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## Like a bowl full of jelly

Santa Claus let out a belly shaking laugh just as 6-month-old Donny Cunningham's expression went from a look of wonder to the beginning of a look of terror before his mom swooped in to save the day. Santa visited dozens of young boys and girls at the Winter Wonderland event at KLM Sunday. Please turn to Page 7 for more pictures. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# NEWS

## D86 referendum final costs tallied

By Pamela Lannom  
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Hinsdale High School District 86 finally closed the books on the Future Ready Facilities projects voters approved in April 2019.

The district spent \$167.6 million on a long list of projects at both high schools, almost \$27.8 million more than the \$139.8 million listed in the referendum.

Most of the additional spending — almost \$17.9 million — came from premiums on the \$138.9 million in tax-exempt municipal bonds the district sold.

“Municipal bonds will generally always sell at a premium,” said Josh Stephenson, chief financial officer for the district. “I don’t think it’s significantly dependent on current market conditions.”

The 20-year bonds were sold in three separate amounts over two years. The first sale of \$62.3 million in 2019 generated \$70 million in proceeds. The second sale of \$31.5 million in 2019 generated \$34.9 million, and the third sale of \$45.2 million in 2020 generated \$50.9 million.

Interest income on the proceeds totaled \$2.7 million.

The district also received money from outside sources. Community members raised \$1.6 million to put toward the cost of the new Don Watson Aquatic Center at Hinsdale Central. The district also received \$100,000 from Sterigenics as part of a lawsuit settlement. Quest Food Management, which has a seven-year contract with the district, provided \$143,722 for capital purchases.

“In exchange for doing a longer-term contract, they also put in a capital investment,” Stephenson said.

“They bought all the equipment that went into the cafés/coffee shops at both campuses.”

Operating funds totaling \$6.9 million also were used toward projects as well, with the largest line items being Phase 3 period 4 bids that exceeded the budget (\$2.3 million) and infilling and renovating the pool at Central (\$1.6 million).

Almost \$142 million of the total went to Pepper Construction, which oversaw the project and paid most of the contractors.

“I think there was over 100 different bid packages throughout the referendum period,” Stephenson said.

Among firms with whom the

district contracted directly, Arcon Associates received \$9.9 million for architect and engineering fees, while a little more than \$2.9 million went to Lowery McDonnell Co. for furniture. Fieldturf USA Inc. was paid almost \$2 million and DCG Roofing Solutions Inc. almost \$1.3 million, and the district also arranged the installation of low-voltage wiring in order to receive “e-rate” reimbursement from the federal government, Stephenson said.

The District 86 finance committee reviewed the final numbers at its Nov. 13 meeting. Stephenson said there wasn’t any new information.

“All these conversations we’ve had many times before,” he said. “I don’t think there is anything in here that was unknown or surprising. It’s just a summation of everything that occurred.”



## Practice makes perfect

Denise Georgieva, Bailey Summers and Meredith Mikhail participated in the Elite Volleyball Camp at The Community House last week. (Jim Slonoff photos)

# ONCE UPON A TIME



**Pictures from the past** — Hinsdale’s building services supervisor, Jim Piontkowski, took this photo in 1979. Holland Hardware and Paints was located at 42 S. Washington St. at the time. Today Lepa Boutique occupies the storefront, and Holland Hardware is doing business at 46 S. Harrison Place, the alley almost directly behind their Washington Street location. 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](mailto:jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com).



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# Hinsdale truly has it all for gift seekers

*Local real estate attorney makes strong case for checking out merchants located in town*

**By Ken Knutson**

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Hinsdale resident Paul Garver could be forgiven for his sensitivity to the cold on Monday.

Garver and his family had just returned from a cruise in the Caribbean, and strolling the deck of a luxury liner in the tropics suddenly seemed a distant memory while bundled up against the December air in downtown Hinsdale. The Columbus, Ohio, native and U.S. Army veteran has been practicing real estate law in town for 22 years. He and wife Nancy are parents to Grant, 11, and Natalie, 7.

Grant, a sixth-grader at Hinsdale Middle School who will turn 12 right after Christmas, loves Falcon Football, golf and fishing. That last one is due less to inheritance than to the internet. "I have people in my family that are huge fishermen, but I am not," related Garver, who's discovered a love for paddle tennis. "My son has just watched a million fishing videos. And that's all he ever watches."

He said Natalie, a second-grader at Madison School, has a trailblazing fearlessness.

"She's on the school chess club — the only girl on the

chess club," Garver said, proceeding to list off several of her other activities. "She is non-stop action.

"She is the fire, my son is the ice," he said.

Garver seems to have all the elements covered with his Christmas gift selections from among the 13 local shops he visited.

- Meal time will be an elevated experience for his mother- and father-in-law when they — and guests — come together around a 54-inch brass mount breakfast/dining table. \$5,500, Trumeau

- The versatile light brown Loro Piana cashmere jersey jacket with leather trim is right in brother-in-law Mike's sartorial wheelhouse. "This is totally his style," he said. \$2,795, Burdi

- Garver expects niece Heather can find the perfect spot to hang the 11-by-14-inch painting "Cool Flame" by Michael Coakes. \$1,200, Virgil Catherine Gallery

- A Master Detection Toolkit from Spy Labs Inc. will give sleuth extraordinaire Natalie, 7, more to work with in solving cases. "She is always able to find the things that we lose in the house." \$50, My Sister Kate

- To thank those who have referred his legal services over the course of the year,



**Hinsdale's Paul Garver** is in awe of his 7-year-old daughter Natalie's lost item tracking prowess, and thinks this Master Detection Toolkit at My Sister Kate will only augment her gift (and help make sure he hangs on to his sunglasses).

Garver selects a spirited reward in a one-liter bottle of 2021 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon. \$99.99, Hinsdale Wine Shop

- Self-care is too often

overlooked this time of year, so Garver goes all aboard to treat himself with a Haribo Holiday Train gummy candy eight-pack. \$20, Hinsdale News Agency

- A nativity-themed wooden advent calendar from Byers Choice would be an inspired addition to sister Teri's collection of holiday decor. \$120, Fuller's Home & Hardware

- Garver's persistent effort to turn his son on to Metallica's music appeared futile. That is until the jam track for the new season of Fortnite featured the band's song "Fuel," which Grant can blast on the JBL Flip 6 wireless speaker. \$139, Verizon

- His discerning sister-in-law Eileen will appreciate the boldly colorful yet elegant oil on canvas work "Automne Japonais" by the late French painter Georges Coulomb. \$14,500, Expression Gallery of Fine Art

- Garver said his law partner Tom likes to "plunk" on the piano, then added,

"although I wouldn't say he plays." Plunking has never sounded more enchanting than on the Gran Nichetto limited edition baby grand, with Spirio | r player piano feature, in midnight red. \$360,400, Steinway

- Someone should keep a stopwatch to see how long it will take Garver's office staff to polish off a box of 15 cookies festively shaped like mittens and reindeer. \$54.75, Toni

- Ski enthusiast brother Ed will cut a stylish figure on the slopes in a red Spyder Monterosa insulated ski jacket. \$900, King Keyser

- Lending a shimmer to these months of limited light, the large Siviglia 18K yellow gold bean necklace is a showstopper, an assessment with which Garver is sure Nancy will agree. \$6,450, Razny Jewelers

- Garver and his brothers all appreciate a good meal. So to brother Jon he'll send four 8-oz filet mignons to bring some sizzle to the season. \$130, Prime 'N' Tender



At Hinsdale Wine Shop, the 2021 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon is his go-to vintage for special Christmas thank-yous. (Jim Slonoff photos)

# NEXT WEEK

## Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12  
Hinsdale South High School  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
[www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings](http://www.hinsdale86.org/board-of-education/board-meetings)

## Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** special-use permit for 777 N. York Road (KBarre Hinsdale), sign permit reviews for 9 E. First St. (Celestial Art Curation), 19 W. First St. (Gone Grazy), 12 E. Hinsdale Ave. (Hinsdale Wine Shop) and 49 S. Washington St. (Kelsey Resale Boutique)

## Hinsdale Village Board

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.  
[www.villageofhinsdale.org](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org)

# MEETING ROUNDUP

## Hinsdale High School District 86

Among other business Nov. 21, board members:

- discussed a proposed intergovernmental agreement with the village of Clarendon Hills regarding the proposed tax increment financing district along 55th Street. The Jewel-Osco and PNC bank are no longer part of the TIF, according to a plan the Clarendon Hills Village Board approved Monday night. The district will have its legal team review the IGA, which provides the district with some TIF revenue, and the board will discuss it again at its Dec. 19 board meeting.

"We can decide if we want to accept their IGA or not, which would then give us some revenue, or we could say, 'No, we don't want this IGA,' and then we don't get that revenue but the TIF keeps going regardless of what we do," Superintendent Mike Lach said.

- voted to sunset the German program at both high schools due to declining enrollment and difficulty finding staff. Current freshmen are the final class that will be able to enroll in German 1. The board also voted to add American Sign Language, which is taught at Hinsdale South, at Hinsdale Central.

- voted to add an "earned honors credit" option to four electives that will no longer have an honors option (three journalism classes and the tech support internship) and to five electives that have not had an honors option (two acting classes, child care and development, culinary 2 and marketing) for the 2025-26 school year

- heard a brief report on the Illinois School Report cards from Jason Markey, assistant superintendent for academics. Report cards are available through a link on the district's website at [www.hinsdale86.org/departments/academics](http://www.hinsdale86.org/departments/academics).

- listened to a report from Scott Duenser of Wipfli LLP, the district's auditor, indicating his firm gave a clean opinion on the district's annual comprehensive financial report.

"The district goes above and beyond in putting this report together," he said.

- heard an athletic performance participation report for Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South high schools, At Central, 32 percent of students were on a fall athletic team, and 43 percent of freshmen chose to play a sport.

"It's really great to see our kids involved," athletic director Mike Jezioro said.

- voted 6-1 to approve the 2025-26 program of studies. Board member Jeff Waters voted no because it does not include an honors world history class at Hinsdale South.

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# IN FOCUS



## Winter Wonderland

The village of Hinsdale transformed KLM into a Winter Wonderland Sunday. From a life-size snow globe to a Christmas train to visits with Santa, the park was the next best thing to the North Pole. Zyla Bashir spoke to Santa about her Christmas list. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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# POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police distributed the following reports Dec. 3.

## DUI arrests

• Nadia C. Kalish, 45, 36 Chatham Lane, Oak Brook, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, endangering the health or life of a child, failure to give information after striking unattended property and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 10:21 p.m. Nov. 30 after crashing into a wooden barricade wall at York Road and The Lane with a child under the age of 18 in the vehicle. She refused testing to determine blood-alcohol content and was charged and released to appear in court.

• Andrew D. LaMantia, 62, 1805 Gilbert Ave., Downers Grove, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to signal when required and improper lane use at 1:30 a.m. Nov. 23 at 55th Street and Taft Road. He refused testing to determine blood-alcohol content and was charged and released to appear in court.

• Kevin A. Sunde, 41, 6010 Oakwood Drive, Lisle, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding and operating an uninsured vehicle at 11:42 p.m. Nov. 27 at Ogden Avenue and Route 83. He refused testing to determine blood-alcohol content and was charged and released to appear in court.

## Warrant arrest

Mario R. Negron, 40, 8109 W. 83rd St., Justice, was arrested on a warrant out of DuPage County at 8:15 p.m. Dec. 1, after turning himself in at the Hinsdale Police Department, 121 Symonds Drive. He was taken to DuPage County Jail.

## Garage door vandalized

Graffiti was spray painted on a garage door in the 400 block of East Hickory Street in an incident reported Dec. 2.

## Identity theft reported

Credit card information belonging to a resident of the 5600 block of South Park Avenue was used to make an unauthorized transaction Nov. 25.

*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.*

## Hinsdale police list results of campaign

The Hinsdale Police Department reported the following enforcement outcomes from its "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" traffic safety campaign from Nov. 22 to Dec. 2. During the campaign, the police made three DUI arrests and issued 45 speeding citations along with recording two criminal arrests, one traffic arrest and nine other traffic citations.

The Thanksgiving safety enforcement mobilization was carried out in collaboration with state and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to reduce fatalities.

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

The campaign 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" campaigns.

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# 60 SECONDS

■ “A lot of my fellow scouts were able to come out and support me, some parents, some siblings, some siblings’ friends, so the community was really able to get behind it.” — **Greg Warren**

## Field trip leads teen to Eagle Scout project

Greg Warren remembers visiting the Hinsdale History Museum on an elementary school field trip.

“I went there in second grade and I loved it,” he said.

Earlier this year, when he was thinking about potential Eagle Scout projects, the Hinsdale Historical Society came to mind.

“I really wanted to do something that would be lasting, that would be meaningful to me and the community and that would be meaningful to the sponsor of the project,” Warren said. “Something that came to mind was the Hinsdale Historical Society. I reached out to them, asking if they had any projects that needed to be done, and they said they would like this refresh of the museum room.”

Warren and his crew did extensive work on the exhibit room on the third floor of the museum at 15 S. Clay St. They removed old cabinets, packaged artifacts for storage, washed the wallpaper and floors, sanded and painted trim and replaced and repaired windows.

Rather than buying new cabinets, Warren repurposed donated curio cabinets.

“We were able to install

them into the museum room to bring new life, new energy into the space,” he said.

The project also benefited from gifts of paint and other supplies from JC Licht, along with the help of volunteers.

“A lot of my fellow scouts were able to come out and support me, some parents, some siblings, some siblings’ friends, so the community was really able to get behind it.”

He began planning the project in June and spent about two weeks working on the room, six days of which were particularly active. As is often the case with construction projects, he hit some snags along the way. One involved repairing a window that wouldn’t open.

“Some of the parts had been stolen, so we had to obtain some new parts, which were hard to come by,” he said.

And one of the curio cabinets didn’t fit the space — literally.

“We had this beautiful cabinet that was donated and it was unable to fit up in the room,” he said. “We moved it to Immanuel Hall, where it now serves as a gift shop.”

Warren fondly reflected on the decade of growth that’s resulted from his Troop 52



### GREG WARREN

JUNIOR AT BENET ACADEMY • SON OF MARIANNE AND TOM • OLDER BROTHER OF PETER AND TIM • ON SWIMMING AND CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS • JOINED BOY SCOUTS IN FIRST GRADE • HIS DAD IS HIS SCOUTMASTER

membership.

“I love the community, the leadership skills I develop and the friends I make along the way,” he said.

He also has gone on two High Adventure trips, one to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and one to Sea Base in the Florida Keys. He spent seven days hiking in the mountains and a week on a boat on these excursions.

“I think it was life changing,” Warren said of the experiences. “It was really meaningful to me. I formed lifelong bonds with people I was on the trip with. I really was grateful for my experience to be able to carry my home on my back and go outside of my comfort zone and get these amazing, amazing experiences,” he said.

Even though he has achieved the highest rank

available in Boy Scouts, he will remain an active member of Troop 52.

“I’ll continue to be attending meetings to help the younger scouts get further along in their path, to help people feel welcome, hopefully attending campouts and utilizing all the skills that scouts has taught me going into the future,” he said.

— story by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff



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# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## Spend the next 19 shopping days shopping local

With Black Friday and Cyber Monday behind us, the Christmas shopping season is well under way. The ambitious among us already might have crossed all their names off their list and started wrapping. Some might have a few presents purchased, with more to go. And then there are those who have yet to buy a single gift. Gulp. There's only 19 shopping days left!

But there's no need to panic. People who shop right here in Hinsdale can avoid driving up and down ramps in large parking lots and standing in long lines at stores in the mall. Of course convenience is only one of the reasons it makes sense to shop local.

Many of the store owners live right here in town — or close by. They take pride in curating merchandise in their stores that they know will appeal to Hinsdale shoppers. And owners — along with well-trained staff — are ready to offer great advice to those who need a hand choosing the perfect gift.

Shopping locally benefits the village as well. The \$3.5 million in sales tax revenue the village hopes to collect this year makes up about 14 percent of operating revenue. Supporting local businesses also helps maintain a downtown

filled with unique and interesting shops and is an environmentally sound choice (less time on the road!).

A Hinsdale shopping trip can be enhanced by lunch or dinner with friends at one of the village's great restaurants or a relaxing facial or massage at a local salon.

Other ways to support local businesses include leaving a good tip, joining a local fitness center, leaving a positive review an encouraging friends to shop local, according to the village's website.

The village is offering a fun way to shop local with its Holiday Shopping Passport program, which runs through Dec. 24. Pick up a passport at a participating business (or village hall or the library) and start collecting stickers as you shop. Each sticker equals one raffle entry and the chance to win fabulous prizes.

Participating businesses are Café la Fortuna, Expressions Gallery of Fine Art, Glimpse Vision, Hinsdale Bank & Trust, Hinsdale Mobil gas station, Hinsdale Wine Shop, Karat Jewelry Group, Kelsey Resale Boutique, Kramer Foods, Marcus, Meredith Jaye, Peak Running/Peak Lifestyle, Phillip's Flowers and Gifts, Razny Jewelers, Sterling & Knight Jewelry & Pawn, Stockholm

Objects and Sweet William.

The village and Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce also have scheduled some special events to make a trip downtown even more fun. The annual Christmas Walk will take place tomorrow, Dec. 6. See Page 34 for details.

Hinsdale for the Holidays on Saturday, Dec. 7, is a free event in Burlington Park that will be fun for the whole family with cookie decorating, horse-drawn carriage rides, visits with Santa and other festive activities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will return to his house in Burlington Park to take additional gift requests from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 14 and 21.

We're doing our part, too, to support retailers this season with our annual holiday gift ideas series. Last week Angela Lavelli, owner of Café la Fortuna, picked out items for family and friends. This week our special shopper is attorney Paul Garver of Hawbecker & Garver LLC, who lives and works in town. You can find the stories on Page 5 of the paper through Dec. 19. On the day of publication and after, articles are available online at [www.thehinsdalean.com](http://www.thehinsdalean.com).

Shopping local is a gift you can give yourself — and is one that will keep on giving.

COMMENTARY

## Finding peace, quiet in the midst of holiday bustle

Half of my dining room table is covered with Thanksgiving and fall decorations that I need to pack away before the tree goes up this weekend. I am already woefully behind in my Christmas shopping, with only a few stocking stuffers purchased and too many question marks, rather than gift ideas, by the names on my list. And we never took a selfie of the three of us this weekend in Saugatuck, so now our Christmas card photo is up in the air.

Ahhh, the holidays.

In my annual "insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results" holiday reminder, I find myself 20 days before Christmas with what feels like 40 days' worth of things to accomplish.

Wait! This year my birth family is coming for Christmas (for the first time!), with the first guest arriving two weeks from Saturday. That's five fewer days to get everything done.

I truly enjoy Christmas preparations. At the same time, every year I hope to spend more of Advent waiting for Christ's birth. Of course, you

have to be still and quiet to truly wait, and most December days find me in perpetual motion.

While this time of year is typically slower for us in the news-gathering business, we still must write and edit all the main components of our paper each week. And then there's the national news to watch and discuss — along with everyone's reaction to it on social media. We're about to either enter the best four years in the history of America or the end of the world as we know it, depending on what side of the aisle you're on. (Did I mention my birth parents are on opposite sides of the political spectrum?)

Despite the busyness of the season, I continue to look for the peace everyone wishes one another during the holidays. Sometimes I feel it is as elusive to me as happiness is to the Grinch before his heart grows three sizes.

Last year, feeling this exact same



Pamela Lannom

way, I wrote a column suggesting Christmas be moved to January to give us all a little breathing space between two major holidays featuring ridiculously large meals and large family gatherings. As far as I know, no one has picked up on this great idea.

So this year I will have to search for peace more diligently. I've started by praying the daily prayer in "Jesus Listens for Advent and Christmas" by Sarah Young.

Ainsley and I attended the women's advent service at Zion Lutheran Church Tuesday night, where we heard the following.

"This Christmas and beyond, let us prioritize moments of quiet contemplation, prayer and service to others, embodying the selflessness and compassion exemplified by Jesus himself. By focusing on the real essence of Christmas, our hope is that we can all experience a deeper sense of joy, peace and ful-

fillment that transcends the fleeting pleasure of presents and the hectic pace of the season."

The message reminds me of my favorite Christmas message, which I read as our before-dinner prayer every Dec. 25. It's from "Simple Abundance" by Sarah Ban Breathnach, and the author is unknown.

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

Wishing you peace this holiday season.

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

GUEST COMMENTARY

# Spending Thanksgiving in sunny paradise

I think that the world's best Thanksgiving must be, Thanksgiving in Florida on Siesta Key. Thanksgiving in Florida with nine kids, to boot: Our three kids, six cousins, and way too much cute.



**Peter Celauro**

Nine kids' worth of beach bikes traversing the shore, And bike locks whose combos we don't know no more. Nine kids' worth of helmets on tan, sandy heads. Nine kids' worth of sand in their cozy twin beds.

They're paddling kayaks through rows of mangroves, In search of wild creatures and lost treasure troves. They're building sand castles — well, more like sand moats. They're braving the seas with their tiny toy boats.

Imagine a dad — me — laid out for a snooze. The sun roasts his feet; he's abandoned his shoes. Imagine his daughter — next month turning 3, Whose favorite thing (after Mommy) is he.

She's fresh from the ocean, holding a small net, And totally, shivering, cold-soaking wet. His core body temperature rapidly drops, When onto his belly, her cold belly flops. And now that he's

upright, in cold-induced shock, She scampers away to check out a cool rock.

The fun doesn't stop when they all come inside. It's right around bedtime when they hit their stride!

They're raiding the cupboards and grocery sacks, For cookies and Cheetos and sugary snacks.

They're watching TV when they should be in bed, Paying no attention to what Daddy said.

And yet ...

Nine kids is a whole lot of giggles and laughs. It's sweet bedtime stories and cute verbal gaffes.

It's make-believe, games and elaborate schemes.

It's stuff that they won't do when they become teens.

It's family photos with sunsets behind; It's memories forged in their growing young minds.

I think that the world's best Thanksgiving must be,

Thanksgiving in Florida on Siesta Key.

The blessing of loved ones together once more ...

I think that's the thing that I'm most thankful for.

— Peter Celauro is a contributing columnist. Readers can email him at [news@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:news@thehinsdalean.com).

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## How do you organize a book drive?

Growing up, Violet Eck could often be found ensconced in the pages of a “Fancy Nancy” adventure or a selection from the “I Survived” book series.

“Like ‘I Survived the Great Depression.’ I loved those, they were my favorites when I was little,” Eck said.

Now as a busy Hinsdale Central senior, Eck lamented the challenge of carving out recreational reading time. But knowing how formative stimulating literature was in her childhood, she wants to help provide nascent readers access to books.

She, along with fellow Central senior Alec Trainer, have spearheaded a book drive in partnership with Bernie’s Book Bank to collect new or gently used children’s books and deliver them to under-served children throughout the Chicagoland. The drive began in mid-October and continues through Jan. 7 (see Page XX for details).

They leveraged social media and posted flyers to spread the word

VIOLET ECK, AVID READER

about the drive.

“We’ve gotten so many, and it’s just a good variety,” Eck reported. “So many people have books lying around that they don’t need.”

“I wasn’t expecting to get so many. Every day I’ve seen community members dropping off books. People would bring in boxes of books, and it was just really cool that people were willing to go out of their way and find these books to help some kid that they don’t even know get the chance to read and be able to learn that knowledge.”

Eck actually observed her older siblings lead Bernie Book Bank drives over the years as part of their National Honor Society service component.

“My older brother Everett started it as an NHS project because he just loved to read,” Eck related.

Following in their NHS membership footsteps, she also decided to continue the family philanthropic legacy.

“Each of us has continued to participate in it,” she remarked.

Eck said Bernie’s Book Bank makes regular donation pick-ups to bring items to Chicago schools for distribution.

“The people who pick the books up

are really grateful and amazed that we have so many books,” said Eck, who also helped with last year’s book drive, which garnered 500 books.

The hope is to exceed that number this year. With a reported two out of three Chicago-area children lacking books, drives like this can combat that deficiency, Eck said. Personally, she tries to make up for lost school year reading time in the summer.

“I’m always reading by the pool. I enjoy fun, exciting books, so I think that is was an important thing for me, especially going to such a good high school and being able to get whatever books I need.”

And even with her proficiency on e-devices, Eck said she still prefers curling up with a good old hardcopy edition in her hands.

“I like flipping the pages. I think an actual book is just more satisfying to finish,” Eck remarked.

And she likes extending that enjoyment to others.

“I think it’s essential to have that basic education (through reading) and be able to step into another world when you’re reading a book,” she said.

— by Ken Knutson



Hinsdale Central seniors Violet Eck and Alec Trainer have teamed up to coordinate this year’s Bernie’s Book Bank book drive to collect hundreds of books to distribute to under-resourced children in the Chicago area. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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# OBITUARIES

## Marlene Pankow Hellwig

Marlene Pankow Hellwig, a longtime Hinsdale resident, died peacefully Nov. 2, 2024.

She was married for 62 years to her college sweetheart, Albert Hellwig, until his death in 2018.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynn (Dan Roller); her grandchildren, Amy (Paul Thomas) and Julianne Roller, Jack (fiancée Grace Corrigan), Christy (Max) Fortin, Kelly (Troy) Volkel and Howie Hellwig; and her three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, John.

A funeral mass will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W. Adams St., Chicago.

Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Extension Society at [www.catholicextension.org](http://www.catholicextension.org).

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Joyce Knuepfer

Joyce Moucka Knuepfer, nee Nebergall, a former longtime Hinsdale resident, passed away peacefully Nov. 27, 2024, in Elmhurst.

Joyce, 98, was born in 1926 in McCook, Neb., and grew up in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., with her parents, Floyd and Gertrude, and siblings, Vernon, Kay and Karen. She graduated from Benson High School and the University of Nebraska, where she met her husband, Bob Moucka.

A talented artist, Joyce's paintings adorn many homes throughout the area. Her art brought beauty and joy to those around her and her creativity extended to every part of her life.

In addition to her passion for art, Joyce enjoyed golf, bridge and reading, and loved to play Rummikub (which she called "tiles") with anyone who was willing to join her.

Joyce was a woman of profound faith in Jesus Christ and a long-time member of Christ Church of Oak Brook. Her faith was truly her foundation, a



Knuepfer

daily discipline of trusting. Her indomitable spirit, good humor and positive attitude were contagious. Among her family and friends she was known for her sense of humor, particularly her knack for telling stories — many of which were filled with laughter at her own expense.

Those who knew Joyce will remember her for her enduring love of family, her marvelous creativity and her unshakable faith. She lived a life full of love, laughter, and devotion to her family and faith.

She was preceded in death by her son, John; and her two husbands, Bob Moucka and Bob Knuepfer.

She is survived by her sons, Ron (Bonnie), Tom (Debbie) and Bill (Donna); her eight grandchildren; and her 11 great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held for family in Omaha. Memorials in may be made online to Christ Church of Oak Brook at [www.christchurch.us](http://www.christchurch.us).

## Robert Pischke

Robert "Bob" Pischke, 75, passed away Nov. 26, 2024, surrounded by his family.

A devoted (and often disappointed) Chicago Bears and White Sox fan, Bob grew up with his four siblings playing baseball in the alley and freezing the backyard to play ice hockey together.

In college, he met his best friend and love of his life, Sue. They married in 1973 and welcomed two daughters, Allison and Courtney, in the 1980s. Over the years, Bob enjoyed family gatherings, playing hockey, vacations, his softball league, golfing, supporting his daughters' sporting or academic efforts, and being with close friends and family.

In 2010, Bob was promoted to the coveted title of "Papa" when granddaughter Clare was born and his heart grew even more when grandkids Luke, Maeve, Oliver and Violet joined the family in years to come.

He built them musical stages, attended their games and performances, hosted magical sleepovers, introduced them to the "President's Game" and always gave 110 percent at being the most loving Papa imaginable.

A natural storyteller who lit up every room with his smile and dad jokes, Bob's joy was being with family and friends. Even during his final weeks, he always



Pischke

put aside his own suffering to ask his daughters, sons-in-law and grandkids about work, school, trips or their sporting events. Family and loved ones were everything to him, and his legacy, love and memory will live on in everyone who knew him.

Known as Papa, Bobby, Pablo, and the best dad ever, Bob is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sue (nee Barry); his daughters, Allison (Jason) Hanson of Hinsdale and Courtney (Matt) Koppelman; his grandchildren, Clare Hanson, Luke Hanson, Maeve Hanson, Oliver Koppelman and Violet Koppelman; his brothers, Randy (Barbara) Pischke and Ronnie (Maureen) Pischke; his sister, Janet (Jack) Anderson; his brother-in-law, Dominic "Dino" Viverito; sister-in-law Nancy (Al) Osiecki; brother-in-law John (Melinda) Barry; and nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Ann Viverito (nee Pischke); and his parents, Beatrice (nee Snider) and Adam Pischke.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

Family and friends will meet for a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

## Lynn Weekley

Lynn Weekley, 59, of Chicago, formerly of Oak Brook, passed away Nov. 26, 2024.

Lynn attended Hinsdale Central High School and graduated eighth in her class in 1983. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in business in 1987.

Upon graduating college, she started in sales and quickly moved to Chicago. Over a quarter of a century, she handled more than 800 transactions worth more than \$350 million. Her accolades ranged from being a top producer for The Chicago Association of Realtors for more than 18 years to being in the top 50 and top 100 agents at @proper-



Weekley

ties numerous times.

Lynn is survived by her mother, Jean S. Weekley; her sister, Lisa (Jay) Keller; her aunts, Joyce Arnold and Jackie Schickel; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, William J. Weekley; and her aunts, Joan Oremus and Margaret Shinar.

Services were held Dec. 4 at Adolf & Powell Funeral Home in Willowbrook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to Chicago Alcoholics Anonymous at [www.chicagoaa.org/com](http://www.chicagoaa.org/com).



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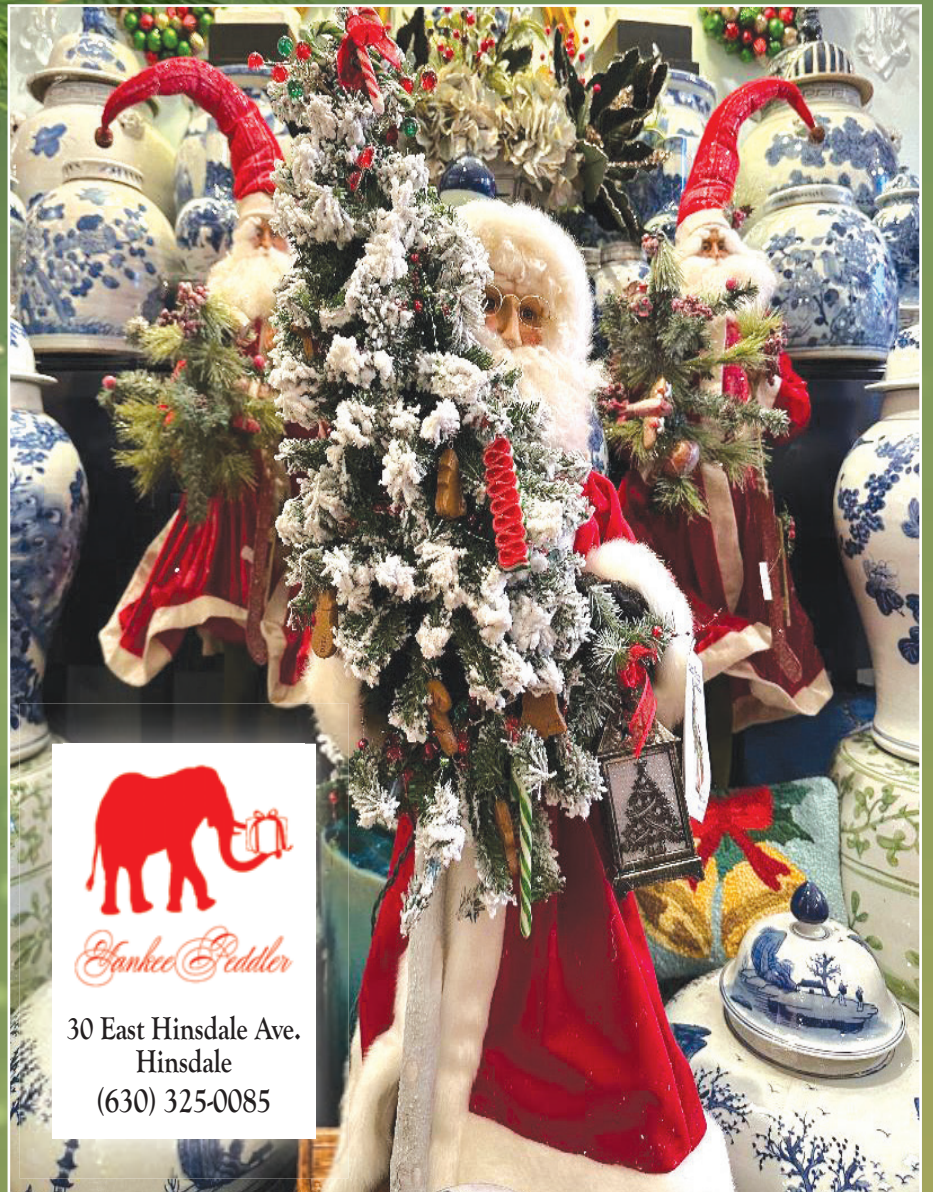
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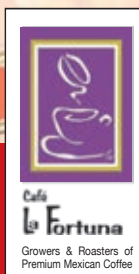


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# PULSE



Along with attending the Memorial Day service and riding in the Fourth of July parade, Village President Tom Cauley said one of his favorite parts of the job is lighting the Christmas tree before the annual Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Christmas Walk. Kids love seeing Santa and riding the carousel and trackless train. (file photos)



## The Christmas Walk is comin' to town

*Hinsdale Chamber, local businesses, Santa getting ready for official holiday kick-off*

**By Sandy Illian Bosch**  
*news@thehinsdalean.com*

Break out those long johns and parkas and prepare to enjoy Hinsdale's traditional kickoff to the holiday season this Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Presented by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce and Bella Cosa Jewelers, the 58th annual Hinsdale Christmas Walk will take place in the heart of the village and feature wintery wonders and treats for all, said Amanda Wagner, marketing director for the chamber.

The evening will begin with the three lighting ceremony on the lawn of the Memorial Building, led by Village President Tom Cauley.

"There are many things I like about being village president. The tree-lighting ceremony every December is near the top of the list," Cauley said, noting that he has missed only one Christmas Walk in the last 15 years.

"I enjoy greeting Santa

when he comes to village hall in the fire truck and the parents and kids counting down to when I light the tree. It's kind of a Norman Rockwell moment."

Cauley revealed that the button he pushes to light the tree doesn't really work — a message is relayed to an engineer in the basement of the Memorial Building to turn on the lights. "For the last 15 years it's worked out perfectly," he said. "I hope it works this year, too."

Across the tracks, 25 to 30 local businesses and organizations will occupy tents along Hinsdale's downtown streets, which will be closed to vehicular traffic.

"The downtown area will have a lot of people walking around," said Hinsdale resident Joseph Molfese, owner of Bella Cosa Jewelers. The annual Christmas Walk is one of the many things he and his family enjoy about Hinsdale, and he said he's excited to participate again this year.

Early visitors to the Bella Cosa tent can take home a commemorative Hinsdale ornament to add to their home holiday decor.

"We definitely have a limited number," said Molfese, whose tent will be located near the carousel on First Street just west of Washington Street. Maltese said the event is a chance to give back to the community that supports his business, and to introduce Bella Cosa Jewelers to potential new customers just in time for the holidays.

The carousel has become a perennial attraction at the Christmas Walk, along with the trackless train. After some technical issues last year, Wagner said the chamber has been promised the train will run smoothly down First Street throughout this year's event.

Many participating businesses and organizations will have giveaways, treats, hot beverages, games and crafts to share, along with information about their

products and missions.

"They're just trying to get the word out there," Wagner said.

Hinsdale residents, neighbors, families and friends aren't the only ones who will be strolling the streets of Hinsdale during the walk.

"You might see some familiar faces," said Wagner, including the Grinch himself.

"He'll be here throughout the entire event," Wagner said.

Downtown restaurants will be open during the walk, along with some shops and storefronts where visitors can gather for dinner, do a little holiday shopping or just warm up a bit before taking in the rest of the Christmas Walk.

Guests also can warm up around King Landscaping's fire pit, located near Phillip's Flowers and Gifts on Washington Street.

Wagner said Tesla plans to have a vehicle on display. Holiday displays will light up the storefronts and

tents, turning downtown Hinsdale into a festive winter market.

Of course, no Christmas Walk would be complete without the chance to visit with Santa himself. After lighting the village tree, Santa will receive visitors at his workshop in Burlington Park until 7 p.m. For those who don't get the chance to visit with Mr. Claus on Friday, he will return to the workshop from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

### Hinsdale for the Holidays

The village will once again sponsor special holiday events at Hinsdale for the Holidays, set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in Burlington Park.

In addition to visiting Santa, as mentioned above, families can enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides and gingerbread cookie decorating.

— Pamela Lannom contributed to this story.

# PULSE



**Morton Arboretum's Illumination**, hailed as one of the best winter light shows in the country by U.S. News and World Report and USA Today, celebrates its 12th year this year. The event continues through Jan. 4. See Page 34 for details. (photo provided)

## FAITH COMMUNITIES

### ■ Inter-Faith Fellowship Lunch

Dec. 13  
Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S. Garfield Ave.

The Hinsdale Central Chamber Choir will perform a festive and heartwarming celebration of the Christmas season at this monthly gathering. Then enjoy The Silver Tea for dessert provided by Women's Association of Union Church. Lunch will be served at noon. Registration deadline is today, Dec. 5. Contact Elizabeth Jung at [ejung@uchinsdale.org](mailto:ejung@uchinsdale.org) or (630) 688-1706. Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 check or cash at the door. RR

## FAMILY FUN

### ■ Grandparent & Me Yoga

Dec. 12  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

Bring a mat or towel to practice breathing techniques, mindfulness and gentle yoga

stretches with your grandparent. Chairs will be incorporated into the practice. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

## GAME ON

### ■ Chicago Elite Volleyball Winter Break Clinic

Dec. 23  
The Community House  
415 E. Eighth St.  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

Youth ages 8-14 will be both introduced to the game of volleyball and encouraged to improve their individual skill development in passing, setting, attacking, blocking, serving, defense and movement. Players will be divided according to skill level and age and challenged accordingly. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$60. RR, MD

## GREAT OUTDOORS

### ■ Cross-Country Ski Seminar

Dec. 7  
Sagawau Environmental

Learning Center  
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[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(630) 257-2045

Learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for your first cross-country skiing experience. We'll cover skis, boots, and poles - including classic, skating and telemark equipment. Time: 1 p.m. RR

### ■ Sunrise Hike

Dec. 8  
Little Red Schoolhouse  
Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com)  
(708) 839-6897

Come join us for a "before hours" hike to experience the dawning of a new day. Time: 6:30 a.m. RR

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### ■ Forest Therapy

Dec. 8  
Wolf Road Woods

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**To receive Monthly IFF notices contact Elizabeth Jung: [ejung@uchinsdale.org](mailto:ejung@uchinsdale.org)**

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# Black and white bourbon balls make spirits bright

December is here and the holiday baking season is in full swing at my house. However, one of my favorite holiday desserts is also one of the simplest to make. Bourbon balls are a classic Southern dessert. They have a rich velvety chocolate flavor that makes them irresistibly good. They are always a hit with guests and they don't



**Amy McCauley**  
*Tales from the table*

require baking.

Bourbon balls are said to have been first created by the Rebecca Ruth Candy Co. in Frankfort, Ken., in 1938. There are lots of different versions of this recipe, but most are made from vanilla wafer cookies, coco powder and bourbon. As a kid I remember

one of my mom's friends would always bring us a little bowl or tin of these for Christmas. They were so good that they had to be rationed out so they didn't disappear all at once.

My recipe is adapted from "Julia Reed's South: Spirited Entertaining and High Style Fun All Year Long." Reed was a celebrated journalist and foodie who was known for her entertaining. These black and white bourbon balls were her signature Christmas party dessert. She served them in a large footed bowl and would even send them home with guests in little cellophane bags as a treat.

When making these bourbon balls, I use the Nabisco Nilla wafer brand cookies because the store brand cookies just can't compare. I also like to use a good bourbon, like Maker's Mark or Michter's, because you can taste the difference.

This festive little dessert has a way of disappearing quickly, so I usually make several batches for the holiday season. I love making them for a party because they can be made ahead of time. The black and white powdered sugar and pecan topping contrast gives them an easy elegant touch. So, add a little merry to your holiday season with my Southern bourbon balls.

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

## Black and white bourbon balls



- 1 (12oz) box Nabisco Nilla Wafers
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1½ cup confectioners' sugar, divided
- 1½ cup finely chopped pecans, divided
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup bourbon

First, crush the Nilla wafers and the pecans. Place the Nilla wafers in a food processor. Then pulse at a high speed until the wafers are finely and evenly crushed. Then pour the crumbs in a large mixing bowl and set aside. Next, pulse the

pecans in the food processor until they are finely chopped. Place 1 cup of the chopped pecans in the bowl with the cookie crumbs and reserve the remaining ½ cup for rolling the balls.

Now in the bowl with the cookie crumbs and pecans mix, in 2 tablespoons cocoa powder, 1 cup of powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons of corn syrup and ½ cup of bourbon. Mix with a rubber spatula until well combined. Then evenly scoop and shape the cookie crumb mixture into small 2 tablespoon-sized balls. Using a small 1¾ inch cookie scoop

makes it easy to create evenly shaped cookie balls.

Finish the bourbon balls by rolling them in powdered sugar and crushed pecans. Take two plates or shallow bowls and fill one with ½ cup of powdered sugar and the other with ½ cup of the crushed pecans. Roll half of the balls in powdered sugar and then roll the remaining of the balls in pecans. This will give you a classic black and white combination.

This recipe makes 16 bourbon balls. Store them in airtight container in the fridge for up to two weeks.



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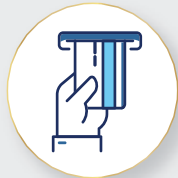


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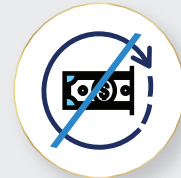
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Dec. 9  
[www.wellnesshouse.org](http://www.wellnesshouse.org)  
(630) 323-5150

In this online program, oncology dietitian Emily Guzman will distinguish reliable science from misinformation in the media, put headlines into the context of existing evidence and build confidence in identifying trustworthy sources of cancer nutrition information. Time: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. RR

## ■ Meditation & Seasonal Joy

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

Learn a simple yet powerful meditation technique that can help with seasonal stress from Umesh Bhatia. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

## ■ Yoga Flow

Thursdays, Dec. 12-Jan. 30  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)  
(630) 323-7500

Practice Vinyasa-style yoga designed to foster and grow flexibility, balance, strength and mindfulness. Participants should bring a mat, water and yoga blocks, if available. No class Dec. 26 or Jan. 2. Time: 9 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$90. RR, MD

## JUST FOR KIDS

### ■ Wild Robot Engineering

Dec. 10  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
[www.hinsdalelibrary.info](http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info)  
(630) 986-1976

Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can celebrate everyone's favorite robot, Roz, with creative building activities. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. RR

## NOTEWORTHY

### ■ DuPage Community Jazz Ensemble

Dec. 6

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

Join director Matt Shevitz, guest artist saxophonist Vincent Herring and artists-in-residence saxophonist Jim Buennig, trumpeter Constantine Alexander, trombonist Henry Sparks and guitarist Scott Hesse for a concert

featuring two big bands playing songs by Monika Herzig, Bob Mintzer, Quincy Jones and Herring himself. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7.

### ■ Lee Murdock with the Dock Wallopers

Dec. 14  
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale  
11 W. Maple St.  
[www.acousticren.com](http://www.acousticren.com)  
(630) 941-7797

Murdock combines ragtime,

Irish, blues and folk styles with this flair for storytelling in songs. His music is grounded in the work song tradition, and the concert will feature the song of the ship that brought Christmas trees to Chicago for many years. Streaming tickets are also available. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20

## ON STAGE

### ■ 'Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr.'

Dec. 6-15  
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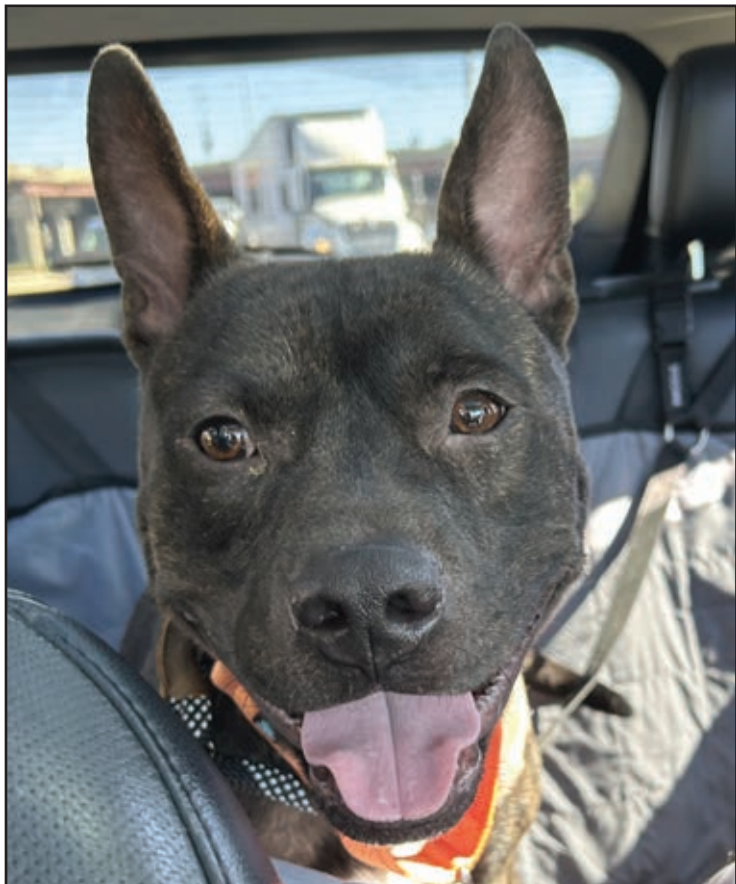
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a delightful experience for all ages. Times: 7 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$17, \$13 for ages 18 and under.

■ **'A Year with Frog and Toad'**

Dec. 8  
Nazareth Academy  
1209 W. Ogden, LaGrange Park  
[www.nazarethacademy.com](http://www.nazarethacademy.com)  
(708) 354-0061

Based on Arnold Lobel's well-loved books, this Naz Drama children's play tells the story of a friendship that endures throughout the seasons as cheerful Frog and rather grumpy Toad have adventures and learn life lessons along the way. Time: noon. Tickets: \$5 at the door.

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■ **Beeswax Luminaries**

Dec. 11  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
[www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)  
(630) 206-9566

Learn about the benefits of beeswax candles and enjoy some aromatherapy while designing and creating three beeswax luminaries. The program is for ages 18 and up. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$55. RR

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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## ■ Holiday Magic

Dec. 5-8, 12-15, 19-22 & 26-31  
Brookfield Zoo  
8400 31st St.  
www.brookfieldzoo.org/holidaymagic

Visit this light festival featuring more than 2 million twinkling LED lights, giant illuminated animals, a dazzling tunnel show, Santa, captivating walk-through displays, more than 900 trees decorated by local community groups and new immersive displays. Some activities have additional fees. See website for hours and full schedule. Tickets: \$20.95 to \$34.95 plus parking.

## ■ Illumination

Dec. 5-Jan. 4  
Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
www.mortonarb.org

This annual event includes a new display of interactive tree shapes synchronized to different musical instruments. Along the one-mile walking trail, a concession tent will serve hot chocolate, snacks, alcoholic beverages and s'mores kits to be enjoyed at bonfires. Electric Illumination late-night experiences are set for Dec. 6-7 & 13-14. See website above for details. Open Wednesdays to Sundays through Dec. 15 then daily Dec. 18 to Jan. 4; closed Dec. 24-25. Hours: 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets: \$13.80 to \$30.40.

## ■ Hinsdale Christmas Walk

Dec. 6  
Downtown Hinsdale  
www.hinsdalechamber.com

The Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce presents this holiday kick-off, starting with a tree lighting ceremony on the lawn of the Memorial Building at 5 p.m., where Santa Claus will make an appearance. Then head downtown to enjoy carousel and train rides, sip on hot chocolate, do some early Christmas shopping and collect give-aways. Time: 5 to 7 p.m.

## ■ Hinsdale for the Holidays

Dec. 7  
Burlington Park  
30 E. Chicago Ave.

Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, cookie decorating and visits with Santa. Santa will return on Dec. 14 and 21. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## ■ Holiday Favorites with the Jolly Boys

Dec. 7

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

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

## ■ Holiday Art and Craft Market

Dec. 7-8  
Mayslake Peabody Estate  
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook  
(630) 206-9566  
www.dupageforest.org

Shop for quality artisan holiday gifts for family and friends. Those under 18 must be with an adult. Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 8.

## ■ Merry

Dec. 8  
Hinsdale Central High School  
5500 S. Grant St.  
www.westsubsymphony.org

Join the West Suburban Symphony in welcoming Santa with a choral and orchestral program including Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival," John Williams' "Three Holiday Songs" from the movie "Home Alone," Mannheim Steamroller hits, carol medleys and music from "The Nutcracker." Time: 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors, \$5 for teens, free for ages 12 and younger.

## ■ Santa's Mailbox

Through Dec. 8  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/departments/parks\_and\_recreation

Children can write a letter to Santa and drop it in the mailbox outside the Memorial Building or at the Winter Wonderland registration tent (see listing above). Be sure to include the parent form, which is available on the village website, so children can receive a return letter from Santa.

## ■ Wrap It Green!

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

Learn creative and sustainable ways to wrap gifts for the holidays or any other special occasion, including creating custom gift wrap by transforming common household items into beautiful wrapping paper,

embellishments and gift tags. Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

## ■ Book Gifts for Everyone on Your List

Dec. 12  
Hinsdale Public Library  
20 E. Maple St.  
www.hinsdalelibrary.info  
(630) 986-1976

Discover a curated selection of must-read books that enlighten, entertain or inspire. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

## ■ 'Nutcracker Suite'

Dec. 13  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
www.wsballet.org

This festive "Nutcracker" event for all ages features snacks, crafts, festivities and an interactive performance. Time: 6 p.m. Tickets: \$55

## ■ Holiday Concert

Dec. 14  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1310 Shepherd Drive,  
Naperville  
www.nhbdupage.com

The New Horizons Band of DuPage will perform well-known Christmas selections and audience favorites. The concert will include the New Horizons Concert Band, Brass Choir, German Band, Jazz Band and Woodwind Consort. Light refreshments will follow the concert. Time: 3 p.m. Admission: Free, with donations accepted.

## ■ 'The Nutcracker on Ice'

Dec. 14-15  
Seven Bridges Ice Arena  
6690 Route 53, Woodridge  
www.creativeicetheatre.com

Creative Ice Theatre, an elite skating program, will present its fifth annual production of this holiday classic on ice. Time: 1 and 6 p.m. Dec. 14, 1 p.m. Dec. 15. Tickets: \$25-\$40.

## ■ 'The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley'

Through Dec. 15  
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425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn  
www.atthemac.org  
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As the events of Miss Bennet unfold upstairs at Pemberley, the servants below find themselves in the midst of a different holiday scandal. George Wickham, Lydia's incorrigible husband and Mr. Darcy's

## 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 2024 will be held on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at Hinsdale Middle School, 100 S. Garfield Street, Hinsdale, Illinois.

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

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$76,433,827.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$79,944,103. This represents a 4.6 percent increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 were \$3,430,807.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 are \$5,395,740. This represents a 57.3 percent increase from the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$79,864,633.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$85,339,843. This represents a 6.9 percent increase over the previous year.

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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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sworn enemy, has arrived to disrupt the celebration. Times: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$44, \$42 for seniors.

### ■ Two Piano Christmas Concert

Dec. 21  
Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church  
201 N. Oak St.

Justin Gjata and Victor Moreno will present this holiday concert. Time: 6 p.m. Cost: A free-will offering will be collected.

### ■ 'The Nutcracker'

Dec. 21-22  
Hinsdale South Auditorium  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
www.wsballet.org

The West Suburban Ballet Conservatory will present this holiday classic. Time: 1 and 4 p.m. Dec. 21, 1 p.m. Dec. 22. Tickets: \$40.

### ■ Holiday Shopping Passport

Through Dec. 24  
www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr  
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and support local businesses by participating in the passport program. Pick up a passport at a participating business, Village Hall or the Hinsdale Public Library and start collecting stickers at each shop. Each sticker equals one raffle entry. Winners will be notified by the village starting Jan. 3.

### ■ Christmas Chamber Concert

Dec. 28  
Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church  
201 N. Oak St.

Julia Tsien on piano and Steven Song on violin will present this concert. A free will offering will be collected. Time: 6 p.m.

### ■ Winter Holidays in the 1890s

Through Dec. 30  
Kline Creek Farm  
1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago  
www.facebook.com/klinecreekfarm  
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## ■ Gifts for Yanks

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## ■ Toy Drive Drive

Dec. 7  
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24 W. Hinsdale Ave.  
Drive your toy and bring a toy to this fifth annual event. Bring a non-plush, new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Marines Toys for Tots program. Time: 10 a.m. coffee and doughnuts, 11 a.m. arrival of caravan from MP Cars of Chicago.

## ■ Student Holiday Art Sale

Dec. 7  
Hinsdale Central High School  
Grant Street entrance  
The Hinsdale Central Art Club and National Honor Society are holding a winter art sale that is open to the public. Please bring cash for purchases. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## ■ Holiday Meal Program

Through Dec. 7  
www.solvehungertoday.org  
The Northern Illinois Food Bank's 25th annual campaign to ensure all neighbors can enjoy a special holiday meal with loved ones is under way. This year, with the support of generous sponsors and volunteers, the food bank will provide 60,000 holiday meal boxes to neighbors facing hunger across 13 counties in suburban and rural northern Illinois. Each box serves a family of six to eight and is packed with traditional trim-

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

## ■ Juniors Jingle Dash 5K

Dec. 8  
Robbins Park  
Seventh and Vine streets, Hinsdale  
www.runsignup.com/race/IL/Hinsdale/JuniorsJingleDash  
This fourth annual event will raise money to support the grants the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club makes to local nonprofits. Enjoy post-race snacks and a photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Festive holiday dress is encouraged. Registration includes a T-shirt while supplies last. Time: 8 a.m. Registration: \$45, \$20 for kids 11-18, \$10 for kids 10 and under, strollers are free.

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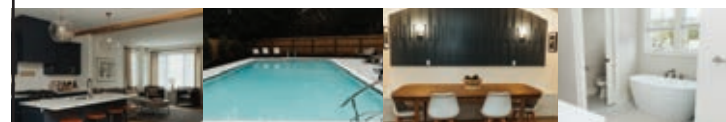
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### ■ Holly Jolly Trolley

Dec. 12  
Immanuel Hall  
320 S. Grant St.

Enjoy a trolley ride to view village lights, "Nutcracker" performances by Salt Creek Ballet Company dancers, meet and greet with the ballerinas and a cookie or refreshment. Attendees must attend at the time slot purchased. Proceeds benefit the Hinsdale Historical Society. Time: 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets: \$45, free for infants up to age 1 who will sit on a parent's lap.

### ■ Clothing and Winterwear Drive

Through Dec. 17  
Hinsdale Central  
5500 S. Grant St.

Donation gently used clothes to USAGain in support of Repurposing for Ecology Club and to bring awareness for Homelessness Awareness Month for Habitat for Humanity Service Club. Drop donations in boxes at the circle drive or Grant Street entrance.

### ■ Gavin Coyle: A Celtic Christmas

Dec. 20  
McAninch Arts Center  
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[www.atthemac.org](http://www.atthemac.org)  
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Revel in the holiday spirit with award-winning recording artist Gavin Coyle as he brings his annual "A Celtic Christmas" back to the MAC. Sing along with Gavin and his band, pianist Paul Burgess, harpist Karen Fernandez and flautist Joanne Diebold, as they perform traditional holiday favorites from America and Ireland. Ticket proceeds benefit People's Resource Center, a local nonprofit serving DuPage County since 1975. Time: 8 p.m. Tickets: \$40.

### ■ An Evening of Opera

Dec. 21  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth St.  
[www.thecommunityhouse.org](http://www.thecommunityhouse.org)

Bring the whole family for

this evening of opera, song and holiday favorites performed by award-winning baritone Jonathan Beyer. All proceeds benefit The Community House. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50, \$25 for kids 18 and younger.

### ■ Rally for a Clause

Dec. 24  
Net Game  
145 Plaza Drive,  
Westmont

Six-time Grand Slam semi-finalist Caroline Dolehide will host this pickleball contest, which is the inaugural event of the Chicago Style Foundation. Participants will enjoy pickleball, prizes, raffles, food, drinks and a paddle raise auction. Proceeds support the Love Like Sean Foundation and Chicago Youth Centers. Time: 9 a.m. to noon. Tickets: \$100, \$50 for students, military, first responders and teachers.

### ■ Tree of Remembrance

Through Jan. 1  
Lincoln and First streets,  
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[www.adventhealth.com/hospice-care/advent-health-st-thomas-hospice](http://www.adventhealth.com/hospice-care/advent-health-st-thomas-hospice)  
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Thomas Hospice's Tree of Remembrance will stand outside of BMO Harris Bank from Thanksgiving through the new year. Community members are invited to make a donation and have a loved one's name listed on the boards beside the tree. Visit the website listed above for details.

### ■ Hinsdale Humane Society Gift Shop

[www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org](http://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org)  
Find the perfect gift for an animal-lover at the Hinsdale Humane Society Pet Rescue and Resource Center online gift shop and help raise money to care for homeless animals. T-shirts, hoodies, mugs, beanies, water bottles are more available for the humans on the gift list. Purchases help the organization care for the animals at the shelter.

### ■ Sponsor a Homeless Animal

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

Animal sponsorships are a great way to support homeless animals and a great gift idea. For a minimum sponsorship of \$50, recipients will help provide care for an animal of their choosing, receive a personalized gift sponsorship certificate

with the pet's photo and an optional listing on the society's website, if desired. Sponsorships can be purchased online. Questions? Call (630) 323-5630 or send an email to [development@hinsdalehumanesociety.org](mailto:development@hinsdalehumanesociety.org).

■ **Secret Santa**  
[www.lagrangerotary.org/service](http://www.lagrangerotary.org/service)  
 The Rotary Club of

La Grange and Pillars Community Health are once again asking for families for gift cards or monetary donations for their annual Secret Santa program, which serves children up to age 17 in need in Hinsdale and several neighboring communities. The most-needed items are Legos, board games, blankets, sports balls, children's books, toys for ages 1-3, art

supplies and batteries (AA, AAA, C and D). Gifts also can be purchased on Amazon through a link at the website listed above. A list of drop-off locations also is posted there.

■ **Red Cross Blood Drive**  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
 As schedules fill up with travel and holiday celebrations with friends and family,

the American Red Cross is urging people to set aside some time to make a lifesaving blood or platelet donation. The closest drives are in Downers Grove on Dec. 5 and 27, Western Springs on Dec. 13, La Grange on Dec. 18 and Oak Brook on Dec. 26. Visit the website listed above or call (800) 733-2767 to make an appointment.



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1. 1409 Burr Oak Road, Barbara R. and Richard Greenberg declaration trusts to Marie V. and Jorge Olmos estate trusts, Oct. 28, \$540,000
2. 611 S. Washington St., Regis and Carolyn Kenna to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Oct. 31, \$2,375,000
3. 604 S. Stough St., Kelly and Frank Battaglia to Luis and Megan Moctezuma, Oct. 31, \$860,000

4. 341 E. 59th St., Robert Witzel and Penelope Smith to Adrian Jonak and Autumn Wakefield, Oct 31, \$955,300

5. 708 S. Grant St., Jeremy Johnson to Egidijus and Evelina Majus trusts, Nov. 1, \$3,500,000

6. 75 W. Kennedy Lane, Chenyi Liu and Shun Nagahisa to Wenping Li, Nov. 5, \$850,000

7. 5522 S. Park Ave., Joseph T. Hoobyar Jr. Revocable Trust to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Nov. 6, \$2,000,000

8. 5519 S. Washington St., Michael and Lisa Jurack to Nirav and Nikita Thakkar, Nov.

6, \$1,810,000

9. 340 Forrest Road, Brandi L. Upp and Scott F. Upp Jr. trusts to Viraj and Trisha Patel, Nov. 7, \$2,050,000

10. 5712 Foxgate Lane, MC3 Property 440 N. Wabash LLC to Martin Hare, Nov. 8, \$627,000

11. 920 Oakwood Terrace, Matthew Makes and Paula Preisner to Yuri and Katarzyna Volmir, Nov. 3, \$1,130,000

12. 833 W. Seventh St., Rebecca D. Frankiewicz to Brian and Kathryn Tharp, Nov. 14, \$1,600,000

*Source: DuPage County Recorder of Deeds*



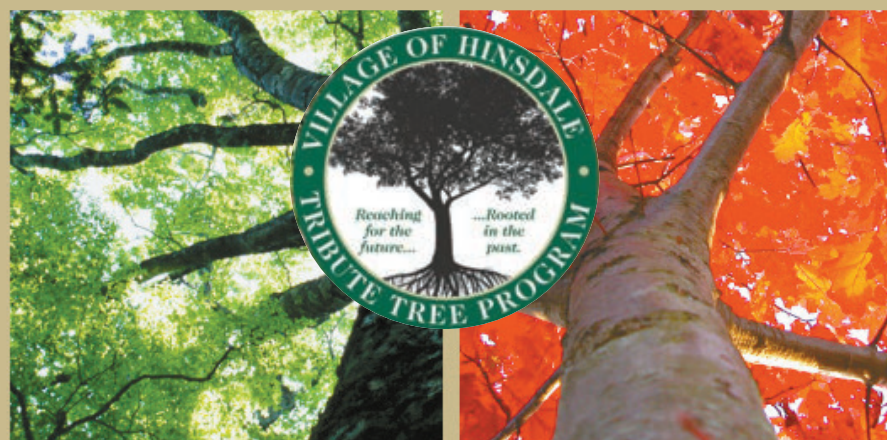
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- ACROSS**
- 1 WINTER COASTER
  - 5 GEAR TOOTH
  - 8 GUESSER'S WORDS
  - 12 "ARRIVEDERCI!"
  - 13 NOTRE DAME COACH
  - 14 GERMAN REFUSAL
  - 15 WELL-KNOWN
  - 17 BODY POWDER
  - 18 "NOW, WHERE - I?"
  - 19 NOVELIST DEIGHTON
  - 20 ONE OF THE KARDASHIANS
  - 21 SQUEAK STOPPER
  - 22 GOLFER TREVINO
  - 23 LAKE FLOCK
  - 26 NEIGHBOR OF GERMANY
  - 30 PENNY
  - 31 PHYSIQUE
  - 32 SCI-FI RACE
  - 33 BOISE NATIVE
  - 35 LABOR GROUP
  - 36 WORK UNIT
  - 37 PROF'S DEGREE
  - 38 PRESENTATION AID
  - 41 ROMANCE
  - 42 "RIGHT YOU -!"
  - 45 PETTY OF "TANK GIRL"
  - 46 WORKING
  - 48 "TOPAZ" AUTHOR
  - 49 - DHABI
  - 50 ROMAN CENSOR
  - 51 ORDERED
  - 52 PROF'S HELPERS
  - 53 STRONG FARM TEAM

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  - 2 DIRECTOR
  - 3 WERTMULLER
  - 4 COMESTIBLES
  - 5 HOMER'S LAMENT
  - 6 CARAVAN BEAST
  - 7 ALGERIAN PORT
  - 8 HIATUS
  - 9 GETTING BETTER
  - 10 AUTHENTIC
  - 11 MISSILE SHELTER
  - 16 FORMERLY
  - 16 YALE STUDENTS
  - 20 "COMMUNITY"
  - 21 ACTOR JEONG
  - 22 UP-AND-COMING
  - 23 GUIDED
  - 23 BIOL. OR CHEM.
  - 24 MARRY
  - 25 SANTA -- WINDS
  - 26 MAFIA BOSS
  - 27 FOREMAN FOE
  - 28 AUSSIE HOPPER
  - 29 FAMILY
  - 31 SACHEL
  - 34 SCRAP
  - 35 "OOPS!"
  - 37 VIP ON AIR
  - 38 FORCE ONE
  - 38 SANDWICH TYPE
  - 39 CIRCLE DANCE
  - 40 BONE-DRY
  - 41 CONNECTICUT
  - 41 SUN'S ORG.
  - 42 TROJAN WAR HERO
  - 43 MEMORY METHOD
  - 44 BLACK, IN VERSE
  - 46 FEEDBAG TIDBIT
  - 47 -- FRIENDLY

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

## Weekly SUDOKU

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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

Unscramble the letters within each 10-letter word to form the ordinary words. Then rearrange the board letters to form the ending word which will complete the puzzle.

Engage

**CREOIL**

Repeat

**TAPED**

Group

**TABLE**

Adorn

**PARED**

"It doesn't matter much about the color — he has a long —"

**TODAY'S WORD**

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## SCRAMBLERS

*solution*

1. Recoil   2. Adept;  
3. Bleat;   4. Drape

*Today's Word*

# BEARD

# HOROSCOPES

December 2024 Horoscopes • Week 2



**CAPRICORN** — Dec 22/Jan 20

Revisit your goals and make a plan for the future, Capricorn. Remember to take the people closest to you into consideration. Do not trample them in the process of getting ahead.



**ARIES** — Mar 21/Apr 20

Your pioneering spirit is in full swing this week, Aries. Embrace new challenges and don't hesitate to get out front and take the lead. You just might inspire others with your confidence.



**CANCER** — Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, nurture your relationships this week, particularly if work has garnered most of your attention of late. Pay attention to your own needs, too, and enjoy some relaxation.



**LIBRA** — Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, surround yourself with positive influences this week. You want others supporting you at every turn while you take on an important project that comes up.



**AQUARIUS** — Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, collaborate with like-minded individuals who are ready to think outside the box. It is amazing what you can accomplish when you multiply your power.



**TAURUS** — Apr 21/May 21

Make finances a priority this week, Taurus. A bit of budgeting could ease some of the financial stress that has been affecting you lately. Indulge in a small luxury as a reward for hard work.



**LEO** — Jul 23/Aug 23

Employ your natural charisma to forge new connections and network at upcoming events, Leo. You are good at sharing ideas and expressing yourself with confidence.



**SCORPIO** — Oct 24/Nov 22

Use your intense focus and attention to detail to delve into projects that require those specific skills, Scorpio. In fact, someone may ask you to work on a project for these traits alone.



**PISCES** — Feb 19/Mar 20

You might need to warm up before the creative energy starts to flow, Pisces. Don't worry, once you have the right inspiration, things will begin moving at a rapid pace.



**GEMINI** — May 22/Jun 21

Conversations could be interesting this week, Gemini. You're curious about what others do when they are home behind closed doors. Don't pry too much.



**VIRGO** — Aug 24/Sept 22

Tackle one job at a time and focus on what is important to get done this week, Virgo. It can be easy to get side-tracked by side projects. Or that might be your way to procrastinate.



**SAGITTARIUS** — Nov 23/Dec 21

Embrace the unknown this week. Let yourself get led off in different directions from those you normally travel, Sagittarius. Who knows what you may find along the way?

# SPORTS

## HMS GIRLS CLINCH CONFERENCE TITLE

The Hinsdale Middle School seventh-grade girls basketball team has clinched the West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference Championship title.

In a thrilling final match against Elmhurst's Bryan Middle School, the talented young athletes secured a hard-fought 29-26 victory. This impressive win capped off an extraordinary season with a remarkable 14-1 record.

"We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Coach Kelly Pelak and the entire team for their dedication,

hard work, and outstanding sportsmanship," district officials said. "Your achievement is a testament to your skill and perseverance."

## HOOPSTERS HOST SOFTBALL PLAYERS

The Hinsdale Central girls basketball team is hosting Girls Softball Night at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in Central's main gym, 55th and Grant streets.

The success of elementary and middle school softball players involved with Lady Devils and Clarendon Hills Softball Little League programs will be recognized at half-time during

the Red Devils' game against Proviso West.

## CENTRAL PLANS HOLIDAY CLASSIC

The Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic boys basketball tournament is set for Dec. 26-30 at the high school.

Sixteen teams are participating in the tournament — Brother Rice, Burlington Central, Hinsdale Central, Lane Tech, Maine South, Marian Catholic, Morgan Park, Morton, Niles North, Oswego East, Plainfield East, Rockford Auburn, Schaumburg, Saint Charles East,

Saint Rita and Wheaton Academy.

All 16 teams will play four games, with each team playing one game each day. A full championship and consolation bracket will be played. Visit [www.hcholidayclassic.com](http://www.hcholidayclassic.com) to view brackets.

Team trophies will be presented to all Final Four teams and to the winning team of the consolation championship and fifth place games.

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# SPORTS — ROUNDUP

## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Tyler Thick Hinsdale**

### When did you first start playing basketball?

I started playing basketball in the second grade with a couple of my friends. We joined the Jodie Harrison League at The Community House. Third grade came around, and we tried out for the Hinsdale Inferno. My love of the game exploded from there.

### What do you love most about the sport?

I would say I love the competitive nature of it. Every single possession there's something going on. It brings out the best in you.

### Are you stronger on offense or defense?

I would say I like my play on defense. It's really something I've taken pride in over these last two years being on varsity — blocking shots and, in my opinion, the most valuable part of defense is getting rebounds and crashing the boards.

### What is "Lombardi time"?

It's kind of something our team has adopted this year as our mantra. It means getting everywhere 15 minutes early, to a game, to a shoot-around, to practice. It's kind of become a superstition for me.

### What is the team's goal for the season?

Our team goal this year is to compete for every tournament and every conference and every competition we're at. We feel we have the talent, we have the team to win any game this season.

### Who do you admire on the team?

One guy I'd have to say who has been working very hard and been exceptional in his role is Cole Bero. He's a junior and he's really worked his tail off to be a part of our team, to really shine, and he's played a lot of crucial minutes in some really big games. I think down the stretch he is going to be an invaluable asset to us.

### Why does Coach Nick Latorre like having Thick on the team?

Tyler has been a tremendous part of our basketball program. He is a three-year varsity player who embodies everything we try to stress in our program. He works exceptionally hard in and out of the classroom, he is extremely coachable, brings dedication, effort and consistency to everything associated with Hinsdale Central basketball and Hinsdale Central as a whole. He is humble, kind, and truly grown into a great leader and teammate for our basketball program over the past four years.

— profile by Pamela Lannom, photo by Jim Slonoff

## RESULTS

**Basketball, boys**  
Nov. 27 & 29 @ Hoops for Healing vs. Butler  
V wins 66-33 vs. Rockford Guilford  
V loses 76-79

**Basketball, girls**  
Dec. 3 vs. LT  
V loses 47-66  
Dolan, 13 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals  
Sherpitis, 12 points, rebound  
Skinner, 11 points, 3 rebounds, steal  
Darwish, 6 points, 2 rebounds, assist, 2 blocks  
Gin, 3 points, 3 assists, 3 steals  
Giannini, 2 points, 3 assists

Coffey, rebound, assist, steal  
Quast, rebound, 2 steals  
Lynch, rebound  
Tucke, steal  
Nov. 30 @ Yorkville  
V wins 55-27  
Nov. 27 vs. Metea Valley  
V wins 49-14

**Bowling, boys**  
Dec. 3 @ York  
V loses 2,161-2,770  
Dec. 2 vs. Reavis  
V loses 2,275-2,291  
Bansal, 464  
Rivera, 462  
Egbert, 452  
Stamer, 439  
Copeland, 408  
Villanueva, 379

### Bowling, girls

Dec. 3 vs. Neuqua Valley  
V loses 1,569-1,860  
Choe, 386  
Oranu, 378  
Allen, 362  
Young, 273  
Nu. Shadi Khan, 257  
Kawa, 228

### Gymnastics, girls

Nov. 27 @ Hinsdale South Invite  
V places 5th with 122.65 points  
Vault  
Driscoll, 8th, 8.65  
Hannah, 9th, 8.55  
Danhaussen-Brun, 14th (tie), 8.35  
Dillenburg, 19th (tie), 8.2  
Uneven bars  
Driscoll, 21st, 7.1  
Danhaussen-Brun,

22nd, 7.05  
Hannah, 28th, 5.9  
Dillenburg, 31st (tie), 4.7  
Smith, 31st (tie), 4.7  
Balance beam  
Inabnit, 11th (tie), 8.5  
Driscoll, 15th, 8.2  
Hannah, 17th, 8.05  
Kennedy, 25th, 6.85  
Floor exercise  
Inabnit, 10th, 8.4  
Driscoll, 14th, 8.25  
Danhaussen-Brun, 20th (tie), 7.9  
Hannah, 20th (tie), 7.9  
All-around  
Driscoll, 12th, 32.2  
Hannah, 15th, 30.4  
Danhaussen-Brun, 16th, 29.7

### Wrestling, boys

Nov. 29-30 @

Barrington Invite  
V places 30th with 36 points  
132 pounds  
Mayen, 4th, 26.5 points  
138 pounds  
Martinez, 2 points  
144 pounds  
Barrios, 2.5 points  
285 pounds  
Camp, 5 points

### Wrestling, girls

Nov. 30 @ Fremd Invite  
V places 16th with 34 points  
235 pounds  
Black, 2nd, 22 points  
170 pounds  
Schaller, 6th, 9 points  
125 pounds  
Neskovic, 3 points

## Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central bowlers** Jack Copeland and Will Egbert compete Monday afternoon at Suburbanite Bowl against opponent Reavis. The Red Devils came up just short to the Rams, 2,275 to 2,291 (Jim Slonoff photos)



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# SPORTS

## Red Devils ready to roll into season

*Central bowlers and boys swimmers and divers plunge into their winter campaigns*

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The lanes are open for Hinsdale Central athletes, as the boys and girls bowling teams have begun their seasons and boys swimming and diving has its first competition on Friday. Read what each program's head coach thinks about their respective rosters and competitive prospects.

This is the second of three winter sports preview stories. The first installment ran Nov. 28, and the concluding one will appear in the Dec. 12 issue.

### Boys bowling

First match: Nov. 11 vs. Fenton (V lost 2,044-2,468)

Last season: 1-14, 10th in regional

Head coach: Alex Hipkind

Seasons as head coach: 23  
No. team members: 15  
Team strengths: We've got a group of nice kids, and I think every kid wants to get better.

Areas for growth: We're looking for an increased level of commitment and consistency among the team in order for us to be more competitive.

Who to watch: Newcomer senior Alex Rivera is a natural leader that kids gravitate to. I think he's primarily a baseball player but was able to make it work with bowling this year. Junior Will Egbert is a great kid, very positive and very committed. He comes to every practice, every match, and he's improved every single year I've had him.

Outlook: We're trying to get guys to not focus on the team's record but rather on being a better bowler every single day. We want them to open up their minds and listen to the coaches in the hopes that they improve. We have several freshmen,

and I'm excited that they're in the program. A couple have solid 120 averages, which is pretty good, and we are hoping that they remain with us for the next three years.

### Girls bowling

First match: Dec. 3 vs. Neuqua Valley (V lost 1,569-1,860)

Last season: 9th in regional

Head coach: Paul Parpet  
Seasons as head coach: 10

No. team members: nine  
Team strengths: We have some nice kids, and it's a good group that wants to continue to get better.

Areas for growth: We have some girls that have never bowled before and so you have to start from square one to help them learn the fundamentals: aiming, approach and follow-through, and to have the mentality that you're only as good as your next shot.

Who to watch: senior Chi Chi Oranu is our sole returning bowler. She won the Red Devil Award last season for best team spirit. She's always on her game and does a great job of supporting her teammates. Newcomers that should be good for us are seniors Katherine Choe, Aurora Allen, freshman Kirsten Young and junior Gabby Kawa.

Outlook: Bowling is a game of learning to make adjustments, but it can take a while to get the techniques down. We face good competition, so more than just results I hope they enjoy the experience and keep working to get better.

### Boys swimming

First meet: Dec. 6 vs. Waubonsie Valley

Last season: state champion

Head coach: Bob Barber  
Seasons as head coach: 11  
No. team members: 28

Team strengths: The boys have done the right things to set themselves up for a state title three-peat this season. Our top four or five kids can really do any of the events, which makes it harder to make decisions but at the same time is very convenient. We have depth but we also have really intelligent kids.

Areas for growth: Probably one of our greatest challenges is going to be fitting in all the pieces to the puzzle and knowing which role each kid is going to play. We know right away what kids are good at or not good at certain events, but we want to move them around and keep them fresh so they're not just doing the same thing over and over again.

Who to watch: Senior and Indiana University-bound Josh Bey has done so many different things for our team and is one of those versatile pieces that we can put virtually anywhere. Senior Henry Guo has broken school records and is likely to compete in the individual medley or the butterfly or backstroke. Junior Matt Vatev is the state record holder in the 50-meter breaststroke, and his brother, sophomore Luke Vatev, won a handful of events and will be a force to be reckoned with by the end of the season. Seniors Frankie Adamo and Noah Pelinkovic and junior Brandon Suliga are all returning state qualifiers.

Outlook: Hinsdale Central currently owns six of the 11 state swimming records. There's nothing less than another state championship in our minds. That would put us in very elite company, but we'll have to hit on all cylinders to pull it off. I think we have a group that is talented enough to do it.



The Hinsdale Central boys and girls bowling teams feature a little experience and a lot of fresh additions to their rosters this season, making for a steep learning curve but plenty of opportunity for growth. The Red Devils boys swim and dive team, meanwhile, is coming off the program's second consecutive state title and with sights set on a three-peat. (file photos)

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