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**Let it snow** — By most estimates it seems Hinsdale received more than 12 inches of snow by the time the weekend ended. Whatever the count, residents took advantage of the weather and headed out to enjoy the snowfall. Murphy the dog — who didn't have the advantage of wearing snow shoes — led the Armstrong pack on Eighth Street. Mom Christine and kids Laura and Elliott had plenty of snow to make the adventure. Please turn to Page 3 for more photos. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# NEWS

## D86 teachers getting vaccines this week

By Pamela Lannom  
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Hinsdale Central teachers who want to receive a COVID-19 vaccination can do so today through Saturday, right on campus.

"I'm happy to announce tonight that we have formed a partnership with Osco to vaccinate all our 1b employees in District 86 plus all our feeder districts plus our LADSE cooperative," Hinsdale High School District 86 Superintendent Tammy Prentiss told board members at their Jan. 28 board meeting.

The district has secured 1,800 doses, a number expected to cover teachers, support staff, administrators, custodians, Quest (food service) employees, transportation providers and possibly substitutes, coaches and other vendor employees along with teachers in feeder districts and the La Grange Area Department of Special Education.

"We anticipate being able to sup-

ply all critical employees with that amount," Prentiss said. "By having the first dose, we are guaranteed the second dose March 4, 5 and 6, four weeks later," she said.

The district expects some employees, who have already started the vaccination process with their own doctor or pharmacy or who have scheduling issues, will opt out, Chris Jasculca, District 86 communications director, told The Hinsdalean after the meeting.

"This may free up doses for anyone who is not scheduled to be vaccinated," he said.

In order to offer the vaccinations at both Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South campuses, students' schedules were adjusted this week and will be again the first week of March. Instead of having all students attend remotely on Wednesday, they will do so on Friday.

Vaccinating teachers is an important step, but does not mean all students can come back to school, offi-

cials said.

"Just because they're all vaccinated doesn't mean we're back at 100 percent," board member Marty Turek said.

"It's still 6 feet and a mask," Prentiss said. "There is no scientific data that you can not transmit the virus after receiving the vaccine."

DuPage County Health Department officials last month asked superintendents in the county to form a partnership with a third party that could deliver the vaccine, Prentiss told board members. Osco is billing the teachers' health insurance for the vaccine, with the district picking up the minimal cost to host and facilitate, Jasculca said.

In addition to working with local Osco representatives, who are handling vaccines for school staff, the district is working with Osco's corporate office to create a plan to vaccinate village staff members in Hinsdale, Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Oak Brook and

Willowbrook and residents 65 and older who live in the district. Eligible community members will be contacted by their village governments.

"District 86 has been gracious enough to offer as a vaccination site to provide vaccination opportunities for those District 86 residents who qualify under classifications 1a and 1b," Village President Tom Cauley said at Tuesday night's village board meeting. "As vaccinations become available, the village and District 86 will work with the vaccine providers and the county health department to notify the community of the eligible categories."

District 86 Board President Kevin Camden said the district is happy to coordinate the effort.

"I think we need to serve the community in that regard, and I'm very proud of what we're doing to continue moving this process forward," he said.

### Snowfall brings lots of play and work to town



From shoveling to sledding, Hinsdaleans took to the streets Sunday after a season record 12 plus inches of snow fell in the area. Henry and Hailey Wiseman and their mom took a trek from their Burns area neighborhood down to the Madison sledding hill. Ryan Pitts was quick to point out a day off of work on Sunday was going to be fun for him and his sons Will, Tate and Ben. They first shoveled their front sidewalk and then went in to fort building mode. Village crews began their work Saturday afternoon, continuing through the night in to early Sunday morning. They were back at it Sunday and on Monday night they removed most of the snow from the central business district. (Jim Slonoff photos)





# ONCE UPON A TIME



**Early Hinsdaleans** — Ralph Homann sends in this family photo that was taken on the 700 block of Grant Street. The woman circled on the left is his great-grandmother, Sophie Klusmann Biermann, who was born in Germany in 1865. Her daughter Minnie, his grandmother to be, was born in Hinsdale in 1890. She went on to marry Henry Homann after the two in Germany and he moved to the U.S. in 1910. Do you have a Hinsdale photo that is at least 25 years old? We'd love to share it with our readers. Stop by our office at 7 W. First St. or email it to [jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com](mailto:jslonoff@thehinsdalean.com).



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# D181, library candidates profiled

*Two vie for two-year school board seat; five seek four HPL seats*



Candidates for a two-year term on the Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board and four seats on the Hinsdale Public Library boards will be on the Tuesday, April 6, ballot.

The choice for library board features three incumbents and two chal-

lengers; an incumbent and challenger face off in D181.

The information listed below was taken from questionnaires submitted by candidates.

— by Ken Knutson

## Hinsdale Public Library Board



Mary Bock

### Background

Age: 67  
Years in village: 34  
Education: BA, liberal arts and education, Wayne State University-Detroit  
Occupation: retired  
Board experience: Hinsdale Public Library Board member, 2017-21

### Qualifications

She pointed to her experience with information technology to understand the need and deployment of services to patrons and her involvement in management, evaluation and hiring of staff as well as and managing budgets.

### Why is she running?

Bock said her first term on library board has been rewarding and productively collaborative.

"I am extremely impressed with the staff of the library and their commitment to serving patrons," she said



Amy Glynn

### Background

Age: did not provide  
Years in village: 7  
Education: BA, marketing and communications, Loyola University-New Orleans  
Occupation: director of total rewards, Baker McKenzie  
Community service: Westport Women's Club, chair of fundraising; Dress for Success, volunteer job coach; Literacy Volunteers of Southern Connecticut, reading tutor  
Board experience: Hinsdale Public Library Board, 2017-21; Community Presbyterian Church, chair of finance and member of stewardship committee

### Qualifications

As a human resources professional, Glynn said she is skilled in managing both teams and projects as well as in finding common ground within a diversity of opinions to advance the library's mission.

### Why is she running?

"I feel it is important to give back and support the community which has so much to offer," she said. "The library provides services and programs to all residents and is an important pillar of the community."



Kristin McDaniel

### Background

Age: did not provide  
Years in village: 12  
Education: MS, marketing, Northwestern University  
Occupation: marketing executive  
Community service: vice president of communications, Hinsdale Middle School PTO; Families Helping Families committee member, Hinsdale Central PTO  
Board experience: Hinsdale Public Library Board member (secretary), 2017-21; board member for American Fraternal Alliance, Junior League Quad Cities and Chicago, WQAD/PBS, Ballet Quad Cities

### Qualifications

McDaniel cites her professional experience leading data-driven and customer-focused marketing plans along with her support for diversity of thought in trying to best serve library patrons.

### Why is she running?

McDaniel said the library is an integral part of the community and she has thoroughly enjoyed helping to lead it, notably through a challenging season.

"With all the uncertainty over the last year, I felt it was important that the board maintain some consistency," she said.



Richard "Dick" Munson

### Background

Age: 70  
Years in village: 9  
Education: BA, history, University of California, Santa Barbara; MA, history, University of Michigan  
Occupation: writer; former senior director at Environmental Defense Fund  
Community service: food bank contributions  
Board experience: has served on numerous nonprofit environmental and health care boards

### Qualifications

Munson has gained an understanding of the book business and libraries by writing seven books and giving presentations about them to libraries across the country, including at the Hinsdale Public Library

### Why is he running?

He recently retired from his day job and would like use his time and talent for public service.

"I want to try to give back to the Hinsdale community, particularly its great library," he said



Ryan Trombly

### Background

Age: 46  
Years in village: 6  
Education: BA, Harvard University; MD, Tufts University  
Occupation: neurosurgeon, Advocate Christ Medical Center  
Community service: coach for AYSO, Hinsdale Little League & Jodie Harrison  
Board experience: board member, Biscayne 21 Condominium Board

### Qualifications

Trombly said his common sense will serve him well.

### Why is he running?

"Because I love books! And I love to learn."



Christine Dannhausen-Brun

### Background

Age: 52  
School attendance area: Oak  
Years in village: 20  
Education: BS, psychology, University of Chicago; MS, public health, University of Illinois-Chicago  
Occupation: consultant and homemaker; previously a health care researcher  
Community service: D181 ad hoc health advisory committee and social & emotional learning committees; D86 senior finals committee; Advocate Aurora Christ Medical Center and Advocate Aurora Children's Hospitals development committees  
Board experience: Queen of Peace High School Board, 6 years, including 3 on executive committee and 1 as board president

### Qualifications

Dannhausen-Brun said her experience conducting interdisciplinary research in health care and education combined with her experience serving on a high school board has equipped her to integrate multiple opinions while still reaching consensus. She asks tough questions and invites differing views to find the best course of action.

### Why is she running?

"I believe that my skills in looking critically at data and in building consensus will be an asset to the board," she said.



Margaret Kleber

### Background

Age: 59  
School attendance area: The Lane School  
Years in village: 30  
Education: BA  
Occupation: project manager in the health care industry  
Community service: The Lane School PTO, Hinsdale Central High School track & field parent group, Hinsdale Caucus, Union Church of Hinsdale early childhood parent program leadership  
Board experience: D181 board member, 2017-present; D181 board president, 2020-present; D181 facilities committee chair, 2018-20

### Qualifications

Kleber her four children's positive District 181 experience has helped her understand the elements required to achieve for excellence in a school district. Secondly, her work on or with boards over the course of her professional career has instilled an appreciation for a collaborative dynamic that leads to sound group decisions.

### Why is she running?

Kleber stated much has been accomplished in the last four years, including building a new middle school, hiring a superintendent and navigating the pandemic. And she feels there's still work to do.

"I am running for another two-year term because my prior board experience and my institutional knowledge will provide board stability and continuity during one of the most difficult periods in District 181's history," she said.



# NEXT WEEK

## Community Consolidated Elementary Dist. 181 Board

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8  
District office  
115 W. 55th St., Clarendon Hills  
<https://www.d181.org>

**On the draft agenda:** COVID-19 update, five-year forecasting, property tax relief grant decision, math camp proposal, math and ELA/ACE placement appeals process

## Hinsdale High School District 86 Board

6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11  
Hinsdale South High School  
7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien  
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org>

## Hinsdale Plan Commission

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10  
Memorial Building  
19 E. Chicago Ave.

**On the draft agenda:** findings and recommendations on major adjustment to exterior appearance of Garfield Crossing

# Relatively small rise in COVID-19 case number

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

The DuPage County Health Department reported 24 new cases, and the Cook County Health Department reported six new cases.

That brings the total number of reported cases in the village to 1,261, up from 1,231 last week.

Amita Hinsdale Hospital was treating 12 confirmed COVID-19 patients and had four patients awaiting test results on Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Community Consolidated District 181 reported 10 new cases from Jan. 25 to Feb. 2, including eight students, one teacher and one staff member.

Hinsdale High School District 86 reported 12 current positive cases Jan. 29, with 65 people in isolation and 40 in quarantine.

The rolling seven-day positivity rate for Region 8, which includes DuPage County, was 6.4 percent on Saturday, compared to 7.5 percent a week prior.

Illinois is now in Phase 1b of its vaccination plan and has administered 1.03 million doses. The seven-day rolling average for vaccine administration is 44,139.

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

# Library re-opens today with limited services

The Hinsdale Public Library has re-opened for limited services.

The library board voted at a special meeting Tuesday to re-open the building today, Feb. 4.

The library will be open for "Grab and Go" service from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Curbside service will continue to be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

Visitors will need to wear a mask over their nose and

mouth for their entire visit and limit their time in the library to 30 minutes per day.

Seating, study rooms, and computers are not available at this time.

"Our goal is to start slow and to keep adding services," said Executive Director Karen Keefe. "We appreciate the many kind words of appreciation and support we've received from the community as we've found creative new ways to serve our residents during a year like no other."

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# Board members offer insight into job

*Sitting representatives share their thoughts on position, qualities needed to serve*

By Ken Knutson  
and Pamela Lannom

Voters will head to the polls Tuesday, April 6, to choose new board members for Community Consolidated District 181, Hinsdale High School District 86 and the Hinsdale Public Library.

To help them make their decisions, The Hinsdalean reached out to current board members to ask them to describe what the job entails.

## District 181

Sarah Jakobsen said she didn't have a true sense for the complexity of school district finances before her election to the District 181 Board in 2019.

She does now.



Jakobsen

"I was not as engaged as a citizen in what it took to keep the buildings up and running in a responsible way," Jakobsen said, noting she's also been struck by the amount of resources gifted by school PTOs and the District 181 Foundation.

Being a fiscal steward is just one dimension of a board member's job description, of course. The many duties the board is tasked with include working with the department of learning on selecting and launching new curriculum and making decisions on district administrative personnel.

"You hit every part of the district," she said. "It's a lot of exposure to the underbelly of the district and what runs the district, and it's really been eye-opening."

Jakobsen also cited a deepened understanding "for all of the work that the teachers do on a daily basis." As a mom of three, she witnesses at home the fruit of initiatives set in motion by the board.

"I get to see the direct impact of my

work as a board member with the S.T.E.M. labs," she said by way of example. "I got to see the kids come home and tell me what they did."

She suggested the time commitment required has taken some adjustment. The public board meetings are just one element of the workload that members need to take on to stay fully abreast of the issues.

"It's reading through emails and researching issues, because I don't want to just accept what I'm told," she said.

The pandemic has added a couple of layers to that homework load.

"I read the CDC website and DuPage County Health Department website every day and look at the trends," she said.

A supportive family helps.

"It's a significant expenditure of time," she said. "If you are married, make sure that your spouse is on board with this."

Jakobsen said a willingness to listen and learn will serve a board member well.

"Patience and keeping an open mind have the two most important attributes," she commented. "The district has a wide variety of opinions."

"I think you can only grow from feedback, both positive and negative."

## District 86

Even with four years of experience serving on the Gower Elementary District 62 board, Cynthia Hanson found she still had things to learn when she was elected to serve on the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board in 2019.

"I think that was another learning curve I needed to adjust to," Hanson said of the complexities of overseeing operations of two high schools in a large geographic area.

Serving on a school board involves a significant time commitment, Hanson said. In addition to attending board meetings twice a month, she also sits on three committees, serving as chair of one.



Hansen

emails and an occasional phone call from community members who want to weigh in on an issue.

"That is also ongoing," she said. "It seems like there's always a spectrum of opinions."

Being able to represent that range of opinions and to work with colleagues at the board table are two important skills board members need, she opined.

"It really helps to have somebody who can be open-minded and understand there are a wide range of needs and opinions in the district," Hanson said.

The ability to listen, synthesize and research are important. Humility is also key.

"You're not going to come in and have all of the answers," she said.

But all the time she invests in carefully considering decisions is worth it, she said.

"I find it rewarding to be entrusted with that, because I find it is so important, and I have enjoyed working with people who are also able to share their opinions and be open-minded," Hanson said. "I've had a wonderful experience working on both my boards."

## Hinsdale Public Library

Susan Blumberg-Kason said it took time to fully get her bearings as a Hinsdale Public Library Board member.

"I think it takes two years to really understand all the workings of the library, what was important, learning about different things," Blumberg-Kason said.

That included an education on how to develop a budget.



Blumberg-Kason

"Learning about the budgeting process was new for me and interesting," she remarked. "I have a new appreciation for people who deal with municipal budgets."

She also said finding a niche — in her case leading the art committee — enhanced her engagement.

"That was one of the reasons I wanted to run," she said of throwing her hat in the ring four years ago. "It's one of the few committees that has community members on it, working with artists and art teachers and former board members."

Unfortunately the pandemic has disrupted the committee's vision for 2020 and 2021, and Blumberg-Kason will be stepping down after her term ends in April. But dealing with unforeseen events is part of the landscape.

"It's taught me a lot of patience, and I think that's a good thing," she said. "You have to be willing to adapt. The library had to think about the whole community and who was vulnerable."

"Flexibility is crucial in this job, and it's really hard to change sometimes," she continued. "Everyone comes with a different background, and you can't be shy about sharing your background and your perspective. We're all there for different reasons."

Making space for fresh perspectives keeps a library vibrant and is a leading reason she is serving only one term.

"Bringing in new ideas is always beneficial," she said.



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## DUI arrests

• Jose I. Esteban, 56, 5236 N. Oakview St., 2W, Chicago, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, disobeying a traffic control device and failing to signal when required at 2:53 a.m. Jan. 24 at Ogden Avenue and York Road. He was charged and released to appear in court.

• Deepak Malhotra, 61, 1923 Flagstaff Lane, Glendale Heights, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol level higher than .08 and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 8:57 p.m. Jan. 28 after he crashed his vehicle into a vehicle legally parked on the street in the 200 block of South Bruner Street. He was charged and released to appear in court.

## Motorist arrested for warrant

Aristos M. Leludis, 71, 4509 Maple Ave., Brookfield, was arrested on a warrant out of Lyons at 10:15 a.m. Jan. 30 in the 100 block of East Ogden Avenue. He posted bond and was released to appear in court.

## Park ice rink vandalized

A "No Skating" sign was damaged as was the liner of the ice skating rink at Burns Field, 321 N. Vine St. between 2:30 a.m. Jan. 22 and 7:30 a.m. Jan. 27.

## Resident defrauded

A resident of the 400 block of South Jackson Street sold a \$500 video game console through eBay on Jan. 13 and did not receive payment from buyer. The incident was reported Jan. 27.

## House window broken

A glass window was broken on the second floor of a vacant and fenced-in house on the 400 block of East Sixth Street at 10 p.m. Jan. 29.

## Credit card fraud reported

A credit card belonging to a resident of the 400 block of South Monroe Street was used to make fraudulent purchases totaling \$1,041.68 at 1:30 a.m. Jan. 25. The credit card company canceled the card and removed the charges from the victim's account.

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

## Huddle up, designate a driver

Hinsdale police are reminding football fans that designated drivers are the best defense against the dangers of impaired driving on Super Bowl Sunday.

"If you'll be watching the game away from home this year, we urge you to answer a simple question: 'Are you drinking or are you driving?' Never do both," Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie said.

Before kickoff, make a game plan for a safe evening:

- Designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation

or a ride service to get home safely.

- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement.

- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take the keys and help get him or her home safely.

- Buckle up. It's your best defense in the event of a crash.

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## 60 SECONDS

### Nod to moms is reaching far beyond Hinsdale

With a full-time job, three children, a husband, a house and a dog, Walker Rediehs was busy enough already. In the weeks following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, she and fellow moms everywhere found out just how much busier life could get.

With kids learning from home, parents working from home and the stress of the whole situation, Rediehs decided her fellow moms were deserving of an award.

"It was a made-up award for my girlfriends. The Homeschooling Mom of the Day Award," Rediehs said. "It took off."

In the months since Rediehs poked that first sign into her girlfriend's lawn, that single act of kindness and encouragement has grown into a network known as Bomb Moms. Now active in six Chicago suburbs and ready to launch in several more towns across several states, Bomb Moms recognizes women for the long hours they put in every day.

Each Bomb Moms chapter has a local "mombassador" at the lead and a local business as its sponsor. One nominated mom in each

participating town is honored each week with a yard sign and "swag" from the sponsoring business. In return, the business has its logo included on the yard signs and social media posts.

Nominations are received via Instagram and through <https://www.bombmomsproject.com> and almost always outnumber the number of awards available each week, Rediehs said.

Since posting that first congratulatory sign, Rediehs left her job to commit more time to her three children and to the Bomb Moms project. As the project expands across the country, Rediehs is preparing to capitalize on the network built by the flagship Hinsdale chapter to give back to the entire community.

On Friday, Feb. 12, Rediehs and the Bomb Moms of Hinsdale will host a food drive to benefit HCS Family Services. From 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., moms and other community members of are encouraged to drop off nonperishable food donations at 733 Town Place, Hinsdale.

Rediehs said she hopes to host

a similar event every quarter as a way to help those in need and to showcase the impact of local moms on their community.

Bomb Moms is about more than a yard sign, Rediehs said. The project has brought women together and drawn attention to the role moms play as society journeys through the pandemic.

"These stay-at-home moms are rock stars," Rediehs said.

The pandemic helped to get Bomb Moms started. But with countless moms out there deserving of recognition, Rediehs said she doesn't see an end to the project. Soon, people everywhere will have the chance to honor a "Bomb Mom," no matter where she lives. Packages, including yard signs, will be available for order online to honor exceptional moms all over the country.

"The crazy part about it is realizing how much moms never just got recognition for just being moms," Rediehs said.

Bomb Moms is changing that, one yard sign at a time.

— story by Sandy Illian Bosch,  
photo by Jim Slonoff



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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Public comment back where it belongs in D86

Four times last year we criticized leaders in Hinsdale High School District 86 for the way they handled residents who wanted to express their opinion at a board meeting.

Today, we congratulate them.

For the first time in four months, the “public comment” section of the agenda was back where it belonged last week, near the beginning of the meeting.

Two audience members who attended in person stepped up to the microphone, and comments were read from four residents who submitted them via email.

Right now the hot topic is getting kids back to full-time in-person learning. In December 2019, residents were coming out in droves to ask questions and express concerns about a plan to change the science sequence at Central from biology-chemistry-physics to physics-chemistry-biology.

At the Dec. 12 meeting, three residents were prevented from reading a letter that was critical toward the then-assistant superintendent for academics. Someone got up and literally

removed the microphone from the podium. We were stunned.

So were the residents, who filed a lawsuit with the U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois, claiming the board violated their First Amendment rights and the Illinois Open Meetings Act. As part of the settlement, board members agreed to listen to a presentation on the First Amendment and Open Meetings Act.

Months passed. Then, in September, board President Kevin Camden grew irritated with residents who came to speak and then left before listening to the board’s deliberations. He announced he was moving public comment to the end of the meeting. Two weeks later, on Sept. 24, if someone wanted to speak, they would have had to wait more than two hours to do so. It’s no surprise that no one attended. We published an editorial Oct. 1 with a plea to return public comment to the beginning of the agenda.

We were dismayed again six weeks later when we observed some board members’ reaction to the presentation on free speech and open meet-

ings. Questions asked at that meeting seemed designed to find loopholes that would allow the board to stop the public from speaking. Later that evening, when public comments submitted via email were read, it was an exercise in futility. Residents were weighing in on the move to an integrated math curriculum, an issue the board had voted on 12 agenda items earlier.

Why rehash all this now? We want readers to understand the significance of public comment — especially those who don’t regularly attend meetings of the school, village or library boards.

We’re not suggesting that board members always need to do what their constituents suggest — or that the suggestions from constituents are always reasonable or well-informed. And they’re certainly not always presented cordially.

But it is the job of elected officials to listen. Especially now, when more people seem to believe it’s OK to silence those with whom they disagree, we rely on local boards to stand as beacons of democracy.

We’re thrilled to see District 86 is doing just that.

## COMMENTARY

### Struggling to finish my list of ‘nonresolutions’

21 for ’21.

Gretchen Rubin’s suggestion seemed pretty simple.

“If you don’t want to make a New Year’s resolution, consider writing your ‘21 for 2021’ list,” the author of “The Happiness Project” wrote Dec. 15 in her blog.

I liked the sound of it — a list of 21 concrete things to accomplish. (I also appreciated the photo of a typewriter that ran with the post!)

She listed really helpful suggestions, too, like using the number 21 within this list (read 21 books, visit 21 diners) and including “swap out one item on this list for something I’d rather do) as item No. 21.

And so I’ve been working on my list. I wish I would have discovered Rubin’s recommendation in 2018, so I would have needed three fewer items. Coming up with 21 things you really want to commit to over a 12-month period is no easy task.

The first two came to me right away. I’d like to meet my birth

mother and father this year — as would many adoptees who found their biological parents through genetic testing last year — and have plans to do so.

Some others were easy, too. Clean out the basement. After 11 years of saying we needed to do so, we’ve actually made progress on this one. We are setting aside one hour a weekend to try to dig our pool table out from under all the things we are storing on top of it.

Try one new recipe a week. This has been so much fun that last week I tried two — brothy Chinese noodles (“Eating Well” magazine) and chicken enchilada soup (skinnytaste.com). Both were delicious.

I’ve included some other things on my list that also should be easy to cross off, such as baking a pie from scratch (another fun one) and



Pamela Lannom

making an appointment for that overdue colonoscopy (less fun).

Others are more difficult and will require a greater time commitment.

No. 3: Have a meditation practice. No. 5: Be less serious. No. 16: Speak kindly to myself. Even No. 18 — play a game as a family every day in February — is

going to be a challenge, seeing as we forgot to start this on Monday.

I still have mixed feelings about this little project. I like having a list that might prompt me to be “happier, healthier, more productive or more creative by the year’s end,” to use Rubin’s words. And I am a huge fan of lists in general.

But I worry that my “21” will become an albatross. I’m not sure I can be as carefree as Rubin, who writes that it would be fun to cross

every item off the list, but she’s never been able to do.

Just this week I decided to take a look at her 20 for 2020 list, to see what kind of progress she made. She went to the Met every day (impressive), walked weekly with a friend and got a colonoscopy (Ha! I’m not the only one). All are marked with a celebratory “DONE” in all capital letters.

She did not have a scent party and a flavor party, start Pilates, wear make-up every day or make an effort to look more visibly happy to see people.

She makes no explanations, offers no apologies. She simply notes these with two small, lower-case letters — “no.” As if it’s no big deal.

Perhaps I’ve found No. 21 for my list. Relax.

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

# My generation is out of touch with love

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, I have started paying extra close attention to the way the definition of love has changed over the last few decades. Over dinner the other night, my mom told me about the love story of her parents. My grandpa lived in Panama and kept a long distance relationship with my Grandma, who lived in Switzerland. He would call her every night after he got off work. But with the time difference, this would be around 3 a.m. in Switzerland. My grandma would run down three stories of stairs just to make it to the phone before it woke up her whole house. Along with the phone call, there would be a bouquet of roses delivered to her house every week like clockwork. They were able to keep a connection across an ocean.

But sometimes I wonder if my generation even knows how to form meaningful connections anymore. It seems that because of the incredibly accessible world of technology my generation has grown up in, we are losing the ability to form meaningful connections with one another, and therefore completely altering what dating and relationships look like in a postmodern era.

When I was in fourth grade, my teacher told me never to use the word "thing" in my writing because it wasn't specific enough, plus there was "a plethora of other adjectives to choose from!" Of course, I went home and asked my dad what the word plethora meant, but I immediately understood her point from the moment she said it. Now, nearly eight years later, a "thing" is an acceptable classification for a phase of a relationship. If the word wasn't descriptive enough for my fourth grade teacher, why can it determine the parameters of a teenage relationship?

We have forgotten what love truly looks like, and this is in part to the largely technological world we are living in. We care about instant gratification more than anything else. We have grown up and continue to thrive in a culture that allows us instant access to just about everything. The only problem with instant gratification is that it is addicting, and becomes a habit that then



**Alegra Waverley**

seeps into our love lives. Love isn't meant to be something experienced in an instant, but in a lifetime.

High school relationships (if you can even call them that) are a short-term fix to a longer term problem: a generation that never learned how to truly love.

The epidemic of things has been going on for so long I actually started to believe it was normal. Spoiler alert? It isn't. My high school hallways are filled with things, but very few genuine relationships. It seems like everywhere I turn, guys and girls are engaging in relationships, but are refusing to call them that. As long as I can remember, the term "thing" has been coined as an actual frame of reference for what two people share. This however, is unique to my generation because we aren't as open with our feelings as those before us. This can be fixed in a few of ways.

No. 1 — If you like someone, tell them! Don't hide behind cryptic texts or methodical Snapchat response times. Just be honest.

No. 2 — Call it like you see it. If you go out every week and spend quality time with each other, I hate to break it to you, but you're dating. Don't be afraid of the word.

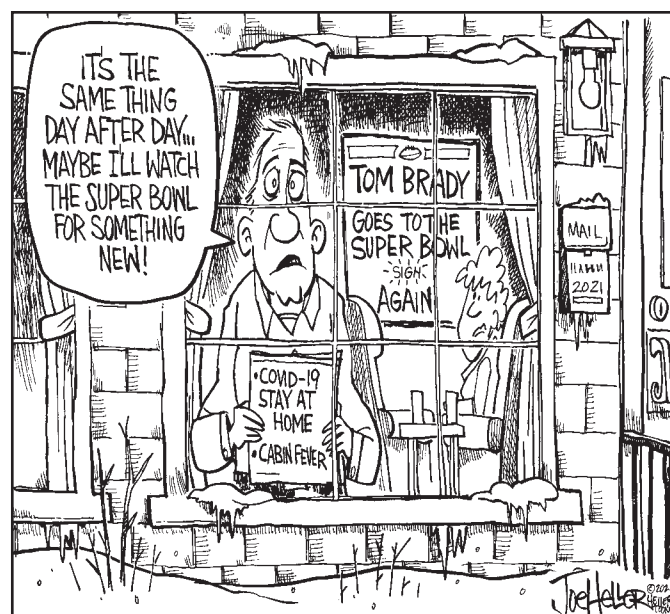
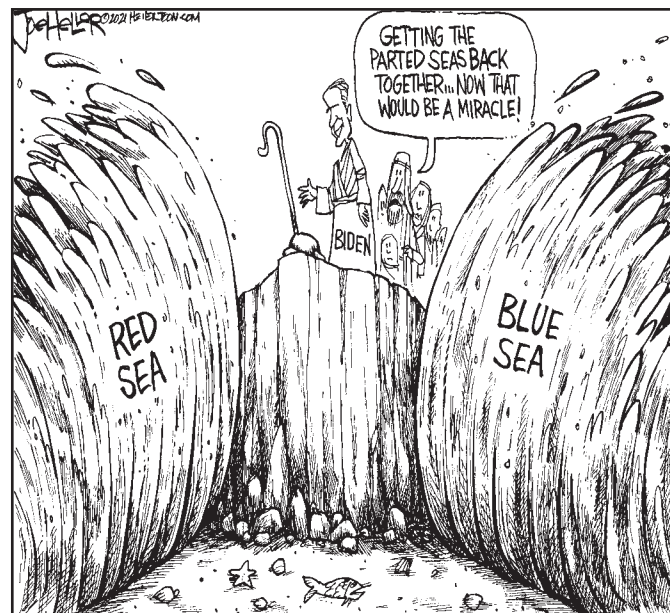
No. 3 — Ask for what you want. If you want something more, don't be afraid to communicate this desire. You deserve so much more than being stuck in a "thing" with someone.

So while our generation doesn't exactly understand the whole relationship thing, we truly can flip the switch on our reputation of being a generation that doesn't know how to date. And I give a standing ovation to those who actually have mastered having a meaningful, true high school relationship. That takes serious talent.

So while I wait to find the boy of my dreams, the only commitment I will be making this Feb. 14 is to the heart-shaped platter of Chick-fil-A nuggets with my best friends.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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# OBITUARIES

## George Charles Dietrich

George Charles Dietrich, 59, of Hinsdale passed away unexpectedly Jan. 30, 2021,

George will be missed by his loving family and friends and remembered for his generosity and big heart.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Dietrich, nee Sawicki; his daughter, Grace Dietrich; his mother, Kitty; his sisters, Linda (Rick) Gross and Betsy Mersch; his sister-in-law, Tammy (Tom) Sawicki; his brother-in-law, Phil Sawicki; and his nephews, Rick, Matt, Chris, Mike, Nick, Jake and Chase.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Charles Dietrich.

A private family service will be held with a public Mass in George's honor at a later date.

Support the Dietrich family by signing the online guestbook at <https://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Isaac Jogues Parish Catholic School, C/O Diane Sullivan, 421 S. Clay St., Hinsdale, IL 60521. Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Charlotte R. Lillquist

Charlotte R. Lillquist, née Hacker, 81, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2020.

Charlotte was born in 1939 to Arthur and Rosemary Hacker in Evanston. She grew up in Glenview, attended Glenbrook North High School and went on to become a proud graduate of Northwestern University in 1961.

Charlotte was blessed to have had many fulfilling careers in her lifetime, beginning as an English, speech and drama teacher and eventually teaching sixth grade. She would go on to find a great sense of accomplishment in working 25 years for the United Church of Christ at the Illinois and Southwest Conference offices, the national offices in Cleveland, Ohio, and two local churches in Illinois. Throughout her life, Charlotte would make many fond memories spending time with family, friends, and later, new friends at The Birches. She once said, "I don't think I would change any part of my life even if I could. Although it was difficult at times, I feel so

blessed by the love I have known."

Charlotte is survived by her children, Alisa (Frank) Messana of Hinsdale and Rick Lillquist; her grandchildren, Nicholas and Arianna; her former husband, then friend, Richard Lillquist; her nephews, Andrew (Lauren) and James (Julia); her sister-in-law, Kathy Hacker; and countless friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Rosemary; and her brother, Arthur Hacker Jr.

Support the Lillquist Family by signing the online guestbook and sharing a memory at <https://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 E. Ontario Street, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611 or online at <https://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/donate>, are appreciated.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

## Chester "Casey" Marciszewski

Chester "Casey" Marciszewski, 90, of La Grange Highlands, formerly of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully Jan. 29, 2021.

He was best known as "Casey the Painter" in and around Hinsdale for decades.

Casey was a veteran of the Korean War and a lifelong fan of the Chicago Blackhawks and White Sox. He drove around the country and Canada to attend Blackhawks games and cheer his team on. Attending one of the games of the 2005 World

Series and watching the Sox become the champions was his dream come true.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, nee Hothersall; his grandson, Patrick Casey Leahy; his sister, Eugenia Gazarek; and his brothers, Stanley, Mitchell, John, Joseph and Henry.

He is survived by his daughters, Debbie Leahy and Denise; his grandson, Matthew Leahy; his friend, Mike Burke; his sister, Frances Santi; his brother, Edward; and many nieces and nephews.

## Connie Moses

Connie Moses, 55, passed away Jan. 27, 2021, at Meadowbrook Manor in Naperville.

The daughter of Gene and Mary Harvey, Connie was born in 1965 at Hinsdale Hospital which long-time locals fondly refer to as "The San" in Hinsdale. Connie grew up in Hinsdale with her three older sisters, Cherie, Cindy and Cathy. She attended the Hinsdale Junior (Adventist) Academy, where she would meet her lifetime very best friend, Elizabeth Leben (Palfi). Connie and Elizabeth became fast friends and everything about their friendship was special. They were like sisters, through thick and thin and developed a bond that could not be broken.

Upon completing the 10th grade, Connie went on to boarding school at Broadview Academy in LaFox, where she graduated from high school. Then it was off to college at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., where Connie met Dana Moses and fell in love.

Connie and Dana moved back to Hinsdale and were married on May 29, 1988, in the Hinsdale

Seventh-day Adventist Church. In June 2002, Connie and Dana celebrated the happy arrival of twins at Hinsdale Hospital.

Connie had a love of cats and beautiful flowers and she enjoyed all types of arts and crafts. She especially looked forward to decorating for the various holidays throughout the year and absolutely could not live without her pickles and cucumbers.

If you needed a friend to talk to who was truly caring and supportive, she was that friend. Connie was a loving, dedicated, and nurturing wife and mother who will be missed every day.

She is survived by her husband, Dana; her son, Zachary Allen; her daughter, Katie May; her sisters, Cherie (Davie) Watt and Cathy (the late Steven) Slawkin; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Cindy (Algis) Ruginis.

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# D86 teachers, board sign two-year deal

*Negotiations would have ended last year had they not been interrupted by pandemic*

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Teachers in Hinsdale High School District 86 have a new two-year contract that grants them an average annual increase — including benefits — of 1.89 percent a year.

The school board approved the contract 7-0 at its Jan. 28 meeting. Members of the Hinsdale High School Teachers Association had ratified the agreement earlier that day.

“The board of education, district administration and Hinsdale High School Teachers Association are pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement on a new teacher contract,” a joint statement on the new contract states. “Our work on this critical endeavor during the past two years has strengthened our partnership and mutual respect for each other.”

The base salary will increase each year of the contract in accordance with the consumer price index. The increase for the 2020-21 school year, which will

be paid retroactively, will be 25 percent of the CPI, or .48 percent. The increase for the second year will be 75 percent of the CPI or 1.73 percent.

That means a teacher with a bachelor’s degree and no experience who earned \$39,520 in 2019-20 will earn \$40,172 this year and \$41,234 next year. On the high end of the salary schedule, a teacher with a master’s degree and 60 hours of education will be paid \$136,856 this year and \$139,217 next year.

Medical and dental insurance benefits will not change, with costs for the district increasing 2.8 percent over the two-year deal.

Teachers who declare their intent to retire will receive a 6 percent increase each of their last four years, according to this agreement. In the current contract, teachers were guaranteed a 3 percent increase. In exchange for this benefit, the district will no longer reimburse retired teachers for the premiums they pay for the Teacher Retirement Insurance Program, according to Josh Stephenson, chief

financial officer.

The salary increase will cost the district \$444,500 over the two years. Full savings will not be realized until retired teachers cycle off TRIP insurance for Medicare.

He said if the state decides to shift pension costs to districts, it likely will involve contributions for current employees, not retired ones. He acknowledged the move shifts costs from the district to the state as a whole.

“Depending on what lens you look at this under, it could be favorable or not favorable,” he said. “Financially it’s more favorable for the taxpayers of District 86. For the taxpayers of the state, it’s not as favorable.”

The last contract the board and association approved in 2016 was for four years. A two-year agreement makes more sense at this time, according to the joint statement.

“In discussing the different options that were available, we concluded that a short-term contract would be more prudent and practical at this time, given the budgetary issues here

in Illinois and the financial uncertainty created by COVID-19,” it reads. “Not only will this agreement enable us to recognize the vital and valuable contribution of our teachers, it will also help us navigate the current economic challenges at the state and national levels and fulfill our responsibility as fiscal stewards for the community.”

The total costs of the contract is almost \$52 million this year and \$53.1 million next year, compared to \$51.1 million in 2019-20 in the last contract, which expired in June.

A new contract for teachers would have been in place last year had circumstances been different, said board member Kathleen Hirsman, who was also on the negotiating team.

“I know many in the community are wondering what took so long. We had this little thing called the pandemic which got in the way,” she said.

Board President Kevin Camden agreed.

“We had the big meeting scheduled for April, and but for COVID, we would have concluded it in April,” he said.

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### What's the status of the COVID-19 vaccine in DuPage?

The COVID-19 vaccine is here. But exactly where is it? And when will it be widely available?

Karen Ayala, executive director of the DuPage County Health Department, said the vaccine is in limited supply as residents 65 and older and frontline essential workers are inoculated under Phase 1b of the state's guidelines.

Vaccinating the nearly 270,000 DuPage residents who meet Phase 1b criteria could take another 12 weeks based on current vaccine availability, Ayala estimated.

"Based on the amount of vaccine we are currently receiving each week, Phase 1c would tentatively begin around May and Phase 2 may begin in July," she said of the remaining stages to reach everyone.

Unfolding developments could alter that timeline. It was announced this week that retail pharmacies across the country would begin receiving direct shipments of vaccines starting next week. And Ayala said Johnson & Johnson's single-shot

dose is expected to be the next one available in the U.S., joining the two-shot vaccines being administered now.

"As vaccine supply increases over time and additional vaccination sites become available, the health department expects the rate of vaccination will increase and we may be able to move into the next phases much sooner than anticipated," Ayala stated.

DuPage residents should go to <https://www.dupagehealth.org> and register to receive updates as vaccination appointments for their corresponding phase become available. They should get vaccinated at "the first opportunity available, which may be through their health care provider, private pharmacy, or medical group," she said.

The adult population is the focus of the vaccination drive as children in general seem to experience less severe effects of the virus. Ayala said vaccine trials in adolescents are in progress, and pharmaceutical companies are expected to roll out plans for treating younger children.

"We anticipate COVID-19 vaccine may be available to children in the coming months," she said.

Families in minority communi-

ties have been hit disproportionately hard, Ayala noted, underscoring the need to vaccinate as many people as possible.

"This burden will continue and grow if we don't vaccinate and we just wait for herd immunity to occur over time," she said.

Ayala recognizes that some are apprehensive about getting the vaccine. She said people should feel assured that more than 70,000 people volunteered in clinical trials for the vaccines, and no serious health concerns were found. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved them for safe and effective use.

"If someone gets COVID-19, they also risk giving it to loved ones who may get sick. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer choice," she said.

The vaccine is available to everyone for free, including those without insurance. And even after receiving it, keep wearing a mask and following other health guidelines.

"Continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions," Ayala said.

— by Ken Knutson



Karen Ayala, DuPage County Health Department executive director, said getting as many people vaccinated as possible is the best way to stop the COVID-19 pandemic. The hope, she suggested, is that increased vaccine availability will speed that process. (photo provided)



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## MEETING ROUNDUP

### Hinsdale High School District 86

Among other business Jan. 28, board members

- voted 7-0 to approve a new five-year contract with SEIU, which represents 30 district employees who work in buildings and grounds, custodial and maintenance.

The agreement provides an average salary adjustment of 15.5 percent the first year, to make salaries more competitive with the market, Josh Stephenson, chief financial officer, said. After that, employees will receive an annual 1.8 percent increase. The contract is retroactive to June 2020, when the previous one expired.

- unanimously approved raises for administrators for the 2020-21 school year totaling \$48,576. Salaries for the 21 individuals in 2020-21 will be almost \$3.1 million.

- unanimously approved a lease for space at 361 Frontage Road in Burr Ridge to provide an additional 13,317 square feet to serve students who attend the district's Transition Center. Annual rent over the course of the 10-year, seven month lease starts at about \$246,000 for the 2021-22 school year and increases to about \$306,000 for the 2030-31 school year. The Transition Center, which had 24 students when it opened in 2013, is expected to serve 130 to 140 individuals next year.

The programs currently offered in two rental spaces (Community Bank of Willowbrook and the KLM Lodge in Hinsdale) will be moved to the new location. The district-owned center near Hinsdale South will remain open.

### Hinsdale Village Board

Among other business Tuesday, trustees:

- reviewed the 2021 appropriations ordinance totaling almost \$58 million. The ordinance gives the board the legal authority to spend money and basically mirrors the budget. The line item for accounting services is higher than it is in the budget due to the retirement of the finance director (see below) and a contingency amount is included for each department. The item will be up for a vote at the board's Feb. 16 meeting.

- listened as Village President Tom Cauley reported that all staff and patients at ManorCare in Hinsdale have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination. The facility was hit hard early on, with 162 cases and 37 deaths reported last year and 53 new cases and four deaths reported in the past 28 days.

- congratulated Darrell Langlois, who is retiring from his position as finance director with the village and going to work as the assistant comptroller at Joliet Junior College. Alison Brothen, the assistant finance director, will serve as interim director until a replacement is found.

"I would sleep soundly knowing you are on the job," said Trustee Jerry Hughes, chair of the administration and community affairs committee. "You are one of the most conscientious people I've worked with."

"We know that this path is really good for you personally," he added. "They're getting a really great person. We wish you the best."



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# GOOD NEWS

## MAZZOCHI NAMED TO LEADERSHIP TEAM



**Mazzochi**

State Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R-47, Elmhurst) was appointed to the position of assistant minority leader for the Illinois House Republican Caucus.

Mazzochi has represented the 47th District in Springfield since July 2018. During her tenure, she has cosponsored multiple bills signed by the governor, including legislation on pension transparency and ethylene oxide pollution and has advocated for property tax relief for homeowners as co-chair of the Property Tax Relief Task Force. Mazzochi has also targeted public corruption, serving on the Special Investigation Committee involving recently-ousted House Speaker Mike Madigan.

Mazzochi was appointed Monday by House Minority Leader Jim Durkin (R-82, Western Springs).

"Deanne's drive to clean up Springfield makes her a leader on its own," Durkin said. "Her work on the Special Investigating Committee highlighted her thoroughness and legal skills, and her background in science has been invaluable to the House Chamber during the COVID-19 crisis. Deanne will not stop until justice is served, and she will serve as a check on everyone in the General Assembly."

Mazzochi said she appreciated the opportunity to serve and thanked Durkin for his confidence and trust.

"The people of Illinois face unique and demanding challenges, and I look forward to helping the entire General Assembly meet their needs," she said. "The General Assembly sees thousands of bills each year. We need to improve the quality of legislation that we pass; restore reasoned, meaningful debate; and take bold leadership steps to move our state in a better direction."

In addition to serving in the General Assembly, Mazzochi is a small business owner and founding partner of her law firm. She and her family live in Elmhurst.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARDS LISTED

Hinsdale Central has announced its Make A Difference Award winners for the second quarter of the 2020-21 school year. The teachers, selected from many outstanding nominations, have gone above and beyond the call of duty for students.

- They are
- Stephanie Hiffman, English
  - Erin Lundin, English
  - Brian Mitchell, math
  - Sanskruti Patel, social studies
  - Daniel Scheldrup, science
  - Jeff Waterman, social studies

## HINSDALE NATIVES EARN DEGREES

These Hinsdale college students earned their degrees in December 2020 commencement ceremonies.

- Jordan Pranger, master's in analytics, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Monika Tchavdarov, bachelor's in rehabilitation and disability services, Northern Illinois University
- Kaja Schueler, bachelor's in apparel, merchandising and design, Iowa State University

## NEUROLOGIST JOINS PRACTICE



**Syed**

Dr. Sana Syed, a board-certified neurologist, has joined the Elmhurst Neuroscience Institute.

Syed received her medical degree in osteopathic medicine from the New York Institute of Technology and completed her internship and residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

A member of the American Academy of Neurology, her clinical interests include Alzheimer's, carpal tunnel syndrome, concussion, epilepsy, headaches, mild traumatic brain injuries, paresthesia/neuropathy, Parkinson's, seizure disorders and stroke.

She is seeing new patients at the Edward-Elmhurst Center for Health in Hinsdale.

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## Downtown changes in works for diners

*New concept for Virant's Vistro and new location for Egg Harbor are on the menu*

**By Pamela Lannom**  
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While other restaurants are welcoming diners back indoors, Vistro will remain closed, offering only take out.

When the doors do reopen — possibly at the end of this month — Vistro Prime will have a new name, a new menu and a new look.

"The menu will feature a lot of traditional steakhouse fare along with the Vistro classics," chef/owner Paul Virant of Hinsdale said. "We're going to continue to do the wood oven pizzas, our two burgers, the pork sandwich, the fried kale and the Cheezits."

New to the menu will be diver sea scallops, Dover sole, a fish of the day and a variety of steak cuts. Virant is looking at offering a 12-ounce ribeye, an 8-ounce strip loin, 4- and 8-ounce filets and either a bone-in strip or bone-in ribeye, along with a butcher's cut. CDK Farm will continue to supply the restaurant with Illinois Angus dry-aged beef, which has been pasture raised and grain finished.

Virant is equally excited about the sides he'll offer, including sautéed spinach, a twice-baked potato and broccoli and cheese curds.

"I love the sides," he said. "You're like, 'OK — we need one of each.' I'm really excited about that."

To start the meal off, diners will find oysters, shrimp cocktail and a seafood tower (king crab legs, gulf shrimp, smoked whitefish and assorted oysters) alongside other Vistro appetizers.

Soft serve and Virant's chocolate chip cookies will be joined on the menu by creme brulee, a molten chocolate cake, bread pudding, oatmeal cookies and



**Paul Virant has been** getting his new menu ready for Vistro Prime, a steakhouse twist on his Washington Street eatery, which could re-open at the end of the month. On Monday he cooked up a 16-ounce

a carrot cake made from friend Lydia's recipe.

"It's the best carrot cake I've ever had in my life," he said.

The beverage menu and wine list will expand as well, with a focus on classic cocktails like a Vieux Carré and Martinez.

"It'll be kind of a fun education to remind people what a Martinez is," he said. "People may fall in

love with these cocktails that are classic for a reason."

He's not necessarily looking to compete with Gibson's or Perry's, he said, but to offer his own twist on a steakhouse close to home.

"I think people that live in Hinsdale and the surrounding towns, they like not to have to go too far for a great experience,"

bone-in strip with horseradish creme fraiche and roasted mushrooms, a wedge salad with bacon and blue cheese and cheesy grits with chowchow at his Hinsdale home. (Jim Slonoff photos)

he said. "This will be a neighborhood steak house. We'll still appeal to families like Vistro has, just with a broader menu, a broader offering."

### Docking in downtown

After 35 years of serving breakfast and lunch in Gateway Square, Egg Harbor Cafe is making a move to downtown

Hinsdale.

The restaurant hopes to open in April at 29 E. First St., the former home of Harry and Eddie's, according to Mike Farrell, who owns the chain with his wife, Aimee, and father-in-law, Jack Wright. The company, which has 20 locations in Illinois and Georgia, has been focused

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## Downtown changes in works for diners

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of late on downtown locations.

"That's been a big corporate drive of ours, to get into the downtown areas, where the train stations are, where the people are, to be a bigger part of the community."

He learned the space was available about three months ago and appreciates not only its location, but its historic character and its size.

"We're excited," he said. "We feel like it's a big space. It's really going to help us with (social) distancing."

In addition, the new location will provide ample space for the Hinsdale restaurant to offer more beverages.

"Most of our stores now are upgrading into barristas for specialty coffee drinks, and we really didn't have any room to do that in our current location," Farrell said.

The restaurant also has applied for a liquor license to add mimosas and Bloody Marys to its menu.

"There are a lot of folks that won't even choose a restaurant that doesn't have that opportunity," he said.

When the Hinsdale location opened in 1985, company leaders had no idea whether the concept would work. At the time, no one was serving eggs in skillet, Farrell said.

"We were just amazed at how quickly people were attracted to it," he said. "Back in the day, it was totally novel. No one had seen anything like it before."

Now the excitement will come from offering new drinks in a new location in Hinsdale. Farrell said he's looking forward to the energy of being on First Street.

"I just think that's going to be really great," he said.



Fans of Egg Harbor Café might be making their way to the restaurant's new location on First Street as early as April, owner Mike Farrell said. The space was home to Harry and Eddie's before it closed last year. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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# Managing your teen's anxiety during the pandemic

Due to the global pandemic, our world is full of more unknowns than ever before. Everything feels different, and with the pace at which things are changing, we're all living outside of our comfort zones.

This is causing anxiety for many, which is a normal reaction to dealing with the many life changes we're experiencing. For children and teenagers, certain components of this new world can be especially anxiety-producing.

## • Social distancing

The impact of loss of leisure time and activities for children and teens has been far-reaching. At a time when peer contact is incredibly important to well-being, kids have not been allowed to socialize, attend school normally, participate in sports activities or use playground equipment.

The loss of this social connection beyond their immediate family has caused a significant increase in anxiety. This may be especially challenging for children with less than ideal home lives. Additional quarantine-related problems include increased risk of depression, irrita-

bility, insomnia, anger and emotional exhaustion. A recent review shows that post-traumatic stress symptoms occur in 28 to 34 percent and fear in 20 percent of children in quarantine.

## • E-learning

The pivot to e-learning during the pandemic also causes an increase in adolescent anxiety. Frustration with the change in format or technical difficulties seem to increase anxiety, while also decreasing the amount of intrinsic motivation a child feels about schoolwork. Research supports creating environments that offer a balance between challenge and motivation for students to ease anxiety.

## • Return to school

For children and teens with anxiety, returning to school after any holiday break can result in school refusal or increased anxiety, so a similar reaction can be expected once traditional school resumes. The most common reason for this is separation anxiety, but strong advocacy and



Jacqueline Sierzega  
On mental health

support from parents and school representatives can be important components in the transition back.

How can you help your child/teen manage pandemic-related anxiety? Here are five steps to mitigate and manage its severity.

## 1. Be consistent.

Establish routines and schedules for consistency and a sense of normal-

cy, such as working on schoolwork during school hours, helping kids get exercise and time out of the house, and encouraging a healthy sleep schedule. School-aged children need 10-11 hours each night, while adolescents require 8-10 hours.

2. Encourage social connection. Help kids find ways to maintain social relationships, through social media, video calls and/or socially distant get-togethers.

3. Create a supportive environment. Spend more structured time together as a family. Schedule a game night or movie night, eat dinner together regularly, and create daily

check-ins and space for kids to talk about their feelings.

4. Encourage new virtual experiences. We are lucky to live in an era with so many online opportunities. From home, kids can tour museums and national parks, take classes (for learning and recreation), and keep in touch with their peers and extended family.

5. Focus on the family and grow together. This time offers a unique opportunity for families to become closer, and more time with caregivers can lead to increased social support. Mastering challenges can lead to personal growth, development and the ability to learn resilience for future challenges.

Parents should watch for significant changes in their child's functioning. If a child/teen is having difficulty completing schoolwork, isolating from friends and family, sleeping a lot more or less than usual or having trouble managing emotions, further support may be needed.

— Jacqueline Sierzega is a clinical psychologist at Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, which is part of Edward-Elmhurst Health.





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### DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIALS OR EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

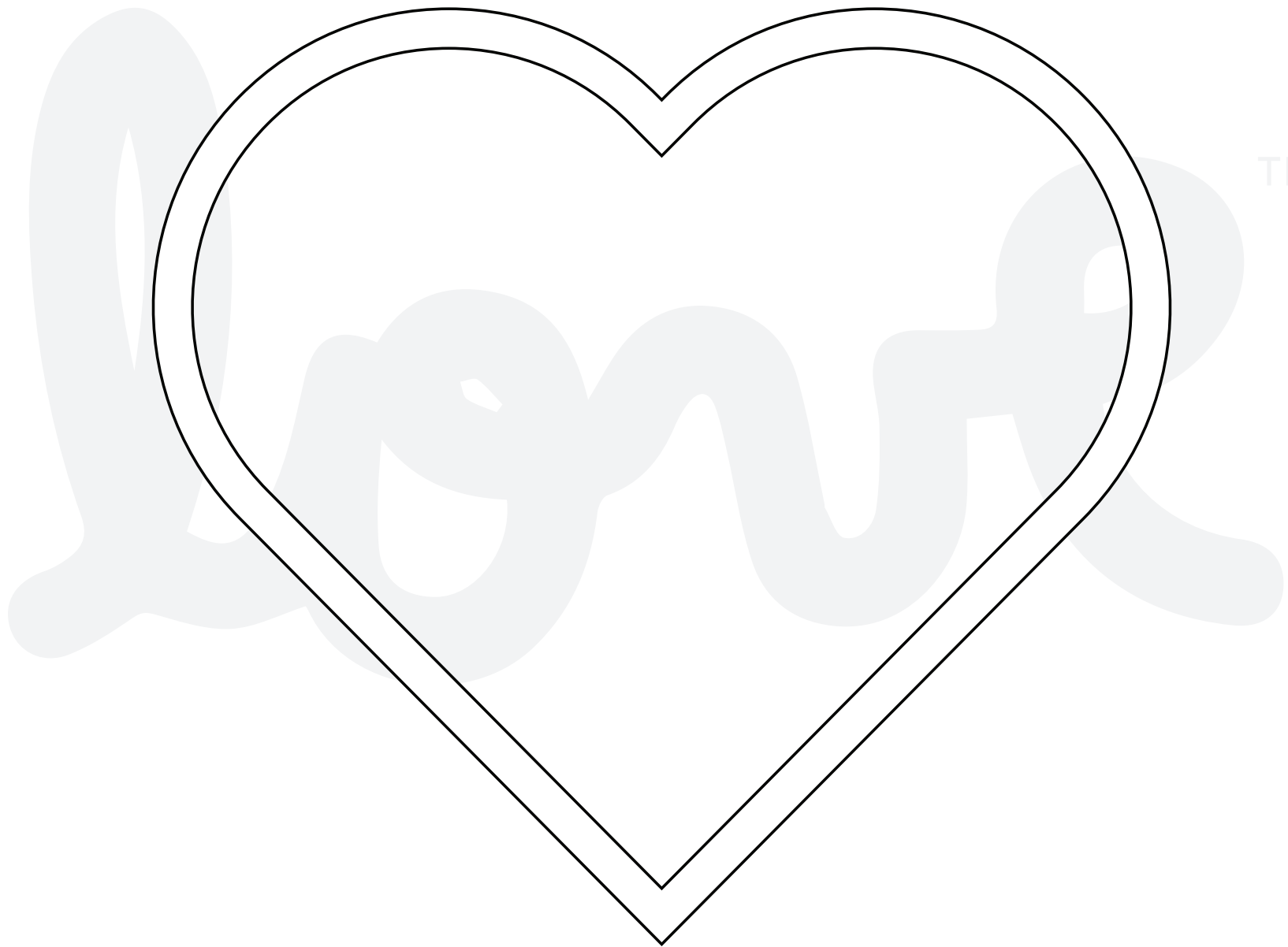
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p.m. Thursday.

## ■ Toni Patisserie & Café

51 S. Washington St.  
(630) 789-2020  
<https://www.tonipatisserie.com>

Limited indoor dining, carryout and delivery through Door Dash and Grub Hub available. Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

## ■ Vistro

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Carryout available 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays.

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Carryout and delivery available. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday,

noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

## ■ YiaYia's Cafe

13 Grant Square  
(630) 487-5600  
<https://www.yiayashinsdale.com>

Limited indoor dining, curbside pickup and delivery through DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats available. Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, plus 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday.

## FOR A CAUSE

### ■ Cupid Courts Charity Paddle

Feb. 12  
<https://www.misericordia.com/events>

The 11th annual Cupid Courts paddle fundraiser will be held at seven local clubs in and around Hinsdale. This event hosts more than 100 women from Hinsdale and nearby towns for a day of noncompetitive paddle tennis fun. Proceeds benefit the Misericordia Home in Chicago, which supports more than 600 children and adults with developmental

disabilities. The registration deadline is Feb. 8. Email [cupidcourts@gmail.com](mailto:cupidcourts@gmail.com) for more information. Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. play with refreshments to follow. RR

### ■ Unleashed

Feb. 27  
<https://www.hinsdalehumane-society.org/events/hhs-unleashed>  
(630) 323-5630

This virtual fundraiser for the Hinsdale Humane Society will begin with a livestreamed VIP Happy Hour, where host Larry Little will share the biggest needs of the organization followed by lessons in drink mixing by Dilia Lee of TAO Chicago and cooking chicken satay and cucumber salad by Kai MacNicol of Rough Edges Confectionery & Cookery. Guitarist Jimmy Fastiggi will also perform. VIP kits will be mailed to attendees prior to the event. For the main event, Little will guide the evening filled with fundraising, special two- and four-legged friends, alumni stories, live

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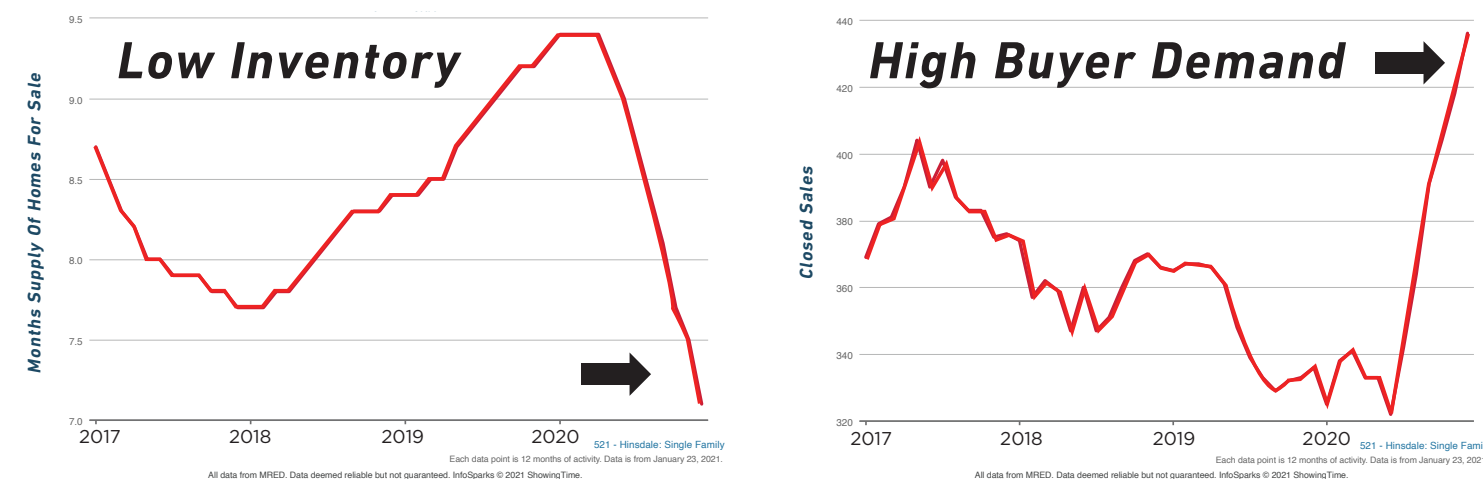


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and silent auctions and sale of \$20 Celebration Kits to help fund medical treatments and equipment critical to animal care at the Pet Rescue and Resource Center. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. happy hour, 7 to 8 p.m. main event. Cost: \$50 for happy hour, freewill donations for main program. RR

## GREAT OUTDOORS

### ■ Fitness Hike

Feb 7  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Road,  
Willow Springs  
(708) 839-6897  
<https://www.fpdcc.org>

Explore the yellow trail and complete a 3-mile fitness hike from Little Red School House to Tomahawk Slough and back. The program is open to all ages; masks and physical distancing are required. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. RR

### ■ Guided Arboretum Hike

Feb. 19

Morton Arboretum  
4100 Route 53, Lisle  
<https://www.mortonarb.org>  
(630) 719-2468

Hike the arboretum's lesser-known trails with a naturalist guide and get some fresh air while learning about the history of the arboretum and the plants and animals that call it home. Time: 8:30 to 10 a.m. Cost: \$23. RR, MD

## GREEN THUMB

### ■ Native Landscaping: Attracting Birds and Butterflies

Feb. 10  
(630) 850-8110  
<https://www.dupageforest.org>

Learn about the benefits of native plants, and get tips and tricks for using them to attract hummingbirds, butterflies and other pollinators to the garden and yard through this online program. Registrants will receive an email with viewing instructions. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$5. RR

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### ■ Updates on the COVID-19 Vaccine

Feb. 9  
<https://www.wellnesshouse.org>

Dr. Margaret Kirkegaard of the DuPage County Health Department and Dr. Arti Lakhani, medical oncologist and hematologist with Amita Cancer Institute, will talk about available COVID-19 vaccines, how they work, side effects and the current situation around distribution to the public. Safety and specific considerations for in-treatment cancer patients and survivors will also be discussed. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

### ■ Self-Love Day Retreat

Feb. 13  
<https://www.artdepth.com/selflove>

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- Intermediate Tap, Ages 10+ – Tuesday 3:45
- 3-6 year old Combo, Wednesday at 12:00pm
- Beginning Ballet Ages, 5-8 – Wednesday 5:00
- Beginning Jazz Ages 5-8 – Wednesday 3:45
- Beginning/Intermediate Hip-Hop, Ages 8-12 – Thursday 4:00
- 3-6 year old Combo – Saturday 9:15am

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YourSELF a Priority” and “Practical Living with Vedic Principles,” guided meditation, mindfulness exercises and more. Participants have the option to choose which “virtual rooms” to attend; select sessions will be recorded and viewable later in the day. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. RR

■ **Caregiver Stress-busting**  
Wednesdays through March 10  
(262) 745-8227  
<https://www.agingcareconnections.org>

Those providing care for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia are invited to this program via Zoom to learn stress management techniques and relaxation and coping strategies. The program is open to up to eight people and meets for nine weeks. Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. RR

■ **Jumpstart weight loss program**  
Ongoing

(630) 527-6363  
<https://www.eehealth.org/classes-events>

People interested in losing weight, increasing activity and preventing disease are invited to join Edward-Elmhurst Health’s Jumpstart Your Health, a virtual year-long, group lifestyle change program. Through 22 one-hour virtual group classes with a registered dietitian/trained lifestyle coach, participants will learn about nutrition, physical activity and behavior modification, along with self-monitoring of weight, food and activity. Jumpstart is for ages 26 and up, and a one-year commitment is required. Participants must first attend one of the free virtual information sessions, which are scheduled for Feb. 11 & 25 and March 11 & 25. Cost: \$249. RR

## JUST FOR KIDS

■ **RPG Club**  
Fridays, Feb. 5-March 26  
(630) 323-7500  
<https://www.thecommunity->

house.org

This online class in Role Playing Games will encourage teamwork, exercise imagination and help make new friends. Create, draw and build one’s own characters, write stories and backgrounds, then act out those characters by dressing up, if desired, to fight the BBEG (Big Bad Evil Guy) at the conclusion of a quest. The class is designed for ages 10 and older; teenagers are welcome. Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$207. RR, MD

■ **Valen-Slime: A Slimeology Lab**  
Feb. 12  
Westmont Community Center  
75 E. Richmond St.  
(630) 789-7090  
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Kids age 5-12 will make Valentine’s Day-themed slime with customized smells and colors. Then use the slime to capture Cupid in a special Valentine game. Participants will take their

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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

### ■ Monarch 2021 Read Aloud

Feb. 18  
(630) 986-1976  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Librarians will read

Monarch nominees over Zoom in this program for kids in preschool through third grade. Read along by reserving a print copy at the library or download on Hoopla or Libby/Overdrive. This month's selections are "Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré" by Anika Aldamuy Denise, "How to Give Your Cat a Bath in Five Easy Steps" by Nicola Winstanley, and

"Dreamers" by Yuyi Morales. Time: 4 to 4:35 p.m.

### ■ Windy City Ninjas

Mondays, Feb. 22-March 22  
Windy City Ninjas  
684 W. Lake St., Elmhurst  
(630) 789-7090  
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Working off an integrated curriculum, this class is appropriate for beginners ages 5-8 and advanced partic-

ipants ages 9-12. Participants will be able to challenge themselves with obstacles aimed at building strength, agility and balance. Classes will typically include four circuits with 5-8 obstacles per circuit. Class members will get a temperature check at the door and must wear a mask when in the building and sanitize hands before entering the gym area. Social distancing will be prac-

ticed, and only one parent is allowed in per family. Time: 6 to 6:50 p.m. Cost: \$135.

## LISTEN & LEARN

### ■ ID Theft Workshop

Feb. 10  
<https://www.RepMazzochi.com>

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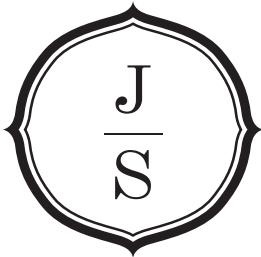
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the Illinois Department of Employment Security. A member of the Illinois Comptroller's Office will lead the workshop; residents can participate via Zoom or watch on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisHouse47>. Time: 5 p.m. RR for Zoom session.

### ■ 'The Zoo Beyond the Exhibits: Maintaining a Leadership Role'

Feb. 10  
<https://www.CZS.org/LectureSeries>

Learn about the many facets of the Animal Programs Department at Brookfield Zoo, including nutrition, veterinary services, animal welfare and husbandry in this virtual lecture. Bill Zeigler, senior vice president of animal programs for the Chicago Zoological Society, will present this program about how

the zoo's 2,600 animals are cared for behind the scenes, from enrichment and preventative health to local and international conservation efforts. Time: 7 p.m. Cost: Free; a \$10 donation is appreciated. RR

### ■ 'Preparing Our Kids to Thrive'

Feb. 10  
<https://www.d181foundation.org>

In the wake of uncertain-

ty and rapid change, many adults are doubling down on the pressure-filled parenting style that pushes children to excel. Madeline Levine identifies the skills that children need to succeed in a tumultuous future and offers day-to-day solutions parents can use to raise kids who are ready to face the challenge. Register to watch the livestream or the recording after

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# PULSE

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the event. The event is part of The Community Speaker Series presented by Districts 181 and 86. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

### ■ Upping your Zoom Game

Feb. 17  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>  
(630) 986-1976

Learn about several easy methods to improve the quality of video calls, including audio, image quality, background and more. Include an email address when registering to receive an online meeting invitation. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

## NOTEWORTHY

### ■ A Night of Broadway and Opera

Through Feb. 28  
(630) 942-3008  
<https://www.atthemac.org>  
Maestro Muspratt conducts New Philharmonic and four soloists performing his favorite music from movies, opera and Broadway in the on-demand streaming program. 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. Tickets: \$40 per household. RR

### ■ The Music of John Williams

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.

## ON SCREEN

### ■ 'Daughters of the Dust'

Feb. 10  
(630) 942-3008  
<https://atthemac.org>  
Set in 1902, this American historical drama follows three generations of female Gullah islanders, whose ancestors were brought there

as enslaved people centuries ago. These islanders were in relative isolation, and the unique culture and language from West Africa endured over time. Located on the Sea Islands of South Carolina, the Peazant family struggles to maintain its West African cultural heritage and folklore. Watch the film at any time at home (\$2.99 on YouTube, Amazon Prime & iTunes), then join a moderated discussion on Zoom. Times: 1:30 or 7:30 p.m.

### ■ 'I Am Not Your Negro'

Feb. 16  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Watch the Oscar-nominated documentary "I Am Not Your Negro: James Baldwin and Race in America" through Kanopy with a Hinsdale Public Library card, then exchange thoughts during a virtual discussion. Include an email address when registering to receive an online meeting invitation. Time: 3 to 4 p.m. RR

## ON STAGE

### ■ TWS & CTWS Polar Bear Club

Saturdays in February  
Theatre of Western Springs front porch  
4384 Hampton Ave.  
(708) 246-4043  
<https://theatreofwesternsprings.com/category/featured>

Members of the Theatre of Western Springs and Children's Theatre community are invited to enjoy fun outdoor activities to keep theater lovers' hearts warm. All events will be masked, socially distant and outdoors. Feb. 6 is Polar Bear Playread where participants can develop character, cold-reading and script skills by getting a play "on it's feet" with fellow actors. The session will last two to two-and-a-half hours; coffee and hot cocoa will be provided. Attendees should bundle up and bring a chair. Participation is limited to 10 people per session. Time: noon. Cost: freewill donations will be collected. RR

## SENIOR SCENE

### ■ Sing-a-Long Memory Café

Second Wednesday of the month

<https://www.agingcareconnections.org>  
(708) 354-1323

People living with memory loss and their caregivers are invited to join this monthly interactive sing-a-long via Zoom to enjoy stimulating and interactive musical experience. Find the link on the website listed above under Programs > Caregiver Support. Email Jessica Haines at [jhaines@agingcareconnections.org](mailto:jhaines@agingcareconnections.org) for more information. Time: 1 to 2 p.m.

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### ■ Peabody's Pages Book Club

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

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### ■ Book Buzz Sourcebooks

Feb. 10  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>

Join this Hinsdale Public Library program with Sourcebooks to talk about favorite fall titles and great new titles coming this spring. Include an email address when registering to receive online meeting invitation. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

### ■ Cupid's Courier

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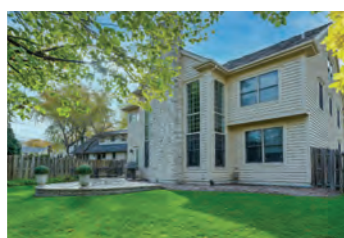
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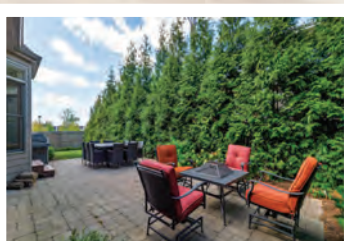
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### STEPPING BACK

#### ■ The Rich and Romantic History of Valentine's Day

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

Learn the history of Valentine's Day and of the paper valentines that celebrate it in this Hinsdale Public Library virtual program. Who was St. Valentine? Who sent the oldest Valentine and what did it say? How did sending paper Valentines to loved ones catch on? Those who make their own Valentines are welcome to share with the group. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

### TEENS & TWEENS

#### ■ Why Gap Years Matter More Than Ever

Feb. 9  
<https://www.hinsdalelibrary.info>  
(630) 986-1976  
Learn what the new gap

years look like when international travel is not a realistic option due to COVID-19 in this Zoom program sponsored by the Hinsdale Public Library. Katherine Stievater, founder of Gap Year Solutions, will share the benefits of a gap year and how it fits into college planning. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

### WEE ONES

#### ■ Sportsters and Lunchsters

Mondays, Feb. 22-April 5  
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415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale  
(630) 789-7090  
<https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pr>

Kids ages 3-6 can join the SportsKids staff for lunch and sporting fun, learning skills used in soccer, basketball, floor hockey, T-ball and other sports. Organized games will emphasize sportsmanship and teamwork. Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$87. RR, MD

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# REAL ESTATE SALES

Deeds for the following properties in Hinsdale and Golfview Hills were recorded in DuPage County from Dec. 14 to Jan. 15.

**1. 511 S. Oak St.,** Chicago Title Land Trust Co to Sarah L. Zielke Declaration Trust, Dec. 14, \$1,750,000

**2. 714 S. Park Ave.,** Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Patricia Carl and Jason Liu, Dec. 14, \$3,650,000

**3. 320 S. Garfield St.,** Sandra M. Rutter Revocable Trust to Noreen B. Lassandrello Revocable Trust, Dec. 14, \$832,500

**4. 5746 S. Park Ave.,** Amanda R. Walkinshaw to James and Mari Sadkowski and the Sadkowski Family Trust, Dec. 15, \$280,000

**5. 313 S. Lincoln St.,** Clayton and Sara Trapp to Hannah and Liam Rhatigan, Dec. 15, \$845,000

**6. 805 S. Adams St.,** Stuart and Tracey McCarroll to Patricia Atuesta and Gustavo Aguirre, Dec. 15, \$1,040,000

**7. 344 Hampton Place,** Steven and Catherine Bjeldanes to John and Anastasia McGowan, Dec. 15, \$1,655,000

**8. 117 S. Monroe St.,** Michael C. and Christine J. Shay trusts to Camille and Jahn Dawoud, Dec. 16, \$445,000

**9. 743 W. Fourth St.,** Snahel and Jacqueline Prajapati to Sven and Laura Krause, Dec. 17, \$1,252,000

**10. 1140 Old Mill Road,** Gertrude D. Moran Declaration Trust to Jill Rahn, Dec. 17, \$325,000

**11. 617 S. Washington St.,** Brenton Krumpfes to Christina Jankowski, Dec. 17, \$1,270,000

**12. 444 E. Fourth St.,** Matthew Bousquette to Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Dec. 18, \$2,500,000

**13. 608 Franklin St.,** Patrick and Abby Dillon to Andrew Laughlin and Kristin

Daugherty, Dec. 22, \$780,000

**14. 746 S. Adams St.,** Michael and Nancy Czlonka to Nichole Dawson and Brian Thimm, Dec. 22, \$835,000

**15. 833 S. Stough St.,** James Farah and Ann MacDiarmid to RECG LLC, Dec. 23, \$975,000

**16. 33 S. Garfield Ave.,** Douglas Day to KLPM LLC, Dec. 24, \$751,500

**17. 611 S. Monroe St.,** Andrew and Heather Russell to Daniel Moran and Catherine Gorman, Jan. 12, \$850,000

**18. 819 S. Lincoln St.,** Thomas and Susan Lockhart to Elizabeth L. Creekmore Trust, Jan. 13, \$715,000

**19. 643 S. Lincoln St.,** Cortt and Jennifer Cousino to Lisa Stoffer Exempt Trust, Jan. 13, \$1,475,643

**20. 416 Minneola St.,** Kenneth and Jennifer Ashley to Prateek and Madelon Reddy, Jan. 13, \$700,000

**21. 9 S. Monroe St.,** Bruce C. Stevens and Celeste G. Stevens Trust to Michael Miller and Minyu Wang, Jan. 13, \$755,000

**22. 810 S. Jackson St.,** Colleen Carlson to Ian Grigg, Jan. 13, \$235,000

**23. 818 W. 58th St.,** Gaile K. Sabaliauskas Revocable Trust to Jessica and Asa Sherwood, Jan. 14, \$1,185,000

**24. 702 Chanticleer Lane,** Elizabeth L. Creekmore Trust to Elizabeth Araugo, Jan. 14, \$315,000

**25. 517 N. Grant St.,** Jane Jacobs, Jill Reynolds and the Jacobs Living Trust to Michael and Ann Cullinane, Jan. 14, \$635,000

**26. 224 N. Garfield St.,** Chicago Title Land Trust Co. to Rita Abro and Ralph Dado, Jan. 15, \$1,800,000

**27. 325 E. Eighth St.,** William and Mary Castellano to ATG Trust Co., Jan. 15, \$7,675,000

*Source: DuPage County Recorder of Deeds*





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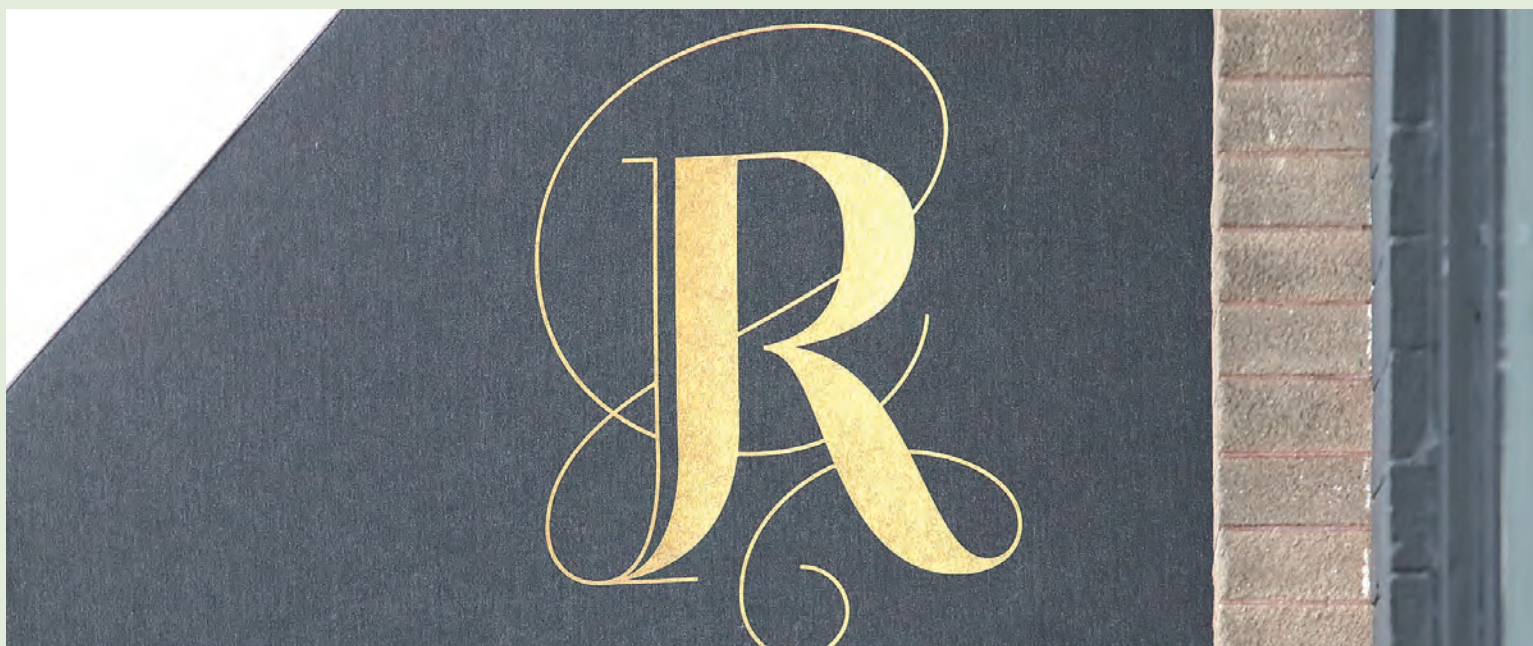


**More than a dozen** volunteers from Union Church spent the better part of the day Jan. 26 under the direction and help of chef and restaurant owner Paul Virant, preparing and cooking a meals for 160 clients of PADS. The meals were packaged individually and delivered to area hotels, where the clients are staying during the pandemic. The Michelin star chef created the menu of roasted pork butt with carrots, potatoes, roasted parsnips with tomatoes and onions; a salad of celery root and scarlet turnips with a wheat berry and feta cheese vinaigrette; and chocolate bread pudding with caramel drizzle. Jorie Parwani along with her children, Charlie and Emily, peeled the carrots and parsnips. One of the benefits of volunteering with Virant is you learn as you work. While Heather Manning and her daughter, Teagan, rip apart bread for the pudding, they got a lesson on celery root. Therese Carlson and Tony Biancalana prep the dinners. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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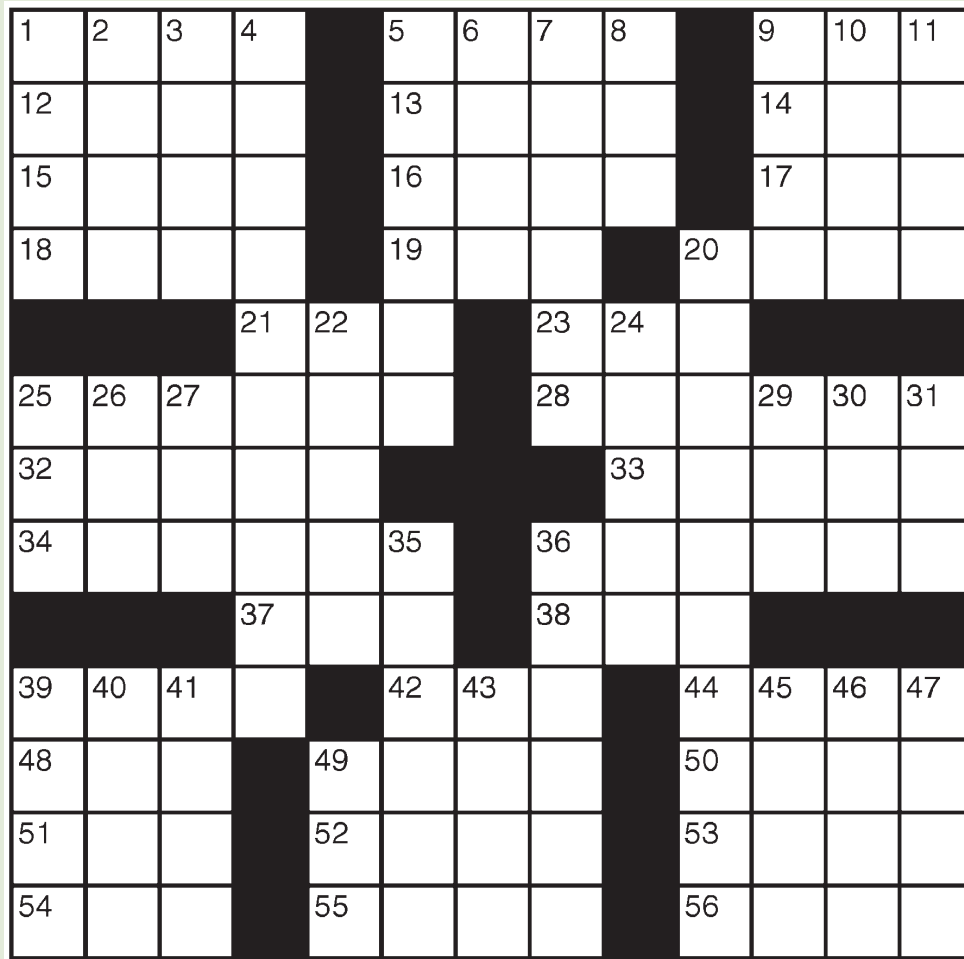
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14 SHOE WIDTH  
15 SECONDHAND  
16 WATCH CHAINS  
17 AWAY FROM SSW  
18 SLIGHTLY  
19 AND SO ON (ABBR.)  
20 TACKLES WEEDS  
21 LONGING  
23 HEARTY QUAFF  
25 EX-HAUSTED  
28 CASTOR'S TWIN  
32 SILENTS STAR MARY  
33 COUNTRY SINGER SHELTON  
34 ARREST  
36 DWELLINGS  
37 MEADOW  
38 DANCER CHARISSE  
39 RAGE  
42 TRIO AFTER Q  
44 RAW MINERALS  
48 EXIST  
49 - DOMINI  
50 "DAMN YANKEES" VAMP  
51 IRATE  
52 TALE TELLER  
53 MAUI MEAL  
54 GOLFER ERNIE  
55 TRACK CIRCUITS  
56 HOLLER



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- 1 OAXACA WATER  
2 REDDISH BROWN  
3 REGION  
4 "THAT'LL BE THE DAY" SINGER  
5 INSULT  
6 COIN APERTURE  
7 WHEEL COVER  
8 SIX-PACK MUSCLES  
9 VEGAS GAME  
10 HEREDITARY UNIT  
11 HONEY BUNCH?  
20 LOUIS ARMSTRONG SONG  
22 HAUNTING  
24 HOTEL AREA  
25 "HUMBUG!"  
26 "SUITS" NETWORK  
27 DISCO GUY ON "THE SIMPSONS"  
29 YOUNG FELLOW  
30 GUITAR'S KIN  
31 BALLOT MARKS  
35 ASLAN'S LAND  
36 OSCAR CONTENDERS  
39 NOTORIETY  
40 RUSSIAN RIVER  
41 SOME WINES  
43 CRISP COOKIE  
45 LIBERTINE  
46 MIDEAST AIRLINE  
47 AUTHOR BELLOW  
49 100%

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

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## HOROSCOPES

February 2021 Horoscopes • Week 2



CAPRICORN

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
It is alright if it seems like you're a beat behind everyone else this week, Capricorn. You will catch up soon enough and others are more than capable of picking up the slack.



ARIES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, an open discussion with a loved one yields positive results. Take what is said to heart and work on strengthening this relationship even further going forward.



CANCER

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, some time alone may be necessary to figure out a problem. Once you can get free of distractions, the solution will present itself rather quickly.



LIBRA

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, a change of scenery can be just what you need. A day trip to enjoy the great outdoors can prove refreshing and provide some new perspective.



AQUARIUS

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
An attraction to someone you meet this week catches you off guard, Aquarius. Forge ahead and explore these feelings if your situation allows.



TAURUS

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, reassess your finances before making a big financial commitment. Start adding things up and comparing expenses to income before signing on any dotted lines.



LEO

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, now is the time to begin planning an important project. Your mind is clear and you have the time, so embrace your creative side as you begin to hash things out.



SCORPIO

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, a new person in your life proves invigorating. Foster this relationship and be grateful for the opportunity to invite a new person into your life.



PISCES

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Offer support to a friend in need, Pisces. This generous offer will be much-appreciated and you will reap the rewards as well.



GEMINI

**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, some time off spent entirely with family and friends is just what the doctor ordered. Cherish this time and appreciate the opportunity to enjoy it with those you love.



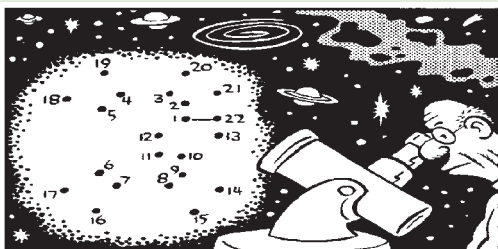
VIRGO

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Spiritual endeavors may take up much of your time this week, Virgo. Surround yourself with other spiritual people or examine your faith more deeply on your own.



SAGITTARIUS

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, a new hobby piques your interest. Introduce others to this activity and enjoy pursuing this newfound passion with someone you care about.



**CONNECT THE DOTS** and find out what the end of everything is.

Answer: The letter "G," of course, is at the end of "EVERY-"



## STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILE



**Name:** Quinn Cain  
**Year:** senior  
**Hometown:** Hinsdale

**When did you first start playing basketball?**

The first time I ever played on an actual organized team was second grade. I played with two other seniors on the team, Charlie Sessa and Charlie Herbst.

**What has kept you playing?**

Obviously, I love the sport. On top of that, just the friendships you make through it.

**When is the last time you played?**

The last time I played in an actual game before the whole pandemic was the playoffs last year, when we lost. After that, everything kind of shut down.

**What was January like?**

It was a tough month. For a while there, everything seemed to be trending in the wrong direction. All of the sudden, there was a change and there's a ton of energy around the program. It's just super exciting to have a season and be back with the guys. That's the most fun part of all.

**Do you prefer playing offense or defense?**

Obviously, the offensive side of it is where all the fun is at, but defense is what wins us games, and that's what it's all about, really.

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

If you had asked me a week ago, my goal would be to hopefully play games. Now I want to win conference. The goal is always to be the No. 1 team.

**What example do you try to set for younger players?**

I like to try to set an example of consistency. I think it's important every day to bring the same type of energy, the same type of work ethic to practice. You can't ever take a practice off, especially this year with such little time.

**Will you play next year?**

I'm going to play at Tufts University next year. I'm going to study economics and I'm deciding between going for a minor in either psychology or computer science.

**Why does coach Nick Latorre like having Cain on the squad?**

I enjoy having Quinn on our team because he epitomizes what I would like our program to represent. He works exceptionally hard on the court and in the classroom. He displays tremendous leadership and selflessly serves his teammates. He is respectful and kind, plays with toughness and grit, and is a wonderful role model for all of our younger players.

— profile by Pamela Lannom,  
 photo by Jim Slonoff

## Instant replay



**Hinsdale Central boys** bowling took on LT Tuesday at Rolling Lanes in Countryside, with contributions from team members Jimmy Draddy, Anthony Lynch and Gavin Chami. The Red Devils came up short against the Lions, losing 2,545-2,825 (Jim Slonoff photos)



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## **Tentative 2021 Season Schedule**

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- Registration closes 2/13/21
- HLL draft 3/6/21
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- Practices start first week in April (weather permitting)
- Opening Day to be early April



# SPORTS

## Sports emerge from the deep freeze

*Winter sports programs get green light from IHSA to return to (shortened) play*

By Ken Knutson

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High school winter sports have emerged from their COVID-19 hibernation.

Yesterday's boys varsity bowling match between Hinsdale Central and LT was the first Red Devil competition since early November, with other programs scheduled to start in the days and weeks ahead. Central athletic director Dan Jones said the return to play is a source of joy.

"I'm really excited for our athletes and our coaches for them to get a chance to have a season and compete," he said on Tuesday. In addition to boys and girls bowling, the badminton, girls gymnastics, boys swimming and boys and girls basketball programs are all readying for an abbreviated winter season. The Illinois High School Association announced the start of winter play Jan. 27, with the season ending March 13 with no state tournaments, as was also the case in the fall.

"The overwhelming feedback we have heard from athletic directors and coaches was that returning to play in all sports should be the main goal," IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson said of the board's decision in a press release.

As part of the decision, swimming meets can resume holding relay events, and track and field teams may use shared equipment, like batons, when they start up activity in April.

Jones said the IHSA move set in motion of scramble of activity to schedule contests and juggle space needs and availability.

"I'm overwhelmed trying to dot all the I's and cross the T's," he related. "It's good to be busy again. I think we're in a pretty good place right now schedule-wise and practice-wise for our athletes."

Basketball is the only winter sport designated "higher risk" by the Illinois Department of Public Health that will be competing. DuPage County's move yesterday into Phase 4 COVID restrictions clears the way for games to be held.

Central varsity girls head coach Karen Persinger said the



**Hinsdale Central's** Sarah Cernugel handles the ball during a game last season. Girls basketball is one of several Red Devil teams back in action after COVID-19 delayed the start of their winter seasons.

news is welcome.

"We are excited for the opportunity to be back in the gym playing basketball. The girls have been resilient through all of this, and I am happy for them to have this season, especially for the seniors," she said.

Jones said the games were scheduled starting Feb. 12 in anticipation of the ease in restrictions. Teams are limited to playing within their geographical area, but Jones expects that to change, too.

"We're anticipating that after the first three weeks in February, we'll be able to compete outside

of our region," he said.

Unfortunately, competitions will be closed to fans because the number of players, coaches and other officials generally maximize the number of people allowed in the gym under state protocols.

"As of right now, there are no spectators. The main reason is the availability of people in our gym is going to be used up by our athletes and visiting athletes," Jones said.

Persinger expects her team members to be highly motivated regardless.

"I have seen genuine excitement and most of all relief on their faces.

The energy in the gym is amazing and it has been such a joy for the coaches to get to see the girls every day again and for the players to have time to be together," she said.

The truncated winter season means schools also need to plan for those "spring" sports that were deferred from the fall, namely football, girls volleyball and boys soccer. The traditional lineup of spring sports consequently have had their start dates pushed back later in the season than normal. Anderson said a priority in the IHSA plan was to ensure those sports play after being completely canceled last year.

"Ultimately, the board adhered to its stated goals throughout the pandemic: providing an opportunity for every IHSA student-athlete to compete safely this year and maximizing opportunities for traditional IHSA spring sports after they lost their entire season a year ago," he said.

The hope, he suggested, is to bring some normalcy back to students' lives.

"We are excited to channel our energy into creating as many positive experiences for Illinois high school students as we can between now and the end of this extraordinary school year," he said.

Boys soccer is poised to start practices on March 1, football on March 3 and girls volleyball March 8. Jones said he hopes to provide time for members of the programs to do weight training and contact drills. A pandemic has a way of spoiling plans, of course, but he said the school is working with the information and guidance available to run its athletics program safely and without more disruption.

"Every two weeks things change," he said, noting there are contingency plans if needed. "We're trying to get ahead of things."

Persinger said the team wants to make the most of the opportunity.

"We want to get better at our game every day and to enjoy the camaraderie and teamwork of being together again. We want to stay safe and healthy and have six awesome weeks of basketball," she remarked.





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# JANUARY



## George Andrikokus

leads his sixth-grade brass class at Hinsdale Middle School. The room can accommodate his largest band class of 60 to 65 students and has a variety of acoustic features that benefit students — and storage space for instruments.

“Music is a language that everyone can speak, that everyone can hear. It helps me realize that this is why I do what I do.” — **senior percussionist Lorenzo Jennings on the Hinsdale Central marching band's trip to Italy to perform in the annual Rome New Year's Parade**

“The community has been wonderful, whether they were swimmers or divers or had kids at school. They've been very supportive and helping make sure that we're continuing on with all those activities and traditions.” — **Carol Bobo on efforts to raise money to help pay for a new 10-lane pool at Hinsdale Central**

“We started working on it in November. We practiced four times a week (except for winter break), and then we've been working on it ever since.” — **Franny Lucente, a senior Hinsdale Central cheerleader, on the preparation time for a four-minute Pack the Place pep rally routine**

“I'm thrilled for the opportunity to step into this role. This is something that I worked toward and have wanted to do. It feels like the right fit for me.” — **Lisa Kolavennu on being named the new executive director of Wellness House after working at the nonprofit for a dozen years**

## 2020 in review

“The progress during the last few weeks has been amazing. My understanding is that it is on schedule, and we are excited about its completion this spring and being able to utilize it for the next school year.” — **District 181 facilities director Mike Duggan on the new village-owned parking deck under construction at Hinsdale Middle School**

“I got cut from basketball, and my PE teacher was like, 'Hey, we need a 103-pounder.' My life went into a whole different direction.” — **Hinsdale Central varsity coach Jason Hayes on how he got started in wrestling**

“It's not really a role you can mess up. Throughout my own childhood, I've acted like a kid. Now I can just do it on stage for fun. And if I act like more of a baby, that's even better.” — **sophomore Sam Romberger on playing Lord Farquaad in Stage Door Fine Arts' production of "Shrek the Musical"**





# FEBRUARY



*Members of the “Greatest Generation” — from a Holocaust survivor to members of the military who fought in World War II — brought their stories to life for students at Hinsdale Middle School.*



“I think this year we’ve had the most fans than any other year. It’s fun playing in front of the kids we go to school with.” — **goalie Ben Ognibene of the Hinsdale Central Hockey Club on the team’s growing popularity**

“My objective in writing it was to shine light on the stigma that addicts and their families face.” — **resident Louis Lamoureux, who wrote the novel “Granville Street” about substance abuse after his son, Paul, died of an overdose in 2016 at age 24**



“The comments that were in that letter were not a personal attack and they were not pertaining to a personnel matter.” — **Meeta Patel on a complaint filed by residents against District 86 for preventing them from reading a letter at a December school board meeting**

“Just when you think you can’t sing and dance any more, you do. Because it’s just so much fun.” — **resident Alisa Messana on being a rookie cast member in the Community Revue for its “Hinsdopoly” musical sendup of village life**



“I really wanted a place for women to gather, (women) that were going through transitions.” — **Kimberly Arquilla on the mission behind her store, Work + Shop**

“It really focuses on the survivor ultimately surviving. It is incredibly mindful of anything from language to technique in the training process.” — **Central PE teacher Amy Carroll on the school’s Rape Aggression Defense training for students**

“Just getting my hand raised in that fourth match, it’s a moment where you kind of see all the hard work pay off. I got to look out in the stands and see everyone cheering for me.” — **Central freshman Cody Tavoso on placing sixth in the 106-pound weight class at the IHSA state meet**

## 2020 in review



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# MARCH



*Hinsdale Central* senior  
Lillian Niemeyer was featured in the “60 Seconds” personality profile March 26, sharing her thoughts on a very unusual year in which to end her high school career.



“When all these homes are gone, they're gone. I don't want to look back at this administration as somehow being asleep at the switch when this happened.” — **Village President Tom Cauley** during a discussion of a proposed moratorium on demolitions in the village



“Things are a little calmer today, so maybe we'll be able to get caught up. Employees have been outstanding, working overtime and whatever it takes to get caught up.” — **Kramer Foods owner Ron Ludwigson** on keeping the stocks shelved during the early days of the coronavirus pandemic



“Yes, our sales have decreased, but the amount of takeout has been substantial. We're very fortunate to have our business in such a great community that supports their local businesses.” — **Patricia Vlahos, co-owner of Fuller House**, about a week after Gov. JB Pritzker closed indoor dining establishments

“My inclination is to immediately go to the source of the story, where it's happening right in front of me so I can see it. The story is all around us and we are part of the story.” — **Chuck Goudie, investigative reporter at ABC 7 Eyewitness News**, on reporting on the COVID-19 pandemic from the library of his Hinsdale home

“We didn't have a vision of state titles or school records this season, and to catch both of those in the first event on Saturday really set the tone for us.” — **boys varsity swim coach Bob Barber** on the 200-yard medley relay team, which tied for first and helped the team place eighth at the IHSA state meet

“A call comes in: ‘My mom is sick.’ OK, well, has she been traveling? Does she have a fever or a cough? Those are all necessary questions that our dispatch will ask anybody to prepare us for when we get there. We change our response to someone who's possibly infected.” — **Hinsdale Fire Chief John Giannelli** on how the coronavirus pandemic was affecting firefighters

“When I'm plodding through the mundane, feeling a little lonely and tired from the daily grind, small personal connections are brightly colored buoys in my day, giving me something to grab onto as I lift my head up. I've needed more buoys this year with so many days of viruses, politics and simply gray sky, pushing on my chest, heavy and unrelenting.” — **contributing columnist Carol Wittemann**

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# APRIL



*Social distancing*  
and stay-at-home orders were flattening the curve, Amita Hinsdale Hospital ER medical director Dr. Herb Zerth stressed, but they would not eliminate the virus. “We still need to come up with a more effective treatment or a vaccine if we want to eliminate the problem,” Zerth said.

“It’s freeing up resources so (health care officials) can concentrate on something else, and it’s part of our mission to the community to help make sure that citizens are up and moving.” — **Ridgeway Burns, Hinsdale Public Library young adult services manager, on using 3D printers at the library and elsewhere to produce components for medical workers’ face shields**

“The biggest difference for everyone is we’re really trying to make remote classrooms feel as close to a normal classroom as possible.” — **Oak School fourth-grade teacher Gabrielle Pastiak on the transition to remote learning**

“I thought if I combine something that touches on physical activity with knowledge about things they’re learning in school with things that give them a sense of being grateful for what we have here, that would be great.” — **resident Katy Altemose on challenge hunts she devised to help families enjoy outdoor, socially distanced fun**

“Having these positive, enjoyable times with each other is actually critical to getting them through the chronic stress experience.” — **psychotherapist and best-selling author Lisa Damour on helping kids reduce their anxiety during a District 181 webinar**

“There has to be more than just age as the primary driver of whether a home is worth saving or not.” — **Robb McGinnis, Hinsdale’s community development director, on efforts to preserve the village’s historic homes**

“I’ve never seen this many patients at one time who are this sick. They get frighteningly sick, frighteningly quickly,” — **resident Hesham Hassaballa, Rush medical director of Rush Copley Medical Center’s ICU, on treating COVID-19 patients**

“What we’re seeing is people dusting off bikes that have been in their garage. People are bringing bikes down that haven’t been ridden in quite some time and want to get them in working order.” — **Rick Johnson, owner of King Keyser, on providing bike repair service for the first time**

## 2020 in review

*Hinsdale COVID-19 case count* 18



# Meaningful Moves Were Made

While reflecting on the unusual year of work that 2020 brought, Mike McCurry expresses gratitude. "I've shared with so many people how grateful I am to have an occupation that was deemed 'essential' by our government. Some wondered why, which is a good question since so many other industries were out of work," says McCurry, a long-time resident of Clarendon Hills. "But as we learn more about the human condition, we desire and need to seek shelter for our family. And many buyers did just that in 2020."

Like the rest of us, realtors were forced to pivot. It was business as usual - but more like business as unusual. "We invested in whatever gloves, masks, and sanitizers we could find on the over-inflated market in the early days of the pandemic," recalls McCurry. "We created floor plans, walkthrough videos, and streamed virtual happy hour tours. We did anything and everything it took to help the massive influx of buyers find their next home amongst the depleted, fast-moving inventory."

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# MAY



*Natalie Howard.*

Liz Youngman, Emilie Chadwell, Katie Sharp, Jenna Collignon, Jessica Joy, Ana Suchy and Olivia Beargie gathered on the steps at Hinsdale Central to celebrate their virtual graduation May 21.

“ We allow all the restaurants to put up tables out on the street and put umbrellas up and allow there to be enough spacing so the restaurants can serve food out in the open air. We’re thinking of that as a good idea to give our restaurants on First Street a shot in the arm so they may come back or not close permanently.” — **Village President Tom Cauley** during a discussion of creating al fresco dining opportunities

“ Even my dad learned how to crochet to help the cause.” — **Maddie Lipman**, who, with her friends started **Hinsdale Cares for Healthcare and Seniors** to obtain and deliver personal protective equipment and create ear-friendly loop adapters for masks

“ Every image you saw of what our nurses and doctors and first responders are dealing with was just daunting. Chocolate to me is this great thing that almost everyone loves completely. It just felt like the right thing if we could get in there.” — **Eddie Opler**, owner of **World’s Finest Chocolate**, who pledged to get 10 million chocolate bars in the hands of front-line heroes

“ When we all come together for a collective purpose and work together to meet the needs of our students, that’s when we experience success. It’s not an individual thing, but something that we all have a hand in.” — **Kristin Reingruber**, the new principal of **Monroe School**, on her leadership philosophy

“ They’re not getting their proms. They’re not getting their graduations. It’s just something to let them know everyone is thinking about them and are proud of them.” — **Colleen Carroll**, one of the organizers of the “**Let’s Celebrate Hinsdale District 86 Class of 2020**” Facebook page

“ No matter where I end up, no matter where life takes me, I hope to find a place that makes me feel like Hinsdale has all these years. A place that feels like home.” — contributing columnist **Katie Hughes** on moving on to the next phase of her life as a freshman at the University of Georgia

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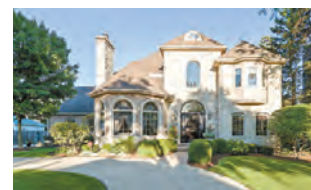
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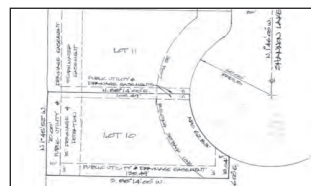
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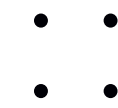
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# JUNE



*About 500*  
people marched through downtown Hinsdale in support of racial justice in the wake of the death of George Floyd. Police provided minimal traffic control to allow people to cross the streets safely during the peaceful event.



“The differences between South and Central don’t result in unequal opportunities based on state metrics.” — attorney Pamela Simaga in a report to the District 86 board on discrepancies in enrollment and course offerings between the district’s two schools

“Parents can pay an important role in the development of socially just children, who can grow up and be advocates for justice and equality.” — Hinsdale child therapist Alexis Cameron on having conversations about racial justice

“That’s something I’ve never had to do before — sign up for church.” — Dina Zeilstra, member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, on returning to in-person worship

“One thing I remember is one evening, we were sound asleep and suddenly there was a bear trying to get our food. He was pretty fast, but he didn’t get our food.” — 50-year resident Bob Hinkle on Boy Scout camping trips in New Mexico with his son

“To see everyone out, people speaking up ... it’s pretty encouraging and it shows that the future can be bright for us and there can actually be change.” — recent Hinsdale Central grad and protest organizer Isaiah Robinson on the response to incidents of police violence against Blacks

“I learned that if you’re impoverished and in an inner city and you’re Black, then it is harder to get out of poverty than if you are of a different race.” — Henry Jonas on his mission trip to Baltimore in 2019 with a team from Union Church

“I think that people will come back to restaurants, but I think that there’s going to probably be a general 10 to 15 percent reduction in business.” — resident and food and beverage executive Stuart McCarroll on the pandemic’s long-term impact on the industry

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# JULY



## Allison, Molly and Lindsey

Bruns discovered their inner artists this summer as co-founders of College Canvases. The Hinsdale sisters made money creating customized signs celebrating a high school graduate's college of choice.

“I’ve never been busier. People who’ve been quarantined in their smaller houses are realizing that it’s time for a bigger house. They’re looking for more space.” — Paul Mancini of @properties

“I felt like a Bollywood star.” — Katie Hines-Shah recounting the custom-made dress she borrowed to attend a family member’s wedding in India in 2019

“It feels like it’s more important now than ever. There’s an incredible need for food.” — Amy Wickstrom, new executive director, on the work of HCS Family Services

“Wearing all this PPE in the 90-degree heat is tough,” — Dr. Kisti Catalano, chief medical officer for Pillars Community Health, on staffing an outdoor COVID-19 testing site

“We are very pleased with the outcome and very happy that we could provide this much-needed amenity to the village.” — village manager Kathleen Gargano on the opening of the village’s \$9 million parking deck

“I think homeowners ought to be allowed to do what they want with their property. The distinction between ‘significant’ and ‘contributing’ doesn’t matter.” — Hinsdale Historic Preservation Commissioner Jim Krillenberger on his opposition to a proposed moratorium on the teardown of historic homes

“We should all anticipate at some point a remote learning environment will be required due to the public health crisis.” — Hinsdale Central Principal Bill Walsh on plans to reopen school in the fall

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# AUGUST



*A powerful derecho* with winds exceeding 50 mph tore through Hinsdale, sending tree limbs onto roads and downing power lines throughout town. Conor and Lois Weber and their son Isaac watched crews clear North Washington Street.

“It’s unfortunate. As a spring sport, we’re kind of getting the worst end of the deal. It’s been a wild ride, and it’s taken a toll on the kids.” — **Hinsdale Central varsity softball coach Brittany Wolski** on the plan to move the 2021 season to summer after the 2020 season was canceled due to COVID-19

“Everyone should go to Yellowstone. I felt so patriotic there.” — **Carissa Kapcar** on her family’s 2016 RV road trip to several of the country’s national parks.

“What we learned is the ‘Divergent’ series has a team on it named Candor, so all the kids knew that it meant honest and truthful.” — **Barb Thayer**, executive director of **Candor Health Education**, the name chosen in 2020 to replace **Robert Crown Center**

“Maybe it’s a sign of progress that we can finally have women in positions of power, whatever their political party.” — **Janice Miller** of the **League of Women Voters** on the selection of **Kamala Harris** as a vice-presidential candidate in the centennial year of the 19th Amendment’s passage

“At 4 o’clock last night, IDPH, in my opinion, changed the game plan and gave us a whole new set of things that we have to consider that was never part of any conversations before as a committee.” — **District 86 Superintendent Tammy Prentiss** on state health officials’ updated guidance on conducting in-person learning

“Maintaining 6 feet of social distancing would help inhibit spread of the virus and lead to more instructional continuity. I feel the more rigorously we follow safety guidelines, the more likely we are to stay open longer.” — **District 181 board member Sheetal Rao** on supporting a hybrid instruction plan

“It was going really fast and it hit the pin and dropped in. I jumped up and down and threw my arms in the air, and everyone was excited and happy.” — **Jack DiTrani** reliving his hole-in-one as a 13-year-old at the 2017 PGA Jr. League National Championship in Scottsdale, Ariz.

## 2020 in review

*Hinsdale COVID-19 case count* 297





## 60 SECONDS

### Hinsdale returnee espouses cooperation over conflict

"The best beloved of all things in my sight is justice."

These are the words of Bahá'u'lláh, the 19th-century founder of the Bahá'í Faith, which emphasizes the value of all religions and the oneness of humanity. It's a belief system that Hinsdale's Gordon Coates found compelling.

Coates, a man and a woman and

college cross country coach. He was attracted to the call to root out prejudices and systemic inequalities to unite people across ethnic backgrounds, social classes and religions.

"The idea (is) that the founders of all the great religions were sent by God ... to guide mankind and not to compete with each other," he explained.

Coates was also drawn to the advocacy for the harmony of the world. He went to the organization, the Baha'i Center in Haifa, Israel.

There were 700 members from all over the world at the experience. Coates gained a new perspective on healthy eating and living. He earned his degree in medical dietetics. He is a registered dietitian at a hospital and the center," Coates would say my current diet is oatmeal bread and vegetable salads."

His wife, Philippa, graduated from Hinsdale Central a few years after him. But they weren't acquainted until well into adulthood when his mom and her dad, serving together as election judges one year, learned each had an unmarried child — and that both were Bahá'í!

"Our parents aren't Bahá'is, so it's kind of funny," Coates said.

The matchmaking worked, of course, and the couple returned to Hinsdale in 2005 to make their home. They adopted a boy and later a girl, both from Guatemala and now in their teens. Coates began his work at the Bahá'í National Center, about a mile from the landmark Bahá'í House of Worship in Wilmette.

Coates said humanity's present challenges can become a force for good.

"My hope is that the struggles we've all been going through will help us focus more on spiritual things and on working together to attain a more just and unified society," he said.

— story by Ken Knutson, photo by Jim Slonoff



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## 60 SECONDS

### Hinsdalean leads nonprofit in meeting surging

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

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

open up again, we event business will again," he said.

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# SEPTEMBER



*Central senior*  
Matt Hester was one of the speakers at a rally before a District 86 board meeting urging an immediate return to in-person classes.



“ We built out a really transparent communication schedule that we shared at our board meeting prior to the start of the school year, so I think people knew what to expect.” — **D181 communications director Jamie Lavigueur** on notifying parents of the first COVID-19 cases since schools opened

“ It’s actually some of the best rowing water ever. Super-wide, you can put like four boats across.” — **Allie Hildreth**, Central senior and Chicago Rowing Foundation member, on the DesPlaines River

“ Sitting at home every day behind a screen does not promote well-being. E-learning is not the answer. We must return to the classroom.” — **Central senior Cayden Torsberg** at a rally calling officials to open schools before Oct. 5

“ The nature of our community is not tract housing. It’s a ridiculously dense plan that doesn’t fit with our community.” — **Fullersburg resident Dan Hemmer** speaking in opposition to the proposed 46-home Heather Highlands development north of Ogden Avenue between Madison and Adams streets

“ It’s been frustrating. We’ve had a few hiccups and that’s probably one of the things that drives me nuts is the hiccups.” — **Central athletic director Dan Jones** on the last-minute schedule changes required after the IHSA announced in July that some teams could play in the fall

“ You can keep it in your home. You can keep it in your purse. You never know when you might use it and save someone’s life.” — **Dr. Ruchi Fitzgerald** on her efforts to make Narcan widely available to prevent fatal overdoses

“ It was a little confusing. To be honest, I kind of relied on my friend to remember where we were going.” — **eighth-grader Leah Theoharous** on acclimating to her half-day schedule at Hinsdale Middle School

## 2020 in review

Hinsdale COVID-19 case count 380





# OCTOBER

*Opponents of a plan to remove the Salt Creek dam in Fullersburg Woods sought to persuade the DuPage County Forest Preserve District to change its mind.*

“The budgets last year were significantly underspent. Due to the school shutdown, a lot of supplies were not consumed. A lot of travel was not consumed.” — **District 86 Chief Financial Officer Josh Stephenson** on explaining the \$1.2 million budget surplus at the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year

“It was a weird way to finish, but I’m just happy we had such a good team.” — **Hinsdale Central senior golfer Emily Ascher** on the team’s sectional championship, marking the end of the season as the state tournament was canceled

“It’s easy to give money and say a prayer for somebody. It’s not as easy to get involved and stay with it on a weekly basis.” — **Hinsdale’s Jacqui Wooldridge** on serving with a group to care for homeless people in downtown Downers Grove

“I’m aware that it’s a difficult thing. I hope for more awareness around this issue. I hope for people to realize that not everything that they say or do is OK.” — **Hinsdale Central senior Amaryah Chandler** of the Students Organized for Anti-Racism club in discussing the club’s 14-day Equity Challenge for students and families

“Solving this brazen robbery and securing convictions was a priority for the police department. Hinsdale police officers spent countless hours tracking down leads, conducting interviews and collecting evidence in this case.” — **Hinsdale Police Chief Brian King** on the conviction of two men in the 2017 armed robbery of Razny Jewelers

“I think I’m going to remember most how we came together as a team during this tough time and built each other up. Without that, I don’t think we would have done as well as we did.” — **Hinsdale Central varsity swim coach Bob Barber** on the team’s sectional title and record-breaking season



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# NOVEMBER



*Jennifer Reenan*

(front, green coat) appreciated the team that spent two years restoring her historic home on Sixth Street — known as the American Beauty House — after it was nearly destroyed by a 2018 fire. Her team included Aarti Patel, Ari Smejkal, Elizabeth Krueger, David Post, Laura O'Brien, Mike Abraham, Joel Rafferty and David Knecht.

“The generosity of the community has been amazing. Seeing the food being distributed is such a great thing. This has been a good day.” — **Bob Lassandrello, HCS Family Services board chair, on the 300 Thanksgiving dinner kits the organization distributed to clients**

“During this second wave, COVID-19 has impacted our Hinsdale Hospital campus significantly, although not to the degree seen in the spring.” — **Adam Maycock, president and CEO, Amita Health Adventist Medical Centers Hinsdale and La Grange**

“We’ve already canceled a spring season and it would be unfair to have anything affect their season when we know that a lot of them, under (Tier 2) guidelines, would be able to compete.” — **Central athletic director Dan Jones after Gov. JB Pritzker announced the state would move to Tier 3 mitigations and all winter sports would be on hold**

“I’ve always been an advocate for marginalized groups of people who don’t have a voice or can’t voice their opinions in a safe manner.” — **Bridget McBride, Central junior and co-president of the Gender Sexuality Alliance**

“Probably after three months, I felt I’d met the challenge. Then it became a matter of survival. We lost a lot of lives for nothing.” — **former U.S. Marine pilot Bill Trader on his combat tour in Vietnam**

“I love them all. I love pumpkin pie. Smashed potatoes I love. We always do Brussels sprouts and I love all those things.” — **Vistro owner and chef Paul Virant on his favorite Thanksgiving dishes**

“Sometimes a slice of pie and a good laugh are all you really need to celebrate.” — **contributing columnist Amy McCauley**

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# DECEMBER

## Salt Creek Ballet

presented its annual production of “The Nutcracker” as a drive-in movie in Salt Creek’s Westmont parking lot, letting audience members watch and listen from their cars.

“We certainly don’t want to take more than we need, but we want to make sure that we’re not hurting ourselves by taking less before we really know how much we’re going to get.” — **District 181 board President Margie Kleber** on favoring the “balloon” levy approach with the option to abate revenue to taxpayers in March if warranted

“The Hinsdale Central stage has come to meet so much to every single Hinsdale Central person who was in the drama club.” — **senior Charlotte Froiland** on the club’s radio play-style performance of ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’

“It’s still important for Hinsdale to recognize — and all suburbs — that people that recovering from addiction are recognized by the government as people with a disability.” — **Michael Owens, founder and executive director of Trinity Sober Living**, on the U.S. Department of Justice suing the village for trying to stop Trinity from operating a group home in town

“It was the busiest day of the season, and we were doing business through a 30-inch opening.” — **Jim Phillip of Phillip’s Flowers & Gifts** on the impact of COVID-19 mitigations on Mother’s Day

“We try to give these young adults the chance to experience a diverse variety of community service.” — **Hinsdale Assembly Chair Laurie Eichelman** on the organization’s philanthropic focus

“She was a wonderful student, classmate, teammate and friend who left an indelible mark on all of us.” — **a Hinsdale Central statement** following the death of sophomore swimming standout Kendall Pickering

“We should address that whole corridor and say that we don’t want things there that don’t generate sales tax revenue.” — **Village President Tom Cauley** on his opposition to Lakeview Bank’s desire to open a branch at 222 E. Ogden Ave.



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