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Welcome the Lunar New Year!



THE OBSTINATE OX. A worker hangs up a Lunar New Year decoration for sale in Klang, outside Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in this January 14, 2009 file photo. The coming Year of the Ox, which was last celebrated 12 years ago in 2009, begins February 12, 2021. The Asian Reporter's special section in honor of the Lunar New Year begins on page 8. (AP Photo/Lai Seng Sin, File)



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Happy Lunar New Year!



PATIENT & PRACTICAL. The Lunar New Year, which begins February 12 this year, marks the Year of the Ox. People born under the sign of the Ox are generally considered to be capable, conscientious, and clear-thinking individuals who are patient and practical. They are also known for their tendency to be materialistic and can be stubborn and easily agitated. Those born between February 12, 2021 and January 31, 2022 are Metal Oxen. (AP Photo/Greg Baker, File)

The Ox digs in

The Year of the Ox trudges in February 12, 2021, and its arrival will be celebrated by people throughout the world — though the global coronavirus pandemic may alter many traditions and celebrations. Considered by many to be the oldest calendar system in the world, the Chinese lunar calendar traces its origin back as far as 2637 B.C.E. Each year is represented by one of the 12 animals of the zodiac: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

Similar to many traditions, the observation dates back to an ancient legend: China's Jade Emperor wanted to determine the order of the calendar, so he called upon 12 animals in the kingdom to participate in a race. The order in which the animals finished determined the placement in the calendar. The Ox finished second, after the Rat and before the Tiger and Rabbit. In 2021 we celebrate the proud and hardworking Ox.

Like many celebrations observed by multiple cultures, the Lunar New Year is known by many names. In Vietnam, it is known as *Tet Nguyen Dan*, while Korea celebrates *Sol*, Cambodia commemorates *Chaul Chnam Thmey*, and Thailand enjoys *Songkran*, which occurs in April. China recognizes the Spring Festival, *Chuen Jie*, when friends and family come together to wish one another happiness and pay respects to ancestors in a celebration that begins on the New Year and continues for 15 days.

Different lunar zodiac animals

Each culture has different traditions, and in the case of the lunar calendar, the animals that make up the yearly cycles sometimes differ. For example, in the Tibetan cycle, the Rat is referred to as the Mouse, the Rabbit is referred to as the Hare, and the Rooster as the Bird. In the Vietnamese tradition, the Rabbit is referred to as the Cat, the Sheep as Ram, and the Rooster as Cock.

Each animal recurs every 12 years, but in a different incarnation based on one of five elements — metal, water, wood, fire, and earth. For example, this year is the Year of the Metal Ox, which was last celebrated 60 years ago in 1961. After exiting on January 31, 2022, the Metal Ox will not return until 2081.

According to Chinese astrology, people born in the Year of the Ox (1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, and 2021) are known to be diligent, practical, confident, and gentle individuals who are organized, persistent, consistent, and reliable. They are also known for their tendency to be materialistic and hot-tempered and can be cold and intolerant. Metal Oxen — including those born between February 12, 2021 and January 31, 2022 — are skillful and eloquent but are also sometimes eccentric, complacent, and easily agitated.

New Year traditions

For many cultures, the arrival of the New Year marks a spiritual time in which celebrants give thanks at temples and pray for a year's good luck. Another widely practiced tradition involves sweeping homes clean of evil spirits by literally cleaning and sweeping dwellings of dirt. In addition, new clothing is often purchased in commemoration of the New Year.

The Spring Festival usually ushers in China's busiest travel season, a time when families journey great distances to celebrate with loved ones. During the coronavirus pandemic, however, many people are being asked not to travel or gather in groups. In Thailand, revellers would typically get wet and wild during *Rohd Nam Songkran*, a festival in which celebrants douse one another with water to bring rain in the coming year.

Worldwide celebrations also bring out many culinary traditions. Chinese traditionally eat rice cakes and dumplings, Vietnamese dine on a kind of rice cake called *banh trung*, and people in Korea prepare traditional foods, including *duk-kuk*, a rice cake soup.

Children celebrating the arrival of the Lunar New Year are greeted with many treats. In China and Vietnam, youngsters receive special red envelopes containing New Year's money (in China, the envelopes are called *hong bao*). Korean children usually bow to their parents and grandparents and, in return, receive freshly minted money (though not in red envelopes).

The next Lunar New Year will bring the Year of the Tiger, from February 1, 2022 to January 21, 2023. Have a safe and prosperous Year of the Ox!

What sign are you?

Find the year you were born. Those born in January or February should consult page 12.

1900, 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020 — Rat
 1901, 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021 — Ox
 1902, 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022 — Tiger
 1903, 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023 — Rabbit
 1904, 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024 — Dragon
 1905, 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025 — Snake
 1906, 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026 — Horse
 1907, 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027 — Sheep
 1908, 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028 — Monkey
 1909, 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029 — Rooster
 1910, 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030 — Dog
 1911, 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031 — Pig

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The Gregorian and Chinese lunar calendars

Animal	Gregorian	Chinese
Ox	February 12, 2021	Year 4719
Tiger	February 1, 2022	Year 4720
Rabbit	January 22, 2023	Year 4721
Dragon	February 10, 2024	Year 4722
Snake	January 29, 2025	Year 4723
Horse	February 17, 2026	Year 4724
Sheep	February 6, 2027	Year 4725
Monkey	January 26, 2028	Year 4726
Rooster	February 13, 2029	Year 4727
Dog	February 3, 2030	Year 4728
Pig	January 23, 2031	Year 4729
Rat	February 11, 2032	Year 4730

A few animal characteristics

Rat: Honest, idealistic, practical, sentimental, argumentative, greedy
Ox: Careful, diligent, eloquent, patient, eccentric, stubborn
Tiger: Ambitious, dynamic, honorable, loyal, critical, impatient
Rabbit: Artistic, considerate, intelligent, peaceful, hesitant, judgemental
Dragon: Energetic, faithful, generous, sincere, defensive, opinionated
Snake: Charitable, elegant, organized, reflective, anxious, possessive
Horse: Calm, confident, independent, talented, contradictory, moody
Sheep: Adaptive, creative, empathetic, polite, impractical, pessimistic
Monkey: Charming, sensitive, vivacious, wise, cunning, selfish
Rooster: Adventurous, courageous, funny, hardworking, cynical, vain
Dog: Brave, devoted, knowledgeable, trustworthy, disagreeable, strict
Pig: Affectionate, cheerful, obliging, optimistic, naïve, snobbish

Read your forecast for the Year of the Ox!
 Horoscopes by Madame Mingmei begin on page 10.

The Year of the Ox

The Ox is the second animal of the lunar zodiac. Those born under the Ox sign are generally considered to be capable, conscientious, and clear-thinking individuals who are patient and practical. They are also known for their tendency to be materialistic and can be stubborn and easily agitated. Oxen born between February 12, 2021 and January 31, 2022 are Metal Oxen. The metal element makes for Oxen who are resourceful and self-sufficient but have trouble hiding their obsession with achieving goals or accepting failure. The Metal Ox is famous for being a person of few words and who has a strong sense of responsibility. One can rely on the word of the Metal Ox. Beware, through, as they can also be arrogant.

Ox facts

Year of the Ox: February 12, 2021 to January 31, 2022

Chinese Calendar Year: 4719

Ox Years: 1901, 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021

Characteristics: Those born in the Year of the Ox are confident, consistent, and careful. Oxen can be serious and authoritative and are highly trustworthy. Ox people are creative and determined, and often want to keep going to finish a task. Oxen are dependable people who strongly believe in themselves, but sometimes they can be inflexible and dogmatic.

Best careers: Ox people make good painters, doctors, managers, engineers, interior designers, judges, teachers, carpenters, architects, physiotherapists, horticulturalists, and army officers.

Born in the Year of the Ox: Barack Obama, Aishwarya Rai, Allen Say, Vera Wang, Gary Locke, Princess Diana, Walt Disney.

How to Catch a Dragon presents elements of the Lunar New Year in a fun, colorful, and engaging way

How to Catch a Dragon

By Adam Wallace

Illustrations by Andy Elkerton

Sourcebooks Wonderland, 2019

Hardcover, 40 pages, \$10.99

By Jody Lim

The Asian Reporter

How to Catch a Dragon is aimed at children age four and older. I'd never heard of the book before, or the series of which it is a part, but my three-and-a-half-year-old nephew thoroughly enjoyed it.

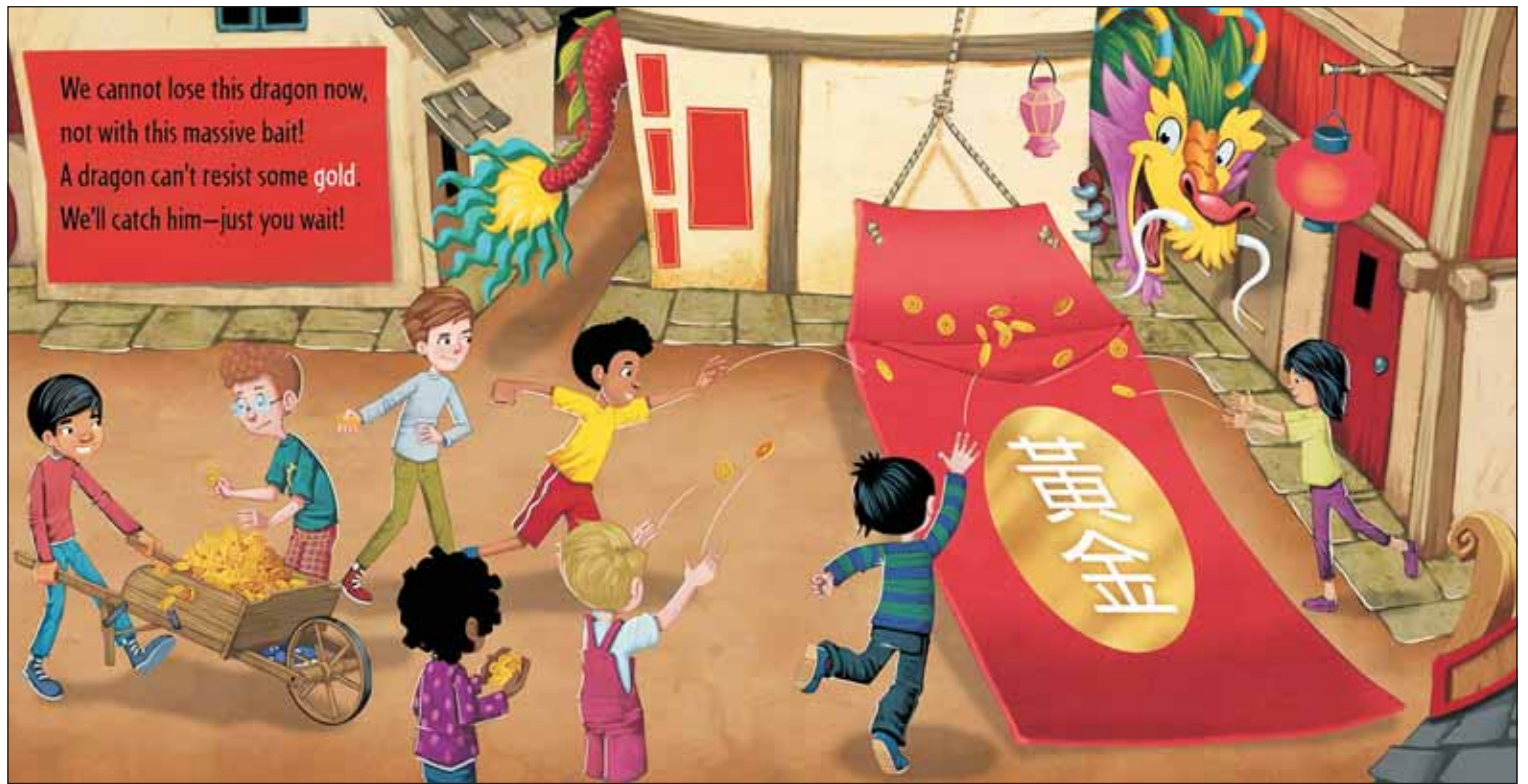
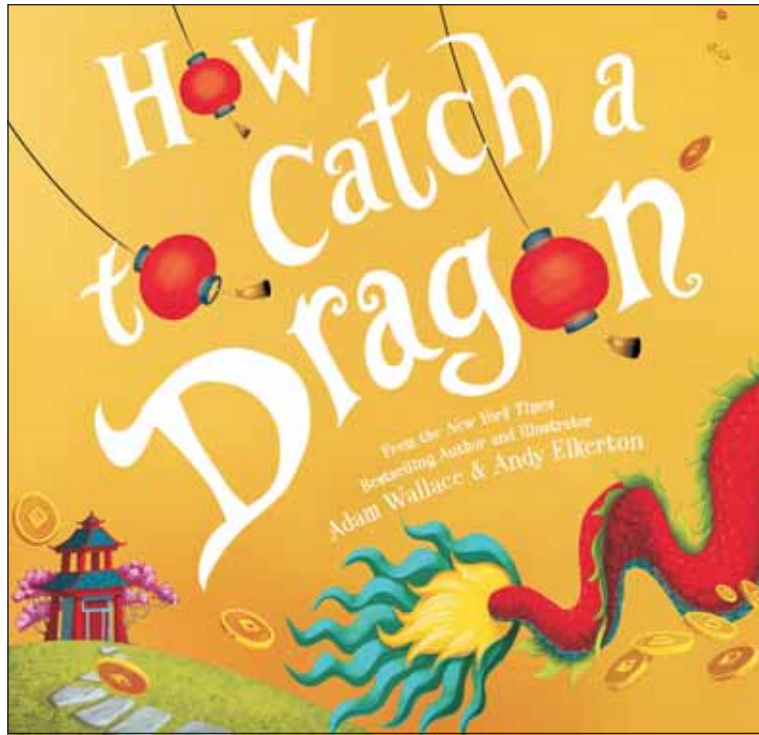
While a family and members of a community in China prepare for the Lunar New Year, several elements of the annual celebration are introduced — paper lanterns, red envelopes, noodles, sticky rice, fireworks, and more.

The children try to catch the clever dragon, with its “real red DRAGON’S TAIL!” The wily creature, however, manages to get away from several traps they set.

Do the children in the book ultimately catch the dragon? You’ll have to look through the beautiful drawings and read the lyrical prose to find out.

In two readings (so far) of *How to Catch a Dragon*, my little nephew was amazed by the numerous colorful items throughout the book and pointed out many interesting details — “He is cleaning,” “there’s only one chopstick,” “gold money,” “dragon dance,” “that stick broke,” “little dragon,” “fireworks — cool,” and more.

How to Catch a Dragon is part of the popular series that includes *How to Catch a Unicorn*, *How to Catch a Snowman*, *How to Catch a Dinosaur*, and others. After reading this book, my nephew and I are intrigued. We plan to read more of them.



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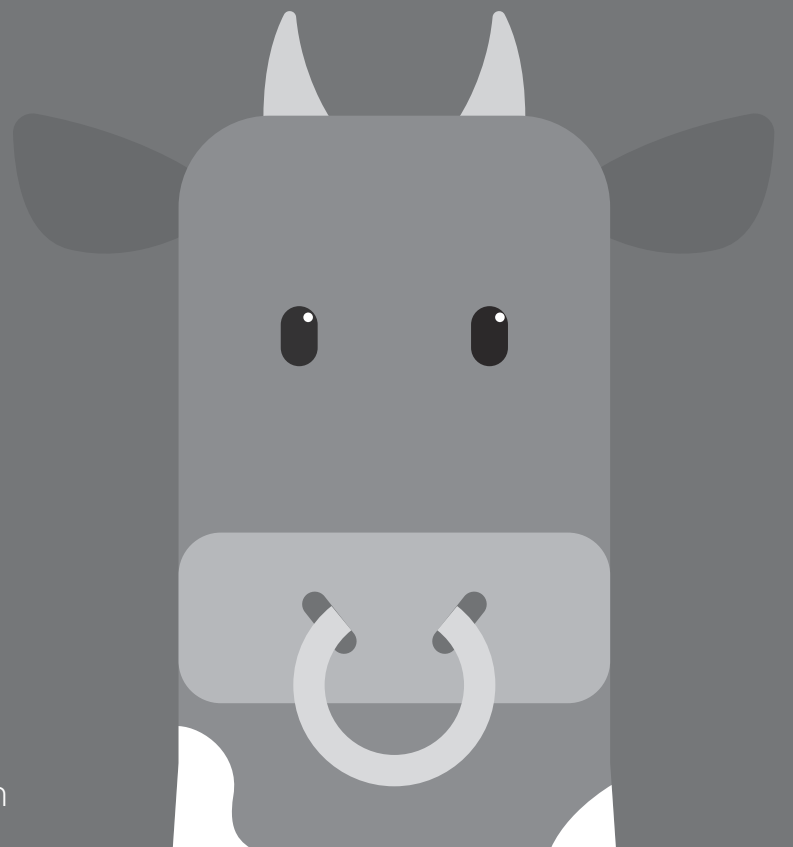
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Year of the Ox forecasts

The first prediction applies to each animal sign (Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig) for the new lunar year. Each prediction is followed by an additional forecast specific to one's element (metal, water, wood, fire, earth).

To find out what sign and element apply to you, turn to page 12 and look up your date of birth.

By Madame Mingmei
Special to The Asian Reporter

The Rat

The calm and compassion Rat will be noticed this year. Surround yourself with friends and family, and good things should follow. Soak in as many happy moments as possible while spending quality time with those you care about. Remember to keep your picky and calculating side to yourself.

■ **Metal Rat:** Health and wellness should be a priority

during the Year of the Ox.

■ **Water Rat:** Take time to rejuvenate friendships and relationships from the past.

■ **Wood Rat:** Feel free to remake or remodel your living space this year.

■ **Fire Rat:** Pay attention to your health and listen to what your body is telling you.

■ **Earth Rat:** Focus on the safety of yourself and others to avoid any potential accidents.

The Ox

It's your year, Ox! 2021 is the year for you to be more active, which will help you maintain good health and make you feel better. A fruitful year is possible for those who are conscientious, organized, and practical; the clear-thinking and confident Ox will be rewarded. Remember to spend time solidifying important relationships.

■ **Metal Ox:** Focusing on good health is an important goal this year.

■ **Water Ox:** Cultivate healthy relationships in your life. Toxic ones may bring you down, so be sure to remove them. Trust your gut to guide you about which relationships are worth your energy.

■ **Wood Ox:** Organize your personal and professional schedules to help stay on top of everything.

■ **Fire Ox:** Composure and consistency will be needed to navigate 2021.

■ **Earth Ox:** Seek advice from experienced individuals if you hit a roadblock.

The Tiger

The open-minded and independent Tiger will experience new things this year. Open up your schedule, remain engaged, and be generous to others. Make an effort to also enjoy life's small rewards — talking to an old friend, starting a new hobby, or taking an occasional break. Remember not to be too aggressive or moody.

■ **Metal Tiger:** Take time to assess your life, but be careful not to get hung up on past mistakes. Self-reflection may lead to a new and better path to pursue.

■ **Water Tiger:** Big plans and high aspirations may appear on the Water Tiger's agenda this year.

■ **Wood Tiger:** Be sure to spend time with the important people in your life.

■ **Fire Tiger:** Take on an unforeseen task this year.

■ **Earth Tiger:** Overcome a temporary lack of motivation and focus on your goals and priorities. Success will only be achieved with determination.

The Rabbit

The principled and sensitive Rabbit will reap rewards during the Ox Year. Challenge yourself intellectually by reading a book, taking a class, or participating in a webinar. Learning new things will build confidence. Try not to allow your timid side to limit your experiences this year.

■ **Metal Rabbit:** Focus on a specific skill to create a solid foundation for the future.

■ **Water Rabbit:** Consider volunteering this year.



will see you turning an unlucky event into good fortune.

■ **Earth Rabbit:** Look deep to find passion in your hobbies and relationships.

The Dragon

Communication is critical this Ox Year, so do your best to be diligent and maintain open channels. The dynamic and visionary Dragon should find time to help those who need assistance, be it a friend, neighbor, or family member. Stay sincere and focused in your endeavors. Also remember to keep your short temper at bay.



■ **Metal Dragon:** Listen carefully to family and friends during the coming year.

■ **Water Dragon:** Stay practical and organized during this Ox Year.

■ **Wood Dragon:** Be respectful, but if a friend or family member takes you for granted, take steps to fix the issue.

■ **Fire Dragon:** 2021 is a year to get a lot of restful sleep, Fire Dragon.

■ **Earth Dragon:** Set new goals — big or small — throughout the Year of the Ox.

The Snake

The wise and curious Snake can look forward to the Year of the Ox. With luck on your side, 2021 should go smoothly. Stay organized, remain determined, and tap into your curious side to learn new things. Remember, also, to not be too calculating.



■ **Metal Snake:** Find a hobby that is right for you, then step back from your responsibilities to occasionally enjoy it.

■ **Water Snake:** Meeting problems head on during the Year of the Ox will help put your life in order.

■ **Wood Snake:** Focus this year on personal and familial relationships.

■ **Fire Snake:** Make time to take up a hobby.

■ **Earth Snake:** Stay focused this Ox Year in order to finish any projects you start.

The Horse

The Year of the Ox may provide new options for the independent and enterprising Horse. Stay flexible and curious so you are able to adapt quickly. Be ready for a friend or family member to ask for assistance. When they reach out to you, stay calm and keep your impatience to yourself.

■ **Metal Horse:** 2021 is a year to meet new people. Stay confident and cheerful during new encounters.

Your efforts to help others should increase your self-worth and may lead to new relationships.

■ **Wood Rabbit:** Be wise when taking on new tasks during the Year of the Ox.

■ **Fire Rabbit:** Your Ox Year



this year; seek advice if needed.

■ **Earth Horse:** Be adaptable and creative this year, Earth Horse.

The Sheep

The Year of the Ox could be a tough one for a lazy or irresponsible Sheep. Rely on your independence and adaptable nature to stay on track with your goals. Some luck may find you this year, so keep your eyes open. Work harder than everyone around you to achieve success.



■ **Metal Sheep:** Remember, Metal Sheep, that without clear targets, not much is accomplished.

■ **Water Sheep:** Be cautious when taking on a new project during the Year of the Ox.

■ **Wood Sheep:** Use your voice this year to help others.

■ **Fire Sheep:** The Ox Year may end up being one in which you need to work really hard.

■ **Earth Sheep:** Thoroughly analyze any new opportunities and chances that arise this year.

The Monkey

Make an extra effort to have more fun during the Year of the Ox. Draw on your inventive and gregarious nature to bring up the spirits of those around you. Stay confident in your abilities and use your talents for good causes. Remember also to pay attention to your health.



■ **Metal Monkey:** Opportunity may come knocking this Ox Year. Be sure to act promptly after consulting trusted friends.

■ **Water Monkey:** Investing in education or expanding your horizons may help propel you to a more desirable place.

■ **Wood Monkey:** Always give your best to make each day a little better for those around you.

■ **Fire Monkey:** Important life decisions may surface this year.

■ **Earth Monkey:** A big decision is on the horizon. Be confident and rational when evaluating potential options and outcomes.

The Rooster

The adventurous and courageous Rooster should take on new challenges this year. Be ready for opportunities for growth, as they may pop up unexpectedly. Remain honest and sincere in all your endeavors during the Year of the Ox

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Lunar New Year virtual events

Many community groups and organizations are holding virtual events in celebration of the Lunar New Year. Some activities include:

Lunar New Year Poetry & Calligraphy

February 4

Join a virtual Lunar New Year poetry and calligraphy event with poets Michael Warr and Chun Yu as well as calligrapher Ai Qin Zhou on Thursday, February 4 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. The online event, presented by the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, features poems read in English and Mandarin Chinese accompanied by a calligraphy demonstration. Registration is required; admission is on a sliding scale (\$0 to \$25).

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(415) 581-3500, <visit@asianart.org>, <www.asianart.org>

<https://calendar.asianart.org/event/lunar-new-year-poetry-and-calligraphy-with-poets-michael-warr-chun-yu-and-calligrapher-aiqin-zhou>

Lunar New Year at The Wing

February 4 and 13

Celebrate the Year of the Ox by joining the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience's Lunar New Year events. An online storytime featuring Oliver Chin and his book, *The Year of the Ox: Tales from the Chinese Zodiac*, takes place Thursday, February 4 at 11:00am. In addition, The Wing is also presenting its "New Years All Year Round" festivities virtually on Saturday, February 13, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

INFO & LINK:

(206) 623-5124, <www.wingluke.org>

Tet in Seattle

February 5 through 22

Attend the virtual *Tet Nguyen Dan* — the Vietnamese New Year — presented by Seattle Center Festal in partnership with Tet in Seattle. Tet in Seattle is celebrating the Lunar New Year for more than two weeks, from February 5 through 22, by streaming solo, group, and family performances.

INFO & LINKS:

(206) 684-7200

<www.tetinseattle.org>

<www.facebook.com/TetInSeattle>

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Chinese New Year Cultural Fair

February 12 through 14

The annual Chinese New Year Cultural Fair, usually held at the Oregon Convention Center, is online this year.



VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS. A decoration for Tet, the Vietnamese New Year, is seen on display in front of a shop in the Old Quarter neighborhood of Hanoi, Vietnam, in this January 16, 2009 file photo. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many community groups and organizations are holding virtual events in celebration of the Lunar New Year. Some activities are included in this year's Lunar New Year listings. (AP Photo/Chitose Suzuki, File)

The three-day celebration, which takes place February 12 through 14, includes Chinese cultural performances, a lucky draw, and more.

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In-person Chinese New Year at Lan Su Chinese Garden

February 12 through 28

Lan Su Chinese Garden

239 N.W. Everett Street, Portland

(Onsite, outdoor event with timed ticketing)

Lan Su Chinese Garden is ringing in the Lunar New Year — the Year of the Ox — with festive New Year decorations, contact-free audio tours, a contact-free Year of the Ox mobile scavenger hunt, a video showcasing traditional Chinese New Year customs and cuisine, and a Chinese wishing tree. Festivities kick off Friday, February 12 and end Sunday, February 28.

Festival daytime hours are:

February 12 to 16: 10:00am to 4:00pm

February 18 to 21: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

February 22 & 23: 10:00am to 4:00pm

February 25 to 28: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Please note: For everyone's health and safety, the garden is currently operating with one-hour timed entry tickets and a one-directional visiting route. Face coverings are required. (Evening lantern viewings have already sold out.)

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To place an order for PPE, please use this form: <http://bit.ly/PPE-BDI-PACCO> (Availability of PPE may vary.)

Five things to know this week:

- 1 If you work in a childcare, early learning or K-12 school setting you will be eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine starting Monday, Jan. 25.
- 2 To find out where to get a vaccine, educators and childcare workers should visit covidvaccine.oregon.gov.
- 3 You can also get answers to your vaccine questions at covidvaccine.oregon.gov.
- 4 Oregon does not have enough vaccine to vaccinate everyone now. Together, with patience, we can vaccinate Oregonians and end the pandemic.
- 5 People who are 80 and older will be eligible for a vaccine the week of Feb. 7. People who are 75 and older are eligible the week of Feb. 14. People who are 70 and older are eligible the week of Feb. 21. People who are 65 and older are eligible the week of Feb. 28.

Getting vaccinated: What you need to know before you go

COVID-19 vaccinations are opening to more Oregonians. Here's what you should know before scheduling an appointment at a vaccination site or event. Please do not call your health care provider or local hospital to find out where to get a vaccine:

- Make sure the event or site you plan to attend is accepting individuals in your eligibility group
- Check to see if you need an appointment
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth
- The COVID-19 vaccine will be free and you do not need health insurance. If you have health insurance, please bring your insurance card
- You should receive a vaccination card that tells you when to get your second dose. You should get your second dose from the site where you received your first

For more information visit covidvaccine.oregon.gov or call 211.



CONSERVE TODAY— REAP THE REWARDS TOMORROW!

Year of the Ox forecasts

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Ox. Also try to keep your argumentative side in check.

■ **Metal Rooster:** Remember to stay in touch with family and friends while pursuing spiritual development.

■ **Water Rooster:** During the Year of the Ox, surround yourself with positive people.

■ **Wood Rooster:** A chance to travel may present itself late this year; set aside funds and start planning for the possible trip.

■ **Fire Rooster:** Showing compassion toward friends and family will help strengthen relationships.

■ **Earth Rooster:** Seek advice from a trusted friend or family member.



The Dog

The Ox Year may bring both good luck and misfortune to the devoted and faithful Dog. Be prepared to use both your talent and imagination to take positive steps where needed. Stay mindful of your strengths and weaknesses to help you through the year.



■ **Metal Dog:** Be adaptable and creative when making decisions; the year may have

mixed results if you are careless or impractical.

■ **Water Dog:** Use your imagination, intellect, and enthusiasm to have success this year.

■ **Wood Dog:** The Year of the Ox may bring interesting offers your way. Be cautious.

■ **Fire Dog:** Help raise up those around you. Your efforts will not only help them, but also bring you joy and satisfaction.

■ **Earth Dog:** Stay focused on family, Earth Dog, and don't become overconfident.

The Pig

The Year of the Ox may bring a year of success as well as improvement to the determined and outgoing Pig. Opportunities may present themselves at unusual times, so keep your eyes and ears open and don't be hesitant. Your outgoing and optimistic spirit should serve you well in 2021.



■ **Metal Pig:** The Ox Year may present many activities to

keep you busy and also help plan for the future.

■ **Water Pig:** The Year of the Ox may become full with old and new responsibilities.

■ **Wood Pig:** 2021 is an important year to spend time strengthening relationships.

■ **Fire Pig:** Keep your family and friends close, as an interesting year may be in store.

■ **Earth Pig:** Find a hobby that is right for you. It will be a good emotional outlet for 2021.

Illustrations by Jonathan Hill

LUNAR CALENDAR

When were you born?

Look up your date of birth to find out what sign and element apply to you!

Jan. 31, 1900 to Feb. 18, 1901 — Metal Rat	Feb. 13, 1964 to Feb. 01, 1965 — Wood Dragon
Feb. 19, 1901 to Feb. 07, 1902 — Metal Ox	Feb. 02, 1965 to Jan. 20, 1966 — Wood Snake
Feb. 08, 1902 to Jan. 28, 1903 — Water Tiger	Jan. 21, 1966 to Feb. 08, 1967 — Fire Horse
Jan. 29, 1903 to Feb. 15, 1904 — Water Rabbit	Feb. 09, 1967 to Jan. 29, 1968 — Fire Sheep
Feb. 16, 1904 to Feb. 03, 1905 — Wood Dragon	Jan. 30, 1968 to Feb. 16, 1969 — Earth Monkey
Feb. 04, 1905 to Jan. 24, 1906 — Wood Snake	Feb. 17, 1969 to Feb. 05, 1970 — Earth Rooster
Jan. 25, 1906 to Feb. 12, 1907 — Fire Horse	
Feb. 13, 1907 to Feb. 01, 1908 — Fire Sheep	Feb. 06, 1970 to Jan. 26, 1971 — Metal Dog
Feb. 02, 1908 to Jan. 21, 1909 — Earth Monkey	Jan. 27, 1971 to Jan. 14, 1972 — Metal Pig
Jan. 22, 1909 to Feb. 09, 1910 — Earth Rooster	Jan. 15, 1972 to Feb. 02, 1973 — Water Rat
	Feb. 03, 1973 to Jan. 22, 1974 — Water Ox
Feb. 10, 1910 to Jan. 29, 1911 — Metal Dog	Jan. 23, 1974 to Feb. 10, 1975 — Wood Tiger
Jan. 30, 1911 to Feb. 17, 1912 — Metal Pig	Feb. 11, 1975 to Jan. 30, 1976 — Wood Rabbit
Feb. 18, 1912 to Feb. 05, 1913 — Water Rat	Jan. 31, 1976 to Feb. 17, 1977 — Fire Dragon
Feb. 06, 1913 to Jan. 25, 1914 — Water Ox	Feb. 18, 1977 to Feb. 06, 1978 — Fire Snake
Jan. 26, 1914 to Feb. 13, 1915 — Wood Tiger	Feb. 07, 1978 to Jan. 27, 1979 — Earth Horse
Feb. 14, 1915 to Feb. 02, 1916 — Wood Rabbit	Jan. 28, 1979 to Feb. 15, 1980 — Earth Sheep
Feb. 03, 1916 to Jan. 22, 1917 — Fire Dragon	
Jan. 23, 1917 to Feb. 10, 1918 — Fire Snake	Feb. 16, 1980 to Feb. 04, 1981 — Metal Monkey
Feb. 11, 1918 to Jan. 31, 1919 — Earth Horse	Feb. 05, 1981 to Jan. 24, 1982 — Metal Rooster
Feb. 01, 1919 to Feb. 19, 1920 — Earth Sheep	Jan. 25, 1982 to Feb. 12, 1983 — Water Dog
	Feb. 13, 1983 to Feb. 01, 1984 — Water Pig
Feb. 20, 1920 to Feb. 07, 1921 — Metal Monkey	Feb. 02, 1984 to Feb. 19, 1985 — Wood Rat
Feb. 08, 1921 to Jan. 27, 1922 — Metal Rooster	Feb. 20, 1985 to Feb. 08, 1986 — Wood Ox
Jan. 28, 1922 to Feb. 15, 1923 — Water Dog	Feb. 09, 1986 to Jan. 28, 1987 — Fire Tiger
Feb. 16, 1923 to Feb. 04, 1924 — Water Pig	Jan. 29, 1987 to Feb. 16, 1988 — Fire Rabbit
Feb. 05, 1924 to Jan. 24, 1925 — Wood Rat	Feb. 17, 1988 to Feb. 05, 1989 — Earth Dragon
Jan. 25, 1925 to Feb. 12, 1926 — Wood Ox	Feb. 06, 1989 to Jan. 26, 1990 — Earth Snake
Feb. 13, 1926 to Feb. 01, 1927 — Fire Tiger	
Feb. 02, 1927 to Jan. 22, 1928 — Fire Rabbit	Jan. 27, 1990 to Feb. 14, 1991 — Metal Horse
Jan. 23, 1928 to Feb. 09, 1929 — Earth Dragon	Feb. 15, 1991 to Feb. 03, 1992 — Metal Sheep
Feb. 10, 1929 to Jan. 29, 1930 — Earth Snake	Feb. 04, 1992 to Jan. 22, 1993 — Water Monkey
	Jan. 23, 1993 to Feb. 09, 1994 — Water Rooster
Jan. 30, 1930 to Feb. 16, 1931 — Metal Horse	Feb. 10, 1994 to Jan. 30, 1995 — Wood Dog
Feb. 17, 1931 to Feb. 05, 1932 — Metal Sheep	Jan. 31, 1995 to Feb. 18, 1996 — Wood Pig
Feb. 06, 1932 to Jan. 25, 1933 — Water Monkey	Feb. 19, 1996 to Feb. 07, 1997 — Fire Rat
Jan. 26, 1933 to Feb. 13, 1934 — Water Rooster	Feb. 08, 1997 to Jan. 27, 1998 — Fire Ox
Feb. 14, 1934 to Feb. 03, 1935 — Wood Dog	Jan. 28, 1998 to Feb. 05, 1999 — Earth Tiger
Feb. 04, 1935 to Jan. 23, 1936 — Wood Pig	Feb. 06, 1999 to Feb. 04, 2000 — Earth Rabbit
Jan. 24, 1936 to Feb. 10, 1937 — Fire Rat	
Feb. 11, 1937 to Jan. 30, 1938 — Fire Ox	Feb. 05, 2000 to Jan. 23, 2001 — Metal Dragon
Jan. 31, 1938 to Feb. 18, 1939 — Earth Tiger	Jan. 24, 2001 to Feb. 11, 2002 — Metal Snake
Feb. 19, 1939 to Feb. 07, 1940 — Earth Rabbit	Feb. 12, 2002 to Jan. 31, 2003 — Water Horse
	Feb. 01, 2003 to Jan. 21, 2004 — Water Sheep
Feb. 08, 1940 to Jan. 26, 1941 — Metal Dragon	Jan. 22, 2004 to Feb. 08, 2005 — Wood Monkey
Jan. 27, 1941 to Feb. 14, 1942 — Metal Snake	Feb. 09, 2005 to Jan. 28, 2006 — Wood Rooster
Feb. 15, 1942 to Feb. 04, 1943 — Water Horse	Jan. 29, 2006 to Feb. 17, 2007 — Fire Dog
Feb. 05, 1943 to Jan. 24, 1944 — Water Sheep	Feb. 18, 2007 to Feb. 06, 2008 — Fire Pig
Jan. 25, 1944 to Feb. 12, 1945 — Wood Monkey	Feb. 07, 2008 to Jan. 25, 2009 — Earth Rat
Feb. 13, 1945 to Feb. 01, 1946 — Wood Rooster	Jan. 26, 2009 to Feb. 13, 2010 — Earth Ox
Feb. 02, 1946 to Jan. 21, 1947 — Fire Dog	
Jan. 22, 1947 to Feb. 09, 1948 — Fire Pig	Feb. 14, 2010 to Feb. 02, 2011 — Metal Tiger
Feb. 10, 1948 to Jan. 28, 1949 — Earth Rat	Feb. 03, 2011 to Jan. 22, 2012 — Metal Rabbit
Jan. 29, 1949 to Feb. 16, 1950 — Earth Ox	Jan. 23, 2012 to Feb. 09, 2013 — Water Dragon
	Feb. 10, 2013 to Jan. 30, 2014 — Water Snake
Feb. 17, 1950 to Feb. 05, 1951 — Metal Tiger	Jan. 31, 2014 to Feb. 18, 2015 — Wood Horse
Feb. 06, 1951 to Jan. 26, 1952 — Metal Rabbit	Feb. 19, 2015 to Feb. 07, 2016 — Wood Sheep
Jan. 27, 1952 to Feb. 13, 1953 — Water Dragon	Feb. 08, 2016 to Jan. 27, 2017 — Fire Monkey
Feb. 14, 1953 to Feb. 02, 1954 — Water Snake	Jan. 28, 2017 to Feb. 15, 2018 — Fire Rooster
Feb. 03, 1954 to Jan. 23, 1955 — Wood Horse	Feb. 16, 2018 to Feb. 04, 2019 — Earth Dog
Jan. 24, 1955 to Feb. 11, 1956 — Wood Sheep	Feb. 05, 2019 to Jan. 24, 2020 — Earth Pig
Feb. 12, 1956 to Jan. 30, 1957 — Fire Monkey	
Jan. 31, 1957 to Feb. 17, 1958 — Fire Rooster	Jan. 25, 2020 to Feb. 11, 2021 — Metal Rat
Feb. 18, 1958 to Feb. 07, 1959 — Earth Dog	Feb. 12, 2021 to Jan. 31, 2022 — Metal Ox
Feb. 08, 1959 to Jan. 27, 1960 — Earth Pig	Feb. 01, 2022 to Jan. 21, 2023 — Water Tiger
	Jan. 22, 2023 to Feb. 09, 2024 — Water Rabbit
Jan. 28, 1960 to Feb. 14, 1961 — Metal Rat	Feb. 10, 2024 to Jan. 28, 2025 — Wood Dragon
Feb. 15, 1961 to Feb. 04, 1962 — Metal Ox	Jan. 29, 2025 to Feb. 16, 2026 — Wood Snake
Feb. 05, 1962 to Jan. 24, 1963 — Water Tiger	Feb. 17, 2026 to Feb. 05, 2027 — Fire Horse
Jan. 25, 1963 to Feb. 12, 1964 — Water Rabbit	Feb. 06, 2027 to Jan. 25, 2028 — Fire Sheep

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