circle so far has distributed \$89,800 to five organizations. 360 Youth Services of Naperville, The Alive Center, Family Shelter Service, Mutual Ground and Teen Parent Connection received

financial support to continue their work to improve the lives of women and girls.

Now in its fifth giving cycle, the West Suburban Giving Circle will begin the process of grantmaking in early 2020. Members will nominate potential grantees and then work together to decide which to support. The process involves research, site visits and plenty of discussion.

"The discussions can get pretty intense," Sidorow said. But they allow her and other members to learn about the needs and challenges in their own community.

"I'm excited to be taking action to help remove those barriers," Sidorow said.

Sidorow said the women of the West Suburban Giving Circle share a worldview and a desire to make the world better. Yet despite their similarities, Sidorow said her fellow circle members come from various cultures, ethnicities and professional backgrounds. Despite living in Hinsdale for 30 years, Sidorow said the circle is helping her to know her community even better.

"I've really enjoyed getting to meet new friends and neighbors. It's been a great experience," Sidorow said.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Research from the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University shows that programs for women and girls received about 1.6 percent of all charitable giving in 2019. As co-chair of the West Suburban Giving Circle of the Chicago Foundation for Women, Andrea Sidorow of Hinsdale is working to improve that statistic. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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OBITUARIES

Susan M. Schroeder

Susan M. Schroeder, 60, of Clarendon Hills passed away Nov. 26, 2019.

She was born in 1959 in Evergreen Park and was a longtime employee of ServiceMaster.

She was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Mark Johnson, former deputy chief of the Hinsdale Fire Department.

She is survived by her mother, Mary (the late Leo) Schroeder; her sisters, Cheryl



Schroeder

Johnson and Carrie (Richard) Cmaylo; her nieces and nephews, Matt (Rachel) Johnson, Addie (Elliot) Jones and Jessica (Nathan Jessee) Chavez; her great-nieces and -nephews, Sam, Brian and Maggie Johnson and Elias Chavez-Jessee; and her longtime friend, George Milton.

Services and interment are private.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Sharon Emily Shankland

Sharon Emily Shankland, nee Ogstad, 77, a 14-year Hinsdale resident, died Dec. 3, 2019.

Sharon was a selfless wife, mother, loving grandmother, and proud to have been a well-traveled military spouse.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Don Ogstad.

She is survived by her husband, Col. Charles Garber Shankland (USAF Ret.); her



Shankland

children, Scott (Jennifer) Shankland and Stephanie (Todd) Lord; her grandchildren, Scott and Reagan Shankland and Matthew, Megan, and Michael Lord; her brother, Dick (Nancy); and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will take place at a later date at Trondhjem Lutheran Church in Volin, SD. Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the

arrangements.

Betty Trescott

Betty Trescott, 98, of Hinsdale passed away Nov. 29, 2019.

She was born Betty Lou Peters in 1921, in Bloomfield, Neb., the daughter of August and Beth (Hoyt) Peters.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska, she worked in the Pentagon for the Army Signal Corps during the Second World War. She moved to Hinsdale in 1957 to teach English at Hinsdale Central High School, where she met her future husband and raised her family.

She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife and mother. She was a farm girl, athlete, educator, room mother, den mother, Humane Society member, church congregante, and PEO member. She was always thinking and worrying about others, considerate and volunteering to help, remembering birthdays and anniversaries, and sending condolences and thank you notes.



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She was preceded in death by her siblings, Jane Peters Steele and Donald Peters. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, F. William; her sons, Thomas (Melissa) and Robert; her sisters-in-law, Ruth Peters and Eileen Trescott; her brother-in-law, Robert Trescott; five nieces and nephews; numerous grand- and great-grand-nieces and -nephews; and many loving friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hinsdale Humane Society, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521 or online at <https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/donate>.

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Annual Hinsdale Christmas Walk Friday promises festive fun for all ages

By Ken Knutson

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Get the holiday cheer cranked up at the Hinsdale Christmas Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 6, in downtown Hinsdale. The 54th annual event, sponsored by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce, will feature Cookie's Carousel, the Kiddie Express train, animated characters, strolling carolers, giveaways and more.

Eva Field, the chamber's president and CEO, said visitors will recognize most of the attractions.

"We haven't really added anything new," Field said. But she added that visitors will notice more to stimulate the senses on Washington Street.

"We do have a lot more on-site participant table promotions from a nice selection of members," she said of the corridor north and south of First Street. "A lot of them will be serving hot cocoa."

Presenting sponsor Amita Health Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale will operate a "pop-up hospital" in My Eye Doctor, 104 S. Washington St., and shops will have treats for those who stop in, while restaurants will offer dinner specials.

"A lot of the downtown businesses will be open with giveaways," Field remarked.

Santa will once again make his entrance by fire truck to kick off the festivities at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Building lawn, and Village President Tom Cauley will reprise his role as the official illuminator of the village's Christmas tree.

"Strolling singers from Nazareth Academy will entertain visitors, and Cookie and the Snowman will be walking through town," she said.

The forecast as of Tuesday was for chilly but clear conditions, the perfect mix to ignite warm winter spirits. Field said the last two years the weather has been "fantastic," driving robust attendance numbers.

Donations of women's clothing also will be collected by the Cathy Walsh Group realty team for Breakthrough Urban Ministries in Chicago. Kings Landscaping will set up a fire warming area, and County Line Audio Visual

Solutions will provide music.

For more information, call (630) 323-3952 or visit <https://www.hinsdalechamber.com>.

Here are some other local holiday activities taking place this month in town.

- Meet Santa, decorate gingerbread cookies and enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride before exploring the unique boutiques and delicious restaurants in town during Historic Holidays in Hinsdale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14, at Burlington Park, 30 E. Chicago Ave.

- Hinsdale Central High School musicians will present their annual holiday concert from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, in Central's auditorium, 55th and Grant streets.

- Next Chapter Social Club for teens 16 and older and adults with disabilities will host an interactive screening of "Elf" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St. Each attendee will receive a bag of props and treats to be used at certain times throughout the movie. For information, call (630) 986-1976 or visit <https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>.

- Take a holiday tour of the best-lit homes of Hinsdale on Friday, Dec. 13 aboard the Holly Jolly Trolley. The 20-minute tour, sponsored by the Hinsdale Historical Society's Women's Board, leaves every 30 minutes from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. from the Hinsdale History Museum, 15 S. Clay St. Tickets are \$25 and include live music, sweet treats, kid crafts and warm beverages (adult- and child-friendly). Visit <https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>.

- The second annual staged reading of 'A Christmas Carol: In Concert' will be performed Friday to Sunday, Dec. 13-15, featuring friends and neighbors dancing, singing and telling the greatest Christmas ghost story ever. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale. Tickets are \$18, and proceeds benefit The Community House's LyArts Program. Call (630) 323-7500 or visit [https://www.thecommunity-](https://www.thecommunity-house.org)



Don Phillip of Phillip's Flowers and Gifts brings holiday cheer to a visitor during the 2018 Hinsdale Christmas Walk. This year's event will be held tomorrow, Dec. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. and feature Santa's arrival, a trackless train and more for all ages to enjoy. (Jim Slonoff photo)

house.org.

- Join the Hinsdale Historical Society at its annual holiday open house from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Hinsdale History Museum, 15 S. Clay St. Festivities include children's crafts, holiday story time and a visit from Santa. Guests also will be able to tour the museum's latest mini-exhibit, "A Hinsdale Holiday" and enjoy vintage holiday decorations. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (630) 789-2600 or visit <https://www.hinsdalehistory.org>.

- The West Suburban Symphony Orchestra and Singers, conducted by Peter Lipari, will present its annual holiday concert, titled "Merry," at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets. The spirit of the season will come alive with a program including "Many Moods of Christmas, Suite 1 and Suite 2," popular medleys of carols created in 1963 by Robert Shaw

and Robert Russell Bennett, Alfred Reed's "Russian Christmas Music," and holiday tunes from movies and other seasonal favorites. Santa has promised to drop in at intermission with treats for children. Tickets are \$25, \$23 for seniors, \$5 for teens and free for children. Call (630) 887-7464 or visit <https://www.west-subsymphony.org>.

- Find the hidden ornament around town on weekdays through Tuesday, Dec. 17, during Hinsdale's 12 Days of Holiday Cheer. The ornaments will be placed throughout the village, each containing a special prize from a local business. Find an ornament and stop by village hall at 19 E. Chicago Ave. to claim the prize. Daily clues will be posted on social media: @hinsdaleparks on Instagram and facebook.com/HinsdaleParksandRecreation. The event is presented by the Hinsdale Parks and Recreation and Economic Development departments.



Adults can enjoy a visit to Brookfield Zoo during Lights and Lagers tomorrow night. See the listing in Holiday Happenings on Page 26. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Studio Vino: Wine & Paint

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

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

FAMILY FUN

■ Daddy Day

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

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

■ Cookies and Canvas

Dec. 14
The Community House

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

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

■ Winter Solstice Bonfire

Dec. 21
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
(708) 839-6897
<https://www.fpdcc.com>

Families are invited to enjoy short hikes, hot cocoa, s'mores, music and stories around the bonfire along with other entertainment and activities. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person (cash or check). RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ Belly Up for Brooks

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

Celebrate the mission of the Brooks Strong Foundation and

the life of the boy who inspired it. The foundation works to provide scholarships for youth sports and extracurricular activities for kids going through cancer treatment, and to fund cutting-edge pediatric cancer research. The event will feature guest bartenders, heavy appetizers, a raffle and a no-host bar, with 15 percent of all sales going to the foundation. Time: 8 p.m. to closing. Tickets: \$75.

GRAND GALAS

■ Holiday Ball

Dec. 7
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org/holidayball>

This black-tie affair will transform The Community House Field House into a stunning scene reflective of a Scandinavian holiday. The event will feature a silent wine auction as well as a raffle that is open to the public. Raffle tickets are \$100, with prizes including a \$6,000 Cartier Love bracelet, a five-course chef's tasting menu at Vie Restaurant and a walk-on role in the 2020 Community Revue. Proceeds from the event benefit The

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Coping strategies to help manage holiday stress

We're all at risk of being "over-cooked" by holiday stress. Whether you're a host or a guest, going out or staying in, spending time with others or alone, a variety of factors can impact our moods and stress levels.

What will I serve for dinner? What if I don't get the right gift? What if I invite too many people and their flights are delayed by snow and I'm trapped in the kitchen with Aunt Judy and her many, many political opinions?

When stress levels are high, our health worsens physically and psychologically. That's why it is so important to recognize when we're feeling overwhelmed.

Here at the AMITA Health Center for Mental Health, we help people overcome these kinds of stressors every day. I hope you will find these helpful for dealing with holiday stress:

- Watch out for "shoulds"

Often, the source of our holiday stress is not the actual event but rather our expectations for how that event should happen or how other people should act. We might dream of living a

Hallmark Channel movie, but the reality is that not every present will be met with excitement and the turkey might come out dry.

To help prevent these cognitive sinkholes, listen to what you are telling yourself. Buzzwords to watch out for include "should," "must" and "have to." Instead, practice using terms like "it would be nice if" or "I would prefer that," allowing you to recognize expectations while still understanding things do not always go the way you want them to.

- 'Tis the season to be transparent

You're not the only person who might have unrealistic expectations about the holidays. Kids can be especially vulnerable to this when it comes to gifts. If the threat of disappointment on Christmas morning is compounding your stress, transparency is the best policy.

Be open about what (and how much) your kids should expect. Help your kids write their wish list and prioritize what's important ("If you could ask Santa for only one thing, what

would it be?"). You can even turn it into a teachable moment about what it truly means to give. Have your kids pair their wish list with a "donation list" and ask them what they'd give from their list to a child in need.

- Rehearse your worst-case scenarios

When we're in a stressful situation, it's easy for the mind to catastrophize and jump to the worst possible outcome. Unfortunately, this kind of "all or nothing" thinking can be its own self-fulfilling prophecy.

Take some time beforehand to cognitively rehearse what you think your experience will be like and how you will respond if it differs. If the roast burns, order Chinese food. If there's a delay in your Amazon delivery, find alternative gifts at a local store and return your delivery later.

- Keep your days mindful and bright

We all have people in our lives who push our buttons. Many of us dread being forced to spend time with them during the holidays. If this sounds like you, make mindfulness your best

friend.

Mindfulness is the art of living in the moment. You can find many mindfulness exercises online, but I particularly like one that involves the simple power of observation. Pick an object to look at — a holiday cookie, let's say. Focus on that cookie for a moment and do nothing else. Notice the sprinkles, frosting, shape and texture. Block everything else out and allow this moment to be about nothing else. This cognitive "time out" helps us regain our composure during stressful times.

Hopefully, these strategies help you manage your holiday stress. But if your stress levels are more than you can manage on your own — if you are experiencing deep depression, despair or thoughts of suicide — or if you would like to learn more about coping strategies for stress and anxiety, you might want to seek out the help of a professional.

— Rick Germann, a clinically licensed therapist, is Amita Health's vice president of community mental health and housing.

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Community House to support of the thousands of children, youth and families served every year. Time: 6 p.m. Circle of Friends reception, 6:30 p.m. cocktails and silent wine auction, 8 p.m. dinner & program, 9:30 p.m. dancing. Tickets: \$375, \$500 Circle of Friends reception.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Cast-Iron Cooking

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

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

■ One Ounce Wonders

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

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

■ Cross-Country Ski Seminar

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

Learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for one's first cross-country skiing experience. This program will be held only if ski trails are closed. Call the number listed above or visit the Sagawau Facebook page to check program status. Time: 1 p.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Heart Saver CPR

Dec. 7
Hinsdale Fire Department

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

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

■ Healing through the Human Energy Field

Dec. 10
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road,
Hinsdale
(630) 323-5150
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>

Learn about the physical body as part of a dynamic energy field that includes the aura, hara and core essence, and how each contributes to overall health. Practice an exercise to align these fields. The program is for those touched by cancer. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Holiday Stress Reduction

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

Anxiety, depression and generally feeling overwhelmed are common responses throughout a cancer experience for both the patient and their loved ones, especially during the holidays. Learn mindfulness-based strategies to cope with these feelings. Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. RR

■ Understanding the Grief Process

Dec. 17
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road,
Hinsdale
(630) 323-5150
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>

Learn to understand the grief process and identify resources to guide one's healing and comfort following the loss of a loved one. The program is for those touched by cancer. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

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

■ Rosie Klepper Book Debut

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

Join local author Rosie Klepper as she reads from her new beautifully illustrated children's book with a fun rhythmic story about a town whose residents eat only vegetables every meal of the day. The program is aimed at kids in second grade and younger. Time: 11 to 11:45 a.m.

■ Get It Done!

Dec. 10
Transition Center
7302 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
(630) 468-4566

The D86 Transition Family Group will host this event featuring a pair of presentations for families of students with special needs. Sherri Schneider from Family Benefit Solutions Inc. will speak from 6 to 7 p.m. and a representative from Illinois ABLE Accounts will present from 7 to 8 p.m. Consultants also will be available to provide families with free one-on-one assistance with the completion of the processes and paperwork for Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, power of attorney/guardianship and getting on the PUNS list. Sign up for a consultant appointment at <http://bit.ly/2QBG-BaN>. Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

NOTEWORTHY

■ DuPage Chorale

Dec. 8
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn

(630) 942-4000
<https://www.atthemac.org>

This community chorus based at College of DuPage will present its Fall Repertoire featuring F. J. Haydn's "Harmoniemesse" and J. S. Bach's Cantata BWV No. 1, directed by Lee Kesselman. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Holiday Sales Party

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

Ticket buyers attending this even can save 10 percent off the price of tickets to the MAC's holiday performances as well as shows in the 2020 winter/spring presentations while avoiding handling fees. Attendees will also be among the first to be able to purchase tickets for the "Frida Kahlo 2020" exhibition coming to the Cleve Carney Art Museum from June through August. Gift certificates will also be available, and visitors will be treated to free food, entertainment and photos with Santa. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Holiday Memorial Candlelighting Service

Dec. 7
Adolf Funeral Home
7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook
(630) 325-2300
donna@adolfservices.com

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

■ LEGO Train Show

Dec. 14 & 15
Cantigny Park Visitors Center & McCormick House
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
<https://www.cantigny.org>

The largest show of the year produced by the Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club returns to Cantigny. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 15. Admission: Free with \$5 parking; parking is free with a donation of a new and unwrapped toy for the Marine Toys for Tots.

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■ Great Chicago Fire

Dec. 19
Cantigny Park Visitors Center
1S151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
(630) 260-8162
<https://www.cantigny.org>
Brian Failing, executive
director of Aurora Regional
Fire Museum, discusses the
Great Chicago Fire and its
impact. Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Admission: Free with \$5 park-
ing. RR

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■ Tiny Tots Roller Skating

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Hinsdale Wine Academy, will
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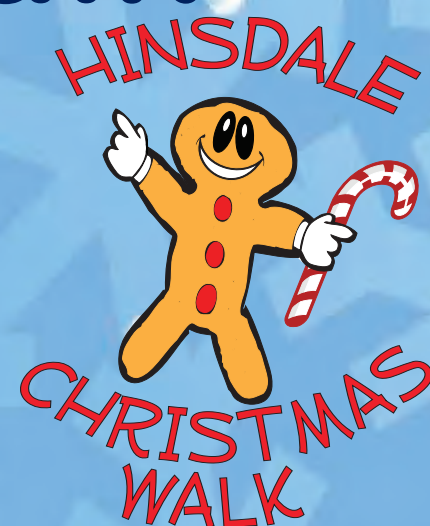
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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

■ Lights and Lagers

Dec. 6
Brookfield Zoo
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<https://www.czs.org/lightsandlagers>

Stroll along pathways illuminated with more than one million LED lights and sample a wide selection of beers while enjoying music and visits with animal ambassadors. All ticket holders must be 21 or older with valid photo ID. Time: 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$45. RR, MD

■ Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 7
KLM Lodge
5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Santa is making a last-minute stop by the Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge to see who has been naughty and nice. Bring a camera to take pictures with Santa and enjoy an expanded continental breakfast. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$23. RR

■ 'Escape to ... A Winter Wonderland'

Dec. 7
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
(708) 484-3797
<https://www.acappellago.org>

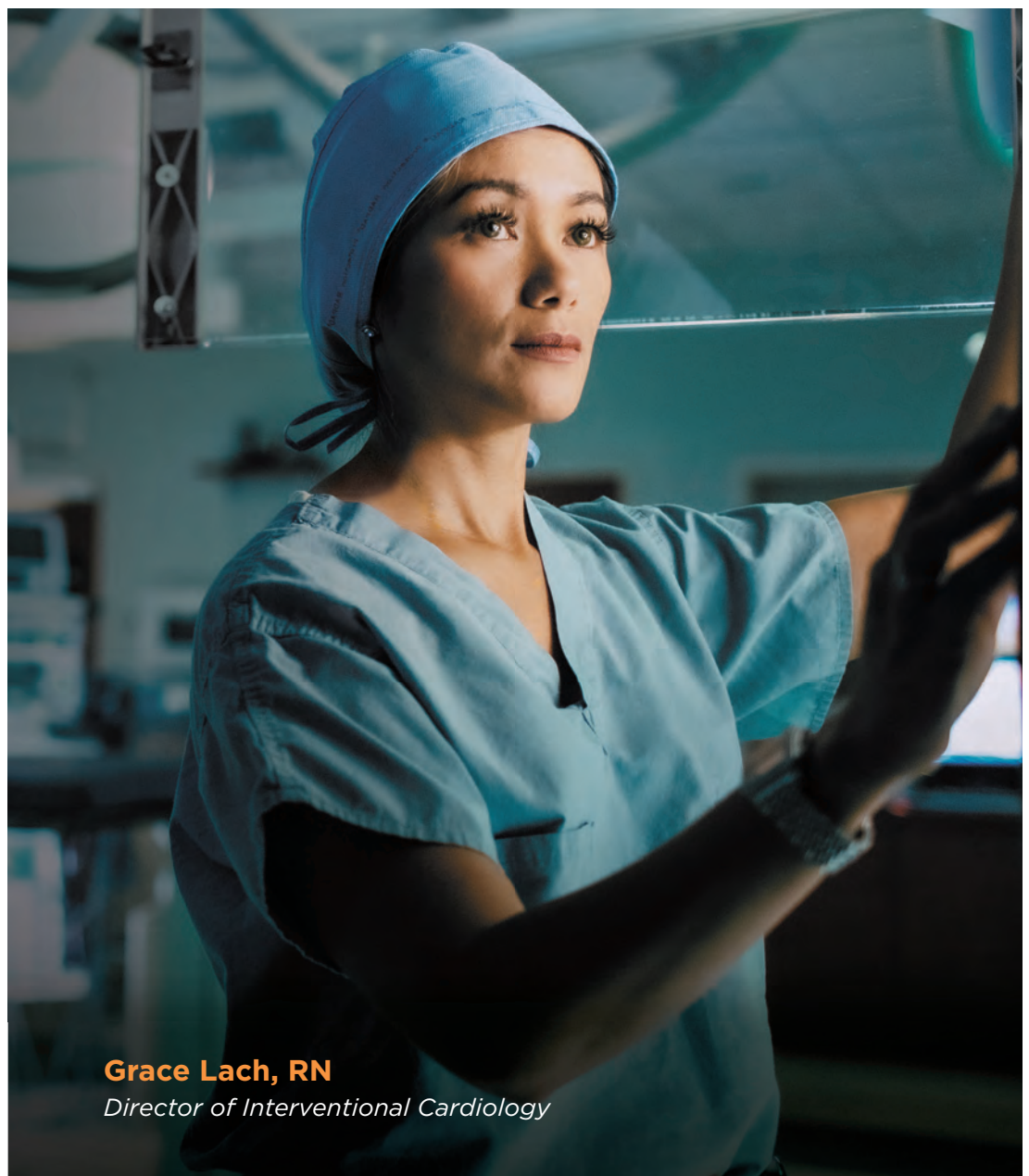
Join Acappellago, an a cappella choir, on this musical journey of songs to celebrate the season. The concert is for ages 12 and up; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$17.

■ Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival

Dec. 7
Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
(630) 668-5161
<https://www.cantigny.org>

Families and children of all ages will enjoy the park's ninth annual holiday festival. Attractions include Mistletoe Market, horse-drawn "sleigh rides," face-painting, a live reindeer display and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. A small fee applies to some

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4:00 PM

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
4:00 PM



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4:00 PM Holy Eucharist (including
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10:00 PM Holy Eucharist (with
Choir and Harp)

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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activities. Time: 1 to 7 p.m.
Admission: Free, parking \$5 or a donation of a new, unwrapped toy for the Marines Toys for Tots drive. Time: 1 to 7 p.m.

■ CarolFest Christmas Concert

Dec. 8
Christ Church of Oak Brook
501 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook
<https://www.christchurch.us/carolfest>

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■ 'Cantate!'

Dec. 9
Clarendon Hills Library
7 N. Prospect Ave.
(630) 323-8188
<https://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org>

Enjoy a lively evening of holiday songs from this eight-member vocal ensemble led by vocalist and voice teacher Patricia Deckert and former Prospect School music teacher Connie Riemer. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Kitchen Tech: Holiday Cookies

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

Just in time for holiday cookie baking! Learn about the technology behind baking the perfect cookie. From mixing, to pressing, to baking, participants will be well prepared to fill their tins this holiday season. Cookies will be served. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

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Friday, Dec. 13, 10am - 5pm

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Saturday, Dec. 14, 10am - 5pm

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Susan Blumberg-Kason, author of
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Thursday, Dec. 19, 10am - 5pm

Friday, Dec. 20, 10am - 5pm

3pm Champagne Shopping starts

Saturday, Dec. 21, 10am - 5pm

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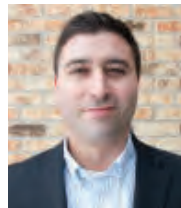
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■ 'Holiday Magic' Concert

Dec. 11
First Congregational Church
1106 Chestnut St., Western Springs
<https://www.wsmusicclub.com>
The Western Springs Music Club will present this program of holiday music. Time: 12:45 p.m.

■ 'The Nutcracker'

Dec. 14-15
McAninch Arts Center

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

Salt Creek Ballet's production of this holiday classic makes its debut at the MAC, accompanied by the New Philharmonic. Photo opportunities will be available with Santa one hour before each matinee. Times: 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 14, 1 and 5 p.m. Dec. 15. Tickets: \$44, \$42 for seniors, \$34 for youth 18 and younger.

■ Holiday Art and Craft Market

Dec. 14-15
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
(630) 206-9566
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

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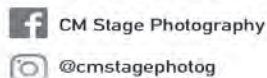
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- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Community Consolidated School District No. 181, Counties of DuPage and Cook, State of Illinois, for 2019 will be held on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the District Administration Center, 115 West 55th Street, Clarendon Hills, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Mohsin Dada, CFP, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, 115 West 55th Street, Clarendon Hills, Illinois, at (630) 861-4959.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$62,571,891.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$64,439,000. This represents a 2.98 percent increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$8,484,620.

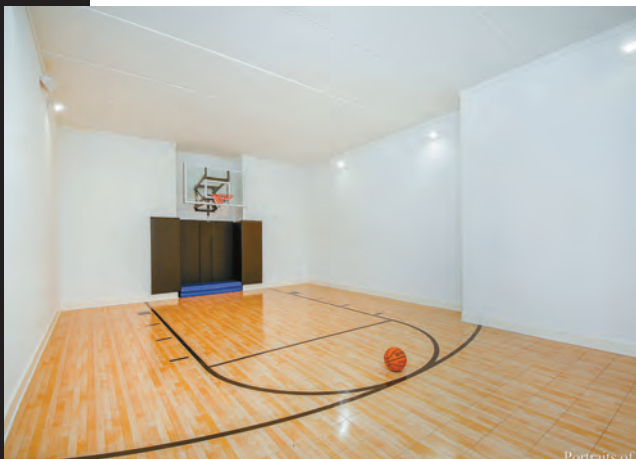
The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$8,365,364. This represents a 1.41 percent decrease from the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$71,056,511.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$72,803,364. This represents a 2.46 percent increase over the previous year.

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■ Sherry Party

Dec. 5
Vintage Charm
52 S. Washington St.,
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childrenshomeandaid.org
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at the Hinsdale Auxiliary of
Children's Home and Aid
annual party. Organizers are
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Osco, Amazon, Target and gas
stations. Vintage Charm will
donate 15 percent of sales to
Children's Home and Aid, and
the Green Goddess Charitable
Foundation will match the
amount. Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Lux Living Holiday Party

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

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Stankus from 5 to 8 p.m.
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MacNeill Foundation, which
works to end pediatric brain
cancer. Time: noon to 9 p.m.
Suggested donation: \$20.

■ Gifts for Yanks collection

Dec. 7
Hinsdale American Legion
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■ Spirit Village

Dec. 7
Christ Church of Oak Brook
501 Oak Brook Road
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REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded from Oct. 28 to Nov. 26.

1. 23 W. North St., Charles and Angela Brown to Vishal and Anjali Oza, Oct. 28, \$540,000

2. 5627 S. Washington St., Weimin and Shing Yue Shiao to Douglas and Gretchen Fuller, Oct. 29, \$575,000

3. 5530 S. Elm St., Ran Sterett and April Fetzer to Aparna Pai, Oct. 30, \$1,220,000

4. 50 W. Kennedy Lane, Cheryl Creek Declaration Trust to Barbara J. Goff Revocable Trust, Oct. 30, \$525,000

5. 7 E. Kennedy Lane, Anthony and Patricia Patti to Suzanne Dunaway Trust, Nov. 4, \$520,000

6. 115 E. Seventh St., Christopher J. and Elaine L. Hoffman trusts to Jason and Ashley Gott, Nov. 4, \$1,500,000

7. 8 E. Kennedy Lane, John and Sookang Chang to Richard and Lois Ursillo, Nov. 4, \$515,000

8. 419 S. Oak St., Peter Haleas to Marco and Alexa Piemonte, Nov. 5, \$1,860,000

9. 5512 S. Washington St., Hinsdale Homes 18 LLC to Maria and Edgar Barrios, Nov. 5, \$395,000

10. 804 Franklin St., Michael and Linda Rempert and Patrick Endo to Fei Smawley and Jin Qui, Nov. 6, \$806,500

11. 415 S. Monroe St., Karen and Joseph Hood to Christopher and Kathleen Karam, Nov. 7, \$525,000

12. 723 S. Bodin St., Peter and Heather Richter to Russell Hacking, Nov. 8, \$882,570

13. 224 N. Garfield Ave., Anne Dvorak to Chicago

Title Land Trust Co., Nov. 8, \$471,000

14. 450 S. Clay St., Birgit and Thomas Carroll to Corey and Mary Simpson, Nov. 12, \$1,340,000

15. 21 N. Monroe St., First Midwest Bank to Drew and Kathleen Himber, Nov. 13, \$735,000

16. 5511 S. Monroe St., Eugeni Koulbanski to Justin Wolfe, Nov. 14, \$1,170,000

17. 435 W. 58th Place, Anthony and Michelle Nardulli to Jestine Lenckus, Nov. 15, \$229,000

18. 136 N. Washington St., Daniel and Kimberly Schaber to Christian and Amanda Hmura, Nov. 18, \$800,000

19. 546 N. Vine St., Karen Shannon to Jeffrey Blust, Nov. 19, \$560,000

20. 926 S. Bodin St., Diane Flynn to Jolanta Gudenaite, Nov. 20, \$310,000

21. 605 Jefferson St., Michael Hemenway to Angela, Joseph and Janice Speziale, Nov. 20, \$645,000

22. 213 N. Elm St., Rebecca L. Arbor Trust to Meredith and William Blank, Nov. 22, \$1,165,000

23. 644 S. Thurlow St., Mary Daves and Paul Armstrong to Jennifer and Milan Makelarski, Nov. 25, \$883,000

24. 711 S. Lincoln St., HSBC Bank USA and Structured Adjustable Rate Mortgage to Teds Builders Inc., Nov. 25, \$956,500

25. 2 S. Quincy St., Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Nov. 25, \$1,300,000

26. 639 S. Jackson St., Branislav and Sonja Marcic to Jonathan and Henrika Bach, Nov. 26, \$615,750

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Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.
Winston Churchill

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.
Dale Evans

Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!
Charles Dickens

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love and of generosity and of goodness. It illuminates the picture window of the soul, and we look out upon the world's busy life and become more interested in people than in things. Thomas S. Monson

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Nov. 7, 2019
35 E. FIRST STREET



Nov. 14, 2019
19 W. CHICAGO AVENUE



Nov. 21, 2019
50 S. LINCOLN STREET



Nov. 28, 2019
28 W. HINSDALE AVENUE

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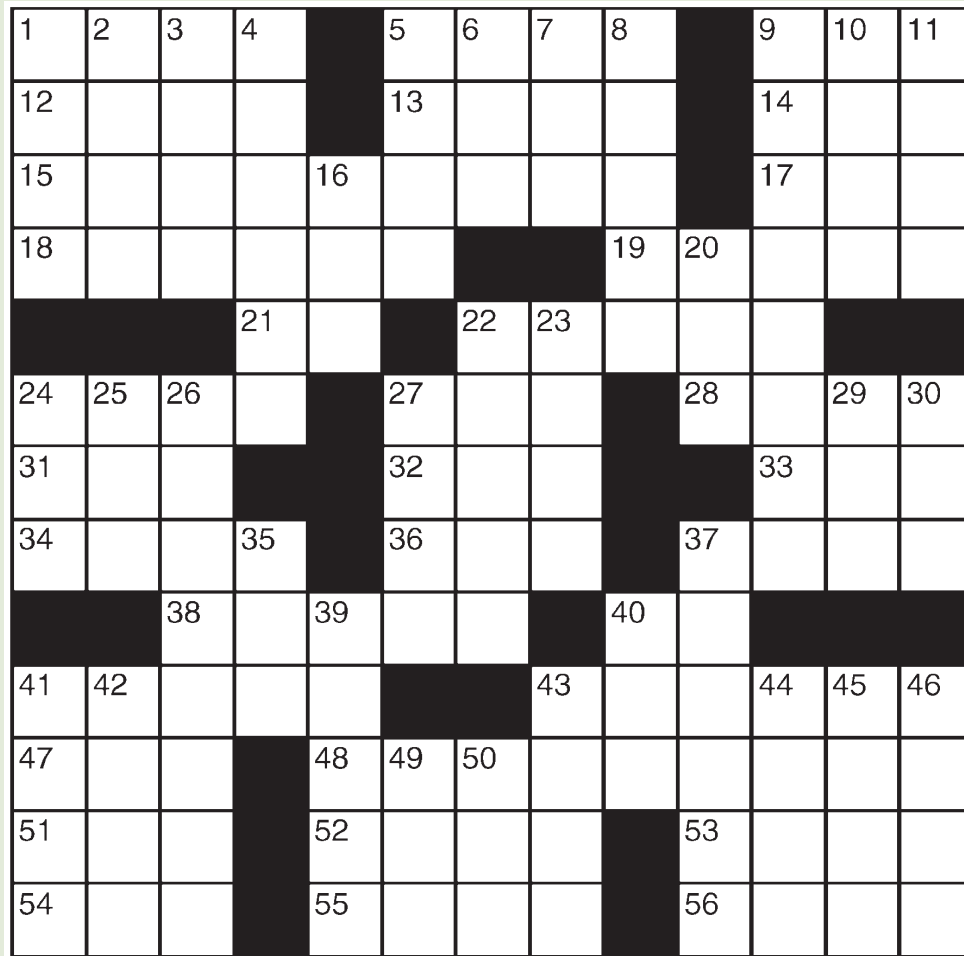
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MIND GAMES

- ACROSS**
- 1 ZINGER
5 NUISANCE
9 OPRAH'S NETWORK
12 CHILLS AND FEVER
13 VISCOUS
14 DOVE'S CALL
15 SHORT MUSICAL WORKS
17 "HAIL, CAESAR!"
18 YULE QUAFF
19 FAIRY TALE VILLAINS
21 CHIC
22 ISLAND PORCH
24 FORMERLY
27 EVERGREEN TYPE
28 BREAK SUDDENLY
31 TASSELED TOPPER
32 LOBE LOCALE
33 GORILLA
34 DREAD
36 ATTEMPT
37 CAR STICKER NO.
38 BATMAN'S PAL
40 PROCEED
41 DISHES
43 COMMERCIAL SONG
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51 CARTE LEAD-IN
52 HANDLE
53 POINT
54 CLEAR THE TABLES
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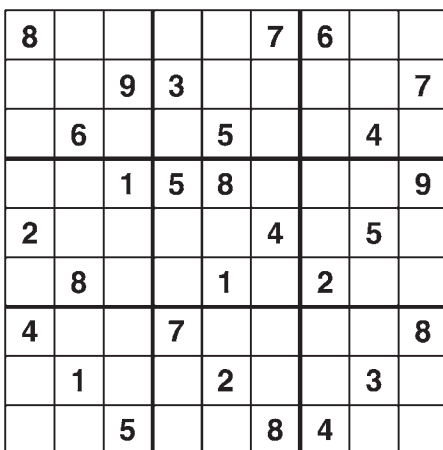


- DOWN**
- 1 FOUNDATION
2 ENTHUSIASTIC
3 LADDER STEP
4 CAP WITH A PROPELLER
5 BLUENOSE
6 A BILLION YEARS
7 HOT TUB
8 MIKE OF THE RING
9 SIMPLE WIND INSTRUMENTS
10 USED A LOOM
11 VETOERS' VOTES
16 HEAVY WEIGHT
20 PETROL
22 MEMORIZE
23 DISTORTED
24 VACATIONING
25 BORN
26 IVAN'S AND PETER'S WIVES
27 BIGFOOT'S COUSIN
29 SPRING MO.
30 VIGOR
35 DIRECTOR HOWARD
37 "FRIENDS" ROLE
39 SOAKS UP SOME RAYS
40 HODGES OF BASEBALL LORE
41 SEAFOOD ENTREE
42 STREAMING VIDEO
43 GIANT
44 APPLE CO-FOUNDER
45 WILDEBEESTS
46 WHIP
46 CATCH SIGHT OF
49 AWAY FROM WSW
50 DO SOME LAWN WORK

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

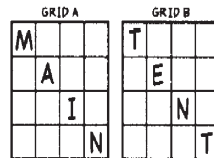
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BIG TOP TESTING TIME! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

1. A good friend.
2. A weak excuse.
3. A happy expression.
4. To change direction.



1. People on the same side.
2. Complete food serving.
3. A boxing area.
4. An undersized animal.

Answers: 1. Mate-team. 2. Lame-meal. 3. Grin-grin. 4. Turn-runt.

S	9	2	4	8	3	1	5	7	6	A
U	5	3	7	6	2	4	8	1	9	N
D	8	6	1	5	9	7	2	3	4	S
O	4	7	2	3	1	6	9	8	5	W
K	1	5	8	4	7	9	3	6	2	E
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HOROSCOPES

December 2019 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you may need to delegate when demands at home start to feel a little overwhelming. Any free time you can muster will be put to good use.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Take some time to think a response through before saying the first thing that comes to mind, Aries. It's not easy to take the words back once they're out there.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
A focus on finances takes priority this week, Cancer. Holiday spending may force you to reevaluate your budget. It could be time to scale back.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Big changes are on the horizon, Libra. You may have wanted a certain outcome, but another arrived instead. It could take some time getting used to a new situation.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Some situations are beyond your control, Aquarius. Fixating on the things you cannot change will not prove productive. Surround yourself with friends.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, even though it can be difficult to cede control, sometimes you have to hand the reins over to someone else. You can still be involved from a distance.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Put all of your energy into one line of thought or project, Leo. This way you're fully behind the idea. You're a force to be reckoned with when you are motivated.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Sometimes you have to table the things you want to say in the interest of consensus, Scorpio. Focus your energy on positive things this week.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Enjoy the moments that you have with family members in the weeks to come, Pisces. These are the most reliable people in your life.



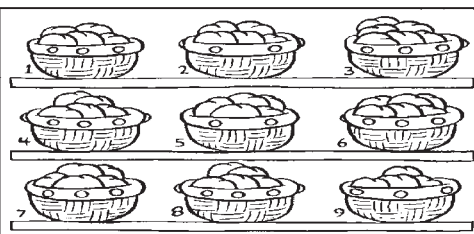
GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, sometimes it can be challenging to figure out what other people are thinking. Focus on yourself instead of trying to get into the heads of those around you.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Time is running out to get an important job done, Virgo. This is not a week to procrastinate, but to bear down and finish your tasks. You'll breathe easier afterward.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, be patient with yourself this week, as you have many different balls in the air at once. Even the most organized person may stumble here or there.



HERE'S A PEACHY PROBLEM! Two of the above fruit baskets look exactly alike. See if you can "pick" them out in one minute flat.

Answer: Baskets 4 and 8

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Ron Kruse
Year: senior
Hometown: Clarendon Hills

When did wrestling become a sport you wanted to pursue?

I started wrestling in first grade, but I started taking it pretty seriously in fourth and fifth grade.

What do you enjoy about it?

I just like that no matter how small or how big you are, you can do well in the sport. It's a lot different than (my other sport) football.

Is it hard to transition from football season right into wrestling?

The last couple of years it was. But this year I only had to cut about 10 pounds, so it wasn't that bad. I'm wrestling at 170 since I grew a little bit this year. The guys I'm wrestling now are a lot bigger and stronger.

How would your teammates describe you?

Hard working. I'm more of a lead-by-example type of guy.

What does being team captain mean to you?

It means a lot. I remember seeing all the guys when I was growing up like the Allens and the Ivanisevics. It's pretty cool knowing that my name is also going to be on the same board as theirs.

Do you have any pre-meet rituals?

I try to stay pretty calm before a meet. I usually listen to Johnny Cash or something and just talk to my teammates.

How have you evolved as a wrestler since freshman year?

I think I've just become more confident in myself and in my offense and what I can do.

What are your personal goals for the season?

I want to be All-Conference and go down to Champaign for the state meet. I want to set a good example for my team and show them what being a Red Devil is all about.

How do you relax?

I like to fish with my friends. I caught 48-inch muskie a couple of years ago.

Who has inspired you?

Pat Tillman was a guy that really inspired me — all that he gave up to go into the military. And my dad inspires me. He taught me almost everything I know.

Why does coach Jason Hayes like having Kruse on the squad?

He has a great work ethic and is an awesome kid to coach. He has been wrestling for a long time, starting in the kids club at a young age.

— profile by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys

Nov. 26-29 @ Hoops for Healing Tournament
vs. Neuqua Valley
V loses 49-50
vs. DeKalb
V wins 48-42
vs. West Aurora
V wins 57-50

Basketball, girls

Dec. 3 vs. Downers North
V loses 31-45
Randle, 6 points
Sarros, 6 points
Howe, 5 points
Cernugel, 4 points
Monyek, 4 points
Butler, 3 points
Amegadjie, 2 points
Ward, point

Nov. 29 & 30
Hornet/Red Devil Invite
vs. Plainfield North
V wins 59-58
vs. Timothy Christian
V wins 48-45
Cernugel, 15 points
Amegadjie, 12 points
Monyek, 12 points
Randle, 5 points
Butler, 2 points
Sarros, 2 points

Bowling, boys

Dec. 3 vs. Hinsdale South
V wins 2,496-2,170
Fellows, 579
Dec. 2 @ Reavis
V loses 1,652-1,954

Fellows, 219
Nov. 26 @ LT
V loses 2,521-2,669
Evans, 587

Bowling, girls

Dec. 3 @ Neuqua Valley
V loses 2,623-2,505
Harvey, 502
Weber, 457
Gits, 428
Venis, 377
Baran, 374
Andersen, 367

Gymnastics, girls

Nov. 27 @ Hornet Invite
V places 4th with 132.1 points
All-around
Klobach, 1st, 35.65

Sommers, 10th, 32.175
Vault
Klobach, 2nd (tie), 9.325
Huber, 11th, 8.4
French, 12th (tie), 8.35
Sommers, 12th (tie), 8.35
Uneven bars
Klobach, 1st, 9.225
French, 4th (tie), 8.55
Marino, 10th, 8.3
Sommers, 17th (tie), 7.85
Balance beam
Klobach, 3rd, 8.35
Sommers, 17th (tie), 7.7
Koulouris, 26th, 7.3
McLaughlin, 29th,

7.1
Floor exercise
Klobach, 5th (tie), 8.75
Sommers, 16th, 8.275
Austin, 18th, 8.15
French, 19th, 8.125

Wrestling

Nov. 30 @ Willowbrook Quad vs. Immaculate Conception
V wins 51-20
vs. Gary Comer
V wins 60-18
vs. Willowbrook
V wins 41-27
Nov. 26 vs. Naperville North
V loses 30-31

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central bowlers
Max Fellows and Dylan Thomas compete against Hinsdale South Tuesday at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. The Red Devils defeated the Hornets in the intradistrict rivalry 2,496-2,170. (photos for The Hinsdalean by Steve Johnston)

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SPORTS

Red Devils looking to heat up the court

Boys, girls basketball teams will face tough conference teams, hope to improve each game

By Pamela Lannom
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The season is under way for the boys and girls basketball teams at Hinsdale Central High School, with each team amassing a 2-2 record in its first four games.

Boys head coach Nick Latorre is looking to get his novice back court in shape, while girls coach Karen Persinger faces the task of melding five returning players with six new team members.

This is the second in a series of three winter sports previews. The first appeared Nov. 21, and the final one will run Dec. 12.

Basketball, boys

First game: Hoops for Healing Tourney Nov. 25-29 (2-2)

Last year: 10-19, lost in regional semifinals

Head coach: Nick Latorre
Seasons as head coach: 10
No. team members: 17

Strengths: I think so far, through our first four games, our strength has been our commitment to playing defense. I feel like this group has done a really good job of really trying to play defense the way we want to play. We really want to make it tough for our opponent, and so far we have done a good job of that. We're still a work in progress and we will be, but I think with our inexperience, especially in the back court, we played well. I was pleased with how we played.

Challenges: We really have no returning back court players that played any significant minutes last year. All of our guards, even our senior guards — Nic St. John, Zach Northey and Connor Nelson — who are playing a big number of minutes, hardly played at all last year in our varsity games. They played a ton of JV games and they played all

summer, but the adjustment to playing a significant role in varsity games is a process. That has been our biggest challenge, getting those guys up to speed quickly so we can be competitive. Our juniors are all first-year varsity guys.

Conference foes: I think our conference is really competitive again like it's been the last few years. I would say the clear favorites are Oak Park and then I think that York and Downers North are also going to be at the top of the standings.

Who to watch: Ryan Isaacson (forward) and Matt Quast (forward/center), who have multiple years of varsity experience and played significant roles on our team the last couple of years. Phillip Borhani (forward) falls into that role, too. These are guys that played a lot of minutes and have that experience, that ability to know what to expect during games. Also juniors Quinn Cain (guard), Charlie Sessa (forward) and Charlie Herbst (guard), (who has) been out with an injury. When he gets back, we're hoping he can have a positive impact as well.

Outlook: Hopefully we'll end the season playing our best basketball. We always want to show progress and improve. That's our goal — to be playing at our best in February.

Basketball, girls

First game: Nov. 21 vs. St. Francis (V lost 34-36)

Last year: 6-19, lost in first game of regionals to Jones College Prep

Head coach: Karen Persinger

Seasons as head coach: third

No. team members: 11

Strengths: I think our strengths this year lie in our work ethic and our ability to

be focused and attentive in practice and really a genuine desire to get better every day.

Challenges: For us, the challenges are going to be early on. We have a good mix of five returners and six new faces on the varsity team. For us it's about building that chemistry on the varsity floor as they learn to play together. I think it's going to be a fun thing to watch them as their team chemistry grows.

Conference foes: The West Suburban Conference Silver is loaded again this year. Every night out is a tough game. I think that this year York, Glenbard West and Downers North are three of the top teams. We still have LT and Proviso West, and I think it's just a tough conference.

Who to watch: The exciting thing to watch is this great group of seniors — Sarah Cernugel, Kendall Butler and Maiwen Amegadjie — who had a tough year last year but have stuck it out and put in a lot of hard work in the off-season mixing with this great group of young athletes coming into the program and learning to play at the varsity level.

Outlook: For us it's about improving every night that we step out on the floor. We want to improve our standing in conference and be competing with the top three, four teams in conference and to really start to get Hinsdale Central back to where it's been in the past.

Furthermore: This is a really fun group of girls who have worked really hard, and I think they are going to be really exciting to come out and see play. Every day I walk into the gym, I tell them it's the best part of my day to get to spend a couple of hours with them and see them improve. It's fun and it's a privilege.



Both the boys and girls basketball teams at Hinsdale Central have set the goal of improving every game so athletes will be playing their best when the post-season rolls around in February. (file photos)



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