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Star struck — Evelyn Prendergast gets an autograph from 'Clara,' danced by Sasha Hedroyts, at the Sugar Plum Party following Sunday's production of "The Nutcracker" at Hinsdale Central. The Salt Creek Ballet's production returned to the stage after taking last year off due to COVID-19. Two more performances are scheduled next weekend at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie and the following weekend at McAninch Arts Center in Glen Ellyn. Please turn to Page 16 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

D86 board member files formal complaint

Held accuses Waters of violating board policies during exchange after Oct. 28 meeting

By Pamela Lannom

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Following an exchange outside of Hinsdale South High School after an Oct. 28 school board meeting, Erik Held has filed a grievance complaint against fellow board member Jeff Waters.

Held sent an email to Hinsdale High School District 86 Superintendent Tammy Prentiss Nov. 4 to file the complaint under the uniform grievance procedure, according to documents posted on the Freedom of Information Act log (dated Nov. 8) on the district's website. In it, he alleges that Waters violated various school board policies by hitting him, threatening him, attempting to intimidate him and using vulgar language.

"Were I a regular member of the community subject to this behavior and not a board member, there is no doubt in my mind we'd hear a loud call for his immediate removal," Held wrote in his email.

Held also sent an email Oct. 29 to Prentiss and board President Terri Walker with a summary of the incident between the two



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— Jeff Waters

as he recalled it. He said Waters struck him with an open-handed slap.

"A threatening version of a friendly backslap," he wrote. "There was nothing friendly in how it smarted or how he spoke."

He said that Waters accused him of putting words in his mouth during a discussion earlier that night (see sidebar) and indicated Waters used the "F" word six times during the conversation.

The two exchanged more words as they were getting into their cars, according to Held's summary. He said he wanted to tell Waters never to touch him again.

Waters described the exchange as a "non-event."

"Everyone is entitled to invoke school board policy to serve their interests or considerations," Waters said Wednesday. "It would not be a consideration of mine if the tables were turned.

"He's more than within his rights to do what he did. Obviously it's subjective of course," he added.

He denied hitting Held, saying he merely tapped him on the back, and admitted to using the "F" word.

"Both parties are saying some inappropriate things," he said.

Held also claims Waters tried to coerce security guard Chris Cesak to lie by omission, telling him to forget the event ever happened.

Waters offered a different account of the conversation.

"I hope you don't have to make an incident report, but I'm sure that's out of your control," Waters said he told Cesak. "That's literally the only thing that was said."

Cesak wrote in an Oct. 29 email to Kevin Simpson, director of security, and Kurt Bluder, security officer, that he was asked not to mention the incident to anyone by a man whom he thought was Held, but whom he later identified as Waters.

Held would not comment on whether he might pursue civil or criminal action against Waters, options he notes in his complaint.

"Under the UGP, filing a UGP does not remove the ability to pursue any other avenues open for any kind of compliant," he



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said.

Waters said he hopes the complaint will not serve as a distraction from the good work the board is doing, including the recent unanimous approval of the program of studies for the 2022-23 school year.

"I look forward to volleying from that board approval and continuing with cohesion moving forward and staying focused as a board, with a laser eye on best serving the district's families to most appropriately champion the interest of all district students at both high schools," Waters

District policy calls for a complaint manager to be assigned to the case and an investigation to be conducted, with a written report to be filed with the superintendent within 30 school business days after the complaint was filed. In this case, because the complaint involves a board member, the report will be filed with the board.

The complaint will be investigated by a representative of the district's law firm, Chicago-based Franczek PC, according to a district spokesman.

Oct. 28 board discussion

The comment that led to the exchange between Erik Held and Jeff Waters following the Oct. 28 board meeting took place during a discussion of science sequences at the two high schools during that meeting.

Waters and board members
Debbie Levinthal and Peggy James,
all of whom were elected in April, had
objected to the implementation of a
"physics first" science sequence at
Hinsdale Central. Hinsdale South has
taught a physics-chemistry-biology
sequences for more than 10 years.

Held and board members Cynthia Hanson and Kathleen Hirsman have supported the new sequence.

During the discussion of the program of studies for 2022-23, Waters questioned the inclusion of earth science in the classes and wondered why the district was following Next Generation Science Standards if they are not mandatory. He also noted the PCB sequence ignores the College Board's recommendation that honors biology should be taken before AP biology.

After listening to an explanation from Chris Covino, assistant superintendent for academics, Waters asked again about Next Generation standards versus College Board standards.

Held said Waters was holding the College Board to a higher standard and ignoring the experiences at South, where students have been successful and enrolled in S.T.E.M. majors in college.

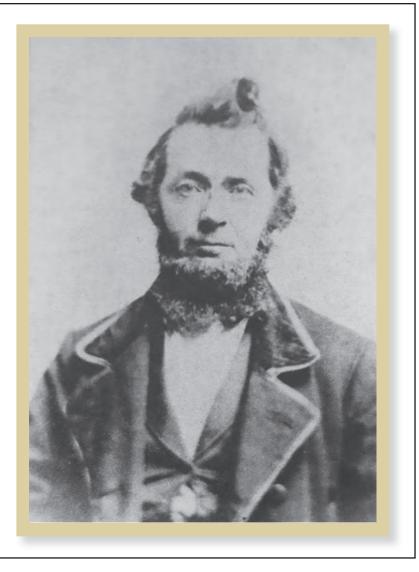
"We cannot preference Hinsdale Central over Hinsdale South," Held said. "They have to be equal in our minds when we're making decisions.

"What I heard is Central wants this, so let's slap South in the face and say, 'They've been doing it wrong,' " he added.

"I definitely did not say that," Waters responded. "What I've always maintained is that BCP straight up vanilla, without the swirl of earth science, and physics first, these are both phenomenal tracks. To quote Principal Pokorny ... it works for you guys, right? BCP can work for our district as well, all students in the district, as I maintained publicly. You're incorrect. I never said one thing about pro-Central, anti-South. Don't put those words in my mouth."

ONCE UPON A TIME

Early settler -Benjamin Fuller came by horseback from New York State in 1834 looking for a place to make his home. He eventually settled on Brush Hill, just north of Ogden Avenue and west of York Road. According to Sandy Williams' "Images book, of America Hinsdale," he was "one of the area's earliest settlers, gradually purchased most of the land in the central community. Serving over the years as farmer, storekeeper, innkeeper, and postmaster, he platted the town and changed its name from Brush Hill to Fullersburg."



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NEWS

Treasures to be found in Hinsdale shops

HJWC president finds gifts to keep friends, family warm and happy over the holidays

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

Hinsdale's Michelle Riley is looking forward to the start of the holiday season.

She and her family will be at the Hinsdale Christmas Walk Friday night. Then, on Sunday, she'll don her holiday leggings to run in the 5K Jingle Dash. This is the inaugural year for the fundraiser, sponsored by the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club.

Riley, a public relations specialist, went to her first Juniors meeting shortly after she was transferred to Chicago from LA in 2003 and a friend suggested they join together. The friend backed out, but Riley enjoyed the group.

"This was a great thing, an outlet for me to get to know people in town that I wouldn't get to meet otherwise," she said.

Riley is now in a new job (senior vice president, public relations leader at Merge) and is no longer just a member of Juniors. She's the club president.

December is a busy month for Juniors, which will present holiday gifts Dec. 11 to more than 300 clients of HCS Family Services during its Gifts of the Season event at Grace Episcopal Church.

A few weeks later, Riley will celebrate the holidays with family. She said she's looking



The perfect gift for a kid who collects nutcrackers is - another nutcracker! This one from Yankee Peddler will make Michelle Riley's son, Tom, quite happy this Christmas. (Jim Slonoff photos)

forward to creating some down time in the midst of the hectic season — "being able to take a minute to relax and enjoy time with family."

She visited 13 stores with The Hinsdalean Monday, picking out items that would make great gifts for friends and family for this article, the second in a four-part series on holiday gift ideas available from Hinsdale merchants.

Next week's shopper is Danielle Tusk, president of the Hinsdale Auxiliary of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago.

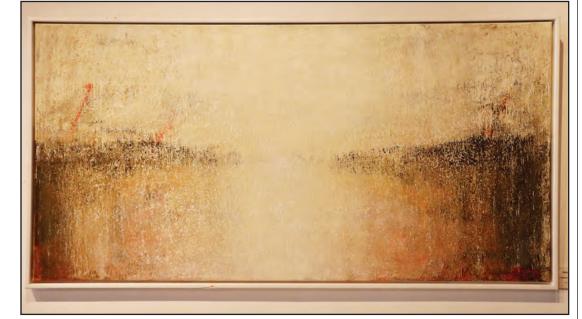
- a Coffee Club subscription, with a 12-ounce bag of regular coffee, a 12-ounce bag of special origin of the month coffee and a 4-ounce bag of blended coffee each month, is perfect for her coffee-loving sister-in-law, also named Michelle Riley. "She and her husband are very adventurous in their coffee. They love trying new things," she said. Café la Fortuna, \$34.99 a
- a 500-piece Ohio State puzzle will keep her motherin-law, Jean, busy on long

winter days. Hinsdale News Agency, \$19.99

- Riley's 11-year-old son, Tom, has two interests represented on his wish list: sports and Christmas decorations. The silver and blue nutcracker with faux fur-trimmed cape and hat is the perfect addition to his collection. Yankee Peddler, \$49.95
- Seattle weather makes Mackage's "Cory" waterproof champagne bomber with a removable blue fox fur hood, insulated waist pockets and rib knit hems a great choice for step-mom Nancy. Sweet William, \$890
- a letter "C" studded with diamonds (.10 carats) on a 16- to 18-inch adjustable chain will add a little sparkle to 9-year-old daughter Caitlin's Christmas outfit. Karat Jewelery Group, \$390
- a holiday sampler with Chex mix, mixed nuts, chocolate-covered almonds and Reindeer Crunch popcorn is the perfect gift for fellow exec board members of HJWC. Toni Patisserie & Cafe, \$23.95
- sister Lesley, who just moved back after working in a government job in Qatar, can snuggle up in a gray and navy faux fur adjustable scarf. "She hasn't seen cold weather in a long time," Riley said.

 J.McLaughlin, \$78

- any hostess would be thrilled to receive a 6-inch double-stemmed speckled white and plum orchid, which will retain its beauty long after the holidays are over. Phillip's Flowers and Gifts, \$99.95
- a black-handcrafted chiffon halter-style "Winona" midi dress, with a rainbow metallic clip dot motif, elegant high neckline and adjustable self-tie belt, will make a statement wherever Riley wears it this holiday season. Lepa Boutique, \$450
- best friend Megan can cozy up in an animal print ivory and blush Newbury Kustom blanket. "She's another Seattle girl," Riley said. Alixandra Blue, \$66
- step-dad John will enjoy some healthy snacks — and some special treats — in a fruit basket with nuts and chocolate. The Fruit Store, \$100
- a soft, cranberry acrylic wrap with faux fox fur trim will keep Aunt Anne warm and fashionable over the holidays. Favorite, \$120
- Riley chose a Nikola Toplev acrylic titled "Landscape Bright Light" for her husband, Jim. The two are in "pandemic decor updating," she said with a laugh. Expressions Gallery of Fine Art, \$8,800



A Nikola Toplev acrylic painting from Expressions Gallery of Fine Art for husband Jim will help cure the couple's sense of fatigue with the art currently hanging on their walls.

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Ave.

On the draft agenda: public hearing on special use permit for 777 N. York Road (Premier Martial Arts), public meeting on 820 N. County Line Road (subdivision of lot), sign permit review for 40 S. Clay St. (Duly Health and Care), findings and recommendations on 36 E. Hinsdale Ave. (Performance Wealth Management) and 4 N. Washington St. (Chase Bank parking lot), schedule public hearing for 5837 S. Madison Street (Hinsdale Discount Tires and Automotive)

D181 sees two-day jump in new COVID-19 cases

Twenty-six Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 20 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported six new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 2,246, compared to 2,220 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital had 11 confirmed COVID-19 patients and no patients awaiting test results as of Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Hinsdale Central High School was closed last week and will not have an updated report until tomorrow, Dec. 3. In Community Consolidated Elementary District 181, 18 positive cases were reported Nov. 29-30, involving 16 students and two staff members.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 6.5 percent on Nov. 27, compared to 2.9 percent the previous week.

Illinois has administered more than 17.3 million doses of vaccines. An average of 46,599 doses are being administered daily, compared to about 63,199 last week.

The percentage of individuals fully vaccinated is almost 67.5 percent in DuPage County and about 69.6 percent in the 60521 ZIP code.

Police alert residents of recent burglaries

Hinsdale police officers responded to a home in the 200 block of East Walnut at 9:41 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, after the homeowner reported that a suspicious vehicle had pulled into the driveway. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle as it was leaving the area but it fled at a high rate of speed. Officers pursued the vehicle southbound on Interstate 294 to the Stevenson Expressway where they lost sight of the vehicle in traffic.

Hinsdale police also are investigating a residential burglary that occurred in the 500 block of North York Road last week. The front door to the home was pried open and, after the report was filed, the homeowner discovered jewelry had been taken.

Police believe both of these cases are related and remind residents to set their alarms and immediately dial 9-1-1 if they observe a suspicious vehicle or person.







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NEWS

Trustees consider budget for year ahead

Spending plan for 2022 higher than 2021, more revenue expected from property, sales tax

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale trustees have signaled their support for an \$18.4 million operating budget for 2022.

At Tuesday night's village board meeting, trustees reviewed the draft spending plan for the upcoming year, which is an increase of \$623,449, or 3.5 percent, over the 2021 budget.

About half of the spending — \$9.06 million — goes to staff salary and benefits, according to officials. Village manager Kathleen Gargano said a spate of recent departures pushed up those costs in the short-term.

"We've had some long-term employees retire, and with that we have payouts for their vacation balances and things like that, and they are significant," Gargano said.

Fewer such retirements are expected in the next several years.

In her budget presentation,

finance director Andrea Lambert told trustees that revenues are projected to be \$21.4 million, an increase of just over \$1 million, or 5 percent, from 2021. She reported that 37.6 percent of that money comes from property taxes through the annual levy, which is expected to yield about \$152,000 more than last year.

"Of the levy, 73.5 percent goes to police and fire protection," Lambert said.

Village President Tom Cauley noted that the village receives just 7 percent of a resident's total property tax bill.

"Eighty percent of the property tax goes to the school districts," Cauley stressed. "We are not a substantial taker of property tax."

Another 19 percent of village revenue comes from sales and use tax. Lambert said a recent change in Illinois law passing along online sales proceeds to municipalities has been helpful.

"This change has been very profitable for Hinsdale due to the volume of online shopping that's occurring," Lambert said. "Amazon and DoorDash and GrubHub, all of those are now showing up on our sales tax returns."

The village also will receive the second half of its \$2.4 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds in 2022.

About \$3.85 million in spending is earmarked for street and other improvements under the master infrastructure plan. The Garfield Street reconstruction is the single most expensive project at an estimated \$2.8 million. Annual street resurfacing will cost \$615,000, and \$38,400 will be used for the pedestrian bridge over the Tri-State Tollway along 47th Avenue.

In the capital improvement category, the envisioned \$1.84 million in expenses includes \$580,000 for roof repairs to the police and fire stations, \$248,000 for a public services vehicle replacements, \$150,000 for historic downtown streetscapes

and outdoor dining improvements and \$167,000 for pool improvements and maintenance. Grants are expected to cover \$225,000 in Highland Train Station upgrades and \$200,000 in pedestrian walkway improvements to the parking deck.

In the budget report, officials are projecting a nearly \$1.29 million surplus as the 2021 fiscal year comes to a close.

"This variance is attributed the operating revenues significantly outperforming estimates" by nearly \$1.5 million, the report stated.

Lambert said the 2022 draft budget also anticipates the village exceeding its target reserves of 25 percent of total spending, a mark critical to maintaining a AAA bond rating.

"We project an ending general fund balance of \$5.48 million, which is equal to 29.8 percent of budgeted operating expenses," noted Lambert, saying that includes pre-COVID-19 spend-

ing on infrastructure and capital improvements.

Gargano said officials recommend keeping that 4 to 5 percent cushion in reserves until 2022 unfolds.

"We can make additional transfers to the MIP or use it in other ways if it's determined to be a good decision at that time," she said

Cauley said that was prudent while also expressing a desire to lower reserves to 25 percent, which represents about \$800,000, as soon as is responsible.

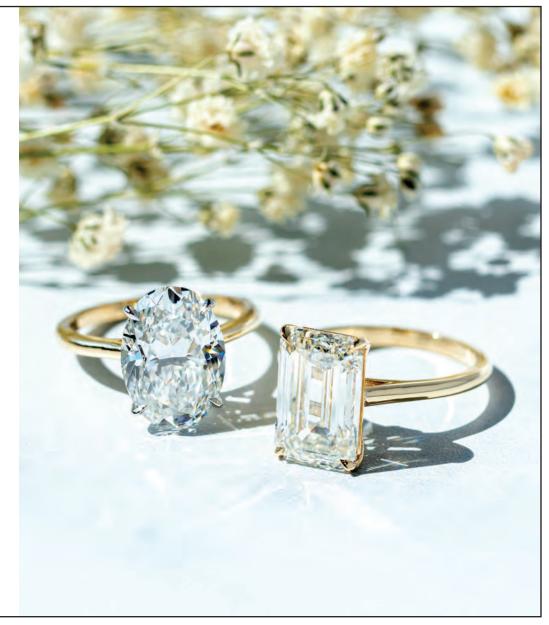
"Maybe halfway through the year, if we're trending on budget or favorable to budget, we take a look at the reserve balance and see if we can deploy some of those monies to some use," he said. "I don't want to end with a 35 percent balance if we only need 25 to satisfy the rating agencies."

The budget is expected to be approved by trustees at their Dec. 14 meeting.





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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police released the following reports Nov. 30.

DUI arrest

Mohammed M. Ghouse, 47, 632 Justina St., Hinsdale, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to reduce speed to avoid a crash at 8:34 p.m. Nov. 23 in the 700 block of South Garfield Avenue. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Warrant arrests

- Jorge Luis Chavez, 42, 819 N. 12th Ave., Melrose Park, was apprehended by Hinsdale police when they were dispatched to a property damage crash at 6:25 a.m. Nov. 24 in the 400 block of West Ogden Avenue. He was taken into custody by Rosemont police, who had an active arrest warrant on him.
- Arnold E. Zavala, 31, 532 E. Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, was apprehended by Hinsdale police on an active arrest warrant from the Will County Sheriff's Office at 11:36 p.m. Nov. 28 at Interstate 294 and Ogden Avenue. He was a passenger in a car driven by Priscilla S. Johnson, 31, 1409 Carriage Lane, Bolingbrook, who was arrested for driving with a suspended license and transporting open alcohol. She was charged and released to appear in court. Zavala was taken to DuPage County Jail for warrant service.

Christmas trees stolen

Six Christmas trees valued at about \$200 each were stolen from the tree lot at Fuller's Hardware, 35 E. First St., between midnight Nov. 20 and 9 a.m. Nov. 22.

Driver leaves scene of crash

Police were dispatched to a rollover accident involving four vehicles at 8:04 a.m. Nov. 23 at Route 83 and Ogden Avenue and were told by witnesses that the offending driver fled the scene, leaving behind the vehicle's front bumper and license plate. Police contacted the vehicle owner, who had reported her vehicle was stolen to Lyons police.

Driver flees from police

Police attempted to stop a known suspect for a speeding violation at 12:52 a.m. Nov. 22 at Route 83 and 55th Street. The suspect increased speed and fled. Charges are pending.

Burglar breaks into home

Someone broke through the front door of a home in the 500 block of York Road between 10 a.m. Nov. 18 and 3:16 p.m. Nov. 24 and rummaged through the inside. The victim was not home during the time of the burglary, and nothing of value was observed missing.

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.

Five charges against **Dubrovay** are dropped

Five charges against Jamie J. Dubrovay of Hinsdale related to a May 22, 2020, incident were dropped when no complaining witness appeared at a Nov. 10 hearing in DuPage County Circuit Court.

Dubrovay, 38 S. Madison

St., Hinsdale, was charged with two counts of domestic battery, one count of criminal trespass to vehicles, one count of theft less than \$500 and one count of interfering with the reporting of domestic violence.









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60 SECONDS

"I was excited. Then they told us about the judges and how formal it had to be, and it was pretty scary." — Blaze Burt

Seventh-grader displays command of U.S. heritage

Pop quiz: Where was the Declaration of Independence adopted? What amendment to the U.S. Constitution instituted the national income tax? What number president was Calvin Coolidge?

If you need to phone a friend, Hinsdale's Blaze Burt would be a wise choice. Blaze, 12, honed his civics knowledge this fall preparing for The Coolidge Citizenship Challenge, designed to encourage young people's scholarship in U.S. history, our democratic system, domestic geography and more.

The Hinsdale Middle School seventh-grader rose to the challenge, placing second among his sixth- to eighthgrade peers from around the country by correctly answering questions like those presented.

"I like social studies, and I kind of like trivia and facts and stuff," Blaze said.

His exploration of America's underpinnings began after his dad heard about the inaugural national contest, sponsored by The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation. Blaze entered the virtual preliminary round in September. "They give us 108 questions in a packet, and we had to answer some of those," he said. "There was an extra credit opportunity where you had to recite (from memory) an excerpt from one of Calvin Coolidge's speeches."

He advanced him to the finals on Veterans Day in Washington, D.C., one of six to earn the trip. The content would be the same, but the environment was a bit more imposing, with Blaze dressed in suit and tie fielding rapid-fire questions from three sitting federal judges.

"I was excited. Then they told us about the judges and how formal it had to be, and it was pretty scary," he related.

The experience even included a private tour of the Supreme Court for contestants. At the awards ceremony, Blaze was announced in third place but given the second-place prize of \$300.

"Like 30 minutes later they realized they messed it up and had to switch the medals," he said.

President from 1923-29, Coolidge's ascension to the highest office actually happened while he was serving as vice president to President



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Warren Harding and on a summer visit to his parents in Vermont. Coolidge learned that Harding had died, and his father, John, a notary public, officiated the transfer of power in the wee hours of Aug. 3.

"The fact that his dad swore him in was kind of cool," Blaze said. "And the fact that he's the only president born on the Fourth of July is kind of cool, too."

For his memorized recitation, Blaze chose a letter written by Coolidge, an equal

opportunity champion, in response to a New York resident's outrage at the possibility of a Black man being nominated as candidate for Congress.

"Our Constitution guarantees equal rights to all our citizens, without discrimination on account of race or color," Coolidge asserted. "I have taken my oath to support that Constitution. I propose to regard it, and administer it, as the source of the rights of all the people, whatever their belief or race."

Blaze relished getting into character.

"I liked acting like I was Calvin Coolidge," he said. Incidentally, the quiz

Incidentally, the quiz answers (in order) are Philadelphia at the Second Continental Congress, the 16th Amendment and the 30th president.

Does Blaze want to occupy the Oval Office one day?

"Maybe," he said, before hedging. "It would be a lot of work."

— story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Hinsdale has everything shoppers could want

If there's ever been a time to look locally for your holiday shopping purchases, this year seems to be it.

With the volatility of COVID-19 encouraging a stay-close-to-home vibe again and supply chain challenges playing havoc with the broader marketplace, a quick and easy trip to a village merchant to handpick a unique item for someone special is a pretty inviting option.

Hinsdale businesses offer a range of merchandise for the whole family — and extended family. Perhaps you've already learned that from this year's edition of our gift guide series (find part two on Page 5).

Here are some more advantages to patronizing small businesses nearby:

- Cut your drive time by staying in town. Hinsdale's central business district, and Grant and Gateway squares are just minutes away to accommodate a quick shopping trip when those free moments present themselves.
- Parking availability got a big boost with the addition of the downtown deck. It certainly beats circling the mall lot, then having

to spend more energy hiking through the lot han you do hunting for gifts.

- Hinsdale merchants delight in serving their customers, eager to knowledgeably answer questions or offer suggestions, if needed. Plus if there's cause to follow up, it's reassuring to have that personal connection to expedite a solution.
- If you've got a little time, treat yourself to a service at one of the village's spas or salons. Or enjoy a delicious meal with a special dining partner at one of the many and diverse eateries in town. Your psyche and/or your stomach will thank you.
- Your village relies on local sales tax and food and beverage tax revenue to operate its services, maintain the roads and sewer and water systems, and provide wonderful park facilities to enjoy. And it helps the local economy, too. Studies show that for every \$100 spent locally, about \$70 stays right at home.
- Retailers are also often Hinsdale area residents, and most depend on the weeks leading up to Christmas for a considerable portion of their annual sales. To have a vibrant local

business community, we have to give them business. That, in turn, attracts patrons from outside the village who want to experience its charm and energy.

- Buying online has the danger of "Buyer Beware." In-person shopping affords you the chance to see, touch, smell even taste in some instances before you buy.
- Local business owners are also typically local philanthropists, donating to nonprofits in different ways to furnish hope and joy for local residents.
- Small local businesses are the largest employers nationwide and are particularly great sources for young residents to get their first working experience close to home.
- Hinsdale's historic downtown is a kind of open-air museum, filled with preserved, character-filled buildings that tell a story and welcome visitors to add to theirs.

So take in the lights, soak in the Christmas Walk tomorrow (see story on Page 17), bring the kids to see Santa and ride a horse-drawn wagon on Dec. 11 and 18, and make Hinsdale your shopping home for the holidays.

COMMENTARY

Story time a treasured part of Christmases past

From the moment I realized Dan and I would have only one child, I've worked very hard to not be too nostalgic about Ainsley growing up.

I've heard parents talk about the last diaper they will change, the last first day of preschool, the last elementary school concert they will attend. With just one child, every time a stage ends, it's the last time. I was so determined not to get caught up in looking back that I forgot to pay attention to the present.

I think I've been fairly successful. But I find the older Ainsley gets — and the older I get — I have trouble avoiding nostalgia, especially at the holidays.

I find myself scrolling through photos on my phone, looking for pictures of a younger Ainsley at Christmastime. I love the ones of her on Christmas Eve at the 900 North Michigan building, standing in front of the giant tree, with her cup of hot chocolate at breakfast or visiting with Santa. My favorite is of her sitting on

Santa's lap when she was 6. She's wearing my favorite Christmas outfit, a plaid skirt and a T-shirt depicting an adorable reindeer with a matching plaid bow. Santa is reading the letter she wrote him. It's nothing short of adorable.

I have to confess I

miss dressing her up in little outfits and putting bows in her hair. I miss watching Christmas episodes of her favorite TV shows like "Little Bear" or "Franklin." Most of all, I miss reading Christmas stories to

her each night before bed. I had several favorites that I enjoyed at least as much as she

My cousin sent her a book called "Humphrey's First Christmas" when she was just 2. The story tells of a camel named Humphrey who is traveling with a caravan of three kings. Humphrey is quite displeased with the journey, what with his missing blanket



Pamela Lannom

and the heavy chests he has to carry. But when the group reaches Bethlehem and he catches his first glimpse of the baby shivering in the manager, his attitude changes and he is overwhelmed by love. This simple story by Carol Heyer, who also created the wonderful illustrations, always helped me remember what

me remember what Christmas is really all about.

"Olive the Other Reindeer," which I first discovered years ago when my best friend's daughters were little, is another favorite. Olive is living the contented life of a dog when she hears the popular Christmas carol and comes to the conclusion that she must be a reindeer. She has quite an adventure traveling to the North Pole, joining Santa's team and helping to save Christmas.

"Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree" is the sweet story of a tootall Christmas tree and the joy even the smallest tree can bring to any household.

"The Quiltmaker's Gift" is not really a Christmas story, but its message about the joy of giving and what's really important in life — along with beautiful illustrations — make it a holiday favorite for me.

And, of course, I can't forget, "The Night Before Christmas." I loved the drawings in Ainsley's board book. They reminded me of my own childhood, when I tried to learn the poem by heart and always was tripped up by "As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, when they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky."

I might suggest a family reading night to revisit these childhood favorites, but I doubt it will meet with her approval. If I'm lucky, she'll agree to watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas," just to humor me. I'll take it.

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

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

Rescuing Josh a challenging task

I think we surprised ourselves when we got another dog right away. Cody had been gone only one week when I started looking at Siberian husky rescue sites.

"Only for fun," I promised my husband.

But the empty backyard and quiet house were too much. I couldn't sleep, so I'd wander the house at night, looking for my dog that I hoped maybe, just maybe, I'd find asleep on the living room couch.

We had a small plaque in our kitchen that my son bought in Texas. It read, "A house is not a home without a husky."

Looking at that decoration every day was my sign. We needed another dog.

I contacted a privately run husky rescue outside Chicago. We filled out the application, gave references and waited for a call.

When we arrived, I felt uneasy. Unlike other rescues, we couldn't go inside to meet the dogs. Instead, a volunteer brought the dogs outside. We met three and picked Josh. A beautiful silver husky, half Cody's size.

Josh was found wandering the streets of Milwaukee, picked up by animal control and unclaimed, soon put on doggie death row. A kind worker called the rescue. And that's all we knew about Josh.

His first night I stayed next to him. But Josh didn't sleep. His ears were pricked, his head up all night. Slowly he adapted and began fol-



Lisa Seplak

lowing me everywhere. I'd never had a Velcro dog before.

But Josh's adjustment didn't last. Three weeks later he bit my dad. Not breaking flesh, just a nasty bruise. But I didn't want Josh sent to Cook County

Animal Control, so I contacted the rescue, which recommend a dog trainer.

"He's got to go," was the trainer's assessment. I knew she was right. "I'm warning you. The rescue won't want him back."

I called the rescue and left dozens of messages explaining that Josh wasn't working out. But my calls weren't returned. Poor Josh was constantly pacing in Cody's old crate. I let him out when no one was home, still a sweet Velcro boy. But that was the problem, he only loved me.

When I finally brought Josh back to the rescue, I did it alone. I knew it would be bad. Mean words yelled to me by rescue staff. Ugly crying from me. Josh sitting patiently beside me, unaware. When Josh finally had to leave me, he braced himself. He wouldn't budge. He was carried back.

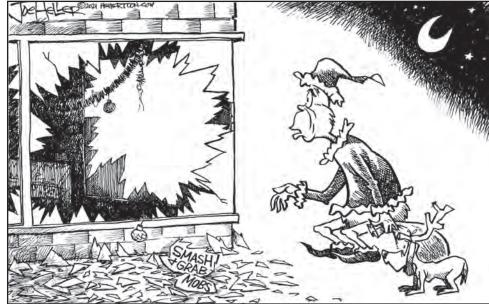
I drove home and uncorked a bottle of red.

Then my husband began checking the rescue's site to check on Josh. Days later, he was back up for adoption, adopted, returned. Six months later he was adopted again, this time for good.

— Lisa Seplak of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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OBITUARIES

Mayme Saxer Andrews

Mayme Saxer Andrews, 93, passed away Nov. 25, 2021.

Mayme was born and raised in Hinsdale. She was raised in the Lutheran church and was a lifelong member, serving on many committees and singing in the choir over many years.

Mayme and her husband, Jerry, raised their three children, Audrey, Karen and Scott, in Prospect Heights. In 1984, Mayme and Jerry retired to Hot Springs Village, Ark.

Mayme traveled to all 50 states, plus 37 countries and has been a Global Volunteer in Poland, Spain, China and Cook Island. She was an avid golfer, gardener, seamstress and family historian and an expert in calligraphy.

In 2013, Mayme moved to Brookdale Retirement Community in Glen Ellyn, to be close to her family. At Brookdale, Mayme enjoyed her friends, the staff and the Brookdale



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singing Meadowlarks.

She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, passion for education and travel, and unconditional love for her family

Mayme was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, in 1985.

She is survived by her sister, Charlene Hassel; her two daughters, Audrey (John) McCombs and Karen (Ken)

Busse; her son, Scott Andrews; her seven grandchildren; and her five great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 11, at Williams-Kampp Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton.

A memorial service will follow at noon at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Youth Investment Foundation, P.O. Box 316, Medinah, MN 55340 or a charity of choice.

Martha M. Patterson

Martha M. Patterson, 68, of Burr Ridge, formerly of Hinsdale, passed peacefully with her family at her side on Nov. 26, 2021.

Marty was born in Muncie, Ind., in 1953 to Paul H. and Muriel M. Patterson, the youngest of six children.

She attended St Lawrence Catholic School, Muncie Central High School and Ball State University, where she received her degree in accounting. She was a practicing CPA for many years.

She moved to the greater Chicago area and became an active member of the Hinsdale United Methodist Church. Marty loved the ballet and was a supporter of the Joffrey

Ballet.

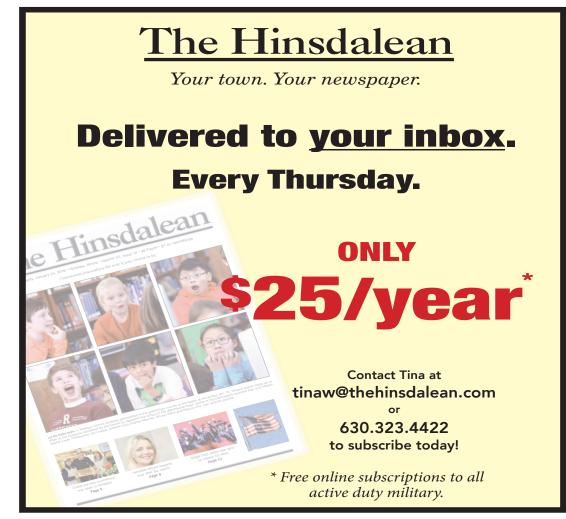
She is survived by her longtime companion. Ronald L. McDaniel; her two sisters, Carole Mercer and Patricia Shingeldecker; and several nieces and nephews.

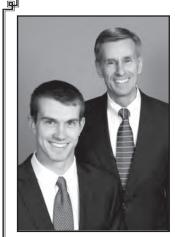
She was preceded in death by her parents and her three siblings.

Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Dec. 2, at the Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook.

A service will follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter K.N., 5750 S. Monroe St., Hinsdale, IL 60521.





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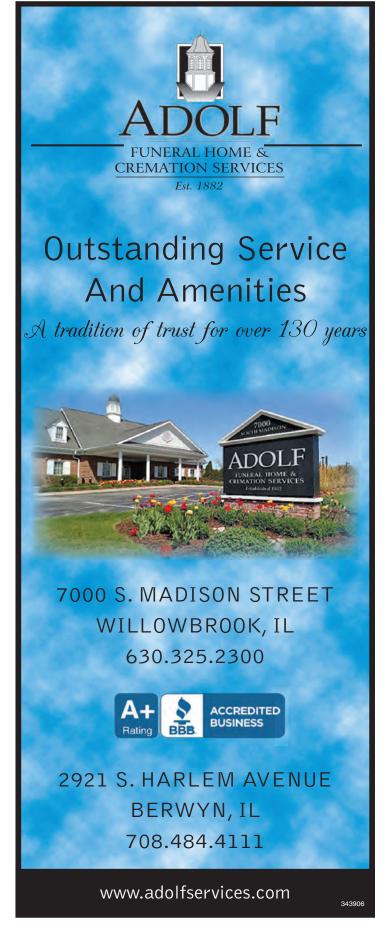
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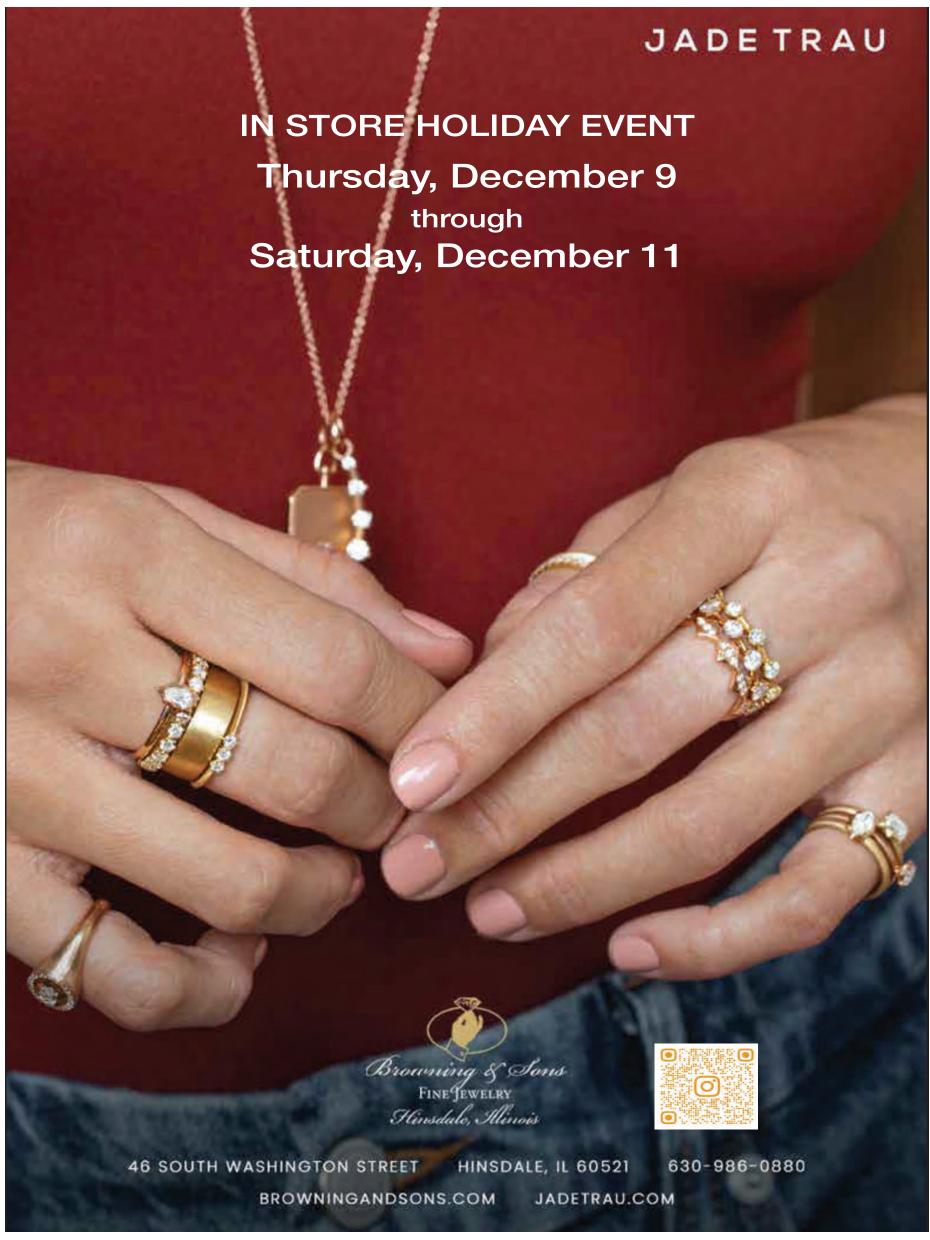
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AGENT PROFILE

JAMIE QUINN, D'APRILE PROPERTIES

Jamie Quinn got her start in real estate seven years ago, but selling Hinsdale to homebuyers is something she's been preparing for her whole life.

"There's probably no one who would know Hinsdale better," said Quinn, who was raised in Hinsdale and returned to her hometown two years ago to raise her family and grow her career in real estate.

She and husband Thomas brought their two daughters to Hinsdale in 2019. Among other things, Quinn said she enjoys walks to downtown, introducing her 115-pound yellow lab to neighbors and weekend date nights at Nabuki.

"It's the best decision we have ever made," Quinn said of the choice to leave Chicago for life back in the suburbs. "It's a great place to raise a family.'

She also has never regretted her decision to leave a successful corporate job for the life of a real estate agent.

"I went all in and never looked back," said Quinn, who was driven to her new career by her love of real estate and a desire to be her own boss.

As an agent with D'Aprile Properties, Quinn said she has a full team of professionals supporting her from listing to closing and beyond. From marketing experts to home inspectors and contractors, Quinn said she has tools at her fingertips to meet every customer's needs.

Those needs, however, can vary greatly. While some might need to be close to the train, others are looking for more space or a yard for their growing family.

"Every single client I work with has a different need or want," Quinn noted. She said she loves the challenge of finding the right home for every client.

"That's where the fun part comes in. I just dive in," she said.

With inventory at a minimum, it's a seller's market in Hinsdale. Quinn said buyers who rely on the MLS alone are unlikely to find what they're looking for. That's where Quinn's relationships and networking come in. Through her involvement with the Hinsdale Historical Society, the Hinsdale Junior Women's Club and other organizations, she said she often learns of available properties before they hit the market.

"I'm very involved in the town," she said.

Rather than wait for the holiday season to pass, Quinn said she encourages buyers and sellers to remain active throughout December and January. Buyers will likely face less competition, and sellers know that those who are shopping through the holidays are serious about buying.

She tells her sellers to go ahead with holiday decorations.

"They make the house look homey," she said, and help potential buyers picture themselves gathered around the tree or in front of the fire.

Quinn also advises against waiting for the current market to settle back to what once was thought to be normal.

"Homes are going to continue to appreciate, so if you're on the sideline waiting for things to cool down, you may be waiting for some time," Quinn said.

In the meantime, today's low interest rates could inch higher. Those who wait, she said, could end up spending more money and paying more for their mortgage.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Real estate agent Jamie Quinn, who knows Hinsdale as a child growing up here and as a parent raising kids her, said she enjoyed helping family members and friends find homes even before she got her license. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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Salt Creek Ballet brings magic back to Central







The Salt Creek Ballet performed "The Nutcracker" Sunday afternoon at Hinsdale Central. Kylie Norman and Samantha Leddy are senior members of the Salt Creek Ballet. Bursting out from beneath Mother Ginger are Aubrey Doty and Stella Ryan, who performed as two of the Bon Bons. Nicole Ciapponi and Aaron Renteria are guest artists from the Joffrey Ballet, appearing as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. The company will perform "The Nutcracker" over the next two weekends at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts and McAninch Arts Center. (Jim Slonoff photos)





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Talk a walk on the Yule side

Step into the season at the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Christmas Walk

By Ken Knutson

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Get in your Yuletide spirit and join the Hinsdale Christmas Walk from 5 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 3, throughout downtown Hinsdale.

The 55th annual Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce event is returning, like so many activities, after last year's interruption due to COVID-19 concerns. Eva Field, the chamber's president and CEO, said there was a lot of disappointment at having to cancel the 2020 edition.

"We were going to try and move forward with it but at the last minute we had to quarantine Cookie," she quipped, referencing the walk's gingerbread man mascot.

Families were still able to meet Santa in Burlington Park, but in a socially distanced arrangement.

This year, Field is expecting the holiday revelers to turn out en masse.

"I'm expecting big, big crowds for sure," she exclaimed.

Those who attend will be treated to all the favorite attractions, like Cookie's Carousel at the intersection of First and Washington streets, the trackless Kiddie Express train on East Hinsdale Avenue, Cookie and Disney character Olaf greeting visitors, and strolling carolers.

And a number of shops will be open and booths set up along the street offering fun giveaways — "bling bling" as Field characterized it — and festive goodies.

"We've got a lot of street vendors and businesses that are setting up shop," Field said. "There will be a nice selection of things, like hot chocolate and a photo booth, so people can take a picture with a cardboard Santa."

Speaking of Santa, the man himself will arrive at promptly 5 p.m. in a fire truck at the Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave., to light the Christmas tree and kick off the evening, so make sure to be on time to witness that tradition

Field said the event will be even



Santa arrives at village hall in the bucket of Hinsdale's ladder truck in 2019 to light the Christmas tree and mark the start of the 2019 Christmas Walk. The walk returns tomorrow night to downtown Hinsdale after a one-year hiatus, with attractions for the whole family to enjoy. (file photo)

more pedestrian friendly this year than in the past.

"A lot of the streets are going to be closed for safety," she said, noting the new locations for he carousel and the trackless train. "We're trying to accommodate the crowds and spread it out."

And with Friday's temps forecast to be in the mid-40s with no rain, the expectation is for robust attendance.

"When it's a nice mild evening out there, people just come out," Field remarked.

She hopes people take advantage of the magical night.

"It's an opportunity for them to have a good time in the downtown and for merchants to welcome people in to shop," Field said.

For more information, visit

https://www.hinsdalechamber.com or call (630) 323-3952.

See Santa, ride a carriage

The village of Hinsdale is holding its traditional Holidays in Hinsdale activities on Saturdays, Dec. 11 and 18, in Burlington Park, 30 E. Chicago Ave.

Visitors can enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the downtown, then feed their creative side and their appetites by making festive gingerbread cookies. And don't forget to bring those Christmas wish lists because Santa will be welcoming his young fans during this special holiday event.

The activities take place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Visit

https://www.villageofhinsdale. org for more information.

North Pole is accepting mail

Hinsdale residents are invited to write a letter to Santa and receive a personal response back by placing the letter in Santa's Mailbox at Hinsdale Village Hall, 19 E. Maple St., between now and Dec. 15.

Children of residents may write a letter to Santa highlighting their holiday wishes or anything else they would like him to know in this free holiday program.

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■ Studio Vino: Wine and Paint Dec. 16

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FAMILY FUN

■ Busy Bags

Dec. 3 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. https://www.hinsdalelibrary. info (630) 986-1976

Pick up a December kit at the library containing fun activities and a treat to keep the family busy all month long. Kits will be available for in-house pick up. Hinsdale residents will be given priority. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ Blood Drive

Dec. 14 Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center 21 Salt Creek Lane https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

The American Red Cross will conduct this blood drive for volunteer donors to fulfill that need for patients in the community. Appointments are required. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. RR

GAME ON

■ Chicago Elite Volleyball Winter Break Camp

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Kids ages 6-14 can join this camp to learn about to the game of volleyball and con-

tinue to improve individual skills in the sport. The program develops important skills such as passing, setting, attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Developmentally appropriate equipment and games are used in a fun and positive environment. Players will be divided according to skill level and age and challenged accordingly. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$90. RR

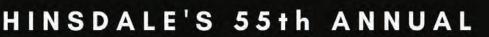
■ Soccer Made in America

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Six healthy eating strategies for the holidays

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost 1 in 2 U.S. adults have prediabetes (take a minute to check if you're at risk) or Type 2 diabetes. Now we're all about to enter that annual carb carnival of cookies, cakes, casseroles and eggnog - the holiday season.

This can be a challenging time of year if you have diabetes or prediabetes or are just trying to eat healthy. At home, at the office, at family gatherings, our heads are going to be dancing with visions of sugarplums and other confections piled high before us. But I bring tidings of comfort and joy: you can still celebrate the holidays to the fullest without having to eat like Tiny Tim! Just keep the following strategies in mind during your merry making.

Offer to host

When you host, you get to pick the dishes which means you can craft a low-carb three-course menu with a seasonal flair that everyone will enjoy (even if they have dietary needs of their own).

And if someone else insists on hosting, not to worry! Offer to bring a delicious low-carb side dish such as roasted vegetables tricolore, keto cauliflower stuffing with sausage or potato and cauliflower mash. Visit https://www. amitahealth.org/blog-articles/fitness-and-nutrition/ healthy-holiday-eating-strategies for recipes.

• Swap out processed

Many of us have seasonal family recipes we treasure, whether it's Mom's spritz cookies or Uncle Andrew's hamantaschen. It doesn't

feel like the holidays without them. Thankfully, with a few creative twists, on some old classics, you can still enjoy festive cheer without compromising your health goals — or your taste buds. Substitute sugar or processed carbs with fruit, almond flour and savory herbs in a variety of recipes available on the website listed above.

• Play with portions

Typically, it's not the food that should go on Santa's "naughty" list. It's how much of it we eat. Try these tricks for indulging in your favorites without overindulging.

Downsize your dinner plate. Instead of a full-size dinner plate, select the next size down. Preview your options



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before you start to fill your plate and prioritize the foods you like most. Start with the protein and vegetables. Fill half your plate with veggies, fill a quarter with your protein and then reserve the remaining quarter for whatever you like.

Take dessert in halves. Consider having half a Courtney Southwood slice of pie instead of a whole slice.

> Still hungry? Go back for a second helping of veggies.

Feast with focus

Eat normally beforehand. Don't "save up" for a big eat by going to the party hungry. All that does is disrupt your blood sugar, make you "hangry" and more likely to overeat.

Stay hydrated throughout. We often mistake thirst for hunger. The best way to ward off "false hunger" is to sip from a glass of water throughout the

Go out of your way to make conversation, which causes you to eat more slowly and gives your mind a chance to catch up to your stomach. It can take 20 minutes for our brains to realize we're full.

• Say "No" without saying "No" Maybe it's the Midwesterner in me, but I'm not always comfortable saying

And when I'm at a dinner party, I often feel compelled to try every dish to avoid giving offense to anyone.

If this sounds like you, too, I'm going to give you the advice I wish I had gotten sooner: it's not our job to please everyone, especially at our own expense. Your health must take priority over any anxieties about what others will think of you.

Luckily, we all know a lot of ways to say "no" without saying "no."

Keep it simple ("No thank you"), offer compliments about other qualities of the food ("It looks/smells amazing, but I just couldn't eat another bite!") or tell a white lie ("I had some — it was delicious!").

• Be kind to yourself

If you end up eating more than you intended, don't beat yourself up. It's easy to attach too much importance to everything we do during the holidays. Remember, it's only one day.

- Courtney Southwood is a practicing registered dietitian for Amita Health who specializes in weight management and pediatric nutrition.

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■ 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

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ Cross-Country Ski Seminar

Dec. 4 & 12 Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont https://www.fpdcc.com (630) 257-2045

Learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment — including classic, skating and telemark equipment and how to prepare for one's first cross-country skiing experience. Time: 9 a.m. RR

■ Winter Bird Watching

Dec 4 Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs https://www.fpdcc.com (708) 839-6897

Bundle up and bring a pair of binoculars on a bird watching hike along the trails. The program is for ages 10 and up. Limited binoculars will be available to borrow. Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ Cast-Iron Cooking

Dec. 4 Churchill Woods 21W200 Crescent Blvd., Glen https://www.dupageforest.org (630) 933-7248

Those ages 8 and up are invited to help prepare a hearty meal over an open campfire while learning tips for cooking with cast iron in this DuPage County Forest Preserve District program. Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. RR

■ Backyard Wild Dogs

Dec. 4

Willowbrook Wildlife Center 525 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn https://www.dupageforest.org (630) 942-6200

Coyotes have a fascinating natural history and play an important role in the environment. Learn how coyotes have become so successful in the Chicagoland area, and finish with a hike at sunset to hopefully hear these singing dogs. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 3 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$5.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Preventing and Managing Lymphedema

Dec. 7 https://www.wellnesshouse.

In this virtual Wellness House program, breast surgeon Dr. Rabia Bhatti of AMITA Resurrection Medical Center will talk about lymphedema, the swelling of arms after breast cancer surgery, and share insights why the condition develops, how it can be prevented, ways to recognize it early and treat it, and common myths regarding the condition. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Improving Intimacy after **Cancer Treatment**

Dec. 9 https://www.wellnesshouse.

Jeffrey Albaugh, PhD, and nurse practioner Angelica Kozlowski of Northshore University Health System will discuss common sexual problems associated with cancer treatment and provide tips on how to improve intimacy, sex and one's relationship in this virtual program. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ Winter Break Scavenger Hunt

Dec. 20-31 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. https://www.hinsdalelibrary. (630) 986-1976

Visit the library to find the hidden pictures, solve the puzzle and win a prize. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ Delights of the Tallgrass

https://www.mortonarb.org Make a cup of hot tea, snuggle under a warm afghan and join prairie steward and writer Cindy Crosby for this interactive online immersion into the tallgrass prairie in winter. See the aesthetic beauty of the snow-covered grasses and wildflowers in cold weather through colorful images of winter on the prairies. Follow animal tracks to see what creatures are out and about and learn how birds, pollinators, and mammals use winter prairie plants. Then listen as Crosby shares brief readings about the prairie in winter that will engage your creativity and nourish your soul. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$17. RR, MD

■ Kitchen Tech: Knives Out

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

Learn about the most important tool in the kitchen, including using the most common knives, which ones to use when chopping, slicing or dicing, what to look for in buying a knives and how best to care for them. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ DuPage Community Jazz **Ensemble**

Dec. 3 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn https://www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

The ensemble will perform from its repertoire that spans more than a century of large jazz ensemble compositions, including original work from members of the ensemble. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

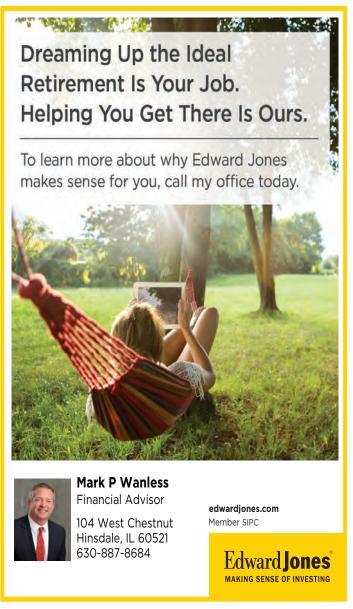
■ DuPage Chorale

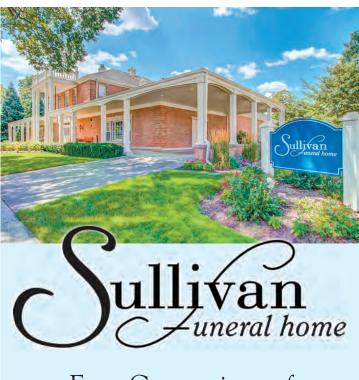
Dec. 5 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn https://www.atthemac.org (630) 942-4000

The vocal group will perform its Fall Repertoire featuring Schubert's Mass in G, Bob Chilcott's "Song my Heart Has Taught Me" and Canadian favorites. The DuPage Chorale Orchestra will accompany. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17, \$15 for seniors, \$7 for students.

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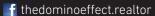
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■ 'She Loves Me'

Dec. 3-5 Hinsdale United Methodist Church 945 S Garfield St.

https://www.bamtheatre.com

BAMtheatre's Conservatory Ensemble will perform this double-cast production set in a 1930s European perfumery. Shop clerks Amalia and Georg, unbeknownst to the other, both respond to a "lonely hearts advertisement" in the newspaper and live for the love letters that they exchange. But the identity of their admirers remains unknown. Be entertained by all the twists and turns as they discover their true loves. Times: 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 4, 2 p.m. Dec. 5. Tickets: \$20 plus fees.

■ 'Shrek The Musical'

Dec. 11-12 & 17-19 Theatre of Western Springs 4384 Hampton Ave. https://theatreofwesternsprings.com (708) 246-4043

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, this fairy tale adventure features all the beloved characters from the film about an unlikely hero, Shrek, who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess. Patrons need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination to enter the building. See the website above for more details on COVID-19 protocols. Times: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 3 and 7 p.m. Sundays (no 7 p.m. show Dec. 19), 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17. Tickets: \$15, \$12 for ages 18 and under.

RUNS & WALKS

■ Jingle Dash 5k Community Walk/Run

Dec. 5
Robbins Park
Seventh and Vine streets,
Hinsdale
https://www.runsignup.
com/Race/IL/Hinsdale/
JuniorsJingleDash

The Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club Education Committee is holding this inaugural event as a fundraiser for college scholarships for area high school students. The event will feature post-race snacks and a photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Participants are invited to dress in their most festive holiday gear. Time: 8 a.m. Cost: \$45; kids in strollers are free. RR

SIGN UP NOW

■ Cat café

Dec. 6 Hinsdale Humane Society 21 Salt Creek Lane https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org

This safe, socially distanced program allows for mingling

with shelter cats and kittens in the Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center's Elinor & Jake Brickman Education Center. Beverages and snacks will be provided. There's a limit of 20 attendees per session. Time: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$10. RR

■ Next Chapter Book Club

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

This program is for anyone 16 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities, regardless of reading ability. The goal of this club is to read an entire novel by taking turns reading aloud. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ Hinsdale and World War II

Dec. 7 opening Hinsdale History Museum 15 S. Clay St. (630) 789-2600

The Hinsdale Historical
Society will present the exhibit
"Remembering Pearl Harbor
& WWII, Hinsdale's Efforts
at Home & Abroad," showing the faces and describing
the efforts of the hundreds
of Hinsdaleans who either
served abroad or supported the

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COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Hinsdalean is proud to once again publish the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Community Guide. The 2022 guide brings your business home to Hinsdale. And, it gives you the opportunity to keep delivering your message for an entire year. The guide will be posted on the chamber's website at **hinsdalechamber.com**. The publication contains useful information about village government, schools and nonprofit agencies and a list of chamber members. With its focus on the village, the guide is a great place to reach Hinsdale and beyond. Distribution includes every home in town plus additional copies for chamber distribution.

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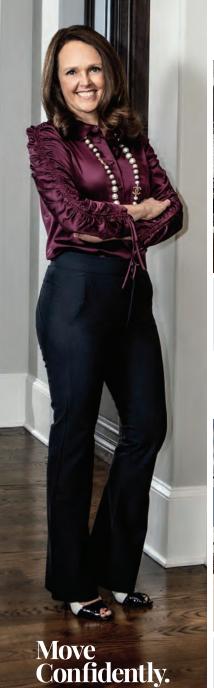


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Pet pic of the week

Honeydew is a mixed breed dog who is ready to meet her forever family. She would do well with kids 5 and older. She's a sweet and adorable 3-year-old whose adoption fee is \$250. The Hinsdale Humane Society Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center has re-opened to the public. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays and 1 to 8 Wednesdays. p.m. 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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cause from home through a nationally recognized canning organization and scrap metal drives. An open house is set for 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 7, with snacks available and comments at 7 p.m. The exhibit was created with the help of Hinsdale American Legion Post 250 and will remain up through the spring. Hours: 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays in December, and by appointment.

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Teen DIY Soap Making

Dec. 8 Hinsdale Public Library 20 E. Maple St. https://www.hinsdalelibrary. info (630) 986-1976

Make some homemade soap for yourself or to give as a gift. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. RR

■ HPL Teen Book Club

Dec. 14 https://www.hinsdalelibrary. info (630) 986-1976 Avid readers are invited to join this Hinsdale Public Library group to discuss new and riveting YA books via Zoom. Copies of each month's title are available to be checked out from the Book Club Holds shelf. Time: 4 to 5 p.m.

WEE ONES

■ T-Ball Training Camp

Dec. 27-30 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale https://www.thecommunityhouse.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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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

■ Acappellago

Dec. 4 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook https://www/acappellago. org (708) 762-3140

Enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas with music reminiscent of handmade Christmas gifts, candles on the tree, togetherness and simple gatherings with friends and relatives. Time: 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$17.

■ Photos with Santa Paws

Dec. 4
Pet Rescue and Resource
Center
21 Salt Creek Lane,
Hinsdale
https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/events/
santa-paws

(630) 323-5630 Hinsdale Humane Society will take family photos with Santa and family friendly pet(s) in a safe, socially distanced environment, complete with holiday vendors, reindeer food for the kids and more. Masks will be required at all times but can be removed during photos. Pictures will be available for download after the event. Register and choose a time slot on the website listed above. Times: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration: \$20 per family.

■ Celebrate the Season

Dec. 4 Cantigny Park 1SS151 Winfield Road, Wheaton (630) 668-5161 https://www.cantigny.org

Families and children of all ages are invited to the park, which will be decorated for the holidays. Santa will be available for photos and Mrs. Claus will hand out a small takeaway (while supplies last). A strolling snowman and reindeer will add to the fun and present additional photo opportunities. The Lego Train Show also will be taking place in the Visitors Center from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Marine Toys for Tots drop boxes inside the visitors center. Time: 1 to 7 p.m. Admission: \$5 parking; free with toy donation.

■ 'Joy! Joy! Joy!'
Dec. 4 & 5

Emmanuel Episcopal Church 203 S. Kensington Ave., La Grange https://www.towerchorale. org (708) 580-0997

The Tower Chorale's first concert of the season will feature favorites like "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella," arranged by Howard Helvey; "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," arranged by Ken Berg; and the unofficial Tower Chorale anthem, "O Holy Night," arranged by Brian Luckner. Time: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4, 3 p.m. Dec. 5. Tickets: \$23, \$20 for seniors and students.

■ 'How Great Our Joy'

Dec. 5 Union Church 137 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale https://hinsdale.church/ as-advent-approaches/

The music ministry of the Union Church invites everyone to this in-person Christmas music worship service. Enjoy musical offerings from the Chancel Choir, Cantate, the Union Bells, WE, Children's Chimes, Hammered Dulcimer and String Quartet. For everyone's safety, performers will be masked and the congregation must be masked. Time: 10 a.m.

■ Jingle Bell Java

Dec. 6
Hinsdale Central High
School
55th and Grant streets
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Central musicians will perform festive music at this annual event. Time: 7 p.m.

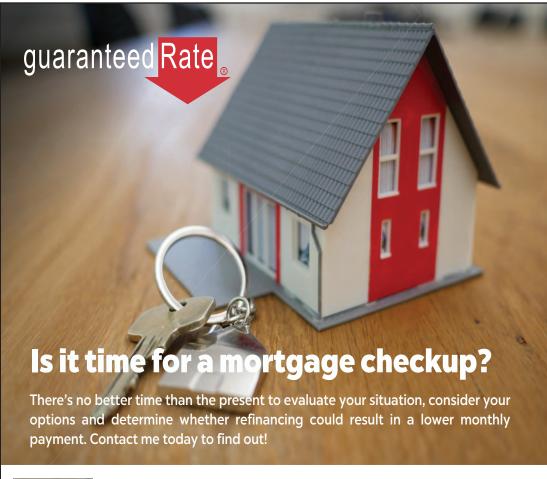
■ Virtual: Christmas at Marshall Fields

Dec. 7 https://www.hinsdalelibrary. info (630) 986-1976

For many Chicagoans, no Christmas season was complete without a visit to Marshall Field and Co. Hear about the store's holiday traditions, including the Walnut Room Christmas tree, the window displays, the toy department and the catalogs. Join HPL and Leslie Goddard virtually for a fun and fascinating look at one of Chicago's most beloved holiday traditions. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

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■ Holiday Concert

Dec. 11 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 1310 Shepherd Drive, Naperville https://www.nhbddupage. (630) 476-9072

The New Horizons Band of DuPage will perform selections of Holiday favorites. The concert will include singalongs, the New Horizons Concert Band, German Band and Jazz Band. New Horizons consist of musicians from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs under the direction of Maryann Flock. Time: 3 p.m.

■ Holidays in Hinsdale

Dec. 11 & 18 **Burlington Park** 30 E. Chicago Ave.

Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the downtown, make festive gingerbread cookies and visit Santa during this special holiday event sponsored by the village. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ CarolFest Christmas Concert Dec. 12

Christ Church of Oak Brook 501 Oak Brook Road, Oak **Brook** https://www.christchurch. us/carolfest

Gather family and friends to celebrate the holiday season with one of the community's beloved Christmas traditions. The afternoon will feature the Christ Church Chancel Choir accompanied by a chamber orchestra as well as organ, piano and professional soloists performing holiday classics, traditional carols and excerpts of Handel's "Messiah." The program will be presented in person and online with special ticketing and seating protocols described on the website listed above. Time: 3 p.m.

■ 'The Second City: It's a Wild, Wacky, Wonderful Life'

Dec. 12 https://www.atthemac.org (630) 942-3008

While the weather outside could be frightful, the laughter inside is most delightful as comedy's best and brightest roast the chestnuts out of all the things there are to lovingly loathe about the holiday season. Bring those on the nice (or naughty) list for the perfect holiday de-stressor. Time: 4

p.m. Tickets: \$30-\$38.

■ 'Merry'

Dec. 12 Bolingbrook High School 365 Raider Way, Bolingbrook (630) 887-7464 https://www.westsubsymphony.org

This festive concert from the West Suburban Symphony features carol medleys and holiday movie themes, Anderson's spirited "Sleigh Ride" and excerpts from Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel." Audience members must be fully vaccinated. Time: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Tickets: \$25, with senior and youth discounts. RR

■ Holiday Concert

Dec. 15 Hinsdale Central High School

55th and Grant streets Central musicians will pres-

ent their annual holiday concert. Time: 7 to 9:30 p.m.

■ Family Gingerbread Houses

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

Families can register and then stop by the library to pick up their very own "dream" gingerbread house kit starting Dec. 15. Limit one per Hinsdale family. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. RR

■ Santa's Mailbox

Through Dec. 15 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/ (630) 789-7090

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

■ 'The Nutcracker'

Dec. 18-19 McAninch Arts Center College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn (630) 942-4000 https://www.atthemac.org

Salt Creek Ballet offers its production of this holiday classic, accompanied by the New Philharmonic under the baton of maestro Kirk Muspratt. Photo opportunities will be available with Santa one hour before each matinée. Times: 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 18, 1 and 5 p.m. Dec. 19. Tickets: \$46, \$36 for youth, \$46 to stream on demand.

■ 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 and more at the zoo's 40th annual Holiday Magic. Several animal areas will be open, including dolphin presentations at 4 and 6 p.m. 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

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

Ring in the New Year with New Philharmonic and Maestro Kirk Muspratt performing waltzes, polkas, arias, light classical and pops. 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.parkwaybankpark.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.

> RR - registration required MD - member discount

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Community Consolidated School District No. 181, Counties of DuPage and Cook, State of Illinois, for 2021 will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at Hinsdale Middle School, 100 S. Garfield Street, Hinsdale, Illinois.

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

The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$66,339,427.

> The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$68,991,149. This represents a 4.00 percent increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$2,748,693.

> The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$9,214,064. This represents a 235.22 percent decrease from the previous year.

The total property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$69,088,121.

> The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$72,105,213. This represents a 4.4 percent increase over the previous year.

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■ Holiday Shopping

Dec. 4 J.McLaughlin 53 S. Washington St., Hinsdale (630) 468-2597

Enjoy festive sips and shopping in support of the Hinsdale Rotary Club Foundation. The club will receive 15 percent of sales. Visit in store or shop by phone, with curbside pickup, complimentary gift wrap and shipping available. Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Toys for Tots

Dec. 4 Herb Melin's garage 5734 Monroe St., Hinsdale

Drop off unwrapped toys for kids ages 1-14, which will be donated to a local Marine Reserve's Toys for Tots program. Please no stuffed animals or realistic toy weapons. Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Burdi Toys for Tots drive

Dec. 4 Burdi 24 W. Hinsdale Ave. (630) 468-2126

Drive over in a favorite car and bring an unwrapped non-plush toy donation for the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation. Then admire the cars driven by members of Checked It Out car club. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Spirit Village

Dec. 4
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■ Blanket Drive

Through Dec. 5 Hinsdale Covenant Church 412 S. Garfield Ave. (630) 323-2318

The church is holding its annual drive, collecting new or used blankets of any type — lap throws, baby blankets, spreads, sheets and towels. Donations may be left inside the church's main entrance or placed by the front door on the benches. Pickups also can be scheduled. The items will be passed on to needy families in the inner city on Christmas Eve.

■ Holiday Gifts for Hinsdale Central Teachers

Through Dec. 10 https://www.hinsdalecentralfoundation.org

Honor a teacher, coach, sponsor, counselor or staff member with a donation to the Hinsdale Central Foundation in their name. The individual will receive a letter with the donor's message included and a special certificate to display. Donations support programs that benefit teachers, students and families. Visit the website listed above to participate.

■ Tree of Remembrance

Through Jan. 1 Lincoln and First streets, Hinsdale https://www.amitahealth. org/giving/make-a-gift/ make-a-gift-amita-healthadventist-st-thomas-hos-

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■ 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/?2ZUB475YAI=QCKJEI-2AFF

The young adults from the Hinsdale Transition Center program can create custom spirit wear for the prefect 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

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

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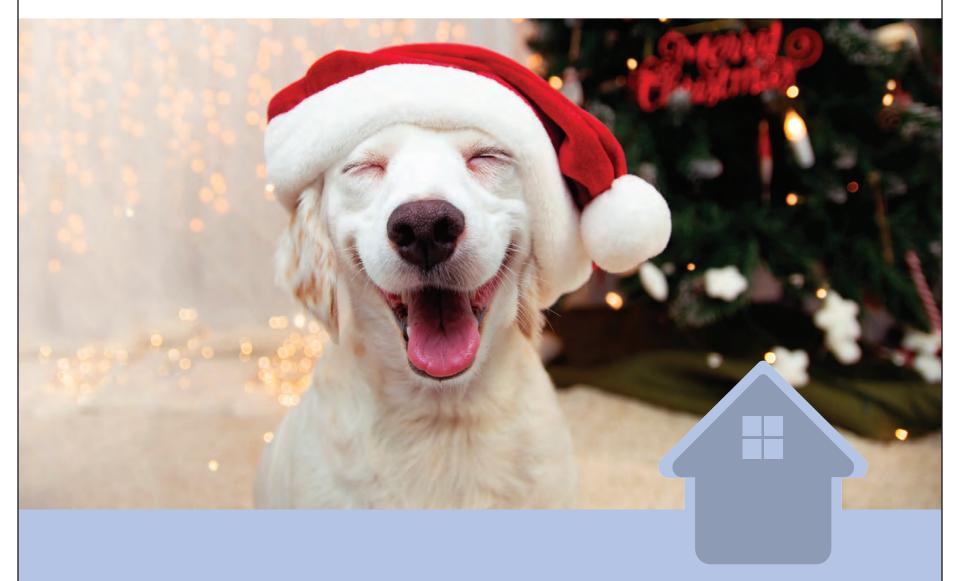
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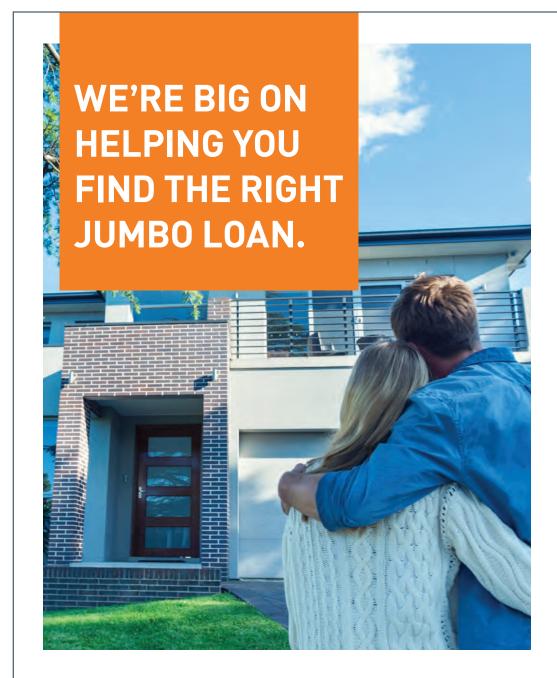
Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County between Oct. 25 and Nov. 8.

- **1. 7 E. Kennedy Lane,** Peter and Kil Yan to Robert and BJ Young, Oct. 25, \$550,000
- **2. 15 N. Quincy St.,** Peter and Megan VanLoon to Emgee LLC, Oct. 25, \$420,000
- **3. 5260 S. Garfield St.,** Bana Atassi and Abdul and Abd Noghnogh to Shahram Oveischaran and Parisa Hassanzadeh, Oct. 25, \$1,370,000
- **4. 825 W. 58th St.,** Kristine M. Givens Revocable Trust to Ian Harris Trust and Susan P. Jacobs Trust, Oct. 26, \$1,399,000
- **5. 937 S. Vine St.,** Ian Harris Trust and Susan Jacobs Trust to Jawwad and Faiqa Hussain, Oct. 26, \$1,616,000
- **6. 63 W. Kennedy Lane,** Peter Haleas and Kathleen Okrent to Craig and Susan Manske, Oct. 26, \$840,000
- **7. 407 W. 58th Place**, 407 58th Place LLC to Meredith and John McGrath, Oct. 26, \$200,000
- **8. 808 S. Madison St.,** Thomas Wake to Jennifer Froiland, Oct. 27, \$525,000
- **9. 1153 Indian Trail,** Lynda Einspar to Susan Eck and R. Paul Eck Family Trust, Oct. 27, \$595,000
- **10. 203 Racquet Club Court,** Steven Brooker to Jill Regan, Oct. 27, \$530,000
- 11. 220 E. Seventh St., Christopher and Christine Langs to Anthony Fiore, Oct. 27, \$2,010,000
- **12. 306 N. Lincoln St.,** Barry A. and Lynn T. Craig trusts to Tyler and Lauren Kellner, Oct. 28, \$1,745,000
- **13. 518 S. Garfield Ave.,** David Sawyer to Ivey and Sarah London, Oct. 28, \$865,000
- **14. 818 W. Hickory St.,** Tracey Smith to Kyle Armstrong, Oct. 28, \$655.000
- **15. 7 E. Kennedy Lane,** Sandra Rocca to Sharron and Max Moskal, Oct. 29, \$500,000
- **16. 8 S. Adams St.,** Marvin and Janet Barishman to Matthew Fender and Colleen Creighton, Oct. 29, \$625,000
- **17. 5651 S. Thurlow St.,** Mohamed and Salima Yala to Asma Manzar and Mohamed Salahuddin, Nov. 1, \$1,075,000
- **18. 945 S. Vine St.,** Batra Real Estate LLC to Aniket Sikhwal and Yanika Lodha, Nov. 1, \$890,000
- **19. 1401 Burr Oak Road,** Joseph and Sandra Lipira to Mary V. Murphy Declaration Trust, Nov. 1, \$553,000
- **20. 149 W. Kennedy Lane,** Christin and Daniel Zindrick to Orville and Cheryl Pope and the Pope Family Trust, Nov. 3, \$542,250
- **21. 626 S. Quincy St.,** Michael Liss and Susan Barton to Sara Sorrentino and Michale Pfaff, Nov. 3, \$1,400,000
- **22. 39 S. Bruner St.,** Darling Properties LLC to 39 S. Bruner Trust, Nov. 3, \$433,900
- **23. 708 S. Madison St.,** Christopher Wrobel and Pauline Maki to Erik and Emily Chalut,

Nov. 4, \$1,099,000

- **24. 711 Jefferson St.,** Dean and Patricia General and the General Family Trust to Matthew Olenak and Kristin Noriega, Nov. 4, \$1,750,000
- **25. 451 58th Place,** Maureen Gilroy to Vaida Vaitulevicius, Nov. 5. \$270.000
- **26. 5623 S. Garfield St.,** Kil and Heeja Kim to Alexa and Carlos Aparicio, Nov. 8, \$882,500
- **27. 337 E. 59th St.,** Elizabeth and Daniel Bajadek to Vahan Sardaryan, Nov. 8, \$965,000
- **28. 108 E. Fifth St.,** John F. Campbell Trust to Leslie and Mark Pera, Nov. 8, \$1,700,000
- **29. 645 S. Bruner St.,** Tracy and Korina Isselhardt to Roy and Laura Taylor, Nov. 8, \$1,275,000
- **30.** 520 Bonnie Brae Road, Elizabeth O'Brien Declaration Trust to Emily and Gannon O'Brien, Nov. 9, \$558,000
- **31. 724 S. Quincy St.,** Angeline Barrett Trust to Jeanette Fitzgerald and Ryan Pitta, Nov. 9, \$948,232
- **32. 232 S. Clay St.,** James and Diane Nelson to Constantine J. Wonais Trust and Irene Wonais, Nov. 10, \$615,000
- **33. 10 N. Washington St.,** Eden Hinsdale LLC to Hinsdale SL LP and TC Accommodator 240 LLC, Nov. 12, \$10,800,000
- **34. 325 S. Bruner St.,** Steven and Dorothy Larrick to Timothy and Brooke Rezendes, Nov. 15, \$480.000
- **35. 633 N. Elm St.**, Regina C. Rafferty Trust to John Chester and Amanda Larry, Nov. 15, \$525,000
- **36. 30 S. County Line Road,** Kevin and Lee Dages to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Nov. 15, \$2,460,000
- **37. 424 E. 55th St.,** Oyedolamu and Anike Olaitan to Amanzio and Debra Carocci, Nov. 15, \$535,000
- **38. 742 S. Adams St.,** Megan Mikhail and MMD Trust to Pauline Maki, Nov. 15, \$748,000
- **39. 440 Bonnie Brae Road,** Michelle K. Bokos Trsut to Keenan Adib and Ayla Abiad, Nov. 16, \$649,000
- **40. 437 S. Stough St.,** Jeanne Hem and Mark Webber to Elizabeth and Michael Pierce, Nov. 16, \$1,200,000
- **41. 18 Lansing St.,** Barnabas Foundation Properties to Paul and Carol Howard, Nov. 16, \$750,000
- **42. 1 S. Stough St.,** David Narunatvanich and Allison Skertich to David and Margherita Lutz, Nov. 16, \$1,500,000
- **43. 905 Chanticleer Lane,** Deborah Miller Trust to Sarah Rowan, Nov. 16, \$439,000
- **44. 8 E. Kennedy Lane,** Joanne B. Haefele Trust to Andrew Runge and Susan M. Kozlowski Trust, Nov. 18, \$605,000
- **45. 406 Ashbury Drive,** Yinjun Chen and Jing Zhang to Nicole Burr, Nov. 18, \$445,000
- **46. 719 S. Bruner St.,** Sara Marschall to Dominica Tallarico and David Spiega, Nov. 18, \$1,500,000

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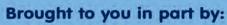
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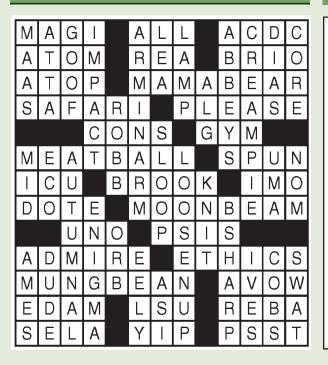
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 12th day of November, A.D. 2021. Jean Kaczmarek

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9	SLAPSTICK MISSILE
10	"BUENOS!"
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17	H.S. MATH
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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

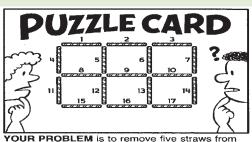
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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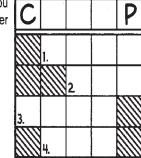
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FIND-A-WORD! On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.



- 2. Sports official.
- 3. Good friend.
- 4. Droning sound.

1. Hump. 2. Ump. 3. Chum. 4. Hum. Mystery word: Chump.



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December 2021 Horoscopes · Week 2



CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, a midweek
burst of energy makes
a project you have been
working on suddenly
seem like a piece of
cake. Enjoy the fruits
your labors.



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20



CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Dig deep into matters of the heart this week, Aries. Explore ways to nurture a relationship or push it to the next level. Don't hold back on love.

CANCER – Jun 22/Juli 22
Cancer, some shake-ups at work could be on the horizon. Right now there's no telling what will back on love.

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LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 LIBRA – Sept 23/Ord 23
Someone connected to
your job may be doing
things you don't agree with,
Libra. It's a sticky situation
that requires patience, finesse and caution.



AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Repairs around the house may be on your mind, Aquarius. Once you tackle these issues, you can focus on more recreational tasks. Enjoy the well-deserved R&R.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
You may rediscover your You may rediscover your love for a good book this week, Taurus. Ask others what they're into and peruse the best-sellers lists for even more inspiration.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you have been thinking about changing jobs or taking up a new profession, now is the time to lay that groundwork. A new opportunity could surprise you.



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, channel much of your energy this into mak-ing solid partnerships this week. This way you can call on your network whenever you need advice or a help-ing hand.



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, creative project could take up much of your time this week.
You'll be so caught up that the real world may pass you by for a bit.





GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you often trust your instincts regarding money, but this week you'll be even more in tune with your finances. Your income could increase soon.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, radical changes to your life are just around the corner. A big move or career change will shake things up for you and anyone in your house-hold.



SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagitlarius, research opportunities for a new business opportunity or promotion at your current place of employment. Now is a great time to take the next step in your career.

SPORTS

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH NAMED

Eleven students were named Hinsdale Central's athletes of the month for October.

They are

- Olivia Antonelli, girls swimming and diving
- Louisa Brorson, girls cross country
- Julia Gabriel, cheerleading
- Jack Inabnit, boys golf
- Delaney Marringa, girls tennis
 - Maddie Molis, poms
- JT Pyle, football
- Colby Revord, boys cross country
- Henrique Ribeiro, boys soccer
 - Elizabeth Sessa, girls vol-

leyball

• Sarah Thornton, girls golf

FOOTBALL PLAYERS NAMED ALL-STATE

Three Hinsdale seniors have been named All-State by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association.

Hinsdale Central linebacker/running back Sean Allison has been named to the 2021 8A All-State Team by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association.

Wide receiver Thomas Skokna, also a senior at Central, was named to the honorable mention 8A All-State Team.

Hinsdale's Jimmy Liston, offensive and defensive lineman and team captain

of the Class 5A state champion Fenwick Friars, earned inclusion on the 5A All-State Team

Liston also was named White Division lineman of the year and to the All-Division Team by the East Suburban Catholic Conference.

Several Central players also were named All-Conference in the West Suburban Silver. Allison and Skokna are joined by Billy Cernugel, Nick Fahy, Calum Kelly, Lachlan Jackson, Micah McCurry, Josh Narcisse, JT Pyle, Hunter Tonn and Joe Boggs.

Allison was named the conference's co-defensive player of the year, Narcisse was named the co-offensive linemen of the year and Skokna was named the conference's MVP

KUSAK AMONG TOP-25 RUNNERS

Hinsdale's Matt Kusak, a Washington University in St. Louis junior cross country runner, helped WashU place second at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship Nov. 13 in Rock Island. Kusak had the fourth best time for the Bears and was 22nd overall, clocking in at 24:56.8 for the 8K course. Kusak's performance earned him Midwest All-Region team honors.

DOLEHIDE TEAMS UP FOR TENNIS

Professional tennis player Caroline Dolehide of Hinsdale had a busy November. From Nov. 1-6 she was part of the U.S. delegation to the Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas Finals in Prague, Czech Republic, featuring women's teams from 12 different countries. Dolehide and the Americans reached the semifinals of the tournament before falling to the Russian Tennis Federation.

Then Dolehide joined the San Diego Aviators of World Team Tennis for the 2021 WTT season Nov. 13-28 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden near Palm Springs, Calif. She and her teammates finished with a 5-7 record in the special format event, with Dolehide playing primarily doubles matches.

Winter athletes excited for season

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Seasons as head coach: 8
No. varsity team members: 20
Strengths: They are extremely talented with a great mixture of age groups.

Challenges: Having such a disrupted year last year. Half of my team — sophomores and freshmen — don't even know what to expect for a traditional season. We don't even know the strengths of our competitors. Nor do they know our strengths. It's kind of like starting from scratch again. Usually you rely on your upperclassmen to lead. I

have juniors looking at me, saying, "What's around the corner? What's coming up next?" When they experienced it the first time, they were freshmen.

Who to watch: My freshmen and sophomores outnumber my juniors and seniors. We are a young team and we are still trying to figure out who is going to steal the spotlight. We are kind of balanced between all the different strokes. We do rely heavily on our sprint freestyle. To lead that pack is Andrew Gilbert, coming off a great summer and fall season. Another strong performer over the past year is Nate Harris.

He's pretty much a jack of all trades. He swam IM, breaststroke as a freshman (and) can incorporate sprint and distance freestyle. I'm looking for some senior leadership out of our distance freestyler, Braxton Bokos, who's familiar with competing at the highest level. Out of our diving program, our MVP last year was Connor Furlong. We hope to carry that into another season and hopefully help represent us at state in diving.

Outlook: Nobody understands anybody's strengths throughout the state. We just don't have the previous year to compare to. However, if I compare our team to previous

Hinsdale Central teams, we match up very well, which puts us as competitive in the conference and sectional level and still yet-to-be-determined at the state level.

Furthermore: This is the largest team we've ever taken on. We started the year off with 83 registered athletes, which is 10 divers and about 20 to 25 athletes per coach. I'm very grateful for this facility (the new Don Watson Aquatics Center) to accommodate that, as we are also sharing it with Hinsdale South (while work is being done on their pool). I look forward to it growing over the years.



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SPORTS — ROUNDUP

V loses 41-49

V loses 48-60

Invite

Sarros, 19 points

Monyek, 15 points

Basketball, boys Nov. 22-26 @ Hoops

for Healing Tourney

V places 2nd

V wins 61-29

V wins 55-32

V wins 48-41

points

Oosterbaan, 18

. Engels, 10 points

vs. Oswego East V loses 52-55

Basketball, girls

Nov. 30 @ York

vs. Downers South

vs. Naperville North

vs. West Aurora

STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



Name: Eleanor Monyek Year: senior Hometown: Hinsdale

When did you know you wanted to pursue baskethall?

My whole life I've kind of been pursuing the sport. I had two older brothers that played basketball, and my dad was always the coach. Watching them as role models, basketball became my true passion.

How have you improved as player since freshman year?

I think I've improved as an athlete and a leader on the court. I've had a bigger role on the team each year, and I've become more competitive and understand the true meaning of being part of Hinsdale Central girls basket-

What does it mean to be team captain?

It's really something I aspired to be for the last four years. I looked up to the upperclassmen captains and now to be a leader for my team and be a role model is special. I really try to set the tone for the team and help us to grow.

Do you have any pre-game

Probably just blasting music in the locker room before the game to get us hyped up. And I always eat Jolly Ranchers before a game.

How would your teammates describe you?

I think they would describe me as competitor, aggressive

and hard-working.

You like to cook. Any specialties?

Probably my favorite dish to cook is chicken Parmesan.

What are goals for the season?

As a team I really want to win our conference. Individually, I just really want to keep progressing as an athlete and a teammate.

What's an indelible Central basketball memory?

Sophomore year I knocked out my two front teeth in practice.

Where might we find you 10 years from now?

I hope I'll be working as physical therapist and living in Chicago — with a bunch of dogs.

Do you have any pets now?

Two dogs: Ruby, a Cavapoo, and Duke, a German shepherd mix.

Why does head coach Karen Persinger like having Monyek on the squad?

Eleanor and her fellow seniors have done so much for this program and the direction it is heading. Eleanor is a leader on and off the court, demonstrating the work ethic and dedication it takes to get better everyday. Her energy and enthusiasm for the game, her teammates and this program is a huge part of who she is and what makes her great.

> — profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

Bowling, boys Nov. 29 @ Reavis V loses 1,658-2,007

Howe, 7 points Nov. 24 & 27 @ Hornet/Red Devil Gymnastics, girls Nov. 24 @ Hornet vs. St Ignatius Thanksgiving Invite V wins 46-35 Monyek, 23 points V places 2nd with 132.5 points Howe, 5 points Vault Klobach, 1st, 9.25 French, 4th, 8.9 Sarros, 5 points Qiu. 4 points Randle, 4 points McLaughlin, 12th Conley, 3 points (tie), 8.65 Sommers, 27th (tie), Dolan, 2 points vs. Neuqua Valley 8.4 Uneven bars

McLaughlin, 25th (tie), 6.85 French, 32nd (tie), 6.4 Balance beam Klobach, 1st, 9.65 Koulouris, 7th, 8.35 Sommers, 9th, 8.25 McLaughlin, 14th (tie), 7.75 Floor exercise Klobach, 1st, 9 Kuznetsova, 16th,

7.35

Klobach, 1st, 9.4

Sullivan, 15th (tie),

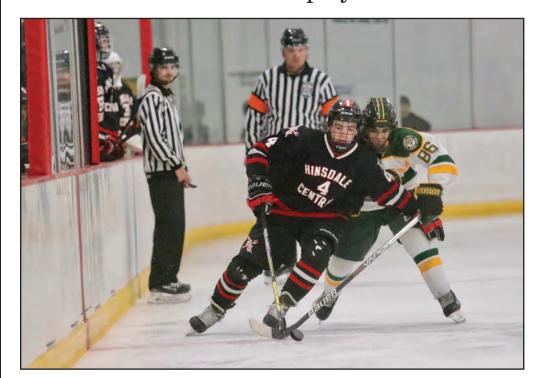
French, 17th (tie),

8.15 Huber, 23rd, 7.95 All-around Klobach, 1st, 37.3

Wrestling

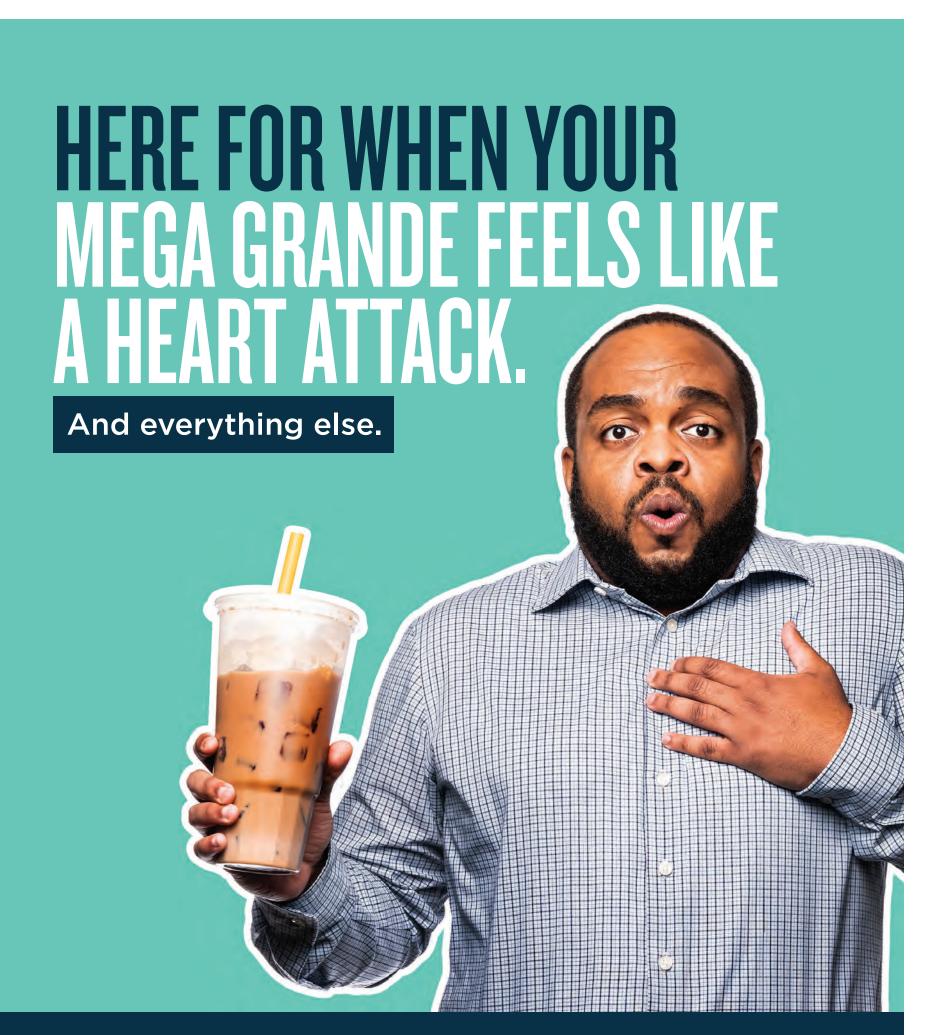
Nov. 27 @ Willowbrook Quad vs. Marian Catholic V wins 58-15 vs. Gary Comer V wins 55-13 vs. Willowbrook V loses 27-48 Chavez, undefeated Ivanisevic, undefeated Perez, undefeated

Instant replay





Hinsdale Central's Alexander Hadesman (center) gets the puck on his stick for shot on goal — which found the back of the net to register the team's second goal against visiting Glenbrook North at the Willowbrook Ice Arena Tuesday. Teammate Will Romberger advances the puck up the ice, but unfortunately Central wouldn't score again in the 5-2 loss. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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SPORTS

Winter athletes excited for season

Red Devils happy to be back in competition in the gym, in the pool and on the ice

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

Most athletic teams faced abbreviated or interrupted winter seasons last year due to COVID-19. Among them were the girls gymnastics team, boys hockey team and boys swim team. These coaches and athletes are happy to return to a more normal season this year, with hopes of continuing play into the postseason.

This is the second in a threepart series. Boys and girls bowling and wrestling were previewed Nov. 25. The final installment Dec. 9 will feature the boys and girls basketball teams.

Girls gymnastics

First meet: Nov. 24 @ Hornet Invite (V placed 2nd)

Last year: season abbreviated due to COVID-19, placed 2nd at conference

Head coach: Kim Estoque **Seasons as head coach:** 17 (31st year coaching)

No. varsity team members: 8 (17 with JV1)

Strengths: We have good depth. That is probably our biggest thing. We have quite a few people we can put in at any time.

Challenges: The biggest thing, I think, is trying to stay healthy. That's always one of the biggest things in gymnastics. We have one person that came back from last year who was out all last year because of her back. She came back to do two events this year.

Who to watch: Kelly Klobach, she's a senior. She won everything at the Hinsdale South Invite. Audrey Austin, she's a junior. She's an all-arounder as well. We have Charlotte French, she's a junior, everything but beam. Annette Sommers, she's a senior, she does yoult and beam.

Outlook: I think we're going to do pretty well. Being our first meet, we had a lot of misses, but I think we're really going to improve on that. We have a shot at making state if we can stay healthy. Most of the teams that we saw at the Hinsdale South Invite are in our sectional.

Furthermore: I think the best







Hinsdale Central girls gymnasts and hockey players already have competed in their first contests of the season, and the boys swim and dive team will face its first opponent Friday. (file photos)

thing is it's pretty much back to normal. We're back to invites. We're back to not having to clean after every event and not wondering, "Do we practice? Can we practice?"

Hockey

First meet: Sept. 16 @ Lincoln-Way (V tied 3-3)

Last year: season limited due to COVID-19

Head coach: Jim Swoyer **Seasons as head coach:** 5 **No. varsity team members:** 18

Strengths: Our skill set and learning how to play to take advantage of that skill set. We are a young team. We graduated, I believe, 13 seniors last year.

Challenges: One of them we'll be playing (Tuesday) night with Glenbrook North (nonconference). Within our league, Waubonsie, Wheaton West, Maine and Glenbard are probably the top four we'll have the most challenges with.

Who to watch: Jackson Haag, senior, is solid on both the offensive side an the defensive side. He's a defenseman, but he's able to create a lot of offense. Certainly Zach Devine and Alexander Hadesman and Pete Cook are the top forwards. Other returning seniors are captain Brux Dugan and Sam Romberger, Sam Cutinelli, Adam Haggard, Adam Pelinkovic and Casey Ryndak. It's nice for the them to have a senior year with a more normal season.

Outlook: I think we're going to be very competitive. We still need to learn how to play and, as we do that, I think the team is going to continue to develop. We have a lot of young players like freshman Jack Crabb, and we have some sophomores. We have a very good, very strong sophomore and junior class, and not that we're looking past this year, but I would say the next two years are going to be really good. Right now on our list, we're looking at over half a dozen eighth-graders that play hockey that we're very excited about coming into the program.

Furthermore: Last year we did the best we could to provide the best hockey experience for the kids in our program given the situation.

Boys swimming

First meet: Dec. 3 Triangular @ home

Last year: season abbreviated due to COVID-19, second at conference

Head coach: Bob Barber

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