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Christmas carousel

In spite of some sprinkles, the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Christmas Walk was well attended Friday night. Santa arrived on top of Hinsdale's ladder truck and later visited with children in his tiny home in Burlington Park. Gabriel and Eleanor Tymowski enjoyed their time on Cookie's Carousel on First Street just west of Washington. Please turn to Page 16 for more photos. (Jim Slonoff photo)





Checking it twice
Trustee finds plenty of ideas for gift list in Part 3 of series.

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NEWS

New businesses find footing in Hinsdale

Antique shop, barber and martial arts studio add to the village's economic diversity

By Ken Knutson

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In a follow-up to story that ran in the Nov. 9 issue, here are three more businesses that have opened their doors in Hinsdale recently.

Step back into a subterranean gallery of treasures from yesteryear at Antiques Hinsdale Underground, 5 W. Second St.

Descend the stairs into a hallway lined with an assortment of items from a cigar store Indian to throwback movie posters to various sports memorabilia.

Owner Eric Jungnickel said he typically goes out in the field to obtain the vintage merchandise.

"I'm a true picker. Nothing's on consignment," Jungnickel said.

The longtime St. Louis Cardinals fan still has the ticket stub from his first game in 1974. His canine companion Gibby is named for Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Gibson.

"I've been collecting literally my whole life," he said. "The antiques are unusual, unique and they're not what you'd find at a typical antique shop."

Music albums from generations ago are played to ensure they're not damaged, Jungnickel assured, and he endeavors to stock a lot of locally relevant items.

The most valuable dimension of the business for him, however, are the stories he gets to exchange with patrons.

"The best thing is meeting people, by far," he said. "That's what pleases me, when somebody finds something and really has a use for it, and meeting the people and the different generations when they come in, and hearing what they collect."

Perhaps he has just what



Eric Jungnickel and companion Gibby are surrounded by diverse merchandise from generations past

someone's looking for to give a loved one this holiday season.

"You could be the favorite gift giver for that person," Jungnickel quipped.

Fade Incorporated Barber Shop

Barber instructor Nieves Almaraz wanted to provided a place where students at his Cicero barber school could get real world training.

That was among the primary reasons he opened Fade Incorporated Barber Shop at 250 E. Ogden Ave. this fall.

"I was looking for location for students who are graduating from the school. I took a look around the area and really liked the area," Almaraz said.

He was also motivated by a passion to give customers a top-rate cut, complete with a hot lather neck shave and hot towel treatment. "We do it the old school way, and we also offer the new styles," he said. "From what I've been seeing so far with the clients that have been coming, it's almost like they've been looking for that service."

Almaraz is gratified when he sees a dad bring in his young son for his first authentic barber experience.

"The dads are more excited about the hot foam because it brings them back to their childhood," he said.

Almaraz, who was named Men's Hairstylist of the Year in 2021 at the North American Hairstyling Awards, said he looks forward to getting more involved in the Hinsdale community. He hopes residents of all ages will check out his shop.

"I've been in the business for 20 years now, and the barbers are all getting trained very well to be licensed professionals," he said. at Jungnickel's newly opened Antiques Hinsdale Underground at 5 W. Second St. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Premier Martial Arts

Kevin McElroy said Hinsdale met his criteria for launching his Premier Martial Arts franchise in the summer of 2022.

"Knowing that there's a whole lot of young folks in this area, everything just checked the right boxes for us," he said of the studio he opened at Gateway Square, 777 N. York Road.

The fact that his in-laws live in neighboring Western Springs didn't hurt, either. His choice was quickly validated.

"The community responded to us almost immediately. We had 150 members, ages 3 to 60," McElroy said.

The studio offers classes for students of all ages that combine styles of karate, taekwondo, krav maga and kickboxing. But their target market is youth.

"We have an adult class. We have a teen class. But our bread and butter is our 5- to 12-year-olds," he said.

■ GOOD REASONS

This is the latest in an ongoing series of articles about Hinsdale's business community and good reasons to shop here

McElroy credits "dynamite" instruction for students sticking with the training from white belt all the way to black, for many.

"It helps with kids' self-confidence at a time when social media and screens are affecting them," he said. "It helps with childhood obesity. Even kids that don't go all the way to black belt, I think their at least getting foundational skills in here to exercise and understand it's important to eat healthy."

Clearly the ancient fitness method has stood the test of time,

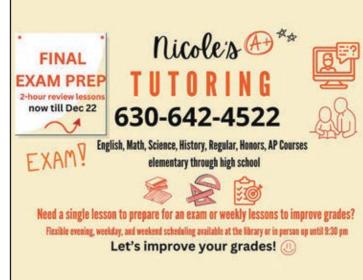
"We're teaching how to enhance their lives through martial arts," he said.

ONCE UPON A TIME



Places from the past — Hinsdale's building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, a Hinsdale Central graduate, moved to Hinsdale in 1971 and spent many years here in his youth. Having spent more than 40 years with the village, there isn't a lot about Hinsdale he doesn't know or hasn't photographed. This photo from 1979 is of Joanell Mangan of Hinsdale and Roudebush Realtors at 36 S. Washington St., which is now home to Airoom and Coldwell Banker Dawn McKenna Group. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We'd love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.







Happy Birthday! Leah Vong turns 12 on Dec. 11

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NEWS

Trustee cherishes all town has to offer

New village board member discovers great holiday gift ideas in downtown, Grant Square

By Pamela Lannom

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One might think that Alexis Braden enjoyed her first white Christmas in Hinsdale after moving her 10 years ago from California. But that's not the case.

Although she spent most of her life in California, she was born in Rochester, Minn., and lived there until she was 4.

She has enjoyed the Christmases she's spent in town, which include dinner out on Christmas Eve (at Hinsdale Golf Club or Il Poggiolo), the live nativity service at Hinsdale Covenant Church, Mass at St. Isaac Jogues and opening presents Christmas morning. Her in-laws from San Diego spend the holidays here, hoping to experience a winter wonderland during their visit.

With two daughters who play travel lacrosse, Braden said her goal for Christmas gifts this year is to make fun vacations out of those tournament trips.

^{*}I just want the girls to be happy in their sports and their traveling," she said

Braden previously served on the Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission and was elected in April to the Hinsdale Village Board, where she hopes to be even more involved in the town's history and heritage.

In the midst of all her responsibilities, she's finding time to appreciate the holiday season.

"I think it's such a beautiful time of year here," she said. "I love how the community really comes together."

Braden, the third guest shopper in our four-part gift guide series, uncov-



plants bring back special memories for Alexis Braden of Penny Bohnen, her late friend and fellow preservationist. This beautiful specimen is from Phillip's Flowers and Gifts. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ered some wonderful finds in her trip around town.

• Back-up footwear will come in handy for daughters Willa, a sophomore at Central, and Josie, an eighth-grader at HMS. "I love these because they always leave their Uggs at friends' houses, and they wear these to school," Braden said. Youngest daughter, Genevieve, a second-grader at Oak, will want a pair of Beach Zen slippers in black or cognac, too. \$48 each, Alixandra Blue

• When mother-in-law Sue visits for the holidays, she loves to pick up new straps for her bags at her favorite store in town. Braden knows she'll love the navy vegan leather Proya bag with a navy and white strap. \$59 bag, \$22 strap, Meredith Jaye

• Braden decided to treat herself to a 6-inch jade plant in a birch container in memory of Penny Bohnen, a fellow preservation enthusiast who passed away in February. "I love jade and she would give me tips all the time because I had a hard time taking care of mine," Braden said. \$54.95, Phillip's Flowers and Gifts

• A Billie black vegan leather backpack with fur trim will be a fun surprise under the tree for niece Grace, a high school freshman. \$84, Vintage Charm

• A heather gray and cream Linda Richards angora blend winter hat with a genuine fur pom will keep friend Anna Fiascone warm — and looking great — on her annual ski trip to Deer Valley. \$139, Lepa Boutique

• Braden's dog Daisy can't wait to give her doggie friends Sky, Libby and Lily a "howlidays" mocha stuffed toy that looks like a favorite coffee shop drink. \$15, Velvet Touch

• A flush circle gold and diamond pendant will add some sparkle to mom Cheryl's holiday outfits. \$599 (sale), Jocelyn D. Jewelers

• Braden enjoys helping out her 94-year-old next-door neighbor Jay McGreevy and thinks he'll appreciate a special Christmas Eve dinner of a pound of king crab legs, coleslaw, corn bread and key lime pie to enjoy with his son — especially from a place where he's a regular. \$60.95 for crab legs, \$25.85 for sides and dessert, Burhop's

• Her daughter's Secret Santa recipient — likely to be a member of Central's girls lacrosse team — is sure to love an Everywhere puffer vest. \$198, Game Set

• A Wolf and Willa handmade tote bag and matching slide in a gray, black and blue evil eye pattern will be a great gift for sister-in-law Kristin, who lives in Santa Cruz, Calif. She can stash her music in the tote and wear the slides to the beach. \$398 bag, \$188 shoes, Red E Mas

• For dad Peter and stepmom Loretta, Braden chose a 14.5-inch tall Global Views crystal striped vase that was free blown in Italy. "He's a big crystal enthusiast," Braden said. \$2,150, Marcus

• The Ramon Vilanova framed original oil on canvas titled "Un Rayo Rompe con Veloz Claridad, un cielo Convulso y Oscuro" that hangs in the gallery window will be a great gift for husband Rick. "We've gotten to know Vilanova's work through Hope Lloyd Brown," Braden said, noting that her friend's stepdad owns Triad Art Group, which supplies galleries in Hinsdale and around the world. \$19,500, Acquisitions of Fine Art



When her daughters can't find their Uggs, they can slip into these Beach Zen slippers from Alixandra Blue.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Finance Commission

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave.

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: sign permit reviews for 1 Salt Creek Lane (UChicago Medicine AdventHealth) and 5817 S. Madison St. (Nourished)

Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org

On the draft agenda: approve 2023 tax levy and abatements, adopts 2024 annual budget, add properties to Historically Significant Structures Property List, issue liquor licenses for Altamura Pizza, approve seasonal pay plan, extend water supply contract with DuPage Water Commission and city of Chicago

Varsity girls basketball coach resigned Monday

Hinsdale Central girls varsity basketball coach Erin Navolio and two other members of the girls basketball team coaching staff resigned on Monday.

The resignations prompted the postponement of the team's game Tuesday against Proviso West, according to a statement from Hinsdale High School District 86.

"Mike Jezioro, the school's athletic director, will be filling in as the coach while his department conducts a search for interim and permanent replacements," according to statement.

Jezioro will work with Proviso West officials to reschedule the game that was postponed.

"We want to thank the Red Devil community for its patience as we navigate this situation, and for its continued help in supporting the growth, development and success of our student-athletes," the statement reads.

Ornament celebrates village's anniversary

In conjunction with the village's 150th anniversary, a limited edition commemorative ornament is available, featuring the Memorial Building and the 150th anniversary logo on the back.

Ornaments are for sale for \$38 from the Uptown Shop, 921 Burlington Ave., Western Springs, or online at www. uptownshop.com (search Hinsdale ornament).



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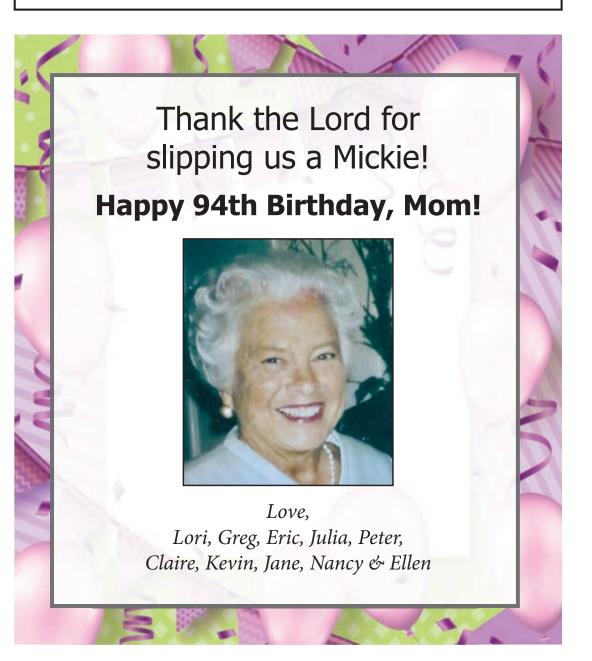
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World War II impacted the homefront

Pearl Harbor Day is a reminder of the various ways Hinsdale participated in the conflict

Today, Dec. 7, is Pearl Harbor Day, "a date which will live in infamy" as President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously pronounced in a Dec. 8 address to Congress asking that a state of war be declared with Japan. The surprise attack on the U.S. naval base in Hawaii immediately and profoundly altered life across the country, including Hinsdale.

The Centennial edition of The Doings from 1995 captured stories and vignettes from the World War II years, which are excerpted here.

"When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Hinsdale waited for word from Major and Mrs. Stephen Roby, stationed at Hickman Field in Pearl Harbor. A cablegram arrived and made front page news stating that they were safe and well," one article related. "Speculation about the others in harm's way continued. Residents were thrilled by the Dec. 25 headline that Rod Stewart Jr. of Hinsdale had flown through the Japanese invasion and landed safely while having to dodge enemy bullets. The surprise attack at Pearl Harbor hardened everyone's determination to enter and win the war.

"Col. Candee, a onetime Hinsdale resident, was named chief of the Army Air Support Command," the reporter noted. "The first casualty from the



Family members of Hinsdaleans serving in World War II prepare to march in the 1942 Fourth of July parade. (Hinsdale Historical Society photo)

area in World War II was Lt. Frank Kobal from Clarendon Hills. His plane crashed in California during stormy weather.

Even four-legged residents contributed to the war effort.

"Bruno, a German shepherd, owned by the Groves family on County Line Road, went to war in 1942 and served as a guard at Camp Maxey, Texas, before he was returned to his family in July 1945," the piece stated.

As more village natives were called into service, The Doings carried lists of draft registration numbers "so that all of Hinsdale could follow the progress of its boys."

On July 9, 1942, the paper ran a photo of loved ones of local servicemen and women posing in front of the Memorial Building before taking part in the village's Independence Day parade. The marchers were greeted with "outbursts of applause" by onlookers.

To conserve paper for the war effort and ensure availability of enough copies to send to service members, The Doings discontinued newsstand sales on May 1, 1944.

In Italy, American Red Cross worker Ruth Steele Buffington assured her family in Hinsdale she was safe with a cable message May 14, 1944. Apparently she also had worked hard to keep her military patients in good condition. Maj. J. Paul Wintrup of the Army Dental Corps is quoted as saying, "I can't say that I have ever known a woman with such vigor, such dependability, and such a full desire to help our soldiers, ill and wounded, as Miss Buffington."





POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Dec. 5.

Arrests on warrants

- Kendrea S. Henderson, 26, 6140 S. Drexel Ave., Chicago, was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of McLean County after she was stopped for speeding at 9:16 p.m. Nov. 30 at York and Ogden roads. She posted bond and was released with a court date.
- Daniel J. McKnight, 69, homeless, was arrested on two active arrest warrants out of DuPage County at 9:28 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Hinsdale Police Department, 121 Symonds Drive. He was taken to DuPage County Jail.

Theft from package

A cell phone was missing from a package that was delivered to a home in the 800 block of South Stough Street at 6:45 p.m. Nov. 29.

Fraud reported

Funds were removed from a cryptocurrency account belonging to a resident of the 900 block of Taft Road after it was accessed between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28.

Forgery attempted

An attempt to cash a forged business check on Nov. 29 using bank information belonging to Dr. Girgis & Associates, 908 N. Elm St., was reported Nov. 30.

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.

Hinsdale police crack down on road safety

Hinsdale police conducted a traffic safety campaign Nov. 17-27, reminding motorists to buckle up and drive sober. The department issued 28 speeding citations and nine other Illinois Vehicle Code violation citations.

"We issue tickets to remind drivers and passengers that seat belt use isn't a suggestion, it's the law," said Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie. "This year's campaign was successful in grabbing people's attention with highly visible enforcement methods. As always, our goal is a safe community with safe drivers."

The "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" mobilization was also conducted by other state and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to reduce highway fatalities. The enforcement effort was made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Contest seeks happiest baby

The Hinsdalean is looking for Hinsdale's happiest baby to feature on the final front cover of 2023.

Readers who know a happy baby born since Jan. 1 of this year who lives in Hinsdale and would look great on our New Year's cover should email a single photo to news@thehinsdalean.com. Please include the baby's name and birthday along with the name, address

and daytime phone number of the person submitting the picture. If the submitter is not a parent, please indicate the relationship to the baby.

The winning baby will be photographed by Jim Slonoff to appear on the Dec. 28 cover of The Hinsdalean and his or her family will be featured in the 60 seconds profile in that issue.

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60 SECONDS

■ The flowers and leaves that grow outside her home serve as more than just inspiration for Zeidel's art. They are the medium.

Artist finds inspiration in her own backyard

When Teri Zeidel and her husband moved to Hinsdale from Canada, she said she thought it would be a fun place to live for a few years. Twenty-three years later, Zeidel said it's still a fun place to be, and a great place to call home.

Hinsdale is one of two places that hold a special place for Zeidel. The other is Nelson, a small town near Kootenay Lake in British Columbia, Canada, where Zeidel grew up and where she returns multiple times a year to visit family and enjoy the beauty and small-town charm that she once took for granted.

Both places feel like home, Zeidel said, and both inspire the work that she will showcase during her debut art exhibit on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at The Community House. From 6 to 9 p.m., guests are invited to enjoy a drink, chat and take in her collection of woodblock prints, collagraphs, collages and eco prints.

"I do like to throw a party," said Zeidel, who hopes to create a fun and relaxing place for guests to not only view, but even critique her work.

"I'm hoping for lots of feedback," she said.

A lifelong artist and a graduate of the College of Emily Carr

Art and Design in Vancouver, British Columbia, Zeidel said she's ready to re-enter the art world after raising her two children, now 19 and 22.

"I'm jumping in with both feet," she said.

Zeidel said her art has always been inspired by nature and once featured landscapes and animals. She now focuses her artistic eye on two things that she described as obsessions — the "Dr. Suess-like" evergreens of her native Canada, and the flowers she grows in her own garden.

"My garden really inspires me," Zeidel said.

Her corner lot boasts a collection of plants carefully curated to attract native creatures such as monarchs, black swallowtails, dragonflies and bees. The plants that grow outside her home serve as more than just inspiration for her art. They are the medium.

Zeidel's eco prints are created by boiling leaves and flowers onto watercolor paper. The result is a watercolor-like design with a palette created by nature.

"Everything you see is the natural dyes," Zeidel said. "I'm a medium to the flower, showing what it can do."

While tending to her gar-



TERI ZEIDEL

DOG STANLEY IS NAMED AFTER THE STANLEY CUP • WINTER IS HER FAVORITE SEASON • DAUGHTER OF AN OLYMPIC HOCKEY PLAYER • CALLS HER HOMETOWN OF NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA, 'ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACES ON THE PLANET'

den, gathering objects for her art and even while creating the images that her garden produces, Zeidel said she often is stopped by onlookers with questions. She's eager to answer, especially when it comes to questions about her chosen plants and the roles they play in promoting a healthy environment.

"People are really, really interested in that, I find," said

Zeidel, who calls herself an avid naturalist and a teacher at heart. She began teaching art right after college. After moving to Hinsdale, she worked as a teacher's assistant at Madison School.

The arrival of winter forces her artmaking back indoors. She doesn't mind.

"I love winter," said Zeidel, who is a skier and a Blackhawks hockey fan. She said she has plenty of images and inspiration to keep creating in the months before her garden blooms once more.

When summer comes around again, she will be back in her garden, but she might also find her way to a few art shows as she continues her journey toward life as a full-time artist.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Practice fire safety to help 'Keep the Wreath Red"

How wonderful it is on a snowy December night to pull into the drive and see Christmas tree lights twinkling in the front window.

But leaving those lights on while you're not home is a safety hazard that can lead to a fire. And in the event of a holiday-related fire, the Hinsdale Fire Department will swap out a red bulb with a white one on the wreath hanging just inside the fire station's mini museum near the main entrance at 121 Symonds Drive.

The annual "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign is a joint effort between the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and area fire departments.

The fire department offers these reminders as well to help ensure a safe holiday season.

• In addition to turning off the lights on a live tree when leaving home, remember to water trees frequently. When the needles become brittle, it's time to stop using the lights. To see just how quickly a dried-out tree burns compared to a well-watered one, watch the video on the National Fire Prevention Association's website at www.nfpa.org.

- Check all illuminated decorations to make sure they are in good condition, with no frayed or cracked wires. The NFPA recommends choosing decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Use extreme caution with holiday candles and all other open flames to assure they are safe and will not set fire to nearby objects. All candles should be blown out when you're leaving the room or going to bed.
- Make sure the fireplace is in good working order and the chimney is free from obstructions and creosote build-up.

Christmas wrappings and tree branches should not to be burned in the fireplace. Their intense and rapid burning can cause chimney fires or force flames to extend out of the firebox and into the home.

Check smoke detectors and make sure they

are in good working order. If the detectors have batters that can be replaced and were not when the clocks were turned back last month, replace them now.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, U.S. fire departments respond to almost 800 home fires started by holiday decorations or Christmas trees each year. These fires caused an annual average of four civilian fire deaths, 33 civilian fire injuries and \$14 million in direct property damage.

Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in more than two in five home Christmas tree fires. Candle fires peak in December and January, with 11 percent of candle fires in each of these months.

If you have questions or would like more information, call the fire department at (630) 789-7060 or visit the department's page on the village website at www.villageofhinsdale.org.

COMMENTARY

Season of waiting has lessons to teach us all

Waiting is difficult — and we don't get much practice doing it any more.

We used to have to wait for our favorite show to be on TV, for the weatherman to tell us the high for the day, for a trip to the library to check out a book. We even used to have to wait for the rotary dials to tch, tch, tch, back to zero seven times in order to make a call.

Now TV shows, weather forecasts and books are available in an instant on our phones. We can call anywhere in the world by touching a single icon.

Occasionally we are forced to experience annoying waits, perhaps in line at the grocery store or for the customer service representative to pick up (or for the automated system to realize we've said "customer service representative" in the first place!).

And, as much as we'd like to avoid it, life always furnishes more painful times of waiting as well — for the test results or the diagnosis. To see if the surgery or treatment was successful. For the grief to subside. For the relationship to be

repaired.

If we're lucky, those waits are few and far between, with heavy doses of more pleasurable waiting — for the upcoming wedding or anniversary — to be celebrated.

So Advent is an interesting concept in the 21st century, a season devoted to an activity most of us abhor.

The message at church Sunday morning was to spend these days waiting for Christmas fully awake and alert. I confess I was not feeling particularly alert as I listened to the sermon. With a sick husband and sleeping teen at home, I decided my best bet of making it to church was to attend the early service. I probably should have had one more cup of coffee before I arrived.

The danger, we heard from the pulpit, is falling asleep to Advent, so to speak, as we focus on finding the perfect presents or decorating the house so it's worthy of a maga-



Pamela Lannom

zine spread.

We can put ourselves to sleep in other ways, too, by spending all of our time looking at our phones or by consuming substances that numb us to whatever we don't want to feel.

We need to stay alert, the pastor said, to that for which we wait during Advent — the birth of the baby Jesus.

Rev. Young-Mee Park posted a similar message on the First United Methodist Church of Hinsdale's Facebook page on Sunday.

"To wait is to believe — believe in what is coming. To wait is to not settle with the way things are but to live with hope, awake and alert. To wait is to watch for the signs of God at work, ready to participate, ready to join in."

As I reflected, I realized no matter how much I love Christmas, I can fall victim to focusing on all of its trappings. I decorate and forget to spend peaceful moments appreciating the beauty. I shop and wrap

and ship the gifts, sometimes without thinking about the greatest gift of all.

And I've realized, as I've been writing this column, that Sunday's message resonates with one I read every Christmas Day before dinner. The passage, from an unknown author, appears in Sarah Ban Breathnach's "Simple Abundance."

"If, as Herod, we fill our lives with things, and again with things, if we consider ourselves so unimportant that we must fill every moment of our lives with action, when will we have to time to make the long, slow journey across the desert as did the Magi? Or sit and watch the stars as did the shepherds? Or brood over the coming of the child as did Mary? For each one of us, there is a desert to travel. A star to discover. And a being within ourselves to bring to life."

Wishing you an awake and alert Advent season.

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

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Do they know it's Christmas?

There's a quote from one of my favorite TV shows, "One Tree Hill," that has stuck with me from the moment I first heard it: "Six billion people in the world. Six billion souls. And sometimes, all you need is one."

I think this quote rings true always, but especially in the world we live in today — and especially during the holiday season.

For what has been branded as "the most wonderful time of the year" is often anything but for those who struggle with mental illness.

A study done by the National Alliance on Mental Illness in 2014 found that 64 percent of people with mental illness report that holidays make their conditions worse. A 2021 survey found that three in five Americans feel their mental health is negatively affected by the holidays, a trend that is increasing through the years.

For those already struggling, the holidays can be lonely or stressful, and it's only heightened by the constant reminder that this should be a happy time for them.

Poor mental health, although once considered taboo, has now been recognized as a serious medical condition. The National Institute of Mental Health estimated that in 2021, more than one in five U.S. adults lived with a mental illness. At the time this research was conducted, that consisted of 57.8 million people.

Almost 58 million people who are silently suffering, who need a helping hand



Katie Hughes

or a friendly face. Fifty-eight million people who need to be reminded that it's Christmastime. But they are not the only ones.

It's a tale as old as time. We all get lost in the excitement of the season — the joy, the rest, the luxury of nice meals,

holiday parties and fancy presents underneath the tree. We need this excitement, and, frankly, we deserve it.

But all of that won't help us in the long run, and the true message of the holiday season is found deep down where we all know it lies — with God. It's about salvation. Hope. It is about Jesus coming to Earth to save us all.

We do all need to be saved — by a smile, a laugh, a song or a friend. And it is those who are struggling — mental health or otherwise — who need it most.

It is our job to care for one another, to act out of love, to put others ahead of ourselves, whether it's a family member, our closest friend or a stranger.

During this holiday season, remember to be kind, to treat everyone you cross paths with as a friend and with respect. You never know who needs your kindness, who needs your hope.

There are now 8 billion people in the world, 8 billion souls. And sometimes, all you need is one. The holidays are a reminder to us to be that one person to someone who needs it most.

— Katie Hughes of Hinsdale is a senior at the University of Georgia. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean. **CARTOONS**







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OBITUARIES

Francis Dean Gardner

Francis Dean Gardner, 89, of Clarendon Hills, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away Nov. 27, 2023

He was born in Colome, S.D., in 1934.

He is survived by his daughters, Mary (Al) Lotfi and Ann Marie (Alfred) Allen; his grandchildren, Chase and Taylor Lotfi and Wylie and Isabella Allen; and his siblings, Patricia, Marvin, Marleen, Ernest and Sharon.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Jim Lail

Jim Lail, 60, of Clarendon Hills, passed away unexpectedly Nov. 27, 2023.

Jim was born in Harvey in 1962 to James and Donna Lail. He grew up with his younger sister, Jodi, in Dolton, and proudly graduated from Thornridge High School alongside his group of cherished friends.

He went on to attend the University of Kentucky, receiving a scholarship for track and field, and competed as a shot put and discus thrower. After his freshman year, he transferred to Eastern Illinois University, where he met the love of his life, Lori.

His list of friends is long, a testimony to his warm heart and fun-loving nature, which always made those around him feel included and encouraged to join the fun. Among his best buddies were Julie Riedle and Mark and Joyce Zelenika. He also loved his four-legged friends, Sammi, Luna and Leia.

Jim was an avid movie and sports lover (especially football). He was always cheering on his favorite teams, including the White Sox, Bears, Nebraska Cornhuskers and Cincinnati Bearcats.

His true passion later in life (other than chess) was fly fishing, and he enjoyed annual trips with

his fishing buddies on the streams of Colorado and Wisconsin.

Above all, Jim's greatest love was his family. He was a loving husband and dedicated father, who took immense pride in his children.

He enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Lori; his four children, Gabrielle, Gillian, Isabelle and Dylan; his sister, Jodi (Carl) Jones; his nieces and nephews, CJ, Noah and Daniel Jones and Chris and Sydney Herzog; and his in-laws, Una Mae Herzog, Sue Barca, Mark Herzog and Kim Rosselle.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge, 5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Family Legacy Fund via Zelle at lailfamilyfund@gmail.com. Check also may be made payable to Lori Lail.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



Schranz

Kevin Joseph Schranz

Kevin Joseph Schranz, 26, of Clarendon Hills passed away peacefully Nov. 28, 2023, with his family at his side.

Kevin was a ray of sunshine, a twinkle in the night sky. He touched lives in every direction and warmed hearts that needed a hug. He would stop on the sidewalk to assist the homeless and he was always the first to offer help to persons in need. His generosity and giving spirit was light years beyond his age.

Kevin's greatest stories involved adventures out west collecting rocks, fishing and camping under the stars with his "Best brother ever Luke," as well as the laughs and good times with his best friend, Mac.

Some of his best times included meeting his aunts in the city for a fun dinner and the sharing of great food creations between him and his uncle. Kevin loved life to its fullest through so many warm memories of outings in Oregon, Ill., with his grandparents and memories from the past of wonderful Italian meals with his Nana and Papa in Crete. And when Kevin would come home, the house was ignited with loving energy and laughter and conversations that would flow late into the night.

Kevin was kind-hearted to all whom he knew, loving and generous with a great sense of humor. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Illini fan. He had a deep love for all animals, especially his dog Scooter and his tortoise Franklin. Kevin loved everything about life. He enjoyed his accounting position at Arabella Advisors and found joy in tutoring a student from Eritrea and mentoring young adults at Malcolm X College. He spoke

endlessly about walking and dog sitting Boomer and Stitch. Kevin excelled at playing sports, particularly baseball, which he also coached. Working out, running on the lakefront and playing basketball all brought him happiness. Kevin brought delight to his family and friends by preparing his famous homemade garlic knots and breads.

What seemed to bring Kevin the most joy was doing nice things for others. When birthdays came along, the gift had to be "just right" and his homemade cards filled with paragraphs

and his homemade cards filled with paragraphs of heartfelt words and warm thoughts. When he would call home, he would always ask, "How was your day?" and sincerely wanted to know before ever talking about himself. His heart was even bigger than his smile.

Kevin left a lasting impression everywhere he ventured and with all whom he met.

He is survived by his parents, Paul "P.J." and Vicki (Homer) Schranz; his brother, Luke Schranz; his grandparents, Don and Cherril (Barger) Homer his aunt and uncle, Caren (Karen Rittwage) Schranz and Brad Homer; and his cousin, Ryan Homer.

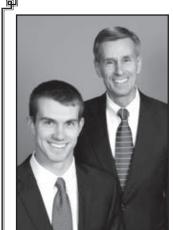
He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul and Cathy (Cassady) Schranz.

A celebration of life as held Dec. 3 at Union Church of Hinsdale.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Hinsdale Humane Society at www. hinsdalehumanesociety.org or a church of choice.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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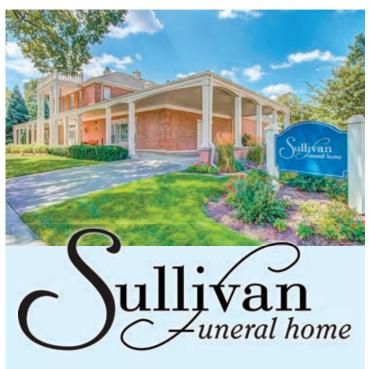
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Dear reader,

We at The Hinsdalean find it hard to believe we already are in our 18th year of publication.

We started the paper in 2006 to provide every home and business in town with a free weekly paper dedicated to providing local news and information. We again were named the best weekly newspaper of our size in the state by the Illinois Press Association earlier this year — for the fourth year in a row.

The many advertisers who have supported us have allowed us to provide the paper at no charge to residents. Changes in the global economy, however, continue to present challenges to our company. The cost of newsprint and delivery continue to rise, and advertising revenues have declined.

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—a Monroe School dad

ASK AN EXPERT

UMESH BHATIA, MEDITATION PRACTITIONER

How can meditation ease stress?

A calm lake is able to mirror its surroundings in serene tribute.

But toss in some pebbles, and the scene is suddenly roiled by the ripples. Meditation expert Umesh Bhatia believes our spirits are likewise too often unsettled by incoming concerns.

"The average human has 30,000 to 50,000 thoughts in a day," he said. "The reason why we don't experiment the inner light is because of the rain of thoughts that are coming into our minds."

Connecting and cultivating that "inner light" is the goal of Bhatia's program, Meditation for Holiday Stress, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, at the Hinsdale Public Library (see Page 34 for details).

"It's about recognizing that fact that we are something that is beyond the body and the mind," Bhatia said. "There is spiritual component to our existence."

A meditation practitioner for more than 25 years, Bhatia said he teaches others as a community service. He remarked how at this time of year people are drawn toward giving and fellowship.

"People tend to be living in the moment more so than any other time of the year," Bhatia said.

At the same time, we have trouble making room for the joy-illuminating stillness amidst all the activity and to-do lists crowding our vision.

"Meditation is focused on silence — silencing the body and silencing the mind," Bhatia said. "The light is the powerhouse, which is our soul. If we can learn a technique by which we can focus within and stay inside ourselves and have no thoughts, the darkness begins to crack."

Clearing away our thoughts helps extinguish our fears and open us to our innate wisdom, he explained, promoting the three "Cs."

"We become fully conscious, connected and caring. All three happen together," Bhatia said. "Meditation is all about being in the present moment."

As a corporate executive, Bhatia has regular contact with people from all over the globe. Those interactions have revealed to him the universal nature of the human condition and need for self-care.

"There is unity in all of us," he said, underscoring how meditation can break down cultural barriers. "We become one. We are the same."

Leaning into gratitude is a profound way to keep trained on the here and now, he said, citing Thanksgiving as a wonderful portal to the ethos of giving, forgiving and gratefulness.

Meditation promotes gratitude and a simpler approach to life by staying in the moment and reprogramming the mind from its unhelpful tendencies to constantly analyze, advocate or judge. Bhatia said he's seen a shift post-COVID in his students' attraction to meditation.

"Most people used to tell me they wanted to reduce stress and improve physical health," he said.

But people have since voiced more of an emphasis on soul care.

"They talk about their connection to the inner self. Nowadays 70 to 80 percent of people give me that answer," Bhatia said. "When they actually can silence their mind and experience the inner light, they say, 'This is actually what I was looking for.'"

— by Ken Knutson



Umesh Bhatia at his Hinsdale Public Library program on meditation Dec. 11 will discuss the positive effects of meditation, including reducing stress-related responses, improving concentration and enhancing clarity of thought to help with seasonal stress. (photo provided)





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Unfrozen snow doesn't dampen spirits for Christmas Walk









The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce's 57th annual Christmas Walk was held Friday night, and in spite of the unfrozen snow, crowds gathered to greet Santa and stroll around the central business district visiting shops and exhibits. Village President Tom Cauley greeted Santa after he arrived on the Hinsdale Fire Department's ladder truck. Hinsdale firefighter/paramedic Chris Swon, Santa and Cauley then lit Hinsdale's new Christmas tree in front of the Memorial Building. Sara Ottwell, along with children Madeline and William, were part of the crowd watching Santa arrive. The trackless train was a popular attraction. (Jim Slonoff photos)

"Hinsdale has a strong community spirit that shines through around the holidays. Our downtown is beautifully decorated with Christmas lights, Santa arrives on a fire truck for our tree-lighting ceremony, the Christmas Walk brings residents and nonresidents to our shops and businesses, and there are horse-drawn carriage rides, gingerbread cookie decorating and much more. I'm so proud to be a part of it all. The holiday season in Hinsdale reinforces my belief that there is no better place to live and raise a family."

- Tom Cauley



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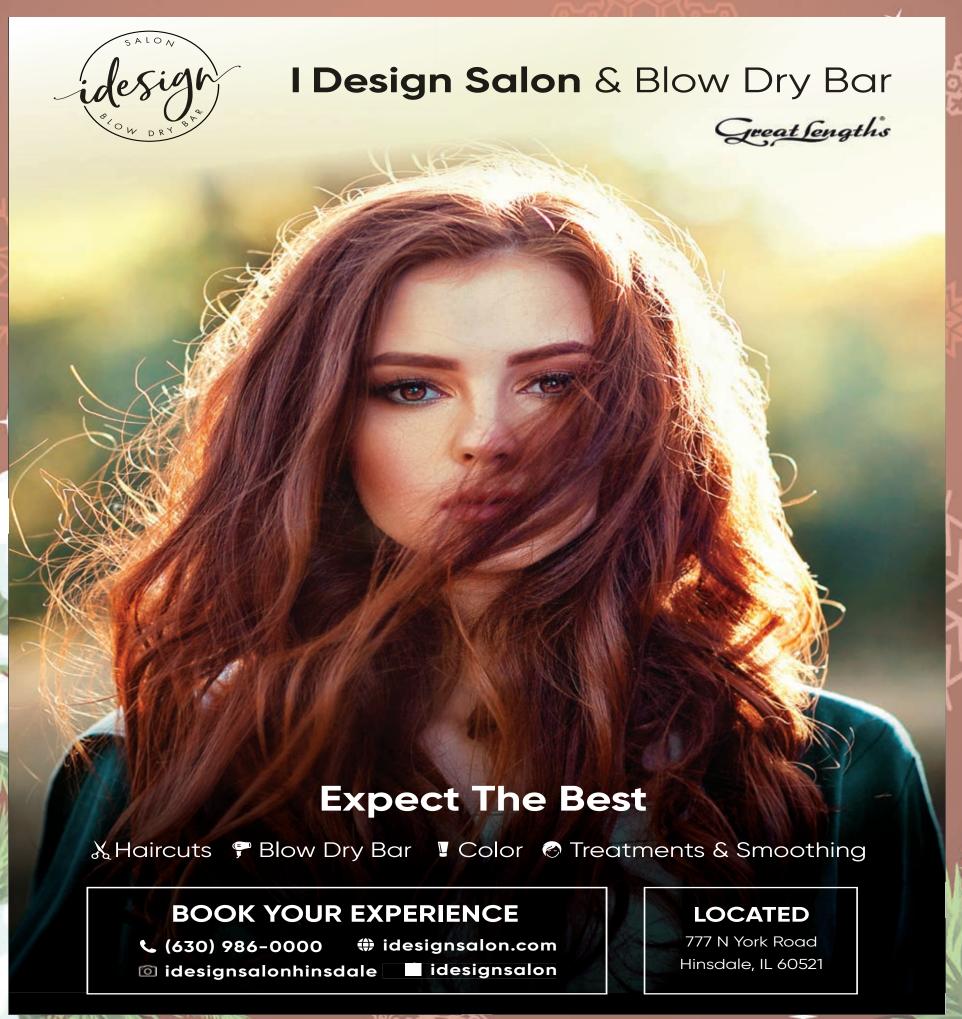
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— Lauren Glandt



"Cutting the top off our Christmas tree because it was too tall to fit in the house, then sledding down Hickory hill with dad watching for traffic on Oak, where we lived."

- William Rowell







"Celebrating Christmas Eve at my maternal grandparents' home on South Garfield Street. They were of Swedish descent, and we always had traditional Swedish smörgåsbord for dinner. After dinner, Santa came with a gift for each of the grandchildren."

- Elaine Thompson





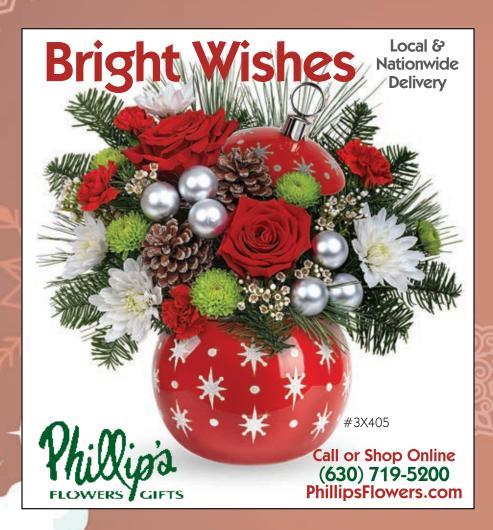
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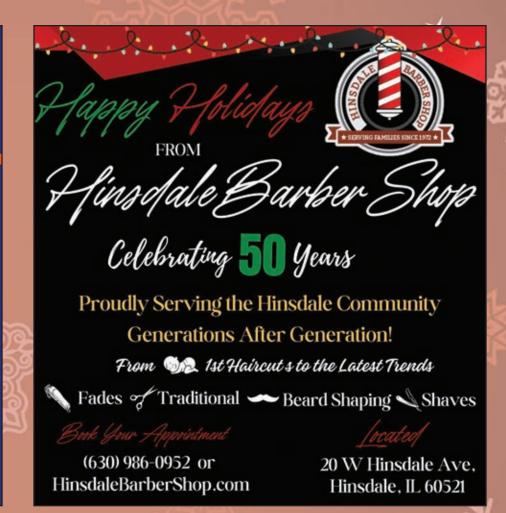


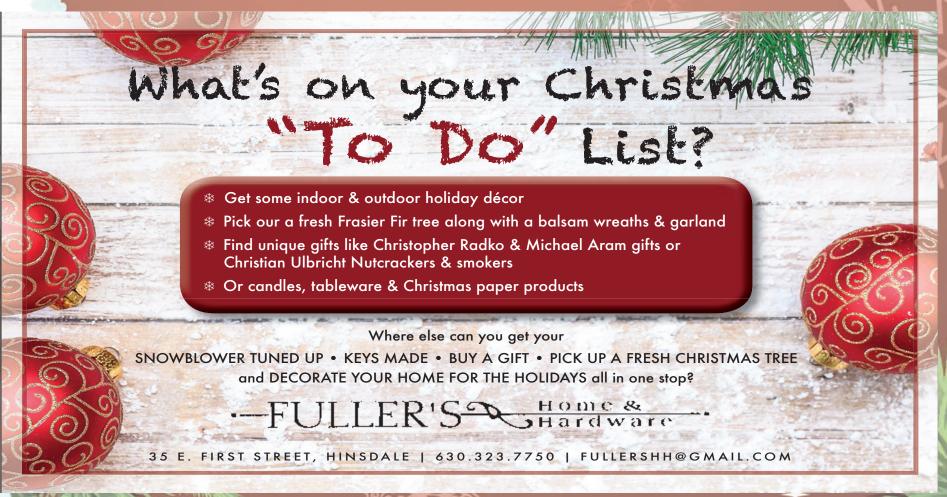
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– Wendy Michalski



"My favorite Hinsdale Christmas memories are when my kids and their classmates sang "In the First Light" at the annual St. Isaac Jogues Christmas choir concert. Our then-choir director, Julie Petrando, made those moments indelible."

- Pat Hughes





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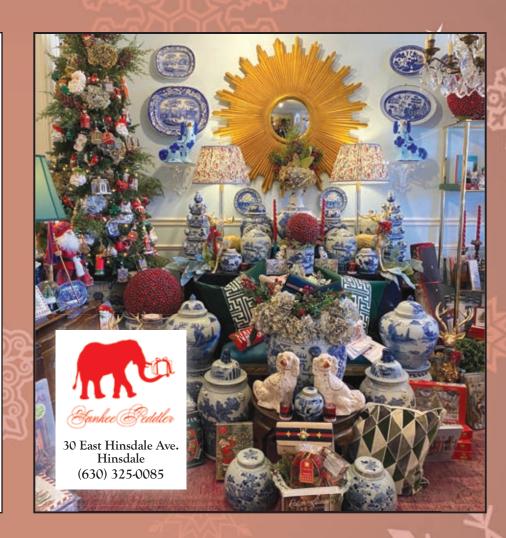
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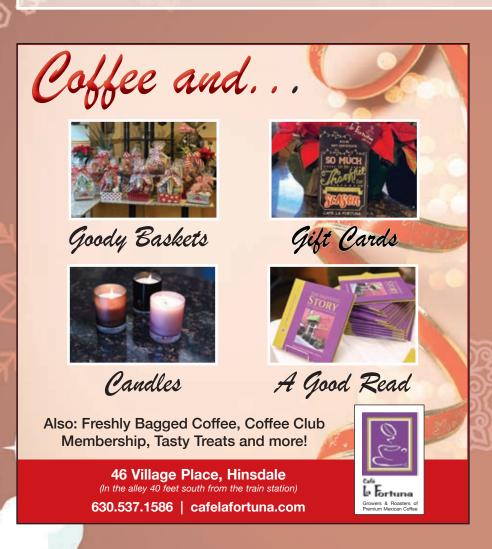
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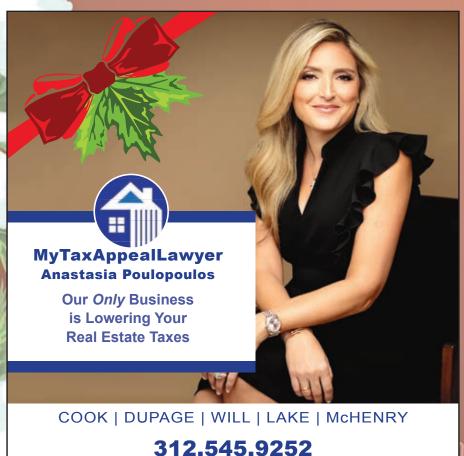


"Raising my two sons in Hinsdale — especially during the Christmas season — was always full of adventure. The Christmas Walk and listening to the Madrigal Singers as well as the Allegro Handbell ensemble from Union Church at the old Hinsdale Federal Savings bank. Then walking out into Grant Square and waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus. Truly a magical time of year."

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GOOD NEWS

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More than 200 students from Hinsdale Central High School were named 2024 Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. They were selected for this honor based on their SAT and/or ACT test scores and sixth semester class rank.

They are

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A chapter ends at The Courtyard

Three friends who have been the heart of the resale shop to retire after three decades

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

Thirty-two years ago, Nancy Keenan, Sheila Botti and Kathy Ryan agreed to open a resale shop to benefit Wellness House at the request of Keenan's neighbor, Suzy

Sisters Keenan and Botti and Ryan ("like a sister") met with a number of women who were going to be involved in the shop, which would help fund Wellness House's free programs for people faced with a cancer diagnosis and their families.

"We met at Wellness House and kind of formulated a plan," Keenan said. "Shortly thereafter there was just the three of us."

They were not deterred, however, and with the help of a host of volunteers and donors and support from Hinsdale Bank and Trust, the shop has thrived, earning millions for Wellness House programs and services.

They've procured merchandise right here in Hinsdale and as far away as West Virginia and London. Under their watch, the shop has sold everything from Christmas ornaments to an oil painting worth \$15,000.

This will be the final month the three work at the shop.

"I'm old," Keegan said. "We're all old."

"They're older than I am," Ryan quickly chimed in.

Keegan, 84, Botti, 83, and Ryan, 79, sat down with The Hinsdalean Monday to talk about the past three decades, the work they've done and what it has meant to them.

What were your initial expectations?

Nancy: "Absolutely

none — no expectations at all, because we didn't have any idea what we were doing. You learn on the fly."

Sheila: "I think we were all excited about the fact of doing something for Wellness House when they had approached us, and we've all done lots of flea market shopping and antique shopping, and it just seemed to be a perfect fit. We had no idea that it would go on for 32 years."

Kathy: "I had a relative who had little faith in the fact that people would come in and buy other people's things. We had a lot of faith in it, because we loved shopping at flea markets and consignments shops and acquainted ourselves with them all over the country and thought about doing something like this on our own."

Where did you first get your merchandise?

Sheila: "We had a party and you had to bring something to sell."

Nancy: "Either money or a treasure. We got stuff out of our attics and our basements and off our walls. Gail Elmore was a huge (help). She lived at Fourth and Oak. She was moving to the Burr Ridge Club. Whatever she didn't take, she said we could have, which was a bonanza."

Kathy: "We went and loaded our cars and brought it over to our new spot (then on First Street)."

Why has the shop been so successful?

Sheila: "In the beginning, I remember somebody came in and they had not ever been here before. They said, 'What kind of shop is this?' We don't want to look like a resale shop."

Nancy: "We've always



Sheila Botti, Nancy Keegan and Kathy Ryan are celebrating their retirement tonight after starting and working for 32 years at The Courtyard resale shop in Hinsdale. "We should have kept a diary of all the escapades," Botti said. (Jim Slonoff photo)

been pretty selective about what we take. Our display is what sells the merchandise. We work very hard on our display so it doesn't look like a thrift shop."

Kathy: "We've always had fun doing that, putting the puzzle together. A lot of these things that we can put together come in from different consigners."

Who will fill your shoes?

Nancy: "Deb Cassidy is going to be us and Jamie Ott, one of the managers now. Deb has been a volunteer. We have learned by doing and they will do the same."

Sheila: "They will do it differently, hopefully better. They're very excited."

Kathy: "They're bringing a lot of energy and a lot of enthusiasm, which is very good."

What will you do in retirement?

Nancy: "I have a design business, so I still have clients. I was just hired at Clever Girl in Western Springs. I used to work for (the owner) when it was Abigail Rose here, 35 years ago."

Kathy: "I will be in Florida. We go to Florida from January to May. I will miss it. I know I will miss it. I will probably volunteer when I come home in some capacity."

Sheila: "I'm going to volunteer when needed. My husband still works even though he is going to be 87 in December. As long as he still works, I'd like to find something to do. We definitely will miss it. We all will miss it."

How do you feel helping to raise \$5 million for Wellness House?

Kathy: "Terrific. We've very proud of it. We have a lot of ownership of it because of how long ago it

was started."

Sheila: "It's a lot of money. Wellness House is definitely a very worthwhile place. It does our hearts (good) when someone comes in the Courtyard and says, 'I couldn't have gotten through my diagnosis without Wellness House.' We like our volunteers to know that, too — to always keep in mind the connection to Wellness House because it's just a great feeling when people do come in and say, 'Wellness House was so wonderful.'

Nancy: "When my grandson died six years ago, Brooks Tonn ... his siblings went to Wellness House and it was very important. I've had cancer, my son-in-law has cancer, my husband had cancer. He died a couple of years ago. It affects us all, sad to say."



Dancers from the Hinsdale Dance Academy will return to the Hinsdale Public Library Dec. 16 for a special storytime. See the Holiday Happenings listing on Page 40 for details. (file photo)

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ Adult Inter-Faith Fellowship Lunch

Dec. 13 Union Church 137 S. Garfield Ave. (630) 794-0664

Hear the Hinsdale Central Chamber Choir at the group's December luncheon. The ultimate goal of the AIFF is inclusivity and fellowship, while also supporting charities that reduce hunger, domestic violence and other worthy causes through contributions. Reservations are due by Dec. 7. Call Elizabeth Jung at the number listed above or email her at ejung@ uchinsdale.org. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person by cash or check.

FAMILY FUN

■ Stairs, Stories & S'mores Dec. 9

Swallow Cliff Woods-North

Calumet Sag Road east of 104th Avenue near Palos Park www.fpdcc.com (312) 533-5751

Families are invited to drop in and challenge themselves

by climbing to the top of the Swallow Cliff stairs. Then enjoy the story trail and s'mores and, weather permitting, sledding/snowshoeing. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Sunrise Hike

Dec. 10 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Come join this "before hours" hike to experience the dawning of a new day. Time: 6:45 p.m. RR

■ Arbor Reading Adventures

Tuesdays & Wednesdays through Dec. 13 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org (630) 719-2468

Families with children ages 2-8 are invited to join this interactive story time program featuring nature-based stories followed by a craft and a short outdoor adventure walk. Program tickets can be purchased at the Visitor Center information desk on the day of the visit only; arboretum admission must purchased separately. Time: 11

a.m. to noon. Cost: \$8. MD

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Snowbirds

Dec. 16 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Enjoy a leisurely nature hike with stops at feeding stations to observe birds' amazing winter behaviors. Time: 1:30 p.m. RR

■ Winter Solstice Sunrise Hike Dec. 21

Blackwell Forest Preserve Butterfield Road West of Winfield Road, Warrenville (630) 942-6200

Hike atop Mount Hoy to see the solstice sunrise. Learn about early morning wildlife and the secrets of the solstice, and relax while welcoming the first day of winter. The program is for ages 12 and up; those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. Cost: \$10. RR

■ Night of Lights Walk Dec. 21

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The happiest chocolate cake you'll ever bake

It's been said that once you read a meaningful book, a part of it stays with you. I believe this is especially true when it comes to cookbooks. Because cooking with an author you love creates a shared experience that often transcends the page.



Amy McCauley Tales from the table

Julie Powell
famously had Julia
Child; but I have
had Julia Reed,
Ina Garten, Odette
Williams, Alex Hitz
and so many others. Their recipes
and wisdom have
shaped me as a cook
and writer. I have
cooked with them

cooked with them so many times that sometimes it seems as if they're

in kitchen with me. This is why my most beloved cookbooks feel like old friends.

However, one of my oldest and dearest cookbook friends is the Pastry Queen, Rebecca Rather. Her cinnamon chocolate cake made me fall in love with baking. Her thoughts about getting the most flavor from ingredients and her techniques shaped me as a young cook. Her classic recipes felt familiar and yet more delicious than any version I had ever tasted.

One forkful of this cake will tell you why it remains one of my most beloved recipes. I've modified it slightly from the original. Nevertheless, this is the recipe that I've given to friends and years later they tell me, "I am still making that cake." It's the cake that I know our family will be making for years to come because it's our Christmas tradition.

Cooking with Rebecca and all of my cookbook friends has taught me that the best recipes are like short stories. They speak of what you love and they make the reader feel as if they stepped into your kitchen to make something wonderful.

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

Cinnamon chocolate cake



Cinnamon chocolate cake

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 3/4 cup water
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1 cup buttermilk
 - 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
 - 2 cups of flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Chocolate glaze

- ½ cup (1 stick) butter
- ¼ cup milk, warmed
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 2 cups of powdered sugar, sifted
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a standard sized Bundt pan with Baker's Joy cooking spray (it's an essential ingredient to a good Bundt cake).

In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium-low heat. Add cocoa powder and water and whisk until smooth. Remove the pan from the heat. Add 2 cups of sugar. Continue to whisk until smooth.

Next pour the chocolate mixture into the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. While the mixer is running on low speed add the eggs, buttermilk and vanilla. Then mix in the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt until fully incorporated. Pour the batter in the Bundt pan.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes. Allow the cake to cool in the pan for

about 10 minutes. Then gently loosen the cake sides with a knife and turn it out on a large plate.

When the cake is cooling make the chocolate glaze. In a small saucepan over medium-low heat melt one stick of butter. Add the warm milk, cocoa powder and powdered sugar and whisk. Remove pan from heat and stir in the vanilla and salt. Continue to whisk until the chocolate is smooth and glossy.

Drizzle the chocolate glaze over the cake using a large spoon. If you want a thicker and more controlled glaze, wait for the cake to cool completely. This cake looks fabulous with sprinkles or fondant decorations. The holly leaf cutters can be found at www.petalcrafts. com. This cake keeps best at room temperature.



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

A self-guided candlelit walk through the woods will delight visitors in celebrating the shortest day of the year. Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m. RR

■ Experience Winter

Dec. 23, 24 & 27 Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont www.fpdcc.com (630) 257-2045

Bring the family and enjoy a trail hike with a naturalist. This event is weather dependent. Time: 10 a.m. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Forest Therapy Walk

Dec. 9 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org (630) 719-2468

Experience the healing and wellness-promoting effects of shinrin-yoku, the practice of bathing the senses in the atmosphere of the forest, on a three-hour walk along a tree-lined trail with a certified forest therapy guide. A tea ceremony will conclude the walk, with tea made from edible plants foraged from the forest. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$46. RR, MD

■ Meditation for Holiday Stress

Dec. 11 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Join meditation practitioner Umesh Bhatia to learn the positive effects of meditation, including reducing stress-related responses, improving concentration and enhancing clarity of thought and mental equilibrium to help with seasonal stress. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Lymphoma & Leukemia Connections Group

Dec. 14

www.wellnesshouse.org
Join this monthly online
support group to virtually
meet with others experiencing the same type of cancer.
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sions as well as develop coping skills to help navigate your cancer experience. Each session is facilitated by an oncology counselor. Drop-ins also are welcome. Contact Michael Williams at (630) 654-5117 or mwilliams@ wellnesshouse.org for more information. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ Burning Beats

Through Dec. 15
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.
org

(630) 323-7500

Participants will dance their way a healthier, happier self, enjoying the music, contagious energy and company of like-minded individuals while getting the heart pumping and burning calories. With easy to follow routines, this group exercise class is perfect for all fitness and skill levels. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Times: 9:30 a.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Fridays. Cost: \$15 for walk-ins, \$5 for students.

■ The Pine Pacer

Jan. 1-31 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org

Start the new year off with this running and walking challenge by tracking the mileage of each workout and submitting it to the arboretum's virtual challenge website. First select a goal of 25, 50 or 100 miles to complete by the end of January, then run or walk at any location to meet this new year resolution. Registration includes a commemorative Pine Pacer Flex fleece pullover, challenge completion stickers and complimentary arboretum admission passes. Receive a Pine Pacer travel mug for an additional \$15 that can be used to receive a free hot coffee or hot tea for the day during January. Cost: \$65. RR, MD

HELP WANTED

■ Volunteer for Wellness House

Dec. 23 Cantigny Park 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton Ihawkey@wellnesshouse.org (630) 654-5109 Volunteer for a 4-hour or 8-hour shift at the Christmas at Cantigny festival to help Wellness House receive \$5,000. Volunteers guide guests through the outdoor lights and exhibits and/or answer logistical questions. Training will be provided, and meals and breaks will be given. Wellness House will receive the grant if all shifts are filled. Sign up with Lizz Hawkey using the contact information above.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Pet First Aid & CPR Workshop

Dec. 9
County Campus
120 N. County Farm Road,
Wheaton
www.dupagecounty.gov/
government/departments/
animal services

Learn techniques to address the most common emergencies pet owners may experience, including how to notice abnormalities and detect early warning signs in pets and how to perform essential pre-vet care. The class is available to those 16 and older. The exact location of the class will be provided after registration. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$100. RR

ON STAGE

■ 'Mary Poppins Jr.'

Dec. 8-17 Theatre of Western Springs 4384 Hampton Ave. www.theatreofwesternsprings.com

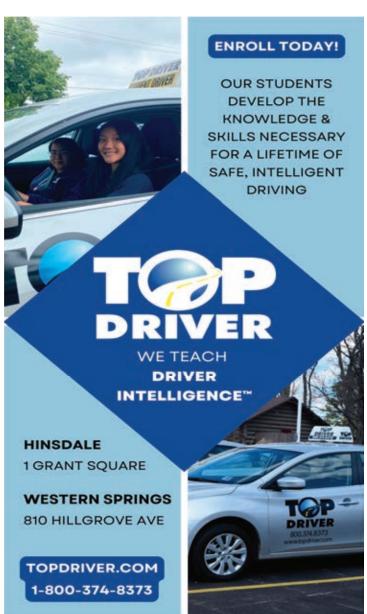
(708) 246-3380 Young Jane and Michael Banks have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$16, \$13 for age 18 and under.

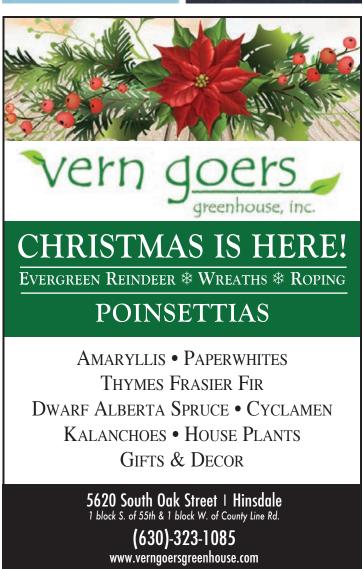
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adaptation of the beloved fairytale this holiday season. Featuring the songs "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible" and "Ten Minutes Ago," this magical musical is sure to entrance families of all ages. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 & 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$100.75-\$111.25.

SIGN UP NOW

■ New Moms Book Group Dec. 19 Standard Market 333 E. Ogden Ave.,

Westmont www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Enjoy a night out with this monthly group for moms with children under the age of 5. The December selection is "Holding Pattern" by Jenny Xie. Books are available for on the library's book club holds shelf a month before each

meeting. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ The Challenge: Trivia Quiz Game

Dec. 14 The Preserve at Oak Meadows 900 N. Wood Dale Road, Addison www.dupageforest.org (630) 206-9566

Come with a team of up to seven members or join another team to show off knowledge and compete for prizes during this friendly quiz game featuring categories like music, animals, geography and history. The event is for ages 18 and up. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

STEPPING BACK

Hinsdale's Railroad History
Dec. 9 & 16
Hinsdale History Museum
15 S. Clay St.
www.hinsdalehistory.org/
upcoming-events

Don't miss the chance to explore the Hinsdale

Historical Society's latest exhibit, "Miniature Rails, Massive Impact: Hinsdale's Railroad History," showcasing miniature models of trains of different eras. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Finding Grace Exhibit Saturdays & Sundays

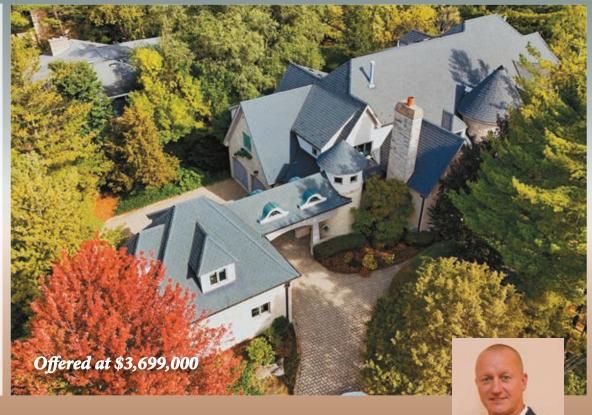
Saturdays & Sundays through Dec. 17 Bagley House 121 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale

www.hinsdalehistory.org The Hinsdale Historical Society presents Finding Grace: The Forgotten Story of Social Reformer Grace Bagley, who began her extraordinary life of service in Hinsdale and became a pioneer in social reform on the national level. The 1894 home Frank Lloyd Wright designed for her and her husband, Frederick, is currently being restored by owner Safina Uberoi, president of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy. Visit the home and learn about its former resident. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5

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Pet pic of the week

Ginger and Cleo are a pair of senior sisters looking for a home. They get along with other cats of all ages, but they are very special to each other and must go home together. Ginger is a little shy but so soft, and even though Cleo is missing an eye, she never turns down the chance to play. Both are spayed, microchipped and fully vaccinated. Ginger is 11 years old and Cleo is 8. Their adoption fee has generously been waived to help them get adopted together. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is open to the public 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Visit www.hinsdalehumanesociety. org or call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo by Laura Dajoraite courtesy of Hinsdale Humane Society)



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TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen Game Time

Dec. 8 & 15 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

The library is bringing out the Nintendo Switch for middle and high schoolers, so stop by for a Mario Kart race. Hours: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

■ Canva Posters

Dec. 15 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Design and print an 11x17 poster using Canva and the library's printing and laminating materials. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

■ Finals at the Library

Dec. 18-21 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Stress less over finals at with study space and snacks provided by the library. Stress-buster activities will be offered every afternoon in the Teen Lounge. Follow HPL on Instagram by Dec. 15 and be entered into a drawing to win VIP Study Space for up to 6 people with a basket of gourmet snacks from Trader Joe's. Winners will be notified Dec. 15. Hours: 3 to 9 p.m., 1 to 9 p.m. Dec. 20.

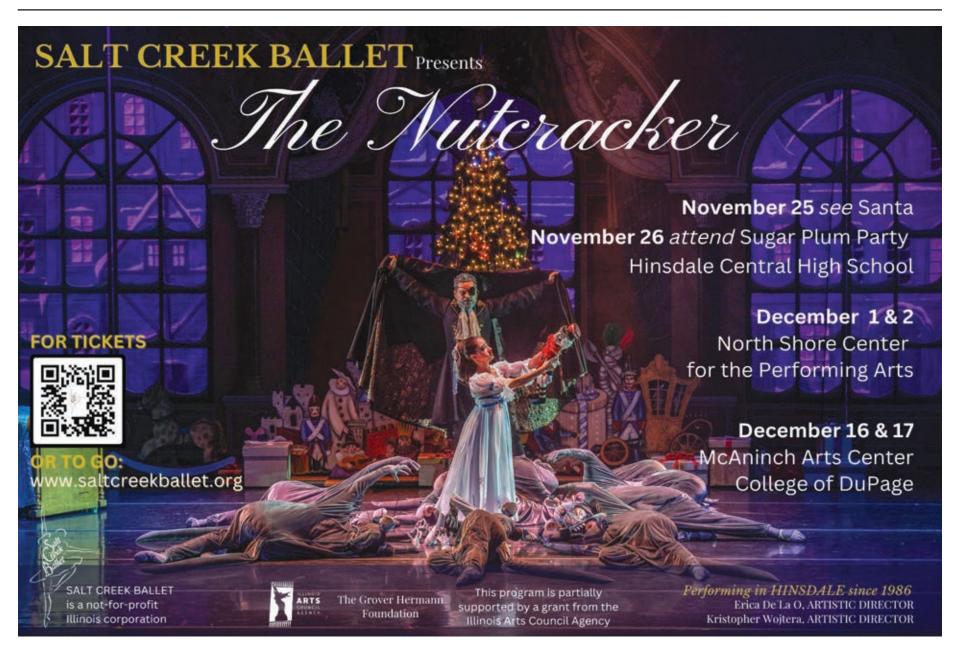
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■ Toddler Obstacle Course

Dec. 15 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Hop, skip and jump through the library's obstacle course. Time: 10 to 11 a.m.

> Key RR - registration required MD - member discount





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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

■ Santa's Mailbox

Through Dec. 8 www.villageofhinsdale.org (630) 789-7090

Children of Hinsdale residents may write a letter to Santa, drop it in the mailbox at village hall, 19 E. Chicago Ave., and receive a personal letter back in seven to 10 business days. Be sure to include the parent form available on the website listed above under Special Events > Santa's Mailbox. Questions? Call the number listed above or send an email to parkrec@villageofhinsdale.org.

■ 'The Nutcracker'

Dec. 8 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale www.wsballet.org/perfor-

Enjoy an intimate performance of the ballet by West Suburban Ballet Conservatory. Santa will greet families, snacks and crafts will be offered, and kids will have a chance to dance on stage with performers following the show as adults enjoy live music and cocktails. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Time: 6 p.m. Tickets: \$55 for adults, \$15 for children.

■ Holiday Favorites with the Jolly **Boys**

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

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

■ Holiday Concert

Dec. 9 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 1310 Shepherd Drive, Naperville www.nhbdupage.org (630) 476-9072

The New Horizons Band of DuPage will perform selections of holiday favorites. The concert will include singalongs, the New Horizons Concert Band, Brass Choir, German Band, Jazz Band and Woodwind Consort. New Horizons consists of musicians from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs under the direction of Maryann Flock. Light refreshments will follow the concert. Time: 3 p.m. Admission is free; donations will be accepted.

■ 'What the Elf'

Dec. 9 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

The Second City returns to deliver a heaping serving of seasonal satire in this show, which is the perfect alternative to those same old holiday performances. Nothing is off limits in this fast-paced, interactive, comedy revue filled with style, wit and plenty of that famous (and festive) Second City improv. The show may contain adult language and themes. Time: 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$30-\$48.

■ Sounds of the Season

Dec. 9 Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church 149 W. Brush Hill Road www.agaperingers.org

The Agape Ringers, Chicago's premier handbell ensemble, and guitarist Jeff Kust will perform a variety of holiday music familiar and exotic, including arrangements of "I Wonder As I Wander," "Brazilian Sleigh Bells," and "Winter Wonderland," as well as original compositions and other favorites arranged for bells. Kust will feature on the Puerto Rican cuatro. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$27-\$36.

■ Holiday Art and Craft Market

Dec. 9 & 10 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook www.dupageforest.org (630) 206-9566

Shop for quality artisan holiday gifts for family and friends. All ages are welcome; those under 18 must be with an adult. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Hinsdale for the Holidays

Dec. 9 & 16 **Burlington Park** 30 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org

Celebrate the holidays by decorating gingerbread cookies, taking a horse-drawn carriage ride and visiting Santa. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Victorian Holiday

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Dec. 9 & 16 Hinsdale History Museum 15 S. Clay St. www.hinsdalehistory.org/ upcoming-events

Experience a Victorian-era celebration by touring the museum. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Allegrezza Holiday Spectacular Dec. 10

Union Church of Hinsdale 137 S. Garfield Ave. www.allegrezzasingers.com

The 10th anniversary holiday concert features a full orchestra and chorus and a special appearance by Santa Claus. The program includes the world premier of Gary Fry's "A Very Animated Christmas" written especially for Allegrezza and a host of Christmas classics. Time: 3 to 5 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$40.

■ Voctave

Dec. 10 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

This a cappella sensation will leave audiences feeling merry and bright with a program packed with holiday favorites. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$65-\$75.

■ Christmas Classics

Dec. 15 Union Church of Hinsdale 137 S. Garfield Ave. www.eventcreate.com/e/ christmasclassics2023

Join the Ostrega Uhl Project in its Christmas festival performance of its second season. The concert will open with traditional favorites, starting with a unique arrangement of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" for violin, harp and piano, featuring guest harpist Nichole Young. Enjoy music from Christmases long, long ago to beautiful themes and melodies from favorite Christmas and holiday themed movies of today, culminating in a singalong at the end of the concert. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 for adults, free for kids 12 and younger.

■ Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 16 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St. www.thecommunityhouse. org

(630) 323-7500

Bring the family together for a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, French toast, hash browns, pancakes, pastries, juice and coffee and, of course, pictures with Santa. Time: 9 to 10:15 a.m. Cost: \$35, free for babies under 1.

■ 'Nutcracker' storytime

Dec. 16 Hinsdale Public Library 20 W. Maple St. www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

Listen and watch as the Hinsdale Dance Academy takes over Saturday storytime. Time: 10 to 11 a.m.

■ 'Nutcracker' virtual screening

Dec. 16-17 www.hinsdalelibrary.info (630) 986-1976

The library is excited to provide access to a stage recording

of "The Nutcracker" by The Royal Ballet that Hinsdaleans can watch at home. Time: all day. RR

■ 'Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley'

Through Dec. 17
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Two years after the end of "Pride and Prejudice," the Bennet family is spending Christmas at Pemberley when an unexpected guest joins the festivities in this romantic comedy, rooted in the complications and joys of being part of a spirited family. The show contains adult themes and language. A pre-show talk with the director and designers will be held at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16; a post-show talk with the director and actors will be held Friday, Nov. 24. Times: 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25; no show on Thanksgiving. Tickets: \$44, \$42 for seniors.

■ Two Piano Christmas Concert

Dec. 23 Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church 201 N. Oak St.

Justin Gjata and Victor Moreno will entertain guests at this special holiday concert. A free will offering will be collection. Time: 6 p.m.

■ Christmas at Cantigny

Through Dec. 23 Cantigny 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton

Visitors to this inaugural event are in for a special holiday treat, including McCormick House walkthroughs, ice skating and dazzling light installations. Hundreds of fresh poinsettias from Cantigny's own greenhouse will be on display throughout the home. Outside, a 100-by-40-foot ice rink will add some wintery magic to the scene. Skaters can rent blades or bring their own. Spectators

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HCHS Chamber Choir, Directed by Jennifer Burkamper

The Hinsdale Central Chamber Choir (formerly Madrigals) performs a wide variety of styles throughout the School Year and continues to perform Repertoire from the Renaissance in conjunction with their annual Madrigal Concert. This Concert has taken place since 2008 and features Madrigal and Holiday Music. The Chamber Choir is the top performing ensemble at Hinsdale Central.

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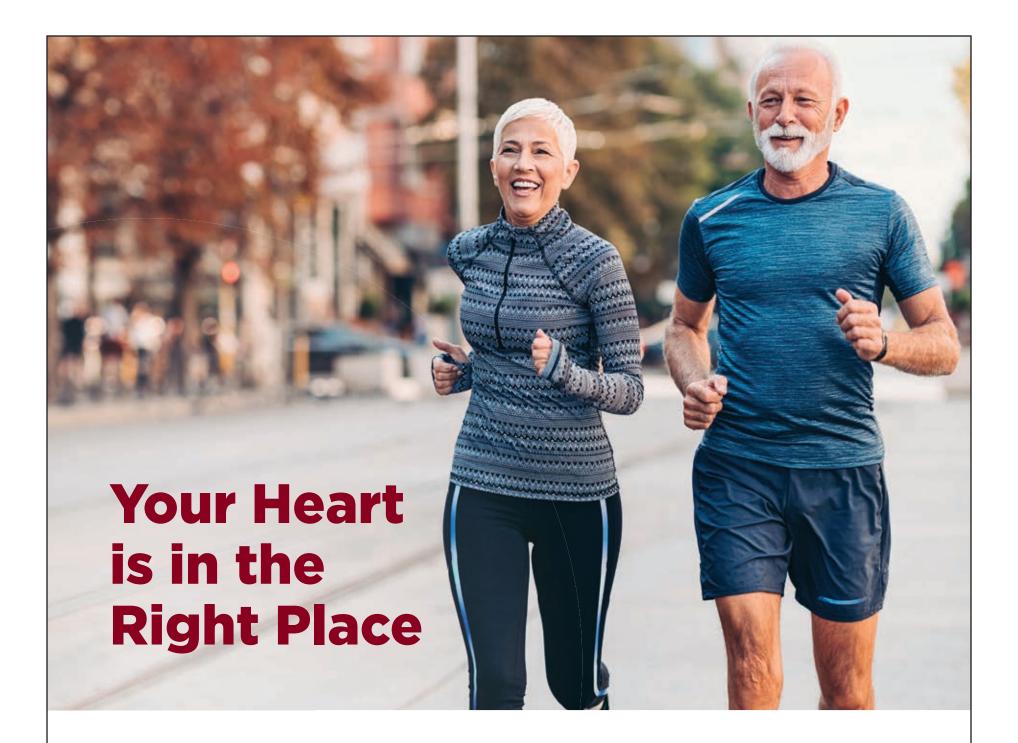
Is elated to host the HCHS Chamber Choir for Lunch again this year to meet and enjoy the talented Choir Members and learn about their College plans. This year we have invited the Parents of the Choir Members to join us. To Honor the Talented Chamber Choir, AIFF is Inviting the Parents who could not join us at Lunch AND Hinsdale Christmas Shoppers to enjoy the concert at 12:45pm!

AIFF in pursuit of our Charitable Commitment to Hinsdale Community Service in December has a Charity Container for your Voluntary Contribution

The Women's Association of Union Church is Inviting the Chamber Choir and the entire audience in attendance at the Concert to their......ANNUAL SILVER TEA

To receive Monthly AIFF notices contact Elizabeth Jung: ejung@uchinsdale.org or call 630-688-1706

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and skaters taking a break can enjoy a warm holiday treat in the heated hospitality tent overlooking the rink. Visitors can also reserve a private "Cocoa Cabana," perfect for families and friend groups. Enjoy creative lighting displays, pop-up activities and more. Santa brunches are slated for Dec. 16-17 at the Cantigny Golf clubhouse. Hours: 4 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, with extended hours on weekends and for ice skating. Admission: \$15, \$5 for kids 4-15, free for 3 and younger plus \$10 parking.

■ 'A Christmas Carol'

Through Dec. 30 Drury Lane Theatre 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace www.drurylanetheatre.com (630) 530-0111

Continue a tradition or start a new one by gathering the whole family for this heartwarming 30th anniversary production of Dickens' Christmas classic. Complete with falling snow, magical illusions and special effects, the play is a visually-stunning experience, and at one hour long, perfect for children of all ages. On select performance dates, families will have the opportunity to have breakfast or dinner with Santa Claus in Drury Lane's elegantly decorated dining room. Time: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. performances offered on various dates.

■ New Year's Eve concerts

Dec. 31 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

New Philharmonic, under

the direction of Kirk Muspratt, will perform three concerts to welcome 2024. All three performances will feature guest bass-baritone Richard Ollarsaba and include a highly entertaining program of waltzes, marches, polkas and light classical music, plus a champagne toast, party favors and more. Times: 1:30, 5 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$70-\$80.

■ Holiday Magic

Through Dec. 31
Brookfield Zoo
3400 31st St.
(630) 688-8400
www.czs.org/holidaymagic

Bright lights and magical nights await guests at the 42nd annual event. Visitors will enjoy more than 2 million twinkling LED lights, a 41-foot tall tree choreographed to seasonal tunes, photo opportunities in the ever-popular 20-foot-tall orb and 3D 16-foot-tall gingerbread house, a 600-foot-long "Tunnel of Lights" and more. Many of the zoo's animal buildings will be open as well restaurants and gift shops offering an array of unique items. View more than 600 decorated community and corporate trees along the malls and around Roosevelt Fountain. Advanced registration and tickets are required. Times: 3 to 9 p.m. on weekends and other dates. Admission: \$29.95 for adults, \$20.95 for ages 3-11, \$24.95 for seniors 65 and older plus \$15 parking. RR, MD

■ Winter Holidays in the 1890s

Through Dec. 31
Kline Creek Farm
1N600 County Farm Road,
West Chicago
www.dupageforest.org

Enjoy a guided tour of the 1890s farmhouse focusing on winter holiday traditions. Learn how farm families decorated the tree, exchanged gifts, and prepared food for the holidays. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays. Admission: Free, suggested donation of \$5 per person ages 3 and up to enter the farm.

■ Sparkle Light Festival

Through Dec. 31 Impact Field Balmoral Avenue and Pearl Street, Rosemont www.sparklerosemont.com

Guests will stroll through five illuminated villages, visit Santa Claus, ice skate with friends, enjoy free train rides on the Holly Trolly train and go tubing down the Alpine Slide. Festive food and beverage options will also be available. See full schedule at website listed

above. Admission: \$24, \$18 for kids 2012, with premium tickets and add-on experiences available, plus \$5 parking.

■ Illumination

Through Jan. 6 Morton Arboretum 4100 Route 53, Lisle www.mortonarb.org (630) 725-2066

Celebrate the holidays and marvel at how light transforms a magnificent landscape at the arboretum's 11th annual tree lights display. Journey along a 1-mile paved walking path amid festive music and lighting effects that highlight the beauty of trees in winter. Visitors can enjoy s'mores or stop in one of the concession tents for a snack and beverage. Choose the price, date and time to attend; the earlier the purchase, the cheaper the admission. Time: visit the website for availability. Tickets: \$16-\$41.75, with member discounts.





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- Susie, Clarendon Hills

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■ Coat/clothing drive

Through Dec. 8 Hinsdale Central High School 5500 S. Grant St.

The Red Devil Service Club is hosting a coat and clothing drive to benefit Cradles to Crayons. Winter coats and gear for children are needed most. Donations may be dropped off in the boxes at the Grant Street or 55th Street entrances.

■ Happy Pawlidays

Dec. 9 Marcus

101 S. Washington St.

Get your pet's picture taken with Santa Paws, enjoy raffles, drinks and light bites, and go home with a goodie bag at this event, with 10 percent of all sales benefiting Hinsdale Humane Society. Hours: noon to 3 p.m.

■ 'It's a Wonderful Life' Pop-up Bar

Dec. 9 Joe's Saloon 9220 47th St., Brookfield This annual event, benefiting Beds Plus and hosted by Compassion United Methodist Church, recreates Martini's and Nick's. Dress as a favorite character from the film, enjoy re-enactments, try Clarence's flaming rum punch and enjoy trivia questions. Time: 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets: \$75 each, limit four.

■ Juniors Jingle Dash 5K

Dec. 10
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets,
Hinsdale
www.runsignup.com/
race/IL/Hinsdale/
JuniorsJingleDash

This third annual event will raise money to support the grants the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club makes to local nonprofits. Enjoy post-race snacks and a photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Festive holiday dress is encouraged. Registration closes Dec. 9. Time: 8 a.m. Registration: \$40, \$20 for kids 18 and younger, strollers are free; \$5 more on race day.

■ Toy drive

Through Dec. 14 Hinsdale Central High School 5500 S. Grant St.

Hinsdale Central's Habitat for Humanity club is partnering with the U.S. Marine Corps to collect new, unused toys that will be donated to Toys for Tots. Donations can be dropped off at the Grant Street Plaza or circle drive entrance.

■ Holiday Meal Program

Through Dec. 25 www.solvehungertoday.org

The Northern Illinois Food Bank's 24th annual campaign to ensure all neighbors can enjoy a special holiday meal with loved ones is under way. This year, with the support of generous sponsors and volunteers, the food bank will provide 50,000 holiday meal boxes to neighbors facing hunger across 13 counties in suburban and rural northern Illinois. Each box serves a family of six to eight and is packed with traditional trimmings for a complete holiday

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Community Consolidated School District No. 181, in the Counties of DuPage and Cook, State of Illinois.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Community Consolidated School District No. 181, Counties of DuPage and Cook, State of Illinois, for 2023 will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at Hinsdale Middle School, 100 S. Garfield Street, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mrs. Mindy Bradford, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations and Treasurer, 115 West 55th Street, Clarendon Hills, Illinois, at (630) 861-4950.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$72,186,266.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$76,723,704. This represents a 6.3 percent increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 were \$3,403,053.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 are \$5,396,620. This represents a 58.6 percent increase from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$75,589,319.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$82,120,324. This represents a 8.6 percent increase over the previous year.

Published in The Hinsdalean December 7, 2023.



The Winter/Spring Program Guide is out now! Registration begins first week of December



For more info, visit: villageofhinsdale.org/pr





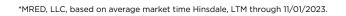
Dear Hinsdale Neighbors,

As year end approaches, I am writing to highlight a unique opportunity in our local real estate market that may pique your interest. Historically, spring is considered the prime selling season, but our current market defies conventional wisdom. The average time from listing to contract is now just 37 days. In 2019 (before we had a Covid-influenced market), the list to contract time was 72 days.* With a mere two months' supply of inventory, sellers hold a distinct advantage. The real estate market, just like the stock market, operates on its own timetable. While spring is often the target, this year, the market is buzzing with activity even before winter sets in.

I am currently witnessing a surge in motivated buyers, particularly families eager to escape city life and corporate executives moving here from out of state/country. These buyers are undeterred by winter weather or interest rates; they want everything we love about Hinsdale and they want it now.

Considering this landscape, I encourage you to take advantage of this strong seller's market if you are considering a move in the near term. I am here to assist you in making the most of this favorable moment in our real estate market. Choosing a seasoned professional who understands our market intricacies will ensure you navigate this opportunity successfully. Thank you for considering this timely opportunity.

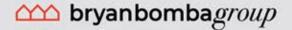
Warm Regards, Bryan Bomba





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meal. Every \$1 donated can provide \$8 worth of groceries for a neighbor in need. To donate, visit the website listed above.

■ Tree of Remembrance

Through Jan. 1 Lincoln and First streets, Hinsdale www.adventhealth.com/ hospice-care/adventhealth-st-thomas-hospice

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

■ Hinsdale Humane Society Gift Shop

www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

Find the perfect gift for an animal-lover at the Hinsdale

Humane Society Pet Rescue and Resource Center online gift shop and help raise money to care for homeless animals. T-shirts, hoodies, mugs, tote bags and stickers are available for the humans on the gift list. Purchases help the organization care for the animals at the shelter.

■ Sponsor a Homeless Animal www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

Animal sponsorships are a great way to support homeless animals and a great gift idea. For a minimum sponsorship of \$50, recipients will help provide care for an animal of their choosing, receive a personalized gift sponsorship certificate with the pet's photo and an optional listing on the society's website, if desired. Sponsorships can be purchased online. Questions? Call (630) 323-5630 or send an email to development@hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

■ 150th anniversary blankets Village Hall

19 E. Chicago Ave. www.villageofhinsdale.org/ pr

(630) 789-7000

A limited edition cozy blanket with a delightful design that incorporates the 150th anniversary logo, beautifully celebrating Hinsdale's rich history and vibrant community spirit, makes a great holiday gift. They come with a water-resistant backing, perfect for a picnic at KLM Park or any favorite spot. Proceeds help support local projects that preserve Hinsdale's beauty. Cost: \$20.

■ Red Cross Blood Drive www.redcrossblood.org

As schedules fill up with travel and holiday celebrations with friends and family, the American Red Cross is urging people to set aside some time to make a lifesaving blood or platelet donation. Thanks to Prime Video and its new film, "Candy Cane Lane," those who come to give by Dec. 31 will automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$1,000

Amazon.com Gift Card and a 65-inch Omni QLED Series Amazon Fire TV. Those who donate by Dec. 17 will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email, and donors from Dec. 18 to Jan. 5 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt. The closest drives are in Western Springs on Dec. 15, Oak Brook on Dec. 18 and La Grange on Dec. 27. Visit the website listed above or call (800) 733-2767 to make an appointment.

■ Secret Santa

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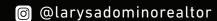






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> **ESTATE OF** RONALD LEO RODAK **DECEASED**

> > **CASE NUMBER** 2023P005786

LETTERS OF OFFICE-DECEDENT'S ESTATE

FLIZABETH CAMPBELL has been appointed Independent Executor of the estate of RONALD LEE RODAK, deceased, who died Saturday, 06/11/2022 and is authorized to take possession of and collect the estate of the decedent and to all acts required by law.

> Witness: 11/03/023 IRIS Y MARTINEZ Clerk of the Circuit Court

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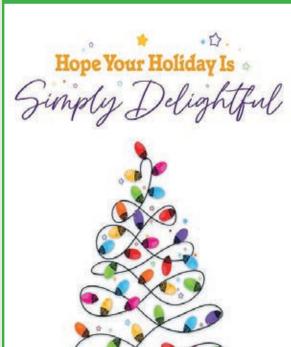
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023											
The summary must be published in the local newspaper.											
Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually.											
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School District/Joint Agreement Name			Address			Telephone		Office	Hours		
Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Stat	Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.										
SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of A	SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.										
Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2023 Municipal											
		Educational	Operations &	Debt Services	Transportation	Retirement/Social	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention &	
			Maintenance			Security				Safety	
Local Sources	1000	61,248,641	9,895,437	3,388,625	1,545,238	2,655,873	89,829	49,389	C	5,675	
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to 2000											
Another District State Sources	3000	2.493.470	50.000	0	339,936	0		0	C	0	
Federal Sources	4000	1,693,661	50,000	0	339,930	0	0			_	
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues	4000	65,435,772	9,945,437	3,388,625	1,885,174	2,655,873	89,829	49,389		-	
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		60,234,017	6,678,975	5,499,218	2,222,845	1,958,437	3,975,962		C	-	
Other Sources/Uses of Funds (4,827,720) (2,781,865				6,831,065	0	0	2,781,865	0		-	
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity	Funds -	(4,021,120)	(2,701,000)	0,031,003	0	U	2,701,003	0		0	
July 1, 2022		27,000,205	6,979,379	3,993,793	2,636,804	461,114	1,483,500	2,302,460	C	264,436	
Other Changes in Fund Balances 0				0	0	0	0	0	C	0	
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2023		27,374,240	7,463,976	8,714,265	2,299,133	1,158,550	379,232	2,351,849	C	270,111	
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Ad Funds - June 30, 2023	ctivity	27,619,331	7,463,976	8,714,265	2,299,133	1,158,550	379,232	2,351,849	C	270,111	

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Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries. **COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 181** ACCURATE OFFICE SUPPLY 27,150.74, ACHIEVE 3000 12,875.00, ACTIVE INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES 51,600.00, ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS INCORPO-RATED 66,740.00, AGParts Worldwide, Inc 19,305.05, AKI-TABOX 9,492.00, Alchemy Technology Group 37,745.17, ALL TECH ENERGY INCORPORATED 151.194.65. AM-AZON 225.807.52. AMAZON WEB SERVICES 18.859.13. AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU 5.500.00. AMERICAN RED CROSS 3,297.60, AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SER-VICES, INC. 37,810.19, AMITA GLENOAKS SCHOOL PHEASANT RIDGE 43,949.98, AMPLIFIED IT 13,800.00, ANDERSON LOCK CO 8,014.66, ANDERSON PEST SOLUTIONS 5,468.80, ANDERSON PEST SOLUTIONS - 3,738.00, ANDERSON'S BOOKSHOP, INC. 14,985.23, ANDY FRAIN SERVICES, INC. 295,859.96, APPLE 25,835.74, APPLE FINANCIAL SERVICES 426,482.48, ASBO INTERNATIONAL 2,734.00, Associated Property Counselors, LTD. 7,000.00, ASSURANCE, A MARSH & MC-LENNAN AGENCY LL 46,000.00, AT&T_2995 29,198.09, Avantis Education Inc. 10,106.00, AVEANNA HEALTHCARE 7,315.00, AXA EQUITABLE 901,215.01, BATTERIES UN-LIMITED 4,627.00, BEARCOM 29,205.37, BENCHMARK EDUCATION COMPANY 45,111.70, BILL PAYMENT CEN-TER 56,211.85, BLICK ART MATERIALS 10,710.67, BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS 698,957.22, Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL - Vision 66,373.92, BOOK SYS-TEMS 8,525.00, BRAINPOP LLC 18,429.00, Branching Minds 25,940.00, BRITTEN SCHOOL 17,526.74, BUCK-EYE CLEANING CENTER 45,611.94, BUREAU OF ED-UCATION & RESEARCH 3,846.00, Burris Equipment Co. 48,922.20, BUTTREY RENTAL SERVICE 3,702.33, CAMP MANITOQUA 12,118.77, CANDOR HEALTH EDUCATION 14,881.00, CAPSTONE PRESS 9,851.24, CCP INDUS-TRIES 49,907.04, CDW GOVERNMENT, INC. 359,136.11, CENGAGE LEARNING 11.212.42. CHICAGO BULLS 11.880.96. CHICAGO KILN SERVICE 4.017.00. CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 2,514.00, CHICAGO WOLVES 5,680.00, CHICAGOLAND PAVING CONTRACTORS 198,313.00, CHILDS VOICE SCHOOL 29,029.68, CITA-DEL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT 7,049.60, CLAREN-DON HILLS HARDWARE 3,927.33, COAL CITY THEATRE DEPARTMENT 3,050.00, COLLECTIVE LIABILITY IN-SURANCE COOP 415,523.61, Commercial Construction, Inc. 44,522.85, COMPASS REAL ESTATE HOLDING LLC 215,034.60, CONSOLIDATED FLOORING OF CHICA-GO 528,559.67, COOPERATIVE ASSOC FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION 91.254.66. CPI 6.247.00. CRISISGO. INC. 15,000.00, Cunningham Recreation 5,200.00, CURRIC-ULUM ASSOCIATES 3,786.89, CURRICULUM ASSOCI-ATES, LLC 4,905.87, CUSTOM EDUCATION SOLUTIONS INC. 3,096.50, CUSTOM INK 3,550.00, DEMCO 4,016.82 DILIGENT CORPORATION 9,000.00, DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS 314,981.56, DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY 3.337.02. DISTRICT 181 FOUNDATION 2.855.00. DME ELEVATOR & LIFTS 6,946.00, DREAMBOX LEARNING 5 400 00 DRURY LANE 2 627 23 DUPAGE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM 3,212.50, DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DE-PARTMENT 2,647.00, DUPAGE REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION 4,215.00, DUPAGE ROE 4,341.13, DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES 197,595.71, EdGems Math 26,929.24 EDUCATION FRAMEWORK EDPUZZLE 3,920.00, 10,255.92, EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS BY FRANK COONEY 66,271.09, EDWARDS YMCA 5,628.00, ELE-MENTAL SOLUTIONS LLC 11,877.60, ELIA PAVING CO. 18.552.50. ELIM CHRISTIAN SERVICES 30.978.40. ELLE-VATION EDUCATION 6.000.00. EMBRACE EDUCATION 6,976.40, EMPOWER HEALTH SERVICES 20,501.00, ENCOMPASS AUDIO VISUAL, LLC 17,063.45, ENCY-CLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, INC. 3,000.00, ENTOURAGE

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So, you think you are a REAL HINSDALEAN – November photos



November 2, 2023 HINSDALE HISTORY MUSEUM



November 9, 2023 **IMMANUEL HALL**



November 16, 2023



November 23, 2023 **ZOOK HOME & STUDIO HINSDALE FRUIT STORE**



November 30, 2023 MY SISTER KATE



OUR LUCKY WINNER FROM NOVEMBER IS: Holden Hannah

who will receive an Ultimate car wash gift certificate from Fuller's Car Wash.



MIND GAMES

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7	HOLLER
12	DIRECTOR SPIKE
13	CHEMICAL SUFFIX
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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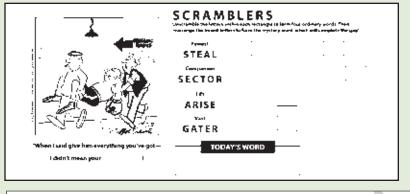
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December 2023 Horoscopes · Week 2



CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 CAPRICORN — Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, a conversation with a neighbor or colleague can begin on a casual note and then grow into something much more profound. Always keep your eyes one to rossibilities. open to possibilities.



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Take it easy this week, Aries. You may need to coast for a little bit rather than racing that car around every turn. Enjoy all the simple things you can do and cherish the memories.

CANCER



CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22



* LIBRA – Sept 23/0ct 23 LIBRA – Sept 23/0ct 23
Motivations may be running low right now regarding improving your health, Libra. You can start thinking of strategies to put into effect for New Year's resolutions.



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18 AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
There are more ways to increase your income without having to resort to backbreaking work, Aquarius. Look around to explore the possibilities that might be out there.

TAURUS



TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, if you cannot be yourself with your friends, then with whom? Let down your defenses and do what you want this week, especially if you are celebrating at a social event. No one will be cial event. No one will be judging.





LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Put your emotions first,
Leo. Rather than thinking with your head, you need to think with your heart. You have to trust your gut and make decisions based on intuition right now.

SCORPIO

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SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Try to keep your feet firmly planted on the ground this week, Scorpio. Various distractions are trying to knock you off course, but you don't have time for that now.



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, rather than trying to fit in this week, march to the beat of your own drummer. You'll soon find a squad who thinks similarly to you. Then you can enjoy longlasting friendship.



GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, devote some time to planning your vision of the future, rather than just focusing on the work in front of you. It is wise to be planning months, aband to set months ahead to set yourself up for success.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, empathy will come very easily to you this week, when you can easily put yourself in someone else's shoes and know just what they are feeling. Continue to support your friends.

SAGITTARIUS

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SPORTS — ROUNDUP

Basketball, boys

V loses 47-56

V wins 65-60

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points Dell, 4 points, 2

Academy

Dec. 5 @ Downers

Dec. 2 @ Wheaton

Bruzelis, 11 points,

Daniel Orozco. 11

points, 2 rebounds,

Blienko. 10 points.

3 rebounds, assist,

Kozvs. 9 points. 2

Reddy, 6 points

Thick, 6 points, 4

Dillon Orozco, 5

rebounds, 2 assists

Kusak, 2 points, 2

rebounds, assist

Dec. 1 vs. York

Basketball, girls

V loses 43-50

V loses 32-35

Nov. 30 vs. Hinsdale South

rebounds, 4 assists,

12 rebounds, assist,

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Grady Hyland Clarendon Hills

When did you first start bowling?

I've played in the past, just recreationally, for fun. This is the first year that I actually got on the team and have been taking it seriously.

Why did you try out?

Some of my friends were doing it, and I just finished football, and it was my last high school sport that I was ever going to play. I just wanted something to do with my time.

How do you stay in a positive mindset?

I play baseball as a pitcher, so it's kind of similar for me in a way. I'll just take some deep breaths when I go up there and focus only on what I'm about to be doing. And if I mess up at all, I just do the same thing. I take some deep breaths and focus on how I'm going to fix what I do next time instead of focusing on how I made a bad shot and didn't score as much as I wanted to.

What is your highest score so far?

I scored a 222 my first match. I haven't been able to top that, but I've come close.

What is a great piece of advice you've gotten from a coach?

I think mainly just not

staying in your head too much and getting down on yourself, because once you start to get down on yourself and you worry too much, you only focus on that and you can't focus on turning things around.

What is your goal for the season?

I'd say I want to roll a 600 game (three games). That's definitely my goal for the season.

Why does coach Alex Hipskind like having Hyland on the team?

Grady is a very committed bowler. He is at every practice and every match. He takes the sport seriously, striving to better himself and his teammates. If he does not bowl well, Grady takes it to heart and genuinely tries to improve and correct his mistakes. Grady is a very low-key and drama-free bowler and student. He never makes the game or the match or the lesson plan about himself — he quietly goes about his business in a very professional way. It has been a pleasure having Grady Hyland both in class and on the bowling team.

> — profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Bowling, boys Willowbrook V loses 2,027-2,449 Berger, 519 Dynis 423 Hyland, 396 Egbert, 344 Kowalkowski, 302 Westerberg, 232 Dec. 4 vs. Nazareth Academy V wins 2,539-2,060 Nov. 29 vs. Fenton V loses 2,309-2,468 Bowling, girls Dec. 5 @ Hinsdale South V loses 1,725-2,479 Dec. 2 @ Fremd Invite V places 19th with 3,640 pins Nov. 30 @ Addison Trail V loses 1.497-2,686

Hockey Dec. 3 @ Cobras V wins 3-1 Hamman, goal McConnell, goal Read, goal

Swimming, boys Dec. 2 @ Naperville Central V wins 127-59 200-yard medley relav Harris, Hou, Bertulis, Suliga, 1st, 1:38.01 Adamo, M. Vatev, Gao, Chase, 2nd, 1:39.64 200-yard freestyle Marcet, 1st, 1:49.18 N. Pelinkovic, 2nd, 1:49.37 Feiro, 4th, 1:52.13 200-yard IM Hou, 1st, 1:57.79 L. Vatev, 2nd, 2:07.35 Tarnauskas, 3rd, 2:09.67 50-yard freestyle Harris, 2nd, 22.52 Suliga, 3rd, 22.84 G. Pelinkovic, 6th, 24.24 1-meter diving Brown, 2nd, 197.3 Turek, 3rd, 196.25 100-yard butterfly Bertulis, 1st, 51.5 Vergara, 2nd, 56.01 Feiro, 4th, 56.48

M. Vatev. 2nd. 48.86 Harris 3rd 49.55 L. Vatev, 5th, 50.87 500-yard freestyle Tarnauskas, 1st, 5:08.91 Chase, 2nd, 5:11.14 Newcomer, 6th, 5:26.36 200-yard freestyle relav Harris, Newcomer, Hou, M. Vatev, 1st, 1:28.9 Vergara, Gao, Benington, Feiro, 3rd, 1:33.42 100-yard backstroke Bertulis, 1st, 53.19 Marcet, 2nd, 54.55 Adamo, 3rd, 56,42 100-yard breaststroke M Vatev 1st 58 54 Hou, 2nd, 1:01.07 Benington, 3rd, 1:03.25 400-yard freestyle relay L. Vatev, Bertulis N. Pelinkovic, Marcet, 1st, 3:15.17 Suliga, Gao, Byrne, Adamo, 3rd,

3:22.98

Dec. 1 @ St. Charles East/ Waubonsie Valley Tri Meet V places 1st with 164 points

Wrestling, boys Dec. 2 @ Plainfield North Invite vs. Round Lake V wins 48-21 vs. Crystal Lake V wins 36-31 vs. Lincoln-Way East V loses 15-50 vs. Morris V loses 24-46 vs. Joliet West V loses 24-46 215 pounds Koschik, undefeated 175 pounds Kruse 4-1 285 pounds Ivanisevic, 4-1 Dec. 1 @ York V loses 14-57

Wrestling, girls Nov. 29 @ Yorkville V loses 24-42

Instant replay

100-yard freestyle



Hinsdale Central senior Greta Dani keeps her eyes on the basket as she positions for a shot during a home game Nov, 28 against conference rival Glenbard West. The Devils fell to the Hilltoppers 41-58. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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SPORTS

Fast breaks, flips mark the season

Red Devil basketball squads and girls gymnastics get their competitive footing

By Ken Knutson

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The 2023-24 Hinsdale Central winter sports season preview series concludes with a look at boys and girls basketball and girls gymnastics. Boys cagers and the gymnasts are counting on newcomers to step up this year, while girls hoopsters are relying on veteran leadership to guide the program.

Boys swimming/diving and boys and girls wrestling were featured in last week's issue, while boys and girls bowling and hockey were the focus in the Nov. 23

Editor's note: This article was written prior to girls basketball coach Erin Navolio's resignation Monday.

Boys basketball

First game: Nov. 20 @ Naperville North (V lost 32-47

Last season: 31-4, lost in sectional final

Head coach: Nick Latorre Years as head coach: 11 Number on varsity roster:

Team strengths: We've played well in games against some really good opponents. The group is really hard-working and resilient, and I think we'll play our best basketball as we get more experience and the boys get accustomed to play at the speed of varsity basketball.

Areas of growth: They're getting used to the day-today rigor of varsity practice and the energy and intensity that's required to play at this level. I think that we need to identify and recognize the roles that they'll play to make our team as good as possible. Other than Daniel Orozco, none of the guys on the roster last year got any meaningful

varsity minutes. We need to develop consistency in all the important areas — like rebounding, protecting the ball and shooting — and get comfortable with each person's individual role.

Who to watch: Senior guard Daniel Orozco has been our lead scorer in most of our games. Junior guard Eric Kozys has done a great job for us off the bench, both offensively and defensively. Senior forward Luke Bilenko has also been solid for us.

Season outlook: It is a really good (West Suburban Silver) conference this year, really deep and everybody's competitive. Downers Grove North has been ranked No. 1 in the state, and York is tough with all their experience. We just want to keep getting better and keep building confidence and developing the experience level with our guys. I think we're getting better as we gain experience, and I definitely see us making strides in that direction.

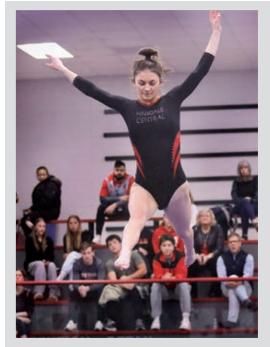
Girls basketball

First game: Nov. 18 @ Nazareth Academy (V lost

Last season: 11-19, lost in regional final

Head coach: Erin Navolio Years as head coach: two Number on varsity roster:

Team strengths: We are returning six varsity players this year, which allows us to draw on their experience on the court and provide leadership to the younger players. We have also added several girls who previously played at the JV level. They are very committed to working hard and being successful. Each of them has spent significant time during the off-season working on individual skills and as a team, competing







The Hinsdale Central girls gymnastics and the girls and boys basketball teams have already kicked off their regular season schedules with an eye on postseason possibilities. (file photos)

in a league against top high school teams. I am definitely seeing improvement from everyone. I also like the effort that the girls have made to create an inclusive environment for our younger players. It is great to watch them learn from each other.

Areas of growth: We need to focus on defense, shot selection and communication on the court. Everyone on the team has great potential. I believe if we pull all the pieces together we can be very successful.

Who to watch: Junior Grace Dolan, all-conference last year, will continue to give us strong shooting and attacks to the basket. Senior Greta Dani is our "go to" in the post. Greta's height and quickness gives us an advantage under the net. Senior Luella Sheehan and junior Julia Sherpitas will guide the team at the point and provide outside shooting. Junior Maya Gin and sophomore Katherine Skinner also have significant roles and provide great defensive energy.

Season outlook: Our conference is very competitive. Our goal is always to compete at the highest level and improve as the season goes on. The team has the energy and drive to be successful. I look forward to seeing them exceed expectations.

Girls gymnastics

First meet: Nov. 22 @ Hornet Invite (V placed

Last season: placed 2nd at IHSA regional

Head coach: Kim Estoque

Years as head coach: 19 Number on varsity roster:

Team strengths: The team members want to increase their skills and are improving their starting

Areas of growth: We don't have the depth of talent we've had in the last few years. We have a lot of new people on the team this year, and they're going from club (gymnastics)

to high school. Hopefully they're able to make the transition. I think a lot of the challenge is they don't realize what team (gymnastics) mean, so it will take a little bit of getting used to. But once they do, they'll really enjoy it.

Who to watch: senior Hazel Hamelka and junior Erica Driscoll, both all-arounders and returning sectional qualifiers. They did a lot of off-season training, so they're really well prepared for the season. Junior Kennedy Hannah also is one to keep an eye

Outlook: We're just trying to get better every meet and trying to increase our scores and have a good time. Our conference is very tough. York and LT both have got some good girls on their teams, and you've got a good Glenbard West team. I hope our girls have a good year. When they work hard and you see their improvement, and they see their improvement, it's very rewarding.



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