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HMS hosts fall band concerts

Members of the Hinsdale Middle School sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade bands hosted their fall concert Nov. 17. Each band performed several numbers for the crowd gathered in the middle school gym. Meghan Monteleone, in the seventh-grade band, played the flute during the performance. George Andrikokus and Meghan Fulton (not pictured) served as conductors. Please turn to Page 16 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)





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NEWS

Legal battle with Trinity is continuing

By Ken Knutson

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The three-year legal battle continues between the village of Hinsdale and the U.S. Department of Justice and Trinity Sober Living over the right to convert a single-family residence into a living unit for those recovering from substance use disorder.

A mediation session between the parties is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5, village manager Kathleen Gargano reported.

Reached for comment this week, Trinity founder and executive director Michael Owens said he's willing to go to trial if necessary.

"Absolutely we're prepared," he remarked of a trial.

The plaintiffs will have to prepare, however, without documents it sought after U.S. District Court federal magistrate Aug. 30 denied a motion by Trinity to compel the village to produce communications between Village President Tom Cauley and village attorney Lance Malina.

In his ruling, Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cole of the Northern District of Illinois said the federal government was overreaching.

"At this point it is delving into information on the peripheries and is leaving proportionality in the rearview window," Cole wrote. "The time has come, after giving the government the benefit of the doubt more than once, over the defendant's objections, to say 'enough is enough.'"

Cole also chastised the government for dragging its feet in its pursuit of documents.

"The government has repeatedly failed to meet deadlines that essentially have been, in whole or in part, of its own choosing," he wrote. "Its past assurances in requests for more time that no further deadlines would be affected have proven to be completely unreliable.

"As the record in this case shows, I have been patient with the government to a fault, but that part of this case is over," Cole continued, referring to the federal government's excuses as "nonsense."

The case dates back more than three years, when Trinity purchased the home at 111 N. Grant St. for use as a sober house for up to 10 residents. The village said the use violated its restriction against more than three unrelated people living in a home. The village filed a complaint in DuPage County Circuit Court in August 2019 to enforce the rule, while Trinity filed a federal lawsuit against Hinsdale in November 2019 for discrimination.

The DOJ joined Trinity's suit a year later, alleging the village violated the Fair Housing Act.

The house was sold two years ago by Trinity, which subsequently opened a sober home in Bensenville. But the legal battle has wore on.

"It's still important for Hinsdale to recognize — and all suburbs — that people that are recovering from addiction are recognized by the (federal) government as people with a disability," Owens told The Hinsdalean following the sale.

The Hinsdalean reported July 21 that legal proceedings in the case had cost the village more than \$1.5 million in legal fees to its law firm, Winston & Strawn. The village has paid the firm at least \$200,000 in the months since, village reports show, although it's not clear how much is related to Trinity.



Spiffing up for Santa

Just in the nick of time, a team of young painters was dispatched to Santa's workshop and North Pole post office in Burlington Park. The DiCosla Group in Hinsdale provided the much-needed paint along with painters Guilliamme Botha, Christopher Fry and

Ernest Zhang. Santa will be on duty to kick off the holiday season Friday night for the Christmas Walk, which begins at 5 p.m. Please turn to Page 17 for complete details. (Jim Slonoff photo)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Early golf — This photo in Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," is of the club house at Ruth Lake. "Ruth Lake Country Club, shown about 1940, was founded in 1922 by some younger men in the village who had used this site along South Madison Street for hunting, camping and skate sailing. The club was named for Linus Ruth, a boyhood friend of the founders, who lost his life in World War I.'



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NEWS

Fiascone finds festive gifts in Hinsdale

Birthstone ring, pajama set, earrings will add sparkle to holidays for family members

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

Before Anna Fiascone was a real estate agent, she was a real estate attorney. The knowledge she gained in law school and four years in practice serves her well as a member of the Hinsdale Plan Commission.

"It kind of keeps that part of my brain working," said Fiascone, who has lived here since 2008.

Christmas for the Fiascones will involve attending one of the live nativity services at Hinsdale Covenant Church followed by dinner at the Hinsdale Golf Club on Christmas Eve and a stop to see husband Nick's family. After opening presents Christmas Day, Anna, Nick and their three daughters will fly to the area known as "30A" in the Florida panhandle, where they'll meet up with Anna's family to continue the celebration.

She found a host of gift ideas on her shopping trip through town for this, the second in our four-part annual gift guide series featuring appointed and elected officials in town.

- Anna's mom, Kay Jones, will be stunned by a 18 karat gold and platinum ring featuring her birthstone, an emerald. One designed by CJ Grad is 1.8 carats, with two side diamonds (.64 CT total weight). "She deserves it," Fiascone said. Caffray Jewelers, \$13,325
- her clients at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Chicago will enjoy the elegant beauty of an orchid this holiday season. Hinsdale Flower Shop, \$89.95



A holiday pajama set from Alixandra Blue will make Christmas merry for Anna Fiascone's 12-year-old daughter, Olivia. "She pretty much lives in PJs anyway. Let's make it festive," Fiascone said.

• an M&M cookie cake will be a tasty option for gluten-free moms at a holiday playdate for her daughters'



Holiday socks from J McLaughlin are a fun stocking stuffer for Fiascone's dad, David. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Oak School classmates. The fully baked cake is always available in the freezer case and, if the timing is right, freshly baked. Sweet Ali's Gluten Free Bakery, \$14.99

- Business partner Natalie Ryan will enjoy walking her dog, Tank, a bouvier des Flandres, with a leash and collar in classic red and green holiday plaid. "She is truly the biggest dog person I know," Fiascone said. "People talk about her dog more than they talk about her." The Velvet Touch, \$20 each
- a Karen Adams boxed calendar set with an easel is the ideal gift for her girls' teachers "especially because you don't have to wrap it." Next year, she can purchase a refill for only \$38. Sass N Class, \$68
- Hinsdale real estate attorney Paul Garver will know he's appreciated when he receives a beautiful basket of fruits and tasty treats. The Fruit Store, \$100
- Her husband, Nick, will enjoy pouring drinks for guests from this Galway Irish crystal decanter. The Longford Square set comes with four matching glasses and a wood tray.

Char Crews, \$450

- Smoked salmon spread, a pound of shrimp and a dozen Chebooktook New Brunswick oysters will make a delicious spread of holiday appetizers. Burhop's, \$10.95-\$27.95
- The perfect stocking stuffer for dad David? Socks! These festive ones feature Santa hats, trees, reindeer, Christmas lights and nutcrackers. J McLaughlin, \$24 a pair
- For daughter Olivia, 12, Fiascone chose Beach Riot's green and red striped PJs with a hint of sparkle. Alixandra Blue, top \$128, shorts, \$98
- sister Jenny in Dallas is a fan of Lafco candles, so a forest oakmoss diffuser in a handblown glass vessel with hand-cut reeds will be a great addition to her collection. Blue Mercury, \$275
- With one stop left and two daughters left to buy for, Fiascone found snowflake earrings for Savannah, 6, who just got her ears pierced; and a 1,000-piece Nutcracker puzzle for Alixandra, 9, who just performed in Hinsdale Dance Academy's ballet this past weekend. SO, \$39 for earrings, \$34 for puzzle

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Commission special meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: bench donations and plaque verbage, 2022 aquatics report, 2023 tentative meeting schedule

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info

On the draft agenda: approve FY23 budget, FY23 tax levy resolution, per capita grant, compensation benchmarking proposal, strategic plan, policies

Five new COVID cases reported in Hinsdale

The DuPage County Health Department reported five new cases of COVID-19 in Hinsdale over the past week, bringing the total number of cases in the DuPage County portion of Hinsdale to 4,287, compared to 4,282 last week. The Cook County Health Department no longer reports on cases specific to Hinsdale.

The number of cases per 100,000 population in DuPage remained at 14.1 on Nov. 29,

with no change since Nov. 21. The community level rose to medium.

District 181 reported nine new positive cases from Nov. 22-29, including six students, a teacher and two staff members, for a total of 124 districtwide since school opened.

District 86 reported four new positive cases at Hinsdale Central last week, bringing the total to 54 since school opened.

Final days for village leaf pick-up program

The village's annual fall leaf pick-up program continues through Dec. 5.

The program is designed to keep village streets cleaner and safer and to help keep leaves out of sewers and storm drains. The village provides free, unlimited weekly curbside collected of leaves in kraft paper yard waste bags. Plastic bags will not be picked up.

Pick-up runs is complimentary and occurs in conjunction with regularly-scheduled weekly yard waste pick-up by Republic Services.

Bagged leaves should be placed in the parkway along the curb by 6 a.m. on scheduled pick-up dates. Bags may not exceed 34 gallons or 60 pounds.

Do not put bags in the street, and do not blow or rake leaves into the street as it causes issues with storm water drainage.

Residents also may choose to keep the leaves on their property to be composted for use as mulch. The village forester highly recommends the use of compost for keeping plants and trees healthy.







Happy New Year Baby!

We're searching for Hinsdale's happiest baby!

If you know a happy baby born in 2022 who would look great on our New Year's cover, email us a photo with the following information — baby's name, baby's birthday, your name, your address and a daytime phone number — to news@thehinsdalean.com.

The winning baby will be photographed by Jim Slonoff to appear on the Dec. 29 cover of The Hinsdalean.

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NEWS

Police warn of armed suspects looking for cars

Hinsdale police issued an alert Wednesday afternoon warning residents of a pattern of auto burglaries and auto thefts occurring in nearby jurisdictions.

The incidents are similar to ones that have occurred over the last several years, in which offenders walk up and down residential streets, checking vehicles in driveways to see if they are unlocked with the key fobs left inside.

Burr Ridge police reported that last Saturday near 91st and Madison streets at least one of the offenders checking cars was holding a firearm. In the most recent pattern, on at least two occasions offenders have shot at a homeowner when confronted, police said.

The attempted thefts are occurring between 4:30 and 8:30 a.m., with sev-

eral incidents occurring after sunrise, a time when homeowners are more likely to interrupt an auto theft.

Hinsdale police offer the following

- 1. Lock vehicles and remove key fobs every night in order to discourage these thefts. Offenders come back to areas in which they have easily found cars in the past.
 - 2. Look before walking out to the car

in the driveway and be aware of the surroundings.

3. Do not confront a suspect. Call

Hinsdale police patrol the neighborhoods in the overnight hours and are being particularly attentive to this pattern. Residents who notice suspicious persons or vehicles in their neighborhood should not hesitate to call police.

US Marshals task force nabs fugitive

A 38-year-old Hinsdale man was taken into custody Nov. 22 in the 700 block of South County Line Road by members of the Cook County Sheriff's Fugitive Apprehension Unit assigned to the U.S. Marshals Great Lakes Regional Task Force.

Nerijus Tautvydas was wanted for multiple charges out of Lithuania, including criminal association, unlawful possession of narcotics, smuggling and criminal liability for treaty crimes, according to a spokesman from the Cook County Sheriff's Office. He was taken into custody without incident and turned over to federal authorities.

Hinsdale police were notified of the incident but their assistance was not required, Chief Brian King said

"Keep the Wreath Red" with holiday fire safety

The Hinsdale Fire Department is once again teaming up with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and neighboring fire departments in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program. This year, the program began Thanksgiving Day and continues through Monday, Jan. 9.

"Keep the Wreath Red" is a holiday fire safety program designed to increase fire safety awareness. A holiday wreath hangs just inside the Hinsdale Fire Station's Mini Museum, which is the small building located near

the entrance way of the main fire station at 121 Symonds Drive in Hinsdale. In the event of a holiday-related fire, firefighters will replace one of the red bulbs with a white one. The goal is to keep the bulbs on that wreath red.

Fire safety reminders for a safe holiday season include:

- Check all illuminated decorations to make sure they are in good condition, with no frayed or cracked wires.
- Keep live Christmas trees watered frequently. Always turn of the lights when leaving your

home.

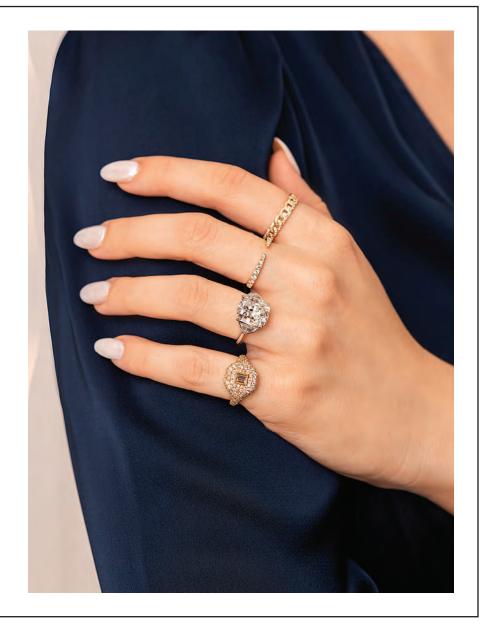
- Use extreme caution with holiday candles and all other open flames to assure they are safe and will not set fire to nearby objects.
- Make sure the fireplace is in good working order and the chimney is free from obstructions and creosote build-up.
- As always, check smoke detectors and make sure they are in good working order.

Questions? Call the Hinsdale Fire Department at (630) 789-7060 or visit the village's website at www.villageofhinsdale.org.

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Nov. 30.

DUI arrests

- Michael C. Belsky, 48, 12818 Hill Drive, Crestwood, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle and improper lane use at 12:25 a.m. Nov. 20 at Interstate 294 and Ogden Avenue. He was charged and released to appear in court.
- Marzela Villa, 31, 1128 Rural St., Aurora, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident (striking a median barrier) and improper lane use at 11:21 p.m. Nov. 27 at Route 83 and 55th Street. Villa was charged and released to appear in court.

Battery arrest

Jack O'Brien Prince, 22, 6 Campbell Court, Toronto, Canada, was arrested for battery and attempted resisting or obstructing a police officer at 9:35 p.m. Nov. 24 at Chase Bank, 4 N. Washington St. He fled from the scene and was located by police at Washington and Maple streets. He posted bond and was released to appear in court.

Sale of alcohol to minor

Shivam K. Patel, 25, 1831 E. Cree Lane, Mt. Prospect, was arrested at 4:45 p.m. Nov. 23 at Hinsdale Food Mart, 5827 S. Madison St., for sale to a prohibited person after police received a citizen compliant about the sale of alcohol to minors. Police observed subjects who appeared to be younger than 21 exit the business with alcohol and confirmed they were under age. The suspect was cited and released to appear in court.

Residential burglary

Police observed pry marks on a door and forced entry to a home in the 600 block of West North Street. The incident occurred between Nov. 18 and 26 while the owners were not home. Nothing was reported missing.

Thefts reported

- Credit cards and a house key were stolen from the purse of a resident of the 300 block of West Fourth Street between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Nov. 19, and fraudulent charges were made at a Chicago restaurant. The theft was reported Nov. 21.
- Someone withdrew money electronically from a bank account belonging to a resident of the 500 block of North Elm Street between Nov. 22-23.

Identity theft

Someone opened two fraudulent credit cards using the identity of a resident of the 400 block of South Jackson Street on Nov. 18. The incident was reported Nov. 22.

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









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60 SECONDS

■ "It's more academically intensive, which I like. And I get to see all the kids from fifth grade through eighth grade."

— Terri Sasnau

Woman's spirit nourished by delivering food

On the cusp of becoming an empty nester last spring, Terri Sasnau was intent on giving back through volunteerism.

"It had been on my list of things to do for a very long time," Sasnau said. "So I signed up for several different organizations."

One of those was Hinsdalebased HCS Family Services, which needed help distributing food at its pantries in Memorial Hall and at Anne M. Jeans School in Willowbrook. It wasn't long before Sasnau became a regular presence.

"I enjoy the people so much," the Darien resident said. "I've done lots of Wednesday night distributions in Willowbrook and have gotten to know the clients that go there."

The permanent substitute teacher at Cass Junior High School in Darien was surprised initially to encounter her students coming through the line.

"I see them in the car with their parents. I introduce myself as I'm having a conversation with their child so they know why the child is talking to this stranger," Sasnau related with a laugh. Last Monday, she and her older daughter Marina, a medical school student, manned indoor operations for the drive-through Thanksgiving meal distribution at Memorial Hall.

"Just her and I were able to pack the shopping carts for 135 clients," she said. "We always had the cart ready to go. We like to move quickly. We like to be efficient."

Sasnau also volunteers with People's Resource Center, the West Suburban Community Pantry and Feed my Starving Children, and the pair spent the week together helping with various outreach efforts.

Of course, her availability depends on her school schedule, which has been pretty demanding due to the shortage of subs. Sasnau said junior high schoolers are fun to shepherd.

"I like that the children are slightly more independent, and you can have more of a conversation with them," she said. "It's more academically intensive, which I like. And I get to see all the kids from fifth grade through eighth grade."

She also relishes the versatility required of a permanent sub.



TERRI SASNAU

GREW UP IN ELMWOOD PARK • MOTHER TO MARINA & OLIVIA • STUDIED ACCOUNTING AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY • MARRIED TO JOHN • ENJOYS EXERCISING AND TUTORING

"I teach anything and everything," said Sasnau, now in her 15th year. "My description is that I cover any and all classes: music, drama, band, English, Spanish — even office staff."

Sasnau is impressed by the number of families the pantries are able to serve, but said she works to avoid the assembly line vibe for clients.

"I'm always trying to make it a pleasant experience and make it socially interactive so they feel good about coming," she said. "I love the client interaction."

She also appreciates the fellowship forged while serving alongside other volunteers and HCS staff.

"Even if it's a day that I'm not seeing clients at the pantry, it's seeing (office and pantry assistant) Mary (Walsh) and (executive director) Wendy (Michalski) in the morning and knowing that certain volunteers are going to show up," she said.

Sasnau expressed shock

at the rate pantry demand as grown in just the last six months. The devout "non-waster" is thankful for pantry partnerships with local grocery stores.

"The amount of food we're able to rescue from the stores is amazing," she said.

As are the rewards she's reaped.

"It's been a greater feeling than I ever would have expected," Sasnau said.

— story by Ken Knutson, submitted photo



OPINION

EDITORIAL

Be neighborly and shop in your neighborhood

Happy December!

For many of us, turning the calendar page from November drives home the reality that our Christmas shopping weeks are now fewer than the number of branches on Charlie Brown's sparse yet plucky tree.

We are thankful that there's nothing sparse about Hinsdale's business community, with dozens of unique shops selling products that you'd be hard-pressed to find on shelves or racks anywhere else. The village's economic pulse is strong due in large part to the faithful patronage of residents and out-of-town visitors who value what small businesses contribute to the overall livability and vitality of the community, and seek to support those merchants as regularly as possible.

So as we think about that long list of holiday purchases that remains to be checked off, let's pause before pulling up that website or app and consider the much deeper investment that is made when one eschews the impersonal click for the in-person trip into town to shop locally. Here are some reasons from Forbes Finance Council to help sell you:

• Stimulate the local economy

Finding the "best deal" can be satisfying, no doubt. But buying local is better for your community and for your wallet as the sales tax revenue generated is reinvested by village officials into the village. Shopping at some big box store elsewhere or online reaps no such benefit.

Reduce the carbon footprint

A local small business tends to make more local purchases, which requires less transportation (less pollution and congestion). And in town locations produce less traffic and have less environmental impact than large malls or warehouse stores.

• Create more jobs

Small businesses are the backbone of the economy, employing half of the private workforce. Local merchants promote economic growth and provide employment opportunities close to home for that empty nester or teenager down the street.

• Buying begets giving

Small businesses are big supporters of local community charities and causes, with studies indicating they donate 250 percent more than

large businesses to local nonprofits and outreach efforts, creating a positive cycle of giving back locally.

• Better customer service

Local store owners know their patron satisfaction is essential. Staff can be expected to be well-versed on products and will take the time to get to know you and your needs — without pressure from what corporate is pushing them to sell.

Nurture innovation and growth

For local businesses to flourish, they need to stand out from big box competition and innovate with problem-solving fixes and thoughtfully sourced, unique products that meet the desires and imaginations of their customer base.

For some inspiration, make sure to check out the items selected in our gift ideas series running on Page 5. The second installment is in this issue. The first listing of enticing merchandise available at Hinsdale stores appeared last week, and more will be featured in the Dec. 8 and 15 issues.

There's nothing wrong thinking globally. In fact we all should. And the vibrancy of small local businesses is assuredly an element that makes our world better.

COMMENTARY

Best Advent calendars don't cost the most

Ainsley enjoyed a piece of chocolate with her breakfast this morning.

Chocolate (unless it's in the Nutella on her waffles) typically isn't on the morning menu at our house, but it will be for the next 24 days as Ainsley opens the numbered squares on her Advent calendar.

She'll also take one of the characters from a numbered pocket and Velcro it in the manger scene on a large fabric Advent calendar hanging on the fridge. It was a gift her first Christmas from my friend (and our freelance writer) Sandy Bosch. Even though she's really outgrown it, it's a tradition at our house.

Although Advent calendars start Dec. 1, the season actually began Sunday and comprises the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The word comes from the Latin "ad-venire," which means "to come to," or the Latin "adventus," which means "arrival," depending on your source. According to

Christianity.com, Advent was a season of preparation for new Christians who would be baptized at the January feast of Epiphany. They would spend 40 days in penance, prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration.

Most Advent calendars sold today do not focus on penance or prayer and promote indulgence over abstinence. In addition to the ubiquitous chocolate Advent calendars, you can get them filled with popcorn, cookies, jams, jerky, wine and whiskey. Other options contain ornaments, mini beauty products, LEGO figures, socks, jewelry and Play-Doh. You can buy one pre-filled or fill your own. And there's a theme for just about any interest, from Dolly Parton, Harry Potter and Sherlock Holmes to Disney, Star Wars and Marvel. You can even buy an Advent calendar for your dog.



Pamela Lannom

little drawers I could fill (with "wee surprises" one description read) this year. I ran the idea past Ainsley and she will not have it. She wants the cardboard Advent calendar that costs \$1.99 in the check-out lane at the grocery store. It's the one she used to receive every

I've had my eye on

Advent calendars with

some beautiful wooden

year from Gram, who has celebrated the past five Christmases in heaven.

I've followed faithfully in my mother-in-law's footsteps. This year I did make an unauthorized upgrade and purchased a Lindt Teddy Advent calendar. I recognize it might be less fun searching for the right numbered square, seeing as the photo on the front is much simpler, but I figured the chocolate would taste better.

I should have remembered the chocolate really isn't the most

important thing. I learned that lesson years ago while helping my mom with her Christmas shopping. For years she would ask for Mint Meltaways from Fannie May, which cost a small fortune, while buying me a box of Queen Anne's chocolate covered cherries for about three bucks a box from the drug store. The first year I was in charge of buying my own gift, I picked up a small box of chocolate-covered cherries at Fannie May while buying the obligatory meltaways. They just didn't taste the same. And then, by the following Christmas, my mom was gone.

I think I know what I need to do! Stop by the drugstore on the way home from work and pick up a \$1.99 Advent calendar for Ainsley and a \$2.99 box of chocolate-covered cherries for myself. The candy will taste fine, and the memories will be extra-sweet.

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

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Holocaust survivor's story passed on

David Dragon was
16 years old when he
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Ghetto, defiantly
risking capture by the
Nazis, to scavenge
scraps of food. He
brought back whatever
little he could find to
feed his parents and
siblings. Yet despite
his courageous efforts,
his mother and father died of
starvation.



David was part of the forced "death march" from Auschwitz to Dachau, another concentration camp located in southern Germany, as the Soviet army closed in on German positions. Those unable to keep up throughout the grueling trek were shot.

Liberated by the American army in 1945, David was sent to a displaced persons camp in Munich where he met his wife, Shirley. They eventually emigrated to the United States in 1948 and had one son, whom they put through college and medical school. Their son became an oncologist, using his talents to heal, treat and administer comfort to people suffering from cancer. He brought life and hope to countless patients and their families, including mine.

David Dragon is my wife's great uncle, and we visited him earlier this year. I recall



Kevin Cook

American flags prominently placed in his apartment. He loved this country. As he hugged me hello, my eyes were drawn to the Auschwitz tattoo on his left arm. Number 78363. It unsettled me. He was reading a newspaper article about the rise of anti-Semitism in

both the U.S. and Europe. He handed it to me and made the point that we must never forget, that his story and those of every Holocaust survivor must be remembered and shared. That we must fight against the light extinguished.

His voice turned a sad, fearful tone as he said one day, when all the Shoah survivors are gone, all that's left will be memories and stories.

David passed away Oct. 20 at 99 years old. He was beloved by countless family, including two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, friends and people who knew him at his synagogue. His historical record is memorialized at the Illinois Holocaust Museum where he recounted his story hundreds of times, mostly to visiting school groups.

I came across this prophetic quote from David taken from the Museum's web site: "I speak to hundreds of kids each year, sharing my story. When I speak, I tell young people ... of the importance of freedom and that they should enjoy it. Ultimately, I think I maybe lived for them: the next generation."

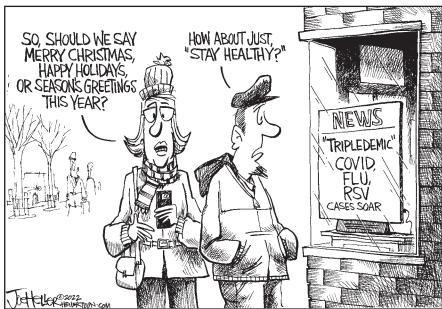
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— Kevin Cook of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehin-sdalean.com.

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OBITUARIES

Joanne M. Cook

Joanne M. Cook, nee Vogt, 90, a longtime Hinsdale resident, passed away Nov. 13, 2022.

She was born in 1932 in Elgin to Leo and Lucille Vogt, nee Dugas.

Joanne attended St. Edward Catholic High School in Elgin and went on to earn a degree in occupational therapy at the University of Iowa.

After college, Joanne worked in many fields including modeling, teaching at St. Peter and Paul Grade School in Naperville, starting her own successful wholesale coffee business and as owner and operator of Hinsdale Clothiers for nearly 35 years.

Joanne's interests included showing German shepherd dogs and eventually American saddle bred horses. She was an avid reader of fiction, loved antiquing with friends and was a member of the Collectors Club of Hinsdale.

Joanne fulfilled her lifelong dream when she built her "summer" home on Stormy Lake in Northern Wisconsin. She spent her last 35 summers "up North" where she loved to go



Cook

water skiing, boating and snowmobiling in the winter.

Joanne's volunteer and charitable work was near and dear to her heart. She was a past president of the Hinsdale Infant Welfare Society, a member of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago and a member of The Service Club of Chicago.

Joanne is survived by her sons, Clark (Holly) Cook and Greggory Cook; and her grandsons, Colin (Amy) Cook and Garrett Cook

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, John "Jack" Cook; and her companion of 35 years, Dr. E.J. Justema.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services Ltd., 7000 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook.

A service will take place at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Service Club of Chicago, 233 E. Erie Street, Suite 405, Chicago, IL 60611 or online at www.theserviceclubofchicago.org.

Jennifer D. Iser

Jennifer D. Iser, 52, a former longtime Hinsdale resident, passed away Nov. 22, 2022, in Miami, Fla.

Jennifer graduated from Hinsdale Central High School in 1988. She always loved to have fun and laugh. She was known for her famous smile and brought unconditional love to everyone she met.

She is survived by her daughter, Chelsea M. Scherp; her siblings, Scott Raskiewicz, Tiffany D. Iser, Carrie D. Iser and William R. Iser Jr.; her father, William R. Iser; and her former husband, Michael E. Scherp.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Judith M. Iser.



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Visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook.

A celebration of life service will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the National Alliance on Mental Illness at www.nami.org.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Barbara J. Simons

Barbara J. (Moore) Simons, 74, formerly of Oak Brook, passed away peacefully Nov. 12, 2022, at her home in Berkeley with her children by her side.

She was born in Chicago in 1947.

Barbara was a gifted artist from an early age and spent her life creating beautiful and unique pieces of art. She was also a naturalist at heart, growing up spending time in Fullersburg Woods and passing along her love of nature

and the woods to her children then ultimately to her grandchildren. She was a female version of Johnny Appleseed, but for oak and walnut trees.

Barby, as she was called by those closest to her, always put everyone first and this was especially true for her children and grandchildren, whom she cherished.

She was a friend to many and many of those



Simons

whom she had known for most of her life.

She was a kind neighbor and was known for having garage sales, which was her connection to her community.

She is survived by her children, Brett Simons of Hinsdale and Amber (Carlos) Klimek; her grandchildren, Diego Klimek, Valentina Simons, Lula Klimek and Colton Simons; and her sister, Linda J. (Stephen) Simpson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Majorie Moore.

A private family memorial service will be held at Fullersburg Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the DuPage County Forest Preserve District at www.dupageforest.org/donate.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

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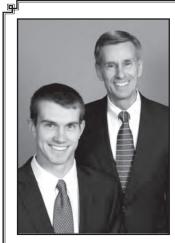
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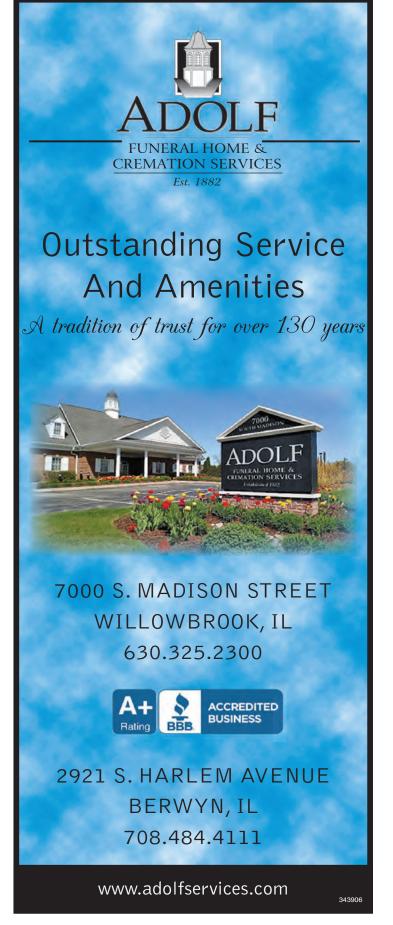
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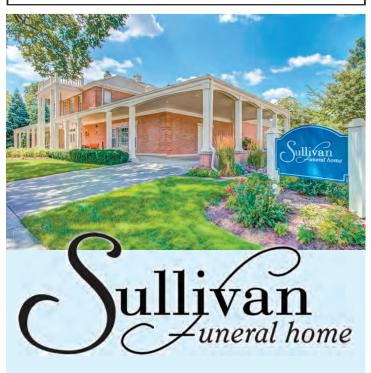
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OBITUARIES

Thomas Francis Meagher

Thomas Francis Meagher, 92, of Burr Ridge, formerly of Hinsdale, died Nov.

Tom was born in Chicago (Rogers Park) and attended St. Timothy's Grade School, St. George High School (Evanston) and St. Mary's College (now St. Mary's University) in Winona, Minn., where he met his wife, Mona. Upon graduating in 1953, they married,

and Tom served in the U.S. Marine Corps and obtained the rank of captain.

Tom's career began with Sears and American Airlines management training programs. He later worked for and became president of Continental Air Transport bus company (owned by Checker Motor Co.), which served Chicago's hotels and airports. While in that role, Mayor Richard J. Daley asked him to become the first president of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (now known as Choose Chicago). After serving in that position, he returned to Continental Air Transport as CEO and led the purchase of Continental from Checker Motors. Years later, he sold his interest in Continental and purchased Howell Tractor and Equipment Co. and PGC Golf Carts in Stuart, Fla. Tom also served on many charitable boards, including Mercy Hospital, Catholic Charities and The 100 Club of Cook County (now Illinois) and he was a founding mem-



Meagher

ber of Special Children's Charities. He also served on many corporate boards, including TWA, Greyhound Corp., UNR Industries, The PrivateBank, Inland American Real Estate Trust, Edward Lowe Foundation, St. Mary's University, Illinois State Toll Authority and DuPage Airport Authority.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mona L. Meagher, nee Carens; and his daughter, Julie Anne Meagher.

He is survived by his children, Constance (Douglas) Cole, Thomas (Diane) Meagher Jr., Michael (Peggy) Meagher and Terence Meagher; his grandchildren, Ian (Jordan) and MacKinzie Cole, T.F. (Liz), Mathias and Michael Meagher, and Meghan and Ryan Meagher; and his great-grandchildren, Theodore, Sabrina, Thomas IV, Mathias Jr., Eden, Ian Jr. and Rockwell.

A funeral Mass was held Nov. 30 at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale.

Interment was private.

Memorials may be made online to Lt. Thomas F. Meagher, C.P.D. Scholarship at St. Mary's University of Minnesota at https://connect.smumn.edu/donate; Catholic Charities at www.catholiccharities.net or The 100 Club of Illinois at www.100clubil.org.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Louise R. Stella

Louise R. Stella, 95, of Clarendon Hills, passed away peacefully Oct. 25, 2022, surrounded by family.

Louise was born in Lyons and grew up during the Great Depression. She was recognized as a leader at Nazareth Academy and continued to organize Class of 1944 reunions well into her 80s. Upon graduation she began working in the insurance industry, eventu-

ally becoming the first woman "special agent" for Fireman's Fund. She joined the National Association of Insurance Women and served in leadership roles, and was president of the I.D.E.A. Her remarkable success drew the attention of local media and she was featured on a radio interview to discuss her trailblazing

An avid golfer, she enjoyed outdoor activities and gardening. She was always eager to take her young nieces and nephew ice skating, bowling and bike riding. Following her retirement, she was an indefatigable volunteer at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills where her family has worshiped for over 60 years. "Zia" had a gift for soothing babies and a way with children that engendered the devotion of her great-nieces and nephews who loved coming to "Nonna and Zia's" house for sleepovers,



Stella

meals and games. She was a devoted and loyal companion who never lost contact with childhood classmates, insurance industry colleagues, neighbors or friends.

She was fluent in Italian and kept in touch with extended family overseas. She shared her love of the language with the children in her family, who learned phrases of affection, songs, and

nursery rhymes from her. She will be mourned by all those whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Giulia Stella; her sister, Anne M. Randell; and her niece, Mimi Randell Levine.

She is survived by her nephew, David (Cindy) Randell of Hinsdale; her niece, Sara Randell (Greg) Riley; and her great-nieces and nephews, Gina Randell, JD Randell, Mia Randell, Joseph Levine, Olivia Randell, Gregory Riley and Josh Randell.

A funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk, Clarendon Hills.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park at www.nazarethacademy.com.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

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CJ GRAD, JEWELRY DESIGNER

What's next after Caffray closes?

Caffray Jewellers in Hinsdale's Grant Square has never been just about making and selling jewelry. The store's tagline is "making fine jewelry and friends," and owner CJ Grad said that during these last days in business, she's constantly reminded of just how many of both she has created.

Some are happy and some are sad, Grad said of the customers visiting the store in its final weeks. Others are panicked about where they'll take their watches for repair.

"I've assured them I'll still do custom work," she said. But at age 61, Grad said she is ready to see what else life might have to offer.

Grad learned to solder, engrave and repair jewelry as a teenager while working at a jewelry store. Always one with an eye for beauty and a knack for creativity, the design part of what would become her career came naturally.

That career will come to an end early next year, when Grad and Dave Schulte, her business partner and husband, hand over the keys to the store's new owner.

"I'm taking my name with me," said Grad, who created the name Caffray by combining several family names into a single word. But the store, its contents and even the Caffray Jewellers armored truck all will soon have new owners

Jewelry, especially custom pieces like those created by Grad, are never just bracelets, necklaces and rings. Each tells a story and holds memories for its owner.

"My customers tell me I should write a book," Grad said. That book would include stories ranging from beautiful to crazy, and it definitely would include the one of a longtime customer who once heard she could clean her jewelry by boiling it. That customer brought her burned jewelry, melted colander and all, to Grad to salvage.

"Most stores probably would have said it's garbage," Grad said, but she restored it to something beautiful, and certainly memorable. In fact, that customer still mentions the incident whenever she visits the store.

Unique challenges were an exciting part of the job for Grad,

who also performed small repairs, custom creations and complete redesigns, intentional and not.

Grad said she'll take a lot of stories, memories and friends with her, but the best thing to come of her years at Caffray is her husband. A jewelry maker and creative person himself, Schulte met Grad in an Oak Brook parking lot. Soon, the two became partners both in business and in life.

Grad said she's a strong believer in God's plan, and she's eager to find out what he has planned next. She and Schulte have purchased a home in Florida, where they eventually will move, and where Grad may put her cooking skills to work as a private cook on the megayacht captained by her son.

"It's a dream and it's coming true," said Grad, who wants to retire while she still has time and health on her side. But until then, she has one more busy holiday season to experience and more jewelry to create.

"I'm still making merchandise," Grad said, and making a few final memories for herself and her customers.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



After 43 years, jeweler CJ Grad is ready to embark on a new adventure with husband and business partner Dave Schulte. Hinsdale will soon have a new jewelry store with a new name in the spot long occupied by Caffray Jewellers. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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HMS bands host fall concert

The sixth-, seventh- and eighthgrade Hinsdale Middle School bands presented a fall concert Nov. 17. Each individual band performed several selections. Sixth-graders Timothy Warren and Ella Massery play the trumpet. Seventh-grader Olivia Giannini is on the tuba. Fellow seventh-graders Jack Berube, Zetian Wang, Abigail Forsythe, Isabelle Head and Anijah Noblin play clarinet. Alex Nemeth is a percussionist for the seventh-grade band. (Jim Slonoff photos)





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Hinsdale's Washington Street teems with revelers at last year's

business district, beginning with Santa's arrival and a tree lighting Christmas Walk, the traditional local kickoff to the holiday season. on the Memorial Hall lawn, and continuing with carousel rides, a This year's event is from 5 to 7 p.m. tomorrow in the downtown trackless train, giveaways from businesses and more. (file photo)

Stroll over to Christmas Walk

Annual Hinsdale event — and a jolly old elf — usher in holiday season

By Ken Knutson

kknutson@thehinsdalean.com

The lights have been hung 'round the downtown with care, which means the village's Christmas Walk soon will be here.

And so it will, as the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce and Razny Jewelers present the 56th annual holiday event from 5 to 7 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 2, throughout the downtown business dis-

This highly anticipated kickoff to the holiday season will include all the favorite participants and activities that have made it such a must-attend gathering for families.

Keeping with tradition, the festivities will begin with the arrival of Santa Claus by Hinsdale fire truck to join Village President Tom Cauley for the holiday tree lighting ceremony on the Memorial Hall lawn. Amanda Wagner, marketing director for the chamber, experienced her first Christmas Walk last year and said the lighting switched on her seasonal spirit.

"I loved it and thought it was totally adorable," Wagner remarked. "It is so magical."

Santa will then take up residence in his Burlington Park workshop to meet and greet young wish list bearers.

The rest of the fun will shift north of the railroad tracks, centered around the intersection of Washington and First streets. The classic carousel will be on First to the west of Washington, while the trackless train will welcome riders on the crossing's opposite side. A bonfire in the middle of the intersection will provide a warm attraction for celebrants to enjoy fellowship.

Wagner said 27 chamber members will have booths set up along Washington Street for visitors to check out.

"I think that's relatively high, so I'm excited about that," Wagner said of the number of participants. "We do have a lot that are going to be doing hot chocolate and hot apple cider and lots of fun giveaways."

Hinsdale Adventist Academy choir members will lend their joyful sounds to the event, starting at the Memorial Hall tree lighting and Burlington Park before making their way through downtown to the bonfire.

Wagner said she's sensing an energy and excitement from the community heading into the walk. "It should be a pretty big party in the streets," she said.

To accommodate all the activity during the event, Washington Street will be closed from First Street to the railroad tracks, as will First between

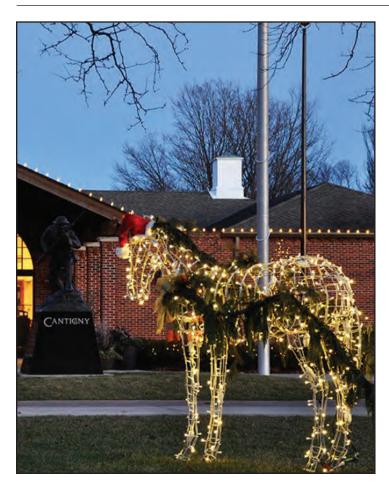
Garfield and Lincoln streets, and Hinsdale Avenue from Village Place to Lincoln.

For those who aren't able to get an audience with Santa on Friday night, Kris Kringle will be in his workshop on two Saturdays, Dec. 10 and 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. That's also the time the village will provide free horse-drawn carriage rides and serve up gingerbread cookies in Burlington

Wagner encouraged residents to join the fun, especially with unseasonably mild conditions in the forecast. A number of stores also are expected to be welcoming patrons looking to tick off items on that holiday shopping list.

"Come on out and visit all our businesses that will be out there and our shops that will be open," Wagner said. "We don't want anyone to miss it. It's a great tradition."

Tomorrow, Dec. 2, is also the deadline for the Hinsdale Holiday Trees Ornament. Submit a homemade ornament for the trees in Burlington Park and the a chance to win a prize. Details on ornament design specifications can be found in the Holiday Happenings listing on Page 28. The ornament should be dropped off with the entry form, available www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr, to Village Hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave., between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.



After the Christmas Walk Friday night, head to Cantigny Park in Wheaton on Saturday for its "Celebrate the Season" event featuring a variety of activities to appeal to visitors of all ages. Turn to Page 28 for details. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Figure Drawing with Live Model

Dec. 8

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

Learn proportion, shading and how to capture movement through figure drawing with a live, draped model. All supplies are included and all skill levels welcome. This program is for those 16 and older. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$45. RR, MD

■ Studio Vino: Wine and Paint

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Enjoy a wine and paint party, with the studio, canvas, paints, brushes and stemware all provided. Beginners are welcome, and the instructor will guide students through the materials and techniques so they have a masterpiece to take home. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$50. RR, MD.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ Faith at Work discussion Fridays Dec. 2, 9 & 16 Egg Harbor

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Benefits of Clinical Trials for Cancer

Dec. 6

www.wellnesshouse.org (630) 323-5150

Dr. William Small Jr., professor and chairman of the radiation oncology department, Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University Chicago, will discuss how clinical trials can provide access to the latest therapies, closer monitoring and reduced costs as well as how to enroll in this online Wellness House program. 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

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The Hinsdale Central Booster Club Board is seeking energetic volunteers to fill board positions for the remainder of this school year and through the 2023-2024 school year, including vice president and coordinators for spirit wear, membership and volunteers. The nonprofit organization is

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Gingerbread brings joy to the holidays

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Amy McCauley

Baking gingerbread cookies with my daughters is one our family's most beloved holiday traditions. It doesn't matter how many things I have left to do on my holiday list or how messy my kitchen looks. When it's covered in powdered sugar, when I sit down to decorate cookies, it all fades away.

Gathered around our little kitchen table, what would have been an ordinary afternoon is suddenly a cookie party. There is so much excitement as the mixer whirs and whips up the frosting. I spoon the icing into pastry bags as fast as I can. We talk and laugh as we pipe little dots, dashes and swirls of icing. Fueled by secret "quality assurance" taste tests, my cookie artists soon create a trayful of masterpieces.

The story of this gingerbread cookie tradition began when I was in high school. However, now that my daughters love it as much as I do, it has become even more meaningful. Over the years they have helped me bake, taste and create our own ultimate gingerbread cookies recipe. The key I have found is rolling the dough out thick and then being careful to pull them out the oven the moment they begin to show signs of a crinkle on top.

So, share a little happiness this holiday season with our family's gingerbread cookies. Baking Christmas cookies makes the world a little sweeter and brighter. One chewy, gingery bite and these cookies will have you signing a holiday tune and wanting to host your own cookie party.

— Amy McCauley of Hinsdale is the paper's food columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com

Gingerbread cookies



Ingredients

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- ¼ cup unsulphured molasses
- 2 tablespoons orange blossom honey
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - \bullet ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
 - 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra for rolling dough

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees

First, in the bowl of a stand mixer, using a paddle attachment, cream together the butter and brown sugar. Next, add in the molasses, honey, vanilla and eggs and beat on medium speed for a minute. Then add in the baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, cloves and flour. Mix on low speed until the dough comes together.

Place half of the dough on a lightly floured surface or silicone baking mat, and using a floured rolling pin, roll the dough out till it is 1/3 of an inch thick. Cut with holiday cookie cutters and place on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Continue until all the dough is used. Bake for 6 to 7 minutes. Allow cookies to cool. Makes about 2 dozen.

Royal Icing Ingredients

• 4 cups powdered sugar

- 2 tablespoons meringue powder
 - 7 tablespoons water

Directions

In the bowl of the electric mixer mix, add in the powdered sugar, meringue powder and water. Mix on medium low for about 3 to 4 minutes. Place icing into pastry bags fitted with writing tips. Have a small cup of water to dip your finger in to smooth any pointy icing dots or seams. Another tip is when baking with kids, use a rubber band to secure the back of the pastry bag so the icing stays inside. Note meringue powder can be found online at the King Arthur Baking Company or at a craft store like Michaels or Hobby Lobby.



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comprised of parents, faculty and community member and supports all extra-curricular athletic and club activities. If interested or for more information, email Rob Tonn at president@theboosters.com.

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JUST FOR KIDS

■ Take home ornament craft

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Kids in kindergarten through second grade are invited to pick up a popsicle stick snowflake craft to decorate and hang at home for the holiday season.

■ 3D Object Design: Beginner

Dec 2, 9 & 16 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Kids can learn the basics of creating designs for 3D printing in this three-session program. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Double the Fun Drawing

Saturdays, Dec. 3-17 Clarendon Hills Community Center 315 Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr (630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-10 will explore all the basics of visual arts, including drawing, portraits, action and cartooning, completing several different projects and learning to draw whimsical characters, animals, action scenes and more. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$75-\$85. RR

■ Winter Reading Challenge

Dec. 19-Jan. 8 www.hinsdalelibrary.info

Youth in kindergarten through middle school are encouraged to fill out a bingo card based on reading to win various prizes.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Godwits: Changing Climate, Changing Flight Patterns Dec. 7

Hudsonian godwits, large long-legged shorebirds, migrate from the southern tip of South America to breed in Alaska and Canada. Nathan Senner, assistant professor in the Department of

Environmental Conservation at

www.CZS.org/LectureSeries

the University of Massachusetts Amherst, will highlight how godwits are altering their migrations and responding to global climate change, as well as what can be done to help them along the way. Time: 7 p.m. Cost: \$10 donations are appreciated. RR

■ Holiday Tech Gift Guide

Dec. 15 www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976 In this virtual program, Hinsdale Public Library staff will share great technology gift ideas, from kitchen gadgets to phone accessories and everything between for every budget. Learn about some of the hottest and latest tech-oriented gifts for all ages. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

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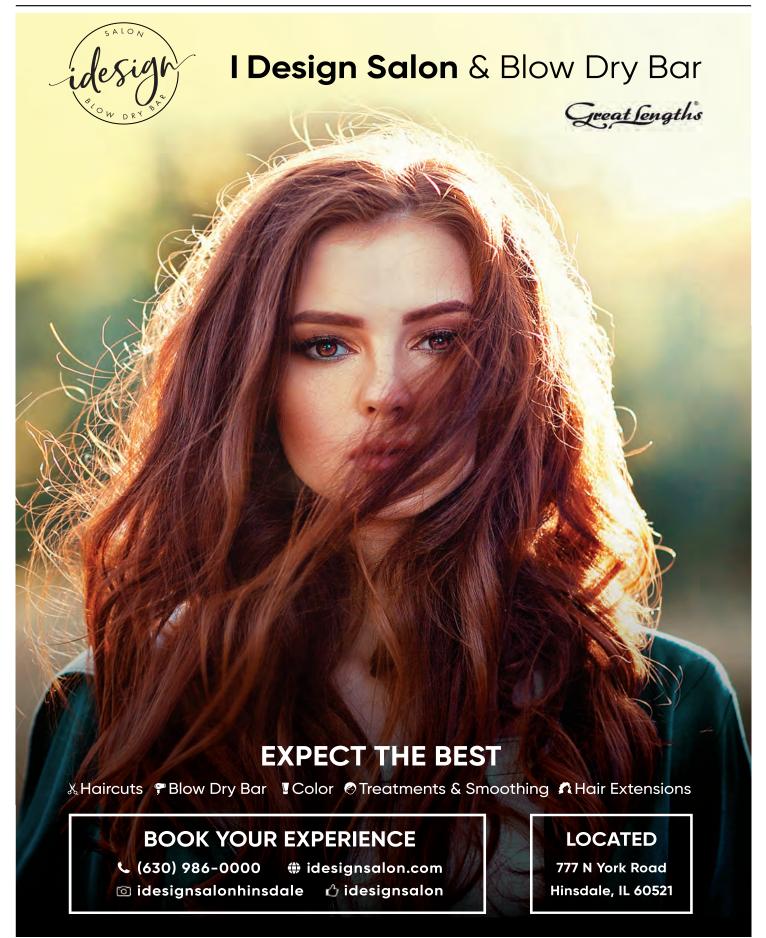
■ Chamber Concert
Dec. 4

Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org (630) 968-0074

Enjoy a performance by KAIA String Quartet as part of the arboretum's series of intimate classical concerts in the historic Thornhill Education Center. Time: 2:15 p.m. Tickets: \$37. RR, MD

■ DuPage Chorale

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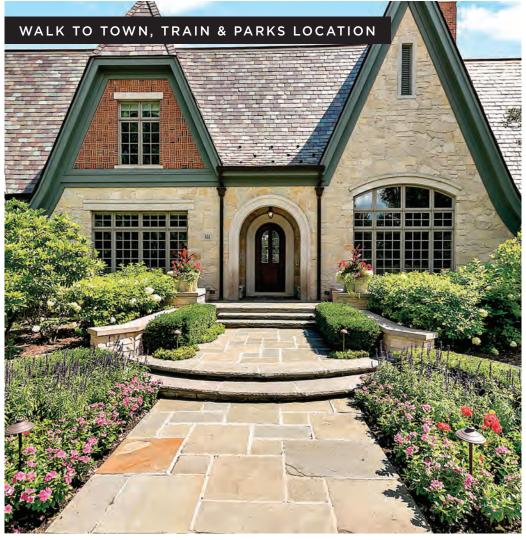
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Dec. 4 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

This community chorus is made up of adult singers of all voice types and ages, with members from across the western suburbs. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$7 for youth.

■ Chamber Orchestra

Dec. 6 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

This group of students and community members will perform from its repertoire of traditional literature for small orchestra/chamber music from the 1600s through the 20th century as well as styles such as jazz, contemporary classical, theater and film music. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

■ Percussion Ensemble

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Dec. 7 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org

Experience an exciting and eclectic mix of world drumming, pop arrangements, original compositions and more. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

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Dec. 8
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www.atthemac.org
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Enjoy vocal chamber music of all periods with particular emphasis on Renaissance madrigal and motets, music of the 20th century and the music of many cultures. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

■ OCEAN Celtic Quartet

Dec. 17 Unitarian Church of Hinsdale 11 W. Maple St. www.acousticren.com (630) 941-7797

The OCEAN Celtic Quartet puts its unique spin on traditional songs and Jennifer Cutting's original compositions, from soaring ballads and stirring sea chanteys to blazing fiddle and accordion tunes. Masks are required. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

ON STAGE

■ 'Newsies Jr.'

Dec. 2-11 Theatre of Western Springs www.theatreofwesternsprings.com (708) 246-4043

Jack Kelly and his ragtag team of newsboys make a meager living selling newspapers on New York City streets in 1899 in this musical. When the prices of "papes" are hiked and the newsies are hung out to dry, they form a union and organize a strike against the greedy publisher Joseph Pulitzer. Inspired by true events, the show features memorable songs and a powerful message. Times: 7

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p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15, \$12 with children.

■ 'Jeeves Intervenes'

Through Dec. 4 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook www.firstfolio.org (630) 986-8067

In its final season, First Folio brings back the first adventure of Bertie and Jeeves from 2008. This is the pitch-perfect Jeeves story for escaping the doldrums of daily life. Times: 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$49-\$59, \$44-\$54 for seniors, \$20 for students.

STEPPING BACK

■ 100 Years Around the Arboretum

Dec. 7 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org

Watch history come to life in this special lecture about

arboretum's fascinating 100 years of history to conclude the yearlong centennial celebration. Enjoy a cocktail (included with the program) as historians share stories about the Mortons, the arboretum and the trees that make it such a treasure. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$46. RR, MD

■ 'The Toy that Built America'

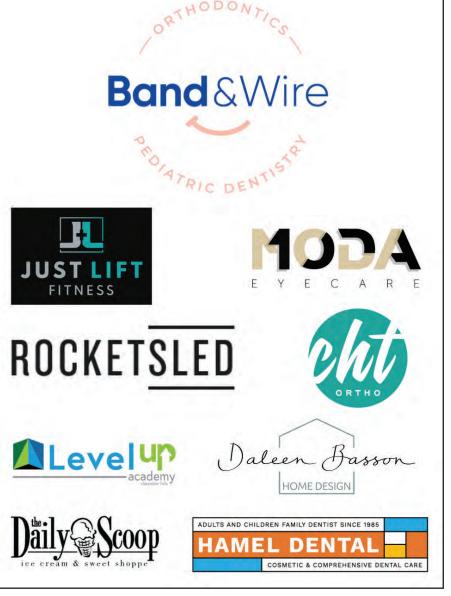
Dec. 7 Cantigny Park 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton

www.cantigny.org

Bruce Watson, author of "The Man Who Changed How Boys and Toys Were Made," will discuss how from 1913 to the 1960s, the Erector Set construction toy was a Christmas morning staple and the man who invented it, A.C. Gilbert. The program will be offered in person and online. Register at the website listed above for the Zoom link. Time: 7 p.m. Cost: Free with \$5 parking.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

■ Open House

Dec. 1
Yankee Peddler
30 E. Hinsdale Ave.
www.hinsdalehistory.org
Stop in for bites and sips and
to meet representatives of the
Hinsdale Historical Society,
who will share information
about a membership promotion and exciting events this
year. Time: 3 to 7 p.m.

■ Holiday Magic

Dec. 1-4, 7-11, 14-18, 26-31 Brookfield Zoo 3400 31st St. (630) 688-8400 www.czs.org/holidaymagic

Bright lights and magical nights await guests at the 41st annual event. Visitors will enjoy more than 2 million twinkling LED lights, a 41-foot tall tree choreographed to seasonal tunes, photo opportunities in the ever-popular 20-foot-tall orb and 3D 16-foot-tall ginger-

bread house, a 600-foot-long "Tunnel of Lights" and more. Many of the zoo's animal buildings will be open as well restaurants and gift shops offering an array of unique items. View more than 600 decorated community and corporate trees along the malls. Advanced registration and tickets are required. Times: 3 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for ages 3-11, \$19.95 for seniors 65 and older plus \$15

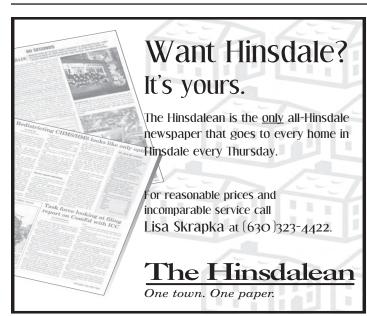
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■ Hinsdale Holiday Trees Ornament making & contest

Dec. 2 deadline Village Hall 19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr (630) 789-7090

Help decorate the Hinsdale holiday trees in Burlington Park by making a homemade ornament, which can be entered in a contest to win a prize. Ornaments should be made of weatherproof material and should not have sharp edges, pointy ends or heavy materials. A 10- to 12-inch string or twine should be attached for hanging. Submissions should not contain content that promotes foul language or discrimination or is deemed graphic, obscene or explicit. Ornaments should be delivered with the entry form (available online) to village hall

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between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.

■ Pizza with Santa

Dec. 3 KLM Lodge 5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale www.villageofhinsdale.org (630) 789-7090

Santa is making a special stop for a pizza lunch, dessert and photo ops. Time noon to 3 p.m. Cost: \$26. RR

■ Annual Winter Event

Dec. 3 Signature Homes 22 N. Lincoln St., Hinsdale

Signature Homes will kick off the holiday season with its annual event, featuring Wally's Waffles, sweet treats, horse and buggy rides and ice carvings — plus a visit from Santa. Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Oh What Fun! Christmas Party Dec. 3

Christ Church of Oak Brook 501 Oak Brook Road https://christchurch.us/party Bring the family for this fun event, featuring a Christmas train, cookie decorating, crafts, photo stations, music and bouncy houses. Guests can also help wrap Christmas gifts for under-resourced children. Admission is free and registration is optional through the website above. Hours: 9 a.m. to noon.

■ Celebrate the Season

Dec. 3
Cantigny Park
1SS151 Winfield Road,
Wheaton
(630) 668-5161
www.cantigny.org

Families and children of all ages are invited to the park, which will be decorated for the holidays. Santa will be available for photos and Mrs. Claus will read classic holiday stories inside the visitors center theater. Decorate an ornament (while supplies last), take a horse-drawn sleigh ride and enjoy live classical music in the First Division Museum. A strolling snowman and reindeer will add to the fun and present additional photo opportunities. A holiday history hike will step off at 5 p.m. from the visitors center. Visitors are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Marine Toys for Tots drop boxes inside the visitors center. Time: 1 to 7 p.m. Admission: \$5 parking; free with toy donation.

■ 'What Sweeter Music'

Dec. 3 & 4 Emmanuel Episcopal Church 203 S. Kensington Ave., La Grange www.towerchorale.org

The Tower Chorale, under the direction of Patrick Gordon, offers its annual holiday concert. Time: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3, 3 p.m. Dec. 4. Tickets: \$25, \$22 for seniors and students.

■ Trip to Aurora's Christkindlmarket

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Dec. 9

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415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.thecommunityhouse.org (630) 323-7500

Shop for German food, beverages, and handcrafted gifts at this German-style Christmas

market resembling winter holiday markets in Europe. Shop among dozens of vendors, sample treats like bratwurst, pretzels, roasted nuts and hot spiced wine, and enjoy music and holiday lights. Round-trip motor coach transportation is included. Time: 11 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost: \$95. RR, MD

■ Nutcracker Suite

Dec. 9

The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.wsballet.org/performances

Adults will mingle, drink and savor holiday treats in a festive atmosphere while children enjoy Nutcrackerthemed activities and craft a costume piece that they will wear later in the evening, when they step onstage to perform alongside West Suburban Ballet Conservatory ballerinas. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets: \$50 for adults, \$10 for children.

■ Holiday Favorites with the Jolly Boys

Dec. 10 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Enjoy this performance of holiday favorites with Hinsdale's own Jolly Boys and embrace the season. Hot chocolate will be provided. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

■ 'Merry'

Dec. 11

Hinsdale Central High School 5500 S. Grant St. www.westsubsymphony.org

The West Suburban
Symphony will perform a holiday concert featuring Santa, carols and tunes celebrating sleighs and winter wonderlands and a reading of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" set to music. Time: 3:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$25, discounts for seniors and teens.

■ Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever

Dec. 13

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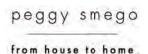


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Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, for this special holiday webinar offered through the Hinsdale Public Library. Shauna will share tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Holly Jolly Trolley

Dec. 14 Immanuel Hall 302 S. Grant St., Hinsdale www.hinsdalehistory.org

The Hinsdale Historical Society invites residents to enjoy holiday caroling with the Hinsdale Chorale, dancing from "The Nutcracker"

by the West Suburban Ballet Conservatory and libations and sweets at Immanuel Hall before enjoying a 20-minute tour to see the best lit homes in town. Click on "Programs & Events" on the website listed above to purchase tickets. Time: 5 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$25.

■ Santa's Mailbox Through Dec. 16 www.villageofhinsdale.org (630) 789-7090

Write a letter to Santa, drop it in the mailbox at village hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave., and receive a personal letter back in four to six business days. Be sure to include the parent form available on the website listed above under Special Events > Santa's Mailbox. Questions? Call the number listed above or send an email to parkrec@villageofhinsdale.org.

■ Interactive Holiday Movie: 'Elf'

Dec. 17 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 323-1976

All ages are invited to watch this fun holiday movie with a bag of props and treats to be used at certain times throughout the film. Time: 2 to 3:30 p.m. R

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■ Gavin Coyle: A Celtic Christmas Dec. 2

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

Gavin Coyle brings his annual "A Celtic Christmas" back to the MAC. Sing along with Gavin and his band as they perform traditional holiday favorites from America and Ireland. Ticket proceeds benefit People's Resource Center. Time: 8 p.m. Tickets: \$40.

■ Juniors Jingle Dash 5K

Dec. 11 Robbins Park Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale www.runsignup.com/race/IL/ Hinsdale/JuniorsJingleDash

This second annual event will raise money to provide college scholarships for area high school students. Enjoy post-race snacks and a photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Festive holiday dress is encouraged. Time: 8 a.m. Registration: \$40, \$20 for kids 18 and younger, strollers are free; \$5 more on race day.

■ BEDS Plus Adopt a Family

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■ Jingle Ball

Dec. 16
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org
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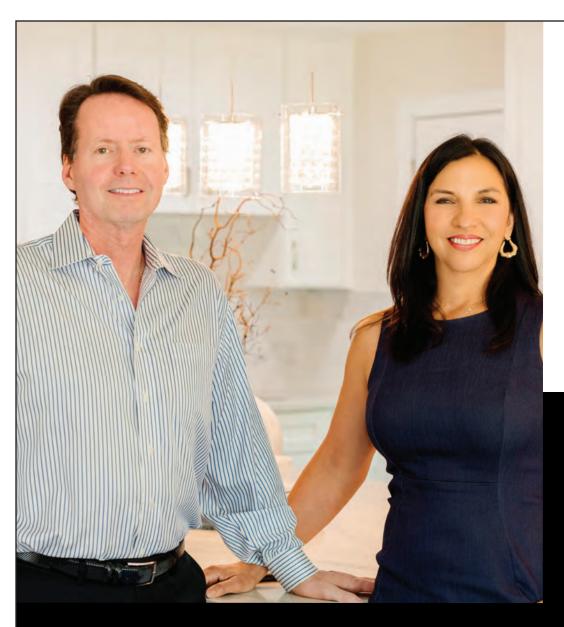
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18	REGION
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24	PRANK
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by Linda Thistle

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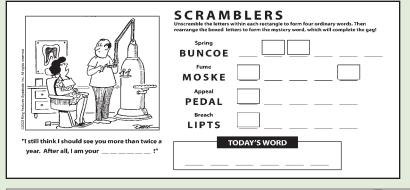
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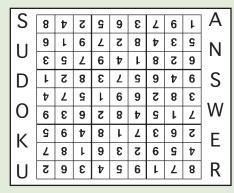
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Today's Word

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December 2022 Horoscopes · Week 1



CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Spending certainly is up during the holiday season, but you may need to keep a closer eye on what is going on with your finances, Capricorn. Don't lose sight of your budget. budget.





ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Someone thinks you are up to a challenge this week, Aries. Dive right in and prove them correct. There's much you'll get done, but leave some time for leisure.

CANCER

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, health concerns may come to the fore-front this week, whether it pertains you or someone close to you. Empty your schedule so you can devote the utmost attention.



LIBRA – Sept 23/0ct 23
A career change could be on the horizon, Libra. Do your research before you take the full plunge into new waters. Maybe test things out before making a firm commitment.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18 Adjuntius – Jan 21/Feb 18
A few interesting possibilities may come across your desk, Aquarius.
Look at them with a critical eye and get a second opinion before moving forward.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
There's not much you can't accomplish these next several days, Taurus. The key will be knowing just where to pull back so that you can do each job well.



LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, despite many looming deadlines, you are surprisingly relaxed about all the things you need to accomplish. Maybe that is because you have a lot of heln



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Home improvements could be coming soon, Scorpio. They'll interfere with your daily schedule for a bit, but the results will be well worth any disruption.



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Too many things seem like a priority right now, Pisces. You need to weed through all of your responsibilities and tackle the most urgent.



GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Think before committing to a project that is expected to take a long time, Gemini. While you may have a lot of free time right now, that may not be the case in a few weeks



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Some unexpected time off has dropped into your lap, Virgo. Figure out if a small vacation or weekend getaway might be just what you need right now. Then make it hannen happen.



SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Ben Oosterbaan senior Hinsdale

What are you most excited about going into your final basketball season?

We have a lot of offensive talent. We just need to string everything together. We want to realize our maximum potential as a team. Most of us have been playing together since we were little kids. We really want to win conference this year and make a little playoff run.

What do you enjoy about the sport?

I like that the hardest workers seem to get the most success on the court. If we have a really good week of going hard at practice, we have more success in games. Hard work translates directly and quickly onto the courts. It's awesome to see.

How would your teammates describe you?

As pretty intense and hardworking. I always like to have fun, too, though, hanging out off the court. But during practice I really like to get to work and focus and do my best to be a good leader.

What advice helps guide your play?

My grandpa and my dad always tell me, "Let the game come to you." I try to play into the flow of the game, whether it's making a pass to a teammate or taking a shot.

Any special talents? I can do a backflip from standing.

How did it feel to sign to play baseball at the University of Michigan?

It was really humbling, but it was awesome. That was my goal my whole life was to play a sport at Michigan. My brother goes there and my uncle played basketball there.

Where might we find you in 10 years?

My hope is to be a professional baseball pitcher.

What's on your Christmas wish list?

A couple pairs of basketball shoes and a pair of walk-around shoes. I go through shoes so quickly, and sometimes I've been stuck wearing a pair of shoes I didn't like in a game.

Why does coach Nick Latorre like having Ben on the squad?

Ben has been a tremendous leader in our program for the past four years. In addition to his basketball skills, Ben has a tremendous attitude, works exceptionally hard and is a great role-model. He is extremely coachable, is a great student, is very respectful and is loved by his teammates.

- profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys steal Nov. 23 & 25 @ Oswego/Naper North Invite Bilenko, rebound V places 3rd vs Neugua Valley V wins 66-56 V wins 68-51

Oosterbaan, 27 points. 8 rebounds. 3 assists, 2 steals Cernugel, 13 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists Collignon, 9 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals Eck. 6 points. rebound, 3 assists, 4 steals Trainer, 6 points Phillips, 5 points, 3

rebounds, 6 assists.

Andrikonis, 2 points Thick, 2 rebounds vs. Downers South

Basketball, girls Nov. 29 @ Glenbard V loses 43-66 Dolan, 19 points Dani, 6 points Sheehan, 6 points Gin, 2 points Knapp, 2 points McLaughlin, 2 points Qui, 2 points Sherpitis, 2 points Nov. 23 & 25 @ Red Devil/Hornet

Invite

vs. Plainfield South V wins 59-53 vs. Sandburg V loses 43-52

Bowling, boys Nov. 28 vs. Reavis V loses 2,586-2,801 Lue, 608 Williams, 559 Patel, 549 Hagan, 440 Schiak, 430

Gymnastics, girls Nov. 23 @ Hornet Invite V places 3rd with 130.4 points Vault French, 9th, 8.7 McLaughlin, 13th

(tie), 8.45 Hamelka, 24th (tie), 8 1 Austin, 33rd (tie), Uneven bars French, 4th (tie), 8.3 Sullivan, 7th, 8 Hamelka, 17th (tie),

Austin, 27th (tie), 6.65 Balance beam Inabnit, 4th, 8.75 Hamelka, 10th, 8.4 Koulouris, 11th, 8.35 Austin, 15th (tie), 8 Floor exercise Austin, 9th, 8.6 French, 11th, 8.5 (tie), 8.25

McLaughlin, 19th, All-around French, 6th, 32.5 Austin, 14th (tie), 30.95

Wrestling Nov. 26 @ Barrington Invite V places 14th 220 pounds Ivanisevic, 1st 145 pounds Tavoso, 3rd 106 pounds Chavez, 5th 138 pounds Ryan, 10th 160 pounds Kruse, 10th

Instant replay





Hinsdale Central bowlers Angelina Molfese and Rachel Brugge approach their shots during the team's season opening home match against Neuqua Valley Tuesday at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. The Red Devils gave a strong performance in their debut, defeating the Wildcats 2,442-1,573 (Jim Slonoff photos)

SPORTS

Devils ready for winter opponents

Gymnastics and wrestling seasons underway, swimmers have first meet on Friday

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

The Hinsdale Central athletes who compete in these winter sports will spend the next few months tumbling, stroking and grappling to the best of their ability, hoping to make it into post-season competition.

This is the second in a three-part series. Boys and girls bowling and hockey were featured Nov. 24, and the boys and girls basketball previews will run Dec. 8.

Girls gymnastics

First meet: Nov. 23 @ Hornet Tournament (V placed 3rd)

Last year: 2nd in conference, 2nd in regionals, 2 individuals competed at state

Head coach: Kim

Seasons as head coach: 18, 32nd year coaching

No. team members: 13 (JV1 and varsity)

Strengths: I think they're all very hard working. A lot of them have improved over the off-season, so that's a huge help. I think our beam is — right now — one of our strongest events.

Challenges: We don't have a superstar. We don't have a level 9 or 10 coming in. Kelly Klobach was that last year and before that was her sister, Caroline.

Who to watch: Senior all-arounder Charlotte French, who made state last year. All-arounder Audrey Austin, who is also a senior. She got hurt last year, so she didn't finish out the season. And all-arounder Hazel Hamelka. She's a junior. She has really improved over the summer.

Outlook: Hopefully we'll be in the top three in our conference and then do

well in regionals and sectionals. We have a lot of work to do.

Furthermore: The girls are all great kids. They all work hard. You can't ask for much more.

Boys swimming

First meet: Dec. 2 @ Waubonsie Triangular

Last year: 9-0, 1st at conference, regionals and sectionals, 2nd at state

Head coach: Bob Barber Seasons as head coach:

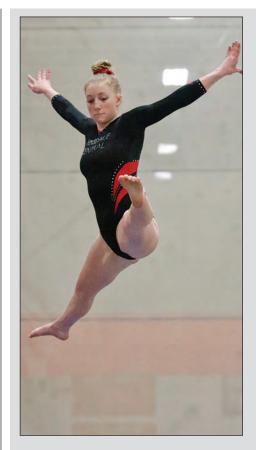
No. varsity team members: 19

Strengths: They put in a really good preseason, off-season training. We have lots of returning state swimmers.

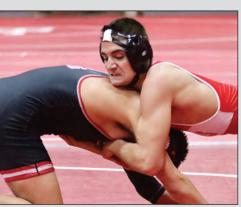
Challenges: We have more state-level finalists than we do spots, so keeping everyone interested, engaged and motivated to surpass last year's finish will be probably our greatest challenge internally. (Externally) you can never count out the people who won it the year before, so Stevenson is going to be a challenge for us. They are very fast.

Who to watch: I have nine returning state qualifiers — seniors Andrew Gilbert, Andrew Fix, Noah Priest, Sammi Kassir; juniors Brody Marcet, Jeffrey Hou, Nate Harris, Noah Bertulis; and sophomore Josh Bey. Key returning athletes — senior Vidar Carlbaum, he's going to go from JV2 conference to being a state finalist; sophomore Henry Guo; and freshman Matt Vatez, agegroup state champion.

Outlook: Honestly our humble goal is to do better than we did last year going after our 19th title. We're fortunate enough to be able to give an undefeated season a run. We're looking to improve on







The Hinsdale Central boys swim team has set its sights on a state championship this year. The girls gymnastics and wrestling programs hope athletes avoid injury and stay healthy into the post-season. (file photos)

New Trier Relays and state. Through maturity and motivation, we've been able to fill a few of the gaps that were created through graduation. We don't have as many gaps as our opponents do.

Furthermore: I've been fortunate enough to coach a lot of very talented teams, to be able to work in Hinsdale for over two decades. This one's potential is up there and it will be a really fun season to watch, both on paper and in person.

Wrestling

First meet: Nov. 22 vs. Naperville North (V won 37-32)

Last year: around 500, two individuals competed at state

Head coach: Jason Hayes

Seasons as head coach: 14

No. team members: 14 on varsity, 70 in program

Strengths: We have a senior class that's had some experience, despite the pandemic.

Challenges: Staying healthy, keeping our starters healthy. Wrestling is a long season. Depth is one of our challenges, getting more depth for the program. Our starters are pretty solid, but we're a little inexperienced on the depth chart. Kids are working hard, though. We've got a tough schedule once again.

Who to watch: Marko Ivanisevic at 220 won the Barrington invite and Cody Tavoso at 138/145 took third. Fernando Chavez at 106, he just took fifth. We've got Liam Ryan (10th in Barrington) at 132/138, he's wrestling both. We've got Zach Kruse (10th in

Barrington) wrestling at 160. Aaron Perez at 145. Hunter Hamdan at 152, Taylor and Tyler Riggi, at 170 and 182, all these guys have varsity experience coming back.

Outlook: I don't know where other teams are at if we can compete for regionals or conference. It just depends how everything lays out, how the season progresses. Kids are working hard. They have a tough schedule. We're training them hard, teaching them to be better human beings outside of wrestling. They learn a lot in this wrestling room and we push them every day so they can be successful later in life.

Furthermore: We have six girls out this year. Girls wrestling is taking off a little more in Illinois. We're trying to have girls wrestle girls vs. girls wrestle boys.











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