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A league of their own — While waiting for the Zamboni driver to finish preparing the ice for practice, Burlington West Grizzlies coach Julie Sochacki lent a hand to the sputtering machine, which was running low on propane. Team members, and Hinsdale Central students Ashley Ashbaugh and Amelia Sowers, were quick to drop their sticks and give their coach a hand as well. Turn to Page 38 to learn about the newly formed high school girls hockey team. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Review of local agencies' past year continues this week.

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NEWS

Hinsdale not immune from Omicron surge

Hospital seeing more patients, schools seeing more absences in latest wave of pandemic

By Pamela Lannom
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The recent surge in COVID-19 cases is evident everywhere you look in town, from the hospital to the schools to the central business district.

Saying Amita Adventist Hinsdale Hospital is stressed is an understatement, said Dr. Bela Nand, chief medical officer of Amita Adventist Medical Centers Hinsdale and La Grange.

"Our numbers are steadily increasing and what's even worse, they are occupying ICU and are getting ventilators," Nand said.

While patient counts are rising, the number of staff available to care for them is falling.

"The ones that were supposed to retire five years from now retired today. The young ones moved on, because this is too hard of a job for them to do. The middle ones are burned out and need a break," she said, adding that they are doing a beautiful job of caring for patients.

Another challenge is caring for patients whose family members are no longer allowed in the hospital due to visitor restrictions that went into effect in December.

"This is a very hard decision for us to make and for all clinical teams, because we like it when family members are there next to loved ones," Nand said. "It's so much easier to take care of the patients when the family is around."

Exceptions are made for pediatric patients, women who are delivering a baby, end of life situations and other circumstances, she noted.

Nand, who noted that 90 percent of associates and 99 percent of the medical staff are fully vaccinated, said she hopes reports that Omicron will fade away by the end of January are true. She remains skeptical.

"Our numbers are not moving in that direction. They are still climbing. I haven't seen a plateau number yet," she said.

What's next?

In addition to patients feeling the impact of the staffing shortage, Nand said more variants will arise.

"We hope this is going to die off on its own and the variants will become less and less lethal to humans," she said.

In the meantime, people should continue to get regular medical care, such as mammograms and colonoscopies, and come to the ER in the event of an emergency.

"It is safe. We are keeping social distance," she said. "We are having everybody masked. Don't ignore your signs and symptoms."

Students, staff absent in D181

In Community Consolidated Elementary District 181, the number of positive cases reported by students and staff totaled 167 from the start of school to the start of winter break.

Then, over winter break, the district recorded 170 positive cases, involving 123 students and 47 staff



Vaccines, such as the ones offered at a District 86 clinic last February, do offer protection against Omicron, said Dr. Bela Nand. (file photo)

members. Another 141 cases have been reported since schools reopened Jan. 3 after winter break.

Administrators began planning for staff absences due to positive cases, quarantine or the need to care for a sick family member over winter break.

"We started working on our staffing for that first and second week on Dec. 27 so we could ensure our coverage," said Gina Herrmann, assistant superintendent of human resources. "We still had challenges. We're just so fortunate that all of our staff members, in each staff category, really stepped up. They've been covering and helping out in different positions. We've been able to run our schools seamlessly."

On the worst day, 107 of 571 staff members were out, Herrmann said. So everyone hit the phones — administrative assistants, principals, even herself — calling substitute teachers.

"It's challenging when we call subs," Herrmann said. "Substitutes are aware of the virus, aware of the spread and don't always want to expose themselves."

"Many school districts are increasing their sub pay, the daily rate," she added. "We're looking at that and comparing ourselves to other districts and considering the possibility."

Many staff members pivoted to make sure classrooms were covered.

"Any of these districts who can keep their schools running during this time have really had to put creative solutions into place and really worked hard," Herrmann said. "You see administrators stepping in. We have teaching assistants who have a substitute license or may have their teaching license stepping up and shifting and going into a classroom. It's getting better."

Teachers who can't come in but are well enough to teach have been doing so via Zoom, she said.

"We do have a sub in that classroom to monitor the students in the class," she said.

With a new recommendation from the CDC for a shorter, five-day quarantine, which has been adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the district might shift to that protocol.

"We want to be prepared to press that button and go if we do make that decision," she said. "Each day is a new challenge."

D86 attendance improving

Staff absences due to COVID-19 began increasing in December and peaked in the days following winter break, said Cheryl Moore, assistant superintendent of human resources in Hinsdale High School District 86.

"Today is the first day I think I only had two employees contact me with COVID symptoms," Moore said Tuesday. "Hopefully we will start going back the correct way, but only time will tell."

On its worst day, the district had less than 10 percent of its staff absent.

Finding subs has not been too much of a challenge, she said, noting teachers can serve as subs for absent colleagues during their free or planning periods.

Teachers who are home are not expected to teach.

"We are not doing any work from home or Zooming options at all," Moore said. "We're just getting the sub and having in-person learning continue."

"We are trying at all costs to avoid that," she added of remote teaching. "It was hard on students. It was hard on teachers. It was a very hard model that maybe somebody can perfect, but not right now."

Moore said teachers have pulled together to make sure student learning continued, including critical preparation for this week's final exams.

"Our staff has just done a fabulous job," she said. "Everybody is just making do and doing the best they can."

No tables available

Vistro Prime announced Dec. 28 on Facebook that they were closing for the rest of that week and would not re-open until Jan. 11, after the restaurant's annual winter break.

"It is with a heavy heart that due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, we have decided to close our dine-in and takeout services for the remainder of the week," the post read. "The safety of our guests and staff is always our biggest concern."

A day later, Toni Patisserie and Cafe posted one of its team members had tested positive and said it would offer curbside pickup for guests who already had placed orders.

"We are working to get all our team members tested and hope to be back to regular operations by Friday, Dec. 31."

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ONCE UPON A TIME



Vintage view — Sandy Williams’ book, “Images of America — Hinsdale,” describes what the central business district looked like in the 19th century. “Long, narrow 25-foot lots accommodated Hinsdale’s early storefronts. Most were built of wood and some had false fronts, characteristics of retail buildings across the country before 1900. This photograph, taken in the late 1870s, shows the west side of Washington Street from First Street, looking north. None of these buildings are standing today.”

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Nonprofit leaders share thoughts on 2021

Agencies reflect on the highs and lows of the past year in second part of annual series

By Ken Knutson
and Pamela Lannom

The Hinsdalean continues this week with its conversations with leaders of local nonprofit agencies reflecting on the challenges and opportunities 2021 presented.

Community Memorial Foundation, Hinsdale Humane Society and Wellness House were featured in a Jan. 6 article.



Candor Health Education

The virtual realm has become an inviting one for Candor Health Education for delivering their programs to students.

Barb Thayer, Candor's executive director, said more than 90 percent of its courses on sex and drug education was provided online in 2021.

"We have learned a tremendous amount about each of those delivery methods," she said of both the live and on-demand platforms Candor utilizes. "We have more bandwidth by doing virtual programs. We found them to be extremely successful."

With schools limiting access to buildings due to the pandemic, Candor had to pivot quickly, doing so to the count of 1,800 programs provided to students across 481 different schools.

"We really did have a pretty productive year all in all," Thayer said.

The measure of anonymity afforded by online interaction also yielded greater, well, candor among participants.

"The students were able to ask better questions than they are in front of their peers," Thayer said.

Digital also presents greater reach potential, she remarked.

"We're ready to expand to other markets because we know now that we can do virtual programs," Thayer said, stressing that staff would still be based out of its Hinsdale office.

Physical changes are being made at the facility in response

to the changing delivery dynamic and hiring of more educators.

"We actually are expanding our offices to include some sound-proof phone booth rooms" to ensure privacy in one-on-one sessions, she said.

The hiring of a director of operations has freed Thayer up for more strategic work, she said, and a new online game portal, Pixelton Adventures, is helping adolescents ages 12-18 learn more about the impact of commonly used drugs on the developing brain and body.

"It can be accessed by anyone, anywhere. They make their own avatar, and it gives them practice for all those decisions that may come down the pipeline for them one day," she said. "Addiction takes hold on those kids so much quicker than with adults."

Thayer lamented at the toll the last couple of year has taken on young people's emotional health.

"They're really struggling," she said.

In the fall Candor piloted a new social-emotional learning program called "Navigating the Middle School Years."

To support the work, a virtual wine fundraiser was held in March, and a fall golf outing raised \$78,000. She admitted the current volatility is tricky to manage.

"I thought that we would be looking at a much more normal school year in 2021," she said. "We don't know how many educators we're going to need. We don't know how many schools are going to be booking us."

"The name of the game is being flexible," she added.



HCS Family Services

The impact of the pandemic was felt at HCS Family Services' food pantries in 2021, according to Executive Director Wendy Michalski. She said the volume of pantry clients, whom they refer to as "neighbors," has been on

the rise.

"Our numbers, especially recently, have been high," Michalski reported. "At Anne M. Jeans (pantry), we just served the highest number of families that we've ever served — 147. But we still had food for that last person who drove up."

Between the Anne M. Jeans pantry on Wednesdays and the twice weekly pantry at Hinsdale's Memorial Hall, the agency serves 230 to 300 families most weeks. Michalski, who assumed her post in May, expressed thanks that donations have kept pace.

"We are so grateful that we can provide food for that many people," she said.

Distribution shifted to curbside at the start of the pandemic and remains that way. Michalski said she and HCS leadership were stunned when a survey of clients revealed an overwhelming preference for the curbside model.

"Our neighbors prefer curbside 8-1," she said. "It's because some of our neighbors are elderly or have small children and like to stay in the car. It makes it just much more convenient for them."

Pantry clients are provided a bag of dry goods, a bag of produce and a bread bag. Packing the bags for curbside service does require a greater number of helpers. Thankfully, that resource has been sufficient as well.

"We rely on 100 volunteers a week, and our volunteer positions are full," she said.

Food drives are a major source of food pantry inventory. Michalski said she was aware of as many as 20 drives going on during November and December. Increasingly they're focused on items like diapers, toiletries or paper goods.

"We're trying to make our drives more targeted to the items we need in the pantry," she said.

In October news broke that HCS was eyeing a move to former Hinsdale Humane Society shelter on Symonds Drive.

"It gives us over 4,000 square feet, and we would have dedicated parking spaces and have a dedicated floor plan which would offer 'wraparound' services" like cooking classes and blood pressure consultations, Michalski said.

The village is expected to consider the plan in coming months.

To close the year, 200 families

received Thanksgiving meal boxes and holiday gifts were given to 950 individuals.

"Our neighbors would actually cry when they picked them up. They were so grateful and thankful for having something for their families," she said. "We're thankful that we're able to do this and we have the commitment of the community."



Hinsdale Historical Society

COVID-19 continued to have an impact on the Hinsdale Historical Society in 2021, but that didn't stop the organization from having a successful year.

"We definitely were creative and kept people safe in executing our events, programs and fundraising efforts," board President Carrie Wester said.

The Kitchen Walk, for example, was split into two events, a May 7 virtual luncheon and a June 25 outdoor edition.

The kitchen walk and nine other fundraisers generated more than \$145,000 for fiscal year 2020-21, which ended June 30.

The historical society offered programs such as Take a Look at Zook and a Fourth of July open house at Immanuel Hall. The society's junior board competed in the Battle of the Boards food drive this spring.

And that's not all.

"We started a new event last year, good old-fashioned family fun days at the museum," Wester said. The events had great attendance, she added.

The past year also saw the historical society mount three exhibits. The second, Hinsdale the 2020 Experience, was held in collaboration with the District 181 Foundation.

"That was a really fun and rewarding type of event," she said.

The current exhibit, "Remembering Pearl Harbor & WWII, Hinsdale's Efforts at Home & Abroad," will remain

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One wish

Nonprofit leaders shared their hopes for 2022.

"That these kids get all of the info and build the skills that they need to navigate the challenges of this digital world that we're in." — **Barb Thayer, Candor Health Education**

"With our mission of solving food insecurity, my wish is that our mission is fulfilled in absolutely." — **Wendy Michalski, HCS Family Services**

"My one wish is to continue to build our volunteer involvement, donor base and collaboration with the community through projects like those going on at Immanuel Hall right now." — **Carrie Wester, Hinsdale Historical Society**

"I wish we can be a model for other communities in our approach to creating a collaborative conversation and action plan to support young people through mental health challenges. The pandemic did not create this need, but it did magnify and multiply existing issues that forward-thinking and compassionate communities should be talking about." — **Dan Janowick, The Community House**

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org>

On the agenda: report on investigation into Uniform Grievance Procedure complaint (filed by board member Eric Held against board member Jeff Waters), presentation by potential diversity and inclusion consultant, HCHTA contract extension, tax levy update

Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org>

On the draft agenda: elm tree treatment and tree maintenance contracts, snow plow purchase, special use permit for marital arts studio

Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: approving of final decision/finding of fact on 5515 and 5517 S. Elm St., and 332 and 328 N. Oak St.

Number of new COVID cases in town drops

One hundred and forty-eight Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 127 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported 21 new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 3,032, compared to 2,884 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had 43 confirmed COVID-19 patients and one patient awaiting test results as of Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Hinsdale Central High School reported 88 positive cases, 37 in isolation and 13 in quarantine as of Jan. 7. Vaccination rates are holding at 81 percent for

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

Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 reported 84 cases Jan. 6-11, involving 75 students and 9 staff.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 20.8 percent on Jan. 9, compared to 21 percent on Jan. 2.

Illinois has administered almost than 19.8 million doses of vaccines. An average of 51,745 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 45,297 last week.

The percentage of individuals fully vaccinated is 71.5 percent in DuPage County and slightly more than 77 percent in the 60521 ZIP code.

Omicron surge hits Hinsdale

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COVID tops rain, snow, sleet

Even with the holiday rush over, some Hinsdale residents have reported they are not receiving their mail on time — or for several days at a time.

That comes as no surprise to the U.S. Postal Service.

"Local management is aware of delivery issues in Hinsdale and is taking steps to address the concerns," Tim Norman, who handles communications for Chicago/Illinois 1 District for the postal service, wrote in an email. "We appreciate the

patience of our customers and the efforts of employees during challenging times.

"Our workforce, like others, is not immune to the human impacts of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic," he continued. "We will continue flexing our available resources to match the workload and we are proud of the efforts of postal employees in Hinsdale, and the nation, as they define essential public service every day."

He suggested customers with delivery issues should send an email using the link at <https://usps.force.com/emailus/s/> or a Tweet to @USPSHelp.



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Upgrades OK'd for downtown building

Three groups of village officials sign off on entrance facelift for office in historic structure

By Ken Knutson

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The Hinsdale Village Board last week approved front and rear facade changes to a building in the village's historic downtown.

At their Jan. 4 meeting, trustees voted unanimously to allow a more decorative entrance and a wall sign with gooseneck lighting at 36 E. Hinsdale Ave. for Performance Wealth Management, which occupies the second floor of the two-story building. They also approved a new awning over the rear door, which older clients often enter to access the elevator.

There was no discussion as they endorsed the recommendation of the plan commissioners, who were united in their general support of the plan at a Nov. 10 public hearing. But the commission attached a couple conditions to their OK, namely that the proposed wood entrance header and the pilasters flanking the entrance be lowered out of concern that the new header would be taller than the exist-

ing main entrance for Salon Lofts, which occupies the building's first floor, as well as adjacent storefront windows. Reducing the height of the entrance design would also ensure the existing limestone trim would remain visible.

Commissioners also recommended that shutters not be installed on the second floor. The stipulations were first advanced by the village's historic preservation commission, which had reviewed the plan a week prior.

At the Nov. 10 meeting, plan commission Chairman Steve Cashman initially suggested that the public hearing be continued to give the applicant time to revise its plans based on those conditions.

But architect Michael Zalud, representing Performance Wealth Management, indicated that a continuance was not necessary as the changes were acceptable and the header trim would be brought down in height to cover the transom window above the door.

"That would be a simple change," Zalud told commissioners. "That's

understandable, and that makes sense."

He said the entrance augmentations would enhance its visibility for visitors, who now often wander next door by accident.

"When people were coming to the building, they don't even notice that door is there," he said. "They always go to Salon Lofts and they're walking around in there looking for our location."

Cashman remarked that the proposal accomplishes that mission.

"It makes the second-floor tenant entry a little nicer than it is currently," he said.

"That's our main concern," Zalud replied.

Commissioner Cynthia Curry asked Zalud if any thought had been given to installing a more prominent entry door.

"Did you even consider just putting a very nice door that would speak highly of an investment management firm?" Curry inquired.

Zalud responded that it had been considered but that the degree to

which it's recessed worked against that as a solution.

"Just because the door is set so far back, it was still not noticeable," he said, "It's four feet back."

The new rear door awning will be dark blue to help differentiate it from the Salon Lofts rear staff entrance.

"It's just delineating where that door is, just to give their customers some direction," Zalud said.

The property is located in the Downtown Historic District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and, according to records, was constructed in 1924 and features two-part Commercial Block architecture. The building was originally a garage for a Ford Motor Dealership once located in the adjacent building at 40 E. Hinsdale Ave. It was later the longtime site of the C. Foster Toys shop. The building has been altered over time, including most recently in 2018, when a new alcove and entrance way were constructed for the second floor tenant space and modifications were made to the existing first floor storefront.

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POLICE BEAT

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DUI arrest

Evony S. Williams, 38, 209 Dunlap Place, Schaumburg, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, carrying a concealed firearm while under the influence of alcohol, transportation of open alcohol by a driver, disobeying a stop sign, operating a vehicle while using an electronic communication device, improper lane use and illegal stopping, standing or parking where prohibited at 12:25 a.m. Jan. 8 at Oak Street and Chicago Avenue. She was stopped for multiple moving violations and was in possession of an open container of alcohol and had a hand gun in her purse. She was charged and released to appear in court.

Unlawful weapon arrest

Filemon Avila, 42, 430 S. La Grange Road, La Grange, was arrested for felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon/vehicle with no FOID card, driving with a revoked license, speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 9:03 a.m. Jan. 8 in the 10 block of East Ogden Avenue. Avila, who was stopped for speeding, had a handgun in the vehicle that was immediately accessible. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

Driver arrested for hit and run

Kimberly A. Fuller, 54, 231 Ashbrook Court, Aurora, was arrested for failure to give information to the owner after striking an unattended vehicle at 9:55 a.m. Jan 5 in the Hinsdale parking deck, 100 S. Garfield Ave.

Police observed the hit and run on surveillance video and located the suspect, who was cited and released to appear in court.

Hit and run reported

Someone hit a vehicle while it was parked in the lot at the Hinsdale Humane Society, 21 Salt Creek Lane, between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. Jan. 6.


Forgery attempted

Someone attempted to cash two fraudulent checks against the bank account of Wellness House, 131 N. County Line Road, on Jan. 4.

Threatening messages sent

A resident of the 300 block of South Elm Street reported receiving messages of a threatening nature from a known suspect between 1 and 4 a.m. Jan. 3.

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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The Hinsdalean remembers the following residents and former residents we lost in 2021.

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Dr. Jim Baker, Oct. 16
Sally Barnard, Oct. 7
Beverley Barnes, Dec. 9
Terri Barrett, May 2
Jim Beatty, April 27
Michael Beaudin, Sept. 19
Dick Berdelle, Aug. 6
Dr. Carl Berry, May 14
Dorel Catarama, June 25
BJ Chimenti, Feb. 22
Chris Chute, Aug. 31
Bill Coates, April 13
Cathy Condon, July 29
Peter Cook, Feb. 24
George Dietrich, Jan. 30
Steve Eich, Sept. 6
Pat Fitzgerald, Oct. 6
Mary Forbes, March 19
Steve Foster, Oct. 4
Lorraine Freeman, July 14
Ray Fylstra, Feb. 25
Christopher Gibson, Dec. 1
Cymala Gibson, Oct. 8
Edward Giniat, Dec. 4
Dr. Bill Gordon, Sept. 13*
Glen Goy, Sept. 14
Gordon Grant, Sept. 15
Diane Grigas, Dec. 14
Becca Guerra, Nov. 15
John Hardy, Feb. 3
Timothy Healy, Dec. 13

Jeanette Hilsabeck, Aug. 6
Joan Hoatson, Aug. 16
Phyllis Hogrefe, Jan. 13
Muqian Huang, Sept. 26
Rachel Hudson, Jan. 13
Elaine Hummer, June 19
Turkan Ilkdemirci, March 29
JoAnne Ireland, Dec. 21
Castle Jordan, May 21
Herbert Keil, June 8
David Kendall, Nov. 7
Leslie Konicki, Sept. 26
Barb Kozak, Oct. 26
Peter Kramer, Aug. 12
Steve Kraynak, Nov. 29
Fred Krehbiel, June 3
Len Krzyzewski, Feb. 8
Beth Lesniewicz, March 19
Steve Lewis, May 21
Bill Littlejohn, May 8
Christina Louvie, Aug. 11
Jack Lubarda, Oct. 28
Anita Ludington, Dec. 9
Dorothy Maas, Nov. 21
Casey Marciszewski, Jan. 29
Margaret McCabe, Nov. 5
Dan McGarry, Oct. 6
Heidi Michaelis, May 25
Katherine Miller, Nov. 22
Don Moller, Feb. 5
Shirley Moravec, Sept. 29
Bill Morrison, April 1
Connie Moses, Jan. 27
Laura Mueller, Aug. 18

Thomas Murphy, Oct. 27
Chris Nash, March 8
DeeAnn O'Brien, Jan. 12
Michael Paolinetti, Jan. 2
Martha Patterson, Nov. 26
Grace Pierson, Oct. 23
Lillian Piontkowski, Jan. 3
Christine Postrozny, Nov. 25
Judith Powell, Oct. 26
Joy Rasin, April 22
John Recktenwall, Jan. 3
Bob Reininga, Oct. 31
Pat Russo, June 2
Suzanne Sailor, May 26
Barbara Schanck, Feb. 2
Irma Schneider, April 12
Dr. Joanne Smith, Sept. 6
Bill Snyder, Jan. 4
Hank Soukup, May 6
Julie Ann Stec, Dec. 19
Ralph Steinbarth, June 25
Ed Stocker, March 12
Frank Swan, March 2
Mona Taylor, June 29
Bill Trescott, Nov. 17
Jean Tyska, May 17
William Vornsand, July 21
BettyLou Wargen, March 14
John Wargen, Oct. 28
Jeannette Wentsel, Nov. 14
Elmer Wimmer, June 23
David Wodrich, Aug. 19
Janet Woolley, Feb. 15
Jim Wright, Aug. 22

We also remember local friends and family members.

Jessica BeCraft, Sept. 6
Chuck Beuke, Dec. 7
Bob Bilshausen, Sept. 16
Penny Jamison-Butler, Dec. 20*
Jim Cameron, Jan. 16
Keith Campbell, April 29
Gerald Cekanor, Aug. 2
Corey Chakeen, Feb. 5
Sharon Cohen, June 28
Patrick Colombo, May 20
Jeremy Conley, Oct. 1
James Conrad, July 30
Ruth Cyrier, Jan. 2
Joan Cullen, Nov. 4
Oakley Davidson, May 9
Diane Deering, June 25
Zona Zoe Douglass, Nov. 17
Dr. Dick Ecker, Dec. 6
Dr. Jaroslav Fencel, July 21
Byron Finnegan, April 2
Janis Foster, April 18
Marilyn George, March 13
Rob George, Sept. 3
Gus Gesior, Sept. 2
Rosemary Grant, Aug. 15
Bob Gracyk, May 17

Paul Haley, Oct. 13
Carol Hanson, Jan. 16
Lynn Johnson, Nov. 4
Nancy Kaul, March 7
Louella Kec, Jan. 16
Tom Keck, Feb. 27
Nonie Kern, March 15
Barbara Kincaid, Dec. 2
Kenneth Kopka, May 30
Lillian Kuikman, Sept. 20
Lillian LaPalio, Aug. 9
Susan Leonhard, June 16
Charlotte Lillquist, Dec. 5*
Thaddeus Lis, July 18
Mark Mahoney, March 14
Judy Mazzei, Nov. 1
Lee McGinty, Dec. 5*
Kay Morrissey, Dec. 7
Vijai Moses, Feb. 15
Jim Nerad, March 21
Joyce Pagano, Jan. 16
Dr. Ed Paloyan, Oct. 13
William Parrillo, May 31
Jim Paul, Dec. 5
Edwige Pierre-Louis, Dec. 28
Karen Price, Oct. 30

Bob Ptak, Oct. 1
Kevin Quinlan, Sept. 7
Bob Reiland, Aug. 11
Elaine Reiland, April 20
Ann Reynolds, Sept. 1
Bob Ricker, Dec. 5
Bonnie Robinson, Aug. 16
Mary Sherlock, Feb. 12
Nancy Sidor, Sept. 23
Bill Schuler, Nov. 21
Joseph Svandra, July 15
Michael Tolar, Aug. 5
Tom Trevithick, Sept. 24
Les Trilla, April 20
Mark Turpin, Aug. 6
Chuck Usher, Aug. 12
Patricia Volsansky, Dec. 22
Paul Weldon, May 24
Walter Welninski, Sept. 15
Rex Whitlatch, Oct. 2
Michael Widrechner, Sept. 2
Marian Zaba, March 14
Carol Zidek, Sept. 27
Robert Zielke, Aug. 13

*died in 2020

■ “I’ve just really enjoyed getting to read about so many experiences that people have had and talk with the writers and connect with more Central students.” — **Lauren Peters**

Central senior lends her talent to compose Solstice

Solstice Magazine has long served as the repository of Hinsdale Central’s cultural arts.

For the last four years, senior Lauren Peters has helped curate the annual literary and visual arts publication, a pursuit she suggested is a labor of love.

“My freshman year a couple of my friends had also joined Solstice, and I went along with them,” she said. “I just knew I really wanted to be involved with something that really involved writing and art.”

The commitment of Peters and her peers has been rewarded with national recognition the last four years in the form of a Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The 2021 edition of Solstice was recently named a finalist for the honor, presented to a student print or digital medium for overall excellence.

“It was really great to hear that,” Peters said. “Just being a finalist, there just are not many schools that get that award.”

Not many that aren’t named Hinsdale Central, anyway. It’s the second straight year for the accolade after the 2020 release was given a Gold Crown, the top prize.

“It was really exciting,” said Peters, who was literary editor for last year’s magazine. “I was just really proud to have actually been a part of the head staff and to get an award, really proud that we were able to overcome quarantine to do it.”

Submissions are collected from students into February, then Solstice members perform the tough task of selecting the ones to publish.

“We’ve been receiving quite a bit,” she said.

Club sponsor and English teacher Angelique Burrell sets up a spreadsheet of all the entries — anonymously so there’s no bias. Teams for each category meet to evaluate them. Peters heads up photography this year.

“Once we have all the entries, we have a discussion,” she related. “It can definitely be a bit complicated, but we have it really organized,” she said. “If we didn’t have as dedicated of members, it would be a difficult process. But everyone works together to make it really smooth.”

The process got a little rocky with quarantine, but video conferencing proved a workable backup.

“Toward the end of (last) year, we were able to meet in



LAUREN PETERS

FAVORITE WRITERS INCLUDE POET AUDRE LORD, NOVELIST OTTESSA MOSHFEGH • DAUGHTER OF KAREN & MICHAEL • ENJOYS HORSEBACK RIDING • HAS AN OLDER SISTER, LINDSAY

person,” she said. “We definitely had to be very flexible.”

Since her sophomore year, Peters has been active with Centrals’ poetry club, stepping up as captain this year. The group is preparing for Chicago’s Louder than a Bomb event, the largest slam poetry competition in the country held every February.

She recalled a group poem she was part of first year.

“It was a piece about sexual assault, and I just liked the way all four people came together to work on it,” Peters said. “It’s also helped me grow as a person with my confidence and public speaking.”

Peters, who’s awaiting response to her college applications, plans to pursue graphic design and possibly journalism as an undergrad.

Before then, she aims to

deliver the best edition of Solstice she the rest and the team can, And find out if another Gold Crown arrives this spring.

“I’ve just really enjoyed getting to read about so many experiences that people have had and talk with the writers and connect with more Central students,” she said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Blood donors needed now to meet critical shortage

If donating blood is something you've thought of doing, the time is now.

This week the American Red Cross issued a plea to help with its worst blood shortage in more than a decade.

"Dangerously low blood supply levels are posing a concerning risk to patient care and forcing doctors to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available," the organization's press release reads.

The pandemic, of course, continues to present challenges, forcing the cancellation of blood drives, limiting the availability of staff and resulting to a 10 percent overall decline in the number of donors. In recent weeks, the Red Cross reported that it has had less than a one-day supply of critical blood types and has had to limit blood product distributions to hospitals. At times, as much as one-fourth of hospital blood needs are not being met.

"Winter weather across the country and the recent surge of COVID-19 cases are compounding the already-dire situation facing the blood

supply," said Dr. Baia Lasky, medical director for the Red Cross.

If there was ever a National Blood Donor Month — aka January — to donate blood, this is it.

Statistics reveal that every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood, and about 4.5 million Americans would die each year without blood transfusions. Cancer patients, burn victims, people suffering from sickle cell and other diseases and those undergoing surgery are all potential recipients.

Blood and platelet donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments. Type O+ is most prized because it can be given to patients of all blood types. But everyone's contribution can be used to renew someone's lease on life.

The next local Red Cross-sponsored blood drives with spots available as of press time are

- 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at American Legion Post 1941, 900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, 3815 Highland Ave., Downers Grove

Visit <https://www.RedCrossBlood.org> or call 1-800-RED CROSS for more information or to check for updates and additions to the blood drive schedule.

The nearest year-round locations for Hinsdale residents to donate at time of one's convenience are both in Westmont: Versiti at 6317 Fairview Ave. (<https://www.versiti.org>), and Vitalant at 1133 Fairview Ave. (<https://www.vitalant.org>).

Try to drink plenty of caffeine-free beverages in the days leading up to the donation and remember to eat a healthy meal (low in fat and high in iron) at least two hours before. And wear a mask. The entire process from registration to post-donation refreshments takes about an hour. And it just might be one of the most consequential hours you spend.

"Please, if you are eligible, make an appointment to give blood or platelets in the days and weeks ahead to ensure no patient is forced to wait for critical care," Lasky exhorted.

COMMENTARY

College entrance exams best left to high schoolers

I've taken the ACT test twice in my life.

Once as high school junior — and once as a grown adult.

I had a chance at my previous job to take the ACT at Lyons Township High School along with other business people, to help us understand expectations on high school juniors.

I attended the study session. And I studied on my own (which should come as no surprise to anyone who knows me). I'm happy to say I scored the same as an adult as I did as a high school student. But that was many, many, many years ago.

So when I saw a press release this week about adults in Illinois who took the SAT test, I was intrigued.

The email included some sample questions.

The first involved some simple algebra.

If $x + 6 = 9$, then $3x + 1 =$

Easy. The answer is B, 10.

On to question 2.

"What does 'burgeon' mean?"

D, to rapidly expand

The press release praised Illinois adults for coming in 11th place nationwide in a quiz of 5,000 adults with SAT questions like these post-

ed on the Jigsaw puzzle website im-a-puzzle.com. No wonder, I thought to myself. These questions are too easy.

So I clicked on the bright blue "online quiz test" link.

More easy words to define, easy algebra problems to solve. The most complicated question was a word problem that required you to multiply 6 by 1.5.

Come on.

I am happy to report I answered 10/10 questions correctly to earn a ranking of "Teacher's Pet!" This would roughly equate to a score of more than 1,050 out of 1,600, the website indicates.

I wondered how they determined that. If I scored 100 percent, why wouldn't I earn a score of 1,600?

I found the answer by looking at a real SAT practice test online.

The puzzle website test doesn't require any stamina at all. The SAT does. The four-part exam has 154 questions and lasts 180 minutes.

Guessing I would do pretty well



Pamela Lannom

on the reading comprehension and word choice and grammar questions, I skipped ahead to the first math test, 25 minutes, 20 questions.

Some were like the ones on the 10-question quiz.

And then there was this one:

"A summer camp counselor wants to find a length, x , in feet, across

the lake as represented in the sketch above. The lengths represented by AB, EB, BD and CD on the sketch were determined to be 1,800 feet, 1,400 feet, 700 feet and 800 feet, respectively. Segments AC and DE intersect at B, and angle AEB and angle CDB have the same measure. What is the value of x ?"

I studied the test's reference page for a clue, but it was no help. I looked up the formulas for sines, cosines and tangents, but there were no right triangles on my sketch.

I remembered something about intersecting lines and opposite angles that are congruent, but it didn't help.

And it's lunchtime. And I'm hungry.

I try to look up the answer in the answer guide, and it's not the right answer. I can tell because the explanation describes a different problem.

So I must have a test from a different year, but I can't find a date on it. Anywhere.

I'm getting hungrier. And deadline looms.

I stop to eat, planning to take another quick look after I've had some nourishment.

And what do I find? I was looking at the wrong section of the test!

So, I've definitely learned something here. It has to do with rushing and following directions and eating breakfast (lunch in my case) all the other things adults like to remind kids about when they are doing homework or getting ready to take a test.

And the answer for the summer camp counselor?

It's 1,600. Of course.

Not at all what my SAT score would be.

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

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

No way to prepare for all the 'mom' moments

Some things, they don't warn you about.

Others, even things you'd rather not know, are shared in abundant detail — labor and delivery experiences, kids' test scores, social gaffes. All stories told parent-to-parent about raising kids.

To be fair, I am grateful for the stories, most of which can be boiled down to a central nugget of meaningful advice. Girlfriends and strangers alike have shared knowledge that is worth more than any information from Dr. Oz, Oprah or podcasters combined.

The life experience/wisdom of other moms has buoyed me when I've had to dog-paddle for sanity. I've mentioned one friend, Jill, in this column before. She's shared her insights over coffee or laughter, as if telling a silly story, but really telling mom-truths. When she dropped her eldest child at an out-of-state university several years ago, she said she felt like she'd left one of her own vital organs behind. A few years later, I recognized that eviscerated feeling myself when we moved Charlie into Ohio State.

But what no one mentioned, what I wasn't prepared for, is how much it still hurts, the leaving.

I'd anticipated how wonderful the arriving would be. A date on the calendar, flights confirmed, joyful mom-ness kicking in weeks ahead of time: meal planning, grocery shopping, baking, etc. Even the treachery of the airport under construction, security guards waving frantically at us to move on, can't diminish the joy of the arrival. Grown children coming home, from college, grad school, arriving.

The house is full, life is good, my family is home, complete.



Kelly Abate Kallas

Cold days, rainy days, hot blistering days, it doesn't matter. Because here at home we are together and it is just warm enough. Everyone relaxes. I settle in to the rightness of all of our kids being home, together. Somehow even when they go out, reconnecting with friends, they are still home. My sub-

conscious registers their comings and goings, I take mental note, and all is well.

But then: time. It literally flies. Boarding passes are retrieved, laundry packed, goodbyes and hugs shared. The trip to the airport seems shorter, too short, as we pull in past the grumpy security people. Our grown children unfold long legs from the backseat and sling their bags over their shoulders. My husband stays in the driver's seat, ready to move the car if security so demands. I step out and hug my son as he smiles under his mask, heading back to his own life and the world he's building. The next day, the next son. Another hug, another goodbye.

I watch them as they walk into the airport and my stomach drops, my heart aches. I remember the first day I dropped them at preschool, how excited they were and how hopeful. How expectant. I was happy, too, but also sad. Missing them even while celebrating their growth and the adventures ahead of them.

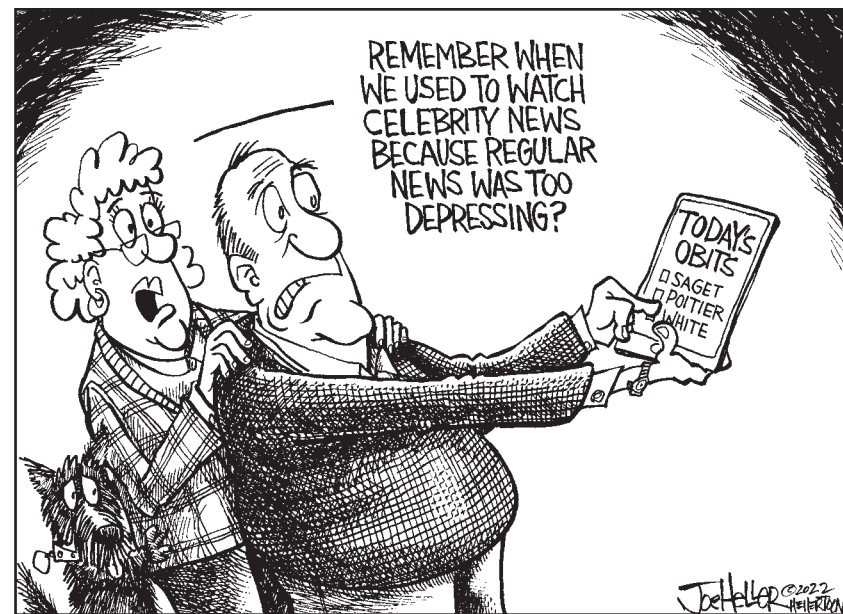
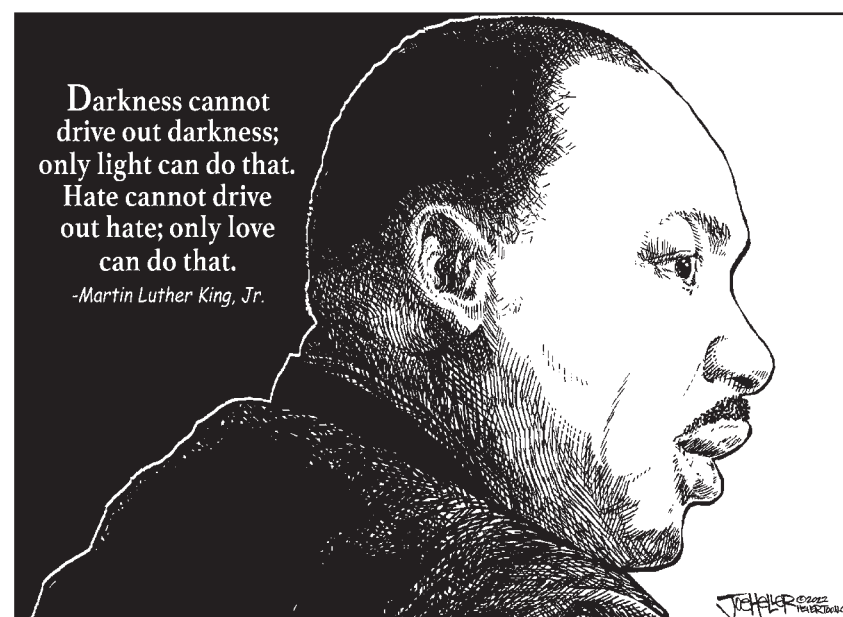
I just didn't think it would continue forever, the happy/sad of saying goodbye to our kids.

No one warned me about that part, how they take a part of you with them, every time they leave.

— Kelly Abate Kallas of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist.

Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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OBITUARIES

James L. Barrett

James L. Barrett, 82, of Clarendon Hills died Jan. 6, 2022.

He is survived by his wife, Deirdre Barrett, née Collins; his children, James T. (Terri) Barrett, Kevin (Kathryn Dowling) Barrett, Erin (Andy) Burns, Megan (John) Conrad and Maureen (Tom) Noble; his grandchildren, Josh Adams, Nate and Ally Burns, Aidan and Sophie Barrett, and Holden and Tess Noble; his siblings, Edward Barrett and Jeanne Pridmore; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. today, Jan.

13, at Notre Dame Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills.

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

Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Corazón a Corazón, 8235 S. South Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60617 (online at <https://www.corazon-chicago.org>).

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Dr. Ronald N. Lorenzini

Ronald N. Lorenzini, M.D., died Jan. 1, 2022.

He was born in 1935 in Oak Park to Adele, nee Ruffo, and Nello Lorenzini.

He attended Roosevelt Grammar School, Fenwick High School and completed his bachelor's at the University of Notre Dame in 1957. This was followed by his medical degree at Loyola University.

Ron had a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He then served three years in the military as chief of OB/GYN at the Vicenza, Italy Army Hospital.

Ronald was the son of a local tavern owner, who was also a former trustee of the Town of Cicero. Ron kept in touch with the members of his grammar school class with a faithful once-a-month breakfast meeting.

In 1958 while attending Notre Dame, he met his future wife, Donna, who was in the nursing program at St. Mary's College. It was a meeting that culminated with a marriage.

The military service in Vicenza, Italy, was a wonderful time for the family. It was a time for Ronald to find his Italian heritage roots, a time for Donna to embrace the Italian culture, and a time for the children to be raised in the Italian Montessori program and the military school on base. Their son, Thomas Lorenzini, was born in Italy in 1966.

Upon completion of his military service, Ronald entered private practice as a partner with George Moran, M.D., in Downers Grove. He was on the staff of Hinsdale Hospital serving as the head of the OB/GYN department and medical staff president.

He delivered more than 7,000 infants during his

40-year practice. He founded the "Gray Docs," a retired group of physicians from Hinsdale and La Grange Hospitals that met once a month to bring back memories they treasured.

After he retired, he spent time traveling back to Italy, working at his Lake Michigan get-away home and volunteering at the Community Health Center in Chicago, providing care for the uninsured patients. His favorite quote was "to touch the past you touch a stone, to touch the present you touch a flower, to touch the future you touch a life."

He owes his strength and perseverance to his wife's devotion and the love his family. The family lived by the mantra, "Sempre Famiglia."

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Donna, nee Janda; his children, Ronald Jr. (Colleen), twin daughters Nancy (Keith) Lorenzini, M.D., and Susan (Lawrence deceased, Bill Gros) Dougherty and Thomas (Honor) Lorenzini; his 13 grandchildren, Ronald N. Lorenzini, Caroline Lorenzini, Michael Lorenzini, Isabella Lorenzini, Emily (Jake) Raeker, D.D.S, Brian (Pooja) Kopec, John Kopec, Gabrielle (Daniel) Cook, Thomas Dougherty, Anabella Dougherty, Thomas Lorenzini Jr., Henry Lorenzini and Francesca Lorenzini.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 5 at St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs.

Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Sisters of the Holy Cross, Ministry with Poor Fund, at <https://www.cscsisters.org>. een held.

Modell Funeral Home in Darien handled the arrangements.

Mark J. Smego

Mark James Smego, 61, of Hinsdale passed away peacefully Jan. 4, 2022.

Mark grew up in Downers Grove and graduated from Benet Academy in 1978. He played football and graduated from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa. He started his career working with his father and brother at Richmar Electronics Corp.

He loved life in all ways laughing, teasing and loving everyone around him. His greatest gift was living his Catholic faith and bringing others to Christ.

Mark fought a valiant battle for 17 years after his stroke in 2004, always with a positive mental attitude. He was the world's most devoted Cubs fan as well as a huge Iowa Hawkeye fan.

His family will be forever grateful to his loving caregivers: Joyce Apostol, the care team at The Birches in Clarendon Hills, the wonderful team at Oak Trace in Downers Grove and Angels Grace Hospice.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Smego, née

Walsh; his children, Maggie (Andrew) Broucek, Molly (Matt) Gaudette, Michael (fiancée Cristina Evans) and Matthew; his grandchildren, Paul and Grace Gaudette and Emma Broucek as well as one grandson on the way; his father, Richard G. Smego; his siblings, Marty (Kelly) Smego, Mary Kay (Jim) Schumar, Mike (Ann) Smego, Margie (Mike) Sznajder; and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret F. Smego.

A funeral Mass was said Jan. 8 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Father Ron Scholarship fund at Benet Academy, 2200 Maple Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532 or online at https://www.benet.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=352302&type=d&termREC_ID=&pREC_ID=665787.

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Frank Podojil

Frank Podojil, 78, of Hinsdale passed away Jan. 4, 2022.

He was born in 1943 in Chicago and was a retired industrial engineer.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Frank J. (Nicole) and Joseph R. (Felicia) Podojil; his grandchildren, Colin, Justin, Genevieve,

Andrew, Brianna and Aubrey Podojil; and his brother, James A. Podojil.

A private funeral Mass was held at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale.

Entombment was at Holy Family Cemetery in Downers Grove. Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

William George Ryan

William George Ryan, 89, of North Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Hinsdale, died peacefully Jan. 5, 2022, surrounded by his wife and seven children.

He was born in Chicago in 1932 to Marguerite and William Ryan.

Bill graduated from Mt. Carmel High School. He went on to play basketball at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan. He served in the 32nd Air Transport Squadron from 1952-56. In 1957, he met the love of his life, Mary. They wed in 1958 and had a long and loving marriage, always putting family first. He always said that he was the luckiest guy in the world to have married Mary, though she always felt that she was the lucky one. Their story is one of deep faith, perseverance, and success. Bill and Mary Ryan founded Town & Country Homes in 1958, and they grew the organization into one of the largest private home building companies in the United States.

Town & Country Homes was truly a family-operated business. As the company was just starting, Mary would often drive to the office with their young children so they could have dinner together as a family. As the company grew and expanded beyond the Chicago area, their adult children each played a role in running the family business.

Bill created lasting memories through incredible trips with family and friends. He loved traveling to Ireland with Mary, their children and grandchildren to spend time with Mary's family. He instilled a love of travel and togetherness through many family trips in the United States and Europe. Mary and Bill loved having family fill their home in Florida, especially for the New Year and Easter. Their perfect day included a full breakfast table with lots of laughs, rounds of golf and a delicious dinner for 50.

Bill and Mary shared their compassion, talents and resources with numerous organizations. They are longtime contributors to Misericordia Home, William G. & Mary A. Ryan Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine at Loyola University Medical Center, Macular Degeneration Research Fund at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Catholic Charities, The Catholic Extension, Freedom Golf Association, Chicago Symphony, The Jake Foundation, Lost Tree Charitable Foundation, Our Lady of Florida and the Kravis Center.

Bill was a profoundly generous man, which was recognized by his awards: Loyola's President's Medal for Distinguished Service, Misericordia Heart of Mercy Award, 2017 Heritage of Faith Award from St. Isaac Jogues Parish and the Scholarship Foundation at St. Mary's College for deserving students. Bill also sat on several boards, including the Board of Regents at St. Mary's College, where he received an honorary degree, and the Advisory Council for The School of Business at the University of Notre Dame.

Bill had a passion for golf and enjoyed being a member of Butler Country Club, Butterfield Country Club and Hinsdale Golf Club in the Chicago area. In the winter months, he resided in Florida, where he enjoyed being a member of Lost Tree Club and a founding member of The Bear's Club.

Foremost in his life was Bill's love for his wife, Mary. He will forever be remembered for his deep love of family, his kindness, and being known as a "best friend" to everyone.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary, née Burke; his children, Mary (Bob) Buddig, William Ryan, Mike (Carolyn) Ryan, Eileen (Scott) Seyfarth, Tom (Maura) Ryan, Therese (Mike) Rooney and Donna (John) Coffey; his grandchildren, Sarah (Michael) Swanson, Jennifer (Christopher) Sizer, Erin, Margaret and Bobby Buddig, Maggie (Anthony) Roti, CJ (Dana) Ryan, Steven Ryan, Kayleigh (Patrick) Kelly, Kristin (Phil) Nye, Kelly (Ryan) Downey, Jack, Annie, and Michael Ryan, Bill Seyfarth, Alison (Will) Feldman, Michele (James) CarMichael, Emily Seyfarth, Kate, Aileen, Maeve, Sean and Eamon Ryan, Meghan, Nora and Michael Rooney, and Lauren, Grace, Colleen, Jillian and Mary Coffey; his great-grandchildren, Michael and Charlie Swanson, Clare and Mary Kate Sizer, Avery, Dominic and Mackenzie Roti, Riley Nye and Liam and Olivia Feldman; his siblings, Patricia (the late John) Ciaciura and Ed (Kathy) Ryan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his eighth child, daughter Jean Marie Ryan.

A Memorial Mass celebrating Bill's life will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale. The mass also will be live streamed; visit St. Isaac Jogues Parish at <https://www.sij.net>.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Our Lady of Florida, 1300 U.S. Highway 1, North Palm Beach, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia Foundation, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660; Macular Degeneration Research Fund in the Department of Ophthalmology c/o Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 420 East Superior Street, 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611; Loyola University Medical Center in support of the William G. & Mary A. Ryan Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine online at <https://www.loyolamedicine.org/giving/> or make checks out to Loyola University Medical Center and mail to Loyola Medicine Office of Philanthropy, Bldg. 115, Rm. 353, 2160 S. First Ave., Maywood, IL 60153; Our Lady of Florida Passionist Spiritual Center 1300 US Highway 1, North Palm Beach, FL 33408; or Lost Tree Village Charitable Foundation 8 Church Lane, North Palm Beach, FL 33408.

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HILARY POSHEK, SALES AND EVENTS MANAGER AT THE LODGE

You won't find any cubicles or stuffy conference rooms at Hilary Poshek's place of work. Tucked inside a nearly 100-year-old home designed by a famous local architect, Poshek's office is surrounded by 52 acres of trees and parkland known as Katherine Legge Memorial Park.

As sales and events manager at The Lodge at KLM Park, Poshek spends her days showing potential event hosts what the venue has to offer and helping them to imagine how they will temporarily transform the rustic building into their own space.

"Weddings are our No. 1 type of event that we do there," Poshek said, but the historic building also is used for showers, parties, memorial services and an occasional corporate event.

Poshek joined the staff of the Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department five years ago, bringing with her a master's degree in recreation, sport and tourism and more than 13 years of experience as superintendent of recreation for the village of Norridge. Poshek said her part-time position at The Lodge allows for a shorter work week, a shorter commute and more time to

spend with her husband, three children and two puppies.

A native of Brookfield and a former summer camp counselor at The Community House, Poshek was familiar with Katherine Legge Memorial Park long before she began working there.

"It's beautiful here," she said, but despite its tranquil surroundings and long history, the venue's adaptability might be its greatest asset.

With space indoors and out, The Lodge can comfortably host a seated meal for up to 150 guests. With the use of both floors, the space can accommodate up to 200 for less formal events such as open houses, Poshek said. Tents can be set up outside, further expanding the area available to guests.

Event hosts can choose their own caterer, who will have access to the facility's full catering kitchen, and hosts are free to decorate The Lodge as they wish.

"We've had some beautiful weddings here," she said.

Some brides have rented Victorian furniture to turn the space into a turn-of-the-century parlor, while others have embraced the venue's existing look to create an urban farmhouse theme. Perhaps

one of the most unique weddings occurred a few months ago, when a couple hosted a Halloween-themed celebration, turning The Lodge into something resembling a haunted house.

Located on the east side of County Line Road, The Lodge follows Cook County's COVID-19 restrictions and mask mandates. Its location also means that couples must acquire their marriage license from Cook County — something that sometimes comes as a surprise, Poshek said.

When The Lodge isn't being used for a wedding or other special event, it's used by the Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department for classes like fencing, taekwondo and yoga.

"Occasionally the rec department will utilize the space for an event," Poshek said, including the Corks and Forks wine and food event set for March 4.

"It was always meant to be a place to recreate and to gather," Poshek said of The Lodge, which was built in 1927 by Alexander Legge and donated to the village in 1973. Whether it's for a wedding or breakfast with Santa, the facility continues to fulfill that purpose.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Sales and events manager Hilary Poshek said she enjoys working with brides and other event hosts to transform The Lodge at KLM into the perfect venue for their celebration. (Jim Slonoff photo)



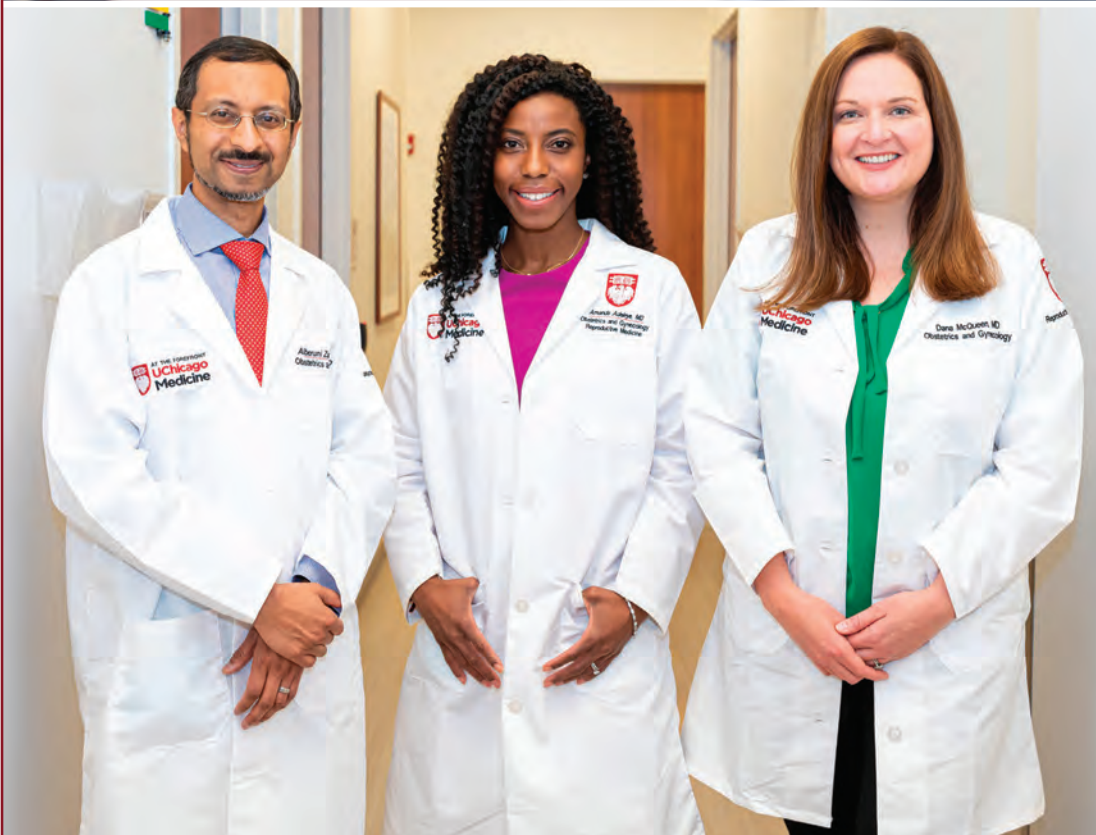
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Nonprofit leaders share thoughts on 2021

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up through the spring at the Hinsdale History Museum.

The historical society also partnered with the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce to host its quarterly meeting at Immanuel Hall and participated in the chamber Wine Walk, encouraging visitors to become members. In the fall, the board joined in the village's Family Fall Fest, turning Immanuel Hall into a haunted hall.

Society volunteers worked to make sure the Bagley House at 121 S. County Line Road was not demolished and organized an open house for residents to tour the home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

"We will continue to follow the progress of that preservation and share that with the community," Wester said.

One of the board's goals for 2021-22 is to increase the society's pool of volunteers and donors.

"That has been happening," Wester reported. "We have

more folks involved."

Financial support will help with the Immanuel Hall maintenance campaign, which involves essential exterior wood repair and painting the former church at a cost of more than \$40,000.

The society has many things in store for the current year, according to Wester.

"Here's to a successful 2022," she said.

The Community House

Helping people heal and recover safely was the guiding light through much of 2021 for the staff and board at The Community House, Executive Director Dan Janowick said.

"Like all other organizations, there were lots of struggles with COVID and we asked ourselves as an organization, 'What can we do to be there for the community?'" he said. "That guided all the decisions that we made."

Programs early in the year

were heavily modified, with things returning a bit closer to normal over the summer.

"One of the highlights was dedicating the Dick Johnson Memorial Stage (Sept. 9) to honor someone who did an awful lot for this organization over several years," he said.

Funds were raised to provide a new curtain, stage mics, color LED lights and speakers in honor of Johnson, a trustee and life trustee who co-founded The Community House Players. He passed away in June 2020.

Another high point of the year was the Holiday Ball in December, whose theme — "Let's Have a Ball Again" — offered a clever nod to the pandemic's effect on last year's event.

"It was a very successful night of fundraising and celebrating the mission," he said.

One of the initiatives highlighted at the ball is support for the Willowbrook Corner neighborhood through child care,

counseling services and recreation and arts programming.

A new director of social impact, Dr. Loren Williams, will lead the counseling center at The Community House and the counselors working at Willowbrook Corner.

The Walk the Walk for Mental Health raised money to support these mental health services. The fundraiser is planned by the organization's Junior Board, Janowick noted.

"It's especially meaningful because the core of the people that are coming to see our therapists are people their age and, frankly, people from District 86," he said.

He confirmed The Community House is seeing the same increase in demand for mental health services being reported nationwide.

"The demand for services is just huge," he said.

He's excited to the recreation programs that are so popular in Hinsdale brought to the Willowbrook Corner



community.

"All families want the same thing for their kids. Just because their neighborhood is under-resourced, they need that helping hand and we're doing what we can to expand the programs and services available to them," he said.

That expansion of service should resonate with donors, he added.

"When people give to this organization, it already means a lot to their family," he said. "They are helping it mean a lot to other families."



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Hinsdale couple helps health center

Charitable gift will support research work at blood disorder institute in Peoria

By Ken Knutson

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Hemophilia and similar disorders are conditions in which a person's blood does not clot properly. Relatively rare, finding specialized clinics for treatment can be hard for the tens of thousands diagnosed with the disease.

That includes a close family member of Patrick Dills and his wife, Denise. So when the Hinsdale couple learned that the Bleeding & Clotting Disorders Institute of Peoria was in need of upgraded equipment and research funding, they responded.

"We got to know (the institute staff) and they really had some antiquated equipment they were using," Patrick said. "They were open to somebody helping them out."

Last year, through their Dills Family Foundation, they gave the institute a significant donation to take its operation to the next level.

"It was north of seven figures," Patrick said of the gift.

Hematologist Michael Tarantino, founder of BCDI, said the funding was a game changer.

"We're a small startup nonprofit organization," Tarantino said. "To have that level of donation even be offered was really incredible. I was humbled by it."

As the only federally recognized, nonprofit Hemophilia Treatment Center of Excellence in Illinois outside the Chicago area, Dills said it performs a crucial service for a broad area.

"BCDI serves a lot of patients from Chicagoland and the suburbs. We've been involved with it for the last number of years, and they really do an

incredible job," he said.

The donation dovetailed with the opening of BCDI's new larger facility to accommodate the growing practice.

"The number of patients we served started at 500 in 2010, and now it's about 7,000," Tarantino said.

He recalled the initial phone conversation with Pat and Denise that set things in motion earlier in the year.

"They were so gracious and so interested in what we do," Tarantino related. "They wanted to bring that relationship to the next level."

They toured the site while it was still under construction, and the Dills determined the project was well-aligned with the foundation's mission.

Dills, who has served as CEO and executive chairman of several companies in the health care industry, said the foundation focuses its philanthropic support in the areas of children, health care and education. The couple established a local DuPage PADS outreach in the early 2000s, endow a scholarship to their alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, and provide funding for instructional staff at St. John of the Cross School in Western Springs.

"We're a small foundation, so we want to kind of dive deep with a few things that we're really interested in," Dills said.

Village residents since 1995, the couple has three children and eight grandkids living in either Hinsdale or Western Springs.

"We see them all the time. We feel incredibly lucky," he said.

With a blood analysis machine costing more than \$300,000 and another



Inspired by a family member's health challenge, Patrick and Denise Dills of Hinsdale made a substantial gift to the Bleeding & Clotting Disorders Institute in Peoria last year, enabling the organization to expand its research capabilities with updated equipment and scholarships for physicians to advance understanding in the field. (Jim Slonoff photo)

er device priced around \$100,000, Tarantino said the funding will enable the institute to stay on the cutting edge of hematology research.

"It measures the blood clotting protein," he said of the equipment. "That's really going to help us take our research and lab program up to the next level."

Money will also be used to underwrite a summer scholarship program for budding hematology scientists to concentrate on clinical and translational research.

"It sort of parallels with plans we already have to expand the staff of our research department," Tarantino said. "This will help our community by helping the researchers understand their disorders better by looking at their

respective cases."

Tarantino said the funding will also promote BCDI outreach into nine other cities across the state.

"We're able to provide care for as far north as Rockford and as far south as Carbondale, as well places like the Quad Cities, to serve underserved communities with specialized expertise," he said. "They really are in need of that kind of expertise and they are challenged to drive the 100 or more miles to our Peoria location."

"Without the donation, a lot of these efforts would have stalled or would have been a much harder task to accomplish," he added.

As the BCDI was readying for the grand opening of its new office, the Dills were suddenly the ones on the receiving end of an

unexpected proposition.

"They said, 'We want to name the (institute's) research center after you guys,'" Patrick related.

So along with the ribbon cutting for new institute in September, the Dills Family Foundation Research Center was also introduced to the public.

"It was a small expression of our appreciation that we named the research program in honor of the foundation and the Dills family," Tarantino said. "The gift has given us the ability to really serve our patients in supporting innovative research."

"We're so grateful that the foundation really recognized what we do," he continued. "It's been really a great relationship. Pat and Denise are the two nicest people. They are doers."

PULSE



The annual DuPage County Forest Preserve District's Hard Water Classic at Blackwell Forest Preserve, originally scheduled for Jan. 8, has been rescheduled for Feb. 12. See Page 20 for details. (photo provided)

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■ **Eco Ugly Art Workshop**
Jan. 22
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<https://www.dupageforest.org>
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■ **Tony Fitzpatrick in conversation**
Jan. 23
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Join artist Tony Fitzpatrick as he discusses his artwork with director, writer and producer Steven Conrad. The program coincides with the exhibit "Jesus of Western Avenue" at COD's Cleve Carney Museum of Art, with more than 100 distinctive Fitzpatrick works, which runs through Jan. 31. Fitzpatrick will sign copies of

his new book, "The Apostles of Humboldt Park" following the program. Conrad's portfolio includes films such as "Patriot," "The Pursuit of Happiness" and "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." A streaming link option is available as is on-demand access through Feb. 25. Cost: \$14.50 in person, \$10 virtual. Time: 3 p.m.

■ **Drawing Birds**
Jan. 30
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(630) 257-2045

This class will focus on sketching and developing a completed drawing of an avian subject. The program is for ages 12 and up. Time: 1 p.m. RR

FAMILY FUN

■ **Earth Wind and Fire**
Jan. 30
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

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ning of storytelling by the fire. Learn how the world around us was shaped by wind and fire and how those two natural forces continue to play a vital role in shaping the earth today. Time: 6 p.m. RR

GAME ON

■ **Chicago Elite Volleyball Developmental League**
Jan. 17-March 20
Score Sports Center
8300 Wolf Road, Willow Springs
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(630) 789-7090

Boys and girls ages 8-12, beginner or advanced, will learn the fundamentals and rules of volleyball through training from skilled coaches and in games against other league teams. Teams may be co-ed; efforts will be made to place individuals from the same school on a team together. Times: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. or 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays for beginners; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays for advanced. Cost: \$150 for beginners, \$250 for advanced. RR

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■ **Poop and Prints**
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(708) 839-6897

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

■ **Moon Walk**
Jan. 18
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>
(708) 839-6897

Let the full moon guide this 1-mile hike on the White Oak Trail, then warm up by a fire under the night sky. Binoculars are recommended; limited pairs will be available to borrow. Time: 6 p.m. RR

■ **Feeder Watch**
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Misericordia women to celebrate silver jubilee at Heart of Gold

Those who have tirelessly worked and volunteered alongside Sister Rosemary Connelly over her many decades of service have undoubtedly heard her share her passionate thoughts on Misericordia Heart of Mercy's mission: "Those living with disabilities not only have a right to life, they have a right to a life worth living."

With a dedication to service spanning more than five decades, Connelly has devoted herself to the century-old nonprofit, which cares for more than 600 children and adults living with developmental disabilities.

And while Connelly last month stepped down as Misericordia's executive director, she will lead fundraising efforts for the organization as well as continue to inspire her dedicated league of women.

"It is inspiring to walk through the Misericordia campus and see the life-changing work that takes place there supporting our most vulnerable community members, while offering them a chance at a life they might not typically have," said Stephanie Clark, Misericordia Women's League member and one of the many who Connelly has inspired to serve.

For Misericordia, milestones are

being met joyously on many fronts — from the centennial anniversary of its founding in 1921 to the Women's League's 25th anniversary celebration. The League was formed right here in the western suburbs in 1996 by four women and has now grown to more than 150 members.

While COVID put a damper on the official in-person celebration last year, the Heart of Gold Silver Jubilee celebration will take place in person next month.

"The League celebrated its true 25th anniversary in 2021, but because we weren't able to celebrate in person last year, we knew we wanted to honor that impressive milestone with a proper celebration this year," added Clark, who is chairing the event along with League members Amy Allegra and Cathy Murphy and League President Lisa Cruse.

The annual Heart of Gold Benefit is the largest fundraiser for the League, with more than 600 guests expected to attend. Over the past 25 years, the League has raised nearly \$7 million for Misericordia, with a staggering \$780,000 raised virtually last year.



Alexis Braden
Society spotlight

Fundraising efforts continue to enable Misericordia to expand its ever-growing residential spaces to accommodate the number of individuals seeking to call Misericordia home. The organization just opened its 14th Community Integrated Living Arrangement, offsite staffed living quarters for residents in close proximity to the main Misericordia

campus. Development is also underway to build houses on a 3.5-acre property to the south of the main campus.

Additionally, construction is almost complete on the Hearts & Flour Drive-Thru Bakery and Café, with an opening goal of early 2022, pending COVID.

And year after year, Heart of Gold recognizes an outstanding philanthropist to receive the benefit's namesake award. This year Gretchen McCarty and her husband, Tim, are the recipients. Over the past 12 years, McCarty has served as League president and has chaired Heart of Gold as well as many other Misericordia fundraisers, including the upcoming

paddle tennis tournament Cupid Courts, set for Feb. 4.

"Misericordia Home is a wonderful place, unlike no other," McCarty said. "When you are on their campus, you feel the love and compassion all around you, and the purpose of each resident. It embraces you; the whole campus draws you in — such devotion to give these residents the best life possible."

Heart of Gold will take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort, with a program celebrating Misericordia's mission with remarks by Connelly, Misericordia Executive Director Father Jack Clair and others.

The program will be Livestreamed from 8 to 9 p.m. for those unable to attend. Misericordia guests will enjoy cocktails, dinner and dancing along with a raffle and live and silent auctions.

To purchase tickets, which are \$225 a person, please visit <https://www.heartofgoldbenefit.org>. Guests will kindly be asked to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination at the door.

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

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(630) 323-7500

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bites and poisonous plants and learn how to splint a broken leg, tie a tourniquet, filter dirty water, the effects of hypothermia and 20 ways to use a bandana in emergencies. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$165. RR, MD

■ Snowy Winter Town

Jan. 17
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

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(630) 986-1976

Come create your own snowy winter town at the library! Registration required. Limit 10. Time: 11 to 11:45 a.m. RR

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75 Richmond Ave.
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Children ages 5-12 will learn a collection of fascinating and mesmerizing tricks from magician Gary Kantor to amaze family and friends. All materials are provided and each child receives a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped by age and are taught age-appropriate tricks. Time: 5 to 5:55 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

■ Crafts & Cartoons

Jan. 29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunityhouse.org>
(630) 323-7500

Kids 5 and older are invited to the art studio to watch classic animation while making cool stuff. Supplies will be provided. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$22. RR, MD

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Keep This Toss That

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

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

■ Voyager's Travel Discussion Club — Santa Fe

Jan. 20
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Learn about the wonder D.H. Lawrence captured when he said, "I think New Mexico was the greatest experience from the out-

side world that I have ever had." in this virtual Hinsdale Public Library discussion of Santa Fe, N.M., a picturesque cultural jewel in the desert Southwest. Time: 3 to 4:15 p.m. RR

■ Raising 21st-Century Teens

Jan. 27
<https://www.nazarethacademy.com>

Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park invites the community to sign up for this virtual program, part of its Parent Speaker Series by Dr. Ferney Ramirez, presented in Spanish. Register at the website listed above under the Student/Parent tab. Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ Community Speaker Series welcomes Ron Lieber

Feb. 1-2
<https://www.d181foundation.org>

New York Times financial columnist and best-selling author returns to present two webinars for The Community Speaker Series. In "The Price You Pay for College" Feb. 1, he will offer families a much-needed guide to help them through the difficult and often disconcerting journey. In "How to Talk to Your Kids about Money" Feb. 2, he will discuss how, when and why to talk to kids about money, whether they are toddlers or teens. Both programs will be offered via live-stream and recordings; registration is required for both. The series is presented by Districts 86 and 181 and the D181 Foundation. Time: 7 p.m. Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m. Feb. 2.

NOTEWORTHY

■ A Night at the Movies

Jan. 15 & 16
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-4000

Maestro Kirk Muspratt will lead the New Philharmonic in performing favorites from award-winning films including "Gone with the Wind," "Band of Brothers," "Beauty and the Beast," "Midway," "Independence Day" and "Jurassic Park." Pre-show MAC Chats will be held before both performances. Times: 7:30 Jan. 15, 3 p.m. Jan. 16. Tickets:

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ON STAGE

■ Tina Turner Tribute

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

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

■ 'Naperville'

Thursdays to Sundays, Jan. 27-Feb. 27
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage

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

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble presents this play by Mat Smart set in Naperville in 2012 at Caribou Coffee. Anne works on a new project, TC is working his first shift as a new manager and Candice and son Howard are back from Seattle. A day full of cups of coffee and eccentricity lead to conversations revealing the

value of community. MAC Chats will be held at 6:45 p.m. before the Jan. 27 show and after the Feb. 4 performance. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$42, \$40 for seniors.

■ 'All Shook Up'

Jan. 28-30 & Feb. 4-6
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<http://www.stagedoorfinearts.com>

(630) 708-7332

The music of Elvis comes alive in this Stage Door Fine Arts production. Inspired by Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," the show is set in a small Midwestern town that is thrown into a frenzy with the arrival of Chad, a good-looking, motorcycle-riding roustabout with a guitar on his back, blue suede shoes

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VIRTUAL: Voyager's Travel Discussion Club: Santa Fe

**Thursday, January 20
3:00 pm–4:15 pm**

D.H. Lawrence said, "I think New Mexico was the greatest experience from the outside world that I have ever had." Join us for a virtual discussion.

VIRTUAL: An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia

January 26 at 7:00 pm

Bestselling author Silvia Moreno-Garcia will discuss her newest book. Made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries. Visit hinsdalelibrary.info/ilp.

VIRTUAL: Discover Gap Years

**Thursday, January 27
7:00 pm–8:00 pm**

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■ State of the County

Jan. 19
Westin Chicago Lombard
70 Yorktown Center
<https://www.hinsdalechamber.com>
(630) 323-3952

Join this business EXPO followed by a luncheon featuring DuPage County Chairman Dan Cronin and other county leaders discussing new laws, economic development, challenges and enhancements coming to DuPage in 2022. Time: 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tickets: \$50. RR, MD

■ Spanish for Adults

Thursdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 24
Grand Avenue Community Center
4211 Grand Ave., Western Springs
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 323-7500

In this relaxed, small-class environment, participants will learn Spanish conversation, grammar and phonetics for immediate use. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$72

■ Archery: Adults

Jan. 22
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Participants age 18 and older will learn safety tips, proper shooting techniques and basic skills. Equipment will be provided. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$5. RR

■ An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Jan. 26
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Bestselling author Silvia Moreno-Garcia discusses her newest book, "Velvet Was the Night," and her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror in this

Hinsdale Public Library virtual program. Moreno-Garcia is also the New York Times best-selling author of the novels "Certain Dark Things," "Gods of Jade" and "Shadow and Mexican Gothic." Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ 100 Years Around the Arboretum

Jan. 26
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
<https://www.mortonarb.org>
(630) 719-2468

Watch history come to life in this special centennial-themed lecture about the arboretum from two of its most knowledgeable historians. The program is in person, but also available via Zoom. Following the presentation, in-person guests are invited to a special open house of the Sterling Morton Library. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$17. RR, MD

■ Delightful Details

Jan. 28
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 206-9566

Learn about Mayslake Hall's early days when Francis Peabody lived at the mansion. Hear about two different areas of the hall, and then tour each. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$10. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Jewelry Making

Tuesdays, Jan. 25-Mar 15
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunityhouse.org>
(630) 323-7500

Youth up to age 15 can design and create their own jewelry, working with young designers to learn how to create beautiful handmade necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Learn from real designers in the industry and leave class wearing a handmade creation. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$425. RR, MD

■ Fashion Design & Sewing Workshop

Wednesdays, Jan. 26-Mar 23

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Pet pic of the week

Lois is a pit bull terrier mix who is ready to meet her forever family. She would do well with kids 8 and older. She's a super sweet and good 3-year-old whose adoption fee is \$250. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center has re-opened to the public. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Capacity will be limited to about 20 visitors. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at <https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org> before arriving. Call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)



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

Young fashion lovers up to age 15 can learn to use a sewing machine to create a custom garment during each class, culminating in a fashion show finale. No experience is necessary. Supplies and materials will be provided, including sewing machines; those with their own machines are encouraged to bring them. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$425. RR, MD

■ American Red Cross Babysitters Certification

Jan. 29
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunityhouse.org>
(630) 323-7500

This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism, safety and safe play, and first aid. The course will com-

bine video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion for a complete learning experience. Participants should bring a sack lunch. The program is for ages 11-15. Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$105. RR

WEE ONES

■ Fit N Fun for Kids

Saturdays, Jan. 15-Feb. 22
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
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Kids ages 3-6 will have a blast as they run, jump, hop, skip, stretch and play to gain strength, flexibility and cardio awareness through exercise, bean bag games, relay races, animal movements, stretching techniques, circle games, obstacle courses, tagging games, catching balls, parachute play and more. Time: 9:15 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$63. RR

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GOOD NEWS

HOLIDAY BALL A GREAT SUCCESS

More than 350 guests helped raise more than \$425,000 at Let's Have a Ball!, the annual fundraising gala for The Community House.

The black-tie event, held Dec. 4 at The Community House, was planned by Co-Chairs Jenny and Kavian Boots and Sara and Rob Clary. The evening include a cocktail hour, wine auction, raffle, dinner and dancing.

Testimony about the impact of programming offered to the under resourced Willowbrook Corner neighborhood was the highlight of the evening, followed by a paddle raise to fund an expansion of services.

"Since 1941, The Community House has been the center of the community for thousands of families with programs and services for all ages and interests," Executive Director Dan Janowick said. "At the Holiday Ball, our community came together in celebration of not just the important role The Community House plays for their families, but to raise funds so we can continue to offer and expand access to similar programs for their neighbors in Willowbrook Corner."

Photos appear online at <https://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean>.

SOLSTICE NAMED A CROWN FINALIST

For the second straight year, Solstice, which is the art and literary magazine produced by students and staff from Hinsdale Central, has been named a finalist for a Crown Award by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. It is one of three high school literary magazines from Illinois to earn this honor.

The Crown Award is the highest recognition CSPA gives to a student print or digital medium for overall excellence. The announcement about whether Solstice won a Gold or Silver Crown is expected to occur in March (last year's edition won a Gold Crown).

CENTRAL TEACHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Six Hinsdale Central High School teachers received a "Make a Difference" award for

the second quarter of the 2021-22 school year.

They are Jacqueline Berenson, math; Marvin Breig, science; Abbey Green, math; Alan McCloud, science; Alisa McCloud, world languages; and Dan Otahal, social studies.

STUDENTS PERFORM IN HOLIDAY SHOW

Hinsdale's Mack Ashbaugh and Lucia Battaglia, students at Belmont University in Nashville, performed in the 2021 production of "Christmas at Belmont." Students performed many classic holiday favorites to help ring in the Christmas season in the program, which was broadcast on PBS stations across the country on Christmas night, Dec. 25.

COMPANY ON 'HOT' PRODUCT LIST

Syscon, an IT company known for supporting construction companies, has announced that their Field Integrated Time System was named to Construction Executive Magazine's 2022 Hot Products.


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Construction Executive magazine's Hot Products of 2022 lists the hot tech products in the construction industry. With F.I.T., the field staff enters their time on their smartphones using their company's jobs and cost codes, with the ability to include phases and work orders. Supervisors review and approve hours before the office imports to payroll. It integrates with Sage 100 Contractor, a construction-specific accounting application.


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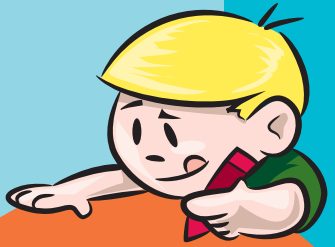

All Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 schools earned the "Best Elementary" or "Best Middle" school badge and placed among the top 30 percent in the state in the U.S. News and World Report first rankings of public elementary and middle schools.



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A little bit of fun for our younger readers



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1. What is our "Expert" an expert in?
2. Name one person/event 'on stage' this week?
3. What sport is featured in instant replay?
4. Who has the most expensive house for sale?
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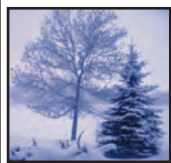
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VILLAGE OF HINSDALE NOTICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to consider a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness application to demolish an existing single-family house and to construct a new single-family house located at 720 S. Elm Street. The subject property is located in the Hinsdale Robbins Park Historic District. The application number is HPC-01-2022. The applicant is Michael Abraham Architecture.

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

The common address is 720 S. Elm Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521 and legally described as follows:

LOT 6 IN WALTER K. LINCOLN'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 20, 1916 AS DOCUMENT 125622, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN(s): 09-12-405-012

At said public hearing, the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission shall accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to said applications. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated: January 5, 2022

Christine M. Bruton,
Village Clerk

Published in The Hinsdalean on January 13, 2022

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF DU PAGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ESTATE OF GLEN M. GOY

CASE NUMBER 2021 P001353

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

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES

To probate a Will, and whose name and address is not stated in the petition to admit the Will to probate, an order was entered by the court on December 13, 2021, admitting the Will to Probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21) You will also have the right, under the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after the admission of the Will to probate.

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

Name: Dominic J. Mancini
DuPage Attorney
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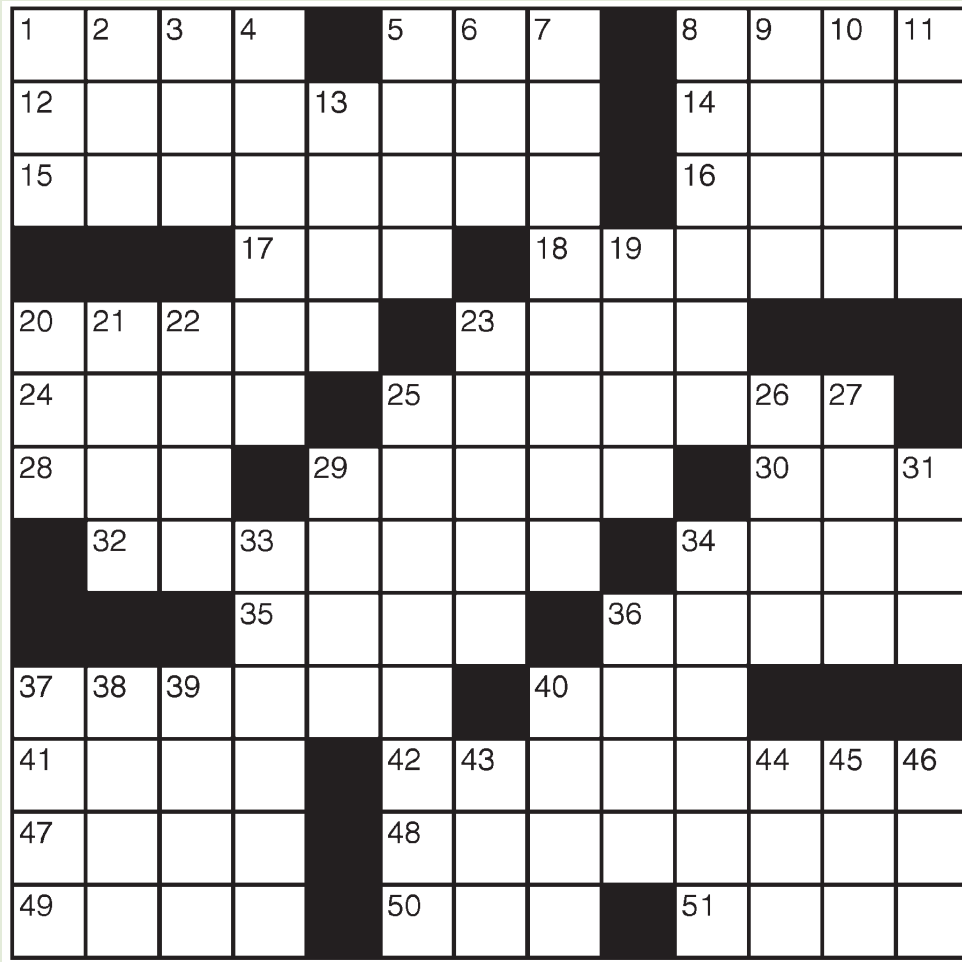
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<p>VILLAGE OF HINSDALE NOTICE OF PLAN COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that the Village of Hinsdale Plan Commission shall conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois for the purpose of considering an application from The Union Church of Hinsdale for an Exterior Appearance and Site Plan Review to install new LED parking lot light fixtures on the existing light poles located at 137 S. Garfield Avenue in the IB Institutional Buildings District. This request is known as Application A-01-2022.</p> <p>Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.</p> <p>The common address is 137 S. Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale IL, 60521 (PIN: 09-12-207-009; 09-12-207-010; 09-12-207-011; 09-12-207-012; 09-12-207-013; 09-12-207-014; 09-12-207-018; 09-12-207-019; 09-12-207-020) and legally described as follows:</p> <p>THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF BLOCK FIVE OF THE PLAT OF WM. ROBBINS' FIRST ADDITION TO HINSDALE, ALSO PART OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK "A" OF THE PLAT OF WM. ROBBINS' PARK ADDITION TO HINSDALE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF GARFIELD AVENUE (ALSO KNOWN AS GARFIELD ST.) 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All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.</p> <p>Dated: January 5, 2022</p> <p>Christine M. Bruton, Village Clerk</p> <p>Published in The Hinsdalean on January 13, 2022</p> <p>Advice is like snow - the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind. Samuel Taylor Coleridge</p> <p>How the snow falls in the north! Flake on flake falling incessantly, until the small dingles are almost on a level with the uplands. It throws itself on the leaves of autumn, and holds them down in security from the strongest winds. W. H. Davies</p> <p>The first fall of snow is not only an event, it is a magical event. You go to bed in one kind of a world and wake up in another quite different, and if this is not enchantment then where is it to be found? J. B. Priestley</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE NO. 78504 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on January 4, 2022 wherein the business firm of CHICAGO COMPUTERS Located at 6391 Twin Oaks Lane, Lisle, IL. 60532 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Jim Kochan, 6391 Twin Oaks Lane, Lisle, IL. 60532.</p> <p>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 4th day of January, A.D. 2022.</p> <p>Jean Kaczmarek DuPage County Clerk</p> <p>Published in The Hinsdalean January 13, 20 & 27, 2022.</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE NO. 78496 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on December 27, 2021 wherein the business firm of AZURE RENTALS Located at 175 N. 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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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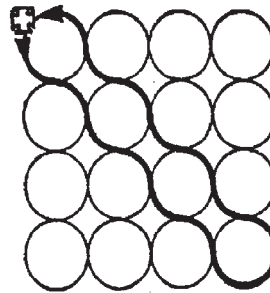
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CATS & MICE! Cats outnumber mice by three to one (wonder why?) above. How many of each do you see? (Cats: 21, Mice: 7)

ROUND TRIPPER! This is an old, puzzling stunt that is always entertaining. It seems that if you start at any point on any circle in this cluster of 16, and proceed alternately circle by circle, counterclockwise and then clockwise, as shown here (or vice versa), your path invariably should take you back to where you started.

Give it a try starting at various places with different-colored pencils.



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HOROSCOPES

January 2022 Horoscopes • Week 3



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
It's fine to be goofy and playful once in a while, Capricorn. This is the week to let loose and have fun for a while. Others may join in on your antics.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may be tempted to overspend this week, as you have a mind to remodel or redecorate your home in a major way. Try not to get carried away.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may feel like you have all of the answers. But you can still heed advice from those who came before you – especially in the work setting.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, if you are feeling immense pressure to make an important decision, take all the time you need to work through every scenario. This way you're confident in your choice.



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Intense dreams may crop up in the evenings this week, Aquarius. Jot down things as you remember the details so you can better reflect on their meaning.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
You are ready to pour a huge investment of time and resources into a creative project that is dear to your heart, Taurus. Let the ideas flow organically instead of pushing too hard.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you have high hopes for a productive week, but you may not check off everything on your to-do list. It's fine to let one or two things slide.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, this week will feel like a lot of hurrying up and waiting. For a go-getter like you, this can be very frustrating. Use the down time you have productively.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Consider giving yourself a little rest from work, Pisces. You've been working hard and now you need to restore your energy levels.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Phone calls and emails keep coming in, to the point where you may want to turn off your devices for the rest of the week. Find opportunities for peace and quiet.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, why make things difficult for yourself when others are willing to lend a helping hand? You don't have to chart the course alone, so accept any offers of help that come along.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
This is a good week to pursue dreams that have been put on the back burner, Sagittarius. Don't tell yourself things are impossible. Find ways to make things happen.



Ashley Ashbaugh and Trinity Alexander, both Hinsdale Central students, hone their skills during practice at the Willowbrook Ice Arena Tuesday night.

Burlington West Grizzlies roar onto girls hockey scene

Continued from Page 38
improved tremendously.”

The team has won or tied most of its recent games, Sochacki noted.

“We’ve been super competitive within our league,” she said.

All the girls, no matter their skill level, are motivated to improve, Sochacki said.

“Every girl who is there wants to be there and wants to get better,” she said.

The team has great support from the board, which is part of the reason she agreed to add a third coaching job (she coaches her son’s team and her younger daughter’s team) to her busy schedule, which includes a full-time job as a marketing manager for a construction company.

“If it’s something people around you are passionate about, it makes it more exciting to work in that environment. They care about the girls. They care about the development. It’s something I decided to do and I’m glad I did because it’s been super fun.”

The club is a 501c3 non-profit, Whalen noted.

“We are always looking for sponsors to help us grow

the team,” he said, thanking Rehabon Physical Therapy in Downers Grove for covering the cost of helmets for all the girls.

The goal for 2022-23 is to enroll 30 players and possibly field two teams.

“Next year we are looking for players, so if there’s any girls that are interested in the area that currently play hockey and want to consider double-rostering or being part of a team, visit our website or reach out to me directly in regards to tryouts and any interest for the upcoming season,” Sochacki said. The team’s website is <https://www.grizzlieshockey.com> and her email is juliesochacki@yahoo.com.

Girls don’t have to play for another program to be part of the Grizzlies, but Whalen said about half of them do. The team gives them the unique opportunity to play with and against players they know from club hockey.

“When these girls get together, they are high-fiving each other and they are super excited to be out there,” he said. “All the girls really get along regardless of what team they are from.”



Central sophomore Amy Laskowski listens as her coach explains the next set of drills.

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Kelly Klobach
Year: senior
Hometown: Hinsdale

What’s your earliest memory of gymnastics?
I would say when I was around 5, I remember working on my round-offs into the foam pit with my friend.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?
Just being with the team. I think I laugh more in the gym than anywhere else. I just love being around the girls.

How would your teammates describe you?
Probably as motivated, very talkative, positive. I like to bring people up when they’re feeling down at a meet or at practice.

How you prepare mentally before a meet?
One thing I do is I style the same ponytail in my hair at every meet. For away meets, we are always super talkative and positive on the bus ride just to get ourselves hyped up.

How have you improved as a gymnast during high school?
Over the summer I worked to upgrade my flight series on the balance beam. I also focus on the team aspect as opposed to just doing well on my own routines.

What was your goal coming into the season?
Definitely to make it to

state and to the state finals the next day. It also would be really cool for the whole team to make it state. I’m not going to compete in college, so I haven’t been taking things for granted as much this year.

Have you participated in other Central activities?
Just this past fall I did diving for the first time. People say a gymnast’s skills can carry over into diving, so I thought I’d try it. Plus the school just redid the pool.

What you do to kick back?
Recently I found a new joy in puzzles, like the 500- to 1,000-piece ones. I also really like to bake. I just got salted caramel cookie mix that I’m excited to try.

What do you plan to study in college?
I want to major in biology and possibly go into premed.

What field of medicine might you pursue?
I’d want to go into orthopedics. When I broke my arm a few years ago, I really got firsthand experience with orthopedists.

Why does Central’s Kim Estoque enjoy coaching Klobach?
She is a pleasure to coach. She is talented, humble but also very hardworking and shows great leadership.

— profile by Ken Knutson,
photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys Jan. 11 vs. OP-RF V loses 57-58 Oosterbaan, 18 points Eck, 13 points Quast, 11 points Collignon, 8 points Engels, 3 points Cernugel, 2 points Phillips, 2 points Jan. 8 @ Downers North Winter Classic vs. South Elgin V wins 69-54 Jan. 7 @ Proviso West V wins 59-48	Basketball, girls Jan. 11 @ OP-RF V wins 47-44 Monyek, 15 points Howe, 12 points McLaughlin, 9 points Dolan, 5 points Sarros, 4 points Sheehan, 2 points Jan. 8 @ LT V loses 49-64 Jan. 7 vs. Proviso West V wins 61-35	Bowling, girls Jan. 6 vs. Leyden V wins 2,390-2,277 Andersen, 461 Wu, 421 Molfese, 401 Vladislavljovich, 392 Groom, 371 O'Neill, 344 Jan. 5 vs. Downers North V loses 2,348-2,449	Gymnastics, girls Jan. 8 @ Naperville North Invite V places 4th with 135.725 points Vault Klobach, 2nd, 9.425 Austin, 5th, 9.225 French, 21st (tie), 8.5 Huber, 38th (tie), 7.8 Uneven bars Klobach, 3rd (tie), 9.1 Austin, 16th, 8.45 Sullivan, 21st (tie), 8.2 Kuznetsova, 34th, 7.125 Balance beam Klobach, 1st, 9.3 Austin, 7th, 8.475	Koulouris, 11th, 8.225 Sommers, 18th (tie), 8.025 Floor exercise Klobach, 3rd (tie), 9.050 French, 17th, 8.6 Austin, 23rd (tie), 8.375 Kuznetsova, 33rd (tie), 7.85 All-around Klobach, 1st, 36.875 Austin, 7th, 34.525 Jan. 5 @ Glenbard West V loses 135.5-143.2	Hockey Jan. 11 vs. DuPage Stars V wins 6-1 Jan. 9 vs. Glenbard V loses 4-6 Jan. 8 vs. Maine V loses 2-3 Jan. 7 @ Naperville North V loses 4-6	Swimming, boys Jan. 8 @ Hinsdale	South College Events V places 1st with 308 points 1,000-yard freestyle Bokos, 1st, 10:03.69 Newcomer, 6th, 10:42.59 400-yard medley relay Daw, Fix, Hou, Gilbert, 2nd, 3:42.12 200-yard freestyle Priest, 3rd, 1:48.93 Shvydkoy, 4th, 1:51.53 400-yard IM Hou, 4th, 4:21.63 Harris, 5th, 4:28.38 50-yard freestyle Gilbert, 2nd, 22.46 Marcet, 4th, 22.95 200-yard butterfly Hou, 2nd, 2:00.65 Bertulis, 8th, 2:07.85 100-yard freestyle Gilbert, 2nd, 49.64 Marcet, 4th, 50.59 500-yard freestyle Bokos, 3rd, 4:52.05 Harris, 4th, 5:01.18 200-yard freestyle relay Gilbert, Shvydkoy, Priest, Harris, 1st,	1:28.94 200-yard backstroke Bertulis, 3rd, 1:58.13 Daw, 5th, 2:05.48 200-yard breaststroke Bhatt, 3rd, 2:20.19 Fix, 5th, 2:22.68 800-yard freestyle relay Priest, Hou, Harris, Bokos, 2nd, 7:12.37 Jan. 7 vs. Downers North V wins 143-43
							Wrestling Jan. 8 @ Plainfield East Quad vs. Plainfield East V wins 50-20 vs. Bolingbrook V wins 33-17 vs. Hoffman Estates V wins 40-19 132 pounds Tavoso, 3-0 182 pounds Cranmer, 3-0 195 pounds Ortiz, 3-0 220 pounds Ivanisevic, 3-0	

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central’s Jack Connors swims the first leg of the 200-yard medley relay against Downers Grove North at a home meet Jan. 7, trying to set a good pace for his teammates, Eric Wang, Daniel Wang and Domantas Tarnauskas. In another event, Henry Guo competes in the 200-yard freestyle, in which he placed second with a time of 1:52.7. The Red Devils easily defeated their conference rival 143-43. (Jim Slonoff photos)

SPORTS

■ “If it’s something people around you are passionate about, it makes it more exciting to work in that environment. They care about the girls. They care about the development.” — **Julie Sochacki**



Burlington West Grizzlies coach Julie Sochacki reviews the next set of drills during practice Tuesday night at the Willowbrook Ice Arena as assistant coach Alex Nurse stands ready to answer any questions. (Jim Slonoff photos)

Grizzlies roar onto girls hockey scene

Players from Central, five other high schools joined team for its inaugural season

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For high school girls interested in playing hockey, there’s a new game in town.

The Burlington West Grizzlies offers girls at Hinsdale Central and five other high schools the chance to compete in the Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

And competing is just what they are doing. The team is in third place in the Founders League as it heads into the final games of the season.

“We’re a pretty competitive team,” said Greg Whalen, president of the program’s seven-member board. “Our overall goal this year was to get this team up and running. That was the biggest thing. And we wanted to make sure we did it right so it was sustainable.”

The team, based out of the Willowbrook Ice Arena, has 16 players hailing from Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South, Downers

North, Downers South, LT and Willowbrook.

Two of those players are Whalen’s daughters. Savannah Alexander, a freshman at Central, plays goalie and Trinity Alexander, a sophomore, plays forward. Both girls have been playing since they were 10 or 11.

Savannah, who also plays for Chicago Young Americans 14U AAA team, said hockey is a great release.

“It’s a break from everything else going on. If it’s been a long day at school and I have hockey, it’s really relaxing and it’s a lot of fun,” she said.

Defending the goal isn’t as intimidating as it looks on TV, she said.

“When I’m in the net, I don’t really think about the puck flying at me,” she said. “I just think about what I need to do to stop it — and it can’t go in.”

Central sophomore Amy Laskowski, who has been playing hockey for about a dozen

years, said she was happy to join a second team, known as double-rostering. She also plays on the Chicago Mission AAA U16 team.

“It was a new way to create bonds with people from other schools and even your school,” said Laskowski, a center. “This season has been really fun. We just have an amazing time together.”

“The fun that we have out of hockey translates to in hockey,” she added. “We have chemistry on and off the ice.”

That chemistry is one of the reasons the team has been successful, coach Julie Sochacki said, noting the camaraderie in the locker room.

“I didn’t have any set expectations in the beginning, because I was unsure of the caliber of players I was going to have and the skill set and where we’d fall within our league,” she said. “We started off a little rocky. We weren’t doing horribly, but the girls have

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Each of the girls has a uniform patch indicating which of six high schools they attend.

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