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Dressed all in fur — While some kids are frightened by the large man with his white beard and furry red outfit, Liliana Siedlecki thoroughly enjoyed the time she spent with the big guy. She even paused her breakfast while Santa tried to tickle a smile out of her. The Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual Breakfast with Santa at KLM. Please turn to Page 16 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Volunteer has a long history of giving back to community.

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Winter break blues? Head downtown for some holiday fun.

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NEWS

Referendum bids 20 percent over budget

By Pamela Lannom
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Supply chain issues and labor shortages have caused prices to go up for Phase 3 facilities improvement projects at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South high schools, to the tune of \$4.8 million.

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board members approved 15 bid packages Dec. 16 (see sidebar) that came in at just over \$28 million, or about 21 percent higher than expected.

"Obviously the bid results were out of line with what we were anticipating in the budget," Chief Financial Officer Josh Stephenson said.

Four of the packages did not receive any bids.

"People's labor force is stressed right now, so people finding people to bid projects is an issue for them," said Marty Platten, project director at

Pepper Construction Group.

Those packages have been put out to bid again, and results will be brought to the board in January, he reported, noting that many of the bid packages awarded had three to five bidders.

"We are getting fair market value for the scope of the work that was bid out," Platten said.

He pointed out that the original budget was set in the early stages of the project based on a conceptual design and before some of the plumbing, electrical and mechanical issues that exist in the buildings were discovered. He acknowledged supply chain delays will be a concern, especially for industrial kitchen equipment and lighting.

"There's definitely going to be challenges, and we're going to try to stay ahead of those to make sure we can deliver," Platten said.

The finance and facilities

committees are discussing how to address the deficit, Stephenson said. One strategy will be to attempt to reduce the cost through value engineering on a variety of projects.

"The construction team is working on those items for phase 3 and the remaining phase 4 work," Stephenson said.

The board also could allocate the \$3.1 million set aside in the 2022 budget for operational projects to the referendum work.

"The direction from finance and facilities was the delivering of the referendum items is the top priority, so we will deliver all the referendum projects within the time period we had established," Stephenson said.

Most of the construction is expected to take place during the summer of 2022. The projects are part of \$140 million worth of work voters approved in an April 2019 referendum.

Construction bids awarded

The District 86 board awarded these bids for Phase 3, Bid Period 4C, at their Dec. 16 meeting. All were recommended by Pepper Construction.

Work is taking place at both schools unless otherwise indicated.

- selective demolition, Break Thru Enterprises, \$1,297,500

- cast-in-place concrete, Schaeffges Brothers Inc. \$291,288

- masonry/tuckpointing, JimmyZ Masonry Corp., \$1,406,147

- general trades at Hinsdale South, LJ Morse Construction Co., \$891,900

- roofing and sheet metal, G.E. Riddiford Roofing Co., \$819,408

- glass and glazing, SG Metal and Glass, \$119,750

- drywall and rough carpentry, Pepper Construction Self Perform Group, \$3,072,645

- acoustical ceilings — at Central, E&K of Chicago, \$297,010; at South, Integrated Specialty Contractors, \$330,400.

- paint/coatings, Pepper Construction Self Perform Group, \$450,400

- food service equipment at Hinsdale Central, TriMark Marlinn, \$1,060,954

- fire suppression systems, Absolute Fire Protection, \$242,500

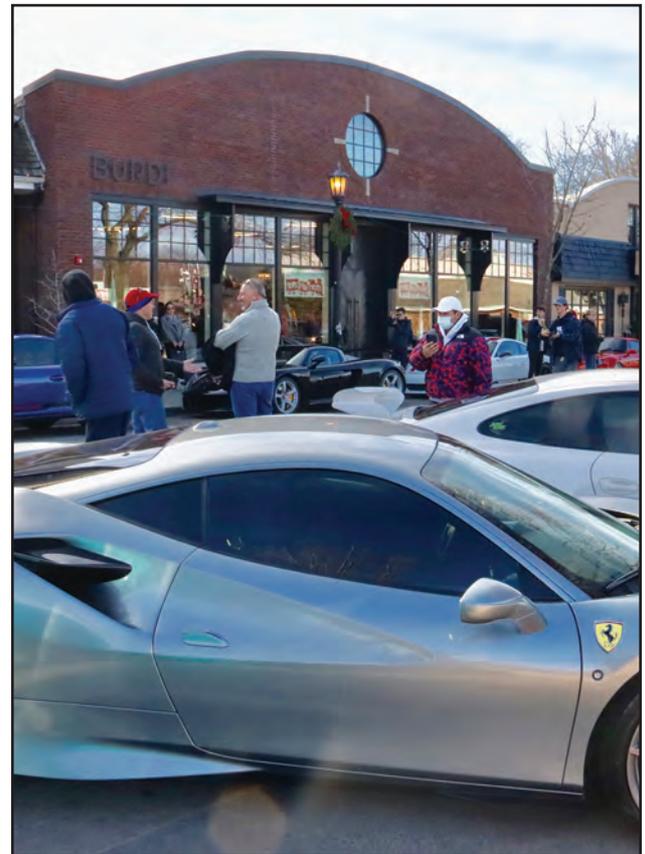
- plumbing — at Central, C.J. Erickson, \$515,000; at South, F.E. Moran Inc., \$212,790

- HVAC and temperature controls — at Central, C. Acitelli Heating and Piping Contractors, \$2,996,000; at South, Sherman Mechanical Inc., \$3,737,000

- electrical — at Central, Vader National Electric, \$2,570,000; at South, McWilliams Electric Co., \$5,012,401

- auditorium seating at Hinsdale South, Larson Equipment and Furniture Co., \$209,287

Burdi hosts for Toys for Tots collection



Burdi Clothing Hinsdale hosted a Toys for Tots collection Dec. 4. The boxes were overflowing as Retired Marine Master Sgt. Shawn Doty received toys of all shapes and sizes. Outside the store, Hinsdale Avenue was closed to host additional "toys" of a little different caliber. Members of the Checkeditout Car Club and

Midwest Performance Cars displayed high-performance vehicles that brought out dozens of onlookers to photograph and view the amazing selection of automobiles. Members of the clubs, as well as Burdi customers, brought the donations for the Toys for Tots collection. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME

Can you hear me now? Part Two — Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," talks about life before cell phones, or any phones. "In 1896, telephones were at last available to private homes. The switchboard, however, was open only from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. In 1900, one operator was employed to handle the 333 calls per day; by 1909, these operators handled more than 3,000 daily calls.



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Hinsdale ending the year in a good place

The financial impact of the pandemic on Hinsdale lessened in 2021, with many revenue sources rebounding to pre-pandemic levels. We will end 2021 with a reserve balance of \$6.7 million, which represents 37.2 percent of the village's annual operating expenses. Because of the village's financial strength, throughout the pandemic we were able to maintain the same level of first-rate police, fire and public works services that residents have come to expect. Moreover, the village has continued to maintain the highest bond rating, the AAA rating, which is a rating that less than 10 percent of Illinois municipalities can claim.

Our restaurants have largely recovered from the pandemic as well. Outdoor dining has been a success during the pandemic, weather per-

mitting. We are currently exploring whether to continue the outdoor dining options in the downtown and elsewhere in the village after the pandemic ends, and, if we do, how to make outdoor dining locations more aesthetically pleasing. In any event, with the new parking deck that was completed at the beginning of the pandemic, Hinsdale's downtown restaurants and retail shops should see a further uptick in business post-pandemic.

Also, our retail vacancy rate is just 1.4 percent, which is phenomenal given that the average vacancy rate for the Chicago area is 6 percent. A new luxury auto sales group, Current Automotive, is opening in December



Tom Cauley

2021 on the property previously occupied by the Land Rover dealership on Ogden Avenue, which will further strengthen the village's sales tax base. The village board remains committed to doing all that it can to ensure that our local businesses prosper.

The village board continues to make plans for further major road, sewer, water and drainage improvements in the coming years. As a result of our road-improvement efforts, over 97.5 percent of Hinsdale's roads are now rated in "good" or "excellent" condition, as compared to 52 percent at the beginning of my first term as village president. In 2021, the village completed replacement

of the 100-year old water main under Chicago Avenue. Other sewer and water improvements were made this year as part of the East Eighth Street Reconstruction Project. In 2022, we will redo South Garfield in concrete, as opposed to asphalt, to accommodate Garfield's heavy truck and car traffic.

The village board remains committed to minimizing the impact of the expansion of Interstate 294 on residents and to maintain the revenue stream that the village previously enjoyed from the Hinsdale Oasis, which was removed as part of the expansion project.

I want to thank the board members and the village staff for all their hard work in 2021.

Happy Holidays!

— Tom Cauley, Village President

Hinsdale hosts 'Holidays in Hinsdale'



From Santa in his Burlington Park tiny home to horse-drawn wagon rides to cookie decorating, Holidays in Hinsdale — hosted by the village in Burlington Park the last two Saturdays — offered fun for everyone. Charlotte Raymond and Will Kropf decorated and then ate the fruits of their labor. (Jim Slonoff photos)



NEXT WEEK

The Hinsdale Village Board, Community Consolidated District 181 Board and Hinsdale High School District 86 Board are not scheduled to meet the week of Dec. 27-31.

Almost 100 new cases in Hinsdale this week

Ninety-nine Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 95 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported four new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 2,459, compared to 2,360 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had 21 confirmed COVID-19 patients and no patients awaiting test results as of Tuesday, a spokeswoman said.

Hinsdale Central High School reported 19 positive cases, 22 in isolation and 15 in quarantine as of Dec. 17. Vaccination rates are 81 percent for Central students and 95 percent for Hinsdale High School District 86 staff.

In Community Consolidated Elementary District 181, 10 positive cases were reported Dec. 16-17, involving eight students and two teachers. The district had seven students in quarantine as of Dec. 17, the last day before students went on winter break. The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 7.7 percent on Dec. 18, compared to 6.3 percent the previous week.

Illinois has administered almost 18.7 million doses of vaccines. An average of 65,165 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 68,908 last week.

The percentage of individuals fully vaccinated is almost 70.1 percent in DuPage County and about 73 percent in the 60521 ZIP code.

Holiday safe driving initiative under way

The Hinsdale Police Department is in the midst of a statewide impaired driving awareness campaign that began Dec. 17 and continues through Monday, Jan. 3.

"Driving impaired, whether under the influence of alcohol or drugs, can have catastrophic consequences and is illegal in every state" said Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie. "Not only do you put yourself at risk, but the lives of others as well."

If your celebration will involve alcohol or other impairing substances, please plan ahead for a sober ride home and remember to buckle up — it's the best defense against an impaired driver.

Keep these tips in mind to help ensure a safe and joyful holiday season/

- Before you head to the party, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride-sharing service to get home safely.

- If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and call 911.

- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take their keys and help them get home safely.

- Always buckle up.

The holiday enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Holiday closures announced

Several Hinsdale offices and entities will be closed for the upcoming holidays.

Hinsdale Village Hall will be closed Friday, Dec. 24; Monday, Dec. 27; Friday, Dec. 31; and Monday, Jan. 3.

The Hinsdale Public Library will be closed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24-25, and

Saturday, Jan. 1. The library also will close early, at 1 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 31.

The Community House will be closed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24-25, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The Hinsdalean will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23-24, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.



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Library continuing to change and evolve

In 2021, the team at the Hinsdale Public Library challenged itself to continue delivering excellent content and superior services to our patrons and community.

We continued to find new and creative ways to connect our patrons with the materials, information, programs and diversions that were especially important this past year. Our curbside service, which totaled more than 3,100 pickups in 2021, has been a lifeline for many people, as have our growing digital collections.

Much of our programming has moved (temporarily) online; look for an exciting set of virtual author events in 2022 through our participation in the new Illinois Libraries Present series.

We partnered with the village of Hinsdale Parks and Recreation for a popular summer story walk, while

take-home craft kits for children, teens and adults provided an alternative to in-person programming.

The library serves more than 8,700 registered borrowers with a collection of more than 100,000 items. Although our building was closed to patrons for the first month of the year, our circulation continues to ramp back up, and children's book circulation in particular is returning to pre-pandemic numbers.

Like many organizations, we made changes to accommodate how our staff worked — changes that will make work better going forward. For instance, we installed a new telephone system that allows staff members to answer your phone calls wherever they were working,



Julie Liesse

on their HPL laptops.

We took advantage, again, of the fact that our building has not as busy as usual. Within the next few weeks, we'll unveil a new lower-level bathroom that's an "everything" facility: It's 100 percent accessible, gender-neutral and family-friendly, with a changing station and a child-sized toilet. We also

installed touchless filling stations for water bottles.

Like all organizations this year, we found some staff members reevaluating career choices and moving on. But we are excited about our new management team members: youth and young adult services manager Lisa Winchell and adult services manager Lizzy Boden, as well as

collection services manager Emily Borsa.

We also welcomed four new trustees onto our HPL Board: Kim Kiyosaki, Megan Mikhail, Dick Munson and Denise Wong.

Like you, we don't know when things will get back to "normal" — or what "normal" will look like going forward. We think it's great timing that we are ready to start work on a new strategic plan for the library. It will be a perfect opportunity to hear from you about what you want from your public library and how that may have changed (or not changed).

Look for an invitation to be part of our planning process in the next few months.

Wishing you and yours a healthy and happy new year.

— Julie Liesse, president
Hinsdale Public Library Board

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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed these reports Dec. 14 and 21

DUI arrests

• Monique M. Gutierrez, 39, 12858 Bradford Lane, Plainfield, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08, operating a motor vehicle while using an electronic communication device and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 12:31 a.m. Dec. 18 after she crashed into a parked vehicle in the 300 block of East Hickory Street. She was in possession of a suspected controlled substance in pill form stored in a plastic bag; additional charges are pending the results of the lab report on the pills. She was charged and released to appear in court.

• Michelle Gonzalez, 48, 400 Village Circle, Western Springs, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol content higher than .08 and failing to stop for a train or railroad signal at 11:30 p.m. Dec. 16 after her vehicle was observed under the Garfield Avenue railroad crossing gate. She was charged and released to appear in court.

• Christopher J. Hess, 27, 26 N. Linden Ave., Palatine, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding at 1:22 a.m. Dec. 19 at 55th Street and Taft Road. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Heroin possession arrest

James M. Meyer, 36, 434 S. Lincoln St., Hinsdale, was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance at 4 a.m. Dec. 16 at Walnut and Elm streets after police were dispatched to a well-being check. The suspect had an active arrest warrant out of Cook County and was in possession of a substance that field tested positive for heroin. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

Arrests for license violations

• Dennis L. Roach, 35, 2133 Prentiss Drive, Downers Grove, was arrested for driving while license revoked and speeding 35+ mph over the limit at 11:46 a.m. Dec. 16 in the 500 block of East 55th Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

• Wilfredrick Carr, 35, 644 N. Leamington Ave., Chicago, was arrested for not having a valid driver's license and stopping/parking/standing on the roadway at 12:44 p.m. Dec. 16 in the 200 block of East Ogden Avenue. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Fraud incidents

• A resident of the 100 block of Stough Street reported mailing several checks between Nov. 28 and 29 and discovering the payee and the dollar amounts on six of her checks had been altered. The incident was reported Dec. 15.

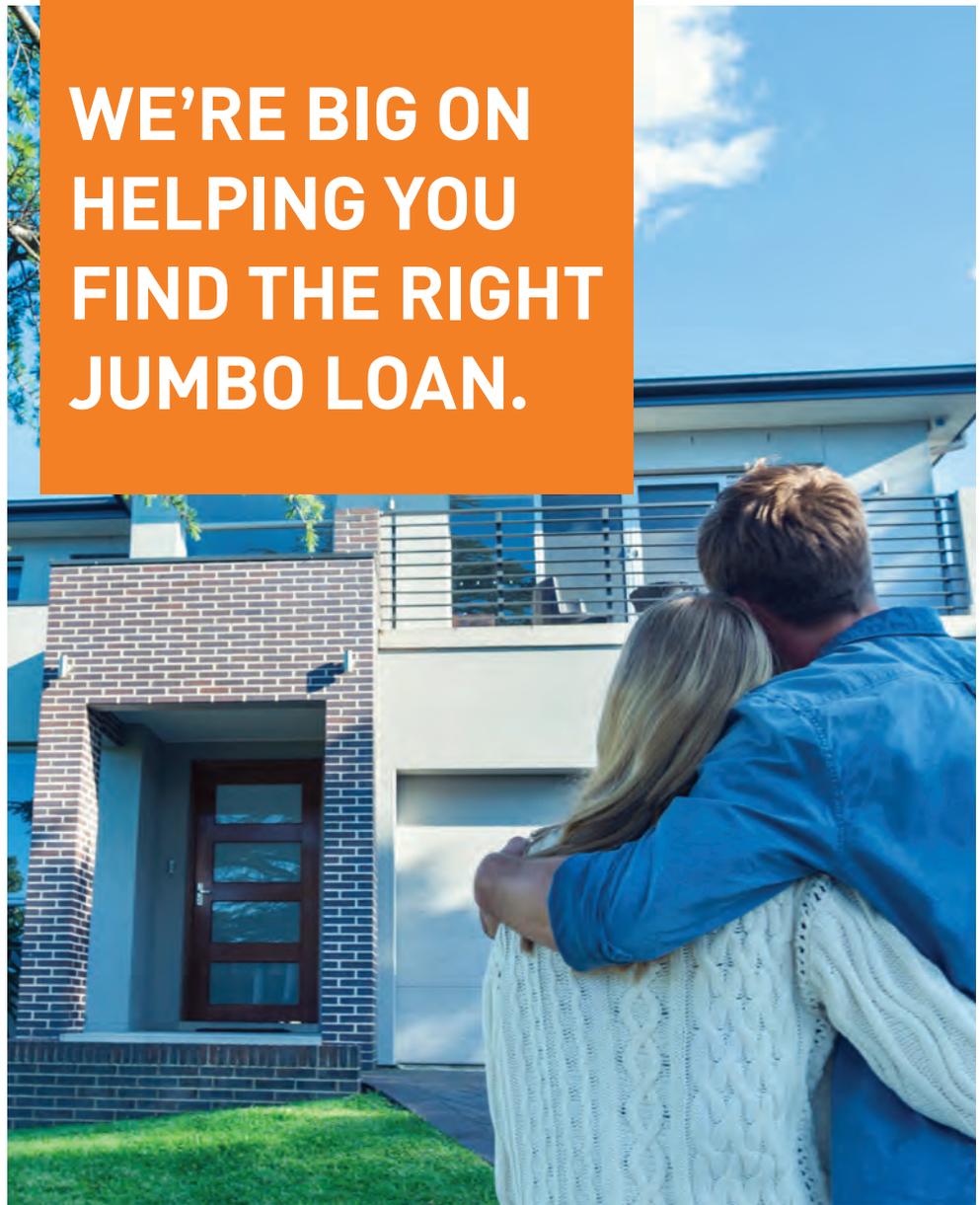
• A resident of the 800 block of South Garfield Avenue reported a fraudulent credit card charge made on Dec. 12. The incident was reported Dec. 16.

Concert ticket scam

A resident of the 5700 block of Sutton Place sent \$300 through an online banking app at 4:15 p.m. Dec. 14 to purchase concert tickets that the suspect advertised for sale on a social media account, but the victim did not receive the tickets and suspect was not responsive.

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

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■ “You have the opportunity to give back skills that you’ve gained professionally.” — **John Grube**

Retirement gives Grube more time to give back

It’s been 11 years since John Grube of Hinsdale retired from his 25-year career with Northern Trust financial services company in Chicago. Since then, he’s made volunteering his full-time job.

As chair of the Chicago Zoological Society Board of Trustees and the King-Bruwaert House Board of Directors, Grube’s days are as full as ever, and every bit as rewarding as the career he enjoyed, Grube said.

The pandemic has brought new challenges to both organizations. The Brookfield Zoo was forced to close its doors for the first time in its 87-year history. And as King-Bruwaert House took unprecedented steps to protect its residents and staff, volunteers like Grube were busy guiding the organization’s next steps.

“We’ve been very active in strategic planning and improving the physical facilities,” Grube said.

The expansion now underway at the 35-acre campus on County Line Road is one of the largest in K-B House’s 88-year history and provides what Grube called the missing piece in the facility’s full circle of care. The project will provide 44 independent liv-

ing apartment homes as well as additional skilled nursing rooms for residents in need of the highest level of care.

The apartment homes, known as The Gardens, will include large floor plans and access to amenities such as walking paths, ponds, gardens and a fenced-in dog park. The Gardens will also offer a fitness center with spa, a game room, several dining options, a lounge with bar, a library, a theater, a community garden and a chapel.

“It fills a hole in the continuum of care,” Grube said, offering aging residents a place to live on their own while enjoying support such as housekeeping, meals, laundry and even medical care when needed.

Development and finance are Grube’s areas of expertise, and he said he welcomes the chance to share his decades of experience with nonprofit organizations in his community.

“You have the opportunity to give back skills that you’ve gained professionally,” he said.

Grube’s tenure with the Brookfield Zoo began not as a board member, but as a father who enjoyed taking his chil-



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dren for frequent outings. He joined the board in 1988 and just completed a six-year stint as chair.

As a board member, Grube is working on plans to bring in new exhibits and refresh existing animal habitats while also supporting efforts to make the zoo’s resources accessible to people and organizations in need throughout the Chicago area.

A native of Aurora, Grube said he was 16 when he

made the decision to attend Hotchkiss, a private boarding school in Connecticut.

“That was an important and transformative experience for me,” he said. The experience led him to Stanford University, followed by the Harvard School of Business.

“It was there that I decided I loved finance,” said Grube, who after a start in New York City moved his career, and his growing family, back to the Chicago area.

His nonprofit work keeps him busy, but Grube said he and Ann find time to enjoy all of the things they like about Hinsdale and Chicago, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Art Institute.

“We’re so blessed with these great resources nearby,” he said, and to play a part in making some of those resources better for those who enjoy them.

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EDITORIAL



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'Twas the night before Christmas in Hinsdale

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the town
The Hinsdaleans were scurrying, they rushed all around.
For last-minute gifts and cards they did sprint,
Armed with lists and ideas and maybe some hints.

Gateway and Grant squares and downtown they traveled.
But with each stop, their nerves did unravel.
The hustle and bustle had dampened their mood.
They were tired and cranky and needed some food.

They stopped for some lunch and looked over the list.
To finish their shopping, they knew they'd persist.
But they wanted much more than to just finish this chore.
The true meaning of Christmas they hoped to explore.

Where to find it, they wondered, as they ate their last bites.
Nice presents, they knew, brought recipients' delight.
And parties and dinners made all their friends glad
But the cooking and cleaning often left them quite sad.

They looked out the window like small boys and girls
And noticed that snowflakes were starting to swirl.
The flakes grew bigger — and so did their smiles.
Perhaps they'd stop rushing, if just for a while.

The sun shining bright on the new-fallen snow
Made the trees and the buildings look all aglow.
With food in their bellies and a light in their eyes
They paid, left a tip, bid the waitress goodbye.

Out into the snow they stepped with great haste.
The day was half over — they'd no time to waste.
Jewelry and candy and toys they did buy.
They finished their shopping in the blink of an eye.

Then they strolled down the walks and admired their town
As light, fluffy snowflakes kept tumbling down.
They noticed some carolers out spreading good cheer
On this, a most special day of the year.

Their eyes, how they twinkled! Their dimples, how merry!
Their cheeks were like roses, their noses like cherries.
They sang out their carols with love and with joy,

Bringing smiles to the faces of each girl and boy.

After singing and humming they walked to the pool.
Not long after that, they reached the kids' school.
They loved all the teachers and the principal, too.
They were lucky to have such great schools, they knew.

A park they did pass as they journeyed along
Where they had spent summer months in play and in song.
They walked still some more and looked up the hill.
The view of village hall still gave them a thrill.

The town, they were reminded, had so many treasures.
Living here brought them so many pleasures.
The smell of Kramer's when they walked in the door,
The service agencies that helped people galore —

Wellness House, The Community House, HCS and Robert Crown,
The chamber and humane society were assets to town.
They loved the library and all it did lend,
The firefighters and policemen on whom they depend,

Their friend Robert Frost, writing poems in the park,
The lights on the trees twinkling bright after dark,
A historic museum showing life long ago,
Neighbors and friends so delightful to know.

They continued their walk, by a church they did pass.
They heard the first sounds of the 5 o'clock Mass.
In churches nearby, pews soon would be filled,
And the hustle and bustle would finally be stilled.

They felt peace in their hearts and joy in their souls
They had gotten so much from this Christmas Eve stroll.
Their frantic, anxious mood had experienced a shift
As they walked 'round the village and saw all its gifts.

These blessings, they knew, were a gift from above —
A sign of God's care, a sign of God's love.
And you could hear them exclaim 'ere they drove out of sight
"Happy Christmas, dear Hinsdale, and to all a good night."

— first published Dec. 21, 2006

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Holiday classic's message endures

Every holiday season I am thankful I am able to cozy up around the fire with family and friends and rewatch the holiday classics. Images of Clark Griswold hanging lights, the Kranks get-



Isabella Terry

ting a tan at the mall and Buddy the Elf eating syrup drenched spaghetti dance through my head like sugar plums of yesteryear.

In the midst of those visions, one movie stands above the rest: "It's A Wonderful Life." With all of the colorful wannabes and the passage of time, it is easy to forget how wonderful this movie is and the message it carries with it.

If you don't know the story, stop reading right now, go to your television and bring some tissues. I will wait. The main character George dreams of great achievement and "getting out of this crummy old town" to exotic destinations. He never achieves any of these goals, leaving him to feel trapped and unsatisfied.

We all feel like George at times, because some aspects of our lives deviate from our expectations. I know that when I am running, I dream of having that perfect race, that moment where all the laps merge into one beautiful piece de résistance. Then I race and more times than not I don't have that perfect moment, even though I've made improvements and even though at the

moment I want nothing more.

Through no fault of his own, George reaches the brink of doing the unthinkable. His guardian angel, Clarence, helps George see the value in his life and all

that he has done for the townspeople. He comes back to the town and his wife, Mary, and their children. He understands that the life he has is his best accomplishment — even if it is not the one he dreamt of.

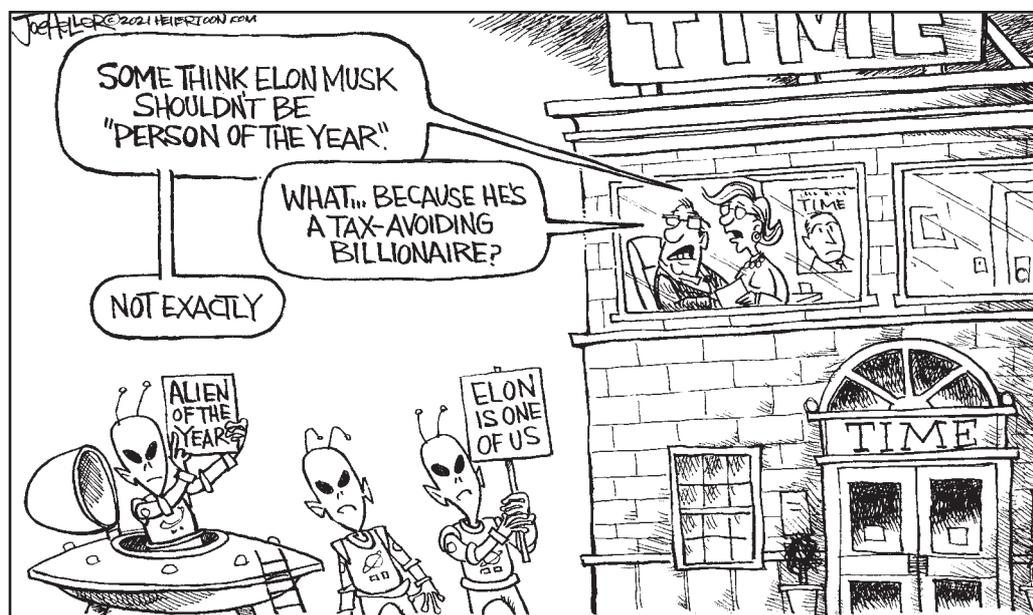
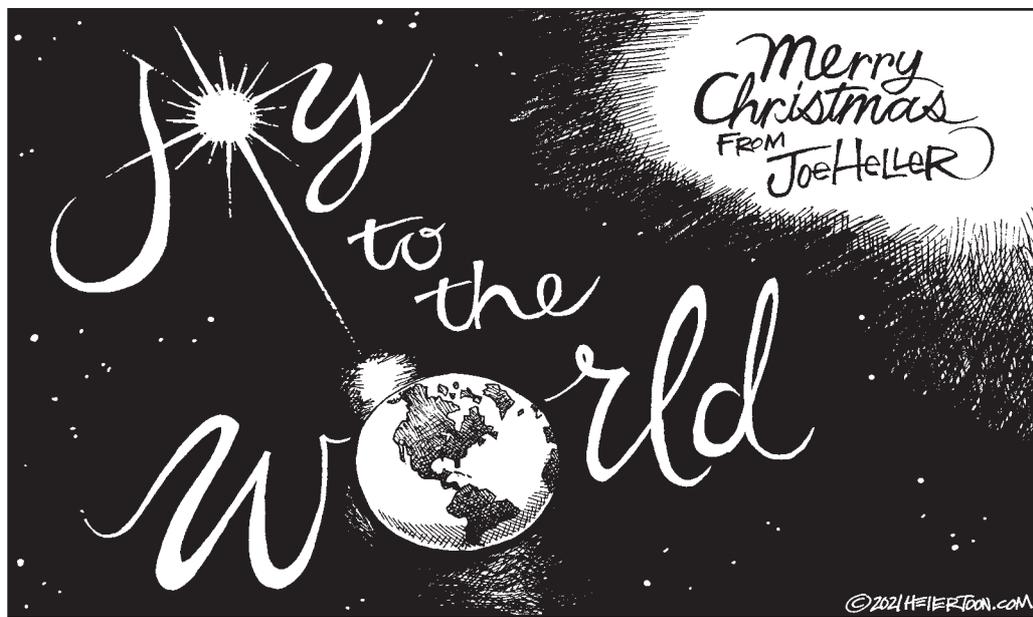
While less dramatic than George's circumstances, in my life running times matter, but so do those moments of encouragement provided to a teammate in need. Memories of laughing together and grinding through workouts each day will last forever. I remind myself to focus on each meaningful step leading up to the race instead of just the finish line.

This holiday season, I will rewatch "It's A Wonderful Life," enjoying the reminder that the most important thing is the journey, the people I share it with and the impact I make along the way. And I will remember to thank the Georges in my life who add so much without realizing it and I hope that you do, too.

— Isabella Terry, a senior at Hinsdale Central, is a contributing columnist.

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OBITUARIES

Diane Catherine Steinbarth Grigas

Diane Catherine Steinbarth Grigas, 63, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 14, 2021, at home in Batavia with her husband, Breck, by her side.

Diane was blessed with adoring parents and three amazing siblings who instilled in her the values of love, compassion and generosity.

To know Diane was to love her, and Breck was blessed to share in that love every day. She and Breck started dating in high school and their love grew stronger each day of their 41-year marriage. The biggest blessings of their relationship were found in Matt and Sarah.

Diane was the epitome of a selfless mother and devoted grandmother, always willing to lend a hand and eager to spend time with her grandchildren.

Diane had a love of traveling, talking on the phone, and taking care of her furry and feathered friends. She enjoyed many hobbies, including baking, cooking, and crocheting — all talents she selflessly shared with others. There was nothing Diane loved more than her family, and anyone who was lucky enough to know her would tell you the same. Her smile was contagious, her laugh was infectious and her generosity to her family and friends was



Grigas

unparalleled.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Breck Grigas; her children, Matt Grigas (fiancé Claire Condon) and Sarah (Cody) Proctor; her grandchildren, Henry Grigas and Ava Proctor; her siblings, Loral (Mark) Valley, Rich (Sharon) Steinbarth and David (Amy) Steinbarth; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Lois Steinbarth.

Visitation is from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S Grant St, Hinsdale.

Family and friends will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, for a Mass of the resurrection at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Burial will be private.

Memorials may be made online to the UW Carbone Cancer Center in Madison, Wis., at <https://www.uwhealth.org> (in memory of her mother, Lois Steinbarth); the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org> (in memory of her mother-in-law, Barbara Kriznecky); or the Rescue Warriors Corporation at <http://www.rescuewarriorscorp.org/donate> (in memory of her beloved pets who have crossed the rainbow bridge).

Timothy Gerard Healy

Timothy Gerard Healy, 55, of Hinsdale passed away unexpectedly Dec. 13, 2021.

Tim was born in 1966 in Syracuse, N.Y. His family moved to Oneida Lake in central New York when Tim was young, which engendered his lifelong love of boating and water sports and led to his enduring passion for Syracuse University basketball. He graduated from Chittenango High School in 1984, where he excelled in academics and athletics such as soccer, basketball and tennis. Tim then matriculated at University of Rochester, where he was near his maternal grandparents, Bernard and Irene Mysliwicz, with whom he lived during graduate school while completing his MBA from the Simon School of Business at U of R. In 1991, Tim accepted a job offer from National City Bank in Cleveland, Ohio, as a corporate lending professional.

Once he moved to the Cleveland area, his adult life took shape. He married Kristen Dougherty in Cleveland on June 15, 2002, and they moved to Chagrin Falls. Once there, they started their family with the births of Lorraine Elizabeth (known as LE, now 17 and a senior at Nazareth High School), and twins Roarke (Rory) Joseph and Olivia Ann (freshmen at Hinsdale Central High school, now 15).

Tim later worked at Linsalata Capital Partners as a private equity investment professional in the Cleveland area for 13 years, where he became partner. He also built many long-lasting friendships. After his time at Linsalata, Tim co-founded Empire Dental Arts with Dr. Todd Russell, where he was instrumental in raising capital and structuring the business as a new way forward in the multi-location dental practice industry.

In 2018, he accepted a position as manag-



Healy

ing director with Twin Brook Capital Partners in Chicago and put down roots with his family in Hinsdale.

Tim was an incredible father and his love for his children was immeasurable. Tim took great joy in cheering on each of them as they pursued whatever endeavors they loved. The family enjoyed traveling, recently discovering the joy in visiting the national parks, while still sneaking in a round or two of golf on every trip.

Tim also enjoyed skiing, and at his brother's urging even braved snowboarding — which, of course, he mastered quickly. The family ski trips were a source of particular joy for Tim and the whole family.

Tim was preceded in death by his father, S. Joseph Healy; and his father-in-law, Thomas Dougherty.

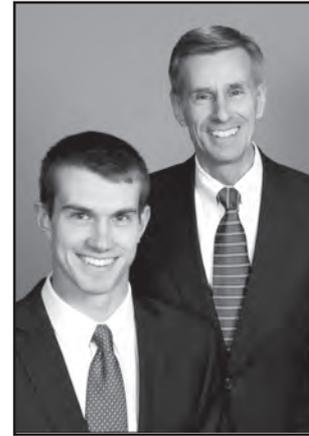
He is survived by his wife, Kristen; his three children, L. E., Olivia and Rory; his mother, Elizabeth Anne Healy; his mother-in-law, Victoria Dougherty; his brother, Joseph (Robin); his sister, Jennifer (Peter) Lowenberg; his sister-in-law, Colleen (Paul) Collins; and his nieces and nephews, Teagan Healy, Thea, Finn and Sadie Lowenberg, and William, Zachary and Ryan Collins.

A memorial reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Chicago Highlands Club, 2 Bluebird Trail, Westchester.

A celebration of life and reception will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Federated Church, 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Gift of Hope (Organ and Tissue Donor Network) at <https://www.giftofhope.org>

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



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JoAnne Louise Ireland

JoAnne Ireland, 88, of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully after succumbing to cancer Dec. 21, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Ireland; and her son, Richard Ireland.

She is survived by her children, Laura (Charles) Argersinger, David (Julie) Ireland, Daniel Ireland and Erin Hurray; her daughter-

in-law, Cynthia Ireland; her 11 grandchildren; and her six great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Hinsdale Humane Society, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Christine Marie Postrozny

Christine Marie Postrozny, 80, a long-time resident of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully Nov. 25, 2021, at her home surrounded by family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Richard Postrozny.

She is survived by her children, Marsha (Robert Torres), Cheryl Postrozny Eden and Robert (Jessica);



Postrozny

her grandchildren, Emanuel, Ella, Camarin, Hollie, Henry and Annie; and her brothers, Thomas (Geraldine) and Donald (Diana).

A private family funeral was held at St. Hedwig Church in Chicago.

Memorials may be made online to Wellness House at <https://www.wellnesshouse.org> or a charity of choice.

Julie Ann Stec

Julie Ann Stec, 41, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 19, 2021.

She was born in 1980 in Chicago, but her heart and home were in the suburb of Hinsdale, where she grew up surrounded by her loving parents, siblings, uncles, aunts and many cousins.

Her passing is an immeasurable loss for those who were privileged enough to know and love her. No one could put Julie in a box. Always eccentric and flamboyant in her style, she was bold with fashion and made no apologies for it. She loved music, art and traveling — not because it was romantic or glamorous, but because she was philosophical and introspective, which allowed her to see and feel life deeply.

She was sharp and a great conversationalist, but she was an even better listener. She was tough and fearless, with an effervescent spirit that allowed her to bring comfort and joy to others even in the most somber of circumstances.

Julie had a natural servant's heart and found joy and value in helping people. She had a passion for caregiving, which she followed her entire life. She was a nanny for several years, which led her to eventually study education and become a teacher. Years later, she began



Stec

working as a CNA at a nursing home, where she found purpose and meaning like never before. It inspired her to go back to school to become a nurse and follow in the medical footsteps of her father, a doctor who showed her what it meant to care for those who needed it the most. She served as a registered nurse risking her own health and safety on a daily basis to heal and advocate for

the patients she cherished at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital.

Julie loved many and was loved by even more. Her kindness, loving heart and unwavering energy will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her parents, Augustyn and Brenda Stec; her sisters, Renata (Colin) Hinkle, Monica (Christopher) Pajak, Susan Stec and Christine Stec; her brother, Alexander Stec; her nieces Sofia Pajak, Lilia Pajak and Charlotte Hinkle; and many extended family members.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

Friends and family will gather at the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, prior to a 10 a.m. Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Interment is private.

Hinsdale police report on results of holiday safety campaigns this fall

The Hinsdale Police Department made two impaired driving arrests and issued 19 speeding citations, two driving with a suspended license citations, two no valid license citations, one failure to appear arrest warrant service and seven citations for other violations to the Illinois Vehicle Code during the recent Halloween enforcement effort.

During its Thanksgiving enforcement effort, police made two impaired driving arrests and issued 29 speeding citations, two traffic arrests for driving with a suspended license and no valid drivers license, one misdemeanor complaint for a concealed carry while intoxicated violation and eight citations for other violations to the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois participated in these efforts to save lives by getting impaired drivers off the roads and more motorists buckled up. The enforcement campaigns took place from Oct. 16 through Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-29.

Extra emphasis was placed on enforcement during late-night hours, when statistics show the most unbuckled and impaired driving fatalities occur.

The recent law enforcement campaigns were made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation and is part of the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns.



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When and where are Christmas worship services?

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services are back in person for 2021 after many went virtual last year because of COVID-19 safety protocols. Hinsdale faith communities offer a range of opportunities, activities and times for fellowship, from family-friendly gatherings to candlelight services for people who want to step outside just as the clock strikes Christmas.

In addition to the in-person services listed below, many churches are also offering online worship options for people's convenience. Use the contact information provided for more details.

Merry Christmas!

• **Grace Episcopal Church**
120 E. First St.
(630) 323-4900
<https://www.grace>

[hinsdale.org](https://www.hinsdale.org)
Dec. 24
4 p.m. — Holy Eucharist with children's narrated nativity
10 p.m. — Holy Eucharist with choir and harp

Dec. 25
10 a.m. — Holy Eucharist (quiet service)

• **Highpoint Church**
Meets at The Community House

415 W. Eighth St.
(331)250-0269
<http://www.highpoint.church/hinsdale>

Dec. 24
4 p.m. — candlelight service

• **Hinsdale Covenant Church**

412 S. Garfield Ave.
(630) 323-2318
<https://www.hinsdalecovenant.com>

Dec. 24
2, 3, 4, & 5 p.m. — live nativity experience

10 p.m. — candlelight service

• **Hinsdale United Methodist Church**

945 S. Garfield Ave.
(630) 325-1280
<https://www.hinsdaleumc.com>
Dec. 24

4:30 p.m. — family worship
5:45 p.m. — "Sound of the Season" concert
7 p.m. — candlelight service
8 p.m. — open house with refreshments

• **Redeemer Lutheran Church**
139 E. First St.
(630) 323-5530
<https://www.redeemehinsdale.org>

Dec. 24
3, 5, 7 and 11 p.m. — service
Dec. 25

10 a.m. — worship

• **St. Isaac Jogues Church**
306 W. Fourth St.
(630) 323-1248
<https://www.sij.net>

Dec. 24
3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. — Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
11:30 p.m. — carols and Blessing of Crib
Midnight — Mass
Dec. 25

9, 10:30 a.m. & noon — Mass

• **The Chapel**
620 N. Oak St.
(847) 201-2777
<https://www.chapel.org/christmas>

Dec. 24
4 p.m. — service



• **Trinity Presbyterian Church**
(Worshiping at Seventh-Day Adventist Church)
201 N. Oak St.
(630) 286-9303 <https://www.trinityhinsdale.com>

Dec. 24
4 p.m. — service
• **Union Church**
137 S. Garfield Ave.
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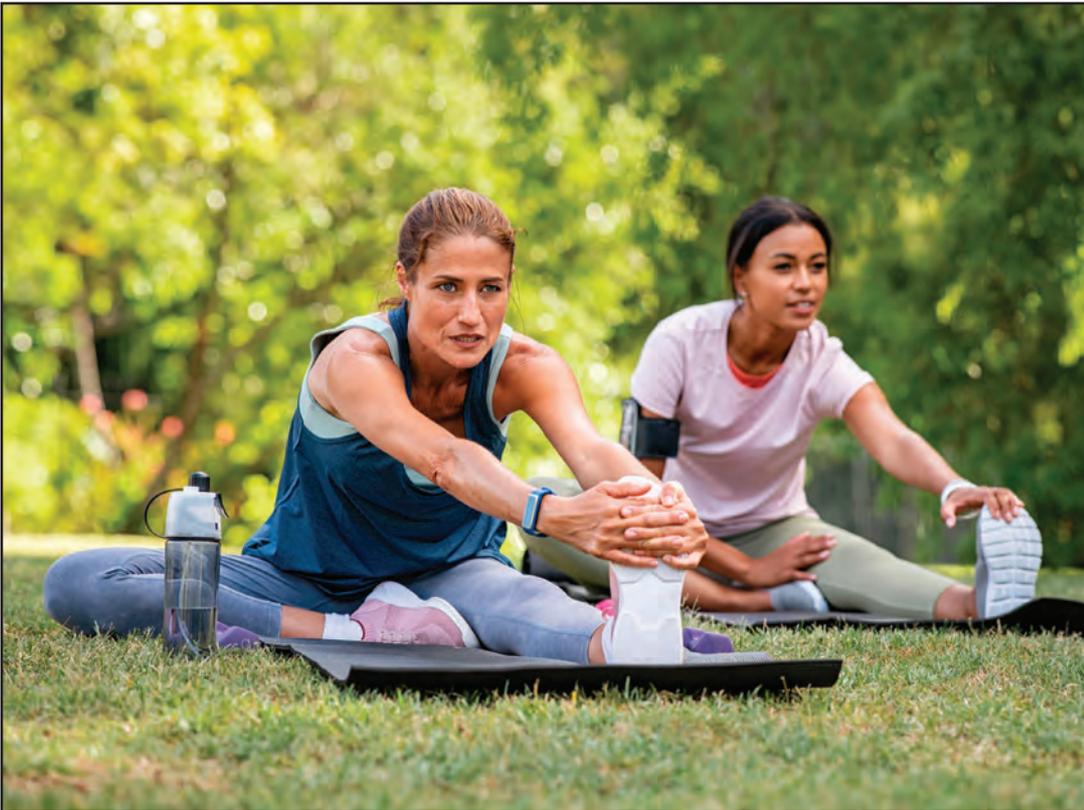
4:30 p.m. — family service
5 p.m. — luminaria lighting & hot cocoa
6 p.m. — carols & candlelight outside
8 p.m. — service in-person
• **Zion Lutheran Church**
204 S. Grant St.
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2 & 4:30 p.m. — service
Dec. 25
9 a.m. — service

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A jolly old breakfast



The village of Hinsdale sponsored a Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 4 at KLM. With Katherine and Alexander Legge's portraits keeping on eye on things, people moved through the buffet. Bryan Geidt did his best to cut up daughter Remi's food, but she took things into her own hands. Bo Sleak works on crafts and later Remi was joined by her brothers Easton and Bauer for some one-on-one time with Santa and Mrs. Claus. (Jim Slonoff photos)

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Chicago beckons with winter break fun

Extend the holiday season with festive activities kids and adults alike will enjoy

By Pamela Lannom
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It's the most wonderful time of the year — with kids off school for two weeks and hours of time that most likely will be spent on electronics, unless something more interesting is on the agenda.

Fortunately, Chicago offers a host of opportunities to have fun with the whole family — and it's just a short car or train ride away.



O Tannenbaum

Explore rich holiday traditions at the Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry through Jan. 3.

What began in 1942 as a single tree is now a celebration that features a four-story, floor-to-dome Grand Tree surrounded by a forest of more than 50 trees and displays decorated by volunteers to represent the holiday traditions of cultures around the globe.

This year, the golden age of travel is being celebrated with themed decor and a spotlight on the Pioneer Zephyr train and Take Flight's 727, which have been newly reimaged.

While at the museum, enjoy "Antarctica" or other films in the Giant Dome Theater, visit Coleen Moore's Fairy Castle and go to extremes with a photographer chasing diminishing glaciers in the Extreme Ice exhibit.

The museum is at 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

Tickets are \$21.95 for adults, \$12.95 for kids ages 3-11, with additional costs for the theater and certain exhibits.

The museum is open 9:30 a.m.

to 5:30 p.m. through Dec. 23, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 26-30, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 31, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 1 and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 2-3. The museum is closed Dec. 25.

For more information, visit <https://www.msichicago.org>.



Su'pier'ior fun

Light up the Lake continues through Jan. 2 at Navy Pier.

The indoor, temperature-controlled experience features a sprawling light garden with large-scale sculptures comprising more than 600,000 twinkling lights, including a giant teddy bear, a 25-foot tall deer, a 60-foot light tunnel and a 40-foot tree.

Bring skates or borrow some at no extra charge to enjoy the Alpine ice rink made with real ice.

There's also an authentic holiday beer garden, a kiddy train ride, Santa's Merry Main Street and other family-friendly and date-night activities.

Navy Pier is at 600 E. Grand Ave.

Hours are 3 to 9 p.m. Dec. 18, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 20 to Jan. 2. Tickets are \$21, \$29 for kids ages 3-12, and include a ride on the Centennial Wheel, offering 360-degree views of the decorated city and frosty Lake Michigan.

Visit <https://www.navypier.org> for more information.

A European staycation

Chicago's two Christkindlmarkets are open for just a few more days, with the one at Daley Plaza closing Dec. 24 and the one at Wrigley Field open through Dec. 31.



The Christkindlmarket Chicago is one of the most authentic traditional holiday markets of its kind outside of Europe, offering a unique shopping experience, family-friendly events and intercultural activities. Purchase roasted nuts, fresh pretzels, bratwurst and hot spiced wine while enjoying the sound of festive music and the glimmer of sparkling Christmas tree ornaments.

The Daley Plaza Christkindlmarket is at 50 W. Washington St.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 23 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24.

The Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville is part of the Winterland at Gallagher Way, which includes an 8,000-square-foot ice rink and more.

Gallagher way is at 3635 N. Clark St. Hours are 3 to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 31.

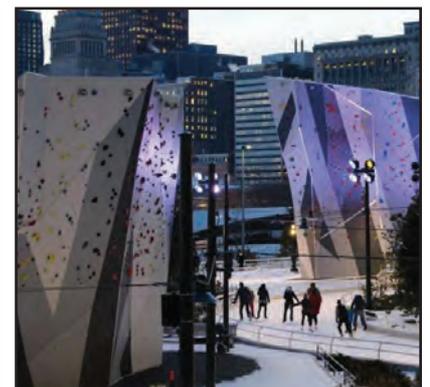
Admission to both locations is free.

Visit <https://www.christkindlmarket.com> for details.

Lace up the skates

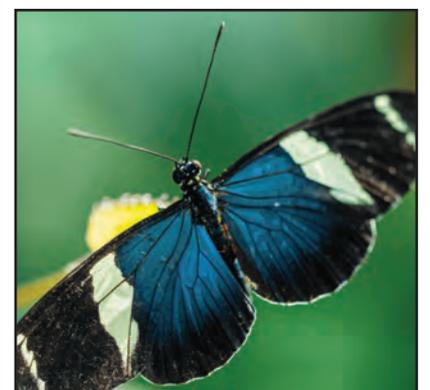
The Ice Skating Ribbon at Maggie Daley Park offers a fun chance to enjoy the outdoors and beautiful views of the city skyline.

This year the ribbon is decorated with designs inspired by Vincent van Gogh's "Sunflowers" and "Starry Night" paintings, a collaboration between the art exhibit "Immersive Van Gogh" and the Chicago Park District.



Admission is \$20 online, \$22 walk-up and \$5 for those with their own skates. Admission is free on weekdays for those with their own skates. The ribbon is open every day, with limited hours Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The park is at 337 E. Randolph street. Visit <https://www.maggie-daley.com> for more information.



Get back to nature

Escape Chicago's winter weather and become immersed in nature with a visit to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, which features live animals, nature-inspired art, toddler-friendly play spaces and a 2,700-square-foot greenhouse home to more than 1,000 free-flying butterflies.

Check the calendar for special events such as story times, animal feedings, butterfly releases and more.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week. Admission is \$9, \$7 for seniors and students, \$6 for children and free up to age 3.

Visit <https://www.naturemuseum.org> for more information.



Due to the popularity of Illumination, its annual holiday lights exhibit, the Morton Arboretum extended the experience through Jan. 8. Only select dates and times are still available. (photo provided)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ Art Journaling

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

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

■ Introduction to Drawing

Mondays, Jan. 10-Feb. 7
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Participants age 16 and up will grow in their drawing and sketching techniques. Both beginning and experienced students are welcome and will explore various subject matter, including still life, portrait and figure drawing and landscape.

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$150. RR, MD

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PULSE

Many visits for many reasons to library this season

For many of us, winter is a season of welcome. We welcome each other home, we welcome family and guests, and we greet a new year.

It's always fun to share the season with everyone in the community. As a regular stop for many Hinsdaleans and their guests, we get to meet visiting grandparents, as children are so excited to share their favorite books and toys in the library. Young adults returning from college wander back in, ready to relax and check out some books they get to select for themselves. Sometimes we see old friends who have moved but are returning for a visit. It's a lovely time to see familiar faces and we love to hear about everyone's latest adventures.

It's remarkable that while many of us are at our busiest, everyone is also at their most generous. Taking the time to exchange well wishes during this season feels especially warm and thoughtful. The library often sees patrons looking for a beloved holiday

movie or music they remember and want to share with those closest to them. People are excited to build connections and share something special. We enjoy nourishing that holiday spirit and being a part of your traditions.

Sometimes weary shoppers drop by, tired from errands and hoping to sit down and warm up for a while, with no one making any demands. People may be looking for a peaceful place to rest and admire the holiday lights in Burlington Park, to search for new holiday recipes or to catch up with the news. It's an honor to host all of our guests. Everyone is invited.

New residents are welcome to stop by to create a library card. We look forward to meeting you. The "Get a Card" link is always available at <https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info> if you prefer to have your new library card mailed to



Stacia Miksys
Check this out

your home.

For friends who cannot stop by, we will come to you. Residents unable to regularly visit the library can arrange to have library volunteers deliver items weekly to their home. Doorstep Delivery also makes rounds to long-term residents at Magnolia Senior Living.

The library event calendar is filling up for the new year. We look forward to

welcoming caregivers and little ones at Toddler Time or during a Preschool Book Break. Capture the fun with a visit to our seasonal Selfie Station. Virtual Storytime is still available for those who want to participate from home.

If you're looking for a creative outlet, sign up for one of our crafting programs. Registration is open for Take Home Toddler Art Kits. Children can sign up to come make a snowy

winter town or pinecone snowy owl, and teens can register for a 3-D Paper Snowflake Take Home Kit.

Adults managing multiple calendars in 2022 can join us in-person on Jan. 11 for "It's About Time: Using Online Calendars." Get organized with de-cluttering tips from humorist and author Jamie Novak during our virtual program on Jan. 15.

If the holidays lead to some travel, you might check out a mobile hotspot or a pre-loaded Kindle. Rokus are available if you're planning to catch up on shows streaming through Disney+, Amazon Prime or Netflix, or looking for classics on Kanopy. These devices from our circulating technology collection are available to Hinsdale cardholders for a three-week checkout.

However you spend your time this season, our doors are open. We hope to welcome you soon.

— *Stacia Miksys is the patron services manager at the Hinsdale Public Library.*

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Redeemer Lutheran Church

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www.redeemerhinsdale.org

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■ Il Poggiolo

8 E. First St.
(630) 734-9400
<https://www.ilpoggiolohinsdale.com>

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

■ Nabuki

18 E. First St.
(630) 654-8880
<https://www.nabukihinsdale.com>

Indoor and outdoor dining, curbside pickup available. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

■ Page's Restaurant

26 1/2 E. First St.
(630) 323-9058
<https://www.facebook.com/pagesrestaurant>

Indoor and outdoor dining, carryout available. To preorder doughnuts, send a text to (708) 476-0900 with name, quantity and day to pick up. Hours: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

■ Toni Patisserie & Café

51 S. Washington St.
(630) 789-2020
<https://www.tonipatisserie.com>

Indoor dining, carryout and delivery through DoorDash and Grub Hub available. Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

■ Vistro Prime

112 S. Washington St.
(630) 537-1459
<https://www.vistroprime.com>

Indoor and outdoor dining. Hours: 4:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday; 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Sundays; closed Mondays.

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ Women's Life Village Bible Study

Thursdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 17
The Village Church
4475 Wolf Road, Western Springs
<https://www.wsbc.info/womenslife>

Join this video study of the book of Galatians and explore what it looks like to live for God's approval instead of human approval through the book "Now that Faith Has Come, A Study of Galatians" by Beth & Melissa Moore. Child care is provided up through kindergarten age. Time: 9 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$20. RR

GAME ON

■ Adult Taekwondo

Wednesdays, Jan. 5-March 23
KLM Park Lodge
5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

(630) 789-7090

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

■ Intro to Lacrosse

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

Boys in first through eighth grades of all skill levels can get ready for the spring season at this Winter with the Herd program. Equipment will be provided; players must provide mouth guards and footwear. Time: 8 to 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$225. RR

■ Floor Hockey

Mondays, Jan. 10-Feb. 7
Madison School
611 S. Madison St.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Beginners and experienced players ages 5-9 will learn shooting, passing, teamwork, positions and game strategies. Sticks and pucks will be provided; goggles and mouth guards are recommended but not required. Time: 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. for ages 5-6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 7-9. Cost: \$48. RR

■ Basketball

Wednesdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 9
Madison School
611 S. Madison St.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Boys and girls ages 5-7 will enjoy learning the skills to advance them in the world of basketball. Beginners and experienced players will have a ton of fun through games and drills, practicing dribbling, passing, shooting, positions and the importance of teamwork. Games will be played at the end of each class. Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$48. RR

GREAT OUTDOORS

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Important safety information from Nicor Gas

Every day, underground pipelines safely transport natural gas – one of the most efficient, reliable and environmentally friendly fuels – to homes and businesses throughout the country. Nicor Gas operates, secures and maintains the pipelines in our service territories. We adhere to state and federal pipeline safety regulations, perform extensive quality-control checks, educate the public on how to recognize and prevent natural gas leaks, and work closely with officials to develop emergency response plans.

Call before you dig

Before digging on your property, state law requires you call **811** to have your utility lines professionally marked – for free! You must wait the required amount of time before you begin your project. Pipeline markers indicate the general area of the pipeline, but not its exact location or depth. A pipeline may not always be marked in all areas, so it is important to always "Call Before You Dig." If a pipeline right of way is adjacent to your property, you have a responsibility to ensure no new installations of landscaping or physical structures are placed in the right of way, which interferes with our ability to keep the pipeline safe through routine monitoring and maintenance.

Information about transmission pipelines operating in your community can be accessed online at npms.phmsa.dot.gov, courtesy of the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS).



Online Survey

Please take a moment to complete a survey about natural gas safety and you by scanning the QR code or visiting [surveymonkey.com/r/QT3WNR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QT3WNR) to help us make sure we are keeping our communities safe.

Water heater safety

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges all users to lower their water heaters to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Carbon monoxide

Incomplete combustion of any fuel produces carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and has no odor, taste or color. Carbon monoxide detectors are helpful, but they are no substitute for using equipment safely. This includes having your appliances inspected once a year by a certified contractor.

Appliance safety

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- It is important that you have your furnace inspected by a qualified specialist.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shut-offs are in proper working condition.
- Keep trash and other combustible materials away from your air, heating and water heating systems.

Pipeline integrity management is a process for assessing and mitigating pipeline risks to reduce both the likelihood and consequences of incidents. We have a comprehensive plan that fully addresses these processes, especially for locations deemed high-consequence areas.

To learn more, visit nicorgas.com/integritymanagementplan.

If you smell gas, act fast!

Although natural gas pipeline incidents are uncommon, you can help prevent emergencies by knowing the signs of a potential problem. Even though you may not currently be a Nicor Gas customer, you can play an important role in natural gas safety. Below are some tips on how to identify a possible natural gas leak, and what to do in such a situation.

LOOK for blowing dirt, discolored vegetation or continued bubbling of standing water.

LISTEN for a hissing or roaring noise near a natural gas appliance or line.

SMELL for the distinctive, rotten-egg odor associated with natural gas. Natural gas is colorless and odorless, so we add a chemical odorant called mercaptan for easy detection of a suspected natural gas leak. This odorant has a distinctive "rotten egg" type odor. You should act any time you detect even a small amount of this odor in the air.

Note: Be aware that "odorant fade," while uncommon, can occur. Odorant fade occurs when a physical or chemical process causes the level of odorant in the gas to be reduced. This can happen in both existing gas pipe and new installations. Some individuals may not be able to detect the smell of the natural gas odorant because they have a diminished sense of smell, because the scent is being masked by other odors in the area or because the odorant has diminished so that it is not detectable.

If you detect even a small amount of this odor in the air:

DO NOT try to identify the source or to stop the leak yourself.

LEAVE the area immediately and move a safe distance away from the potential leak, while avoiding any action that may cause sparks.

AVOID using any sources of ignition, such as cellphones, cigarettes, matches, flashlights, electronic devices, motorized vehicles, light switches or landlines, as natural gas can ignite from a spark or open flame, possibly causing a fire or explosion. Natural gas is nontoxic, lighter than air and displaces oxygen. In severe cases, if not used properly, it can also lead to asphyxiation.

CALL Nicor Gas at **888.Nicor4U (642.6748)** or **911** once you are out of the area of the suspected leak and in a safe place. Stay away until Nicor Gas or emergency personnel indicate it is safe to return.

For more information, visit nicorgas.com/safety or call **888.Nicor4U (642.6748)**.

Para solicitar una copia de esta información en español, llame al **866.Nicor4U (642.6748)** o visite nicorgas.com/safetyspanish.



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■ **Winter Ornithology**

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

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

■ **Winter Hike**

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

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

■ **Hard Water Classic**

Jan. 8
Blackwell Forest Preserve
Butterfield Road west of Winfield Road, Warrenville
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 933-7248

Compete in the only competitive ice-fishing tournament in

DuPage, and then stick around for door prizes and awards. Participants should bring their own equipment and bait. All ages are welcome. Time: noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the event.

■ **Hiking With Our Nocturnal Neighbors**

Jan. 11
Greene Valley Forest Preserve
Greene Road and 79th Street, Naperville
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
(630) 942-6200

Explore the secrets of nighttime in nature on a guided hike, searching for signs of coyotes, owls and deer and learning what it takes to survive the cold of Illinois. The program is for ages 12 and up; participants should bring a flashlight, water and snacks. Time: 5 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$10. RR

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ **Zumba!**

Sundays & Thursdays, Jan. 2-April 28

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

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

■ **Gentle Yoga**

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

This slower paced yoga class for older adults uses poses to

promote wellness and improve balance, flexibility and joint stability. Warm-ups are done on seated on a chair, and standing poses include chair access. Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$75. RR

■ **Fitness Hike**

Jan. 5
Brezina Woods
North La Grange Road south of West Cermak Road, near LaGrange Park
<https://www.fpdcc.com>

Those looking to get some exercise outdoors can join this faster paced 6-mile hike with little to no stopping or interpretation. Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ **Buddy's Place Winter Weekly Session**

Jan. 11-Feb. 15
<https://pillarscommunity-health.org/services/behavioral-health-and-support-services/buddys-place-grief-support>

This six-week family-based bereavement support group offers children the chance to work through their grief in groups with kids of a similar

age while adults gather to learn how to support the children. Those who register will receive the address for the meeting location, which is in Riverside. Registration is due Jan. 4. Time: 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

■ **Fitness Hike**

Jan. 13
Wolf Road Woods
Wolf Road south of 95th Street near Willow Springs
<https://www.fpdcc.com>

Those looking to get some exercise outdoors can join this faster paced 5.5-mile hike with little to no stopping or interpretation. Time: 10 a.m. RR

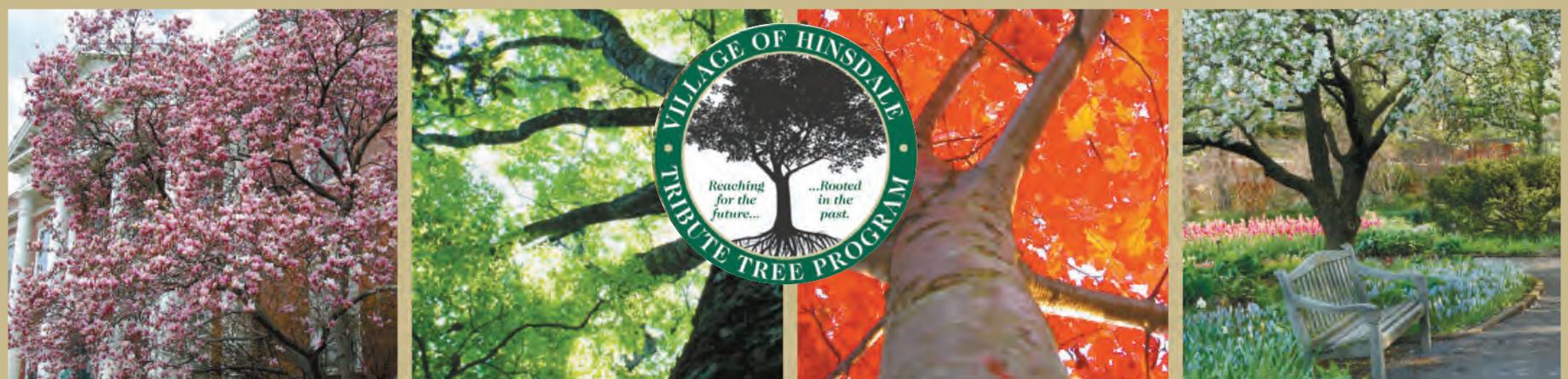
JUST FOR KIDS

■ **Beginning Voice Class**

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

Kids ages 6-12 will sing songs from musical theater, Disney, pop music and more. Young

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singers will learn how to sing together and harmonize and explore musical traditions in a noncompetitive, nurturing environment. Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$75. RR

■ Drumming Tots

Mondays, Jan. 10-Feb. 7
Clarendon Hills Community Center
315 Chicago Ave.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 5-6 will be guided through simple movements enhancing their bilateral coordination while also developing their listening skills, sense of rhythm and following directions. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$44. RR

■ Pinecone Snowy Owls

Jan. 15
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

Come to the library and turn a pinecone into an adorable snowy owl. Registration opens Dec. 17. Times: 1 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. RR

■ Little Medics — Wilderness Medicine

Jan. 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 6-12 will explore some of the dangers in the wild such as big bites, snake bites and poisonous plants and learn how to splint a broken leg, tie a tourniquet, filter dirty water, the effects of hypothermia and 20 ways to use a bandana in

emergencies. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$165. RR, MD

■ Snowy Winter Town

Jan. 17
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
(630) 986-1976

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

■ CTWS spring classes

Jan. 18-May 5
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
<https://theatreofwesternsprings.com>
(708) 246-4043

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

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Using Online Calendars

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

Explore the pros and cons of some of the most versatile and

popular calendar applications and learn what apps are best for multiple platforms, multiple users and multiple schedules. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Critical Race Theory: What It is and What it Isn't

Jan. 13
<https://www.cantigny.org>
(630) 260-8257

Dr. Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, a professor at Eastern Illinois University and a historian who specializes in American women's history, will present this virtual program. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Voyager's Travel Discussion Club — Santa Fe

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

Learn about the wonder D.H. Lawrence captured when he said, "I think New Mexico was the greatest experience from the outside world that I have ever had." in this discussion of Santa Fe, N.M., a picturesque cultural jewel in the desert Southwest. Time: 3 to 4:15 p.m. RR

■ Raising 21st-Century Teens

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

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

NOTEWORTHY

■ Sons Of The Never Wrong

Jan. 8
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
<http://www.acousticren.com>
(630) 941-7797

This alt-folk trio from Chicago delivers witty, whimsical songs with their signature soaring vocal harmonies and gorgeous arrangements, combining influences of folk, jazz, pop and rock. Their odd-ball humor and spontaneous stories have earned them a cult-like international following for almost 30 years. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

■ A Night at the Movies

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

Maestro Kirk Muspratt will lead the New Philharmonic in performing favorites from award-winning films including "Gone with the Wind," "Band of Brothers," "Beauty and the Beast," "Midway," "Independence Day" and "Jurassic Park." Pre-show MAC Chats will be held before both performances. Times: 7:30 Jan. 15, 3 p.m. Jan. 16. Tickets: \$53, \$51 for seniors.

ON STAGE

■ The Winter Workshop

Jan. 7-9
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
<https://www.theatreofwesternsprings.com>
(708) 246-4043

The Directors' Workshop presents an evening of one-woman shows, including "Illuminated Dresses" — a

collection of pieces by Beth Copeland, Debra Kaufman, Jessica Feder-Birnbaum, Cynthia Strauff Schaub, Gena Rawdon and Margo Rife — and "50 Guns" by Alex Broun. Reservations are required. There will be a post show discussion with the directors each evening. Time: 8 p.m. Jan. 7 & 8, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9. Tickets: donations will be accepted at the door.

■ Tina Turner Tribute

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

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

SIGN UP NOW

■ Know your WHY

Jan. 5 or 12
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>
(630) 323-7500

Women are invited to join this free one-hour seminar to listen to Hinsdale's Kelly Cox Watkins, principal strategist at Spiritus Strategies, offer guidance on living a life of congruence and finding a sense of joy and accomplishment. Times: 1 p.m. Jan. 5, 7 p.m. Jan. 12.

■ The Challenge: Live Quiz Game

Jan. 7
Mayslake Peabody Estate

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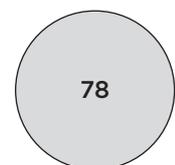
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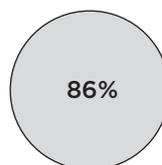
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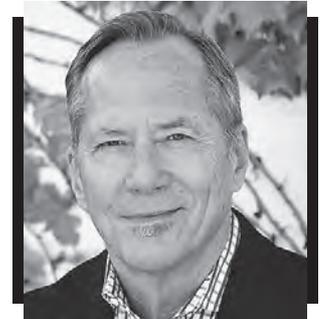


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Show off knowledge and compete for prizes during this friendly quiz game featuring pop culture, music, animals, history, geography and other categories. Register as a team of up to five or be assigned to one. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person. RR

Tech to Table: 25 Innovators Reimagining Food

Jan. 13
 Hinsdale Public Library
 20 E. Maple St.
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>
 (630) 986-1976

Local author Dick Munson will discuss his new book "Tech to Table: 25 Innovators Reimagining Food," which profiles entrepreneurs redefining what it means to farm and even the nature of food. They share an ambition to disrupt the un-digitalized food system

and feed a growing population nutritiously and sustainably. The program will take place both in person at the library and virtually on Zoom; it will also be recorded and shared online. Copies of the book will be available to purchase during the event. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

So You Think You Can Dance
 Mondays or Wednesdays,
 Jan. 3-26

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

Youth ages 12-18 will learn a different style of dance each week from lyrical to musical theater. Students have a warm-up focusing on core strength, flexibility and movements that include levels. Time: 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Cost: \$143. RR, MD

Teen Switch Up Saturdays

Jan. 8
 Hinsdale Public Library

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

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

Teen 3D Paper Snowflake Take Home Kit

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

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

WEE ONES

Little Dragons Taekwondo

Wednesdays, Jan. 5-March 23
 KLM Park Lodge
 5901 S. County Line Road,
 Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

(630) 789-7090

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

Musical Me with Miss Gretchen

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

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

Pee Wee Floor Hockey

Fridays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18
 The Community House
 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 4-6 will learn the game of hockey before the skates go on through drills for stick handling, passing, shooting and goalie skills as well as team drills. They'll enjoy learning the fundamentals and mechanics of this fast-paced and super-fun game. Time: 1:15 to 2 p.m. Cost: \$63.

WINTER BREAK CAMPS

Winter Break Camp

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

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

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Pet pic of the week



Rodie is a black cat who is ready to meet her new family. She would do well with kids 9 years and older. She's a super playful and silly 3-year-old whose adoption fee is \$12 for the rest of 2021. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center has re-opened to the public. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays and 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Capacity will be limited to about 20 visitors. Interested adopters are encouraged to fill out an online application at <https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org> before arriving. Call (630) 323-5630 for more information. (photo provided)

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a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 per day. RR, MD

■ Winter Break Arts Camp

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

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

■ 5 Star Soccer Camp

Dec. 27-29
Hinsdale Central High School
5500 S. Grant St.
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>
(630) 789-7090

This program is the ultimate

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

■ T-Ball Training Camp

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

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

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

■ Hinsdale Humane Society Gift Shop

<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org>

Find the perfect gift for an animal-lover at the Hinsdale Humane Society Pet Rescue and Resource Center online gift shop. T-shirts, hoodies, mugs, tote bags, stuffed animals and more are available for the humans on the gift list. Purchases help the organization care for the animals at the shelter.

■ D86 Threads Gift Shop

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

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

■ Sponsor a Homeless Animal

<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org>

Animal sponsorships are a great way to support homeless animals and a great gift idea. For a minimum sponsorship of \$50, recipients will help provide care for an animal of their choosing, receive a personalized gift sponsorship certificate with the pet's photo and listing on the society's website, if desired. Sponsorships can be purchased online. Questions? Call Deborah Kraus at (630) 323-5630, Ext. 32, or email her at deborah.kraus@hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

■ Brookfield Zoo Adopt an Animal

<https://www.czs.org/animaladoption>
(708) 688-8341

This holiday season, shop for the purr-fect present without having to leave home. The Chicago Zoological Society's Animal Adoption program is highlighting several featured creatures: Hoffman's Two-toed sloths Raisin and J.Law, Bunny reindeer, Heidi orangutan and Pistachio Kemp's ridley sea turtle. Donations to the program are gifts that give twice — helping to provide expert care and feeding of an animal for one year as well as giving a thoughtful and unique present to a loved one. Other animals also are available. The basic package includes a photo, certificate, fact sheet and more. Price: \$35 basic package, \$65 for plush package (includes stuffed animal).



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4. Name 2 things that Kramer Foods has on sale.
5. Who is the editor?



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

■ Supper with St. Nick

Dec. 23
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 725-2066
<https://www.mortonarb.org>

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

■ Holiday Magic

Through Dec. 31
Brookfield Zoo
3400 31st St.
(630) 688-8400
<https://www.czs.org/events>

Visitors will enjoy more than 1 million twinkling LED lights, a 600-foot-long tunnel featuring lights synchronized to music, a 41-foot tree and more at the zoo's 40th annual Holiday Magic. Take memorable photos inside the new illuminated gingerbread house or the luminous 20-foot-tall orb or pose for a selfie next to the Santa Claus cutout. View the new "Sea of Lights" colorful display on the West Mall and more than 600 decorated community and corporate trees along the malls and around Roosevelt Fountain. Several animal areas will be open, including dolphin presentations at 4 and 6 p.m. Both guests and zoo members must secure admission and parking tickets in advance. Reservation times will be available in 20-minute increments at <https://www.czs.org/onlineticketing>. Times: 3 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for ages 3-11, \$19.95 for seniors 65 and older plus \$15 parking. RR, MD

■ New Year's Eve Concert

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

Ring in the New Year with New Philharmonic, which welcomes back baritone Ted Allen Pickel, who sang the title role from the production of "The Mikado" the MAC stage. Maestro Kirk Muspratt conducts waltzes, polkas,

arias, light classical and pops, reflecting back and propelling audiences forward as only music can. Times: 1:30, 5 & 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$67, \$65 for seniors, \$77 for gold circle table seating (including glass of bubbly and party favors), \$67 to stream on demand. RR

■ Skating in the Park and NYE Fireworks

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

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

■ Bubble Bash

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

Families can spend time together taking part in special activities, grooving to good music, exploring the museum's hands-on exhibits and counting down at 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. with confetti, bubbles and more. This annual year-end celebration, now in its 20th year, has become a holiday tradition. Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets: \$30. RR, MD

■ New Year's Eve family dinner

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

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

■ Renew, Rejuvenate, Restore

Jan. 2
Little Red Schoolhouse
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■ Skating in the Park

Through Jan. 4
Parkway Bank Park
5501 Park Place, Rosemont
<https://www.parkwaybank-park.com>

Visitors can skate on the Chicago Wolves Ice Rink under breathtaking lights for a magical experience this winter. The rink is open daily through Jan. 4, then on select Sundays through February. See the website for hours and other details. Admission: Free, \$8 skate rental.

■ Illumination

Through Jan. 8
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
(630) 968-0074
<https://www.mortonarb.org>

The ninth annual Illumination: Tree Lights returns to the arboretum as a walking trail, with five new features this year, including Human+Nature sculpture Hallow lit at night. Along the route, warm up by a crackling fire and roast marshmallows for s'mores or stop in one of the concession tents for a snack and beverage. Advance ticket purchases are encouraged as many dates sell out. Hours: 4:30 to 8 p.m. slots. Tickets: \$13-\$24. RR, MD

■ Irving Berlin's 'Holiday Inn'

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Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone.
Charles M. Schulz

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There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Selin Ipek Turkyilmaz to the new name of Celine Rose Ipek. The Court date will be held: on 01-21-2022 at 8:00 a.m. at 505 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL. DuPage in Courtroom #2005 /s/ Selin Ipek Turkyilmaz

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

Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

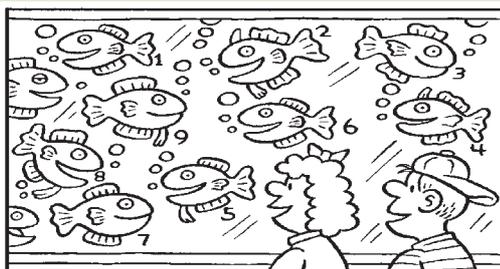
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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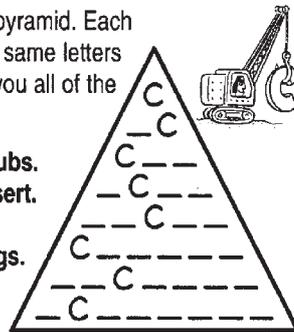


SCHOOL'S OUT! Two of the fish in the above tank are exactly alike. See if you can find them before the bigger fish does. Answer: Numbers 1 and 6.

THE "C" PYRAMID! Pictured at right is a word pyramid. Each word, as you go down the pyramid, contains the same letters as the word above it plus a new letter. We give you all of the C's. Here are some hints from the top down.

- 1) Musical tone (given).
- 2) Master of ceremonies.
- 3) Eccentric wheel.
- 4) Fraudulent scheme.
- 5) Medieval war clubs.
- 6) Ships of the desert.
- 7) To make still.
- 8) Way to cook eggs.

The words are c, mc, cam, scam, maces, camels, becalms, scramble.



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HOROSCOPES

December 2021 Horoscopes • Week 5



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, your commitment to doing things the right way is admirable and has not gone unnoticed. Others look to you for inspiration, and this will benefit your career.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, group dynamics could be tricky this week. Emotions are tense and putting too many people together may lead to friction. Make a concerted effort to stay calm.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Always get the facts before you react, Cancer. Friends may be pulling you in different directions and want you to be on their sides. Decide what is best for you.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, before you dive full speed ahead into a new relationship, it is better to do your research as much as possible. This is especially true when entering a business agreement.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you are on a mission this week to stand out from the crowd. Make sure the light is shining on you for all the right reasons. Remain humble when praise comes your way.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, individuals often are judged by the company they keeps. Surround yourself with honest, supportive and accomplished people as much as you can.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you butt heads with a colleague or your boss, the confrontation will not get out of control. Things will blow over very shortly.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Your energy levels may be all over the place this week, Scorpio. Build some free time into your schedule to accommodate for when you may need to play catch up.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Figure out how to deliver information in an empowering way, Pisces. A positive, empowering message is likely to be well-received.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
It is tempting to want to help in every situation, Gemini. But this week you may need to observe from the sidelines and let others work things out on their own.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, if your workload gets out of control, don't feel that you have to go it alone. Ask for help and it will be there. This will ensure all projects are completed on time.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
There is no need to let emotions get the best of you, Sagittarius. Your confidence will diffuse many situations as long as you are tactful and respectful.

SPORTS — ROUNDUP

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Luke Speziale
Year: senior
Hometown: Hinsdale

How did you get interested in bowling?

I really enjoyed bowling growing up. I just saw one of the posters for the sign up (at school). I ended up missing the tryouts completely. The team needed freshmen my freshman year, so I just showed up to some of the practices.

What do you enjoy most about the sport?

Just getting to bowl with some fun people, some of my friends, and just making good relationships over time.

How have you improved since your freshman year?

Overall, I've become way better at every aspect of bowling than when I was a freshman.

Do you have any pre-meet rituals?

My teammates say I'm superstitious. Before I throw the ball, I'll slide my feet back three times and then take a deep breath, and I do that every time.

How much of bowling is a mental game?

I would say a huge portion of the game is a mental game. If you're in a bad mood while you bowl, you get easily frustrated and you get worse and worse.

What is the best advice you've gotten from a coach?

Any advice about trying to avoid over-thinking what you're doing, and when you're struggling to completely ignore that fact and move on and start with a clean slate.

What is your goal for the season?

Individually, it's just to continue to increase my average and to try to make a good run in state. As a team, just try to win a few more games this season.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I have 70 cousins. My mom was the youngest of nine.

Why does coach Alex Hipkind like having Speziale on the team?

Luke is a great kid, always prepared, always has a smile on his face and (is) very easygoing. Through his actions and mannerisms, Luke demonstrates to the underclassmen how to compete and be respectful. Though he thoroughly enjoys the sport, he doesn't take himself too seriously. He has fun while putting up some pretty impressive stats. He strikes a great balance between these.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Basketball, boys
Dec. 17 @ Willowbrook
V wins 61-38

Basketball, girls
Dec. 18 @ New Trier
Shootout
vs. Geneva
V loses 39-58
Monyek, 15 points
Howe, 14 points
Sarros, 6 points
Dolan, 4 points

Bowling, girls
Dec. 15 vs. Morton
V loses 2,210-2,513
Molfese, 427
Andersen, 401
O'Neill, 382
Katsis, 365
Wu, 355
Vladisavljevich, 280

Gymnastics, girls
Dec. 18 @ New Trier Invite
V places 6th with 133.675
Vault
Klobach, 2nd, 9.35
French, 21st (tie), 8.6
Koulouris, 29th, 8.4
Sommers, 41st, 8.2
Uneven bars
Klobach, 7th (tie), 9
Sullivan, 13th (tie), 8.525
French, 16th (tie), 8.5
Kuznetsova, 29th, 8.025

Balance beam
Klobach, 5th (tie), 8.775
Sommers, 24th (tie), 7.9
Kuznetsova, 46th, 7.05
Sullivan, 47th, 7
Floor exercise
Klobach, 4th, 9.05
French, 6th, 9
Huber, 30th, 8.225
Kuznetsova, 33rd (tie), 8.075
All-around
Klobach, 2nd, 36.175
McLaughlin, 24th, 29.875
Dec. 15 vs. York
V wins 139.65-128.9

Hockey
Dec. 18 @ PREP
V loses 1-7
Hadesmen, goal
Cook, assist
Dec. 17 @ Stevenson
V wins 1-0
Devine, goal
Haag, assist
Dec. 16 @ New Trier White
V ties 4-4
Devine, 2 goals
Hadesmen, 2 goals, assist
Cook, 2 assists
Haag, assist
Romberger assist

Swimming, boys
Dec. 17-18 @ Neuqua
Valley Invite

V places 1st with 611 points
200-yard medley relay
Bertulis, Harris, Hou, Marcet, 1st, 1:37.72
Daw, Fix, Bey, Shvydkoy, 5th, 1:41.78
200-yard freestyle
Priest, 4th, 1:48.3
Bokos, 5th, 1:49.11
Newcomer, 10th, 1:52.51
Wang, 17th, 1:57.92
200-yard IM
Harris, 2nd, 1:58.36
Hou, 3rd, 1:58.4
Guo, 5th, 2:01.05
Bey, 8th, 2:03.81
50-yard freestyle
Gilbert, 1st, 22.08
Marcet, 7th, 23.07
Daw, 12th, 23.3
Fix, 22nd, 24.11
1-meter diving
S. Kassir, 1st, 374.65
Turek, 5th, 282
Brown, 7th, 275.55
A. Kassir, 9th, 253.3
100-yard butterfly
Hou, 1st, 52.93
Guo, 2nd, 54.01
Bertulis, 3rd, 54.41
Wang, 16th, 59.06
100-yard freestyle
Gilbert, 1st, 47.76
Priest, 4th, 49.34
Shvydkoy, 8th, 50.02
Conners, 24th, 53.64

500-yard freestyle
Bokos, 3rd, 4:51.27
Harris, 4th, 4:51.35
Newcomer, 7th, 5:06.36
Pelinkovic, 8th, 5:07.1
200-yard freestyle relay
Gilbert, Marcet, Hou, Priest, 1st, 1:29.29
Guo, Shvydkoy, Wang, Bhatt, 4th, 1:33.05
100-yard backstroke
Bertulis, 3rd, 54.51
Daw, 6th, 55.94
Conners, 22nd, 1:01.17
Tarnauskas, 24th, 1:01.68
100-yard breaststroke
Bhatt, 6th, 1:02.8
Bey, 7th, 1:03.62
Fix, 8th, 1:04.12
Wang, 12th, 1:05.78
400-yard freestyle
Gilbert, Marcet, Priest, Harris, 1st, 3:15.56
Guo, Bokos, Bertulis, Shvydkoy, 7th, 3:24.42

Wrestling
Dec. 17-18 vs. Whitlatch Invite
V places 13th with 79.5 points
132 pounds
Tavoso, 1st, 3-1 dec.
182 pounds
Pohlenz, 8th
220 pounds
Ivanisevic, 1st, 6-1 dec.

Instant replay



Hinsdale Central junior wrestler Hunter Hamdan competes in a 152-pound match against a Barrington opponent at the 55th annual Rex Whitlatch Tournament Saturday morning at Central. Sophomore teammate Marko Ivanisevic won his 220-pound division, one of two Red Devils to capture first-place honors at the event. (Jim Slonoff photos)

SPORTS

Believe! Winter's elements will arrive

All that's missing is the white stuff to enjoy a host of outdoor activities

The weather hasn't been too frightful by December standards, but that's not so delightful for outdoor winter sports enthusiasts. Past experience strongly suggests the pattern will shift at some point. And when it does — bringing frozen expanses of ice and snow-blanketed landscapes — the village of Hinsdale and area forest preserves have plenty of activities to warm up the cold. Here are some ways to beat cabin fever

Sharpen the skates

The village-operated rink at Burns Field, 320 N. Vine St., will open for use once weather permits (four to six consecutive full days of weather below 32 degrees). Once the ice is in place, posted signs will indicate if the rinks are open or closed. The rink is lit for evening activities, and warming house hours there are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays — supervised, with free hot chocolate and a fire. Hockey is permitted, and the park will close nightly at 10 p.m.

Updates on rink ice conditions will be provided on the village's website, <https://www.villageof-hinsdale.org>, and its Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/HinsdaleParksAndRecreation>.

Tread the snowy woods

Explore Fullersburg Woods by snowshoes! Bring your own or rent a pair Monday through Saturday from December through February at the Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center, 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook, when there's plenty of snow on the trails. Rentals are available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rentals end at 2 p.m.) and are \$10 for two hours or \$15 for the day. Call (630) 850-8110 for availability and visit <https://www.dupageforest.org> for details.

Hit the (ski) trails

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District invites cross-country skiers to check out trails at its various properties. When conditions permit, staff



An 800-foot slide down the Mount Hoy tubing hill at Blackwell Forest Preserve is worth the drive out to Warrenville. It's one of a number of outdoor winter activities on tap in the area — once Mother Nature kicks the season into full gear. (photo courtesy of DuPage County Forest Preserves)

members groom trails for classical and freestyle cross-country at the following sites:

Blackwell, Warrenville
Danada, Wheaton
Greene Valley, Naperville
Fullersburg Woods, Oak Brook
Herrick Lake, Wheaton
James "Pate" Philip State Park, Bartlett
Mallard Lake, Hanover Park
Meacham Grove, Bloomingdale
Springbrook Prairie, Naperville
St. James Farm, Warrenville
Waterfall Glen, Darien

Trail users are asked to take care not to damage tracks that have been set. Visit <https://www.dupageforest.org> for maps. For information on trail conditions, call the district's outdoor report at (630) 871-6422 and press 3, then press 2.

Inflate your descent

Take a thrilling 800-foot ride down the Mount Hoy tubing hill at Blackwell Forest Preserve on Butterfield Road in Warrenville. It's open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and school holidays when there's plenty of snow (usually more than 3 inches). Only forest district inner tubes are allowed. Inner tube rentals are at the base of the hill and are \$10 per tube per day (rentals end at 3:30

p.m.). Pay with cash or credit card. Before heading out, check the @dupageforest Facebook page to find out if the hill open. Although it might close early due to extreme cold or severe weather. COVID-19 also may limit how many people are on the hill at a time.

Focus on fitness

Those looking for outdoor exercise this winter can join a Fitness Hike, featuring little to no stopping or interpretation, offered by the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

The first hike will be a 6-mile trek at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Brezina Woods north of La Grange Road, south of West Cermak Road near LaGrange Park. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/brezina6>.

The second hike will be a 5.5-mile trek Thursday, Jan. 13, at Wolf Road Woods on Wolf Road south of 95th Street near Willow Springs. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/wfwoods>.

A third opportunity will be a 2-to 3-mile hike at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Willow Springs Woods on Willow Springs Road southeast of Archer Avenue near Willow Springs. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/wswoods>.

— compiled by Ken Knutson

Safety is a key factor in enjoying winter fun

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District reminds visitors to play it safe while enjoying ice fishing, snow tubing, cross-country skiing and other fun activities this winter.

"The safest way to enjoy the outdoors is with another person so you're not alone if there's an emergency," said Dan Jones, assistant site operations manager and long-time district ranger.

"If that's not possible, let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back."

For most ice activities, there should be at least 4 inches of clear ice. In DuPage County's forest preserves, rangers do not monitor ice conditions, so visitors partake in ice-related activities at their own risk.

"It's always a good idea to carry a set of ice picks with you in case you fall through the ice," Jones said.

Wind, snow, rain, sunlight, water levels, underground springs and temperature can all affect the strength of the ice, which can vary greatly over one body of water. Anyone who ventures onto the ice should know the signs of dangerous conditions:

- cracks, ridges or faults
- different colored ice, especially dark gray or black
- open water in the center of an otherwise frozen lake
- ice that looks rotten or porous
- ice covered by snow, water or slush
- running water or bubbles visible under the ice

If someone does fall through the ice, the person should turn toward the direction he or she came from because that's probably the strongest ice, Jones instructed.

"Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface, kick your feet and try to pull yourself out, using ice picks if you have them. Once you're out of the hole, lie flat on the ice and roll away from the hole. Get to a warm, dry sheltered area as soon as possible and call 911," he said.

But even off the ice or in milder winter weather, frostbite and hypothermia can pose dangers. Signs of hypothermia include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, slurred speech and loss of motor skills. Signs of frostbite, which most frequently harms extremities like fingers, toes, ears and noses, include numbness, a white or grayish-yellow skin color or an unusual waxy feeling to the skin. Medical attention is necessary to properly treat these conditions, but dressing properly in the first place can help prevent them.

"Dressing in warm layers and staying dry offer the best protection," Jones said. "An outer layer that blocks wind and moisture, an insulating inner layer that retains heat and a base layer that wicks away perspiration is the ideal combination."

Wool, silk and synthetic fleece retain body heat better than cotton. Waterproof boots, thick socks, a hat, and gloves or mittens help to keep extremities warm.



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When you feel sadness
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...John 1:29

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