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**Bike tyke** — Emma Gorden and her dad, Reed, took to the quiet streets in the village Sunday to get some fresh air and exercise. January's mild temperatures seem to be holding on through this week and into next week as well. According to the Farmers' Almanac, the area is slated for a cold winter with normal to below-normal temperatures. Reports indicate the polar vortex is likely to split later this week, which could mean colder temperatures and snow for the Chicago area. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# **NEWS**

# Candidates off ballot; race uncontested

**By Pamela Lannom** 

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Jason Bier and Virginia Malinas will not appear on the April 6 ballot as candidates for the Community Consolidated District 181 Board.

After holding a Zoom hearing Friday, the DuPage County Board of Elections upheld objections to their petitions. The race for four-year terms is no longer contested, with incumbent Bill Cotter and newcomers Mike Martin and Grace Shin the only remaining candidates for three open seats.

Martin challenged the petitions filed by Malinas, on the grounds that she had not been a resident of the district for at least one year.

Cotter filed the objection to Bier's candidacy because he used two petition pages (10 signatures each) that indicated he sought a two-year term, not a four-year term.

Martin, a civil litigator, said the requirements to run for the board are clearly stated and should be followed.

"In the election pamphlets provided, all candidates were advised to seek legal counsel to confirm they complied with the mandatory legal qualifications to be a board member," he wrote in an email. "In fact, the very first item on the candidate checklist reiterated that each candidate should confirm he or she meets the residency qualifications."

The objection was purely procedural, Martin said.

"This wasn't a personal attack on Virginia. I actually helped her with some of her nominating papers," he said, explaining that he notarized them before learning from a fellow candidate that she did not meet the residency requirement.

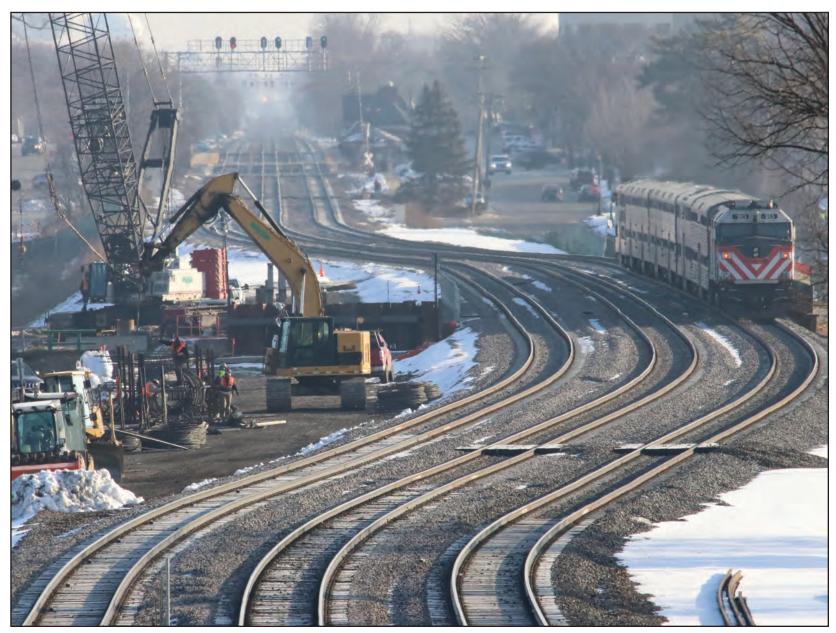
Martin said he, Cotter, Shin and incumbent Margie Kleber decided to run together as a slate prior to the Dec. 21 petition submission deadline. Kleber is running against Christine Dannhausen-Braun for a two-year term on the

Bier said he wishes the school board well.

"Our kids need to go back to school full time as soon as possible," he wrote in an email.

Cotter declined to comment, and Malinas could not be reached prior to press time.

### Construction continues on Burlington bridge over Tri-State Tollway



A train heading toward Chicago jogs onto the "shoofly" tracks built on top of a temporary bridge over the Tri-State tollway Tuesday morning. When complete, the new \$96 million bridge will allow for expansion of several lanes of the tollway. When the temporary bridge is taken down, the railroad will add an

additional track to the existing three. The fourth track will be for maintenance purposes by the railroad. Prior to the pandemic, an average 104 Metra and Amtrak trains and 52 freight trains crossed the bridge daily. (Jim Slonoff photo)

# **ONCE UPON A TIME**



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#### **Happy Birthday!** Claire Sheehan turns 3 Jan. 17

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# Nonprofits learn to adapt during 2020

Hinsdale agencies adjust deftly to deliver services despite hurdles presented by pandemic

**By Ken Knutson** 

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As the new year begins, The Hinsdalean traditionally reaches out to the leaders of the village's seven nonprofit agencies, inviting them to offer a recap of the previous year and to share one wish for the new year.

This is the second of two installments. A Jan. 7 article featured Community Memorial Foundation, Hinsdale Humane Society and The Community House.



#### **Candor Health Education**

On March 14, the day after Gov. Pritzker announced all Illinois schools would be closed due to the pandemic, Candor Health Education held its scheduled board retreat.

The agenda suddenly contained a new

"That was the point at which we asked the board to move ahead with virtual programming," said Barb Thayer, executive directo, acknowledging the organization had not been equipped for such a delivery model. "We had to pivot, and we really jumped in a

The agency was also in flux regarding its identity, having shed its longtime connection with the Robert Crown family. Over the summer, the "Candor" name was unveiled. It was one more change in a twisting year, especially for the elementary and middle school students Candor serves with its sex education and drug education programs.

"This year has been crazy for schools in general," Thayer said. "There's been so much transition with remote learning."

Following a spring of cancellation, the agency wound up delivering online programming to more than 10,000 kids.

"We refined things a little bit more over the summer," Thayer said. "The learning gains are very similar (between in-person and online), and in some cases even better for the online programming."

Among the surprise benefits for instructors was the greater openness kids felt when communicating online.

"The kids are chatting, so nobody knows who's asking which questions. The content of the questions that we're getting is actually more personal in the virtual programming than in the in-person programming," Thayer

Classes includes Puberty I and 11, Life Begins and Teen Sexual Health, and Thaver said staff is in the process of creating a puberty program for transgender students.

"We're constantly in the process of devel-

oping new programs and trying to do more in | a conduit for this incredible generosity." the social-emotional topics," she said.

The pandemic clearly has taken on toll on vouth's psyches.

They're feeling more stress at home or because of the pandemic," Thayer said. "It's getting to be common to them.'

Although Candor streamlined operations in 2020 by letting some staff go, Thayer said hopes of restructuring and the experience gained in online delivery will help boost the 2021 outlook.

"We're in a really great position in order to move into different markets with virtual programming," she said.

And that will help positively impact more

"Families are becoming more comfortable talking about these topics, which is really



#### **HCS Family Services**

As the spring of 2020 unfolded, it was clear from weekly text exchanges with pantry workers that the spike in clients was not abating, said Amy Wickstrom, executive director of HCS Family Services.

"Each week we'd say, 'Oh, it's another record!' And it was a record (number of clients) almost every week," she said. "We saw this huge surge of people needing food support, We were hoping it was going to be temporary."

Many were first-time visitors after their jobs had fallen victim to the COVID-19 shut-

'It was about serving people who are coming to us who have never had to and what that feels like for them," she said.

That was a major shift from normal operations, Wickstrom underscored, as was moving from in-pantry shopping to contactless drive-through delivery.

She recalled one Wednesday night when almost 160 cars were lined up outside the pantry located in the Anne M. Jeans School in Burr Ridge. Many had been there for

"Having eyes wide open to that, it was an evolving situation that you have to adapt to on an often daily basis and be both resilient and flexible," she said.

The support from the community in the form of financial and food donations was

"I have never in my entire life seen anything more powerful and beautiful than the community's response during this time," she said. "People are just so giving, and it's been one of the honors of my career and life to be

Wickstrom also credited her staff and volunteers for stepping up to the year's unique

The value of a team cannot be understated. There's a point where you are so busy that you have to rely on others, and I subscribe to the philosophy that many hands make light work," she said.

She said the organization is planning to hire a program manager to better distribute responsibilities and provide tactical assis-

One of the hardest aspects of the pandemic has been the lack of personal interaction with

'People need connection. It's just a basic need," she said.

And a good sense of humor helps, too. "Sometime you've just got to laugh the day off and just begin again."



#### **Hinsdale Historical Society**

2020 started out with great promise for the Hinsdale Historical Society, said Kristen Laakso, board president.

A Trvia Night at The Community House sold out and a Women's Board luncheon and fashion show raised a fair amount of money. The organization was next looking forward to its 15th anniversary Kitchen Walk, featuring a dazzling lineup of host homes and honorary past chairpeople instrumental in the fundraiser's evolution.

"We were about to launch this wonderful event and then COVID hit," Laakso said. "We had to cancel it, which was both financially and emotionally difficult."

Fortunately the Women's Board was able to convert the walk into an online benefit. But the historical society's most visible assets the Hinsdale History museum and the Roger and Ruth Anderson Architecture Center and archives in Immanuel Hall - were shuttered.

Recognizing the importance of the experience for posterity, "Record Tomorrow's History Today" was launched to solicit people's pandemic experiences.

"We tried to collect COVID histories from local people and take social media accounts of local residents documenting what life was like in town," she said.

The effort has yielded some contributions and the hope is to gather even more.

As restrictions eased over the summer, the society was able to mark the history museum's 35th anniversary by offering tours.

'It was successful, the ambiance was won-

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#### One wish

Nonprofit leaders shared their top hopes for the year ahead.

"Our strategy for 2021 is to move into new geographic areas and expand the number of students that we're serving." Barb Thayer, Candor Health **Education** 

"We want to be responsive to needs and help our community members. How can we help more?" - Meg Wickstrom, **HCS Family Services** 

"Have a successful version of our Kitchen Walk that is profitable and safe and fun for the community." - Kristen Laakso, Hinsdale **Historical** Society

"Continue to build and grow relationships with patients and participants all across the Chicagoland area." - Lisa Kolavennu, Wellness House

# **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Hinsdale Police Pension Fund Board**

7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org

#### **Hinsdale Public Library Board**

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19

https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info

On the draft agenda: emergency operational changes, standards for Illinois public libraries, collection development policy

#### **Hinsdale Village Board**

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org

#### **Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals**

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org

# **MEETING ROUNDUP**

#### **Community Consolidated District 181**

Among other business Monday, board members:

- $\bullet$  listened to an update on possible locations for a district administrative center. The finance and facilities committee was set to further discuss the two options 125 S. Vine St. and 211 W. Chicago Ave. at its meeting Tuesday night. The district currently rents office space on 55th Street in Clarendon Hills, which is not within district boundaries.
- voted 7-0 to approve a calendar for the 2021-22 school year. The district's winter break will start two school days earlier than that of Hinsdale High School District 86, which did not follow the recommendation sent out by the DuPage Regional Office of Education.
- heard an update on the district's communication efforts from Jamie Lavigueur, director of communications. Due to COVID-19, the district sent 568 emails between March and December 2020, compared to 137 during the same time period in 2019.
- "I love the fact that Jamie talks about a department. She is a department of one," Superintendent Hector Garcia said. "We're very proud of the work she has been doing."
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   accepted a donation of more than \$15,0000 from The Lane School PTO for indoor and outdoor recess equipment, a new bench, hummingbird kits, PE equipment and more

# COVID-19 cases in Hinsdale still rising

Sixty-one Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 51 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported 10 new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 1,132, up from 1,071 last week.

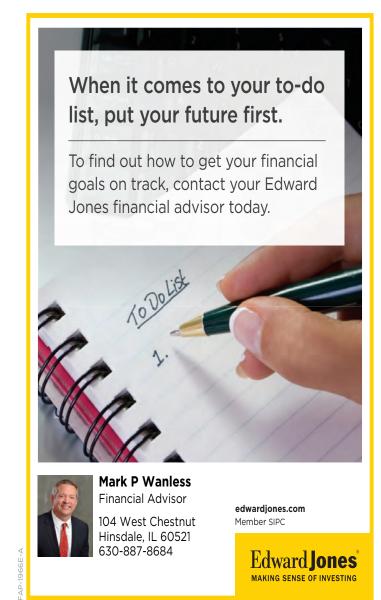
Amita Hinsdale Hospital was treating 16 confirmed COVID-19 patients and had four patients awaiting test results on Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Community Consolidated District 181 reported 22 new cases from Jan. 6 to 12, including 20 students, one teacher and one staffmember. Thirteen of those cases occurred over winter break. The cases were reported to the community Jan. 6 or later.

Hinsdale High School District 86 reported 28 current positive cases Jan. 8, with 41 people in isolation and 23 in quarantine.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 10.4 percent on Saturday, compared to 10.1 percent a week prior.

The health departments' websites are at https://www.dph.illinois.gov, https://www.dupagehealth.org and https://www.cookcountypublichealth.org.s









## **NEWS**

# March 1 'best-case scenario' for schools

Teacher vaccinations, saliva testing among steps needed to bring back all D181 students

By Pamela Lannom

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Although Superintendent Hector Garcia was hesitant to commit to a date for fully re-opening schools, some board members in Community Consolidated District 181 are eying March 1 as a target date.

"I always hate to put down a certain date, but that would be the best-case scenario," Garcia said at Monday's board meeting

As part of the path to fully reopen schools, staff members would need to be vaccinated. Gov. JB Pritzker has said teachers will be among the next group of individuals to receive vaccinations in phase 1b, which includes front-line essential workers and those 65 and older.

"We're hoping to move into that phase 1b in February. It looks like it's on track," Garcia said.

Vaccinating all 268,000 Illinoisans who will be eligible in 1b will be a challenge, he noted. He sought the board's input on whether the district is ready to implement saliva testing as well, which would enhance the current safety protocols of masking, social distancing and hand washing.

"We know it's multiple layers of safety that is going to help us not only stay open but to that full re-opening path," Garcia said.

The district has been looking at weekly saliva tests for 3,000 individuals at a cost of \$20 or less per tests. District leaders have yet to send a survey to par-



ents to determine who would participate.

"We're hoping that that percentage is in the 80s, 90s," he said. "The higher the percentage, the more effective this measure will be."

Administrators have been looking closely at two testing options, one from Safeguard Surveillance LLC and one from the University of Illinois, which is still being developed.

The U of I test costs \$20 and would be processed at a CLIA-certified (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments) lab. It is anticipated to be ready on Feb. 1, with the first possible day of testing on Feb. 9.

The Safeguard test, which currently is being used in other Chicago-area districts, costs \$11 and could be available in about two weeks. Safeguard is not a CLIA-certified lab, but the district can use the test for screening, as long as flagged individuals are then sent to get a diagnostic test from a certi-

fied lab, the district's attorney stated.

The Safeguard collection process would take place at home and students would drop off their samples at school. The collection process for the U of I test might require supervision by a health professional, Garcia told board members.

Board member Meeta Patel, a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist, said the saliva screening would be useful

"The level of testing that is currently being done across the United States is mostly for symptomatic individuals and some asymptomatic individuals," she said. "There is some additional information that shows if we were able to screen early and often, we may capture students and staff in our buildings before they become symptomatic."

The tests do add up to a substantial cost over time, Garcia said, ranging from \$500,000 to

\$900,000, depending on how many people are tested and how long tests are administered.

Board member Nate Lucht said he supports the expense as long as it is part of a strategy to fully re-open schools.

"For me, I'm all for it. The number keeps going down every week we wait — the number meaning the cost. From my perspective, as long as it's part of opening the schools, let's go."

Board member Bill Cotter said testing is worth the investment only if schools fully reopen and students are unable to remain 6 feet apart and masked during lunch.

"That makes a ton of sense to me and I would be in favor of moving forward with that aggressively," he said.

Based on the board's consensus, Garcia said he will begin contract talks with Safeguard and bring the matter back to the Jan. 25 board meeting.

likely will bring D181 schools one step closer to reopening fully. One concern is that students will not be socially distanced or masked during lunch. (file photo)

Saliva tests

His team also will begin work on a participation survey. He cautioned the board against looking out beyond two to four weeks.

"We know how almost impossible that is to do," he said. "If things are looking better or worse, I will be candid with you and the community. If things can be done faster, I will share that information."

Lisa Pomeroy, parent of a fifth-grader at Elm School and an eighth-grader at Hinsdale Middle School, told board members during public comment that they need a plan to return to full-time in-person instruction this year.

"School is essential," she said. "The half education our students are receiving in the current hybrid model is keeping them behind their peers at schools like Gower, Butler, private and parochial schools.

"I ask you to do your job and open the schools full time," she added. "Put the kids first."



# **POLICE BEAT**

Hinsdale police released the following reports Jan. 6 and 12.

#### **DUI arrest**

Liliana Ortiz, 27, 3305 S. Western Ave., No. 2, Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content higher than .08, illegal transportation of open alcohol, speeding and driving with an expired registration at 2:19 a.m. Jan. 10 in the 500 block of West Ogden Avenue. She was charged and released to appear in court.

#### Minor arrested for drinking

Mark W. Dennison, 19, 3537 Venard Road, Downers Grove, was arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol by a person under 21 and improper lane use at 2:08 a.m. Jan. 8 in the 600 block of West Ogden Avenue. He was charged and released to appear in court.

#### **Arrests for license violation**

Jorge Cortez, 34, 720 N. Ash St., Waukegan, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 10:26 p.m. Jan. 7 in the 400 block of East Ogden Avenue. He was charged and released to appear in court.

#### **Arrest for warrant service**

Randall T. Szatkowski, 27, 4521 Main St., Downers Grove, was taken into custody for an active warrant arrest after a vehicle in which he was a passenger was stopped for an equipment violation at 12:17 a.m. Jan. 8 at Ogden Avenue and Vine Street. He posted pond and was released to appear in court.

#### **Hit-and-runs reported**

- A known suspect fled the scene of a traffic crash with injuries at 4:42 p.m. Jan. 4 on northbound Route 83 at 55th Street.
- A vehicle parked in the 5600 block of South Elm Street was hit, causing damage to the rear door and white paint transfer, between 7 a.m. and noon Jan. 8.

#### **Identity thefts reported**

• The identity of a resident of the 5600 block of South County Line Road was used to apply for unemployment benefits between Oct. 4 and Dec. 13. The victim reported fraudulent charges on her credit card account, and the suspect also attempted to open three credit card accounts. The incident was reported Dec. 29.

#### **Packages stolen from porch**

Packages delivered to a home in the 5500 block of South County Line Road between Dec. 19 and 27 were stolen from the home's porch. The victim was notified the packages were delivered on Dec. 19, 22 and 27, but they were not received.

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.

# Results of holiday enforcement

Hinsdale police have announced the arrests of two offenders for impaired driving during the winter holiday enforcement campaign.

Additional citations were for one seat belt, 17 speed and nine other Illinois Vehicle Code violations.

Hinsdale police partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement throughout the staten. From Dec. 18 to Jan. 4, Hinsdale police ramped up usual enforcement, adding six additional patrol details.

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# **60 SECONDS**

# Hinsdalean leads nonprofit in meeting surging need

As a longtime Hinsdalean, Bob Lassandrello knew little about the food pantry operating out of the village's Memorial Building,

Then five years ago his neighbor, an HCS Family Services board member, invited him to get involved in stewarding the organization behind it.

"I had no idea the extent to which HCS was doing what they were doing," Lassandrello said of his subsequent education after joining the board.

Currently chair of HCS' board of directors, he now tries to spread the word about the important work to support those struggling locally.

"It continues to be a fascinating fact there's still a ton of our neighbors that aren't aware of the need that's right in our neck of the woods," Lassandrello remarked.

That need has risen dramatically during the pandemic, with the pantry weekly serving two and three times the pre-COVID visitors.

"We've been forced to really change our delivery system," he said, citing the no-contact, drive-thru loading that has replaced in-pantry shopping.

Lassandrello moved with his then-young family to Hinsdale in 1986, parenting with "all the usual stuff" like Scouting and youth baseball and soccer. His wife, Noreen, was active in Monroe School activities, and all three of his kids went on to graduate from Hinsdale Central.

He spent his career as a futures trader at the Mercantile Exchange, retiring in 2015 to take on a new endeavor in the world of brewing. He and his son launched Motor Row Brewing, offering both a tap room and large event hosting.

Unfortunately, the tap room as one of the many economic casualties of the pandemic.

"It just felt like this was a good time to let it go," Lassandrello related of shutting it down.

Having to break the news to his staff was most agonizing, but he's gratified to know most have found other employment.

And he's kept the prime space near McCormick Place so it can host corporate events when conventions resume.

"We still have our event spaces in the South Loop. When things

open up again, we're hopeful our event business will start back up again," he said.

With four grandchildren — ages 10, 8, 6 and 4 — living locally, his schedule stays full.

"I'm way busier then when I was working," he said with a chuckle.

With a fifth grandchild on the way in Salt Lake City, he looks forward to mixing family fellowship with some mountain runs.

"I try to stay as active as I can," he said, with skiing among his top pursuits.

Food insecurity, however, is not expected to see a downward trajectory anytime soon, Lassandrello commented, keeping HCS vigilant.

"We're trying to maintain this level of service to meet the demand for whatever may come up in 2021," he said.

Lassandrello said it takes a community to make it happen.

"The idea that we're helping people that really need help is just a really positive thing — and that we're doing it in a very concrete way."

> — profile by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



#### **BOB LASSANDRELLO**

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# **OPINION**

**EDITORIAL** 

# Giving blood a wonderful way to foster healing

Like so many facets of life since COVID-19 hit, blood drives and blood donation centers were shut down or severely restricted as a health precaution. Thankfully, those activities have resumed, and individuals are being urged in January — National Blood Donor Month — to help meet the need for blood, which the pandemic did not suppress.

Those who have recovered from COVID-19 are particularly encouraged to give blood because of the potential antibodies it contains. One step further would be a plasma donation to help address the national convalescent plasma shortage, according to the American Red Cross.

Donation rates regularly drop at the end of the year, squeezed out by people's busy holiday schedule and travel plans. Groups often hold off hosting blood drives to avoid having to compete with all of it. Life-threatening events and emergency medical procedures, however, never take a holiday.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs

blood, the organization reports, and about 4.5 million Americans would die each year without blood transfusions. Cancer patients, burn victims, people suffering from sickle cell and other diseases and those undergoing surgery are all potential recipients.

The good news: Each year an estimated 6.8 million people in the U.S. donate, yielding 13.6 million whole blood and red blood cells.

The challenging news: Only 7 percent of people in the U.S. have type O negative blood, which gave be given to patients of all blood types. So it's always in great demand and often in short supply. Type AB positive plasma also can be transfused to patients of all blood types, but just 3 percent of Americans are AB positive, so, again, it's at a premium.

The fact is many have no idea what blood type they are, and donating is a great way to find out. The donation process itself poses no risk of infecting a donor with coronavirus. According to

guidance from the Federal Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those age 18 and older can donate if symptom free for at least 14 days. Just remember to bring a mask to the appointment.

The nearest year-round location for Hinsdale residents to donate is Versiti at 6317 Fairview Ave. in Westmont. (https://www.versiti.org). For greater convenience, Versiti will be holding a mobile drive right here in town at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St., from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. Appointments can be made at https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/5589731.

Try to drink plenty of caffeine-free beverages in the days leading up to the donation and remember to eat a healthy meal (low in fat and high in iron) at least two hours before. The entire process from registration to post-donation refreshments takes about an hour. And it just might be one of the most consequential hours you spend.

**COMMENTARY** 

# Finding inspiration for '21 — despite rocky start

The best advice I encountered for 2021 as 2020 came to a close was hilarious. And prophetic.

"Nobody claim 2021 as 'your year,' " the Facebook post advised. "We're all going to walk in real slow. Be good. Be quiet. Don't. Touch. Anything."

Unfortunately, a whole bunch of people didn't get the memo.

We're still recovering from the events that took place at the nation's Capitol Jan. 6, but I for one refuse to believe this country is irreparably broken. Nor do I feel discouraged from looking to the year ahead as one of hope and promise.

Fortunately, New Year's advice isn't limited to a single Facebook post. It comes from a plethora of sources. I found several suggestions I will try to follow to make 2021, if not the best year ever, a bit better than 2020.

• Practice positive self-talk Forbes offers these suggestions to help silence your inner critic.

"During tough times, be as kind to yourself as you would your best

friend. Underscore your triumphs. Replace bludgeoning yourself and using put-downs and criticisms with the practice of self-compassion. Affirm positive feedback instead of letting it roll over your head. Give yourself 'atta-boys' or 'atta-girls.' Throw modesty out the window, and remind yourself of all your personal resources."

• Keep the best innovations (of 2020) for the new year

These words of wisdom are from Mushfiq Mobarak, professor of economics at Yale, as quoted in Yale Insights.

"The pandemic was difficult on all of us, but it also taught us new things about ourselves, helped us identify news ways to be productive, forced us to innovate and brought us closer to some family members and friends. I'd like to take forward these new lessons and innovations that make life better than it was in 2019, as we slowly



Pamela Lannom

shed the layers of constraints that diminished our lives in 2020."

• Take time to dance I wouldn't have thought of including a professional dancer on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" in the piece. Fortunately Google directed me to this suggestion from Britt Stewart.

"I would say start by having a solo dance party in your room, lights low and play your favorite song. Remember no one is there to judge you so however your body starts moving, follow it. As you're moving remember to love yourself and speak positive affirmations to yourself. Over time you'll begin to feel more liberated to move more and be free."

• Stop making excuses

A piece from theladders.com said now is the time to stop — and suggests picking up a copy of Mel Robbins' book "The 5-Second Rule" or listening to her Ted talk to help make it happen.

• Fulfill the highest, most truthful expression of yourself as a human being

And don't forget to stand in someone else's shoes, counsels Oprah Winfrey in the "Best motivation video for 2021" on YouTube.

I don't know if she was talking specifically about 2021, but she's Oprah, for crying out loud, so I will take it

Everyone, she says, wants to know the same three things after an encounter with another human being: Did you hear me? Do you see me? Did what I say mean anything to you?

If we really listen to others, we will "help make sure that the speed and distance and anonymity of our world doesn't cause us to lose our ability to stand in someone else's shoes and recognize all that we share as a people."

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

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# **OPINION**

**GUEST COMMENTARY** 

# Novel adaptations soothe trying times

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Alfred Prufrock once famously stated that he had "measured out (his) life with coffee spoons." In these parlous times, however, I've found myself measuring out my life by limited streaming series.

Normally, all I do is read, but it's been

difficult lately. At least, it's been difficult to concentrate on the type of fiction I normally read — that is, realistic fiction about everyday people in everyday settings having everyday problems. Honestly, that kind of writing feels rather quaint and outdated amid global pandemics and coup attempts. What can be considered "everyday" or realistic these days?

I know I can't be the only book nerd out here, rendered incapable of reading my usual fare due to stress. It's maddening. I've been feeling displaced from myself, completely out of sorts. So last summer, I wrote a novel about a woman who felt displaced from her life. It helped a bit. It's still far more fun to lose yourself reading a novel than writing one, but beggars can't be chosers, and these are strange days.

For those of us suffering from reading-withdrawal, streaming services offer a plethora of filmed adaptations of some favorite books. Now, in fairness, I am solidly in the camp of The Book Is Always Superior To The Movie — with the notable exception of "The Godfather," which really is a godawful novel transformed into a beautiful film. But even when movies don't live up to our expectations from the characters and situations we loved on the page, it's still a lot of fun to see how



Susan O'Byrne

directors re-imagine and cast their adaptations.

The streaming mini-series format is perfect for interpretations of longer novels. Among the many brilliant books I watched were Hillary Mantel's "Wolf Hall" (PBS), Elizabeth Strout's "Olive Kitteridge"

(HBO) and Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale" (Hulu). Also, though not a miniseries, I recently watched On Demand an utterly delightful unconventional reimagining of "David Copperfield."

There are loads more; I'm just scratching the surface here. You can't swing a cat these days without hitting three or four novels transformed into a limited series. And not simply "the classics," either, but contemporary fiction as well. It's not nearly as fun as reading, but it's still a hoot.

Despite my handicapped attention span for conventional novels, I've found I actually can still read science fiction and fantasy novels. This came as manna from heaven in the weeks leading up to the election in November, when my stress levels were hitting a peak. I calmed myself with fantastical scenarios and monstrous creatures. It was a well-earned respite from the burden of the Everyday. I know I'll return soon to my once-normal mode of reading, but in the meantime, a new limited series of Stephen King's "The Stand" is currently streaming on CBS All-Access. Care to join me and watch a good book?

— Susan O'Byrne of Hinsdale is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Republicans must speak up for country to heal

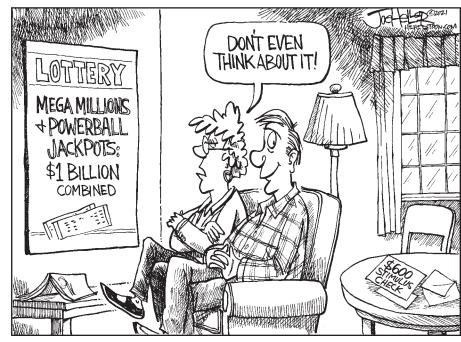
A lack of bipartisan civility is not what led Trump supporters to storm the Capitol last week, resulting in five deaths. Opportunists from one political party encouraged conspiracy theories, resulting in 82 percent of Trump supporters believing that Biden's victory was illegitimate. Even after the violence, 147 Republicans voted against certifying election results.

For years, some leaders of one political party have used racial stereotypes and ethnonationalism to divide

us. Right-wing propagandists turn perpetrators into victims by calling any challenge to their lies "cancel culture" or the result of media bias.

Most Republicans are good people who want to see America heal. Yet national reconciliation is only possible when the GOP holds accountable those of its leaders who incite white nationalists and paranoia. It is the silence of too many Republicans unwilling to speak up that has brought our democracy to the precipice. — **Reid McCollum, Hinsdale** 





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### **OBITUARIES**

### Lee McGinty

Lee McGinty, 70, a well-known organist in the Chicago area, passed away on Dec. 5, 2020 at her home in Downers Grove.

Lee was born in 1950 in Fort Worth, Texas. She graduated from Chisholm Trail Academy in Keene, Texas, in 1968. She attended Southwestern Union College, where she studied organ with Wilbur Schramm and William Bromme. Lee graduated from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in 1987 with a degree in organ performance. She studied organ with Roberta Gary and Guy Bovet, and choral conducting with John Leman.

Her first organist position was for a Methodist church in Cleburne, Texas, in 1966 when she was 16. She played for churches around Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston. She was an active member of the Houston Symphony Chorus, where her love for choirs and choral music flourished. While attending school full-time at CCM, Lee also worked full-time at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Kettering, Ohio, as the minister of music.

In 1987, Lee moved to the Chicago area. She worked in the business world as a mortgage banker, becoming vice president at JP Morgan Chase. At the same time, she was organist at the Hinsdale Covenant Church. From 1990-2020 Lee successively was organist at Community United Methodist in Naperville, First Presbyterian in Libertyville,

organist and music director at Community Presbyterian in Clarendon Hills and most recently St. Timothy Lutheran in Naperville. Lee was greatly sought after as an accompanist and recitalist with area churches and school districts, and worked as accompanist for the Cardinal Chorus of North Central College from 2017-19. Over the years she played and worked with West Suburban Symphony and Christ Church in Oak Brook. She was music director for shows with Community Players and Summer Place in Naperville and Theater of Western Springs and was music director and conductor of the Singing Men of Oak Brook from 2017-18.

Lee was preceded in death by her parents, Woodrow W. and Edith McGinty.

She is survived by her sister, Leslie Casper; her nephew, Richard Casper; her cousins, Linda Jungman and Mike Jungman; and many other cousins and friends.

A memorial service will take place in the spring or summer of 2021.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of North Texas, 1840 E Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX, 76103; or online at https://www.hsnt.org.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.



DeeAnn O'Brien of Hinsdale died Jan. 12, 2021

She is survived by her children, Kelly O'Brien, Patrick O'Brien and Katie McCormick; and her grandchildren, Shannon and Bridget Flynn and Molly and Matthew McCormick.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Delle Dvorak; and her sister, Donna O'Connor

Visitation is from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside.

A funeral Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale.

Interment is at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook

#### Michael J. Paolinetti

Michael J. Paolinetti, 71, passed away Jan. 2, 2021, at Hines VA Hospital in Maywood with family and loved ones near.

Born and raised in Hinsdale, he proudly served in the Air Force during Vietnam. Upon his return home, he pursued a career in data processing. He always opened his heart to everyone he met and treated them like family. He will be remembered as a kind and loving man.

He is survived by his son, Andrew; and his brother, John.

He will be laid to rest at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

#### John Palmer Recktenwall

John Palmer Recktenwall, 86, of Elizabeth, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away Jan. 3, 2021.

John, known as Jack, was born in Chicago in 1934 to John and Marie Recktenwall. Raised in Nashville, he was a member of Sigma Chi at Vanderbilt University. After graduating from Northwestern University School of Dentistry in 1958, Jack became the youngest dentist in Hinsdale. In 2001, he retired as the oldest dentist in town. For more than 50 years, Jack was a member of the Hinsdale Masonic Lodge and became active with the Sons of the American Revolution in retirement.

Jack's greatest joy was being anywhere with Pepper, his wife of 59 years. Their adventures included raising their children and loving their grandchildren. Flying, quail hunting and fishing were his greatest passions. In 1971, Jack became a licensed pilot and logged more than 4,000 hours flying with his co-pilot, Pepper. Their travels included many destinations across the USA, Canada, and the Bahamas. One of the most favored destinations was Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada. Jack's last trip there was in 2016 and as he sat with his kids and grandkids, he reminisced how he had planted the trees on the shoreline 50 years prior.

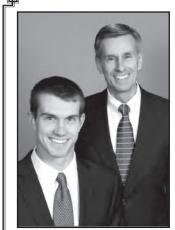
Sipping an OV beer and sharing his many stories, he was content.

Retirement to farm life at Pepper Place kept him busy with endless projects, fishing his pond, bee keeping, making jewelry and driving his truck. Jack was quick to make friends with any dog that came into his life with a handful of kibble in his pocket, and helped Pepper rescue a few wayward cats. Jack reminisced that his first job was mowing yards, and now he had 15 acres to mow and wasn't paid a dime. Jack and Pepper enjoyed countless sunsets on their front porch after the day's activities were complete.

Jack is survived by his wife, Carol Jean "Pepper" Hammond Recktenwall; his children, John, Paul (Amy), and Sarah; his grandchildren, Carolyn (BJ), Alexandra and Jack; his brother, Dean (Joyce); his brother-in-law, Mike (Rebecca); and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A remembrance and memorial service will be scheduled at a future time when family and friends can safely gather to celebrate Jack's life.

Memorials may be made online to the EAA Young Eagles program at https://www.eaa.org/eaa/apps/donations/donationye.



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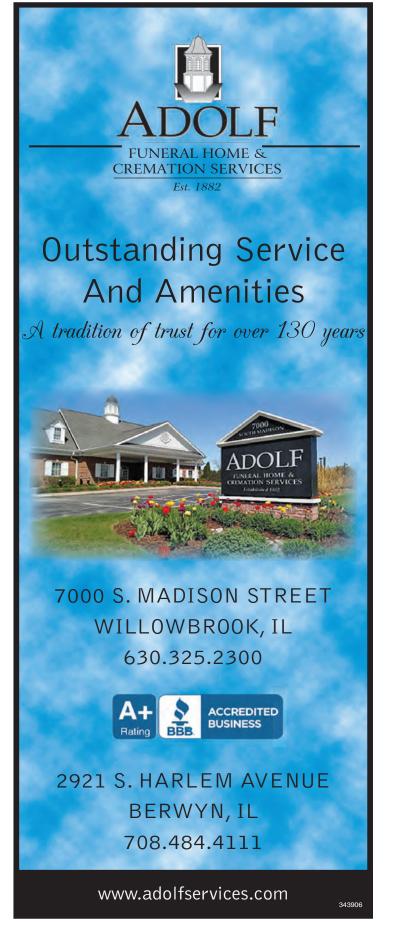
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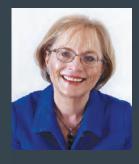
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# **ASK AN EXPERT**

#### GINA MAZZONE, KITCHEN AND BATH DESIGNER

# What are the 2021 trends for kitchen remodels?

Gina Mazzone's career as a kitchen and bath designer was born of a desire to create her own dream kitchen. After taking a class at College of DuPage and completing her kitchen transformation, she knew there were more kitchens out there that could benefit from her newfound love of interior design.

"That's when I decided to get into that specific field," said Mazzone, who went on to become a certified kitchen and bath designer.

Mazzone has been part of the design team at LaMantia Design and Remodeling in Hinsdale since 2003. From updating fixtures to creating a whole new floor plan, Mazzone's job is to help homeowners tap the potential in their kitchens and bathrooms.

Mazzone said space planning is her specialty. She can help a homeowner see how moving a doorway or removing a wall can often create the space they've been looking for.

When creating a new look for a kitchen, Mazzone often encourages

homeowners to stick to the basics for counters and cabinets. White and wood tones will stand the test of time and help the homeowner avoid the need for another update down the road.

"I wouldn't get crazy with your major investment," Mazzone said.

Color and style can be added with light fixtures, faucets and backsplashes, which can be updated more easily when styles and tastes change. An island in a darker tone or accent color also can add style and interest without requiring a major investment.

Faucets and cabinet hardware in gold tones are popular now and a relatively easy and inexpensive way to give a kitchen a modern look. As for backsplashes, Mazzone said she's seeing a trend toward continuing the countertop material up the wall to create a clean and uniform look.

Appliances are the workhorses of any kitchen and are central to any kitchen design. Sometimes, a homeowner's desire for a particular appliance, such as an oversized refrigerator or a double oven, must be considered in the kitchen's overall plan. More homeowners than ever are choosing to add smart appliances to their new kitchens. Ovens that can be controlled with a phone and refrigerators that keep track of the shopping list are gaining popularity.

"That's definitely a trend,"
Mazzone said.

Her job is to incorporate the homeowner's needs and wants into a space that is both beautiful and functional. Unlike some rooms that just need to look pretty, kitchens are work spaces as well as gathering spaces. Mazzone said she begins every design consultation with questions to help determine how the space will be used and who will be using it.

Done correctly, a kitchen remodel can last for decades. In fact, Mazzone said she knows of kitchens she designed early in her career that are still beautiful and functional today.

Mazzone's designs have earned many regional and national awards. Most importantly, they've created many happy homeowners.

"It's still fun," Mazzone said of her job as a designer. Every job and every homeowner is unique, she said, but done correctly, the end result is always a homeowner who loves their new kitchen.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



It's not enough for a kitchen to be pretty. As a member of the LaMantia design team, certified kitchen and bath designer Gina Mazzone helps homeowners create spaces that are as functional as they are beautiful. (Jim Slonoff photo)







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### **NEWS**

# Nonprofits learn to adapt during 2020

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derful and people were able to go through the house," she said. "That was a little shot of enthusiasm."

An event also was held at the R. Harold Zook Home and Studio at Katherine Legge Park.

The last quarter of the year featured a Tales from Tombstone outing at Bronswood Cemetery, a private shopping event in November and a wine pull in December, all of which boosted spirits and yielded needed financial support.

The passing of former board President Sandy Walton in October was sad news. A request that loved ones donate to the historical society was a touching gesture.

"That was very generous and a helpful injection of financial support that links the current society with its past and the fabric of the town and the mission that we're all involved in," Laakso said.

That mission remains as strong as ever, she suggested.

"We're just trying to find ways to help people connect with and record their local history in a meaningful way," she said.

#### **Wellness House**

The 30th anniversary year of Wellness House certainly did not unfold as planned.

But Lisa Kolavennu, executive director, said the group's ability to pivot all of its programming for cancer patients and survivors online allowed it to reach thousands.

"We had 43,500 individual visits (to programs), which is remarkable," she said. "Despite all the challenges, I think it's important that we hang on to making that kind of impact in the community."

Kolavennu said the transition was accomplished "in a matter of days" after the COVID-19 shutdown was announced in March. That

"Already folks dealing with cancer can feel isolated, so having access to the online program really becomes a lifeline for them," she said.

Wellness House has been touching communities across the region for years thanks to a network of partnerships, and that need to reach out was reinforced in 2020, Kolavennu said.

"We've had people reaching out from new areas and zip codes — and even other states," she said.

The annual Walk for Wellness fundraiser was turned into a virtual event. Kolavennu was happy to report it achieved its financial goal.

"We are grateful for the continued support," she said. "We found that we were able to come up with some pretty creative solutions."

Nearly 150 people participated in November's "Gathering Around the Table" food talks featuring chef Bryant Terry. And the end-of the-year Wellness House Ball gala became a socially distanced affair and concert livestreamed to homes.

The hard work to recast programs in a workable format was rewarded by the response.

"It's just been wonderful receiving the gratitude from people who really had no other ways to connect with one another," Kolavennu said, noting many had their treatment rhythms disrupted by the pandemic. She said some health experts are predicting a "shadow curve" or sharp incline of cancer diagnoses in 2021 as those who avoided health centers decide it's now safe to get an exam.

"Cancer didn't take a backseat. In fact it was exacerbated by some of the stress and worry that people have experienced," she said. "That continues to motivate us. There's certainly a need right now and its' going to get worse."

That means finding ways to get programming to anyone who can use it — and hopefully being able to also do it in person soon.

"We are looking forward to throwing the doors open and welcoming people back into the building."

# In Memoriam...

# The Hinsdalean remembers the following residents and former residents we lost in 2020.

Marilyn Alter, Aug. 20 Jeff Anderson, Jan. 25 Gladys Arnold, Jan. 12 Sandy Baer, Dec. 20 Madeleine Baird, Aug. 28 Istvan Baksay, March 4 Daniel Benoit, Aug. 22 Matty Beuke, Jan. 5 Marguerite Beyer, Dec. 17 Bendt Bladel, Jan. 19 Dolores Blecha, Nov. 2 Joy Blocker, July 4 Donna Born, Sept. 30 Kathleen Breuss, Nov. 8 Jean Brown, May 5 Mary Brown, Nov. 27 Joann Bruce, Dec. 30 Robert Bunting, March 13 Elaine Cabernoch, May 12 Linda Campbell, May 6 Ellen Carmignani, Jan. 4 George Casson, July 22 Ileana Catarama, April 24 Joan Chandler, Dec. 5 Helen Craigmile, June 25 Adele Cooper, April 25 Madelyn Crowe, May 10 Barbara Davies, April 26 Lawrence Dec, April 13 George Dempsey, Nov. 23 Jacqueline Dougherty, Aug. 25 Lucelle Drescher, July 23 Vista Elliston, May 9 Reta Enders, July 10 Michael Erskine, Oct. 31 Mary Ann Fiala, Nov. 8 Frona Fournier, Dec. 7 Bill Friedrich, Jan. 25 John Geary, Aug. 24 John Gerty, Nov. 28 Kellanna Glasby, March 24

Noah Grimes, Aug. 19 Joyce Hahn, June 17 Anne Hall, May 7 Geoff Halliday, Feb. 24 Loretta Hart, Sept. 11 Jennifer Healy, March 4 Ray Henning, Nov. 1 Kathleen Heylin, July 26 Dr. Michael Hickey, April 12 Ginna Hickey, Oct. 2 Paul Hoffmann, Sept. 14 Lois Holmes, Nov. 11 Ly Hotchkin, Aug. 23 Anna Howard, Oct. 20 Janet Hoyer, March 3 Bill Ives, May 30 Ray Jacobs, Sept. 30 Chad Jefferson, Nov. 22 Elizabeth Johnston, Aug. 30 Billy Johnston, March 27 Marie Kaishas, Jan. 22 Bob Kilander, Jan. 24 Jackie Kingsfield, Nov. 10 Dr. Frank Klepacki, May 5 Jean Koplin, Oct. 6 Lisa Kovach, Jan. 9 Ellie Lafrentz, July 1 John Lee, March 1 Dee Leppin, June 12 Don Lindsey, May 29 Stewart Mather, Nov. 15 Jacque McKernan, May 25 John Molloy, Jan. 10 Magee Moore, March 15 Gertrude Moran, April 21 Phyllis Naccarato, July 24 Bill Navolio, Oct. 4 Dan Obiala, Sept. 13 Dick Pabst, Oct. 19 Maureen Petell, Jan. 16 Ron Peterman, March 21 Joseph Petrovic, July 26

Kendall Pickering, Dec. 15 Bob Pickering, Dec. 15 Brian Przyzycki, Jan. 17 Paul Purcell, Feb. 28 Chuck Raths, April 19 Larry Repel, July 26 Bill Richter, Dec. 23 Monica Rincon, July 6 Bonnie Rogers, May 15 Burt Rot, Oct. 19 Monica Russell, Jan. 22 Delores Ruth, April 10 Sydne Rutkowski, May 17 Jim Rys, July 6 Jim Schneider, June 21 Dan Schoenberg, Aug. 24 Ben Schultz, Sept. 1 Rebecca Schuning, April 10 Nadine Simko, Feb. 6 Jessica Snyder, Feb. 26 Rick Spatafora, May 24 Betty Stange, Jan. 1 Brian St. Clair, Sept. 24 Candy Stevens, Sept. 21 Dina Storino, Feb. 20 Midge Sullivan, Sept. 16 Tom Sullivan, Feb. 11 Dr. Jeannette Switzer, April 20 Toots Tabuena, Aug. 3 Nancy Tonkin, Dec. 18 Ronald Trubiana, Oct. 1 Gene Urban, May 10 John Vokaty, March 23 Dr. James Young, Oct. 13 Stanley Walton, Oct. 28 Stephen Wendt, Sept. 19 Mary Whiteside, March 8 Randall Woods, March 16 David Zeller, Sept. 16 Marian Zimmerman, Oct. 10

### We also remember local friends and family members.

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Carol Gosselin, March 3

Dorothy Johnson, Jan. 29 Susan Johnston, July 2 William Keenan, Jan. 2 Gigi Kersten, June 5 Frank Kluts, Aug. 17 Lillian Kochevar, Jan. 21 David Kolb, April 2 Jim Kolzow, Nov. 10 Rev. Venard Kommer, March 2 Rachel LaBanco, March 15 Ann Lahey, Dec. 12 Catherine Lavins, April 17 Wendi Lienhart, Dec. 26 Joyce Lindeman, June 30 Nancy Lipman, July 1 Ruth Long, April 15 Leo Magrini, March 11 Dr. Mary Ann Malloy, Feb. 4 Nancy Martin, Feb. 8 Dawn McIntyre, May 11 Adeline Miceli, Aug. 24 Ken Milbradt, April 26 Frances Molloy, Aug. 9

Freda Nordstrom, Oct. 8 Elisa Pereiro, Feb. 8 Marilyn Quinlan, April 14 David Rezek, Aug. 31 Emma Robinson, April 2 Sunday Rubinsky, July 10 Delores Seligmann, Oct. 16 Dr. Cyrus Serry, Dec. 26 Diana Somrek, Sept. 14 Paulie Storino, July 19 Lynn Sullivan, June 11 Ellen Tausk, Aug. 8 Donna Throckmorton, Nov. 4 Kay Trankina, June 23 Gus Tsourmas, Dec. 31 Chuck Turner, Aug. 18 Gretchen Wasson, Feb. 8 John Weinberger, Sept. 12 Rev. William Welch, Jan. 30 Olivia White, July 18 Jo Ann Widger, Feb. 19

# Events salute civil rights leader

MLK Day will provide virtual opportunities to commemorate King's legacy

By Ken Knutson

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Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which marks the birthday of the man whose name is synonymous with the fight against systemic racism and championing for equal rights for all citizens.

Although the usual in-person MLK Day events are not being held, several local and regional programs are offered virtually to help residents observe the occasion.

#### **Musical inspiration**

Hinsdale-based Acoustic Renaissance Concerts will present a virtual performance from the vocal group Sweet Honey in the Rock from the historic Lincoln Theatre in Washington, D.C., at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Sweet Honey in the Rock has been performing for 40 years with a mission to promote empowerment, education and entertainment. Viewers can choose which of the two shows to watch. Tickets are \$15 live and \$20 for the ability to watch anytime for up to a week. There is also a special \$50 package that includes both shows and an interactive conversation with the members of the group. For tickets or more information, visit http://thirdrow. live/presenters/acoustic-renaissance-concerts.

#### **Artistic tribute**

The African American Arts Alliance of Chicago and Black Ensemble Theater present the 10th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18. The production will honor and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by featuring dance, music, spoken word and excerpts from some of Dr. King's most potent speeches, with performances by Black Ensemble Theater Artists André Teamer, Dawn Bless, Dwight Neal and a host of others. The event is free can be livestreamed at https://www. aaaachicago.org or https://www. blackensemble.org.



**One MLK Day** program is a livestreamed performance by Sweet Honey in the Rock. Randy Styka of Acoustic Renaissance Series, the show's host, said a row of monitors on the stage allows the group to see viewers. "It's as close to an in-person concert setting that we'll have during these COVID times," he said. (photo provided)

#### **Northwestern programs**

• The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity chapter at Northwestern University will hold its annul Candlelight Vigil, entitled "Activism During a Pandemic and the Healing of Incarcerated Peoples," at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18.

An address will be given by Hill Harper, actor, author, activist, philanthropist and fraternity brother. The award-winning TV and film actor also has authored four New York Times bestselling books, including "Letters to an Incarcerated Brother" and is the founder of Manifest Your Destiny Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering underserved youth through mentorship, scholarship and grant programs. The event will also include a video performance of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" performed by the Northwestern Community Ensemble and alumni.

• A Northwestern panel comprised of the school's law and Feinberg School of Medicine faculty and alumni will discuss systemic racism in law and medicine from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Both events can be lives-

treamed through links posted on Northwestern's MLK website at https://www.northwestern.edu/ mlk/index.html.

#### **King Day at Art Institute**

The Art Institute of Chicago is offering a collection of virtual programs, both live and recorded, to honor the legacy of Dr. King's powerful voice and highlight the role that art and artists play in social and political transformation.

- Join Rebirth Poetry Ensemble and the performance duo In the Spirit, featuring Zahra Baker and Emily Hooper Lansana, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18. Youth poets from the ensemble have been performing at the museum's annual King Day festival for several years, and this year they've created spoken-word pieces in response to the museum's exhibition "Bisa Butler: Portraits." In the Spirit is returning to perform for King Day, bringing to life Butler's quilts and celebrating the legacy of Dr. King through original stories woven together with rhythm and song.
- The participatory experience Virtual Talk: (In)Justice from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, is

inspired by the museum's collection and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail." It will explore the many meanings of justice, resistance, and faith.

Both events will be hosted on Zoom. Visit https://www.artic.edu/highlights/32/king-day-2021.

Also available on the website are these King Day-related videos:

- Interdisciplinary artist Avery Young and filmmaker Amir George collaborated on a new video, "The Two Visits," that remembers the 1968 Chicago riots on the city's west side following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The video combines footage of the West Garfield Park and North Lawndale neighborhoods, with Young's powerful spoken word and funk- and blues-infused music.
- Responding to the "Bisa Butler: Portraits" exhibition, artist Kiki Lechuga-Dupont has created "Some Dawn," an animated visualization of intersecting themes within the work of Butler and musical artists Growing Concerns Poetry Collective. The work's bright, meditative design aspires to reflect a sense of spirit, pride and community.
- Families with children 5 and younger are invited to tune into a new "Picture This" video program that pairs the recently acquired quilt "The Safety Patrol" by Bisa Butler with a children's picture book. Senior educator Melissa Tanner guides families on an exploration of ideas of safety, connection and how bodies are used to express feelings and values.
- Explore the quilted portraits of Bisa Butler for inspiration and then make a colorful portrait that honors family members using materials that are easy to find around the home. The vibrant, intricately layered textiles featured in the "Bisa Butler: Portraits" exhibition captures personal and historical narratives of Black life. Often based on historic photographs of well-known and unidentified Black men, women and children, Butler's quilts explore themes of family, community, migration, youth and artistic legacies. Curator Erica Warren will share more about the portrait subjects.



**Enjoy the music** of John Williams in an encore stream of a New Philharmonic October performance. See Page 28 for details. (photo courtesy of the McAninch Arts Center)

#### **AUDITION CALL**

#### ■ American Youth Symphony Orchestra auditions

Jan. 24 https://www.aysomusic.org/ auditions

Youth ages 7-18 who play strings, winds, brass and percussion (including piano) are invited to audition for the Downers Grove-based AYSO by video via Dropbox. Candidates should prepare one piece/movement, level appropriate, up to five minutes in length; memorization is strongly encouraged. Students must have a minimum of two years of instruction/playing experience on their instrument. Additional audition dates are March 7, May 2 and June 27. Spaces are limited. Cost: \$25

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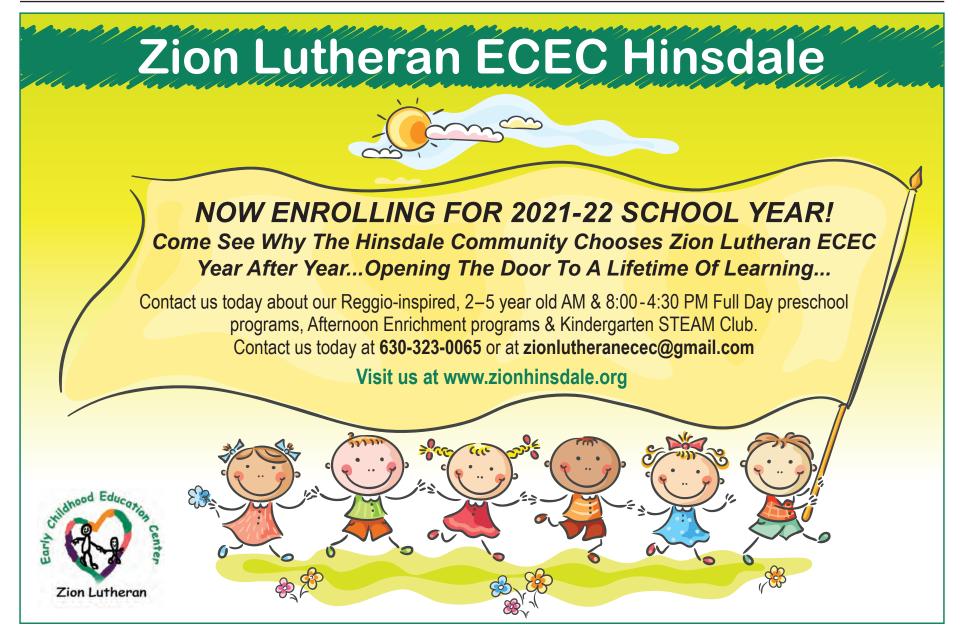
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#### **■ Casa Margarita**

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# Light Up the Night to illuminate virtually this year

Working as a Chicago Public Schools speech pathologist, Clarendon Hills mother-of-two Jen Alsman saw first-hand the struggles low-income families faced while striving to provide quality health care and resources for their families. Because of this, Alsman and others have devoted countless hours of service to fundraise for the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago's Angel Harvey Family Health Center via the organization's Clarendon Hills chapter and its annual benefit.

"I saw the struggles of families similar to those served by the (health center) — families who wanted what was best for their children, but had limited resources," said Alsman, who serves as the current president of the 50-member strong Clarendon Hills Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society. "To help provide speech services, occupational therapy and dental care to families in need makes my heart happy."

The Infant Welfare Society's mission is to provide support and fundraising to the Angel Harvey Family Health Center of Chicago, which offers a full range of health care services for low-income families who are uninsured or underinsured.

With donations to the health center totaling \$100,000 annually through the chapter's Light Up the Night benefit, coupled with its luminaria sale proceeds, the Clarendon Hills chapter, along with its local sister chapters throughout the Chicago area, help support the more than 13,000 patients who rely on the center each year.

However, given the current health crisis, this year's Light Up the Night event will be held virtually at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23.

"We realized we would have to pivot this year, so we started planning for a virtual event in July of 2020," said Danielle Wheeler, who is co-chairing the event along with Melissa Woodbury. "This has been a really positive development for the message of Infant Welfare, because the virtual benefit format allows us to engage supporters across the entire United States. It increases our reach exponentially, and by extension we hope it will increase our fundraising abilities this year."



**Alexis Braden** Society spotlight

The chapter hopes to exceed its fundraising goal of \$100,000, because supporting the Infant Welfare Society in the face of a global health pandemic is more important this year than ever before, she added.

"The community that Angel Harvey Family Health Center serves includes populations that have been hit hardest by the pandemic, and everything we can do to

help ease the burden of COVID-19 will have a positive impact on families in need," Alsman said.

In preparation for the virtual event, guests will have the opportunity to purchase add-ons for their home gatherings, including appetizers, a four-course meal created by Maison Cuisine, cocktails from Prairie Organic Vodka, a wine tasting with Gallo wines, luminaria and floral centerpieces from English Garden in Clarendon Hills.

The event will kick off with a slideshow before the main content begins at 7 p.m., featuring guest speakers, including patients and staff. Chicago's own Pat Tomasulo, WGN sports anchor, comedian and host of WGN's "Man of the People" will entertain guests. Additionally, event-goers will have the opportunity to view premier auction packages online, with a chance to win a Peloton raffle grand prize.

To purchase tickets, which are \$75 per person, please visit https://www.ClarendonHillsInfantWelfare.org.

#### **Cupid takes the court**

More than 100 women from the western suburbs will gear up for cold weather play to participate in the 11th annual Cupid Courts paddle tennis fundraiser from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

Benefiting Chicago's Misericordia Home, which supports more than 600 children and adults living with developmental disabilities, the event will consist of non-competitive paddle matches across seven local golf/tennis clubs with refreshments, a light lunch and party favor/raffle prizes to follow.

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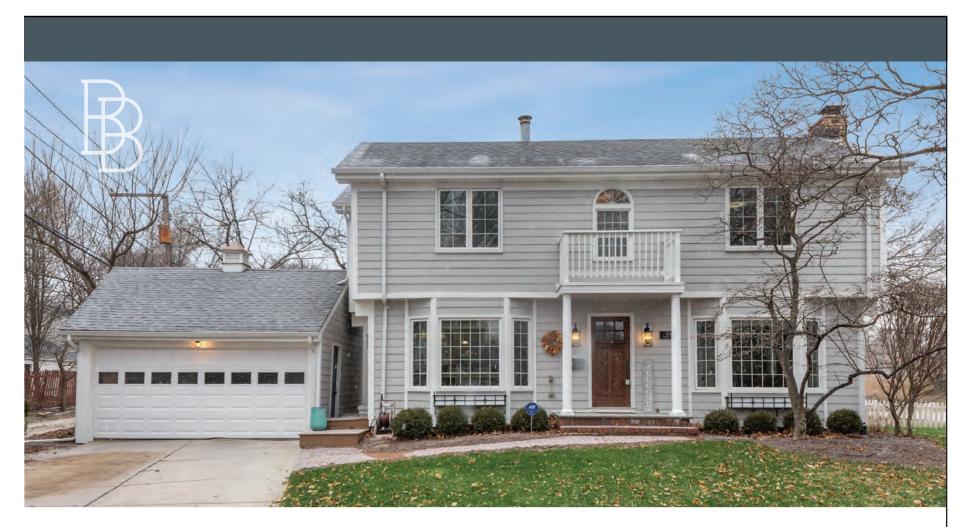
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#### **■** Fuller House

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https://www.fullerhousebar.com

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#### **FAITH COMMUNITIES**

# ■ Women's Life Village Bible Study

Thursdays, Jan. 14-March 18 The Village Church 4475 Wolf Rd., Western Springs https://www.wsbc.info/wom-enslife

Please join in this study the book of Hebrews and exploration of how God "provided something better for us," Participants will use the 10-week video study "Better" by Jen Wilkin for this session. Child care (nursery to kindergarten) and remote learning stations (kindergarten to fifth grade) is provided. All IDPH and CDC guidelines will be followed. Time: 9-11 a.m. Cost: \$15. RR

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Jan. 28 (630) 986-1976 https://www.hinsdalelibrary. info

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#### ■ Native Landscaping: All About **Plants**

Jan. 20 (630) 850-8110 https://www.dupageforest. org

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#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

#### **■** Managing Weight after Cancer Mondays, Jan. 18-March 15 https://www.wellnesshouse.

(630) 654-5196

Both educational and experiential, this online series is for cancer survivors who have completed treatment and explores the behavioral changes needed for healthy weight management. To register, contact Angela Dennison by Jan. 14 at the number listed above or adennison@wellnesshouse. org. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. RR

#### **■** Cancer Genetic Counseling

https://www.wellnesshouse.

(630) 323-5150

In this virtual program, licensed genetic counselor Kathryn Mraz will discuss how a genetic testing can help clarify the care plan for a patient with a new personal history of cancer and help family members understand their own cancer. Learn who may benefit from genetic counseling and the difference between counseling and genetic testing. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

#### **■** Rerouting: Choosing Your **Course After Cancer Treatment** Mondays through Feb. 8 (630) 323-7500 https://www.wellnesshouse.

Cancer patients and caregivers are invited to join this virtual five-week series to obtain the information needed to chart one's path following cancer treatment. Session topics include cancer survivorship, nutrition, cancer rehabilitation, symptom management and recovery through palliative care, and medical issues, expectations and surveillance in survivorship. The program is presented in partnership with DuPage Medical Group. Attendance each week is recommended but not required. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. RR

#### **JUST FOR KIDS**

#### **■ RPG Club**

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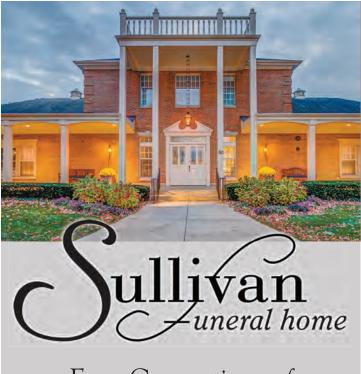
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#### ■ Valen-Slime: A Slimeology Lab

Feb. 12 Westmont Community Center 75 E. Richmond St. (630) 789-7090 https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr

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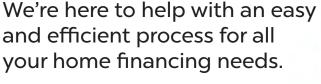
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will take their slime home and receive a lesson on greed, love and gratitude in a hilarious gooey activity. Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$25. RR

#### **LISTEN & LEARN**

#### **■** Tips for College Admission Success

Jan. 20 (630) 986-1976 https://www.hinsdalelibrary.

Learn tips for taking standardized tests, finding the right school fit, improving admission odds and reducing costs in this webinar from Spotlight College Advising for families with kids in ninth to 11th grade. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

#### **■** Cyber safety talk

Jan. 21

https://www.nazarethacademy.com

Liz Repking, founder of Cyber Safety Consulting and the mother of three, will present via Zoom "Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship," focusing on social media, cybersecurity and eLearning. The program is part of Nazareth's Parent Speaker Series and is open to the public. Register online under the "Student/ Parent" tab. Time: 7 p.m. RR

#### ■ Social Media Marketing in 2021

Jan. 28

https://www.hinsdalechamber.com

This webinar, presented by Flipswitch in partnership with the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce, will cover the biggest change in social media and its impact, 10 takeaways to immediately implement in one's business, creating effective and relevant content and more. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$10, free for chamber members. RR

#### **NOTEWORTHY**

#### **■** The Music of John Williams Streaming through Feb. 28 (630) 942-3008

https://www.atthemac.org An encore stream of this

New Philharmonic October performance is available on demand, showcasing works by the celebrated American composer including selections from "Star Wars," "Indiana Jones," "Jurassic Park," "Superman," "E.T.," "Harry

Potter," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Jaws." Cost: \$40 per household.

#### ■ A Night of Broadway and Opera

Jan. 23-Feb. 28 (630) 942-3008 https://atthemac.org

Maestro Muspratt conducts New Philharmonic and four soloists performing his favorite music from movies, opera and Broadway. Delightful melodies from "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables," "Hello Dolly," "The Way We Were," "Carmen," "Gianna Schicchi" and more. Music to warm your heart and stir your soul. Time: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 premiere, then streaming on demand. Tickets: \$40 per household. RR

#### **ON SCREEN**

#### **■ Movie Music Romance**

Feb. 3 (630) 323-8188 https://www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

Take a virtual journey back over the past century of film history as the Clarendon Hills Library presents the Zoom program "Movie Music Romance." John LeGear will showcase some of the most memorable romantic moments from classic and popular films in the 75-minute program, including clips of Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Julie Andrews and John Travolta. Scenes are often re-edited to blend with accompanying music for a journey through lyrical splendor spanning the past 100 years. Time: 7 p.m. RR

#### **■** 'Corpus Christi'

Feb. 3 (630) 942-3008 https://atthemac.org

This 2019 Polish drama follows 20-year-old Daniel, who experiences a spiritual transformation while incarcerated in a youth detention center. On work release to a remote village and with one quick lie, he is mistaken for the town's new priest. His passion and charisma inspire the small parish, but will his unconventional teachings help heal the community reeling from a terrible tragedy or tear it further apart? A guided talkback with COD faculty will follow. The film is part of the McAninch Arts Center's Free Global Flicks

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#### **ON STAGE**

#### ■ TWS & CTWS Polar Bear Club Saturdays in January and February Theatre of Western Springs front porch

front porch 4384 Hampton Ave. (708) 246-4043 https://theatreofwesternsprings.com/category/ featured

The Theatre of Western Springs and Children's Theatre are offering fun outdoor activities to keep theater-lovers' hearts warm. Staff members will moderate, and all events will be masked, socially distant and outdoors. At "Polar Bear Playread" Jan. 16, TWS actives and students in sixth grade and up will delve into characters and a script together and bring it to life. At "Improv Jam" Jan. 23, TWS actives and students in sixth grade and up will focus on short form, fun, fast games with a ton of interaction and reps. Coffee and hot cocoa will be provided, and attendees should bundle up and bring a chair. Sessions are limited to 10 people; those unable to attend are asked to delete their reservation. Time: noon. Cost: freewill donations will be collected, RR

#### **SIGN UP NOW**

# ■ Historical Society Trivia Night Jan. 30

https://www.hinsdalehistory.org

Take part in this virtual version of Hinsdale Historical Society's fifth annual event. Each team — up to 10 members — is encouraged to come up with a historically based theme. Prizes will be awarded. Indicate a team captain upon registration; the whole team does not need to be in the same household. Hinsdale businesses Altamura and Vistro are providing drink and meal options for the event; orders must be placed by Jan. 27. Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person

#### ■ Peabody's Pages Book Club Fridays, Feb. 5 & March 5 or Tuesdays, Jan. 19. Feb. 9 & March 9 (630) 206-9568 https://www.dupageforest.

Sign up for these virtual book discussions examining "Being a Beast" in January, "Reading the Landscape of America" in February and "The Story of More" in March. Register for either the three morning or three evening discussions. Times: 10 to 11:15 a.m. Fridays, or 6:45 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays. Cost: \$5 for all three discussions. RR

**■** Perennial Plant Association

#### **Winter Symposium**

Feb. 12

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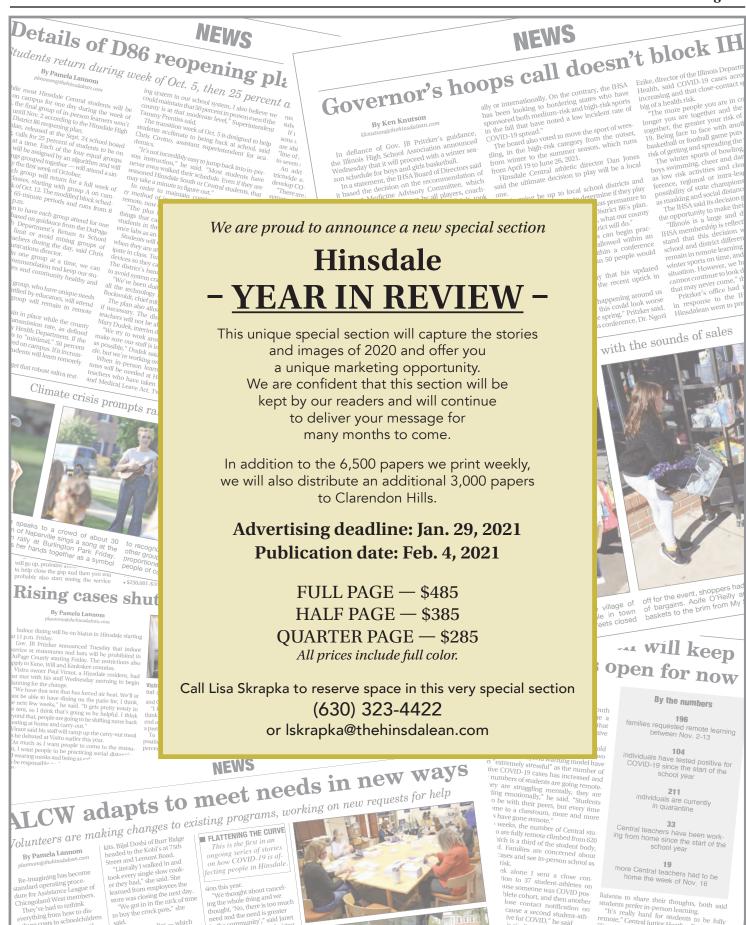
The Perennial Plant Association, the Horticultural Society of Maryland and The Morton Arboretum offer this virtual event featuring industry-leading professionals sharing their favorite work developments and tours of their private home gardens. Horticulture professionals and garden enthusiasts can meet well-known authors, discover great plants and share ideas with other gardeners while also participating in chats, polls and Q&A opportunities. A full schedule as available on the website above. Register by Feb. 10. Time: 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$65 for symposium only, \$75 for the symposium and happy hour. RR

# ■ E-Learning Care Program Ongoing

The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale (630) 323-7500 https://www.thecommunityhouse.org/back-to-schoolplan-2020-21

Kids in first through fifth grades can learn virtually with assistance from a staff of child care professionals during their morning or afternoon sessions.

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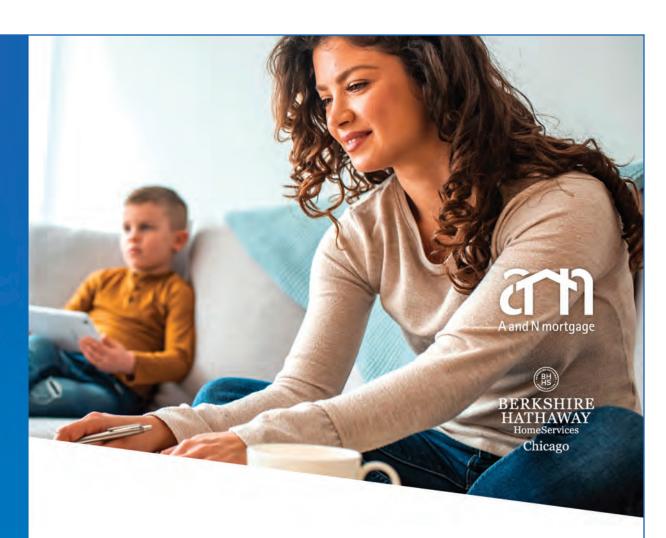


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Cohorts will also receive academic support up to an hour per day, when needed, and have the opportunity to interact with peers and participate in LyArts Program enrichment activities. Times: 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$325 per week, with discounts for siblings. RR, MD

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■ My Hamilton by Megan Wells Jan. 19

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

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Jan. 29 (630) 986-1976 https://www.hinsdalelibrary. info

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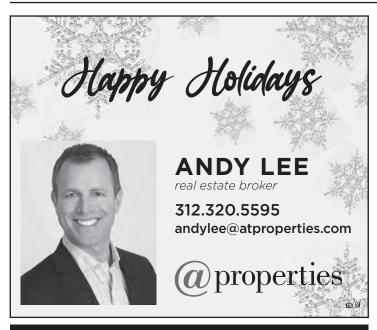
#### **WEE ONES**

**■ Yoga for Youngsters** 

Tuesdays, Jan. 19-Feb. 23 or Fridays, Jan 22-Feb 26 The Community House 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale (630) 323-4422 https://www.thecommunityhouse.org

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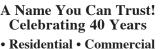


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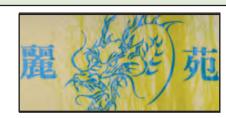
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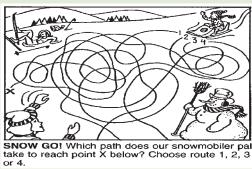
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#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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WATER WINGER! Arrange six water glasses in a row, with three at the left empty and three at the right half full. Now, challenge someone to move just one glass so that no empty glass is next to another, and every other glass is half full.

How is it done?

Remember, only one glass is to be moved, and alakazam, you're to achieve the required goal.

Don't take this too seriously, folks; it has a catch, natch.

Pour the middle half-glassful into the middle empty glass. Is that a catch, or what!

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January 2021 Horoscopes · Week 3



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Don't try to rationalize the feelings that are moving through you this week, Capricorn. There is no right or wrong way to feel. Acknowledge the emotions as they come.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you will get great satisfaction from various activities this week. Therefore, fill your schedule with plenty of things. Take initiative and invite friends along for an adventure.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer be careful with the way you behave and present yourself this week. You just don't know who may be watching what you do. Keep a low profile.







LIBRA – Sept 23/0ct 23 Libra, as soon as things get serious this week, you may be ready to make a fast exit. It's better if you stick around and lend your opin-ion to the situation at hand.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, do not hide your feelings in a particularly moving situation. Others will empathize with you and appreciate your emotional honesty.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Take care of yourself this week, Taurus. Practicing self-care may mean booking a spa treatment or simply catching up on a little rest and recuperation.



LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Receiving mixed messages, Leo? Enlist a trusted advisor to help you sort through the hazy level of communication that is coming your way. Another perspective is handy.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
A lot of unknown factors have been slowing you down over the last few weeks, Scorpio. Now that you are no longer impeded, you can put a plan in motion



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
This week you may want to get away from it all to have a different perspective on your life, Pisces. You may travel even further than first imagined.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
A few different scenarios may play out in the days to come. They may be greatly influenced by how you interact with other people, Gemini. You are the catalyst for action the catalyst for action.



VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, this week the stars may be playing tricks on you. You may stumble though a few things, but it won't take long to get back on the right path.



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You may get caught up in some conflicts that you're either not ready for or have no interest to deal with, Sagittarius. Take it all in with the new that the control of the SAGITTARIUS quietly for now.

# **SPORTS**

#### THROWBACK THURSDAY

# Looking back at 10 years of sports news

'Throwback Thursday' continues as word awaits on whether restrictions will be loosened

By Pamela Lannom plannom@thehinsdalean.com

All IHSA sports remain on pause as coaches, athletes and fan across Illinois wait for the state to return to Phase 4. Gov. JB Pritzker announced earlier this month that he will begin scaling back some Tier 3 mitigations as early as Jan. 15 for regions that are meeting state-mandated metrics.

Until competition resumes at Hinsdale Central High School, The Hinsdalean will offer a look back at its sports coverage over the past 10 years in a weekly installment of "Throwback Thursday."

"I just try to encourage them to have a lot of fun with it, because I know when I first started high school gymnastics last year, I was still treating it like club gymnastics. I was very hard on myself, very serious. If something goes wrong or they do bad, we just try to laugh it off and go back in the gym and work hard for next time." — senior gym-

nast Caroline Klobach on serving as team captain

2019 "A lot of things don't come easy. You have to work hard to learn a new skills. I think that's also in life, that if you work hard it pays off in the end." — varsity girls gymnastics coach Kim Estoque

2018 "I just want to say how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to swim with some of the greatest teammates and with the greatest coaches along the way. I don't think this sport would be nearly as enjoyable without the great people I've been able to meet and work with over the years." — senior swim team captain Andrew La Valle

2017 "Everybody in my family has an influence on me. My mom's a teacher, so she keeps me focused academically. My dad is a former wrestler, so he pushes me athletically." — senior wrestler Niko Ivanisevic on his sources of inspiration

2015 "I think the motivation that we've shred as a family has been really inspirational. Pushing each other is really what made us who we are." — Caroline Dolehide, who with her siblings, Courtney, Stephanie and Brian, collectively earned state titles in two sports, made it to the semifinals of tennis' U.S. Open Junior Championship and earned the national collegiate championship in Division i women's tennis in 2014

2014 "I think that I like the challenge of it. Every day you go to



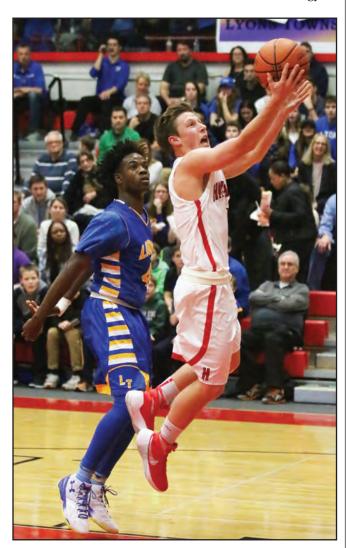
**2011** Kristen Grilli posted a score of 9.75 on the vault as Hinsdale Central beat Glenbard West in a dual meet. (file photo)

the gym, you never know what part of your routines you're going to be able to stick or not. And you're able to make changes to make your routines harder. The most effort you put in, the better your routine will be." — senior gymnast Maddie Sesemann

"The kids that were little when we started are now in junior high. Now they can actually help. There's a lot of work that goes into building it, and this year the kids were using the drills and putting the crews in." — Jim Swoyer, who

with John Mulligan, build and maintain the ice rink in Melin Park

2012 "It has been an outstanding experience to see kids that commit themselves to an approach achieve way past where I think even their expectations were. To me, that's what it's all about. You just take an enormous amount of pride in what they've been able to achieve." — Mike Burr, one of the organizers of the Hinsdale Inferno agegroup basketball program



**2016** Drew Shepherd drove to the hoop during a conference match-up with rival LT. The Red Devils unfortunately fell to the Lions 53-59 in overtime. (file photo)

# Registration for 2021 NOW OPEN!



# Register and Pay Online @ www.hinsdalell.org

#### A Great Program Right Here in Hinsdale - Details are as follows:

- Fee \$250.00 Per Player
- Registration is for Hinsdale school children born before Sept. 2015 up to age 12
- Registration will close on 2/13, if your son/daughter is not registered before 2/13 they will NOT be able to play

#### HLL Website - Please follow accordingly:

- Register at www.hinsdalell.org
- Click register from your phone or computer
- Login or follow prompts to create a new account
- Follow steps to register your child



#### **Coach Volunteers:**

- As you register your child, there will be a section where you can volunteer to coach
- You will be subject to a background check
- Please note we cannot guarantee everyone will be able to coach as there may not be enough spaces - we will contact coaches shortly after registration closes



# **Tentative 2021 Season Schedule**

- Registration starts 1/11/21
- Registration closes 2/13/21
- HLL draft 3/6/21
- Watch your emails for more info!
- Practices start first week in April (weather permitting)
- Opening Day to be early April





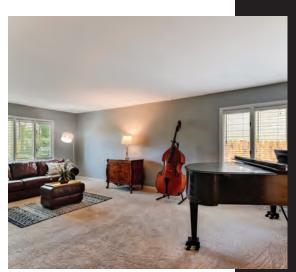
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**730 S Adams St.** \$888,000 | 4 BR | 2.1 BA *Hinsdale* 





**642 Mills St.** \$499,000 | 4 BR | 2.1 BA *Hinsdale* 



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