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Hinsdale's happiest baby — Lily Quek, winner of The Hinsdalean's happiest baby contest, has a lot to smile about, from her two great parents, her big brother and her dog to the beautiful holiday dress her mom knitted for her. For more about her family, turn to the 60 Seconds feature on Page 9. To see the photo Lily's mom submitted for the contest, turn to Page 6. (Jim Slonoff photo)



School superintendents offer look back at 2020.

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Professional endeavor includes philanthropic initiative.

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Indulge in a tasty homemade cocktail this New Year's Eve.

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JANUARY DELI MENU

DINNERS

MONDAY

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TUESDAY SOUTHWESTERN ROAST BEEF WITH PEPPER JACK AND GREEN CHILIES ON WHITE

WEDNESDAY CLASSIC ITALIAN BAKED SUB WITH MOZZARELLA, ROASTED PEPPER MAYO AND VINAIGRETTE

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NEWS

School, library board races contested

Village president, trustee candidates only ones facing no opposition on April 6

By Pamela Lannom
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Hinsdale residents will see three contested races when they head to the polls to elect village, school and library board members on Tuesday, April 6. A total of 22 candidates are running for 11 open seats on two school boards and the library board. The village president and village board races are not contested.

District 181

In Community Consolidated District 181, five people have filed for three open four-year terms on the board, according to the DuPage County clerk's office.

They are incumbent Bill Cotter and newcomers Jason Bier, Virginia Malinas, Michael Martin and Grace Shin.

Incumbent Margie Kleber and Christine Dannhausen-Brun will run for an unexpired two-year term.

Board members Nathan Lucht

and Meeta Patel, whose terms expire in 2021, are not running for re-election.

Lucht said increased demands on his time — personally and professionally — are one reason he is not seeking a second term. He also believes he has met his personal mottoes of leaving a place better than he found it and giving back to the places that have given to him.

"I think we've accomplished a lot in the time Margie, Meeta and I have been on the board," he said.

District 86

In Hinsdale High School District 86, 10 people have filed for four open seats on the board.

They are incumbents Kevin Camden, T.J. Edwards and Marty Turek and newcomers Justin Baron, Peggy James, Debra Levinthal, Mark Pinnow, Karen Shannon, Terri Walker and Jeff Waters.

Board member Keith Chval is not seeking re-election. He said he always intended to serve a single

term.

"A significant component of why I originally ran was in hopes of building on the momentum of the functional, positive boards that had started with the majority that was in place with the (Bill) Carpenter, (Jennifer) Planson and (Kathleen) Hirsman slate taking office," he said.

He believes he has done so and plans to focus on his professional life, as he has recently assumed sole leadership of his company.

Library board

Five individuals are running for four open seats on the Hinsdale Public Library Board, according to Christine Bruton, Hinsdale village clerk.

They are incumbents Mary Bock, Amy Glynn and Kristen McDaniel and challengers Richard Munson and Ryan Trombly.

Susan Blumberg-Kason, who said she is proud of the work she did as chair of the arts committee



in her four-year term on the board, has decided not to run again.

"I believe that people need to rotate out, because I don't think it's always good to have the same people in board positions," she said. "Then new ideas don't come up."

Village president, trustees

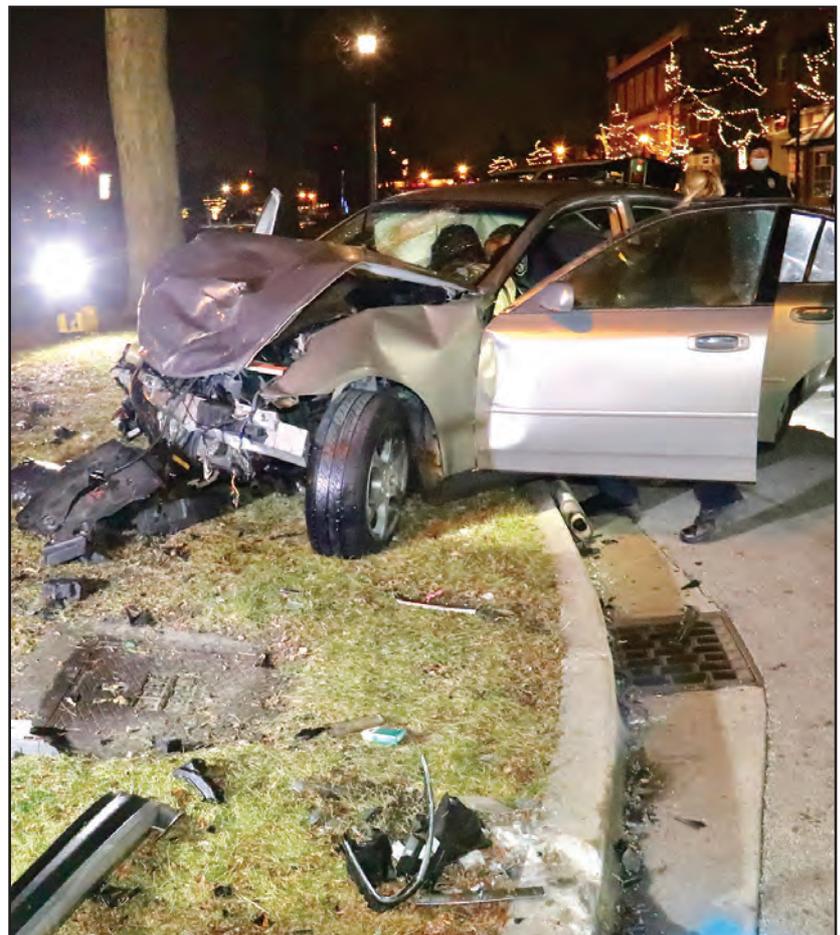
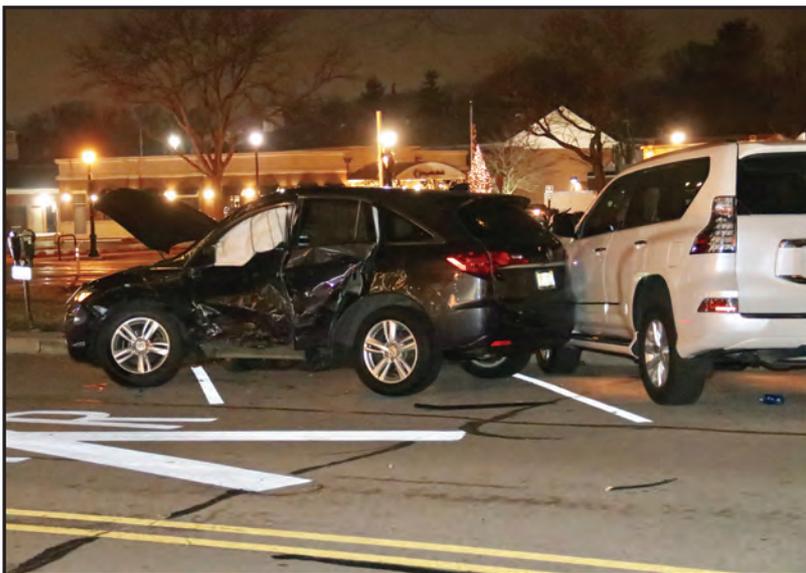
Tom Cauley will run uncontested for his fourth term as village president. A member of the Hinsdale Village board from 2007-09, he was first elected president in April 2009.

The village board race is uncontested as well, with incumbents Neale Byrnes and Matt Posthuma running with newcomer Michelle Fisher for three open seats.

Trustee Jerry Hughes has decided not to run.

The filing deadline for candidates was Dec. 21.

Still no details on crash



This collision occurred at the intersection of Lincoln Street and Hinsdale Avenue in the late afternoon of Dec. 19. Police had not yet finished the report when The Hinsdalean went to press Tuesday afternoon. A witness who had been driving south on Madison before the collision reportedly saw a sedan traveling behind her at a very high rate of speed before she turned right to head east onto Hinsdale Avenue. The sedan also turned right and, after the witness pulled over, drove around her at an estimated 60-80 mph. As the sedan neared Lincoln, an SUV pulled into the intersection heading north and the sedan crashed into it. More information will be published in the Jan. 7 issue. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Auto row — According to Sandy Williams' book, "Images of America — Hinsdale," several car dealers were located north of the tracks along Chicago Avenue between Lincoln and Washington streets, and there were a few more just south of the tracks as well. This photo of the Chevy dealer, where Burdi now is, was once thought to be the location of an illegal beer depot. The photo, taken looking east down Hinsdale Avenue from Lincoln, is from about 1930.

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Trustees want more retail merchants

Bank's bid for Ogden location triggers broader talk on taxes and land use strategy

By Ken Knutson

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To make the most of Hinsdale's prime and precious commercial property, village officials are keen to embrace businesses that contribute to the sales tax coffers.

Firms like Lakeside Bank, which has applied for a special use permit to open a branch at 222 E. Ogden Ave., do not get the welcome mat treatment in an effort to protect the high-traffic Ogden corridor for retail merchants rich in revenue.

At the Dec. 8 village board meeting, trustees discussed both the bank's application and the overarching desire to rewrite the zoning code to screen out first-floor service firms.

Trustee Scott Banke suggested the village's fiscal health depends upon leveraging opportunities to reap sales tax.

"I think that we not only have an

obligation as far as (protecting) revenue generation in areas where we can generate revenue, but also we're coming off the heels of COVID ... and it's going to present (financial) challenges," Banke said.

Last month the village's plan commission recommended approval of the bank's application to construct a two-story facility at the site, where a vacant medical office building currently stands. However, commissioners were under the false impression that first-floor banks were a permitted use in the B-3 district. They are a special use under the zoning code requiring village board approval.

Village President Tom Cauley cited a 2008 Illinois Supreme Court ruling that affirmed Hinsdale's authority to prohibit a bank from moving into the former GM training site on Ogden, which is now a Land Rover dealership. Technically, under the village's code, all first-floor banks in town are legal

non-conforming uses.

Trustee Luke Stifflear pointed out that other non-sales tax generating businesses, such as real estate offices and hair salons, are permitted uses and could occupy the site without needing approval. Consequently, he stressed, the village should act comprehensively to more effectively control the corridor.

"If we don't approve (the bank), we need to write our (zoning) map for along Ogden Avenue to specifically (allow only) 100-percent sales tax revenue," Stifflear said.

Cauley agreed.

"We should address that whole corridor and say that we don't want things there that don't generate sales tax revenue," he said, questioning the community's need for another bank. "I think we have to think long and hard before we put more businesses in that area that aren't garnering any sales taxes."

Peter Coules, an attorney representing Lakeside Bank, argued that the size

of the site is not suitable for a typical retail establishment and that such a use would be less palatable for nearby residents.

"This bank is going to be a good neighbor to everyone because people aren't there working until 7 o'clock at night and they're not there on Sundays," Coules said, speculating that the property will remain vacant for years under trustees' more restrictive vision.

Trustee Laurel Haarlow said another factor is the impending removal of the Hinsdale Oasis overpass due to the Tri-State expansion project, expected to take a big bite out of village tax receipts.

The bank's application was a first read and is expected to be on the board's agenda again at the Tuesday, Jan. 5, meeting, when trustees are also expected to consider a proposed amendment regarding businesses in the Ogden corridor.

An original Christmas story



Hinsdale Covenant Church converted its popular Christmas Eve living nativity services into an outdoor experience due to the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to hearing the story of Christ's birth, visitors could see a donkey, geese, sheep and two alpaca. Some 300 people visited the live nativity experience during the four hours it was offered on Dec. 24. (Jim Slonoff photos)

NEXT WEEK

Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commission

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

Hinsdale Public Library Board special meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

On the agenda: emergency operational changes, approve appropriation budget

Hinsdale Village Board

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org>

On the draft agenda: major adjustment to exterior appearance plan for Garfield Crossing, village website redesign, liquor licensing/new business proposals

Number of COVID-19 cases in town hits 1,000

Fifty-eight Hinsdale residents have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week.

The DuPage County Health Department reported 54 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported four new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 1,001, up from 943 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital

was treating 17 confirmed COVID-19 patients and had two patients awaiting test results on Tuesday, a spokeswoman said.

Community Consolidated District 181 and Hinsdale High School District 86 are on winter break.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 8.7 percent Friday, compared to 10.5 percent a week prior.

One happy baby!



This is the photo that earned 7-month-old Lily Quek the title of Hinsdale's happiest baby for 2020. Her photo appears on the cover of today's issue, and her family is profiled in the 60 Seconds feature on Page 9. Let's hope 2021 is filled with happiness for all.

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Pandemic hasn't stopped students, staff

In January, we published the first edition of our "D86 Moving Forward" print newsletter. In my introduction for the publication, I reflected on our accomplishments from first semester and expressed optimism for a fantastic finish to our school year. Then the unexpected happened in the form of COVID-19, and our lives changed in ways we never could have imagined.

While I am incredibly proud of how we responded to the pandemic during the past nine months, what has impressed me most is the way our students and staff have handled this crisis. They have displayed incredible strength and courage in the face of adversity, exhibited tremendous resolve and determination in overcoming the obstacles before us and supported each other throughout this difficult and unprecedented time in

our lives. It is because of them that we were able to not only survive this year, but achieve great things both in and out of the classroom that contributed to the success of our schools and those we serve.

For example, we continued to advance the work of our strategic plan, which included the implementation of changes to our science program that will help our students achieve their college and career readiness goals. It also included our decision to transition to an integrated math pathway starting in the fall of 2022, which will enable our students to develop skill proficiency and teach them how to effectively investigate, critique and apply knowl-



Tammy Prentiss

edge.

We took positive steps toward improving racial and cultural equity and inclusion in our district. One of those steps was to form a Culture and Equity Leadership Team that is composed of students, staff, parents/guardians and board members, who are helping us actualize and celebrate the core values of equity and diversity that are a driving force for our strategic plan.

We completed critical upgrades and improvements to the learning spaces, athletic facilities and infrastructure at both high schools that were made possible by the voters who approved our referendum in 2019. Not only has this work been done on time, it is

currently under budget by more than \$770,000.

We also had students and staff members from across the district amass a number of impressive honors and accolades that are a testament to their hard work, dedication and tireless commitment to excellence.

As we look ahead to 2021, we do so with hope that an end to the pandemic is on the horizon and with excitement about the prospects and possibilities that may bring. In the meantime, we want to wish our community the happiest of holidays, and thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping our students down the path toward their ideal future.

— by Tammy Prentiss, superintendent, Hinsdale High School District 86

Highlights in '20 outshine frustrations

While it would be easy to list all of the disappointments and frustrating moments of the past year, I want to focus on the amazing contributions of hundreds of individuals who were instrumental in making the first semester a success for our students under some of the most difficult circumstances. As we head into the holiday season, I hope that you join me in acknowledging and celebrating our D181 team and school community.

I want to begin by showing my deep appreciation for our teachers, who continue to provide a high-quality education to our students despite the enormous stress and pressure of quickly changing the way in which they deliver their lessons. They have adapted to new digital technologies while juggling hybrid and remote classes to ensure

a high level of learning for all our students. When I visit the buildings, I'm in awe of the resilient enthusiasm in their voices and I feel energized by the creative ways they are engaging with students. They are truly some of the best educators in the state of Illinois!

None of us could have been successful without our amazing support staff. Our technology team has continued to rise to the challenge of ensuring that teachers and students have all the necessary tools to be successful. Our nurses, custodians, buildings and grounds crew, secretaries and support staff have put in extra effort to ensure the utmost precautions are in place and continue to do it with



Hector Garcia

care and smiling faces.

Thank you again to our keen administrative team, including principals, assistant principals and pupil service administrators, for solving incredibly complex problems with ever-changing guidance. Our administrators designed a hybrid and remote plan that became second to none.

We want to thank our board of education for carefully considering different perspectives and their unwavering support once our learning model was finalized. We are deeply grateful for the innumerable hours they have volunteered for the benefit of our school community.

Also, our families have played a key role in our success by following

the safety protocols and partnering with us each step of the way. Thank you for supporting our hybrid and remote learning schedules, in addition to your own work and other family responsibilities.

We know we have new challenges ahead of us — but also many successes behind us to light the way. We will remain flexible, continue to monitor the critical data and guidance, and remain in open communication with our community. I'm proud to lead an organization that works together on behalf of our amazing students regardless of numerous difficulties and obstacles.

I sincerely wish all of you a safe and healthy winter break and a very happy new year!

— by Hector Garcia, superintendent, Community Consolidated District 181



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POLICE BEAT

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DUI arrests

• Stephen J. Tavakkoly, 31, 17W716 Butterfield Road, Apt. 111, Oakbrook Terrace, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol level higher than .08 and speeding at 8:15 p.m. Dec. 20 at Ogden Avenue and Interstate 294. He was charged and released to appear in court.

• Suleyma Ortiz, 22, 6512 N. Mozart St., Apt. 3W, Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding, driving an uninsured vehicle, transportation of open alcohol and improper lane use at 11:37 p.m. Dec. 26 at Ogden Avenue and Oak Street. Police found an open bottle of tequila in the vehicle. Ortiz was charged and released to appear in court.

Obstructing identification arrest

Joaquin N. Porter, 20, 1013 N. Seventh St., Rochelle, was arrested for obstructing identification, driving with a suspended license and driving an uninsured vehicle at 1:26 a.m. Dec. 29 at 55th Street and Route 83. He was charged and released to appear in court.

Man arrested on warrant

Charles J. Parise, 24, 737 55th St., Downers Grove, was arrested on an active warrant out of Will County at 11:09 p.m. Dec. 23 at 55th Street and Route 83. He was stopped after an inquiry on the vehicle registration and was taken to Will County Jail for warrant service.

Controlled substance suspected

The staff at Amita Hinsdale Hospital, 120 N. Oak St., located a small baggy containing a white, powdery substance in a patient's possession at 10:46 a.m. Dec. 20. The substance field tested positive for amphetamines, and charges are pending lab results.

Theft by deception

A man gave a Facebook Marketplace seller \$680 for an iPhone in the McDonald's parking lot, 935 N. York Road, at 7 p.m. Dec. 21 and later discovered it was fake. The incident was reported Dec. 22.

Vandals egg house, car

• A resident of the 100 block of Minneola Street reported that someone threw eggs at the house between 9 p.m. Dec. 26 and 11:31 a.m. Dec. 27.

• Someone threw eggs at a car and damaged the drivers door lock while it was parked on Washington Street near Washington Circle between 6:30 and 11:30 p.m. Dec. 26. The incident was reported Dec. 27.

Resident receives threatening texts

A resident of the 5800 block of Giddings Avenue reported receiving text messages of a threatening nature from an unknown suspect between 10:07 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Dec. 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 to provide us with documentation. Information will be updated online and in the next issue of the paper.



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60 SECONDS

Lily, her family happy to be in Hinsdale

Sarah Blatchford submitted the entry for her daughter, Lily, to be on the cover as Hinsdale's happiest baby at 12:08 a.m., after she finished her shift at Loyola University Medical Center. Her husband, Marcus Quek, is a surgeon there, and with two small children at home, the couple's schedule is full.

"I think medical school and residency was great training for raising kids," Marcus said. "We're used to not getting a whole lot of sleep."

Since the two moved from River North to Hinsdale in October, they've also had help from Sarah's mom, Susan. "Grammie Bear's headquarters" are on the third floor of the couple's Park Avenue home.

Although things are mostly back to normal at work, Marcus said he felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring, when many elective surgeries had to be canceled.

"I think that was tough on our patients," he said. "They are considering elective surgery, but with the work that I do, it is mostly with

cancer patients. These are things that need to be done in a timely manner. It was tough not being able to provide that service to them."

Sarah missed a few months of work during the pandemic while on maternity leave after Lily's birth in June. The schedule now is full.

"We've been very, very busy in the OR because everybody has met their deductible," Sarah said.

She and her husband received the vaccine Dec. 19 and 20, respectively, which was a relief.

"We will be on the road to normalcy," she said.

While Sarah always knew she wanted to be in the OR, Marcus didn't decide he wanted to go into medicine until he was in college.

"I kind of gravitated toward science and seemed to be better in that than some of the other things," he said. "I tried my hand in economics, but I didn't do too well in that, so I figured I'd just become a doctor."

Like so many others, they regretted not being able to invite family members over for the holidays.

"It's sad because we really want

to open up our new house and have people over," Sarah said. "Hopefully, it will be even bigger and better next year."

The pandemic also has made it more difficult for the family to acclimate to their new home town.

"I really want to be able to do things with the kids, like take them to the library and do library time," Sarah said, adding that she'd also love to join a moms and tots group.

Marcus said he has enjoyed walking through town, admiring the different architectural styles of all the homes and checking out the small shops in the downtown.

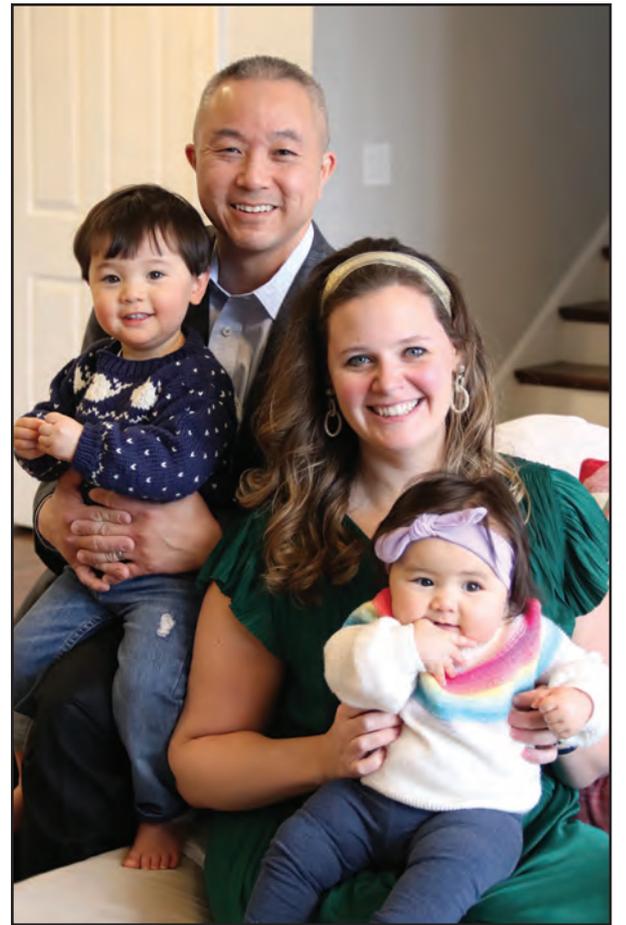
"I think it's really cool. I wish the restaurants were open so we could enjoy all of that," he said.

He said he's looking forward to dining out and seeing friends in person instead of virtually.

But the couple already knows they made a good choice moving here.

"We already are really happy, and we are psyched to make life-long memories here," Sarah said.

— story by Pamela Lannom,
photo by Jim Slonoff



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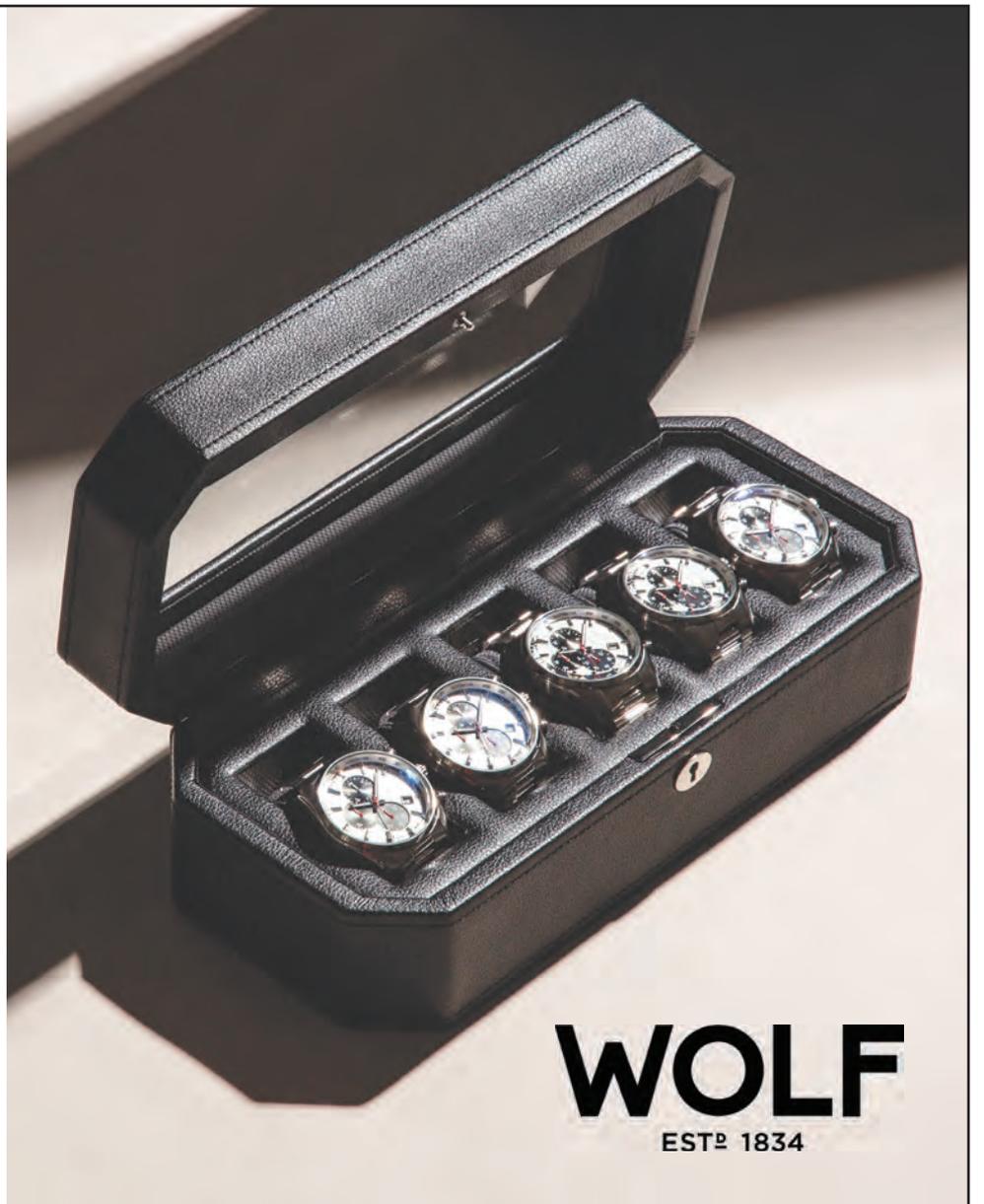
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EDITORIAL

Hard to imagine just what the new year will hold

A recent Saturday Night Live featured Kate McKinnon playing Madame Vivelda, a fortune teller, as she met with a group of clients in 2019.

"2019 has sucked but I think 2020 will be our year," one of them says as the skit opens.

Of course the predictions she shares for 2020 — someone washing a bag of Doritos with soap, a road trip with no bathroom stops and indecent Zoom incidents, to name a few — make absolutely no sense to her clients.

If only we had known.

And now we again are on the cusp of a new year, and much uncertainty remains.

Some 2 million people in this country have received the first doses of vaccines developed by Pfizer and Moderna under Operation Warp Speed. With 21 million health-care workers in this country and 3 million people living in long-term care facilities, it's just a start. But it's a start.

The 87 million Americans who work in food and agriculture, manufacturing, law enforcement, education, transportation, corrections, emergency response and other sectors probably will be vaccinated next, according to The New

York Times. Then adults with underlying medical conditions and people older than 65 will follow.

Large-scale clinical trials are being planned for vaccines by AstraZeneca, Janssen and Novavax, but it will take some time before a vaccine is available to everyone.

Many people are more than ready for 2020 to come to an end. For some, the year has been one of pain and loss. As one pastor reminded us in November, across the county there were more than 260,000 empty chairs around the Thanksgiving dinner table. Many of those who lost loved ones due to COVID-19 — or cancer or car accidents or any other reason — also lost the ability to mourn that loss supported by family and friends.

Others lost their jobs and the ability to pay the rent or put food on their table. For some, the isolation that came with COVID-19 was almost unbearable.

But 2020 was not void of joy. People got married and had babies (like our 60 Seconds family on Page 9) and moved to new houses and started new careers. Birthdays and graduations and

anniversaries were celebrated — although in different ways. People reconnected with family and friends — and some even resurrected the family dinner.

As we approach the start of a new year, it's difficult to know what to predict.

It could be late spring or summer before we're able to resume activities we love, like eating in restaurants or going to movies or taking a trip. When we do, we might need to have our "electronic vaccination credentials" handy.

With any luck, athletes will be able to compete in some winter sports at Hinsdale Central High School, and all athletes will enjoy some sort of season before the school year is over.

One thing we can count on is the election on April 6, when residents will choose new village, school and library board members. (Find out more about who is running in the story on Page 3.)

Whatever 2021 holds, residents can count on us to keep them informed, entertained and connected to the community.

Happy New Year, Hinsdale!

COMMENTARY

A birthday letter to Ainsley as she turns 12

Nine years ago I began an annual tradition that I have somehow managed to continue. In the issue before Ainsley's birthday each year, I use this space to write a special letter to her.

When I wrote the first, Ainsley was in preschool. She wanted to call Santa and ask for a ride in his sleigh so she could visit Baby Jesus in Heaven. She hadn't yet learned to read — although she could recite many of her books by heart — and she had just received her first real bicycle for Christmas.

Where did that little girl go?

As you might have noticed in the headline, Ainsley is about to turn 12. She fortunately still seems to enjoy being somewhat of a celebrity in Hinsdale, thanks to her repeated mentions in the paper. I recognize that at any moment that might change and this tradition might come to an end.

Until that happens, I appreciate her patience with me as I pen these letters and the readers who humor me by saying they enjoy these annual updates. So here we go.

Dear Ainsley,

I must begin with the obvious.

You are officially taller than I am! After making me stand back-to-back with you in front of the bathroom mirror for months to check, you finally passed me up this summer. You are thrilled, I know. I am still getting used to it.

Your height is just one indication that you are well on your way to becoming a teenager. (Other clues are the amount of time you spend in the bathroom each morning getting ready and your aversion to hugs.) Fortunately, there are still moments that I can see my baby girl in you.

But those times are becoming fewer and farther between. Take the other day when you wanted to make cookies. I was all prepared to get out some recipes for us to review, and you marched in the kitchen with one you had found on your laptop and got to work. I should have known you didn't need my help after all the wonderful din-



Pamela Lannom

ners you made this summer. (I hope you'll make that chicken parm again over winter break!)

I think I have made peace with the fact that you like the Beatles better than the Rolling Stones. Someone asked me how you turned into such a fan of the Fab Four, and I have no idea. You just have great taste in music, I guess (although not as

good as mine!).

Speaking of music, you continue to delight your father and me when you sing or play your clarinet or violin. The music you've made in our house has been a true joy for us to listen to.

This has been a tough year for everyone, of course, and that includes you. You've lost so many opportunities — singing a solo in the school musical, performing at band and orchestra and choir concerts and your first visit to New York.

I know it was hard for you losing your grandma in November, but

you know she is in a better place where Alzheimer's and cancer can't touch her anymore.

While no one can take her place, you certainly are surrounded by love from the new members of my birth family that I found this fall. Your new grandparents, aunt and uncle are delighted to be part of your life — and I'm delighted they are part of yours.

And we've had Dad home with us for nine months straight — which hasn't happened since he started traveling when you were 2 1/2.

When you think about it, I suppose this year is not all that different from other years. We've had our ups and downs. Luckily, we're able to go through them together.

I am so proud of the young woman you are becoming, and I love you more with each year that passes.

Happy birthday, my sweet girl.

Love,
Mom

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

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

In with the new never felt better

2021! It's almost here, and I've never been more excited to welcome a new year.

New Year's is usually a pretty ho hum holiday in my book, but not this year, no ma'am. It's been a train wreck of a year, and my readiness for transition from the old to the new is bigger than ever. Here's how I would describe it ...



Carol Wittemann

table and hoping for a bagel.

2021 is the easing of your ragged breath, endorphins pumping, embracing your cheering husband with a sweaty, grateful hug, both of you proud and impressed that you pushed forward and made it through the

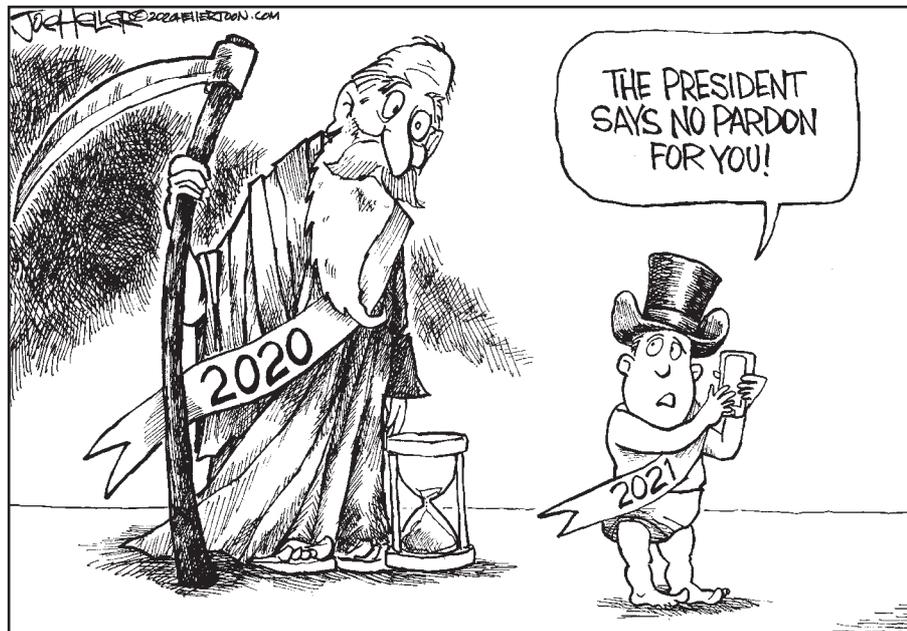
challenge.

And, finally, 2020 is like the drawn out anticipation and preparation for the visit of a long lost, dear friend. You've cooked and cleaned, set the table and picked out something cool to wear. You wonder what you'll talk about and what she looks like now, and then, suddenly, the door bell rings.

2021 is you rushing to the door, flinging it open and shouting your friend's name. You say, "Come in! You made it! You look fabulous! I missed you!" and bear hug each other for a while. Then you settle in for a fun night of catching up and conspiring, sharing everything that's happened since you last hung out.

2021 may involve some or maybe none of the swift and magical transformations I'm dreaming of, but the closing of one chapter and beginning of the next is surely a good start to moving my story along. It's felt stalled and languishing but, now, suddenly revived with the promise of a new chapter and a sharpened pencil. It's New Years Eve! I'm writing the first page tonight, and, no doubt, it's going to be good. Cheers, 2021.

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



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OBITUARIES

Sandra Lyn Baer

Sandra "Sandy" Lyn Baer, 65, of Chicago passed away Dec. 20, 2020.

Formerly of Hinsdale, Sandy graduated from Hinsdale Central High School with the class of 1973. Sandy loved to travel and managed to visit all 50 states. She lived in San Diego for a decade, where she permanently improved the cuisine of Mission Beach when she opened "Red-Hot City" (the region's first Chicago-style hot dog joint).

Sandy was a patron of the arts and throughout her life cultivated a deep affection for music. Her favorite instrument was the violin, which she adored more in passion than in practice. A member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Sandy's faith was active and important to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents,



Baer

Donald B. Baer and Elizabeth T. Baer.

Sandy is survived by her sister, Linda Baer Latsko; her brother, Lawrence (Kathleen) Baer; her nieces and nephews, Lindsay Latsko, Matthew Baer, Kyle Baer and Lawren (Michael) Baer Joyce; her grand-nieces, Frances Joyce and Fiona Joyce; her aunt, JoAnn Teas; many cousins; and her friend and former partner, Louis Joseph Marini.

A graveside service was held Dec. 26 at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation, 31 St. James Ave., Suite 365, Boston, MA 02116 or online at www.netrf.org/give.

Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

William B. Richter

William B. Richter, 93, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 23, 2020, in Hinsdale.

Bill was born in 1927 in Chicago and has lived in Hinsdale since 2005. He was a proud veteran of World War II and the Korean War, serving in the Navy.

He is survived by his son, Peter (Heather) Richter; his daughter, Cathy Bordeman; his granddaughters, Gretta and Anne Richter; his grandson, Adam (Lauren) Bordeman; his great-grandchildren,



Richter

Grace and Brady Bordeman; his sister, Shirley Spayer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Eleanor; his son-in-law, Robert Bordeman; and his grandson, Andrew Bordeman.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

Dr. Cyrus Serry

Cyrus Serry, M.D., 83, of Oak Brook died Dec. 26, 2020.

He was a cardiovascular surgeon at Rush University Medical Center for almost 40 years. He also was chair of Cardiac Surgery at Cook County Hospital and founding chair of Cardiac Surgery at Elmhurst Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Mahin Serry, née Hamidi; his children, Nakisa (Alexander) Serry, Ramin (Shauna) Serry and Rod Serry; his grandchildren, Kamyar, Soraya, Lily and

Henry; and his sister, Narges.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cancer Research Fund at Rush University Medical Center, 1201 W. Harrison St., Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60607-3319 or online at <http://rush.convio.net/CSerry>.

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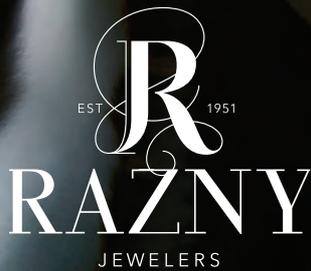
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ASK AN EXPERT

TRACY LEDDY, MORTGAGE LENDER

Why did you start your nonprofit?

Tracy Leddy's decision to re-enter the workforce in 2019 wasn't just about him and his family. He also wanted it to be a good decision for the entire community.

Married to a successful woman with an extremely demanding schedule, Leddy and his wife decided that he would be the one to stay home with the couple's four children. With the youngest now in fifth grade, Leddy said the time was right late last year to re-enter the world of mortgage lending. Having attended countless charity events with his wife, ABC7 anchor Judy Hsu, Leddy became acutely aware of the needs around him.

"I got a glimpse of how serious the need is for nonprofits in our community," Leddy said.

With the cooperation and support of his family and his employer, Guaranteed Rate Affinity, Mortgages4aCause was

born.

For each mortgage closed, Leddy donates \$500 to Mortgages4aCause, which since November 2019 has raised \$9,000 for eight carefully selected organizations — four based in Hinsdale, three serving all of DuPage County and one serving the entire Chicago area. The American Heart Association of Chicago, the Hinsdale Humane Society, Bridge Communities, Loaves & Fishes, the Economic Awareness Council, The Community House (Willowbrook Corner initiative), Hinsdale Middle School PTO and the People's Resource Center of DuPage County have all benefited from the initiative.

"Each of these nonprofits share a special spot in my heart," Leddy said. "I developed a strong bond with their missions."

Little did Leddy know when he began his initiative just how much his help would be needed. As nonprofits have navigated their way through the pandemic, Leddy said he's pleased to have made the journey just a little easier.

And as the in-house lender at Coldwell Banker in Hinsdale, his goal is to make the home-buying journey a little easier, too.

Leddy said Guaranteed Rate Affinity is a perfect fit for him. Founded by a fellow Hinsdalean, the company is committed to helping communities and families grow.

"Homes are best in communities that care," serves as Leddy's mantra.

"I'm in a fortunate position to be able to make this give," said Leddy, who expects to donate at least \$3,000 more in the coming weeks. He said he would be pleased to see others follow his lead. Perhaps more importantly, he hopes his effort shows his own four children the importance of giving back to their community.

With just a year behind him, Leddy said his business has plenty of room to expand.

"My goal is ultimately to do around 100 loans a year," he said. And with each of those loans, the impact of Mortgages4aCause on the community will grow.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



An unpleasant lending experience led Tracy Leddy to enter the mortgage business while living in California. Now a resident of Illinois, he has re-entered the industry with a renewed commitment to help homeowners and the community where he lives. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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GOOD NEWS

ROTARY HELPS FUND POLIO FIGHT

The Hinsdale Rotary Club marked World Polio Day on Oct. 24 by donating \$2,000 to the Pioneers for Polio campaign being run by Rotary International.

With matching dollars being offered by The Rotary Club of Chicago, Hinsdale's \$2,000 turns into \$4,000. With a further 2:1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Hinsdale Rotary will end up contributing \$12,000 total to the campaign.

When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Rotary International has made great progress against the disease since then. Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent. Just two countries continue to report cases of wild polio virus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary International remains committed to the end.

BOULES EARNS NEW LICENSE

Dr. Gretchen Boules of Hinsdale has been licensed as the fifth prescribing psy-



Boules

chologist in the state of Illinois. Boules, a clinical psychologist for 25 years, is the founder, president and CEO of Boules

Clinical Psychology Group PLLC in Burr Ridge. She attended California School of Professional Psychology/Alliant International University for her MSCP and Northwestern University for her certificate in biological sciences, completing her medical rotations at Linden Oaks Hospital (eehealth) and Amita Health System. Boules is also a board-certified telemental health provider and serves as secretary for the Illinois Association for Prescribing Psychologists.

Illinois in 2014 became the third state to allow

psychologists to prescribe after completing rigorous training, including a master's in clinical psychopharmacology, undergraduate pre-med courses, passing a national exam as well as 14 months of medical rotations in psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, elective, family medicine, internal medicine, emergency medicine, geriatrics and pediatrics.

NAZ STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL

Nazareth Academy has announced the names of students who earned a place on the first quarter honor roll for the 2020-21 school year.

The "A" honor roll indicates a grade point average of 3.80-4.00 or above on a 4 point scale. The "B" honor roll indicates a grade point

average of 3.33-3.79 on a 4 point scale.

"A" honor roll: Diana Anos, Sarah Battaglia, Claire Beresford, Isabelle Cameron, Gracie Carstensen, Dylan Colbert, Emma Francis, Harrison Gianares, Caroline Goff, Ava Hartschuh, Zachary Hayes, Francesca Hillman, John

Hughes, Nicholas Iwanski, Caroline Kelly, Joshua Lewis, Brady Linn, James Mercurio, Faith Mouw, Grace Mouw, Joelle Peterchak, Olivia Schaff, Tate Vaughan, John Wheeler

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Bring out the bubbly for New Year's Eve

Hinsdale mixologists share their favorite recipes for making holiday cocktails at home

By Sandy Illian Bosch
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When choosing a libation, Allen Rodriguez of Fuller House in Hinsdale prefers bourbon. But on New Year's Eve, he likes to bring out the bubbles.

Rodriguez said cocktails with a lower alcohol content are a good choice for ringing in the new year because they allow folks to sip throughout the hours leading up to the big event. And of course, nothing says Happy New Year like a sparkling glass of champagne or its Italian sister, prosecco.

Influenced by Rodriguez's recent trip to Columbia, Fuller House's New Year's Eve menu will feature a champagne concoction that includes South American influences. Cachaca, Brazil's national spirit, offers a unique twist to the cocktail that Rodriguez has dubbed "A Burning Passion" for its use of passion fruit in place of orange juice.

A Burning Passion

2 ounces prosecco
1 1/2 ounces cachaca
1/2 ounces Yellow Chartreuse
1/2 ounce lemon juice
1/2 ounce Tippleman's Double Spiced Falernum cocktail syrup
Pulp of one passion fruit
2 dashes persimmon bitters

Add all ingredients except for prosecco into a shaker with ice and shake until well chilled. Strain into a chilled coupe glass. Top with prosecco and garnish with fresh mint.

Fuller House will be open New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. New Year's Eve guests will be treated to a Champagne toast at midnight, something that's become a tradition at the downtown Hinsdale restaurant.

A French twist

The creative minds at Vistro have put their own twist on the French 75 this New Year's Eve with a pair of variations to the classic Champagne cocktail.

The classic French 75 is typically concocted of gin, Champagne, lemon juice and sugar. By substituting chamomile syrup for regular

simple syrup, the cocktail takes on a brighter flavor, said bar manager Patrick Hipes. Another version uses armagnac in place of gin to offer a warmer, richer take on the classic drink.

"I'm a big fan of classic cocktails," he said, but with a twist to make it unique. The French 75 has it all, Hipes said — brightness, bubbles and a bit of booze.

"That hits on all levels for me," he said. "It's always sort of been a favorite of Paul's (Virant and Vistro owner and chef) and of guests at the restaurant."

Those who visit Vistro on New Year's Eve can try either version, or whichever cocktail they prefer, along with a full menu of culinary choices. Beer, wine and champagne are available for carryout, along with Vistro's full kitchen menu.

Hipes said there is much to celebrate, even if more people choose to do so at home this year.

"It doesn't mean we can't raise a glass and share our excitement of going into a new year," he said.

Vistro French 75

1 ounce North Shore Distillery Modern Gin No. 6
1/2 ounce fresh lemon juice
1/2 ounce chamomile syrup*
Champagne

Add all ingredients to cocktail shaker except Champagne, add ice to top and shake for 8-10 seconds. Strain into champagne flute or coupe and top with champagne. Add a twist of orange peel.

* To make chamomile syrup brew chamomile tea about twice as strong as you would normally. Add sugar in a 1:1 ratio (e.g. 1 cup tea and 1 cup sugar) and mix until incorporated.

Top shelf is the best shelf

The difference between a good cocktail and a great cocktail is in the quality of the ingredients, said Scott Jordan, general manager at Il Poggiolo in Hinsdale.

That means squeezing fresh juices and using top-shelf spirits, just like they do at Il Poggiolo.

"It definitely makes a difference



Ring in the new year with a festive, bubbly concoction created by one of Hinsdale's resident mixologists. Allen Rodriguez of Fuller House shows off A Burning Passion, the recipe for which is included in this story. The coconut buttered rum recipe will be posted online at <https://www.facebook.com/thehinsdalean>. (Jim Slonoff photos)

in the quality of the product," Jordan said.

Drawing from the Italian influences that shape the entire Il Poggiolo menu, the staff has created a decidedly Italian take on a bubbly cocktail for this New Year's. The Prosecco Flute combines sparkling white wine with the bright flavors of pomegranate and cranberry for a libation that could double as a brunch beverage on New Year's Day.

Il Poggiolo's heated tent will be open to diners this New Year's Eve, and each will be offered the chance to order one of the special holiday cocktails created by Il Poggiolo's creative culinary minds, assistant manager Angel Rangel and bar-

tender Cleo Hernandez.

Jordan said the speciality cocktails created for the holidays will remain available for as long as people enjoy drinking them.

Meanwhile, do-it-yourself mixologists are encouraged to try them at home.

Prosecco Flute

1 ounce pomegranate liqueur
1 ounce cranberry juice
Prosecco
Fresh pomegranate seeds

Combine the liqueur and cranberry juice in a flute. Top with prosecco and garnish with fresh pomegranate seeds.

ARTFULLY DONE

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This class is for beginners and advanced fencers ages 8 and up and is family friendly. Due to COVID-19, fencers must rent equipment for the session through the Fencing Sports Club or purchase their own basic set for about \$140. At the end of the session, purchased sets may be sold back to the club for 50 percent of the purchase price. Time: 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Cost: \$60. RR

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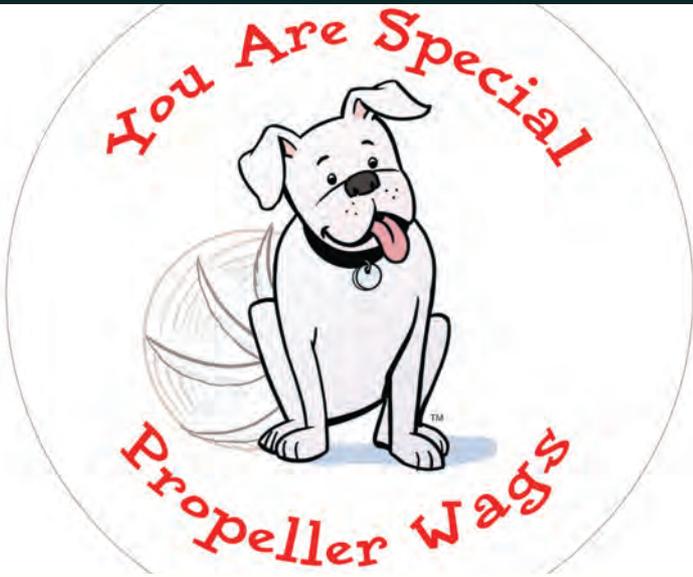
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INTRODUCTION
Molly Akers of Propeller Wags

WHEN DID YOU START YOUR BUSINESS IN HINSDALE?
Propeller Wags opened for business in 2016

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHY YOU STARTED YOUR BUSINESS:
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WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT RUNNING A SMALL BUSINESS IN HINSDALE?
I've met SO many wonderful people in our community--other members of the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce, Hinsdale residents, and I've also had to wonderful opportunity to partner with local organizations such as Hinsdale Humane Society.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIALS OR EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE HOLIDAYS?
We will be donating 20% of all sales to Special Olympics IL programming through November 12th (World Kindness Day) & are currently developing a program with Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet therapy program--sales from all of our greeting cards will help fund this from 11/16-12/31.

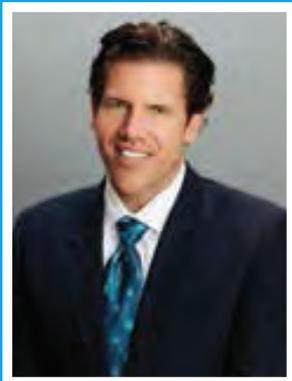
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ornamentals' in this online program using Microsoft Teams. Get tips and tricks for planting natives and designing a native garden to attract pollinators and other wildlife, and find out why having native plants is important not only for one's landscaping but for local wildlife as well. Registrants will receive an email with viewing instructions and a link one week before the program. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$5

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ Mindful Vinyasa Flow Yoga

Tuesdays, Jan. 5-Feb. 23
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

This virtual class will blend flowing and holding poses to build strength, balance and flexibility, while emphasizing breath and body awareness. Each session will move through a variety of seated, kneeling, standing, belly and recline positions to create a renewed energy, sense of well-being and inner calm. This class is for beginners and returning students and will be available via Zoom or by e-mailed videos sent after class. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$65. RR

■ Rerouting: Choosing Your Course After Cancer Treatment

Mondays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 8
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>

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

■ Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle after Breast Cancer

Jan. 14
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>

Breast surgeon Rabia

Bhatti will present important lifestyle techniques to implement following a breast cancer diagnosis and tips for reducing recurrence in this virtual program. Time: 2:30 to 4 p.m. RR

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

■ Virtual New Year's Eve Concert

Dec. 31
<https://www.atthemac.org>
(630) 942-3008

Conductor Kirk Muspratt and the New Philharmonic will help viewers ring in the new year with favorite Strauss waltzes and polkas, arias, light classical, pop tunes and movie music. And of course, secret surprises will be part of the fun as well. Time: 2, 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50 per household. RR

■ Holiday Magic

Through Dec. 31
Brookfield Zoo
3400 31st St.
(630) 688-8400
<https://www.czso.org>

Brookfield Zoo is offering an expanded schedule for its

39th annual Holiday Magic to allow zoogoers to enjoy the holiday lights before the zoo temporarily closes to the public Jan. 1-Feb. 28, with plans to reopen on March 1, within state restrictions. Tickets must be reserved online. Times: 3 to 9 p.m. Dec 26-31. Admission: \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for ages 3-11, \$19.95 for seniors 65 and older plus \$15 parking. RR, MD

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■ Cabin Fever Crafts

Starting in January
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

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■ Take-Home Crafts

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Windy City Ninjas

Mondays, Jan. 11-Feb. 8
Windy City Ninjas
684 W. Lake St., Elmhurst
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

This class for kids ages 5 and up and adults will challenge participants with beginner, intermediate and advanced obstacles aimed at building strength, agility, and balance. Classes will typically include four circuits with five to eight obstacles per circuit. Class members receive a temperature check at the door and must wear a mask when in the building and wash their hands every time entering the gym area; social distancing will be practiced. Time: 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. Cost: \$135. RR

Coding in Scratch 3.0

Tuesdays, Jan. 12-March 16
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>

Kids ages 7-12 will develop eight video games in Scratch like Star Hunter, Pac Man, Egg Drop Game and more. The virtual Zoom-based course will include events, loops, variables and if statements and will culminate in a final project where students use their creativity to code their own game. Participants need a laptop or Chromebook and a high-speed internet connection. Time: 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$205. RR, MD

Coding in Python

Tuesdays, Jan. 12-March 16
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>

Kids ages 7-12 will develop 10 Python games, including number games, hangman, a space adventure and more. Students will learn about various introductory programming concepts and how to apply them, like variables, lists, loops and if statements. This is a great course for beginners to Python. Participants need a laptop or Chromebook and a high-speed internet connection.

Time: 5 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$205.
RR, MD

LISTEN & LEARN

Fitness Tech — At Home Fitness

Jan. 13
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Jumpstart 2021 with fitness apps and streaming services at home by joining this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program to learn about the latest development in at-home fitness technology, including connect gear, streaming services and apps. Include an email address when registering to receive the online meeting invitation. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

Tips for College Admission Success

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

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

NOTEWORTHY

Mozart

Through Dec. 31
<https://www.elmhurstsymphony.org>

Acclaimed pianist Ran Dank performs Mozart's elegant Piano Concert No. 14 in E-flat Major, joining the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra musicians through an innovative use of video technology. Also featured on the program are two movements from "Four Noveletten for Strings" by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, an imaginative composer of delightful and expressive music. Patrons can purchase tickets to the program and view it at a convenient time. Tickets: \$28, \$25 for seniors.

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. Enjoy melodies from "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables," "Hello Dolly," "The Way We Were" and more. Time: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 premiere, then streaming on demand. Tickets: \$40 per household. RR

ON SCREEN

Interactive Movie: You vs. Wild

Jan. 9
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Join the Hinsdale Public Library on Zoom for an interactive viewing party of "Bear Grylls: You vs. Wild." Please provide an email address at registration. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

ON STAGE

Winter Reading Series

Through Jan. 3
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■ "It's a Wonderful (Western Springs) Life!

Through Jan. 9
(708) 246-3380
<https://www.theatrewesternsprings.com>

"It's A Wonderful Western Springs Life" is a funny, heart-warming tribute to the classic holiday film and will be available digitally (streamed on Vimeo). It features a cast of more than 100 from The Theatre of Western Springs and The Children's Theatre of Western Springs and is co-directed by TWS artist-in-residence Greg Kolack and CTWS children's director Lindsey Branson, with a screenplay by Eddie Sugarman, the executive artistic director at TWS. Tickets: a \$10 per viewer donation is recommended.

SAVE THE DATE

■ Hinsdale Assembly Ball

June 27
Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort
3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook
<https://www.hinsdaleassembly.org>

In order to adapt to government mandates, ensure the safety of families and host an enjoyable event, the Hinsdale Assembly Ball, originally scheduled for Dec. 23, has been moved to June 27. For 2020 and 2021, the Hinsdale Assembly has committed to donate to Hinsdale Hospital's Behavioral Health service line with the goal of improving mental health awareness, treatment and access to help when a loved one is in need. To make a donation or for more information, visit the website listed above.

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■ Peabody's Pages Book Club

Fridays, Jan. 8, Feb. 5 & March 5 or
Tuesdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 9 & March 9
(630) 206-9568
<https://www.dupageforest.org>
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

■ Virtual Spanish for Adults

Tuesdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 16
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Learn Spanish from the safety and comfort of home via Zoom. Students will develop skills in conversational Spanish in this class, which is tailored to the needs of the students enrolled and taught live by a Language in Action Inc. instructor. Zoom login information will be emailed to students before the first class. Time: 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$72. RR

STEPPING BACK

■ Desert Storm Air War

Jan. 14
<https://www.cantigny.org>
Historian Jim Corrigan looks back at the unprecedented air war of Operation Desert Storm in this virtual Zoom program as part of the Virtual Date with History series. For five weeks, the skies over Iraq and Kuwait were filled with a dizzying array of new weapons. The vast campaign presented flight crews with many harrowing moments, which Jim has recounted in his book, "Desert Storm Air War: The Aerial Campaign Against Saddam's Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War." Time: 7 p.m. RR

■ My Hamilton by Megan Wells

Jan. 19
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Professional storyteller Megan Wells will portray Eliza Hamilton and tell of her husband Alexander Hamilton in this virtual Hinsdale Public Library program. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ S.T.E.A.M. for Teens

Jan. 11
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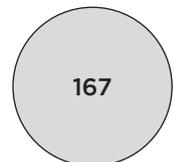
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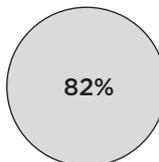
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info
S.T.E.A.M. kits created especially with teens in mind will be available at the Hinsdale Public Library for curbside or in-house pick up. There are 30 kits available. RR

WEE ONES

■ Take Home Toddler Art Kits

Jan. 8
(630) 986-1976
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Sign up to receive a pre-packaged craft kit appropriate for toddlers and pre-schoolers from the Hinsdale Public Library on this second Friday of the month Kits will be available for curbside or in-house pick up. RR

■ ZOOM Taekwondo-Little Dragons I

Saturdays, Jan. 9-March 20
(630) 323-7500
<https://www.thecommunity-house.org>

Kids ages 4-5 will learn the 2000-year-old martial art of

Taekwondo, improving concentration and self-esteem while developing self-defense skills. This ZOOM class uses gentle instruction and appropriate games for students' ability, focusing on developing balance, coordination, and respect for the discipline of martial arts training. Time: 10 to 10:40 a.m. Cost: \$140. RR, MD

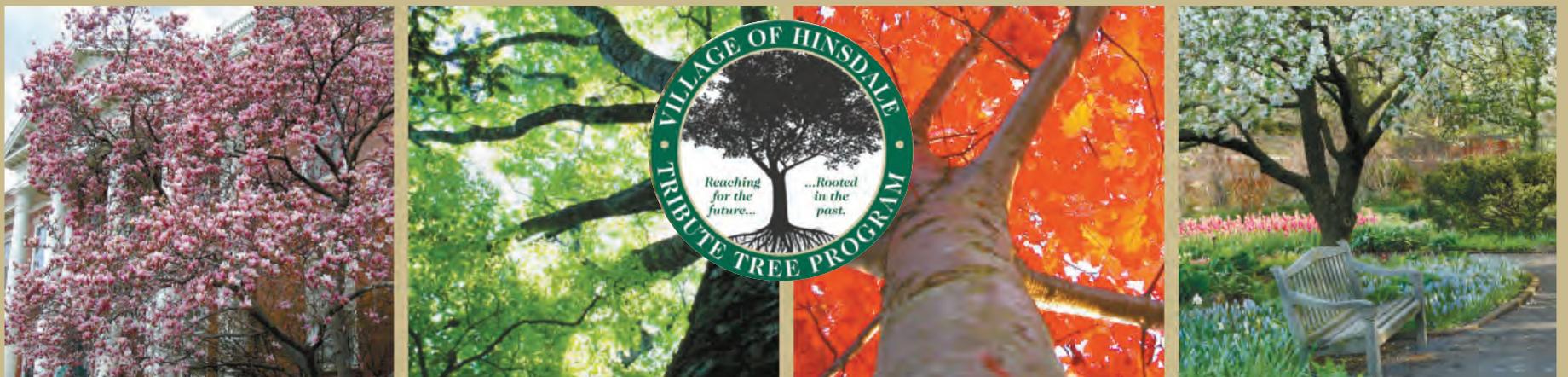
■ Sportsters and Lunchsters

Mondays, Jan. 11-Feb. 15
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
(630) 789-7090
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Boys and girls ages 3-6 will try the skills used in soccer, basketball, floor hockey, T-ball and other sports. Organized games will emphasize sportsmanship and teamwork. Participants should bring a water bottle, a nut-free lunch and a face covering. Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$75. RR

Key

RR - registration required
MD - member discount



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 16th day of December, A.D. 2020.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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The excellence of a gift lies in its appropriateness rather than in its value.

Charles Dudley Warner

My brothers and sisters, may the spirit of love which comes at Christmastime fill our homes and our lives and linger there long after the tree is down and the lights are put away for another year. Thomas S. Monson

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For it is in giving that we receive.
Francis of Assisi

Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white'.

Bing Crosby



MIND GAMES

- ACROSS**
- 1 “- LANG SYNE”
 - 5 STEED STOPPER
 - 9 PLEAD
 - 12 DANDLING SITE
 - 13 REACTIONS TO PYROTECHNICS
 - 14 PRECEDING
 - 15 MID-MONTH DATE
 - 16 AUTOMAKER RANSOM ELI - HAVE A BUG
 - 17 SMALL WINNING MARGIN GO BLUE?
 - 20 AIR FOR A PAIR
 - 21 “HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER” NET
 - 23 CENSUS STAT
 - 25 OFF-COURSE
 - 28 AUCTION, OFTEN
 - 32 USE CRIB NOTES
 - 33 RECHARGEABLE BATTERY
 - 34 GROW CANINES
 - 36 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS
 - 37 MORAY OR CONGER
 - 38 COOP OCCUPANT
 - 39 WITTY ONE
 - 42 CLAY, NOW
 - 44 “SUPER-FOOD” BERRY
 - 48 TRAMCAR CONTENTS
 - 49 TEENY BIT
 - 50 SO
 - 51 MEADOW
 - 52 EXPRESSION
 - 53 DESERVE
 - 54 SPIGOT
 - 55 WHIRLPOOL
 - 56 “PHOOEY!”

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- DOWN**
- 1 RELATED
 - 2 LOOSEN
 - 3 DREGS
 - 4 TREATED WITH IRREVERENCE
 - 5 “GIVE A HOOT, DON’T POLLUTE” OWL
 - 6 SACRED
 - 7 “HEAVENS TO MURGATROYD!”
 - 8 DONKEY
 - 9 SUITOR
 - 10 ONE OF HOMES
 - 11 MONEY
 - 20 LIKE SOME DRIVERS OR HITTERS
 - 22 WASH
 - 24 ALADDIN’S ALLY
 - 25 PERFORMANCE
 - 26 THE GIRL
 - 27 SHIRT SHAPE
 - 29 INTERLAKEN
 - 30 LONG. CROSSER
 - 31 MAG. STAFFERS
 - 35 VERY HAPPY
 - 36 VIBRATE
 - 39 ABNORMALLY
 - 40 FILLY’S BROTHER
 - 41 VICINITY
 - 43 HARVEST
 - 45 BYRON OR TENNYSON
 - 46 BURN SOMEWHAT
 - 47 ATMOSPHERE
 - 49 “- IT ROMANTIC?”

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	7				1		5	
	5	9	3					8

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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RIDDLE CARD



1. What is the best thing to put into pies?
2. When is coffee like the earth?
3. What does H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O stand for?
4. Where do rivers sleep?
5. What plant stands for the number four?

Answers: 1. Your teeth. 2. When it is ground. 3. The formula for water, H to O. 4. In river beds. 5. Ivy (IV).

THERE WILL BE a great tintinnabulation if you get these right! In this puzzle, the words get progressively longer, and they all start with TIN. Definitions:

1. A container (given).
2. Part of fork.
3. A trace of color.
4. To fiddle with.
5. A protective wrapping.
6. Old-time photos.

1. TIN _____
2. TIN _____
3. TIN _____
4. TIN _____
5. TIN _____
6. TIN _____

Answers: 1. Tin. 2. Tine. 3. Tinge. 4. Tinker. 5. Tinfoil. 6. Tintypes.

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K	6	9	1	3	5	4	7	8	2	E
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	6	8	5	2	1	9	3	4	7	

HOROSCOPES

January 2021 Horoscopes • Week 1



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are generous with your time, and now many people are asking for help. You may start to feel burdened. Learn how to say “no” with tact.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may be tempted to loosen up and show more of your personality at work this week. Just remember to exercise discretion in situations that call for professional demeanor.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may finally get the answer to a problem or situation that has been on your mind for some time. It will be a relief to finally let this go and focus on new possibilities.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, playing it casual and projecting your friendly charm simply isn’t going to cut it at work this week. You will have to make it clear that you’re ready for a serious discussion.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, check in with a friend if you have an emotional issue that needs working through. It won’t be helpful to keep your feelings bottled up inside for too long.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Think before you speak this week, Taurus; otherwise, you may let go of something you had preferred to keep to yourself. Carefully think over your comments.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, take some time this week to brainstorm creatively. How would you change things if time and money were no issue? Speculating can provide inspiration.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, temptation is around every corner. Figure out a way to stay grounded and on a successful track. Friends and family are ready and willing to help.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Being in a relationship is a balance of give and take, Pisces. You may feel uncomfortable asking for what you need, but you shouldn’t.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, try to balance your feelings by focusing on the facts rather than “what ifs.” It’s alright to feel anxious, but try not to let it overwhelm you the next few days.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, even when under pressure, you manage to present yourself as capable of getting the job done. Always put your best foot forward and portray yourself as someone who is steady.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
An issue that has to be addressed this week, Sagittarius, even though you would rather it just disappear. Focus on a plan and then get others to back you.

SPORTS

Throwback Thursday: Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic



With high school basketball on hold due to COVID-19, Hinsdale Central was not able to host its Holiday Classic 16-team tournament. Chris Eck (No. 12) went up for a basket in the inaugural tournament in 2015. The Red Devils beat Crete-Monee 66-59 in that game in a thrilling double overtime win. Sam Hoiberg (top right) stole the ball from an opponent en route to a 53-46 victory over Maine South in the second round of the tournament last year. Jack Hoiberg (No. 1) gets a shot off against Stevenson in a first round victory (47-42) over Stevenson in 2016. Central plans to host the tournament again in 2021, according to the event website. (file photos)

GRAUE MILL AND MUSEUM

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