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## Christmas Walk draws thousands

The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce's 56th annual Christmas Walk very well could have set an attendance record. Santa once again traveled the last leg of his journey via the Hinsdale Fire Department truck to the crowds gathered for the Christmas tree lighting at the Memorial Building. Christine White and daughter Odette admire the Christmas village display — complete with a miniature train — in the window at the Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate County Line office. Please turn to Page 16 and 17 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# NEWS

## Officials look again at budget numbers

*Village board expected to approve \$20 million spending plan at next week's meeting*

**By Pamela Lannom**

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Stronger than expected revenues in 2022 have created an opportunity for the village to bolster its capital improvement and master infrastructure work in 2023.

"The revenues are coming in really well," village manager Kathleen Gargano told trustees at a Nov. 30 committee of the whole meeting, which also was attended by members of the village's finance commission. "The CIP could use a little bit of a boost of funds based on the projects that we have slated for next year and moving forward."

Staff is recommending a \$2 million transfer from the general fund for CIP work and \$1.72 million for MIP work.

Income tax revenues are up 41 percent over budget this year for a projected total of \$2.69 million. Sales and local use tax receipts have come in \$600,000 higher, or 11.5 percent more, than what was anticipated for this year.

"That has been really outperforming projections," Gargano said of the increase. "It's been outperforming projections for every municipality — it's not just us."

Staff made more conservative estimates for revenue increases in the village's draft 2023 budget, which is

slated to be approved at the Hinsdale Village Board's meeting Tuesday, Dec. 13. They are projected at \$22.6 million, with operating expenses estimated at \$20 million.

Most of the village's general fund revenue — \$8.4 million or 37 percent — comes from local property taxes. Other sources — sales and use tax, income tax, utility tax, grants, permits and fees — make up the other \$14.2 million or 73 percent.

"Property taxes are our highest revenue source, but we're pretty diversified," Gargano said, showing a graph that indicates what percentage of a resident's property tax bill goes to the village.

"We always like to remind people we budget very well and we're 7.3 percent — very competitive compared to everyone else with the services you are being provided."

The village expects to receive \$675,000 in grants in 2023 to pay for projects such as improvements to the Highlands Train Station, the police department gun range and other projects.

### On the expense side

Expenses are projected to increase about \$1.1 million or almost 6 percent in the 2023 budget.

Employee salaries are the largest single line item at almost \$9.4 million, up about 4.7 percent from last year.

"A key driver in that is the overtime expenses related to public safety," Gargano said.

About 3 percent of the 4.7 percent is overtime related to staffing vacancies, she estimated.

Benefits and employee costs are the second largest expense at \$4.5 million, with contractual services coming in third at \$3.2 million.

Gargano also reviewed spending by department. Costs are expected to increase to \$5.2 million (8.2 percent) for the fire department and to \$5.6 million (7.3 percent) for the police department. A part of the increase is due to higher fees the departments will pay to Du-Comm, the county's emergency dispatch service. Those fees will increase 10.3 percent for police and 7.7 percent for fire in 2023.

Parks and recreation costs show the largest projected increase at 10.2 percent, from \$1.9 million to \$2.1 million.

"They are increasing their programming, so when expenses go up, then we receive additional revenue," she said.

The budget also has shifted the cost of public service employees who are dedicated to the parks to that

department, Gargano said.

The cost of lifeguards will remain higher after the village increased the pay rate last year after having trouble filling positions.

"We're going to have to keep it at that level," Gargano said.

The village will see increased premiums next year for the insurance it purchases through IRMA, a general liability insurance pool. They are projected at \$478,000, up from \$88,000 last year.

"We've had a series of bad years and our rate contribution is for a period of five years and we've had a bad four years," Gargano said, pointing to a series of work-related injuries.

Increases in the price of road salt, gas and oil and other materials also affected the budget, Gargano noted. A shortage of squad cars has contributed to an increase in projected repairs and maintenance expenses.

The budget calls for the village to end 2023 with almost \$5.5 million in reserves, which represents about 27 percent of budgeted operating expenses.

"We feel we've put together a really good budget in terms of meeting an expectation of a minimum of 25 percent reserves and trying to be as conservative as we can with the revenue projections," Gargano said.



## Taking aim

The Hinsdale Herd Girls Lacrosse program hosted a three-day camp during Thanksgiving break at The Community House. Coco Mason, Abby Conley and Madeline Maloney were on target during the shooting drill. (Jim Slonoff photos)



ONCE UPON A TIME



Christmases past — Those lucky enough to be on Vinaya Sharma’s Christmas card list are always in for a surprise as to where he will stage his next scene. Twenty-five years ago it was at a USC football game. Hinsdalean Sharma is a graduate of Hinsdale Central High School and former District 86 board member. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We’d love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com.



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# Village shops are full of showstoppers

*Hinsdale's Milkint discovers wide array of gifts right here in town for family and friends*

By Ken Knutson

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Craig Milkint is likely a familiar face to many in Hinsdale as a mainstay of the Community Revue shows that grace The Community House stage every other spring. Poking a little fun at the place Milkint loves to entertain audiences is rewarding, as is serving on the village's board of fire and police commissioners to ensure the hiring and promotion of top police officers and firefighters to protect residents' safety.

The Evergreen Park native, who works as the major gifts officer at Culver Academies in Indiana, relishes the trappings of the holiday season. That includes a particularly Yuletide pursuit.

"A long time ago my son and I started a collection of nutcrackers. When we see them we buy them," he said.

The night before Christmas and all through the Milkint house, a pleasant aroma is customarily wafting.

"We usually have a French dinner on Christmas Eve," the father of two related. "I make up some French onion soup, beef burgundy and quiche. And we end it with a bûche de Noël."

Milkint gathered a veritable feast of gift ideas on his shopping trip through town for this third installment in our four-part annual gift guide series fea-



**Craig Milkint's pace quickened** when he saw this Cloud Stratus running shoe from On at Hinsdale's Peak Lifestyle shop, knowing the stylish pair would give

son Alec's girlfriend Josie extra motivation during her workouts. Milkint stepped around town last week's as shopper for the gift guide series. (Jim Slonoff photos)

turing appointed and elected officials in town.

- Craig's son Alec will never be

late while on the road with a vintage Longines travel clock that's been keeping time since the 1930s. Hinsdale Watch Shop, \$650

- The Community Revue veteran would make a big splash with his Community House hosts by gifting a handmade Spirio R baby grand player piano. Steinway & Sons, \$131,000

- A grandmother can never have enough picture frames to display photos of her grandchildren, and a black magnetic AVF 8x10 frame would be a handsome addition to Grandma Mary Resce's collection. Marcus, \$385

- Son Alec's girlfriend will have no trouble staying active in a pair of white & black On Cloud Stratus running shoes. Peak Lifestyle, \$169

- Among the works by masters, Milkint's eye is drawn to Salvador Dali's "Visions of Chicago" series, particularly the piece featuring Buckingham Fountain, for his Hinsdale friends Kathy and Jim Harris. "That's very iconic," he said. Expressions of Fine Art, \$10,800

- Getting to know Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King and Fire Chief John Giannelli through his commission work leads him to sense they'll each appreciate a gift basket with a 12-ounce bag of coffee and commuter mug. Café LaFortuna, \$30

- Neighbors Brenda and Wayne

Sheldon will love a vintage Nativity set to help put the spirit in the season. The Courtyard, \$135

- Michigan friends Eileen and Bill Davidson will raise the festive level as holiday hosts with a set of four crystal embellished wine glasses featuring a reindeer, sleigh and candy cane. Marabella, \$26 each

- Craig's daughter Monica and her boyfriend, Austin, will appreciate new winter wear — an Alp N Rock vintage wool sweater for her and a black Parajumper apres ski jacket for him — as they gear up for a ski trip. "They're going to be going off to Steamboat." King Keyser, \$298 for sweater, \$395 for jacket

- Wife Margaret will be dazzled when she sets her eyes on an 18-karat yellow gold Jade Trau chain with a 2.57-carat, three-diamond pendant in pear, marquis and round shapes. Browning & Son, \$5,000

- For the family's two Cavalier King Charles spaniels Alma and Sparty, Petshop's ZinfinTail and Druly Barkin' Berry squeaking dog toys will take "yappy" hour to the next level. Meredith Jaye, \$13-\$14

- The Milkints' Christmas Eve dining spectacular is not complete without a chocolate bûche de Noël finale. Toni Patisserie & Café, \$59.95 (serves 12-14)



**The Milkints' Grandma** Mary Resce could feature a rotating exhibit of her loved ones' photos in this black AVF 8x10 magnetic picture frame, which can stand in either portrait or landscape orientation and is easy to change out.



## NEXT WEEK

### Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15  
Hinsdale South High School  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org>

### Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14  
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.  
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org>

**On the draft agenda:** sign permit reviews for 50 S. Washington (Virgil Catherine Gallery), 28 E. First (Visual Comfort) and 5811-15 Madison (Palgong Tea)

### Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13  
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.  
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org>

**On the draft agenda:** public hearing on and approval of 2022 tax levy

## D181 school board, support staff union approve contract

The Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board and the Hinsdale Educational Support Staff have approved a new four-year contract.

The agreement calls for most HESS members to receive a 5 percent increase in 2022-23, and all members will earn a 3 percent increase in 2023-24, according to a joint press release issued Tuesday. Wage increases in the final two years of the contract will be based on the consumer price index, the rate used in the district's annual tax levy.

"The final outcome reflects our strong commitment to the staff, acknowledges the market conditions and maintains our fiscal responsibility to the community," board President Michael Martin stated in the release. "Negotiations can often be long and difficult, so we sincerely appreciate the collaborative spirit of the HESS association and the tireless efforts of our board

members and administrators involved in the process."

The board approved the contract at a special meeting Dec. 5 following union ratification Nov. 29.

"The HESS Negotiating Committee appreciates the efforts of the D181 Board and administration to bring a fair contract to our membership," stated Gerianne Salach, HESS president. "We would like to thank our membership for their continued support during negotiations as well as for the support they provide to students in our district every day."

Superintendent Hector Garcia noted the important role support staff members play in students' education.

"We are pleased with the outcome and appreciate the collaborative nature of the discussions with the HESS team as well as support from our board of education and administrative team," Garcia said.

## Hinsdale sees uptick in cases

The DuPage County Health Department reported 20 new cases of COVID-19 in Hinsdale over the past week, bringing the total number of cases in the DuPage County portion of Hinsdale to 4,307, compared to 4,287 last week. The Cook County Health Department no longer reports on cases specific to Hinsdale.

The number of cases per 100,000 population in DuPage rose to 24.1 on Dec. 6, com-

pared to 14.1 on Nov. 29. The community level remains at medium.

District 181 reported 18 new positive cases from Nov. 30 to Dec. 5, including six students, 10 teachers and two staff members, for a total of 142 districtwide since school opened.

District 86 reported three new positive cases at Hinsdale Central Dec. 2, bringing the total to 57 since school opened.

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# Library to implement new strategic plan

By Pamela Lannom  
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The Hinsdale Public Library Board approved a new strategic plan Tuesday that will guide its efforts over the next three years.

"We're not like the village, which is looking at 30-year projections for capital projects," said Karen Keefe, the library's executive director. "A lot of what we're doing is more operational. We don't want to be implementing ideas that are five years old."

The board began working on the plan in the spring, hiring The Ivy Group for \$60,000 to facilitate. As part of the process, the consultants provided important information about how the village's demographics have changed over the last 10 years.

"This is the most expansive look at the community that we've done since I've been on the board, and I've been on the board a while," said board President Julie Liesse.

Among the more notable findings are that 18 percent of households speak a language other than English, the number of residents who identify as having Asian roots has increased significantly

and there are many families without children living in the community.

"Some of the things about the community are not a surprise to any of us," Liesse said. "You look around Hinsdale and it's a more diverse community than when I moved in."

The plan has four areas of focus: access and convenience, education and enrichment, connection and community, and awareness. Keefe said users' need for connection was clear.

"That's something that really came out from the stakeholder interviews," she said. "We are still emerging from this time of isolation. People really are looking for ways to meet each other, to connect."

Being able to connect on topics that are not controversial is important, Keefe believes.

"Finding and celebrating what you have in common with your neighbors is a good spot for us," she said. "We love matchmaking. We love putting interests together with people and the right presenter and what books do we have and what else can we do."

Making sure residents are aware of what the library has to offer is an ongoing challenge, she and Liesse said.

"We always want to reach more people," Liesse said. "We want to reach people who aren't our regular patrons."

One priority that emerged from the plan is the need to reduce hold times.

"We are going to realign the budget so we can purchase more options of titles when they are popular," Keefe said. "People don't want the best-seller they were interested in three months ago. They want the one everyone is reading now."

The plan provides a list of other areas to which resources will be allocated to help achieve the objectives.

Prior to creating the plan, consultants provided a market segmentation study, a benchmarking study comparing HPL to four peers across the country and an online community survey that garnered 467 responses. Library leaders and trustees also interviewed 33 individuals from a cross section of the community.

Keefe said the conversations were fascinating. "It's kind of like the blind man and the elephant," she said. "Every person's perspective of Hinsdale is very different."

Liesse agreed.

"I think they gave us a real broad perspective on how community leadership views us, but also a street level view from a lot of important constituencies," she said.

Those who participated in interviews and completed the survey did have one message in common, Liesse noted.

"It's clear people love the library," she said. "That is one of the most encouraging things."

Liesse thanked everyone who participated, from board and staff members to residents and community leaders.

"We couldn't get that kind of depth of qualitative and quantitative analysis without their help," she said. "I really appreciate it."

She is looking forward to implementing the plan.

"I think our staff is really pumped up, not only about the findings, but the opportunities it opens up. I think will be an interesting few years executing this plan."

The plan will be posted on the library's website at [www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info).

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# POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Dec. 6.

## Motorists arrested for DUIs

• Agustin A. Minor Diaz, 33, 275 Beaver Creek Drive, Bolingbrook, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane use and speeding at 1:16 a.m. Dec. 4 at Ogden Avenue and Vine Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

• Adan Narciso, 39, 7616 S. Marshfield Ave., Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without a valid driver's license, operating a vehicle with suspended registration and transportation or possession of open alcohol by a driver at 10:39 p.m. Dec. 4 at Hinsdale Avenue and Bodin Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

## Man arrested for stealing purse

David Thomas, 54, 3037 S. Lock St., Chicago, was arrested for felony burglary without causing damage for entering an unlocked vehicle at 1:49 p.m. Nov. 29 while it was parked outside a business in the 10 block of South Lincoln Street and stealing a purse. He was charged and taken to DuPage County Jail.

## Identity theft reported

The identity of a resident of the 800 block of South Adams Street was used in an attempt to open credit card accounts Nov. 28-29. No dollar loss was reported.

## Victim defrauded

A victim in the 10 block of West Hinsdale Avenue received an email Dec. 2 from an unknown suspect claiming to be a PayPal representative reporting a suspicious transaction on an account. The victim was instructed to purchase gift cards and provide the card numbers to secure the account.

## Unauthorized business account activity

Fraudulent transactions were made between Dec. 2 and 3 on the business bank account of a resident of the 300 block of Phillipa Street.

## Criminal trespass to vehicle

A witness observed a known subject enter an unlocked vehicle parked in the Continental Ferrari lot, 420 E. Ogden Ave., at 9:37 p.m. Dec. 1.

*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](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com) to provide us with documentation. Information will be updated online and in the next issue of the paper.*

## Police report on safety effort

The Hinsdale Police Department has released the results of its "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Thanksgiving traffic safety campaign Nov. 18-28,

During the campaign, police made three arrests for driving under the influence, one arrest for no valid license and one warrant arrest, while issuing 30 citations for speeding and 11 more for other violations to the Illinois Vehicle Code.

"Our officers patrol year-

round to keep motorists buckled up and impaired drivers off the roads," said Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie. "We do this to save lives and ensure all of us make it home safely at the end of the day."

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort was made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation and is part of the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket"



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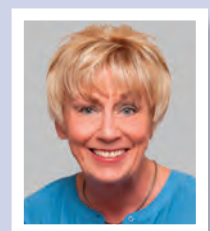
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■ Grade levels will come up with their own ideas to help the sister school, such as collecting winter clothing, school supplies or sports equipment.

## Mom of four is no stranger to PTO presidency

Kristin Sweis discovered her knack for fundraising as a member, treasurer and eventually president of the Elm School Parent Teacher Organization. It didn't take long for others in the village to discover it, too.

With two daughters enrolled at Hinsdale Middle School, members of the school's PTO approached Sweis with an invitation to step in as president this year. The invitation likely was a result of her success at Elm, Sweis said, where during her two years as president the PTO installed a kickball field, a zip line, a pavilion for the school's prairie garden and a play structure called a gaga pit.

"That was the beginning," said Sweis, who remains active in the Elm PTO's fundraising efforts while leading the HMS PTO to bigger and better things.

Sweis is the mother of four daughters — eighth-grader Elisa, sixth-grader Ava, 8-year-old Keira and baby Genevieve, who was born in November. With so many years left in the District 181 schools, Sweis said her commitment to making school the best it can be for her children and others runs deep.

At neighborhood schools like Elm, parents and children often know one another outside of school. That changes in middle

school, where students from different areas of town and even other towns gather in the same classroom. Sweis said one focus of her leadership is to create ways for HMS students and parents to meet.

"We're bringing back parents night out," Sweis said. Parent nights invite HMS parents to a local restaurant to meet, eat and drink while donating a portion of their purchases back to the school.

School parties, called school dances by some, also are making their post-COVID comeback.

"We're really trying to get people out to meet each other and socialize," Sweis said.

Parent involvement in events like the school book fair, T-shirt sales for Unity Day and the sixth-grade field day has been ample, Sweis said.

"Parents want to be involved," she said.

Nearly 70 percent of HMS parents have paid the \$40 annual fee to belong to the PTO. That membership, Sweis said, provides access to the school directory as well as the weekly email sent out each Sunday. The email keeps parents apprised of all that's going on at their child's school.

With COVID-19 restrictions



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largely lifted, Sweis said she brought back in-person meetings of the PTO and the PTO board, giving parents a chance to see one another. Both have been well attended, Sweis said.

"We chose this area because of the schools," Sweis said of her own family's move to Hinsdale. She said the PTOs of each school are there to make those already great schools even better. This year, the HMS

PTO also will begin an effort to help kids in another school.

"We are working on getting a sister school," Sweis said. Students will have the opportunity to help students at a middle school with fewer resources. Grade levels will come up with their own ideas to help the sister school, such as collecting winter clothing, school supplies or sports equipment.

Sweis' duties as president

include finding speakers for the monthly PTO meetings, leading board meetings and encouraging good working relationships between the PTO and school staff. Ultimately, Sweis said, she is responsible for seeing that the money raised by the PTO is properly spent.

"I take that very seriously," she said.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch, photo by Jim Slonoff

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Help the fire department 'Keep the Wreath Red'

Some like to decorate with multicolored bulbs for holidays. Others enjoy the simplicity of all white lights.

At the Hinsdale Fire Department, the preferred color is red.

Every year the department teams up with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and neighboring departments in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program.

A holiday wreath hangs inside the Mini Museum, the small building located near the fire station's entrance at 121 Symonds Drive. If there is a holiday related fire, one of the wreath's red bulbs will be replaced with a white one. The goal is to keep all the bulbs on the wreath red.

To help accomplish that goal, the department has offered a series of safety reminders to keep everyone safe this holiday season.

- Check all illuminated decorations to make sure they are in good condition. Light strands

with frayed or cracked wires should be thrown away and replaced with UL approved devices. Outside cords should be approved for exterior uses and inside cords should not be placed under carpets or throw rugs.

- Keep live Christmas trees watered frequently. Be aware of the tree's condition and when it becomes brittle, discontinue using the lights. Always turn off the lights when no one is home.

- Use extreme caution with holiday candles and all other open flames to assure they are safe and will not set fire to nearby objects.

- Make sure the fireplace is in good working order and the chimney is free from obstructions and creosote build-up. Christmas wrappings and tree branches are not to be burned in the fireplace. Their intense and rapid burning can cause chimney fires and flames to extend out of the firebox into the home.

- As always, check smoke detectors and make

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

According to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated average of 790 home fires per year that began with decorations, excluding Christmas trees. These fires cause an annual average of one civilian death, 26 civilian injuries and \$13 million in direct property damage. Add in an average of 160 home fires that started with Christmas trees, which become more and more flammable as they dry out. Although Christmas tree fires are not common, they can grow very fast.

Residents with questions or who need more information should call the fire department at (630) 789-7060 or visit the village's website at [www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org).

## COMMENTARY

### Readers' contributions, notes truly appreciated

I feel like Sally Field at the 1985 Oscars.

You like us. You really like us.

Field unfortunately was misquoted and that's not exactly what she said (read more about it online, if you wish). And we didn't just win an Oscar — or even a newspaper award.

But we have been looking through responses to our request for voluntary contributions to the paper, which we solicited in a recent letter to all Hinsdaleans and in ads in the paper (one appears today on Page 15). And they are making us feel really good.

Voluntary contributions are sought by papers across the country that don't charge for subscriptions. We had just the right — or wrong, actually — combination of factors this year. Among them were a sluggish retail and real estate markets, which affected advertising, and the skyrocketing costs with which businesses and individuals are all too familiar.

So we invited folks to make a contribution, if they so desired, as an investment in community news.

We are grateful to all who have contributed so far. We also are truly touched by the notes people

sent in with their checks.

"When I get your paper, I sit down and read it right away," one kind reader wrote.

"Better journalism than the big papers. Keep up the great job!" another read.

"No gifts necessary, just continued excellent reporting," one reader wrote, referring to our offer of a free birthday ad and three free classified ads.

"Thank you for you all you do."

"Keep up the good work."

"We love The Hinsdalean."

Some were more personal — and one even referred back to my first job in town at the Hinsdale Community Pool in 1988.

"Best paper ever. Best staff!" Virgil and Diane Oostendorp wrote. "It was just yesterday that Pam and our girls lifeguarded at the pool."

We know a number of the individuals who responded to our request, and my first thought was how nice it is that we've made so many friends through the paper.

But when I thought about the comments and read more, it



Pamela Lannom

occurred to me that we aren't getting this support because Hinsdale is a small town and we know a lot of people.

Contributors are supporting our efforts to create something that in many places is extinct.

"So grateful to still have local journalism," one contributor wrote.

"Supporting local news!" another stated.

Northwestern University's Local News Initiative says our country is increasingly divided between those who live and work in communities where there is an abundance of local news and those who don't.

"The loss of local journalism has been accompanied by the malignant spread of misinformation and disinformation, political polarization, eroding trust in media and a yawning digital and economic divide among citizens," Penny Abernathy writes in an executive summary of the study.

"Newspapers are continuing to vanish at a rapid rate," the report states. Since 2005, the country has lost more than a quarter of its newspapers and is on track to lose

a third by 2025.

Seventy million people live in the more than 200 counties without a newspaper or in the 1,630 counties with only one paper. Newsroom employment is down by almost 60 percent.

Consolidation also is an issue, with the 25 largest chains owning a third of all newspapers. Less than a third of the nation's 5,147 weeklies remain independent.

"Strong local news ... binds our vast nation of 330 million people together, nurturing both democracy and community," Abernathy writes. "Everyone in the country has a stake in the future of local news, in whatever form it is delivered."

Or, as one contributor put it, "The Hinsdalean — the glue that binds this village together."

We have been privileged to cover this village for the past 17 years and look forward to doing so for many more years. We appreciate all who are helping to make that happen.

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at [plannom@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:plannom@thehinsdalean.com).

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Yum for thee, yuck for me

Hello. My name is Denise and I have struggled with alcohol all my adult life.

And by “struggled” I mean I have never been able to convince myself that the stuff tastes good and is worth the calories.

I would love to enjoy an occasional glass of wine with family and friends. But I’ve learned that drinking the wine isn’t the problem; it’s the “enjoying” bit. And I’ve tried. For years. And I’m envious of those who find something delicious and soothing in those cool-looking and intriguingly labeled bottles.

Research tells me that my issue is likely genetic, linked to bitter-taste receptor genes in an unfortunate pairing with a “burn receptor” gene. In short: I’m biologically programmed to sense all alcohol tastes bad. Here’s a corollary: The more a wine tastes like grape soda, the better I like it.

So to paraphrase Obi-Wan Kenobi, I’m not the sophisticated oenophile you’re looking for.

In a sample size comprising my mom and dad and four siblings, the genetics play out. For example: During my rural southeast Missouri childhood, relatives visiting from England would load up my parents with top-shelf duty-free bottles. After profuse thanks were offered, the booze was politely sampled, praised and, as soon as the guests departed, tucked into a cabinet, where it sat aging right along with the family.

For the record, I’m not spending my time at parties playing the role of gloomy Eeyore. I did a fair amount



**Denise Joyce**

of hold-the-nose downing of booze during my college years at the University of Missouri, maybe contributing to its dubious bragging rights at the time as one of the country’s top party/drinking schools.

More recent evidence: At a family wedding in Kansas City last month, I was the one who started a conga line that wound through the venue, followed by a round of tequila shots with my non-drinking siblings.

Why shots? You can just toss them back, thus minimizing the time for actually tasting the stuff.

For our recent Thanksgiving meal on the family farm, it never occurred to my sister Sharon or me to add wine to the shopping list. In keeping with our decades-long tradition, the beverage choices ranged from water to soft drinks to sweet tea to really sweet tea.

After all these years, my adult nieces and nephews know what to expect, but so far haven’t suggested expanding what’s on offer. My adult children, who were with in-laws for Thanksgiving, likely would have contributed some beer and wine had they been on the farm with Mom and Dad and their cousins.

Given that fact and the genes they dodged in utero, I’m recommending that they offer thanks for their dad’s Irish contribution to their taste buds.

— Denise Joyce of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

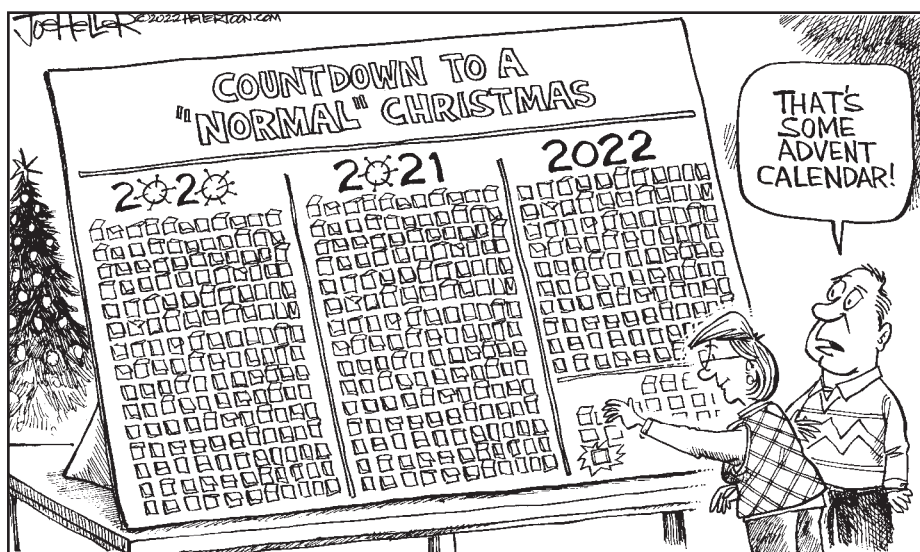
## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Salon owner one reason for happy Thanksgiving

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving I went to Shiny Nails, 5823 S. Madison, for my holiday manicure. Just to be safe I took off the bracelet I received from my husband for our 25th anniversary so as not to get any lotion on it. At 9:30 that night I looked at my wrist and sheer panic rushed through me — I left my bracelet at the salon. I decided to call them to leave a voice mail message inquiring if they found it. After three failed attempts, I received a call from Ari the owner. She was worried about why someone was calling her so late at night. After recounting the story of my very special gift she told me nothing has been turned in but she asked me to meet her at the salon the next morning before they opened and we would look together. I was happy with that only to get another

call from Ari who asked how far I lived from Shiny Nails. I told her five minutes and she said “I’ll meet you there in 10.” I was shocked any store owner would open at 10 p.m. for a customer’s lost item.

After saying many prayers to St. Anthony, we arrived simultaneously and started looking with detail through the pristinely clean salon, where just below the station I was sitting I glimpsed a sparkle. I was overjoyed and after a lot of hugging I left wearing my precious bracelet. I can’t more highly recommend Shiny Nails for not only high quality services but for honest and kind ownership. PS — Ari told me never to take off anything valuable in a nail salon. Her techs work around it. Thank you! — **Cristen Orput, Hinsdale**



## LETTERS POLICY

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### Questions?

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# OBITUARIES

## Penny Choice

Penny Choice, née Means, 83, a former longtime Hinsdale resident, died Nov. 28, 2022.

Mrs. Choice, who had a flair for the dramatic, was a mentor to countless educators and students.

As stated by one of her previous students, "Mrs. Choice had the ability to elevate even the most awkward child into feeling accepted, cherished and loved."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Rector Choice; and her son, B.C. Choice.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret

"Marni" M. (Jerry Hermosillo) Choice-Hermosillo; her grandchildren, Braden and Taryn Hermosillo, Ian and Ezra Choice; her siblings, Dora (Carl) Dirrman and Jeff (the late Jan) Means; and her nieces and nephews, John, Michelle and Michael.

A celebration of life will take place in-person and via livestream at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield Ave.

Interment is private.

Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

## Edward Willam Claffy

Edward W. Claffy of Hinsdale passed away Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 2022, surrounded by his family.

He was born in 1933 to Anne Swain and Edward Benedict Claffy.

An alumnus of St. Ignatius Prep (1951), Loyola (1956), and the University of Chicago (1978), Edward applied his education, quick wit and ingenuity towards entrepreneurship. Fail-Safe, the company he began with Peter Thornton in 1977, was sold to Cooper Industries in 1993. Edward was a proud member of the Electrical Association for 63 years.

His personal life was one of service, working as a hospice volunteer until his later life. His passion was for sailing on Lake Michigan, which led to winning 1st place in his division in the Race to Mackinac in 1988.

He was happiest surrounded by family and near the water. He cried at a good steak. The legend of his generosity, humor, and endurance



Claffy

will remains.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Claffy.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Margaret Claffy, née McGovern; his four children, Joseph Robert Claffy, Mary Beth Tamm and Maureen Anne Claffy of Hinsdale and Edward Swain Claffy; his 13 grandchildren; his three great-grandsons; and his sister, Sally Schmitz.

Visitation is at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 304 S. Vine St., Hinsdale. A Mass will follow at the church at 10 a.m. Friends and family are invited to gather at his favorite place, The Chicken Basket in Willowbrook, following the Mass.

Memorials may be made online to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or the Hinsdale Humane Society at [www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org](http://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org).

Sullivan Family Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Ellen Dattilo

Ellen Dattilo, nee Dee, 87, a former longtime resident of Burr Ridge, passed away Dec. 4, 2022, at her home in Westmont.

She was born in 1935 in Chicago to Cornelius J. and Margaret M. Dee.

A graduate of Iowa State University, she worked many years managing River Forest Travel and Tours. Ellen was a devout Catholic and a longtime member of St. Isaac Jogues Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph C. Ellen; and her sister, Honora Dee.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Rita Flynn;

and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

A funeral Mass will take place at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Southern Missions, 6050 Highway 161, Walls, MS 38686 or online at [www.shsm.org](http://www.shsm.org).

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Dolores M. Welninski

Dolores M. Welninski, nee Benedetti, 80, formerly of Clarendon Hills, died Nov. 30, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter F. Welninski Jr.

She is survived by her children, Katherine (Lawrence) Schilder, Robert (Deborah) Welninski, Peter (Arlene) Welninski, Michael (Chrystie) Welninski and Jennifer (Tony) Albertson; her grandchildren, Ben, Brian and Sarah Schilder, Samantha and



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Jake Welninski, Andrew Welninski, and Michael and Nayla Welninski; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass was said Dec. 5 at Notre Dame Church in Clarendon Hills.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to The Chicago Diabetes Project at [www.chicagodibabetesproject.org](http://www.chicagodibabetesproject.org).

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# ASK AN EXPERT

## What do you enjoy about performing this season?

Folk musician and composer Jennifer Cutting was searching for songs that expressed the essence of the winter solstice, but found the landscape rather barren.

So she crafted her own.

"I like the idea of contributing new holiday carols for people to sing in contemporary society," Cutting said. "I've tried to dig down into the heart of why we celebrate this time of year."

She and her OCEAN Celtic Quartet hope many celebrate with them at their concert Dec. 17 at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, part of the Acoustic Renaissance Series (see Page XX for details).

"We'll play old Celtic carols, traditional wassailing songs from Britain, Irish and Scottish fiddle tunes and songs that I've written myself," Cutting related.

The music is intended for all traditions, faith-based or otherwise.

"We're all living under the same sun, so it's something we call get behind," she said.

The Maryland-based Cutting

Jennifer Cutting, folk musician

comes from a family of musicians. When her mother's guitar lessons didn't take, she discovered a love for the keyboard and accordion. Cutting began performing professionally in the mid-1980s with her former band the New St. George, drawing influence from folk rock greats like Steeleye Span, Fairpoint Convention and Battlefield Band.

"I was maybe the only female band leader running an electric folk band in the U.S.," Cutting said of those years.

Her OCEAN Orchestra today continues that legacy, but the quartet coming to Hinsdale will be unplugged.

"I love the intimate sound of the quartet. It's just warm and comforting," she said.

And Cutting is especially excited to return to Hinsdale several years after last playing here.

"It was just one of the highlights of our performing career," she recounted. "People packed the house and were very warm and encouraging. That's why we wanted to come back to Hinsdale. People that came to our concert just seemed to get us."

The show will be the group's fourth stop on a five-day tour taking them through four states.

"I like it because we can get into a groove, The concert is just going to get better and better as we go," Cutting said.

Younger audience members will get a kick out of seeing Father Christmas as he recites Mummings' plays.

"He speaks in rhyme, and he cuts a fabulous figure," she said.

The concert, which will be broadcast by WFMT radio, will also include a reading by retiring longtime station host Rich Warren of his poem about the solstice.

"This is a celebration of his achievements for his many decades as a radio host," Cutting said.

She characterized the winter solstice as a "turning point, a kind of magical gateway through which we pass into the new year" and invoked the image of a blazing yule fire "burning away last year's troubles to start the new year unfettered by all that baggage."

Cutting hopes the concert conveys the value of both self-reflection and community.

"Even though the darkness brings gifts of solitude, we need to balance that with times of togetherness," she said. "We all need one another during this time." — by Ken Knutson



**Jennifer Cutting** and her OCEAN Celtic Quartet will play their brand of folk music at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale Dec. 17. "This is actually the high point of our year," Cutting said, with a strong focus on the winter solstice. "It is the return of the light and our relationship with the sun." (photo courtesy of Irene Young)

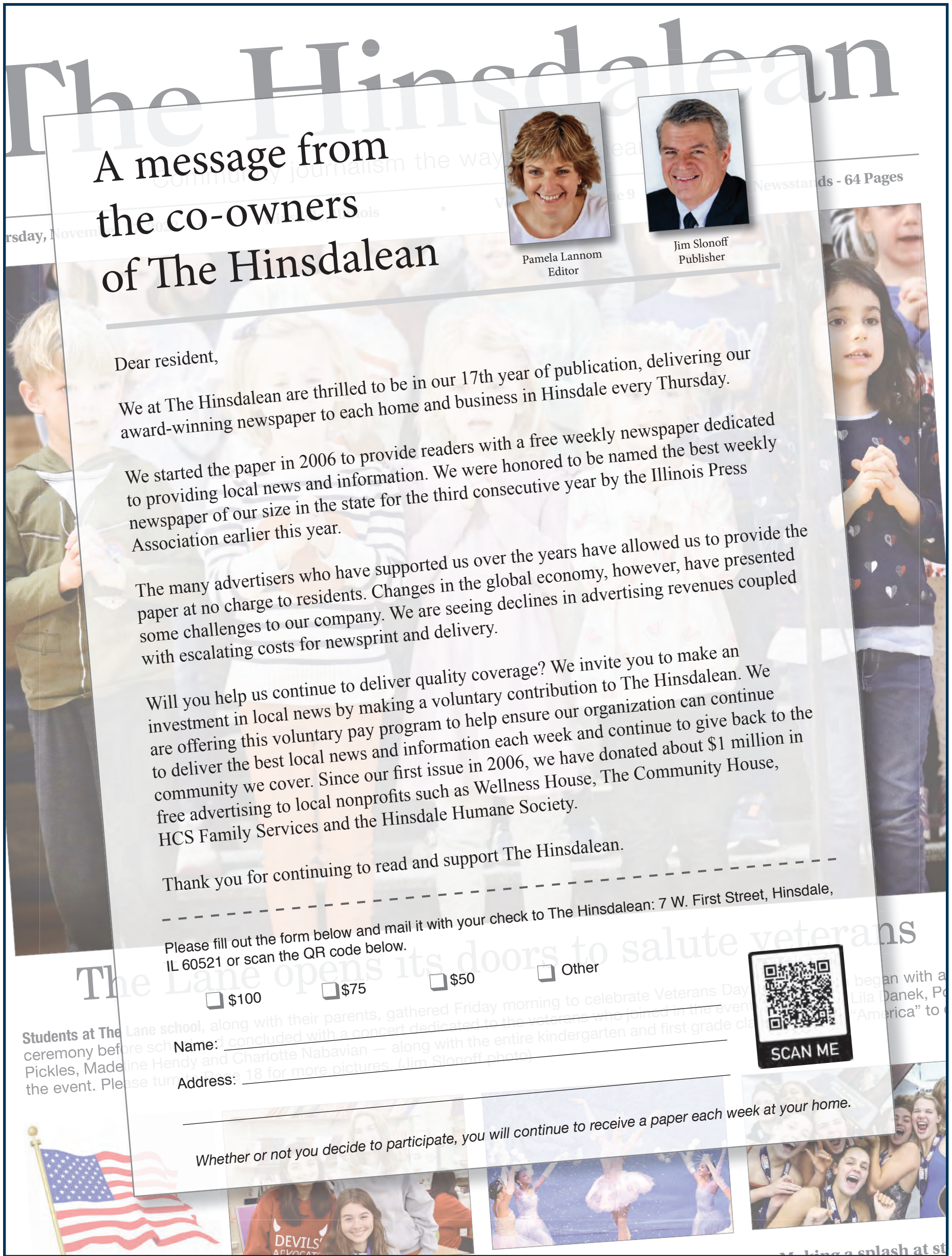
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# The Hinsdalean

## A message from the co-owners of The Hinsdalean



Pamela Lannom  
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Dear resident,

We at The Hinsdalean are thrilled to be in our 17th year of publication, delivering our award-winning newspaper to each home and business in Hinsdale every Thursday.

We started the paper in 2006 to provide readers with a free weekly newspaper dedicated to providing local news and information. We were honored to be named the best weekly newspaper of our size in the state for the third consecutive year by the Illinois Press Association earlier this year.

The many advertisers who have supported us over the years have allowed us to provide the paper at no charge to residents. Changes in the global economy, however, have presented some challenges to our company. We are seeing declines in advertising revenues coupled with escalating costs for newsprint and delivery.

Will you help us continue to deliver quality coverage? We invite you to make an investment in local news by making a voluntary contribution to The Hinsdalean. We are offering this voluntary pay program to help ensure our organization can continue to deliver the best local news and information each week and continue to give back to the community we cover. Since our first issue in 2006, we have donated about \$1 million in free advertising to local nonprofits such as Wellness House, The Community House, HCS Family Services and the Hinsdale Humane Society.

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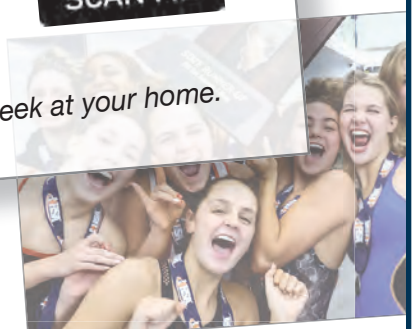
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Students at The Lane school, along with their parents, gathered Friday morning to celebrate Veterans Day. The ceremony before school concluded with a concert dedicated to the veterans who joined in the event. Pickles, Madeleine Hendy and Charlotte Nabavian — along with the entire kindergarten and first grade class — performed. Please turn to Page 18 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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# Hinsdale Chamber's 56th annual Christmas Walk ushers in holiday season for the village

Thousands flocked to the Christmas Walk Friday night. Once Santa arrived, Village President Tom Cauley began the countdown to turn on the lights on the Christmas tree in front of the Memorial Building. Ellie Merchant gives Frosty a hug outside of Meredith Jaye. The carousel ride, sponsored by Razny Jewelers, had crowds lined up. Annelise Tate and mom Lindsey enjoyed the ride. Olivia Agema and mom Amy watched the tree lighting. Jim Phillip welcomed guests in to Phillip's Flowers with a Star of Bethlehem flower. Marta Braunstein and Emily Tam helped children create ornaments in Sam Sharp's Guaranteed Rate pop up tent. Gwen and Calvin Gonsior found a perfect spot to enjoy hot chocolate provided by the Dawn McKenna Groups' hot chocolate Airstream trailer. (Jim Slonoff photos)





## GOOD NEWS

### HINSDALE AUTHOR RELEASES BOOK

Meredyth Willits of Hinsdale has released a new book, "Mindset Master Mind: Ten Steps to Change Your Life Forever," on Amazon.

Trauma, programming and social media can create the feeling that life is out of control, but Willits' simple steps of peeling back the layers of blame, forgiving and practicing radical acceptance help life get easier.

Willits is an intuitive life coach and thought leader who has a popular podcast and more than 600,000 followers on TikTok and Instagram. She works with 20-somethings to CEOs to guide and help each person heal and find the life they dream about.

### CENTRAL HONORS ROLE MODELS

Hinsdale Central recently recognized 12 individuals who were named Student of

the Quarter by the school's various departments based on their leadership, kindness and skills as role models. Those who received the recognition are

- Aleksandra Korza, art
- Lindsey Bruns, business
- Shayla Patel, English
- Erin Pabst, FACS
- Mohammed Naveed, mathematics
- Athena Deng, music
- Yana Kuzmanova, physical education/health/driver education
- Nikhil Raichand, science
- Aiden ElDifrawi, social studies
- Monet Gruft, technology education
- Brian Williams, world languages
- Rex Hannum, Red Devil character

### NAZ STUDENTS ARE STATE SCHOLARS

Several seniors from Hinsdale were among 34 students from Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park who were recognized as

2023 Illinois State Scholars. The designation recognizes approximately the top 10 percent of seniors from high schools across the state based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank. They are Diana Anos, Emma Frances, Caroline Kelly, Bradley Linn and Tate Vaughan.

### STUDENTS SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH

We Care Hinsdale raised \$10,231 in support of Edward Foundation's Linden Oaks Hospital Fund. The non-profit, established by five Hinsdale Central High School students, was formed to spread mental health awareness among teenagers in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

By selling sweatshirts through the group's Instagram account and in-person pop-up events and by partnering with local companies, We Care

Hinsdale aims to raise funds for those directly impacted by mental health struggles. The group's mission is to spread positive reinforcement among peers who are struggling with mental health issues ranging from anxiety to depression.

To learn more about We Care Hinsdale, make a donation or purchase a sweatshirt, visit its Instagram at @wecarehinsdale or send an email to [wecare.hinsdale@gmail.com](mailto:wecare.hinsdale@gmail.com).

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Coldwell Banker Realty's Michelle Shang, vice president of strategic growth, and The Dawn McKenna Group were recognized by Chicago Agent Magazine with Agent Choice Awards Nov. 7.

Shang was named Industry MVP, Suburbs, and The Dawn McKenna Group was named Best Team.

Awards are voted on by industry insiders and peers.

### CENTRAL MUSICIANS NAMED ALL-STATE

The following Hinsdale Central High School students have been named All-State musicians:

- orchestra — Abigail AuYeung, Pietro Pamfili, Marion Sonali and April Wu
- choir — Evan Carlson and Arjun Shah
- composition — Daniel Lee
- band — Vandana Sivakumar

### HUMANE SOCIETY RECEIVED GRANT

The DuPage Foundation awarded more than \$473,000 to 37 nonprofit organizations in need, including one in Hinsdale.

The Hinsdale Humane Society received \$23,000. It was one of two animal welfare organizations to receive a grant.

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## Holy Land trip brings Gospels to life

*Scripture readings have new resonance for priest and travelers he takes on pilgrimages*

By Pamela Lannom  
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When the Rev. Burke Masters leads Christmas worship at St. Isaac Jogues later this month, his preaching will be informed by his visits to the Holy Land.

"I knew this was real, but there's a depth to the reality after going," he said. "I knew there was a Bethlehem, but when you go to Bethlehem, it was like, 'Oooh, it was here.' Whenever I read (the story of Jesus' birth), it sends chills down my spine."

He made his sixth trip to the Holy Land — and his second this year — in October.

"I always had a desire to get to the place where Jesus walked and talked and lived," said Father Burke, who became the pastor of St. Isaac Jogues this summer.

"They call it the fifth Gospel because it just brings the other four Gospels alive," he said. "It's just something to go to church and hear the readings and say, 'I've been there — I've seen it,' and it just makes it become 3D."

The itinerary is packed with sites including Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth where the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, Mount Tabor in Lower Galilee where the transfiguration occurred, the Sea of Galilee, the site of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and the tomb where He was buried in Jerusalem.

The first time Father Burke traveled to the Holy Land, he was in Bethlehem on Ash Wednesday.

"Wherever you go you celebrate whatever happened there," he said. "In Bethlehem it's always Christmas Day. We were singing Christmas carols and receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday."

The trip can be overwhelming, even for a priest. "Now when I go, I know



The Rev. Burke Masters took a group of about 50 — including several members of St. Isaac Jogues Church, where he is pastor — to the Holy Land in October. Also on the trip were Bishop James Wall and Deacon Tom Thiltgen. (photos courtesy of Masters)



what's coming and I can really enter into it," Father Burke said. "I'm worried less about taking pictures and I'm focusing more on prayer and entering into it. Every group is different and the interpersonal dynamic is so beautiful."

Hinsdale resident Peggy Smego, who traveled to the Holy Land with Father Burke in July 2018 and again in October, shared similar thoughts on making a second trip.

"The first one, I felt like all I did was look left and right, left and right. Your eyes can't take in everything as fast as you can see it," she said.

"Then I had a chance to go back and really just sit with whatever site we were at," she added. "My eyes had already seen it, so now my heart was able to just sit with the spaces and imagine it all in Jesus' time."

Smego's favorite stop on the tour was the site least touched by human hands and the one that opened up her imagination.

"The Sea of Galilee is

just inspiring because for as much as humanity has destroyed and built and destroyed and built up areas of these cities and towns, the Sea of Galilee is still the Sea of Galilee," she said.

On five of his six trips, Father Burke said the most powerful experience was celebrating Mass in Jesus' tomb.

"The first time, I was so focused on, 'This is where he was buried,' it was kind of a sad feeling," he related. "Then when I left, I thought, 'That's where he rose from the dead, too. This is where the whole center of our faith happened.'"

On his most recent trip, he was particularly touched by the married couples renewing their vows in Cana after 30, 40 and even 50 years together.

"What strikes me is when they say for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, 'til death do us part, only they know what those words mean now," he said. "They probably had no idea what was in store for them."

Now they do and they're still together."

In the evenings, after eight or nine hours of touring, the group of 50 travelers enjoyed eating together at the hotel and sharing their stories of the day. At the end of the pilgrimage, they share graces, he said, and they do so again at a reunion a month after they return home.

"What we hear a month later is, 'This has stuck with me and it changes the way I pray. When I pray with the scriptures now, it's so much more real.' I love to hear when people say, 'This has changed my life,'" Father Burke said.

"I think for some people, faith is maybe just kind of going through the motions at times. I think the biggest leap goes from 'I know this is real' to 'I know this is real,'" he said, pointing first to his head and then to his heart. "They say the longest distances in the world is 12 inches, from your head to your heart."

Smego said her trips brought the scriptures to life

and will add a depth to her celebration of the Christmas season.

"If you've never been there, you're still just taking their word for it. You get to go and then you see, and that just adds to your experience," Smego observed, adding that she reads scripture with new eyes, new ears and a new heart.

Father Burke's previous job was in adult formation, and he planned several trips as part of that position. This year he also walked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in France and Spain in the spring and traveled to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau in Germany in July. Even though his professional responsibilities have changed, he said he will continue to travel.

"I'm going to keep using vacation now to do these trips," he said. "They are fulfilling for me."

And he has witnessed how fulfilling they are for others.

"I'm on a mission to take people over there because it changes people's lives."





**No holiday tradition is safe as** The Second City serves up some seasonal satire in “Jingle Bell Ruckus” Saturday at the Mac. See the Holiday Happenings listing on Page 30 for details. (photo provided)

## ARTFULLY DONE

■ **Studio Vino: Wine and Paint**  
Dec. 15  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

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

## FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ **Faith at Work discussion**  
Fridays Dec. 9 & 16  
Egg Harbor  
29 E. First St., Hinsdale  
[www.soul-priority.org](http://www.soul-priority.org)

All are welcome to join Soul Priority's weekly Faith at Work discussions on Leadership Lessons from Moses. Time: 7:30 a.m.

## FAMILY FUN

■ **Firefly Family Theater**  
Jan. 5  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

Firefly Family Theater presents “Spark’s Snow Day!” Join Spark the firefly for her first snow day and sing, dance and play with Spark and her friends. Times: 10 to 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon. RR

## GREAT OUTDOORS

■ **Stairs, Stories & S'mores**  
Dec. 10  
Swallow Cliff Woods-North Calumet Sag Road and Route 83 near Palos Park  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(312) 533-5751

Enjoy stair climbing, story trail, sledding, snowshoeing, s'more making and more at this drop-in event. Sledding and snowshoeing are available, weather permitting. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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# Hinsdale Assembly ball to celebrate NICU pledge

For more than two decades, 20 percent of babies born at AdventHealth Hinsdale Hospital have relied on the medical center's neonatal intensive care unit, which year after year offers the tiniest and most fragile patients exemplary care. And despite the Level III NICU's vital importance, the unit never has been renovated.

Hinsdale mother Katie Beuke saw this firsthand. Beuke gave birth to her son Charlie 12 weeks early. He spent his first 98 days in one of the hospital's most critical units.

"I had Charlie at 28 weeks in October of last year," Beuke said. "He was 1 pound, 6 ounces at birth and I could hold him in the palm of my hand. I spent Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas in the NICU with Charlie and the nurses became my family."

Charlie was released from the NICU at the end of January and in May, he unfortunately fell ill with RSV — a dangerous respiratory virus. Beuke and husband PJ immediately rushed their infant back to Hinsdale Hospital, but unfortunately given space constraints, there was no room for him to stay. Nurses prepped Charlie to be transferred to Lurie

Children's Hospital.

Beuke's story is just one of many. The NICU is small. Patients and their families have little privacy, and space is limited for doctors to deliver life-changing news to parents or for families to gather. The department's facilities and equipment are also outdated.

To help modernize this life-saving unit, the non-profit Hinsdale Assembly Board has committed to a five-year pledge of \$250,000 to the NICU renovation.

Supporting Hinsdale's local hospital is not new to this group of philanthropy-focused women, an arm of the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation. Over the past 60 years, the Assembly has donated more than \$3.25 million to Hinsdale Hospital. Simultaneously, the organization instills the importance of charitable work, community and family amongst each Assembly class, which consists of local young men and women entering their senior year of high school.

These debutantes and honor guard, as they are called, participate



**Alexis Braden**  
*Society spotlight*

in numerous community service events ranging from projects at DuPage County Forest Preserve's St. James Farm to HCS Family Services.

This year's class consists of 16 women and 10 men. They will be returning home from college in the coming days to celebrate the culmination of their service efforts at the Hinsdale Assembly Ball, which will

take place Friday, Dec. 23, at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center.

"It is so great to see these wonderful classes of young women and men return from college to celebrate their year of service and to reunite and reconnect with family and friends," said Kim Harte, Hinsdale Assembly Board chair. "We are also so excited to raise funds this year to help renovate the NICU, which manages to perform miracles on a daily basis in a very outdated facility."

Sydney Akers, a 2022 Hinsdale Central High School graduate and current freshman at Indiana University, said being a debutante is

so much more than just participating in a ball.

"The Assembly has genuinely made community service so much fun," Akers said. "The work we did at the St. James Farm was probably my favorite. It was so fun working with all the girls and our dads to work toward helping the community. I think my favorite part of it, though, is that we have been raising money for the NICU throughout the whole year."

As for Charlie, who once called the NICU home, he has gone from weighing 1.6 pounds to 16 pounds and is thriving, thanks in part to NICU doctors and nurses.

"The doctors and nurses are the most amazing people I have ever met," Beuke added. "No one is as selfless as they are. I want to make sure the NICU has all the money they need."

To make a tax deductible donation or to become a sponsor of the Hinsdale Assembly's NICU fundraising campaign, please visit [www.hinsdaleassembly.org/payments](http://www.hinsdaleassembly.org/payments).

— Alexis Braden of Hinsdale is the paper's society columnist. Readers can email her at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

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### Performance Schedule

Friday, December 16 | 7 PM  
 Saturday, December 17 | 1 & 5 PM  
 Sunday, December 18 | 1 PM

[www.wsballer.org](http://www.wsballer.org)



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## ■ Forest Therapy Walks

Dec. 10 & 12  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
www.mortonarb.org  
(630) 968-0074

Experience the healing and wellness-promoting effects of shinrin-yoku, the practice of bathing the senses in the atmosphere of the forest, while taking a mindful walk along

a woodland trail at the arboretum with a certified forest therapy guide. Times: 9 to noon Dec. 10, 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 12. Cost: \$36-\$46. RR, MD

## ■ Cross-Country Ski Seminar

Dec. 11  
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center  
12545 W. 111th St., Lemont  
www.fpdcc.com  
(630) 257-2045  
Learn the basics of

cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for a cross-country skiing experience. This program will take only place if Sagawau's ski trails are closed; visit Sagawau's Facebook page for ski trail status. Time: 1 p.m. RR

## ■ Winter Solstice Sunrise Hike

Dec. 21  
Blackwell Forest Preserve  
Butterfield Road west of Winfield Road, Warrenville

www.dupageforest.org  
(630) 942-6200

Hike atop Blackwell's Mt. Hoy early morning for a well-deserved look at the winter solstice sunrise. Learn about early morning wildlife and secrets of the solstice, then relax while welcoming the first day of winter. The hike is for ages 12 and up. Time: 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. Cost: \$10. RR

## ■ Lifestyle and Wellness during Survivorship

Dec. 13  
www.wellnesshouse.org  
Dr. Deborah Manst, oncogeneralist with Cancer Service UI Health, will discuss best practices for living well after cancer as part of Wellness House's online Top Docs lecture series. From sleep to relationships, weight management

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and medical plans, Manst will cover a variety of areas for achieving overall health and wellness. Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. RR

### ■ Holiday Open House

Dec. 16  
Wellness House  
131 N. County Line Road  
[www.wellnesshouse.org](http://www.wellnesshouse.org)  
(630) 323-5150

Wellness House invites people to share the holiday spirit with one another and enjoy music, food and fun. This event takes place outside and will feature a short indoor walk-through experience. Hours: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. RR

## HELP WANTED

### ■ Booster Club volunteers

[www.theboosters.com](http://www.theboosters.com)  
The Hinsdale Central Booster Club Board is seeking interested, energetic volunteers to fill board positions for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year and through the 2023-2024 school year, including vice president and coordinators for spirit wear, membership and volunteers. The nonprofit organization is comprised of parents, faculty and community member and supports all extra-curricular athletic and club activities at Hinsdale Central. If interested or for more information, email Rob Tonn at [president@the-boosters.com](mailto:president@the-boosters.com).

### ■ Mock Trial attorney coach

[cfeiler@hinsdale86.org](mailto:cfeiler@hinsdale86.org)  
Hinsdale Central's Mock Trial Team is looking for an experienced trial attorney to provide feedback and guidance once a week or every other week for this successful program that has won 11 state championships and finished in the top 10 at nationals four times. The team meets after school Monday-Thursday to prepare materials and presentations for both sides of a case. If interested or for more details, email Mock Trial coach Chris Freiler at the address listed above.

## JUST FOR KIDS

### ■ Holiday Sewing & Jewelry Workshop

Dec 18  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)

org  
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 6-12 can join this session to learn how to sew festive apparel and gifts for loved ones, as well as create jewelry for the holiday season. A pizza lunch is included. No experience is necessary. Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$115. RR, MD

### ■ Little Vet School: Horse

Wednesdays, Jan. 18-Feb. 22  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 6-11 can learn all about horses and their care, including basic horse nutrition, riding styles and gaits. Students will adopt and name a plush horse and role-play basic key responsibilities of an equine veterinarian. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$130. RR

### ■ Sports Medicine

Wednesdays, Jan. 18-Feb. 22  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090  
Students ages 6-11 will explore the roles of an athletic trainer and orthopedic surgeon and learn how to diagnose and treat common sports injuries such as sprains, strains and athlete's foot as well as explore Tommy John surgery and make models of a hand, joint and tendon. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$120. RR

## LISTEN & LEARN

### ■ Holiday Tech Gift Guide

Dec. 15  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

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

## NOTEWORTHY

### ■ OCEAN Celtic Quartet

Dec. 17  
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale  
11 W. Maple St.  
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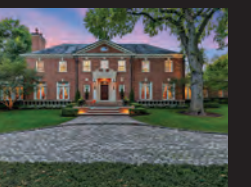
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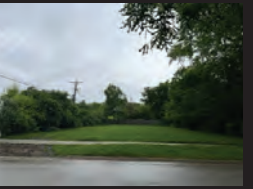
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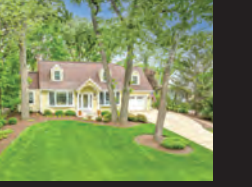
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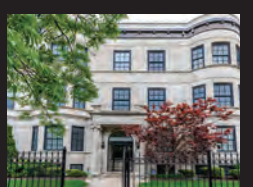
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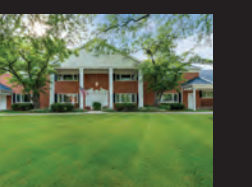
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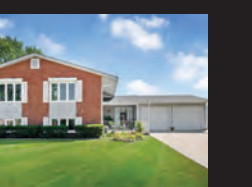
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The OCEAN Celtic Quartet plays music packed with pure pan-Celtic pizzazz, putting their unique spin on traditional songs and Jennifer Cutting's original compositions, from soaring ballads and stirring sea chanteys to blazing fiddle and accordion tunes. Masks are required. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

### ■ Another Round

Dec. 17  
Theatre of Western Springs  
4384 Hampton Ave.  
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com  
(708) 246-4043

Indiana University's premier all-male a cappella group, originally named Straight No Chaser, will showcase their rich harmonies and signature sense of humor as part of the TWS Performance Series of Fundraisers. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30. MD

## ON STAGE

### ■ 'Newsies Jr.'

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

Jack Kelly and his ragtag team of newsboys make a meager living selling newspapers on New York City streets in 1899 in this musical. When the prices of "papes" are hiked and the newsies are hung out to dry, they form a union and organize a strike against the greedy publisher Joseph Pulitzer. Inspired by true events, the show features memorable songs and a powerful message. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15, \$12 with children.

## SIGN UP NOW

### ■ Winter Cabaret

Dec. 22  
Hinsdale Golf Club  
140 Chicago Ave., Clarendon Hills  
www.bamtheatre.com/winter-cabaret

Past students, current students, future students, friends, teachers and family members are invited to participate in BAMtheatre's 14th annual performance event. There will be one coaching session as well as a full group rehearsal. Tickets include a meal. Tickets \$65,

\$40 for children; VIP upgrades available for full and half tables.

## STEPPING BACK

### ■ Trains, Planes and Automobiles

Dec. 15  
www.cantigny.org  
Will Buhlig, director of operations for Cantigny Park, will examine how the McCormick family got from point A to point B. Take a peek at historical images of the McCormick family's wide range of transportation options from a literal fleet of ships to a hangar full of planes. This program is part of the Cantigny's virtual Lunch and Learn series. Register to receive the Zoom link. Time: noon to 1 p.m. RR

### ■ Emigration from Europe: A Genealogy Class

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

Genealogist and librarian Jaymie Middendorf will discuss popular ports for departure in Europe and how to access available records, primarily focusing on records from 1850 to the 1930s. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

## TEENS & TWEENS

### ■ HPL Iron Chef

Dec. 30  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Teenagers compete to whip up the best appetizers and desserts in town. Judges will decide who wins the title of HPL Iron Chef. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. RR

### ■ Hot Sauce Challenge

Jan. 7  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Middle schoolers are invited to put their taste buds to the test and see how much hot sauce heat they're able to stand. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

## WEE ONES

### ■ Tot Action Theater

Wednesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 15  
Clarendon Hills Community Center  
315 Chicago Ave.

www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr  
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 3-6 will play games that develop their imagination, musical talents and ability to move, combining dramatic play with physical activities like dancing. Time: 12:40 to 1:40 p.m. Cost: \$65. RR

## WINTER BREAK

### ■ Winter Break Camp

Dec. 22-Jan. 4  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5-14 can enjoy arts and crafts, group games, cooking projects and STEM activities. Campers will take a field trip on Wednesday of each week. Register for one day or all seven (Dec. 22, Dec. 27-30, Jan. 3-4). Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$80 per day, \$600 for all seven days. RR, MD

### ■ Pee Wee Soccer Camp

Dec. 26-30  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
www.thecommunityhouse.org  
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 3-6 will learn the basics of passing, dribbling, shooting and defense in this camp, which emphasizes teamwork and sportsmanship through fun games, competitions and challenging skill-building activities that accelerate motor skills and build self-confidence. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$73. RR, MD

### ■ Winter-Break T-ball Training Camp

Dec. 26-30  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
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. A series of fun games and activities reinforce fundamental skills and incorporate games situations. Participants should bring a labeled mitt and water bottle. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$73. RR, MD

### ■ Code Your Own Robot in Minecraft

Dec. 26-30

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Code Ninjas  
842 E. Ogden Ave.,  
Westmont  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 8-14 will learn how to use code to control a virtual robot in Minecraft, including coding it to dig, farm, build and complete all of the boring tasks. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$299.

#### ■ Intro to Roblox Development

Dec. 26-30  
Code Ninjas  
842 E. Ogden Ave.,  
Westmont  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 8-14 will learn how to plan, design and build their own Roblox 3D world and invite friends to play in it. All levels of experience are welcome. Time: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$299. RR

#### ■ Engineering with LEGO

Dec. 27-30  
Burr Ridge Community Center

15W400 Harvester Drive  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr)  
(630) 789-7090

Kids ages 7-11 can build bobsleds, design snowmobiles and take a ride on the Polar Express. Explore snowy ideas and learn STEM concepts with tens of thousands of LEGO pieces and the guidance of an experienced Playwell instructor. Times: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$130. RR

#### ■ 5 Star Winter Soccer Camp

Dec 28-30  
Hinsdale South Fieldhouse  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road,  
Darien  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

Boys and girls ages 5-12 will work on developing fundamental techniques in a fun atmosphere that unlocks the game within each child. All participants need to bring a ball; T-shirts are included. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$104. RR, MD

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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## ■ Holiday Magic

Dec. 8-11, 14-18, 26-31  
Brookfield Zoo  
3400 31st St.  
(630) 688-8400  
[www.czs.org/holidaymagic](http://www.czs.org/holidaymagic)

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

ever-popular 20-foot-tall orb and 3D 16-foot-tall gingerbread house, a 600-foot-long "Tunnel of Lights" and more. Many of the zoo's animal buildings will be open as well restaurants and gift shops offering an array of unique items. View more than 600 decorated community and corporate trees along the malls and around Roosevelt Fountain. Advanced registration and tickets are required.

Times: 3 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for ages 3-11, \$19.95 for seniors 65 and older plus \$15 parking. RR, MD

## ■ Trip to Aurora's Christkindlmarket

Dec. 9  
Leave from The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)

(630) 323-7500

Shop for German food, beverages, and handcrafted gifts at this German-style Christmas market resembling winter holiday markets in Europe. Shop among dozens of vendors, sample treats like bratwurst, pretzels, roasted nuts and hot spiced wine, and enjoy music and holiday lights. Round-trip motor coach transportation is included. Time: 11 a.m. to 3:45

p.m. Cost: \$95. RR, MD

## ■ Nutcracker Suite

Dec. 9  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
[www.wsballet.org/performances](http://www.wsballet.org/performances)

Adults will mingle, drink and savor holiday treats in a festive atmosphere while children enjoy Nutcracker-themed activities and craft

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## opening doors . . .

### *HPL Spice Club*

**Pick-up: Dec. 12, Jan. 9, & Feb. 13**

*Our popular monthly Spice Kit includes a featured spice, recipes highlighting it, plus information about the spice. Space is limited, register soon!*

### *VIRTUAL: Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever*

**Tuesday, December 13  
7:00 pm–8:00 pm**

*Join IL Libraries Present for a special holiday event. Shauna will share her love of food and baking along with tips to make your holidays delicious.*

### *VIRTUAL: Tech Gift Guide*

**Thursday, December 15  
7:00 pm–8:00 pm**

*Get holiday gift inspiration for memorable tech gifts in every budget. Include an email address when registering & an online meeting invitation will be sent.*



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a costume piece that they will wear later in the evening, when they step onstage to perform alongside West Suburban Ballet Conservatory ballerinas. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets: \$50 for adults, \$10 for children.

### ■ Holiday Favorites with the Jolly Boys

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

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

### ■ Winter Open House

Dec. 10  
Oak Brook Heritage Center  
1200 Oak Brook Road

Bring the family for a fun outing of crafts, tours of the historic Butler school house and hot cocoa and cookies. Don a Santa hat and hop aboard the antique Butler family sleigh for a fun photo opportunity. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission: Free, donations appreciated.

### ■ Holiday Concert

Dec. 10  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1310 Shepherd Drive,  
Naperville  
www.nhbdupage.org  
(630) 476-9072

The New Horizons Band of DuPage will perform selections of holiday favorites. The concert will include sing-alongs, the New Horizons Concert Band, Brass Choir, German Band, Jazz Band and Woodwind Consort. New Horizons consists of musicians from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs under the direction of Maryann Flock. Light refreshments will follow the concert. Time: 2 p.m.

### ■ 'Jingle Bell Ruckus'

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

The Second City returns to deliver a heaping serving of seasonal satire in this show,

where nothing is off limits. Holiday film classics, family gatherings, beloved Christmas carols and winter get a seasonal skewering in this fast-paced, interactive, original comedy revue filled with style, wit and plenty of that famous (and festive) Second City improv. The show may contain adult language and themes. Time: 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$30 to \$48.

### ■ Holiday Afternoon Tea

Dec. 10 & 17  
Lucille Restaurant  
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace  
www.drurylanetheatre.com  
(630) 530-0111

Indulge in seasonal teas, unlimited champagne and enticing desserts while a pianist plays favorite carols. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. Time: 1 p.m. Cost: \$55 adults, \$30 kids

12 and younger.

### ■ Advent Vocalist Concert

Dec. 11  
St. Isaac Jogues Church  
411 S. Clay St., Hinsdale  
www.sij.net  
(630) 323-1248

Take a musical journey through the story of Christmas with award-winning musical artist and author Tatiana 'Tajci' Cameron and guest guitarist and singer David

Langley. Time: 2 p.m. Cost: Free, with freewill offering accepted.

### ■ 'Merry'

Dec. 11  
Hinsdale Central High School  
5500 S. Grant St.  
www.westsubsymphony.org  
The West Suburban Symphony will perform a holiday concert featuring Santa,

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carols and tunes celebrating sleighs and winter wonderlands and a reading of " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" set to music. Time: 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25, discounts for seniors and teens.

### ■ 'The Spirit of the Season'

Dec. 11  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

Voctave will bring its incredible singers for a program of some of the most beloved holiday favorites, including "O Holy Night," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Carol of the Bells of Notre Dame" and more. Voctave is perhaps best known from their viral YouTube performances of Disney medleys. This show is appropriate for the whole family. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$65-\$75

### ■ Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever

Dec. 13  
www.hinsdale.libnet.info  
(630) 986-1976

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

### ■ Christmas Spectacular Concert

Dec. 14  
Nazareth Academy  
1209 W. Ogden Ave.,  
LaGrange Park  
www.nazarethacademy.com  
(708) 354-0061

This annual concert showcases the school's instrumental and choral programs performing secular and religious holiday favorites, from "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" to "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Time: 7 p.m.

### ■ Santa's Mailbox

Through Dec. 16  
www.villageofhinsdale.org  
(630) 789-7090

Write a letter to Santa, drop

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

### ■ 'The Nutcracker'

Dec. 16 & 17  
Nazareth Academy  
1209 Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park  
www.wsballer.org/perfor-

mances  
West Suburban Ballet Conservatory performs the holiday classic. Time: 7 p.m. Dec. 16, 1 p.m. Dec. 17. Tickets: \$35 and up.

### ■ Interactive Holiday Movie: 'Elf'

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

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

### ■ 'A Christmas Carol' — A Radio Play

Dec. 17 & 18  
Cantigny Park  
1SS151 Winfield Road,  
Wheaton  
(630) 668-5161  
www.cantigny.org

Audiences will enjoy a behind-the-scenes perspective as they watch a talented five-member cast cycle through multiple characters. To the side, an old-time radio sound artist will create realistic auditory effects to support the action on stage. The show is inspired by Chicago's Theatre of the Air, a real radio program introduced by Colonel Robert McCormick on WGN in 1940. While the setting is a bit different, the main character's journey is familiar. Ebenezer Scrooge is a Chicago citizen in the 1940s and publisher of the Chicago Daily News. Guided by three memorable spirits, he will need to learn the true meaning of Christmas and "goodwill to all" if he is to save himself from an unforgiving future. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 18. Tickets: \$2.

### ■ 'Season's Greetings'

Through Dec. 18  
McAninch Arts Center  
College of DuPage  
421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
(630) 942-4000

Friends and family gather at Neville and Belinda's home to celebrate the holidays. Hilarious mayhem ensues in this entertaining look at the anxiety and high jinks of an average family during the holidays. An ASL performance will be presented Dec. 8. The show contains mature themes and language. Times: 8 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$42, \$40 for seniors.

### ■ 'A Christmas Carol'

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

Continue a tradition or start a new one by gathering the whole family for this heartwarming production of Dickens' Christmas classic. Complete with falling snow, magical illusions and special effects, the play is a visually-stunning experience, and at one hour long, perfect for children of all ages. On select performance dates, families will have the opportunity to have breakfast or dinner with Santa Claus in Drury Lane's elegantly decorated dining room. Time: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. performances offered on various dates. Tickets: \$26.

### ■ Noon Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdale.libnet.info  
(630) 986-1976

All ages are invited to count-down until noon by completing crafts, playing games and enjoying snacks. Registration opens Dec. 17. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. RR

### ■ New Year's Eve Concert

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

Ring in the New Year with New Philharmonic's style and celebration, with pop, waltzes,

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## 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.

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Community Consolidated School District No. 181, Counties of DuPage and Cook, State of Illinois, for 2022 will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022, 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.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$68,157,500.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$73,507,511. This represents a 7.85 percent increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$3,147,492.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$9,269,133. This represents a 195 percent increase from the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$71,304,992.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$82,776,644. This represents a 16.1 percent increase over the previous year.

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arias and light classical favorites. The concert showcases the rich bass-baritone voice of Mischa Bouvier, as well as members of the unique, high-energy CoverGirls who have performed across America on their electric violins. Times: 1:30, 5 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$67-77.

## ■ 'Timeless' New Year's Eve Celebration

Dec. 31  
Oak Brook Hills Resort  
3500 Midwest Road  
[www.tinyurl.com/OBHNYE](http://www.tinyurl.com/OBHNYE)

Chicagoland's biggest New Year's Eve event will take a final curtain call when "Timeless" returns for the last time ever to the Oak Brook Hills. As seen in previous years on ABC-TV's top-rated Countdown Chicago, "Timeless" reprises the classic New Year's Eve glam atmosphere hosted by the Kings of Cool. The internationally renowned Las Vegas show, The Rat Pack is Back brings Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin straight from the Vegas strip, backed by a 15-piece big band. Tickets include seating at a four-top, classic era cocktails from the open bar, endless gourmet bites and opulent food stations, a chocolate fountain, party favors, a midnight balloon drop and Champagne

toast. Tickets include an overnight stay at the hotel. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$300-\$450

## ■ New Year's Day Brunch

Jan. 1  
Lucille Restaurant  
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace  
[www.drurylanetheatre.com](http://www.drurylanetheatre.com)  
(630) 530-0111

Start 2023 off right with Lucille's signature champagne brunch featuring bottomless mimosas, decadent cuisine and lavish desserts, with more than 10 stations of gourmet food to choose from. Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$60 for adults, \$30 for children 3-12, free for kids 2 and younger.

## ■ Illumination

Through Jan. 7  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
(630) 968-0074  
[www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)

The 10th annual Illumination: Tree Lights offers a one-of-a-kind spectacle of color, light and sound featuring six dazzling new displays and returning favorites. Also, new this year is Electric Illumination, a late-night experience for adults 18 and older with a curated mix of trance and progressive house music, synchronized to the breathtaking light displays. The limited run is set for 9:30

to 11 p.m. Dec. 16, 23, and 30. Along the one-mile route, warm up by a crackling fire and roast marshmallows for s'mores or stop in one of the concession tents for a snack and beverage. Advance ticket purchases are encouraged as many dates sell out. Hours: 4:30 to 8 p.m. slots. Tickets: \$16-\$27. RR, MD

## ■ 'Elf the Musical'

Through Jan. 8  
Drury Lane Theatre  
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace  
[www.drurylanetheatre.com](http://www.drurylanetheatre.com)  
(630) 530-0111

Based on the popular film, the story follows Buddy who, after discovering he is really a human raised as an elf, makes the journey from the North Pole to New York City to find his birth father, sharing the true meaning of Christmas along the way. Times: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$78-\$89, \$5 senior discount for Wednesday and Thursday matinees.

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# Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

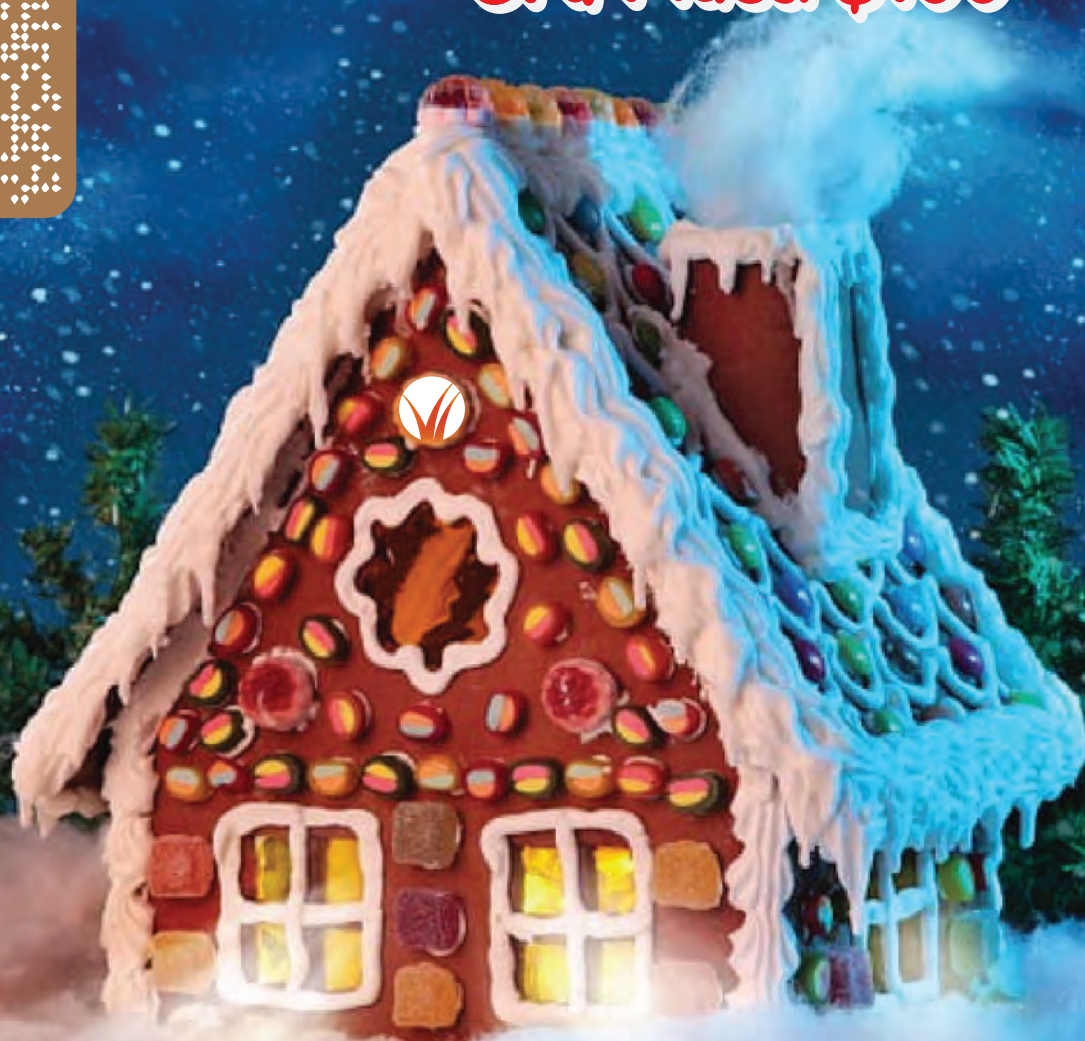


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# SPIRIT OF GIVING

## ■ Greeting card fundraiser

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Help the Hinsdale Central Boosters ring in the holidays with a greeting card fundraiser through [www.minted.com](http://www.minted.com). Use the promo code FUNDRAISEHINSDALEHS to receive 20 percent off an order and Boosters will receive a donation equal to 15 percent of the total purchase. Check out Minted's fun holiday designs and reconnect with family and friends this holiday season. All funds raised support Central students through fall and spring Grants to activities and athletics.

## ■ Juniors Jingle Dash 5K

Dec. 11  
Robbins Park  
Seventh and Vine streets,  
Hinsdale  
[www.runsignup.com/race/IL/Hinsdale/JuniorsJingleDash](http://www.runsignup.com/race/IL/Hinsdale/JuniorsJingleDash)

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

## ■ Jingle Ball

Dec. 16  
Hinsdale Humane Society  
21 Salt Creek Lane  
[www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org](http://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org)  
(630) 323-5630

The Hinsdale Humane Society Junior Board invites the whole family to enjoy pup time, a bake sale, cookie decorating, games, letters to Santa and filling stockings for cats. All guests are encouraged to bring wrapped, stocking-sized gifts for adoptable cats and dogs and wear a favorite ugly sweater. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$15, \$10 for kids under 12. RR

## ■ Tree of Remembrance

Through Jan. 1  
Lincoln and First streets,  
Hinsdale  
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Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded between Oct. 24 and Nov. 23.

**1. 923 S. Quincy St.,** Bradley and Cheryl Freburg to Natalie Larrick and Brett O'Bourke, Oct. 24, \$530,000

**2. 809 S. Clay St.,** Carmela Gee Revocable Trust to John and Teresa Whitehead, Oct. 24, \$1,770,000

**3. 110 E. 55th St.,** Thomas Blackmore and Dolores H. Blackmore Trust to Gregory Lieberenz and Jacqueline Marx, Oct. 27, \$280,000

**4. 1401 Burr Oak Road,** Catherine Danly Revocable Trust to James and Cynthia Johnson, Oct. 28, \$650,000

**5. 225 E. First St.,** Marjorie and John Kayser to H Harrison Development LLC, Oct. 31, \$2,500,000

**6. 610 Hillside Drive,** Jeremy and Janice Snyder to Pravin and Ami Khakhkhar, Nov. 2, \$380,000

**7. 733 S. Grant St.,** Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Hinsdale One LLC, Nov. 3, \$463,575

**8. 640 W. 55th St.,** Christina and William McLeod to Philip Ross, Nov. 4, \$292,500

**9. 13 W. First St.,** Riverside Building Services LLC to 13 W. First St., Nov. 4, \$1,899,900

**10. 620 S. Thurlow St.,** Monika Dudek and Brett Miller to Martin Mikelsons and Maria Citino, Nov. 4, \$1,400,000

**11. 5751 S. Thurlow St.,** Filipinas Aquino and Steven Ebeling to Dixie Mayer and Ginger Kroll, Nov. 8, \$1,150,000

**12. 10 S. Elm St.,** James and Julia Steele to David Shrader and DMS Trust, Nov. 9, \$865,000

**13. 223 S. Quincy St.,** Christopher and Ashley Atkinson to Jonathan Amarilio and Bridget Eastman, Nov. 10, \$895,000

**14. 447 N. Quincy St.,** Michael and Nicholle

Downing to Marci and James English, Nov. 14, \$1,200,000

**15. 921 S. Madison St.,** McNaughton Development LLC to Lisa and Shawn Farrar, Nov. 14, \$1,795,000

**16. 20 Center St.,** Aldas and Maria Naris to 20 Center LLC, Nov. 15, \$2,651,000

**17. 22 W. First St.,** Home Space LLC to Images Hinsdale RE LLC, Nov. 16, \$1,072,000

**18. 330 The Lane,** Sherlyn Hyde and Joseph C. Hyde Revocable Trust to Jeffrey Carlstead, Nov. 17, \$1,675,000

**19. 411 E. Third St.,** Theresa Ryan Revocable Trust and David Ryan to Anna and Shawn Vincent, Nov. 17, \$2,400,000

**20. 328 N. Oak St.,** Blake and Katelyn Geoffrion to Tracy and John Bauschard, \$1,500,000

**21. 138 N. Quincy St.,** Stewart O. and Mary C. Seman trusts to Kendel Braithwaite, Nov. 17, \$565,000

**22. 9 S. Bodin St.,** Ernest J. Mrozek Trust and Diane Mrozek to Jennifer Saxton, Nov. 18, \$899,000

**23. 1201 Chanticleer Lane,** Mary Engmark, Greatchen Baron and Jane L. Youngs Revocable Trust to Paul and Joanne Schulze trusts, Nov. 18, \$445,000

**24. 438 S. Adams St.,** Edward Yost and Herman J. and Mary C. Yost family trusts to Brian Collins and Gretchen Schreiber, Nov. 21, \$717,500

**25. 414 S. Bruner St.,** Eric and Katherine Goeld to Cameron and Josefina Legan and the Legan Family Revocable Trust Nov. 21, \$811,500

**26. 404 N. Adams St.,** Blaine and Jennifer Saxton and the Saxton Revocable Trust to David and Rachel Mahoney, Nov. 22, \$1,950,000

**27. 132 E. Fifth St.,** John and Tracy Bauschard to Blake and Katelyn Geoffrion, Nov. 23, \$2,850,000



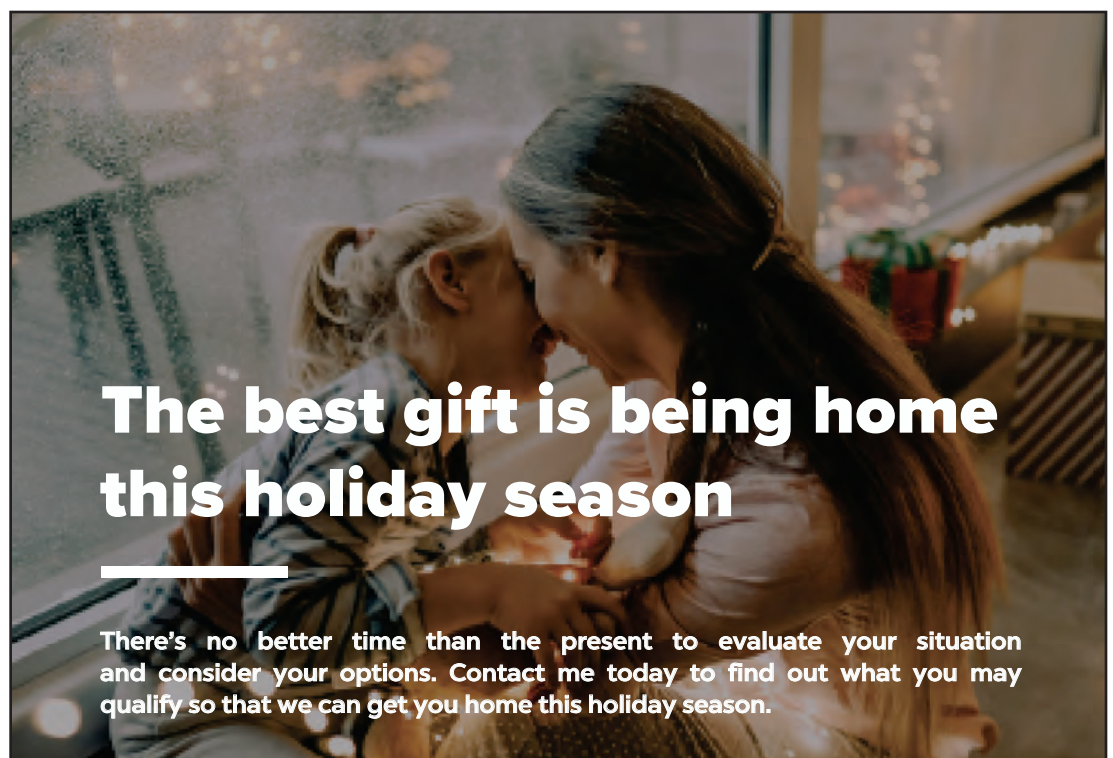
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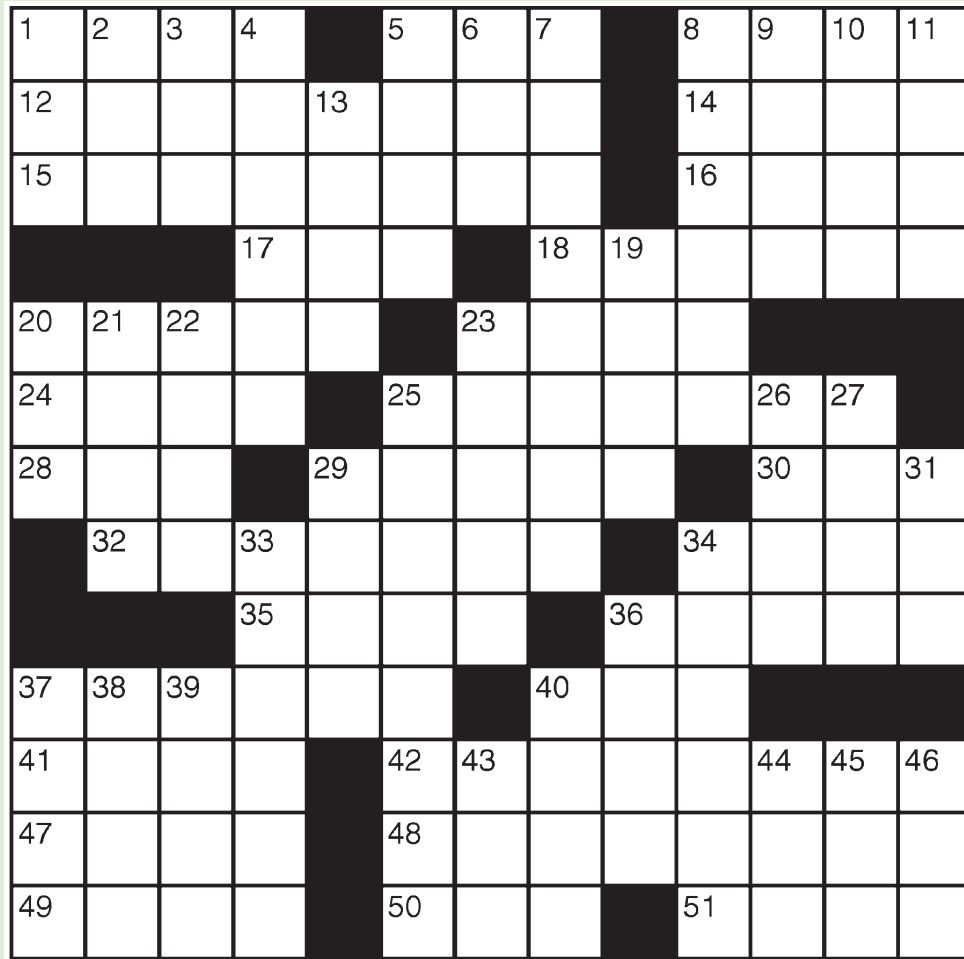
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36 COMMOTION  
37 GRABBED  
38 BOTH (PREF.)  
39 CHECK  
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43 ST. CROSSER  
44 WEED WHACKER  
45 NOTABLE TIME  
46 LAIR

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

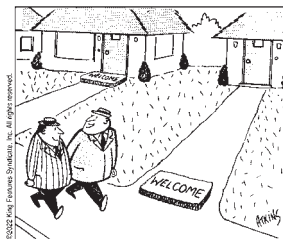
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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Warble 2. Snide  
3. Faint; 4. Serve

Today's Word  
**STARVED**



"I understand they're \_\_\_\_\_  
for company."

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Chirp  
**BAWLER**     
Mean  
**DINES**     
Subtle  
**INFAT**     
Assist  
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TODAY'S WORD

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## HOROSCOPES

December 2022 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, after a tumultuous few weeks, things in your life finally settle down. Embrace the opportunity to rest and do not take on any new projects until next year.



ARIES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, no matter how much you try to tip the odds in your favor, this week is much more about the luck of the draw. Keep a positive outlook and things may turn out in your favor.



CANCER

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you lean toward an optimistic view on most things, but it is alright to be realistic at some points along the way, or even slightly skeptical. Balance is key.



LIBRA

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
A companion animal in your life needs some attention, Libra. There may be some vet bills to contend with, but luckily you can handle that without much issue.



AQUARIUS

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, things may not be going completely according to plan on the professional front. But at home you have gotten into a solid groove. Use this win to boost your mood.



TAURUS

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, if winter's chill is getting you down, you may want to plan a getaway to somewhere warmer. That may be just what you need to re-charge.



LEO

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, if you are feeling under the weather this week, you will have to put on a smile and push through. It is the holidays, after all. Seek as much help as others can muster.



SCORPIO

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
The activity you have been turning to provide mental stimulation just may not be cutting it any longer. Start to explore some other options and see if there may be a better fit, Scorpio.



PISCES

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
There is much more to a situation than meets the eye, Pisces. Delve deeper to learn about a person's true motivation.



GEMINI

**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
The two sides of your personality are lately at odds with one another, Gemini. You have to make an important decision, so seek out a friend for advice.



VIRGO

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, you are on borrowed time regarding your finances. Take a careful look at your budget this week and make the tweaks necessary to stay afloat if income wanes.



SAGITTARIUS

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
A health issue that has been getting the better of you for some time will be resolved for in the days to come, Sagittarius. It'll be birthday good news. Start celebrating.



STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Avery Anderson**  
senior  
Hinsdale

**How long have you been on the bowling team?**

Since freshman year. I did it for fun and then I found out that I actually had some talent at it, so I kept going with it. My dad also did bowling in high school.

**What do you enjoy most about the sport?**

I like the fact that it's an individual sport, but we can also work as a team and we motivate each other. That makes it more fun — and we learn from each other.

**Do you have any pre-match rituals?**

I'm very, very, very superstitious. Before I do anything, I always have to take a second and go through the motions in my head of exactly what I need to do and really focus on where I'm going to hit. If I get a strike, I try to do exactly what I did to make it happen again.

**How do you handle the mental game?**

I have to remind myself that I know what I'm doing and I can just relax and use my muscle memory to let things happen and not let the nerves get into my head. Our coaches do a good job of telling us that — it's just in your head.

**What is the best advice**

**you've gotten from a coach?**

One of my coaches always tells me to look down if I have a bad throw, because if I look up and I see the people's reactions, I get very much in my head and I think people are judging me.

**What's your highest score?**

268. It was last year at an invite.

**What is your goal for the season?**

Last year I made it to sectionals, so I want to see if I can make it farther and make it to state.

**What would people be surprised to know about you?**

I feel like a lot of people are surprised when they find out I can draw really well.

**What are your plans for next year?**

My goal is to get a medical degree. I kind of want to be a dentist.

**Why does coach Paul Parpet like having Anderson on the team?**

Avery is a four-year bowler, a 2022 sectional qualifier and team captain. Avery should be one of the top bowlers in the West Suburban Conference.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

RESULTS

<b>Basketball, boys</b> Dec. 3 vs. Hinsdale South V wins 49-33 Oosterbaan, 22 points Collignon, 6 points Phillips, 6 points Eck, 5 points Orozco, 3 points Dec. 2 @ York V wins 56-41	Dec. 6 vs. Hinsdale South V loses 2,347-2,363 Wu, 500 Molfese, 422 Andersen, 380 Vladislavjevich, 370 Groom, 339 Liu, 336 Dec. 1 vs. Addison Trail V loses 2,386-2,754	Austin, 9th, 7.2 Floor exercise Austin, 1st (tie), 8.8 Hamelka, 6th, 8.4 French, 7th, 8.35 McLaughlin, 8th, 8.3 All around French, 5th, 33.45 Austin, 6th, 33.3 Hamelka, 8th, 32.9	2:09.04 50-yard freestyle Hou, 1st, 22.37 Harris, 2nd, 22.68 Marcet, 4th, 23.11 1-meter diving S. Kassir, 1st, 261.45 Brown, 4th, 182.9 A. Kassir, 5th, 158.5 100-yard butterfly Bertulis, 1st, 51.92 Gao, 2nd, 53.37 Vatev, 4th, 59.43 100-yard freestyle Carlb Baum, 1st, 48.87 Priest, 2nd, 48.92 Suliga, 3rd, 51.19 500-yard freestyle Harris, 1st, 5:07.16 Feiro, 2nd, 5:07.59 Chase, 3rd, 5:17.37 200-yard freestyle relay Bertulis, Hou, Marcet, Priest, 1st, 1:28.33 Suliga, Fix, Chase, Pelinkovic, 2nd, 1:32.19 100-yard backstroke Carlb Baum, 1st, 54.51 Bey, 2nd, 56.33 100-yard breaststroke	Bertulis, 1st, 1:00.45 Fix, 3rd, 1:01.32 Hou, 4th, 1:03.01 400-yard freestyle relay Marcet, Harris, Vatev, Carlb Baum, 1st, 3:20.08 Bey, Gao, Feiro, Benington, 3rd, 3:30.38 Dec. 2 @ Tri w/ Waubonsie Valley & St. Charles East V places 1st with 167 points
<b>Basketball, girls</b> Dec. 6 vs. Proviso West V wins 34-28 Dolan, 11 points Skinner, 9 points McLaughlin, 4 points Dani, 3 points Sherpitis, 3 points Gin, 2 points Qui, point Sheehan, point	<b>Gymnastics, girls</b> Nov. 30 vs. Glenbard West V loses 135.25-140.45 Vault French, 2nd, 9.1 Austin, 5th (tie), 8.8 McLaughlin, 7th (tie), 8.5 Sullivan, 7th (tie), 8.5 Uneven bars French, 2nd, 8.9 Sullivan, 5th, 8.55 Austin, 6th, 8.5 McLaughlin, 7th, 8.35 Balance beam Inabnit, 4th (tie), 8.6 Koulouris, 4th (tie), 8.6 Hamelka, 7th (tie), 7.8	<b>Hockey</b> Dec. 6 vs. Stevenson V loses 1-7	<b>Swimming, boys</b> Dec. 3 vs. Naperville Central V wins 136-50 200-yard medley relay Carlb Baum, Harris, Guo, Priest, 1st, 1:36.72 Marcet, Bertulis, Gao, Hou, 2nd, 1:38.48 200-yard freestyle Bey, 1st, 1:50.39 Chase, 2nd, 1:51.71 Suliga, 4th, 1:56.56 200-yard IM Priest, 1st, 2:04.77 Benington, 2nd,	<b>Wrestling</b> Dec. 3 @ Plainfield North Invite 138 pounds Ryan 5-0 145 pounds Tavoso, 5-0 220 pounds Ivanisevic, 5-0 170 pounds Kruse, 4-1 285 pounds Koschik, 4-1 Dec. 2 vs. York V wins 37-34

Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central's Teddy Chase** swims in the 200-yard freestyle event during a home swim meet Saturday against Naperville Central. Teammate Zach Brown competed in the 1-meter diving event, with all contributing to the Red Devils' 136-50 victory over the visiting Redhawks. (Jim Slonoff photos)



# SPORTS



The Hinsdale Central boys and girls basketball teams' seasons are well underway, with each program gearing up for upcoming holiday tournaments and conference schedules that will test their teamwork, stamina and mental toughness. (file photos)

## Central teams seek order on the court

*Devils' boys and girls basketball teams shoot for steady progress throughout season*

By Ken Knutson

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The final installment in the Hinsdale Central winter sports preview series takes the matter to court — the basketball court, that is.

The Red Devil boys and girls hoops squads are both looking for steady improvement as the season unfolds. The tough West Suburban Silver conference will undoubtedly put them to the test, but they're eager to show they can rise to the challenge.

Boys and girls hockey were featured Nov. 24, and boys swimming, girls gymnastics and wrestling were previewed in the Dec. 1 issue.

### Boys basketball

**First game:** Nov. 21 vs. Naperville North (V won 50-48)

**Last season:** 19-11 (lost in the regional final)

**Head coach:** Nick Latorre

**Years as Central head coach:** 13

**No. of players on varsity:** 20

**Team strengths:** We have a lot of experience back from last year which helps. We're a very senior heavy group, and I think all those seniors are bringing some form

of leadership to the team. We're pretty talented on both ends of the floor. I like the way this group has really committed to working hard and wanting to be great. The group seems to really get along well and like each other. We're very deep, and it's really led to some competitive practices.

**Areas for growth:** Two areas we've really been focusing on is playing tougher defensively and sharing the ball. If we can do those two things and defend with some sense of urgency, I think this group has got an opportunity to do some great things.

**Who to watch:** Our whole starting lineup is solid. Senior Ben Oosterbaan has led us in scoring so far this year, but we've had contributions from all five guys, including senior forwards Chase Collignon and Billy Cernugel. Senior guard Evan Phillips has been a rock at the point position with a 5-1 assist-to-turnover ratio, and senior guard Emerson Eck has also been solid. Seniors Pat Graham and Jack Trainer and junior Will Gaffney have been doing a nice job off the bench for us.

**Season outlook:** We want to try to get better each day and just hopefully we continue to improve

and get better. Our conference is really deep, and it's going to be tough. The upcoming Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic should be a great tournament with a lot of good teams.

### Girls basketball

**First game:** Nov. 15 vs. Metea Valley (V won 56-45)

**Last season:** 16-13, lost in regional final

**Head coach:** Erin Navolio

**Years as Central head coach:** first, assistant coach for 10 years

**No. of players on varsity:** 9

**Team strengths:** We're very young. We have two seniors, three juniors, three sophomores and one freshman. We don't have a lot of girls with a ton of varsity experience, but all very coachable and willing to do what I tell them. They all get on really well with each other and are a very competitive bunch.

**Areas for growth:** We need to grow in experience and confidence. Just be able to learn to try and trust one another and be a team, really. I'll see moments where it will start to click here and there in practice and in games. As long as they trust the process and

work together, they'll improve. We watch film and review things and learn from our mistakes so we don't continue to make the same mistakes in every game.

**Who to watch:** Senior guards Amelia McLaughlin and Ivy Qiu, junior guards Luella Sheehan and Ryann Knapp, and sophomore guard Grace Dolan are all returning varsity players. Junior forward Greta Dani is also one to watch. Everybody has a really great opportunity to play this year and show their skills and their talents.

**Season outlook:** Everyone in our conference is always incredibly competitive — and we're lucky to be part of such a competitive conference. I know they'll rise to the challenge. We just go into the games with no fear and try and get better at what we can control. Our goal is to improve with every practice and every game, and just focus on who's in front of us. I entered Hinsdale Central (as a student) the year the team won state. So I'm aware of how amazing this program has been and how amazing it can be, and we want to get it back to what it was. In my first year as coach I have a lot of very supportive families, and athletic director Dan Jones has been very helpful in my transition.





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