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A star spangled hug

Charlotte Ruby Quinn, a member of the Monroe School Student Council, broke ranks and gave her grandpa, Jonathan Siedlecki, a hug before he and other veterans were served lunch. Siedlecki served in the Army during the Vietnam years. The vets were guests at Monroe School's Veterans Day Program Nov. 11, during which students from each grade sang songs honoring the veterans and the day. A "thank you to our veterans" slideshow was presented as well. (Jim Slonoff photo)



Blown away

Artist discovers working in glass is his true calling.

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Dream work

Teens preparing to stage iconic Shakespearean comedy.

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NEWS

December time for fa-la-la-la levies

Taxing bodies filing requests for property tax revenue to fund expenses for 2025-26

By Ken Knutson
and Pamela Lannom

Village, library and school boards in Hinsdale are in the midst of approving tentative levies — or annual requests for property tax revenue — before the final levy is adopted in December.

The levy requests will be submitted to the clerks in DuPage and Cook counties, who will translate them into tax rates that will appear on homeowners' bills in 2024.

Charts breaking down each of the levies, with an explanation of the taxing cycle and a glossary, are on Page 5.

Village of Hinsdale

Hinsdale trustees will request about \$9.1 million in property taxes for the 2024 fiscal year, although that will be after \$3.2 million is returned to taxpayers in the form of abatements.

At a village board meeting Nov. 7, officials held a first read of the levy plan. Trustee Matt Posthuma, chair of the board's administration and community affairs committee, said the village will cover principal and interest payments on six bond issuances from alternative revenue sources. But the

village is still required to levy property taxes for those costs.

"We'll pass six separate resolutions abating the taxes for those payments on those six bond issuances," Posthuma explained.

The net levy of \$9.1 million is an increase of 4.14 percent over last year, with an allotment for new growth as allowed under the state's tax cap. Because the increase is less than 5 percent over last year's tax receipts, the village is not required to hold a public hearing on the measure. About \$8.7 million of the levy amount is subject to the tax cap.

The village combines its levy with that of the Hinsdale Public Library for a total request of slightly more than \$12.9 million. Officials reported that property tax revenue funds about 43 percent of the village's general fund.

Formal adoption of the levy will be on the board's agenda at its Tuesday, Nov. 19, meeting.

Hinsdale Public Library

Hinsdale Public Library trustees in September approved a property tax levy request of \$3.8 million for 2024 fiscal year. Because the library is not its own taxing district, the amount will be added to the village's levy resolution, bringing the

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combined proposed levy for both entities to \$12.9 million.

The amount represents an increase of about 4.2 percent over last year's tax receipts. It is calculated by taking the consumer price index of 3.4 percent, the limiting figure under state tax cap law, plus an allowance to capture \$16.33 million in estimated new growth.

John Bloomfield, library board president, said the board's strategic plan has guided their levy decisions.

"We're almost three years into our strategic plan, which was the result of extensive community input. That plan directs us to meet the growing demand for digital and physical items, build on our popular new programs, and make our spaces more accessible, flexible and comfortable," Bloomfield said. "We're fortunate to operate out of a beautiful historic building, but that also means we need to maintain capital reserves to fund maintenance projects like replacing electrical panels and portions of our roof."

He said officials review estimates of capital needs each year and, in consort with operating

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Fall choir concert

Members of Hinsdale Central's choirs performed their annual concert last month. The Hinsdale Central Singers, Treble Choir, Bass Choir, Chorale and Chamber Choir each performed a few songs and finished off the concert singing the final number together. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



From the archives — Dr. John Hench of Hinsdale captured this image while canoing on Salt Creek near Fullersburg, circa 1903-1910. Boating and fishing on Salt Creek have long been cherished pastimes for generations of Hinsdaleans. This photograph, preserved from a delicate glass-plate negative in the Hinsdale Historical Society's archive, represents not only a glimpse into leisure activities of the era but also the remarkable feat of early outdoor photography — requiring bulky equipment and careful handling to avoid the disastrous consequences of water damage.



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Understanding state's property tax cycle

School districts and village setting 2024 levies, which will determine 2025 tax bill

The property tax is largest single tax in Illinois and is the major source of revenue for Community Consolidated District 181 and Hinsdale High School District 86. The village of Hinsdale also relies on property taxes as a sig-

nificant source of funding, as does the Hinsdale Public Library, although the village has several other revenue streams to support operations.

Taxing bodies are required each year to file a levy, or a request for

property tax revenue. Setting the levy actually is the fourth of six steps in the property tax cycle as outlined below. Much of the information on this page is taken from The Illinois Property Tax System: A General Guide to

the Local Property Tax Cycle, published by the Illinois Department of Revenue, and documents created by local taxing districts. The accompanying glossary provides definitions for several terms.

Glossary

abatement: a local taxing district may instruct the county clerk to abate, or not collect, any portion of its taxes

assessed value: the value placed on a property by the county assessor for tax purposes

capped funds: generally speaking, a taxing district's operating funds (see tax cap entry for more)

consumer price index: the CPI used for tax cap purposes is the national CPI for all urban consumers for all items as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

equalized assessed value (EAV): the assessed value multiplied by any state or county equalization factor. The result is the value from which the tax rate is calculated after deducting homestead exemptions, if applicable.

extension: the actual dollar amount billed to property owners, which equals the taxing body's net equalized valuation multiplied by its tax rate as calculated by the county clerk

levy: a taxing body's annual request for a specific amount of property tax revenue to support operations and debt payments

net equalized assessed value: the equalized assessed valuation of any property minus any legal exemptions, such as the Homestead Exemption

new growth: new construction or annexed property in a taxing district. The tax cap law provides an allowance for new growth in addition to the CPI increase.

p-tell percentage: the change in the CPI between December of the current and previous year. The percentage for 2023, which will be used in the 2024 levy, is 3.4. Its highest was 7 percent in 2021 and its lowest was .1 percent in 2009.

property tax: the single largest tax in Illinois. It is sometimes called an "ad valorem" tax, which means "according to value."

tax base: the total net equalized assessed valuation of the taxing district

tax cap: officially known as the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, it is designed to limit increases in the property tax extensions for operating funds to 5 percent or the change in the previous year's consumer price index, whichever is lower, plus an amount for new growth. The cap does not apply to bond repayment.

tax rate: the county clerk calculates each taxing body's rate by dividing its levy by its total net equalized assessed valuation. That rate is then multiplied by a home's EAV to determine the tax bill for that property.

truth in taxation: a district must publish a legal notice and hold a public hearing if the levy is more than 105 percent of the previous year's extension



Village of Hinsdale

2024 proposed tax levy all funds: \$9.1 million
 2023 tax extension all funds: \$8.7 million
 2024 proposed tax levy capped funds: \$8.7 million
 2023 tax extension capped funds: \$8.4 million
 Percent increase capped funds: 4
 2023 total EAV: \$2.2 billion
 New growth assumed for 2024: \$16.3 million
 2023 tax rate all funds: .399



Hinsdale Public Library

2024 proposed tax levy all funds: \$3.8 million
 2023 tax extension all funds: \$3.7 million
 2024 proposed tax levy capped funds: \$3.8 million
 2023 tax extension capped funds: \$3.7 million
 Percent increase capped funds: 4.19
 2023 total EAV: \$2.2 billion
 New growth assumed for 2024: \$16.3 million
 2023 tax rate all funds: .169



District 181

2024 proposed tax levy all funds: \$83 million
 2023 tax extension all funds: \$80.1 million
 2024 proposed tax levy capped funds: \$79.9 million
 2023 tax extension capped funds: \$76.4 million
 Percent increase: 3.9
 2023 total EAV: \$3.07 billion
 New growth assumed for 2024: \$24.5 million
 2023 tax rate all funds: \$2.56



District 86

2024 proposed tax levy all funds: \$116.6 million
 2023 tax extension all funds: \$112.6 million
 2024 proposed tax levy capped funds: \$104.4 million
 2023 tax extension capped funds: \$100.2 million
 Percent increase capped funds: 4.4
 2023 total EAV: \$6.55 billion
 New growth assumed for 2024: \$50 million
 2023 tax rate all funds: \$1.72

Steps of Illinois taxing cycle

1. Assessment

All property is appraised so values for property tax purposes can be determined. The chief county assessment officer (county assessor in Cook, township assessor in DuPage) ensures assessment levels are uniform and at the legal assessment level by applying a uniform percentage increase or decrease to all assessments in the jurisdiction, otherwise known as "equalizing" assessments.

By law, most property is assessed at 33 1/3 percent of market value. Cook County is the exception; it has 13 classes of property that are assessed at anywhere from 16 percent (residential) to 33 percent (commercial) of market value. Property is reassessed every four years in DuPage and every three years in Cook.

2. Review of assessment decisions

County boards of review determine whether local assessing officials have cal-

culated assessed values correctly, equalize assessments within the county, assess any property that was omitted, decide if homestead exemptions should be granted and review nonhomestead exemption applications.

Property owners and local taxing districts may appeal what they believe to be unfair assessments to their local county boards of review and, if dissatisfied with that decision, the State Property Tax Appeal Board or circuit court.

3. State equalization

The Illinois Department of Revenue equalizes assessments among counties and issues a state equalization factor for each county to bring the level of assessment to 33 1/3 percent of market value.

4. Levy

Taxing districts determine the amount of revenue they need to raise from property taxes, hold hearings if the levy increase is 5 percent or more and certify levies to the county clerk. Each taxing district must show a separate amount for

each fund for which it levies. All levies must be filed with the county clerk by the last Tuesday in December, which is Dec. 31 this year.

5. Extension

The county clerk applies the state equalization factor, calculates the tax rate needed to produce the amount of revenues each taxing district may levy legally, apportions the levy among the properties in a taxing district according to their EAV so tax bills can be computed, abates taxes as directed by taxing districts and prepares books for the county collector. The term "extension" also refers to the amount of taxes actually billed.

6. Collection and distribution

The county collector prepares tax bills, receives payments from property owners, distributes taxes to the local government taxing districts that levied them and administers sales of liens on real estate parcels due to nonpayment of taxes.

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budget considerations, determine the levy request. Property tax revenue funds 98.8 percent of library operations.

District 86

The \$104.4 million levy for capped funds in Hinsdale High School District 86 represents an increase of about 3.4 percent from the \$100.2 million collected last year.

That's about 1.6 percent smaller than the 5 percent increase allowed last year. Had the cap been 5 percent this year, it would have meant roughly \$1.6 million more in property tax revenue, said Josh Stephenson, chief financial officer.

Capturing the allowable increase is important, as local revenues — including property taxes — make up 93 percent of district revenue. And federal and state dollars have not kept pace with the rising cost of living.

"The only revenue source that we have that actually is moving somewhat in line with inflation is property taxes," Stephenson said. "When we have increases in salaries and benefits and energy and transportation and things like that driving our expenses higher ... the only component that allows us to continue to provide the same level of service year over year is that property tax increase."

The board approved the estimated levy 6-0 at its Oct. 24 meeting and plans to adopt the official levy when it meets Thursday, Dec. 12.

District 181

All school districts rely on

property taxes, but they make up an even greater percentage of the budget in District 181, said Mindy Bradford, assistant superintendent for business and operations for District 181.

"We've been identified within the state evidence-based funding model as a Tier 4 school, meaning we are able to contribute more local funding than some schools are," she said.

State and federal funding total less than \$4 million a year, and property taxes make up 90 percent of district revenue.

Even with such a heavy reliance on property taxes, district officials said they do their best not to collect more than they need. The board typically abates, or tells the county clerk not to collect, a portion of its levy each year.

"I think it shows our efforts to really try to use the funds that are essential to running the district in a transparent manner," she said. "We levy the funds but we build in our assumed abatement."

The district has abated \$21.1 million in taxes over the last seven years. Abating taxes, rather than lowering the levy, provides more flexibility, as the levy increase each year is based on the amount of taxes levied the previous year.

Bradford said she's been impressed by the financial stewardship in District 181 since coming here 18 months ago.

"I hope that the community feels that we work really hard to be fiscally responsible," she said. "We think that we do provide outstanding value. We're one of the highest performing districts in the state."

Correction

U.S. Navy Lt. William Garvy Jr. was inadvertently omitted from the veterans special section in the Nov. 7 issue. A former Hinsdale resident, he served in France and Great Britain during World War II. He is the late father of Becky Campbell, grandfather of Brent (Emily) Campbell and great-grandfather of Matthew and Daniel, all of Hinsdale.



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Bagley House owners eye public funds

Notable Frank Lloyd Wright home the latest to seek preservation incentives from village

By Ken Knutson

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Hinsdale's only Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home is poised to get a financial boost from taxpayers to defray costs of renovating the historic residence.

At the Hinsdale Village Board meeting Nov. 7, trustees signaled their approval for a property tax rebate and a \$10,000 matching grant to offset the cost of restoring and updating 121 S. County Line Road, the 1894-built Dutch Colonial known as the Bagley House.

During a first read of a resolution to enter into a preservation incentive agreement with the home's owners, Trustee Luke Stifflear, chair of the zoning and public safety committee, explained that the five-year property tax rebate under the deal could result in \$13,000 in ceded village revenue. The \$10,000 grant is the maximum allowed toward the \$323,000 in eligible construction costs.

Stifflear directed his colleagues to a table in their board packets outlining the 10 properties either approved or

being considered for grants since the incentive program was instituted last year, totaling \$100,000. The village also waives fees for qualifying applications.

"In 2023, we forgave \$13,467 (in fees). And in 2024, approximately \$97,000," he reported. "So, meaningful numbers to the village.

"It's revenue that we're not going to take," he added.

Lukas Ruecker, who purchased the Bagley House in 2021 with his wife, Safina Uberoi, expressed appreciation for the village's consideration of their project. He said identifying suitable architects and understanding the scope of the work needed has taken several years.

"(The architects) spent a year researching the building itself to make sure we get it right," Ruecker told trustees. "I think you're making a wonderful investment in helping us restore this house."

In addition to conducting exterior alterations and restorative work to bring the existing house back to Wright's original design, the couple also plans to construct a rear addition

and new detached garage. Ruecker said the expansion will not detract from the elevations.

"We needed to add additional living space because (removal of old, non-original additions) would have resulted in the reduction of about 2,000 square feet, and that is not something that can survive in Hinsdale," he said.

The incentive program was created to encourage homeowners to rehab significant older homes rather than tear them down. Village President Tom Cauley said he initially resisted the idea of using public funds for private preservation projects but has since come around to the program's value in protecting local architectural heritage.

"While we are spending village money, I think the return on our investment is a good one that justifies the expense," he said.

Ruecker credited Trustee Alexis Braden for her tenacious effort to save the house for helping compel the couple's intervention. Braden said learning more about the house and the life of its first occupant, pioneering social reformer Grace Bagley, has been grat-

ifying.

"It's really fascinating what's been uncovered," Braden said.

Last month the village's historic preservation commission approved incentives within its purview for the project, namely alternative zoning regulations, a building permit fee waiver and expedited processing. The village board must sign off on matching grants and tax rebates. Trustees are expected to pass the resolution at their Nov. 19 board meeting.

Cauley recalled how he was out of town when the Bagley House came on the market and received emails from around the country concerned about its fate.

"I went and lit a candle in church, and Lukas showed up and bought the property," Cauley said. "He was a gift from God."

Ruecker estimated the work will be done by late 2026 or early 2027.

"With restorations like these, you never quite know," he said. "We want to take the house back to its original shape, the way Frank Lloyd Wright had designed it."

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DUI arrest

Thomas R. Eckert, 71, 626 S. Kensington Ave., La Grange, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, making an improper turn at an intersection and improper lane use at 1:50 a.m. Nov. 10. He refused testing to determine his blood-alcohol content before being charged and released to appear in court.

Jewelry stolen

A resident of the 200 block of North Elm Street reported jewelry had been taken from his home Oct. 16. The theft was reported Nov. 6.

Motor vehicle burglary

A debit card and cash were taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a home in the 600 block of East Sixth Street at 5:10 a.m. Nov. 5. A suspect was seen on surveillance video entering the vehicle.

Hit and run reported

Someone driving a gray Tesla hit another vehicle and fled the scene at 5:25 p.m. Nov. 4 at Route 83 and Chicago Avenue.

Controlled substance suspected

A known suspect was in possession of baggies containing a white powdery substance at 12:38 p.m. Nov. 7 at UChicago Medicine Advent Health Hinsdale, 120 N. Oak St. Charges are pending lab testing of the substance.

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

NEXT WEEK

Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18
Hinsdale Middle School, 100 S. Garfield Ave.
www.d181.org

On the draft agenda: tax levy presentation and resolution, fall MAP and school report card presentation, disposition of surplus property, math/ELA/ACE placement approval, superintendent succession plan, fund balance strategy

Hinsdale Economic Development Commission

8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20
Memorial Building, 19 E. Chicago Ave.
www.villageofhinsdale.org

Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21
Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant streets
www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings

Hinsdale Public Library Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19
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■ “I was just so busy that I stopped looking for jobs. I had figured I would do (glass art) in the meantime. And I guess it’s still the meantime.” — **Bennett Grimm**

Glass artist shapes keepsakes for generations

The hues of a pinecone-shaped glass orb morph, dance and layer as Bennett Grimm manipulates it in front of his 2,000-degree torch. The Hinsdale craftsman aims to awaken the uranium-233 particles within.

“Just seeing if I can give it that blacklight effect, but in glass,” said Grimm, 34, in his garage studio.

His efforts usually bear fruit, as evidenced by the enchanting array of finished works in his collection awaiting transport to an upcoming holiday craft show. Glass ornaments are naturally in high demand this season. But Grimm’s “Fairy Tale Glass” studio — a nod to the literary brothers who share his surname — has developed a solid clientele, thanks mainly to word of mouth.

Grimm began dabbling in glass art a decade ago as student at the University of Colorado. He was seeking a haven from his roommate-crammed flat and found it in a glass-blowing studio next door.

“I was just watching for a long time before I actually got my own stuff,” he said.

In addition to a torch, Grimm uses a marver plate to shape and cool the glass, stamps to

make specific designs and the self-explanatory grabbers.

“I wish they had a fancier name, but they grab hot stuff,” Grimm said.

Moving back to his hometown several years ago, Grimm continued his art as a hobby until work orders became more lucrative than other employment he was pursuing.

“I was just so busy that I stopped looking for jobs,” he said. “I had figured I would do (glass art) in the meantime. And I guess it’s still the meantime.”

Grimm sold 550 ornaments last year. Other creations include creepy eyeballs and avant garde pumpkins for Halloween, apothecary-esque perfume jars and Mardi Gras-inspired beads and customized shot glasses.

He was stretched in his commissioning to make rings featuring rainbow opals encased in a drop of glass. Getting the glass thickness and gem positioning just right required painstaking effort.

“You want the stone to sit in the very center of the drop,” he said. “It creates a magnifying effect.”

Unlike large-scale glass-blowing operations, the minimized form was originally



BENNETT GRIMM

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used to make the lights for railroad traffic signals.

“People realized you could actually do some pretty cool art with it, and it expanded from there,” Grimm explained.

The borosilicate glass that serves as Grimm’s medium is mixed with a variety of metals to produce particular hues.

“You generally do things by sight and by glow,” he said. “Different glass will each glow a

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different color when they heat up.”

The fashioned piece goes into a kiln to slowly cool. Mishaps happen, Grimm acknowledged, but often become happy accidents igniting fresh ideas.

“It’s kind of weird every time I realize what I’m doing is art. It feels kind of like construction

almost,” Grimm said. Building lasting treasures fires his joy.

“I really like it when people call it an heirloom, or they appreciate it so much that it’s something they want to give to somebody else — but only after they’re done with it.”

— profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Join the effort to prevent diabetes in November

November is National Diabetes Month, a designation designed to draw attention to diabetes and on taking action to prevent health problems related to the disease.

As detailed by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at www.niddk.nih.gov, diabetes occurs when one's blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. The disease affects about 38 million Americans, both adults and youth, but an estimated one in five people with diabetes don't know they have it. An estimated 97.6 million American adults have pre-diabetes, which means their blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. The disease can cause damage to the eyes, kidneys, nerves and heart, and also is linked to some types of cancer.

The most common types of diabetes are type 1 and type 2. Type 1 patients have immune systems that attack and destroy the cells in the pancreas that make insulin. It is usually diagnosed in children and young adults, although it

can appear at any age, and insulin needs to be administered every day to stay alive.

Type 2 diabetes is the diagnosis when one's cells in the body don't use insulin properly. It is the most common type and can develop at any age. Those who are overweight or obese, are age 35 or older and have a family history of diabetes are at greatest risk. Ethnic heritage also can be a factor.

The NIDDK advises these steps for preventing Type 2 diabetes or managing it after diagnosis:

- Take the A1C test to measure your average blood glucose levels. Some people with diabetes also use devices to track their blood glucose throughout the day and night.

- Plan healthy meals, be physically active, get enough sleep and avoid smoking. You don't have to do it all at once. Start slow and build healthier habits from there.

- Take your medicines on time, even if you feel healthy. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist if you have trouble taking your medicines on time or at the correct dose.

- Reach or maintain a healthy weight. Ask your primary care provider if healthy eating, physical activity or other weight-loss treatments may help you manage your weight. You may be able to prevent or delay diabetes by losing 5 to 7 percent of your starting weight. A Diabetes Risk Management Calculator at the www.niddk.nih.gov can help you determine how much weight you can lose to help reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

- Take care of your mental health. Managing diabetes can be hard. If you feel down, sad or overwhelmed, learn about healthy ways to cope with stress, and consider talking to a mental health counselor or joining a support group.

- Work with your health care team. Managing diabetes takes a multi-faceted approach. The team may include a primary care provider, diabetes specialist, registered dietitian or certified diabetes educator. Ask your primary care provider if you should talk with other health care professionals about preventing or managing diabetes.

COMMENTARY

Hating those who disagree no way to find unity

Watching people process last week's election (and by people, I mean talking heads on TV and friends on Facebook) has been interesting.

Some are elated, cocky even, that former President Trump was elected to a second term. Others are dismayed. One woman I know posted that she could barely look at her children, knowing how horrific their future would be.

Maybe I'm naive, but I have more confidence in our country than I do fear of Trump. If he tries to become a dictator, which I don't think he will, I believe other elected officials will stop him.

What I do fear is the divisiveness that marked this election, and so many others, will create such a deep chasm that it will be nearly impossible to heal.

I felt some hope Sunday listening to Democratic Rep. Dean Phillips of Minnesota. He encouraged politicians — and all of us — to do better and to start focusing on solutions.

"Congress cannot fix this. President Trump, President Biden cannot fix this," he told Shannon Bream on Fox News Sunday. "We've got to start setting aside the nonsense, coming back together and elevating people of competence, decency and integrity so we can get our act together, because time is short and the needs are significant."

He said his Republican colleagues need to hold President Trump accountable and ensure the Constitution comes first.

"I just invite both parties to do some soul-searching, leaders on both sides to prioritize problem-solving and demonstrate that democracy still works," he added.

He said fellow Democrats need to stop condemning Trump, instead inviting his supporters to consider other options. He also encouraged them to travel to rural



Pamela Lannom

America to talk to his supporters.

"Sit down and have a cup of coffee and understand they're not racist. They're not bigots. They're not anti-Semites," he said. "They simply want what all of us want — security and safety and opportunity and a sense of some American unity as well."

I think one issue is that disagreements have become too personal. If you don't agree with my solution, the thinking goes, you must not believe there's a problem, which makes you a horrible person, and that means I don't need to listen to you or respect your opinion.

I also believe that our inability to agree on "the facts" is a contributing factor. There are always two sides to every story (I learned this writing a challenging history paper my sophomore year of college). But if I simply dismiss what you

say and you do the same to me, we never consider why we are looking at different information and try to determine a better approximation of the truth.

I don't believe Trump will be remembered as the greatest president "in the history of the world," as he likes to say. I'm not sure he'll be remembered as the worst, either. We've had some pretty bad presidents, but all of them served before social media and went largely unnoticed.

The bottom line is that so much depends on our attitudes. If we approach the next four years with a sense of gloom and doom, we will see everything through that lens. If we approach them with a sense of cautious optimism, I believe we are more likely to find opportunities to work together and find solutions to the problems with which our nation is struggling.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Leaning in to art of conversation

Good communication is an important skill that I'm working on. My mom reminds me that there is room for improvement. How do I get better at this skill though? For teens, text messaging and social media are the vehicles for conversation. A quick message or scrolling Instagram is how I get all my information for weekend plans, including events happening around school. Posts on what's happening and who is hanging out with who are pretty typical for teenagers.



Milan Bansal

From those around me, I've learned to pause before I post and that not everything that I think should actually come out of my mouth. Everyone needs to be considerate on social media and think carefully before posting anything. Seeing something through a screen and in person are two very different things. The printed word hits harder than having a conversation with someone face to face.

Take for example, SnapChat. It's the universal communication tool for teens. It involves very little personal interaction. Sometimes, what we say on SnapChat isn't just between friends. What we say can get "snapped" out to a whole community because one person chooses to share a message that wasn't meant to be shared. Not knowing who is reading your written words and not being able to trust that your message is delivered to the one person it was meant for, warrants

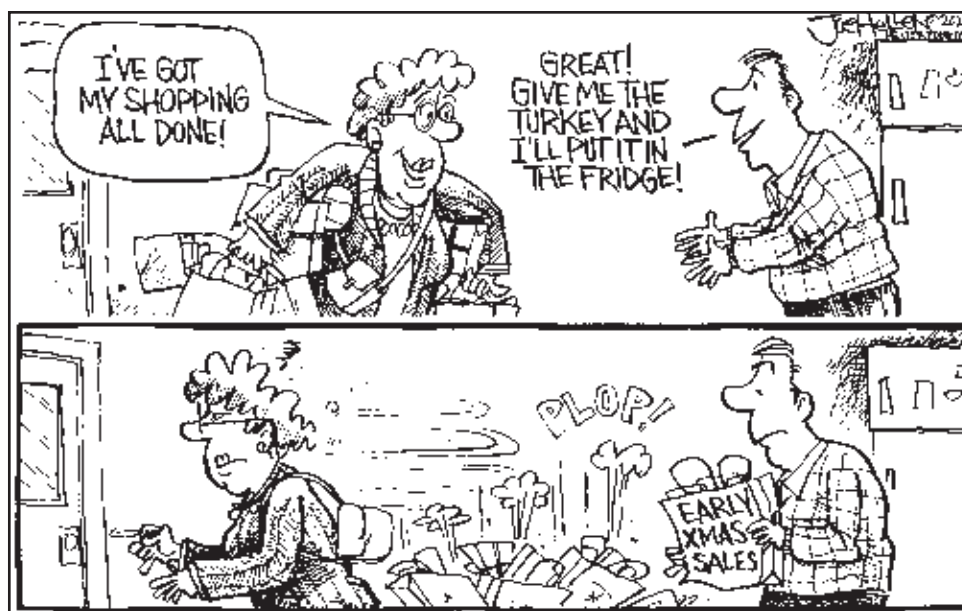
better control over our messaging and an edit button. Feelings can get hurt, friendships can feel strained, and people can be embarrassed because of thoughtless snapping.

Sometimes we react instantly and say the things we wouldn't want said to us. Sometimes we hurt others in what we say or worse, what we forget to say. The focus isn't quality communication but speed, convenience and an emphasis on the best opportunity rather than sincere interaction.

Teenagers don't talk to one another as much as they snap or message. Maybe if we spent more time having face-to-face conversations, it would be easier to make new connections. It might help avoid the drama of figuring out homecoming or the challenge of navigating social plans if we just picked up the phone and had conversation or talked in person. With an emphasis on creating the perfect post or snap story, I think we lose sight of what's important and how to deal with disappointment, how to talk to others and how to appreciate special moments. You know — the real stuff that makes conversation interesting. Communication skills are important and a reminder to all of us to edit, have grace and maybe try leaning in for a chat.

— Milan Bansal, a freshman at Hinsdale Central, is a contributing columnist. Readers can email him at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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ASK AN EXPERT

TORAL GANDHI, SENIOR DIRECTOR, ON PREMISE SALES AND STRATEGY

Why is aluminum a better choice for bottled water?

When Hinsdale resident Toral Gandhi gets ready for work each day or packs her bags for her next business trip, she's doing it for much more than a paycheck.

"I wanted to do something that had a positive impact on the world," Gandhi said.

After earning a business degree from the University of Michigan, Gandhi worked in the financial services industry for several years before meeting Nicole Doucet and Jeff Page, co-founders of Open Water.

Open Water is a Chicago-based, women-owned bottled water brand committed to reducing ocean plastic pollution. Founded a decade ago, Open Water is the first company to package water in aluminum.

"Aluminum is the most sustainable material for beverage packaging," Gandhi said. "It's the material least likely to end up in our landfills and oceans."

Aluminum, Gandhi said, can be recycled over and over again, mak-

ing the containers far less likely than other packaging to end up in a landfill. Seventy-three percent of aluminum used in Open Water packaging has been used at least once before. While plastic bottles can be turned into other products, they are typically downcycled rather than recycled.

"They never really go away," Gandhi said, and eventually end up in landfills, oceans, and even in our bodies. Recent studies, Gandhi said, show that microplastics are ingested into the body when drinking from disposable plastic bottles. That knowledge has spurred further interest in Open Water products, Gandhi said.

Gandhi was Open Water's first and only employee when she joined the company eight years ago. At that time, she worked in nearly every aspect of the venture, including packaging and delivering orders. Today, her focus is on expanding the number of places across the country where Open Water is sold.

Open Water products are sold nationwide at businesses like Chipotle and Sweetgreen. Locally, the water is available at Kramer Foods, Standard Market, Fresh Thyme and Caputo's locations. Places like the Field Museum, the

Art Institute and the Museum of Science and Industry sell Open Water to guests. Open Water also can be ordered for home delivery through the company website or Amazon.

Open Water's commitment to the environment goes beyond its packaging, Gandhi said. With manufacturing facilities and warehouses scattered across the country, the environmental cost of producing and transporting Open Water products is minimized, Gandhi said, helping the company to become climate neutral certified.

Open Water also encourages other earth-friendly ventures by donating 1 percent of sales to nonprofit organizations that share their mission to reduce the impact of plastics on the environment.

While teaching visitors about Open Water's efforts, the Open Water website, www.drinkopenwater.com, is also a place to learn about the impact of plastic on the environment. The website states that by 2050, there will be more pounds of plastic in our oceans than fish.

Open Water and Gandhi are doing their part to change that, one aluminum can or bottle at a time.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Toral Gandhi and her family moved to Hinsdale from Chicago two years ago. As senior director of on premise sales and strategy for Open Water, Gandhi works to bring the company's aluminum-bottled water to locations across the country. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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GOOD NEWS

UCHICAGO MEDICINE HONORS ITS MISSION

UChicago Medicine AdventHealth hosted A Night of Wholeness and Thanksgiving at the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church Nov. 1. More than 120 employees, church members and community members gathered to celebrate the mission and purpose that drives the organization. Through stories, music and inspiring testimonials, the evening highlighted the profound impact UChicago Medicine AdventHealth has on the lives of patients and families.

"Gratitude can reshape how you speak and what makes you feel whole," said UChicago Medicine AdventHealth President and CEO Dr. Monica Reed in her opening remarks. "Tonight represents an opportunity to celebrate and be thankful for the work we do, the people we serve and to express gratitude for our community."

In addition to celebrating

the Great Lakes Region workforce as a whole, the event spotlighted three remarkable team members.

One was Sharon Bowers, RN, perinatal loss coordinator at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale, who shared insights from her 35-year career supporting families through unimaginable loss. She coordinates the "Still Missed" program, which helps families coping with the loss of stillborn babies or newborns.

The evening concluded with remarks from keynote speaker Tim Cook, chief mission integration officer, who traveled from Florida.

"As a faith-based organization it means our work is experienced by us as a spiritual calling, something we were born to do," he said. "You see each patient, each family member and each team member as a loved child of God, and it pours out to those who we care for."

— Photos appear online at www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean.

LATIN TEACHER WINS AWARD

Hinsdale Central High School teacher Alisha McCloud was nominated and chosen as a recipient of the Illinois Classical Languages High School Farrand Baker Teacher of the Year Award for her teaching of Latin at Central.

EVENT SUPPORTS WELLNESS HOUSE

The Pickle for Pink breast cancer fundraiser Oct. 26 at Net Game in Westmont raised almost \$900 for Wellness House.

Dozens of women wore pink and played with pink pickleballs, and several breast cancer survivors were there to celebrate and compete in the round robin tournament. Fifty percent of entry fees were donated.

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OBITUARIES

James R. Lindon

James R. Lindon, of Downers Grove, a former longtime Hinsdale resident, passed away Nov. 9, 2024.

Jim was born in Chicago and spent his later childhood and adolescence in Hinsdale, where he attended local public schools. Jim graduated in 1958 from Illinois State University, where he majored in English and history.

He taught both disciplines during his career at Hinsdale Central High School and earned a master's degree in writing from DePaul University in Chicago. Rhetoric, exposition, argumentation and research were a rewarding teaching focus, along with tutoring small groups of students in Central's Writing Center to hone their skills. He also started a Mock Trial team that won second place in the state, which was a special honor, as was being named Who's Who Among America's Teachers for teaching excellence.

Outside interests — such as woodworking, where he focused on classical moldings, small furniture making, restoring and building clock cases and painted and etched illustrations — fulfilled Jim's creative side. Another passion was voice acting as a



Lindon

member of Chuck Shaden's Old Time Radio Players, who performed at community organizations and at the Museum of Broadcast Communications.

Jim loved nature, and his favorite sport was fly fishing closer to home on the Au Sable River in Michigan and casting into the rifles of classic western mountain headwaters.

Such a person as Jim with many talents is often referred to as a "Renaissance Man." He has left a significant impression and caring memory on many.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lindon; his daughter, Sara Doran; and his half-sister, Susan Lambrecht Franke.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Community Presbyterian Church, 39 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Natural Resources Defense Council online at nrdc.org/give, Trout Unlimited online at www.tu.org or Community Presbyterian Church's Legacy Endowment Fund, 39 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Linda Jane Quirk

Linda Jane Quirk, 75, of Clarendon Hills passed away Nov. 6, 2024.

Born in 1948 in Chicago, to John and Jane Leonard, Linda grew up in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. She attended St. Barnabas School and Mother McAuley High School before going on to graduate from Northwestern University.

Linda moved to Fort Lauderdale after college and waitressed at Howard Johnson's before moving back to Illinois to work on political campaigns, something she continued for the rest of her life. However, her passion was real estate, and Linda worked as a broker in the Hinsdale area for more than 40 years. Clients loved working with Linda and her no-nonsense style, sense of humor, and keen eye. When not working and raising her family, she donated time and energy to lead St. Isaac Jogues transitional housing program, a Catholic charity supporting women in need in DuPage County.

Linda enjoyed traveling annually to Florida with her best friends. She cherished time at her brother's Florida residence, where she loved fishing, boating and creating house projects for him.

Linda was an avid golfer and was happiest while playing with family and friends. As a two-time club champion at Ruth Lake, Linda was known as a formidable and companionable opponent. Ever the student of the game, Linda scored her first hole



Quirk

in one at age 71 at Chicago Highlands hole No. 6. Linda was active in many leagues and loved to play with her sons and grandchildren.

Away from the golf course, chances are she would be working around the house. She loved DIY renovations, working in her yard and getting in her daily steps. Linda was her family's ultimate supporter, and it brought her true joy to watch her grandkids at their sporting events. Linda

was a force of nature with unbridled energy who touched the hearts of many and will be dearly missed.

Linda was preceded in death by her husbands, Marty Quirk (m. 1974-2014) and Steve Rostan (m. 2017-23).

She is survived by her children, Michael (Amber), Patrick (Meredith), Timothy (Meghan) and stepson Ryan; her grandchildren, Madeline, Moira, Maren, Paige, Jack, Colin, Maggie, Will, Marty, Josh and Martin; and her brother, Michael Leonard.

A funeral Mass was held Nov. 12 at Notre Dame Church in Clarendon Hills.

Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to may be made online to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls at donate.mercyhome.org

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Terrence James Tilles

Terrence James Tilles, 84 of Burr Ridge, recently of Clarendon Hills, died Nov. 7, 2024.

He was born in 1940 to Jack H. and Jessie Tilles. He was a former resident of Park Ridge and Lincolnshire.

Terry was a longtime employee of Sunset Foods in Highland Park. He will be missed by numerous colleagues and customers, whom he always greeted with a warm welcome. He was a proud representative of Sunset Foods, United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 1546. Terry was passionate about his Green Bay Packers and a loyal supporter of the Chicago White Sox.

He is survived by his brother, Dennis (Kay)



Tilles

Tilles; his nephews, Scott (Amy), John, Steve and David Tilles; his great-nephews, Sean, Adam, Jimmy, Mackenzie, Ryan, Will, Melanie, Grace and Matt Tilles; and relatives Karen Butler, Judy Olson and Diane Butler.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jack (Marcia) Tilles; and his nephew, Jeffrey Tilles.

A funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. today, Nov. 14, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

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IN FOCUS

Glass menagerie

Bennett Grimm uses an array of tools and technology to create a pumpkin-shaped ornament in the glass blowing studio at his Hinsdale home. The full-time artist is busy preparing for a flurry of holiday gift shows in the area, and he also exhibits pieces in a local gallery. Read more about Grimm and his unique craft on Page 9. (photos by Jim Slonoff)



Teens take on the Bard

Central Drama presents Shakespeare comedy 'Midsummer Night's Dream'

By Ken Knutson

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"Though she be but little, she be fierce!"

Hinsdale Central's Helena Ault relishes this line she utters in the school's upcoming production of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream."

"My character may be small but she's strong," Ault says of Hermia, who's caught in a romantic entanglement because of her love for one man, Lysander, while being courted by Demetrius, whom she is trying to shed. "Women were not treated well at that time, and I think it's cool how Shakespeare made Hermia such a strong person."

This subplot is one of several in the famous play set in Athens, which revolves around the central story of the marriage of Theseus, the Duke of Athens, and Hippolyta. Much of the action takes place in a forest inhabited by fairies who manipulate the humans while enmeshed in their own domestic intrigue.

Senior Sara Malysz portrays both Theseus and Oberon, King of the Fairies. Oberon is angry with his wife, Titania, and instructs his underling Puck to use a love potion as part of his revenge. But the plan goes awry.

"There is just a lot of chaos that goes on," Malysz said.

Director and Central English teacher Chris Kostro said he selected the comedy for the troupe's fall play because it allowed for versatility in casting after his return from grad school.

"Being gone for a year, I didn't know the kids as well as I normally do," he said. "I wanted to pick a play that I could do more gen-

der-bending if I needed to.

"And it had been a long time since we'd done Shakespeare," he added. "This just fit the bill."

The production is actually a 90-minute cutting of the play.

"It's just a really nice tight script, and everything fell into place," Kostro said.

Because it dovetails nicely with sophomore English and AP Literature curriculum, preview performances will be held for those classes.

"Like a little 25-minute cutting to have that tie-in," he said.

Ault said she's always considered "Midsummer" her favorite Shakespearean work and has embraced the chance to take on the challenging script.

"With Shakespeare I feel like you have to get more of your mind involved in what you're saying," Ault said.

Malysz agreed, stressing the need to employ exaggerated physical movements and intonation help communicate the meaning — and often double meaning — of the archaic diction.

"It's so different that what you're used to," Malysz said,

"Midsummer Night's Dream" runs Nov. 21-23, with performances at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 5 p.m. Saturday in the Hinsdale Central auditorium, 5500 S. Grant St.

Tickets are \$10. Visit www.ticketpeak.co/hcdrama/events.

'Seussical' hits South

Hinsdale teen Laura Armstrong will perform with her MainStage Theatre company in the production "Seussical" Friday to Sunday, Nov. 22-24, at Hinsdale South High School, 7401 Clarendon Hills Road in Darien.



Hinsdale Central drama students rehearse "Midsummer Night's Dream." The play runs from Nov. 21-23 at Hinsdale Central. (Jim Slonoff photo)

Armstrong portrays love-sick Gertrude, who is disheartened that Horton the Elephant does not return her affections.

"She tries really hard to get his attention by doing things like growing a really long tail to impress him," Armstrong said. "But she really can't get him to notice her."

Horton, meanwhile, has discovered a speck of dust that contains the Whos, and faces a double challenge of protecting the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers and guarding an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird.

The production works in many beloved Dr. Seuss stories.

"It's a fun musical for kids and adults, and a way to celebrate all the stories that we all read as kids through music," Armstrong said, admitting to not being familiar with it until preparing for the audition. "Once



Laura Armstrong

I finally watched it, it was really nice to see a bunch of these stories portrayed in a genre like musical theater."

A 10-year veteran of the stage, Armstrong said the process of bringing a work to life for audiences is special.

"I enjoy having a community where I get to do something I love with people that love it just as much

as I do," she said. "Music is something that really keeps me going throughout the year, and it's really a positive and uplifting experience when I'm at rehearsal."

It's a commitment, she noted, with rehearsals after school running until 10 p.m. But the payoff is worth it.

"We're so proud of it. We've created something and put so much work into it," Armstrong said.

And having Hinsdale South as the venue after relocating from the south suburbs means more of her friends can attend.

The themes of friendship, loyalty, family and community are prevalent in "Seussical," and Armstrong said Gertrude learns to appreciate herself, too.

"Seussical" is on stage at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$27. Visit www.mainstage-theatre.com.

PULSE



Learn how to use feeders to attract birds during Winter Bird Feeding Nov. 23. See the listing below for details. (photo courtesy of the Cook County Forest Preserve District)

ARTFULLY DONE

■ **Acrylic Painting Workshop**
Nov. 21
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presents this workshop focusing on painting travel memories, offering new techniques and including all required materials. Light bites and drinks will be served; BYO drinks and snacks are welcome. Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$80. RR

FAITH COMMUNITIES

■ **GriefShare**
Tuesdays through Dec. 10
Hinsdale United Methodist Church
945 S. Garfield St.
This support group provides care for those grieving the loss of a loved one through the use of videos featuring leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion, and journaling and personal study exercises. Workbooks will be provided. To enroll or for more information, contact Pastor Lisa Capozzoli at lisa.capozzoli@hinsdaleumc.com. Time: 1

to 2:30 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

■ **Adopt a Dino**
Nov. 24
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976
Celebrate Dinovember by dropping in to the library to adopt a dinosaur and make it a home. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

FOR A CAUSE

■ **Blanket Drive**
Until Dec. 1
Hinsdale Covenant Church
412 S. Garfield Ave.
www.hinsdalecovenant.com
(630) 323-2318
The church is collecting new and used blankets of any kind, lap throws, baby blankets, spreads, sheets and towels for needy families in the inner city. Pack 'n' plays are also welcome. Donations should be left inside the main entrance on Garfield Avenue or placed by the front door on the benches; pickups are also available.

GREAT OUTDOORS

■ **Bird Walk**
Nov. 21
Bemis Woods-South Ogden Avenue west of Wolf Road near Western Springs
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(630) 257-2045
Join this discussion on attracting birds to the yard using feeders and plantings. Time: 1 p.m. RR

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■ **Hot Topics in Blood Cancer**
Nov. 16
Wellness House
131 N. County Line Road
www.wellnesshouse.org/htbc2024
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Finding community — even during tough times

The last couple of weeks have been doozies. Fights are breaking out online among neighbors, coyotes are prowling the streets and the unusually warm weather has meant that gangs of middle school e-bikers look like the 2024 update to “The Fast and the Furious.”

Last week, when emotions were running particularly high on both sides of the political aisle, I met my fellow members of the Garden Study Club of Hinsdale at Graue Mill to make the giant annual holiday wreath that hangs outside of the old mill. It felt great to work alongside my neighbors making something beautiful. As I was piecing together evergreens, it struck me that, no matter your political leanings, we can all find common ground on something: we all want the best for our community.

The Community House Ball

It is in that spirit that I get to highlight one of the most dazzling events of the social season: The Community House Holiday Ball. This year’s theme, Winter of Wonder, is poised to bring neighbors together in support of

the nonprofit’s 83 years of providing vital services to more than 200,000 individuals annually. The nearly 500 guests can expect a landscape of blues and purples in a snowy vibe, reminiscent of the ethereal aurora borealis, all in the transformed field house on Dec. 7.

While I may not be a native Hinsdalean, I certainly know my way around The Community House. As a mother to young children, I enrolled my children to introductory sports classes and slime camps; in elementary school, they battled in chess tournaments and played basketball; in middle school, they cheered for their classmates at theater productions and found tutors; and in high school, they supported their friends who started volunteering on the Junior Board as a way to give back to the community.

As an adult, I’ve done my own bit of performing through the bi-annual Community Revue, danced it out in Zumba every week and have been amazed by my friends’ expressionist



Allison Peters
Society spotlight

oil paintings created through LyArts. There really is something for everyone.

This year’s co-chairs’ experiences echo my own. Winter of Wonder is led by Maureen and Chris Kunitz, Dana and Ryan Reko, and Ian and Susie Thorpe.

“I grew up in Hinsdale, moved away, and then moved back in 2021,” Susie Thorpe said. “I was so excited to see that The Community House was still there and was offering more than ever. ... When we got the call to host, we knew that it was the right fit. All of our families are passionate about what The Community House provides.”

The SPARK Youth Development Initiative is a focus of the evening. This program provides after-school recreation, educational support and counseling for families facing economic challenges in unincorporated Willowbrook.


“For me, as a speech language pathologist, the SPARK program overlaps with my passion for helping kids.”

While SPARK focuses on supporting at-risk families, the quality care that The Community House provides (i.e., mental health counseling, reading support, etc.) is accessible to families of all income levels. The Community House does not receive tax dollars, so the money raised from these events goes a long way in providing programming at a discount to everyone.

Tickets to this year’s event sold out in record time, but tonight, Nov. 14, is the Wine Donation Party, which is another way to support the agency. Guests are invited to bring a donated bottle of wine (or more!) valued at \$50-\$150 to Hinsdale’s newly opened speakeasy, Pour Destino, starting at 7 p.m. Guests can stay to nibble on light bites and share a glass of wine in celebration of the upcoming gala. Donated wine will be auctioned off at Winter of Wonder to tables, so your donated bottle gets an extra value of helping others. Can’t make it tonight? You can find more ways to support the mission of The Community House at www.thecommunityhouse.org.

— Allison Peters is the paper’s society columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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KIDS DASH

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other blood cancers at this free annual event featuring top oncologists, surgeons and health care professionals in the Chicago area. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. RR

■ **Forest Therapy**

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

Ages 21 and up can immerse themselves in nature, fostering mindfulness and wellness with a certified guide. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. RR

■ **Qigong & Sound**

Nov. 19
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Join a certified instructor through a series of slow flowing movements, deep mea-

sured breaths and soothing sounds while in a chair or standing. Ages 18 & up. Time: 10 a.m. RR

JUST FOR KIDS

■ **Take Home Craft: Pumpkin Pie Slice**

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

Kids in kindergarten through second grade can drop by the library and pick up a kit to make their own craft slice of pumpkin pie to celebrate the season. RR

■ **Thanksgiving Dress Workshop**

Nov. 17
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 6-13 will learn to design and create their own Thanksgiving outfit using a sewing machine. The class is

open to all experience levels; advanced students can add pockets, hems, trims and more. Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$118. RR, MD

■ **Meet Me at the Donut Bar**

Nov. 18
Westmont Community Center
75 E. Richmond Dr.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

In honor of National Donut Day, youth ages 5-13 will investigate the history of donuts while nibbling on an assortment of them at this Lisa Lombardi Coaching program. Learn how to strategically handle life's "holes" like sadness, stress, friendships or other issues. This light-hearted class will leave participants with new methods for handling adversity. This is a drop-off program. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. RR

LISTEN & LEARN

■ **Native Perspectives on**

Climate Resilience

Nov. 16
Morton Arboretum
4100 Route 53, Lisle
www.mortonarb.org
(630) 968-0074

In this panel discussion, regional Indigenous leaders will discuss the impacts of climate change on their communities and heritage and how Indigenous science is informing efforts to create resilient landscapes in the Midwest through research, education and community science. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$24. RR

■ **Crafting Mocktails**

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

Learn how to make simple syrups and herb extractions to craft a myriad of herbal mocktails, including martinis, fizzes and sours. Seasonal flavors will be the focus. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

■ **Scandinavian Showcase**

Nov. 16
Wentz Concert Hall
171 E. Chicago Ave.,
Naperville
www.dupagesymphony.org

The DuPage Symphony Orchestra presents Nordic works by Grieg, Nielsen, and Gade, plus Sibelius's hauntingly beautiful violin concerto, performed by Concert Artists Guild International Competition winner Ariel Horowitz. People are invited to a free open rehearsal from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 for a behind-the-scenes look at the orchestra's concert preparations, to mix and mingle with DSO musicians and enjoy refreshments. To RSVP, email Vincent Chang at vchang@dupagesymphony.org. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10-\$43.

■ **'The Most Wonderful Time of the Year'**

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

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The Hinsdale Chorale will perform its annual holiday concert, with the first half featuring Haydn's "Little Organ Mass" and several other works. The second half of the program will include a variety of traditional and more contemporary Christmas pieces. Time: 7 p.m. Nov. 30, 3 p.m. Dec. 1. Tickets: \$20, \$15 for students and seniors.

ON STAGE

■ **The Fall Workshop**

Nov. 15-17
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
www.theatreofwesternsprings.com
(708) 246-4043

The Directors' Workshop presents its Fall Workshop featuring "Harry and Doris" by Robyn Dana Guest and "Thou Shalt" by Jack Calvert. Times: 8

p.m. Nov. 15 & 16, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17. Tickets: At-will donations. RR

■ **'A Christmas Carol'**

Nov. 22-24
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

The College of DuPage Theater presents Charles Dickens' treasured tale of Ebenezer Scrooge in this family-friendly 70-minute show. A pre-show discussion with the director and designers will be held at 5:45 p.m.; a post-show discussion with the director and cast will be held Nov. 23 after the 5 p.m. performance. Times: 7 p.m. Nov. 22, 2 & 5 p.m. Nov. 23 & 24. Tickets: \$16, \$14 for youth.

SENIOR SCENE

■ **Is It Normal Aging or Is It Dementia?**

Nov. 20
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.

www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Seniors ages 65 and older are invited to join Mary Ferguson from the Birches to learn how to distinguish between normal memory loss and dementia in this Successful Aging: Senior Lunch and Learn program. A catered lunch will be served after the talk. Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. RR

SIGN UP NOW

■ **American Writers Museum & Lunch**

Dec. 3
Leave from The Community House
415 E. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Enjoy a visit to the American Writers Museum in Chicago, an interactive, inspirational and surprising world of American writing of all genres, including the current exhibit, 'Twas the Night Before: A Holiday Tour, highlighting the

tales and cherished traditions that have shaped holiday celebrations. Then enjoy a boxed lunch from a local restaurant. Coach bus transportation included. Registration ends 10 days prior to the event. Time: 9:45 a.m. departure, 1:45 p.m. return. Cost: \$100. RR, MD

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Fall Photos and Sip & Shop**

Nov. 16
Marcus Hinsdale
101 S. Washington St.
www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/events

Get professional fall family photos — pets welcome! — and stay for fabulous shopping, with 10 percent of sales going to the Hinsdale Humane Society. Photos are \$25. Hours: 1 to 4 p.m.

■ **Pizza with Santa**

Nov. 30
KLM Park
5901 County Line Road
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

Santa is making a last minute stop by The Lodge at KLM Park for a pizza lunch. Be sure to bring a camera. Time: noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$30. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ **Salting and Smoking**

Nov. 16 & 17
Kline Creek Farm
1N600 County Farm Road,
West Chicago
www.facebook.com/klinecreekfarm
(630) 876-5900

Learn about the process of salting and smoking pork, and grinding and stuffing for sausage, that 1890s farmers used to preserve food to get ready for winter. Hours: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 suggested donation per person ages 3 and up.

■ **Little Schoolhouse on the Prairie**

Nov. 17
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center

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■ **Mr. Lincoln on the Gettysburg Address**

Nov. 19
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

To mark the 161st anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln portrayer Kevin Wood will talk about the famous speech, debunk some myths and highlight the varied responses to his speech. A signed copy of Erik Larson's

new book, "The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War," will be raffled off. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ **American Red Cross Babysitters Certification**

Nov. 16
The Community House

415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 11-15 will get the knowledge, skill and confidence to care for infants and school-age children, using video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion for a complete learning experience. Participants must be present for the entire class

and should bring a sack lunch. Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$110. RR, MD

■ **Take Home Craft: Tiny Tiles Coasters**

Nov. 22
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Swing by the library anytime

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Fall Highlights at Hinsdale Public Library



Mr. Lincoln on the Gettysburg Address

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

On the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln portrayer Kevin Wood talks about this famous speech and reactions to it.



Grand Times with Grandparents

Saturday, Nov. 30, all day

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Is It Normal Aging or Is It Dementia?

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m.

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■ Kids Open Art Studio

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

(630) 323-7500

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■ Chicago Elite Volleyball Camp

Nov. 25-27

The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr
(630) 789-7090

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attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement, and will be divided according to age and skill level. Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$120.

■ Thanksgiving Break Camp — Safari Land

Nov. 27
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St.
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 5-14 can come to The Community House to enjoy fun games, holiday crafts and a field trip to the Safari Land indoor amusement park. Extended hours until 6:30 p.m. are available for an additional fee. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$90. RR, MD

WEE ONES

■ Bluey Bash Dance and Play Party

Nov. 15
Westmont Community Center
75 E. Richmond Ave.

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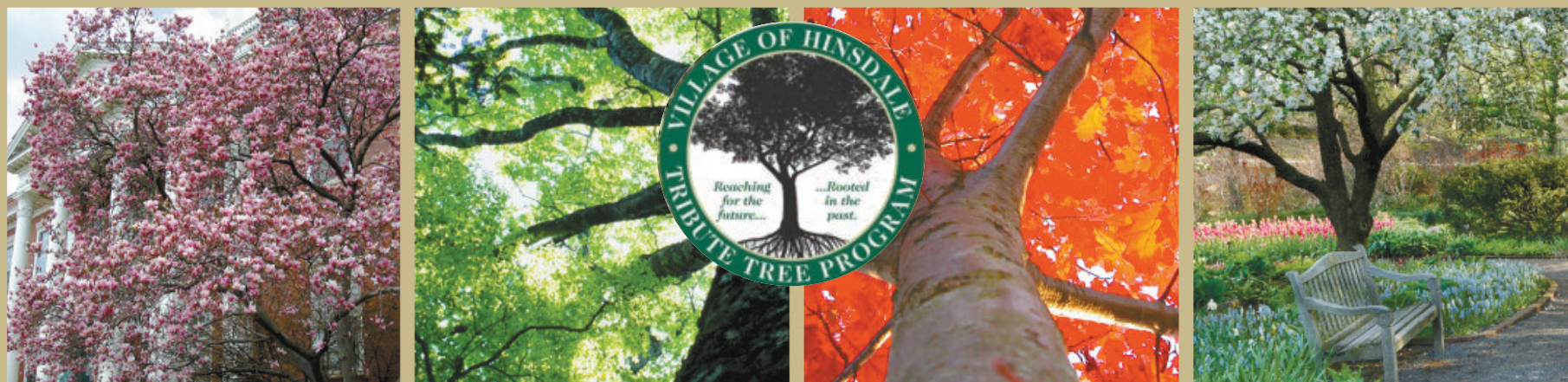
Kids ages 3-7 can turn their Dance Mode ON and try to keep up while wearing their favorite Bluey gear and comfy shoes. A snack and craft are included. Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$50. RR

■ Nature Tots

Nov. 18 & 22
Lake View Nature Center
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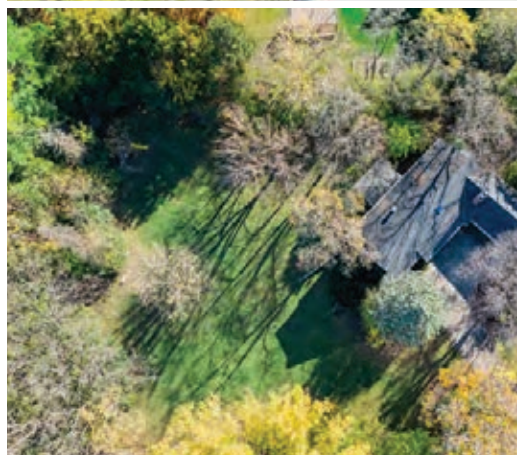
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Copies of documents relating to the proposed request are on file and available for public

Legal Notices

inspection during regular Village business hours in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

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Dated: November 4, 2024
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 - 9 SALONGA
 - 10 CHUTNEY FRUIT
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 - 17 CHALLENGED
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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!

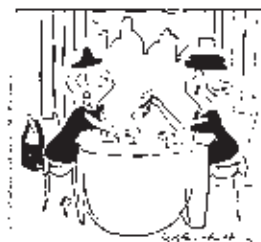
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solution

- 1. Snipe; 2. Brute;
- 3. Stick; 4. Reign

Today's Word
BIKINI



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Rearrange the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the missing word, which will complete the gap.

Trust: PINES

Feral: TUBER

Adverse: TICKS

Male: RENIG

TODAY'S WORD: _____

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HOROSCOPES

November 2024 Horoscopes • Week 3



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, the next challenge on your list could be a big one. But if there is anyone who can handle the pressure, it is you. Don't be afraid to call on friends if you need them.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, put aside any errant musings and give important tasks your utmost attention this week. Energy is better spent on others, so keep this in mind when you get busy.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Your partner is the most important person in your life right now, Cancer. So much so that this week every bit of your attention will be focused his or her way.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
A few jobs need to get done, Libra. But afterwards you should have plenty of time for some social interaction, whether that be attending a party or simply enjoying a night out.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, go out into the world and try a few new things. Your social energy and curiosity might peak this week, and you'll need new experiences to feel satisfied.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, your coworkers are all excited and fussing over a new development. Maintain an even keel as you assess the situation. You can be curious, but be guarded as well.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, money could be burning a hole in your pocket, so you might want to go on a spending spree. Keep in mind that there are a few big-ticket purchases waiting in the wings.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, think about the things you want instead of what other people want. It's alright to be a little selfish once in a while and put yourself first for a change.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Your finances might need an overhaul, Pisces. This could mean taking a new job or expanding what you're doing to earn more. Start putting out feelers to gain information.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, your love life is in a really good place this week, which enables you to spend some quality time with your special someone. A romantic dinner sounds like a good plan.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
You don't always have to be decisive, Virgo. Sometimes you can kick back and let someone else make decisions for a change. This is a great way to rest and recharge.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you could have fun this week and so may all the other people around you simply for being in your presence. This situation will continue in the days ahead.

Runner breaks his own record in win

Benet Academy's Finn Richards improves on his fifth-place finish last year at state

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Finn Richards of Hinsdale set a school record and won first place at the IHSA state cross country meet Nov. 9 at Dettweiler Park in Peoria, but he's not satisfied. He said he has more to give the sport.

"It was pretty nice to be able to accomplish what I wanted to do," the Benet Academy senior said. "At the end of the day, I still feel like I can do more."

"I don't think this is the end," he added. "I celebrated for a bit, but now I'm back to work. It was good, but it was not the capstone."

Richards, who placed fifth at state last year, said his goal going into the meet was to set a personal record, which he did with a time of 14:21.30, breaking a school record he set earlier this season. He said he has never trained as hard as he did this year, running twice a day four days a week in the summer and continuing that schedule into the first months of the school year. He also biked in the mornings and lifted weights in the afternoon. Maintaining that rigorous of a schedule was tough, he acknowledged.

"It kind of hurt my grades a bit," he said. "I was able to find a balance and work on both academics and athletics pretty well. I had to sacrifice some social time and some sleep, but it was well worth the sacrifice."

Benet cross country coach Kevin Renicker said winning state has been Richards' goal since he broke a time

of 15 minutes his sophomore year.

"He said, 'I want to be All-State. I want to win it,'" Renicker recalled. "I said, 'These are big goals. We have to approach it carefully.'"

In addition to his work ethic, Richards brings a level of self-awareness to his training, his coach said.

"Finn is just a really smart and intuitive athlete. He knows what his body can handle and what it can't, and he feeds me that information," Renicker said.

Richards, who lost his younger brother, Sean, two summers ago, said thoughts of his brother inspired him during training.

"Any time I'd be in a good amount of pain, I'd remember I've been in a lot more than that," he said. "Going into the race, I not only realized that Sean would probably be in that race on that team on that day if he were still here, but also that he'd want me to win. He's cheered for me on the sidelines. I knew I could do it with his help."

Richards was surrounded by his teammates, who qualified as a team and ended up placing 17th. Richards said they were thrilled with his victory.

"They were ecstatic," he said. "I don't think they really cared about their own race as much as they did mine, which is extremely supportive, but also kind of worrisome."

Richards has had a big influence on younger members of the team, Renicker said.

"He is not the individual that is in front commanding, but his presence



Hinsdale's Finn Richards crosses the finish line first in the 2A state cross country meet Saturday in Peoria. "That was an absolutely emotional moment for me," Benet coach Kevin Renicker said. (photo courtesy of Kevin Renicker)

commands, and people watch and people listen," he said. "He really leads by example."

Renicker praised Richards for his involvement outside of sports. He is about to earn his Eagle Scout rank, is active in his church and coordinates athletes to go to Mass before competitions, Renicker said.

"He's the whole rounded picture."

Central girls compete

Six members of the Hinsdale Central girls cross country team

competed at the state meet Nov. 9 at Dettweiler Park in Peoria.

Junior Lily Hodneland, who placed 15th with a time of 17:53.60, was the top finisher for the Red Devils, who finished 19th as a team.

Sophomore Ella Satre also finished in the top 20, coming in 16th with a time of 17:54.84.

Also competing for Central were sophomores Morgan Kohn, 34th (18:22.03), and Evelyn Skay, 64th (19:06.45); and juniors Addie Krogstie, 74th (19:19.20), and Grace Gruber, 92nd (19:45.89).

HEADED TO STATE

Members of the Hinsdale Central and Benet Academy girls swimming and diving teams will compete at the IHSA state final meet Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16, at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont.

Representing Red Devil Nation are seniors Vija Barber (400-yard freestyle relay), Isabella Brubaker (200-yard freestyle relay), Erica Driscoll (diving), Lauren Lin (200-yard medley relay), Meghan Martell (diving) and Kamile Zinis (50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays); junior Anna Rocca (100-yard butterfly and 200-yard medley relay); sophomores Lilia Barber (50-yard freestyle, 100-yard

freestyle, 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle relays), Karina Miller (100-yard backstroke, 200-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relays) and Sarah Pelinkovic (200-yard IM, 200-yard freestyle relay); and freshmen Emma Posey Lahmann (400-yard freestyle relay) and Norah Seraphin (100-yard butterfly).

Benet swimmers who will compete at state are seniors Lucy Rooney (200-yard medley relay, 200-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle relay, 100-yard backstroke) and Paige Malinowski (200-yard medley relay) and freshman Abby Morrissey (200-yard freestyle relay).

Good luck Devils and Redwings!

RESULTS

Bowling, boys

Nov. 12 vs. Hinsdale South
V loses 1,946-2,319
Egbert, 426
Ackerman, 409
Rivera, 407
Fodor, 361
O. Stamer, 328
Copeland, 318
Nov. 11 vs. Fenton
V loses 2,044-2,468

Swimming, girls

Nov. 9 @ IHSA sectional
V places 2nd with 292 points
1-meter diving

Martell, 5th, 448.95
Driscoll, 6th, 438.95
200-yard medley relay
Miller, Lin, Rocca, L. Barber, 2nd, 1:45.04
200-yard freestyle
V. Barber, 6th, 1:57.35
Seraphin, 7th, 1:58.14
200-yard IM
Pelinkovic, 1st, 2:08.41
Lin, 5th, 2:14.12
50-yard freestyle
L. Barber, 1st, 23.43
Zinis, 2nd, 23.47
100-yard butterfly
Seraphin, 3rd, 57.48
Rocca, 4th, 58.01
100-yard freestyle
L. Barber, 1st, 51

Zinis, 2nd, 51.21
500-yard freestyle
Pelinkovic, 2nd, 5:01.58
V. Barber, 5th, 5:14.38
200-yard freestyle relay
Brubaker, L. Barber, Pelinkovic, Zinis, 2nd, 1:36.59
100-yard backstroke
Miller, 1st, 56.49
Lahmann, 3rd, 59
100-yard breaststroke
Lin, 4th, 1:07.26
Allegra, 5th, 1:07.59
400-yard freestyle relay
Miller, Lahmann, V. Barber, Zinis, 2nd, 3:30.36

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SPORTS

Boys soccer nets third at state tourney

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have been the turning point for the team. And the seniors worked hard to motivate the team throughout the season, Azzo said.

"They just gave us a clear goal that we had set and I think that's one of the reasons we were able to turn our season around," he said.

Altman pointed to the great dynamic on the coaching staff, which welcomed new assistant coach Tim McEvilly.

"He just goes unnoticed, but he does so much behind the scenes," Altman said. "He brought so many positive things to the team."

Although the team would have loved to capture the championship, Altman said he has no regrets.

"We stayed consistent. We stayed routine. That's what Coach Wiggins always preaches," he said. "For myself, I don't think it could have gone any better."



Kostas Zamalaitis drives the ball past the Edwardsville keeper to register one of three goals the Red Devils made in the first 25 minutes of the game. Off a corner kick, Nathaniel Lin heads the ball toward the goal as teammate Enzo Cinque looks on. Austen Szurgot battles with his Edwardsville counterpart for possession of the ball. The team poses after capturing the third place trophy — the program's best finish since 2014.





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SPORTS

Boys soccer nets third at state tourney

Team overcomes a rocky start to the season to bring home trophy for Red Devils

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The Hinsdale Central boys varsity soccer team not only made its first appearance at the IHSA state tournament since 2014 last weekend, it beat Edwardsville 3-1 to earn third place and a spot on the podium.

An unlikely finish for a team that started out the season 1-6-1, but head coach Mike Wiggins said the players were extremely resilient, hard-working and committed athletes who persevered game after game.

"It was not just a difficult start to the year, it was handling the moments throughout the year that they never wavered," Wiggins said. "We'd go down a goal and we'd fight back and take a lead. We'd

play LT to the last 9 seconds of the game and give up a goal to tie it, then win in overtime."

The team had a rough start to the state tournament, dropping its first game 1-0 to Hersey Friday, Nov. 5. But the players weren't shaken.

"We weren't really new to hard times and adversity," said senior Denis Altman. "That's basically our season."

"I think we just came out on a stronger front foot," he added. "We weren't really unmotivated by the loss the previous night."

Junior Antonio Azzo agreed.

"We really just kept the motivation that we had one game left and had to make the best of it, especially with a lot of seniors on the team," Azzo said.

Wiggins reminded the



Hinsdale Central's Evan Posthuma heads the ball during the third-place game against Edwardsville Saturday at the state tournament in Hoffman Estates.



Matt Gantar keeps the ball away from opponents. Later he scored one of Central's three tallies during the game. (Jim Slonoff photos)

guys before the Saturday morning game that they were part of a historic season and had the support of many program alumni.

"It didn't surprise me that we got three goals in the first 25 minutes," he said.

Kristof Dani, Kostas Zamalaitis and Matt Gantar each scored a goal. Dani also picked up an assist, as did Austen Szurgot. Edwardsville answered with a single goal on a penalty kick 56 minutes into the game.

Central fans were out in force to support the team at Hoffman Estates.

"We had a lot of friends come out to cheer us on and lot of our parents who had been supporting us through the whole season," Azzo said. "They really motivated us. Even the people on the bench gave us a lot of energy out on the field."

Wiggins said there's nothing like Central's

cheering section.

"When you hear them and you come across the other side of the field and they are screaming and cheering and yelling and you hear that roar when good things happen, it's special," he said. "I think our guys felt that."

The state tournament was a fitting end to an amazing season. Wiggins said things started to turn around when Central beat a highly ranked Oak Park team 3-2 on Sept. 24. Before long, the Red Devils had beaten two more ranked teams and racked up a five-game winning streak.

"I don't think I can recall in recent memory a time that we had beat Oak Park, Naperville Central, LT, three games in a row, all ranked, and we did it in a season where the kids started 1-6-1," Wiggins said.

Setting the goal of winning conference might

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