

News of 2022

A Review of Some of the Local Stories from the Past Year



January

County clerk Dana Smith and county treasurer Gloria Wills each announced they would not seek reelection in 2022. Smith and Wills notified in letters county Republican chairman Dustin Peterson of their decisions.

The county reported five county inmates tested positive for COVID-19. Some inmates began complaining of sore throats and other cold symptoms. Rapid COVID tests were later administered, and the inmates tested positive for the virus. The sheriff's office worked with Warner Hospital and the health department in regard to testing and treatment. During the same period, schools superintendent Curt Nettles released new COVID guidelines from the CDC and IDPH for the isolation and quarantine of students

from the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation. The library received \$1,500 for "Access for All: Enhancing Inclusive Collection." The program offered a collection of books, movies and digital content featuring diverse authors, characters and settings.

The school board authorized litigation against the Illinois State Board of Education and the state superintendent of education to prevent the "loss of recognition status of the school district." The board was affirming its plan to use the school district's own return-toschool protocol in regard to COVID mitigation rather than the ISBE mandated plan.

February

Boaters who use the Clinton Lake marina visited the county board to express their dissatisfaction with a plan to increase the price of slip rentals. Slip renters who attended the county board meeting said they felt the marina did not offer

sufficient amenities to justify the rental increase. The board approved the increase, but members were divided on how to plan the marina's future.

A Clinton resident addressed the city council to question a commissioner's use of city-owned gas pumps for his personal use. He produced records provided by the city through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request he said showed the commissioner did not properly record his use of the pumps.

A judge in Sangamon County ruled in favor of the 145 Illinois school districts that wanted to use its own return-to-school COVID protocol rather than a plan mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education. Clinton schools superintendent Curt Nettles said the ruling appeared to give the school district the authority to use its own plan.

Council clarifies

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position regarding short-term rentals

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CLINTON

Commissioners offered Tuesday clarification on their recent discussion of short-term rental units.

City attorney John Hoblit, at a previous meeting, said residents who opened short-term rentals in residential areas were possibly in violation of city ordinance. He based this on the fact that the city code does not address the topic.

Hoblit said if the code did not provide for the specific activity, it was not allowed.

Clinton resident and owner property Curt Ware addressed the council during its Tuesday meeting. He said he had a problem with some of the language used during the council's discussion of short-term rentals.

Ware owns a home which is currently empty and he would like to operate as a rental on a temporary basis.

"It's a home I would like to come back to when my wife retires," Ware said.

The home formerly belonged to Ware's parents.

"There's nothing in zoning that says what you can or cannot do," Ware said.

Hoblit said in the previous council meeting that codes were written primarily to address what was allowed, not to address what was not allowed. Ware said he did not know if he would use the Airbnb booking platform to rent his house. But, he said it was no different than using other methods for renting a house for a week on vacation or renting a house in the city of Clinton. "If we went through the city of Clinton and looked at how many houses are rented, I don't think the city knows how long the term is on the rent or how

long a person stays in a house in Clinton," Ware said.

He said he assumed it wasn't public knowledge, "yet, the city wants to step in and tell a person how long they can rent their property because they're using a source like Airbnb."

Ware said he wanted to rent his house out for longer terms but wanted the right to rent to a family that might need it for a shorter length of time. He said he felt it was discriminatory to restrict a property being rented for a short term that was in the same neighborhood as a house being rented long term.

Ware said operating short term rental properties protects the landowners against tenants who won't pay and refuse to leave.

"As a short-term lease or rental, they're going to take care of that property because you're going to get a review," he said.

Commissioners said their intention in addressing short-term rentals as part of the city code was not intended to prohibit the type of rental but to regulate them.

"We need to look how at we make that classification," commissioner John Wise said. "We do not have it on our books."

Wise said Hoblit was correct in saying the ones that were operating currently were doing so without any zoning in place that would allow their operation. Some of those rentals would be required to pay hotel/ motel tax to the city. "We want to look at how we have that in our code and have that classification," Wise said. Wise said he did not oppose Airbnb-types of rentals but that the city needed language in the code covering the activity to create a "level playing field."

testing positive

Vespasian Warner Public Library was among 13 nonprofit organization to share more than \$57,000 in grants



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The Clinton Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau helpers greet guests March 24 to the Chamber's Business Expo, held in the Clinton High School gymnasium



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City workers were busy clearing the piles of snow from Mr. Lincoln's Square. DeWitt County received from 8-12 inches of snow during a January storm, according to the National Weather Service.



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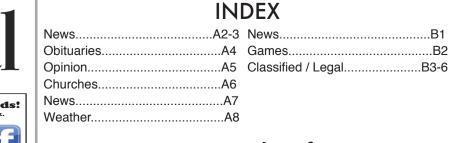
Courtesy of Clinton Police Department Officer Patrick Cook and Officer Derek Flaugher recently joined the Clinton Police Department.



Courtesy of DeWitt County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Mike Walker introduced two new DeWitt County deputies, Kristina Lashbrook and David Larsen. The two deputies graduated from the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center.



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Gordon Woods / Journal Harry Brand, right, with Dave and Sandy Maxwell, owners of Walker Tire & Exhaust, Clinton. Harry retired from Walker's after 35 years.

Warner Hospital CEO Paul Skowron reported the hospital was gradually returning to normal as statewide COVID cases continued to decline. In spite of much lower COVID and Omicron variant numbers, Skowron reminded residents it was still flu season and urged caution.

Police officers were out reminding residents about the rules concerning the city's snow routes. Chief of Police Ben Lowers said the city hadn't vigorously enforced the rules for a while and there would be a return to more compliance enforcement. A list of designated snow routes in on the City of Clinton website under "Government," then click "City Code Book." Residents living along snow route streets must remove their vehicles prior to a forecast winter storm.

March

The DeWitt County Board voted to sell 75 acres it owned at Clinton Lake marina. The plan included use restrictions requested by Exelon/ Constellation, owner of Clinton Power Station.

Election scheduled for June. County board members Terry Ferguson and Melonie Tilley filed for reelection, while candidates Tom Farris, Kristina Deerwester and Joe Witte also filed. Incumbent sheriff Mike Walker filed for reelection, Kari Harris filed for county clerk, and Sara Jade Russel and Codilee Snow filed for county treasurer.

The county board's land use committee announced a major review of the county's zoning code. The intent was to remove or revise parts of the code that may no longer be relevant and expand or modify portions to address emerging issues, such as solar energy projects and short-term rental properties.

April

Three businesses and a nonprofit organization were awarded during the annual Clinton Chamber Business Expo. The Clinton Journal received the award as small business of the year; the medium-sized business of the year award went to Calvert Funeral Homes and the large business of the year award went to



Courtesy of NSDAR DeWitt Clinton Chapter

At a meeting of the NSDAR DeWitt Clinton Chapter, the group honored its 2022 Good Citizens, Luis Mendoza (Clinton), Sarah Whitehouse (Blue Ridge), and Owen Corbly (Heyworth, not pictured). The DAR Good Citizens Award recognizes and rewards students who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Left to right: Rosemary Parker, chapter regent ; Elizabeth Torres, Luis's mother ; Luis Mendoza ; Sarah Whitehouse ; Leslie Hieronymus, Sarah's mother ; and Carole Wylder, chair of the Good Citizen committee.



Denis Hambucken, Joey Long, John Warner and Edith Brady-Lunny in a staging area for the Prairie Flyers exhibit, chronicling DeWitt County aviation history, which opened in June at the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum.

John Warner, Joey Long, Edith Brady-Lunny and Denis Hambucken announced a special exhibit on DeWitt County aviation to be hosted by the DeWitt County Museum. The exhibited included items used by a selection of DeWitt County aviators as well as a book that included the stories of the flyers.

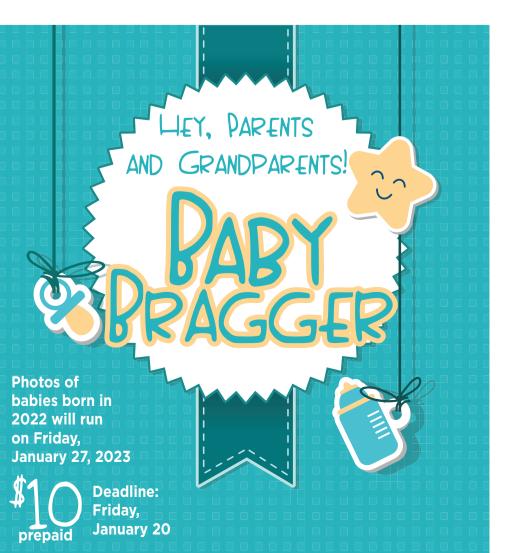
Candidates for office 2022 filed for the DeWitt County Primary the First National Bank & Trust Company. The Vault was awarded as the nonprofit organization of the year.

The city council voted to extend operating hours for golf cart use to 10 p.m. The extension was prompted by a request by golf cart users.

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Gordon Woods Journal Dean and Becky Adams raise Highland cattle and received the highest award presented by the Heartland Highland Cattle Association. Their story also was featured in Clinton Journal's Today's Farm magazine.



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Courtesy of DCMA

The DeWitt County Museum Association added new members to the Board of Directors in 2022. The nonprofit organization's mission statement is "to preserve and promote the history and heritage of DeWitt County." The DCMA is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, planning and organization of the annual Apple 'n Pork Festival, caring for the museum's extensive collection, offering educational programs to both students and adults, and more. Front Row (L-R) Maureen Collins-Kolb, Secretary; B.A. Nelson; Camille Redman; Wonnie Morris, Parliamentarian. Middle Row (L-R) Katherine Ferguson, Corresponding Secretary; Karen Steward; Kim Toohill, new Board Member; Alaina Russell, new Board Member. Back Row (L-R) Kelbey McMath, President; Chet Walters, Vice-President; Terry Ferguson, Second Vice-President; Steve Perring; Jim Morris; Barbara McMath, Co-Treasurer; Jane Tedrick, Co-Treasurer. Not Pictured, New Board Members Nathan Lippert, Kiersten Goff and Parker Toohill as well as Logan Redman and Leon Owens.





Courtesy of the Write Stuff for Kids The Write Stuff for Kids, Inc. celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2022. Write Stuff for Kids Inc. board members and student volunteers: front row, Tina Baxter; student volunteer Amerie Hemphill; Sharon Ijams and Tere Tedrick. Back row: student volunteer Briauna Hemphill; Lauri Torbert, Helen Michelassi and Edith Brady-Lunny.

Not pictured, board member Kathleen Frick.

As cases of COVID-19 continued to decline, the new budget for Warner Hospital & Health Services reflected the change, assuming it was unlikely the city would see a major resurgence in the virus.

The county board approved a revised ordinance placing restrictions of commercial solar power projects. The change confines solar development to areas designated as "industrial" zones.

May

Meta, Facebook's parent company, announced it would draw power from DeWitt County's Alta Farms II wind energy project. The announcement designated Alta Farms II as a source of power for Meta's data center expansion in DeKalb.

Clinton resident Robert Kreitler questioned the city council about what he felt was an improper and dangerous method of supplying electricity to a hospital out-building.

After spirited debate, the county board extended for one year its contract with 1125 Property Management to manage the Clinton Lake marina. Some board members felt the county's contract with 1125 favored the management firm too much financially. Other members pointed out the management firm already had committed to upgrades to the marina that already were under way.

The school board banned student cell phones at Clinton Junior High. The administration concluded the phones created a distraction for students during school hours.

The city responded to allegations the fire department's training not up facility was to proper codes. А representative from the fire department said the department was making every effort to comply with the NFPA 1402 Standards on Facilities for Fire Training and Associated Props.

Farnsworth Group engineers worked toward getting the street completed in the city's new subdivision, located along Illini Drive. The work had been delayed because of winter weather and also because soil samples showed additional work was necessary on the road bed before concrete could be poured.

July

The school district's lawsuit against the Illinois State Board of Education was declared moot. The district had sought to implement its own returnto-school COVID policy rather than the mandated plan by ISBE. While declaring the suit moot, the judge nevertheless wrote he doubted the ISBE acted properly, opening the door for school districts to follow their COVID own plans.

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Clinton city clerk Cheryl Van Valey administers the oath of office to new city attorney John Hoblit in 2022. Hoblit replaced long-time city attorney Steve Myers who retired as the city legal council.



Courtesy of Clinton Tree Commission

Arbor Day 2022 in Clinton

Arbor Day was celebrated on April 30 with a tree planting at one of Clinton's arboretums on East Washington Street following a ceremony to remember Edgar and Rheba Turner, parents of Clinton Tree Commission member Marilyn Black at Douglas Elementary School. Three generations of the family provided written remarks in honor of the Turners and many attended the event, along with Tree Commission members and Clinton Mayor Roger Cyrulik.

June

The Clinton Memorial Day observance was moved to Mr. Lincoln's Square in 2022. Local police officer and schools resource office Mike Bennett addressed the crowd about the sacrifices made by the members serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Cummins' engineers reported to the county board that work was under way installing foundations for the Aircraft Detection Lighting System at the Alta Farms II wind energy project. The county hired Cummins to monitor progress on the project.

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Ill.; two nieces, Elizabeth

(Donny) Furbee, Newark,

Ill. and Donna Dobson,

Clinton; two nephews,

Stephen Michael Jolly,

Plainfield Ill., and Daniel

Rudolph Seppi, Peotone.

Furbee, Newark, Ill., and

one great-nephew on the

way, Alexander David

He was preceded in death

by his mother, Judith A.

"Judy," and two brothers,

David Joseph and Scott

Mark was very musically

inclined, enjoying playing

the piano and keyboard.

Scott Furbee.

Matthew Seppi.

one great-niece, Finleigh Judith Rose

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New year, learn about Social Security online

Jack Myers

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Doris Marie 'Rie' Burkett

CLINTON Doris ____ Marie "Rie" Burkett, 70, of Clinton, passed away at 7:38 p.m. on December 31, 2022, at Farmer City Rehab, Farmer City.

will Services be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at the Clinton Assembly of God Church with Pastor Nick Blacklidge officiating. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023, at the church. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be directed Clinton to Assembly of God Church. Rie was born on September 13, 1952, in Clinton, the daughter of James D. and Doris Jean (Evans) McKee. She married W.C. Burkett on September 25, 1971, in Keokuk, Iowa. He passed away on December 24, 2016. Survivors include her

children, Wendy (Gordon) Woods, Clinton; Lisa Burkett, Clinton; Jason Burkett, Clinton; Bobbi (Sam) Perryman, Clinton; grandchildren, six Woods, Evan Marcus Woods, Sabrina Burkett, Emily Burkett, Xavier Perryman and Rose Perryman, all of Clinton; siblings Beverly (George)





Mullins, Decatur; David M. (Charlotte) McKee, Sullivan; and Thomas A. McKee, Montreal, Mo.; and sister-in-law, Sherrie McKee, Farmer City

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Bob McKee.

Rie was a member of the Clinton Assembly of God Church, where she was active in the children's ministries. She was the YMCA day camp director from 1977-1982. Rie was a caregiver to many people through the years. She loved to travel and work on various puzzles.

Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com



Mark Randall Seppi

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KENNEY Mark Randall Seppi, 55, of Kenney, passed away 1:15 PM December 26, 2022 at his home in Kenney.

No services are planned at this time. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with cremation rites.

Memorials may be directed Clinton to Assembly of God Church.

Mark was born on May 19, 1967, in Joliet, Ill., the son of Rudolph "Rudy" and Judith A. "Judy" (Tallman) Seppi.

Survivors include his father, Rudolph "Rudy" Seppi, Kenney; siblings, Jamie (Herman) Jolly, Plainfield, Ill., and Danny (Mariya) Seppi, Symerton,

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Shirley Ann Thorp

ST. CHARLES, Mo. -Shirley Ann Thorp (nee Daniels), aged 95, of St. Charles, Mo., passed on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

Shirley, former а resident of Clinton and Jacksonville, Ill., was a 1945 graduate of Clinton Community High School.

Shirley is survived by her children, George Mark (Jill) Thorp, Richard Eric (Andrea) Thorp, Brian Edward Thorp, and Janice Elaine Thorp, treasured grandmother of George Jonathan Eric (Kristina) Thorp, Kristina Lynn (Anthony White) Thorp, Richard Christopher (Megan) Thorp, and Stephanie Daniel Thorp, great-grandmother of George Jacob Gene, Hannah Nicole, Parker Rae, Richard Jackson, Louise, Lucas Grace William August, and Henry Church.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, George Thorp, and by her mother, Lucille Dolberts (nee Spainhour), and her step-father Fred Waryer Wright. She was also preceded in death by her brothers Robert Meade Daniels, Thornton Earl Daniels, and John Gilbert Daniels.

Visitation will be 13 held on January 10a.m.-noon, from followed immediately by the funeral services at Hutchens-Stygar Funeral and Cremation Center, 5987 Mid Rivers Mall Dr. St. Charles, MO 63304.

Interment will be at noon on January 14 with a short graveside service at Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton.

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On 12/30/22 Clinton Police arrested Tabatha A. Lane 33, Decatur for Driving While License Suspended and Cierra C. Zbinden 32, Clinton on a Macon County Warrant. Both subjects were transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 12/30/22 Clinton Police arrested Jacob M. Fatheree 38, Clinton for Violation of Order of Protection. Fatheree was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 12/30/22 Clinton Police arrested Tracy L. Warden Jr. 45, Clinton for Disorderly Conduct. Warden was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 01/01/23 Clinton Police arrested Stephen F. Castro 42, Decatur for Possession of Cannabis by Driver, Driving While License Revoked, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and 2 Macon County Warrants. Castro was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

Dec. 23-30

Houston, Tahya 24. Clinton, was issued a Citation for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident. Houston was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Gage 22. Huston, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Operating Uninsured Vehicle. given a Huston was Notice to Appear and was released.

Thomas Hurtt, 63. Clinton, was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Hurtt being unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Estella 57. Mason, Clinton, was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Mason being unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Perry Petrzelka, Ellsworth, was issued a Citation for Driving While License Revoked. Petrzelka was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

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1900 - Off of South Africa, the British seized the German steamer Herzog. The boat was released on January 22, 1900.

1912 - New Mexico became the 47th U.S. state.

1930 - The first diesel-engine automobile trip was completed after a run of 792 miles from Indianapolis, IN, to New York City, NY.

1931 - Thomas Edison executed his last patent application.

1941 - Richard Widmark made his debut on radio in "The Home of the Brave."

1941 - Alice Marble made her professional tennis debut when she defeated Ruth Hardwick of Great Britain at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

1942 - The first commercial around-the-world airline flight took place. Pan American Airlines was the company that made history with the feat.

1942 - The National Collegiate Football Rules Committee abolished the Y formation.

1945 - The Battle of the Bulge ended with 130,000 German and 77,000 Allied casualties.

1950 - Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

1952 - "Peanuts" debuted in Sunday papers across the United States.

1963 - "Wild Kingdom" premiered on NBC.

1967 - U.S. and South Vietnamese forces launched a major offensive, known as Operation "Deckhouse V", in the Mekong River delta.



The new year

The U. S. House of Representatives votes for its Speaker on Tuesday of this week. That will tell us much about how Washington politics will proceed. I would also note this article is written before that vote will be cast.

It takes 218 votes to be elected Speaker. The Republicans have 222 seats, which should make the election of Kevin McCarthy a shoe in. The problem is the Republican Freedom Caucus of the House is essentially opposed to McCarthy.

If at least five of those members hold fast in their opposition to McCarthy, he doesn't have the votes. Agree on disagree with Democratic Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, you have to give her credit for getting her ducks in a row before her election to Speaker.

The Democrats have their centrist base and then some radical leftists led by AOC. But the key is that Pelosi reigned in the opposition or effectuated a deal to pass the Democratic legislation. Nancy Pelosi was a brilliant Speaker in getting her party's agenda moved forward to passage. Republican Former Speaker John Boehner and Paul Ryan were both at odds with the Freedom Caucus and were severely hampered in their tenure as Speaker.

Even if McCarthy is successful in obtaining the Speakership, the question will be how much power will the Freedom Caucus have in the next two years. There appears to be too much chaos in the Republican-dominated House for the Republicans be effective to by themselves as a party.

If both parties choose to operate on strictly partisan agendas then chaos will be the result. However, if some true leaders in both parties actually sit down and debate the issues we may see the return of a true bi-partisan House. That would truly be interesting. Both political parties have put themselves in front of the nation's needs. Perhaps there is some hope that a change is occurring.

State wide the Pritzker administration suffered a setback when a judge in



Kankakee County ruled against the new no bond laws. Sixty-five State's Attorneys opposed the new law and filed a lawsuit against the legislation on constitutional grounds. Somebody in Springfield needs to take note of the factor that 2/3 of elected attorneys the in Illinois opposed a Chicago generated piece of legislation. The lawsuit was consolidated and held in Kankakee. Two things are of note. First the Kankakee State's Attorney who opposed the legislation is a Democrat.

Second it is the urban counties, or those with large college aged voters, who support the new legislation. This legislation again shows the real divide in Illinois is between rural and urban constituencies.

When legislation gets local one can see that

rural votes are greatly outnumbered and Chicago will probably get its way. It's a new year, but this divide is long standing and appears to be getting wider.

Rigo

by Dave T. Phipps

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On the world scene it appears that peace is still illusive. Russia is led by a dictator who has grandiose ideas of a greater Russia. Those dreams have been thwarted by Ukraine which simply wanted to be left alone.

North Korea is test firing missiles and voicing aggression against both South Korea and the US. Dictators who fear losing power can be very dangerous and we should be concerned.

Communist China is making moves to get its forces into a position to attack Taiwan at some time. China took back Hong Kong with false comments about allowing individual freedoms to continue. Now they are looking at this major island of Taiwan and flexing their muscles.

The world is in a precarious state.

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1975 - ABC-TV debuted "A.M. America."

1982 - William G. Bonin was convicted in Los Angeles, CA, of being the "freeway killer" who had murdered 14 young men and boys.

1987 - After a 29-year lapse, the Ford Thunderbird was presented with the Motor Trend Car of the Year Award. It was the first occurrence of a repeat winner of the award.

1994 - Figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the right leg by an assailant at Cobo Arena in Detroit, MI. Four men were later sentenced to prison for the attack, including Tonya Harding's ex-husband.

1998 - The spacecraft Lunar Prospect was launched into orbit around the moon. The craft was crashed into the moon, in an effort to find water under the lunar surface, on July 31, 1999.

1999 - The 106th U.S. Congress opened. The first item on the agenda was the impeachment proceedings of U.S. President Bill Clinton. The trial was set to begin January 7, 1999.

1999 - Bob Newhart received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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According to the VA, if receiving a paper check, you're 16 times more likely to have it lost or stolen. You're 22 times more likely to have it go missing altogether and need to file a claim for it, which of course takes time. They say that since many veterans are using direct deposit, fraud has gone down by 93 percent. And with direct deposit, you'll get your money faster. It suddenly just appears in your account, on time, every time, not making its way through the postal system.

Through the banking program, there are 43 banking institutions that have signed up to provide low or no-cost checking



by Freddy Groves

and savings accounts. You can find those banks here: veteransbenefitsbanking. org/financial-institutions. (Don't miss the FAQ. A lot of questions are answered.) Scroll down to the list of banks. (I'm a fan of USAA.) If you already have a bank account (or credit union) and you like them, you can set up a direct deposit right into your account. Call the VA at 800-827-1000 and find

more information at www. va.gov/change-directdeposit.

It can take a little while to think about this kind of change if you've never had direct deposit. But it can be rather disconcerting to have a neighbor from a block away show up at your door with a check that was mistakenly delivered to them.

You can eliminate a big source of worry and potential problems if you consider signing up for direct deposit for your benefit payment.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 3 Corinthians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who received the command from God, "Take off your sandals"? Abraham, Joshua, Aaron, Moses

3. From John 21, how many times did Jesus ask Peter, "Do you love me"? 2, 3, 7, 10

4. What Jewish maiden became the wife of King Ahasuerus? Keturah, Tamar, Puah, Esther

5. Who's the only Egyptian queen mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? Sarah, Tahpenes, Ruth, Tamar

6. What city did David establish as capital of his kingdom? Antioch, Tarsus, Jerusalem, Gaza

(1003 BCE)

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Moses, 3) 3, 4) Esther, 5) Tahpenes, 6) Jerusalem

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

MATTHEW 2:1-2

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the <u>time</u> of <u>King Herod</u>, <u>Magi</u> from the <u>east</u> came to Jerusalem and asked, "<u>Where</u> is the <u>one</u> who has <u>been</u> born king of the Jews? We saw his <u>star</u> when it rose and have <u>come</u> to <u>worship</u> him."

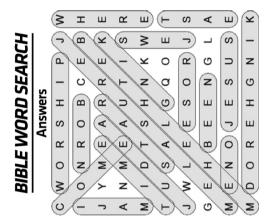
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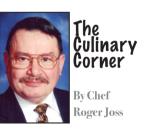
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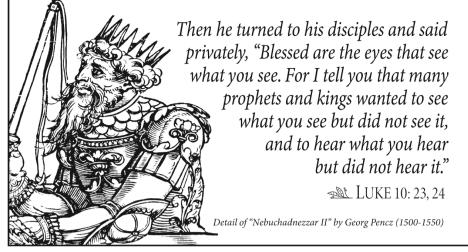
Culinary favorites

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. I am often asked what favorite food or my dish is. To me, culinary pleasure entails much not allowing for a simple my answer is answer. in three parts. First will be the answer that I can accept as expressing my true feelings. The second will answer what is generally understood. The last part is to explain in what manner must be taken for me to enjoy any food. My favorite food is that in which I have not yet discovered. The whole adventure in culinary is to discover. The whole essence in enjoying cuisine is to enjoy new adventures never experienced. I favor discovering foods I had never tried. As a result, the next food discovered becomes my favorite for that moment. If I am therefore cornered to state which is my favorite of what I have already enjoyed, I must change my perspectives. I will give a comparative example first. For anyone asking me which is my favorite child, it would depend. Who can really answer arbitrarily? My answer is that it depends upon the subject. I might favor one child for his or her ability to love and care for others. I might favor another for their ability to succeed for the good of others. I might also favor another for their ability in sports and determination. Therefore, it is not dependent upon a single exactitude. It is all relative as Albert Einstein would have said. Now let me explain it in food choices. While watching Charles Dicken's "Christmas Carol" Christmas on



eve, I greatly favor bread pudding made according to my recipe. It is best fresh out of the oven

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5808 Preschool office (217) 935-4675 8:15 a.m.-Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school Preschool Tues., Wed. and Thurs. morning and afternoon sessions.

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with a tall glass of cold milk. However, I enjoy my recipe for fried and seasoned ham sliders while visiting with friends. If I wish to show-off for special occasions, I enjoy the French classic coqah-vin. It Is all relative according to the occasion. In other words, the food needs to fit the occasion. Specifically, I cannot say any one food is my favorite outside of the one I have yet to discover.

My final explanation has to do with how the food is prepared. For this, I shall give an anecdote. I had a special friend with whom we exchanged biblical views. He was the pastor of the Methodist faith. He loved split pea soup. He reminisced over what he enjoyed from a small establishment in Chicago. However, he exclaimed that what he sampled from pre-mixes from the grocery store was no better than eating the box in which it came. I therefore made split pea soup for him. He very much enjoyed it.

This is the same with me. If I say I enjoy scrambled eggs for breakfast, this does not necessarily mean I enjoy how anyone else makes them. I trust in my recipes and my methods. To enjoy a favorite food necessitates it to be made well.

Until next time, peace to all.

1 p.m.-Sunday worship

7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

Clinton Church of God 720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton clintoncog.org Mark Cooper, pastor 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship

10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship 6 p.m.-Sunday night service 7 p.m.-Wednesday service

Clinton Presbyterian Church

402 N. Center Street Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Tel. (217) 935-6178 Fax (217) 935-6128 Pastor-Paul Stroup clintonpresbyterian. org 9:15 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available Senior high youth group meets twice a month. PC - A Place to Belong - Believe – Become

Clinton United Methodist Church 308 E. Main Street Rev. Darrell Howard (217) 935-5869 clintonumcil.org 9 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult 5 p.m. Saturday 3-yr -olds - 5th grade is available at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Nursery available at each morning service.

First Church of the Nazarene

Rt. 51 and Kleemann Drive, Clinton Michael A. Taylor, pastor 8:30 a.m.-Sunday prayer around the altar 8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study 10:30 a.m.-morning worship 7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

Kenney Christian Church

213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney (217) 944-2275 Ernie Harvey, minister 9:30 a.m.-Bible study 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

Lane Christian Church

(217) 935-2557 www.lanechurch.org Jim Kilson, preaching and teaching minister Marcus McCollom, youth and family minister 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship 5:30 p.m.-youth group "We're ordinary people helping each other become faithful followers of Jesus.

Texas Christian Church

8301 Texas Church Road, Clinton (217) 454-6846 www. Texaschristianchurch.org Scott Marsh, minister 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-Sunday worship 6 p.m.-Sunday evening worship 6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church 112 N. Monroe St.,

Clinton (217) 731-4005 9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school 11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards 6 p.m.-Wednesday, prophecy meetings

Wapella Christian Church

101 N. Poplar (217) 731-4404 Josh Gorrie, minister Wapellacc.com 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship "Celebrating our 150th year"



Submitted photo

Weldon family holds 100th reunion

The 100th Gray family reunion held in Weldon Park was declared a success by family. Thirty-three reunion members, two guests, and one dog attended the reunion The oldest reunion member present was Wanda McDaniel, of Champaign, one of the three living grandchildren of founders Emmet and Alice Gray. The youngest reunion member present was Aaron Moen, whose grandmother Emily Edgecombe, of Argenta, is one of Emmett and Alice Gray's great-grandchildren. Family enjoyed a meal, played yard games, held their business meeting, shared the highlights of their year, handed out prizes, had poetry readings and finished the day with a watermelon seed-spitting contest, which was won by Ryan Moen, who spat one 37 feet. Pictured are some of the blood descendants of Emmett and Alice Gray who attended the 100th reunion. Wanda McDaniel is seated in the chair; her 88-year-old brother Phares O'Daffer, of Bloomington, is pictured to her left in the photo.

county The began exploring the use of online permit applications. The U.S.-based company Cloudpermit was examined to provide software to the county making it possible for applicants to submit their paperwork online. The system also could notify the building inspector when a structure was

ready for inspection. The county also was looking a revamping its building permit fee structure.

The Clinton AmVets post received the statewide Commander's Award for its community service and service to military veterans.

Authorities

investigating the discovery of a deceased dog found inside a suitcase. The case was discovered by a resident along a rural roadway.

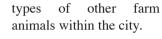
Local veterans Charlie Carter and Larry Clark were welcomed back to Clinton from their Honor Flight trip by the largest reception crowd for a

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local group so far. More than 100 people showed up to welcome the two home from their day-long trip to Washington, D.C.

August

Clinton approved an ordinance making chickens legal within the city limits. The ordinance allows the raising of poultry and bans certain



city council The discussed plans under way for work at the intersection of Center and Washington streets. The work planned would help correct some safety and drainage issues for some of the downtown buildings located in that area.

The second annual combined 4HFair, which included DeWitt, Macon and Piatt counties, featured more than 1,200 projects by 4H members. friends. They discussed the accomplishments of each man and their importance to the founding of Clinton.

September

Clinton Police said the woman reported missing in late August apparently left on her own, and they were closing the investigation into any criminal wrongdoing.

The Write Stuff for Kids celebrated its 20th anniversary. The organization collects school and other supplies students-in-need to for area schools prior to each school year. The organization also works to keep that supply available during the school year as well.



Gordon Woods / Journal

Residents attending the Founders' Day event gathered on the lawn of the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum to watch a brief, sometimes humorous, conversation between three important Clinton historical figures.

One hundred ninety-seven 4H members exhibited 1,230 projects during the fair, which included shooting sports, the horse show, general projects and livestock show.

Clinton Police reported they were looking for a local woman apparently last seen on Aug. 21.

Celebrate Clinton organized a Founders' Day event, which began on Mr. Lincoln's Square and then shifted focus to the C.H. Moore mansion. Abraham Lincoln, Jesse Fell and C.H. Moore engaged in an imaginary conversation between the three historical figures, who also happened to be

Police Chief Ben Lowers reported his department was able to contact the earlier missing person to verify her safety and wellbeing.

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FNB celebrates 150 years

Staff and executives of First National Bank & Trust held a ribbon cutting on July 29 as part of the bank's 150th anniversary celebration. Customers and residents were invited in for food, conversation and an opporunity to see some bank artifacts from past decades.

Courtesy of Edvydas Cicenas

Welcome, Dr. Natasha Minnaert, DO

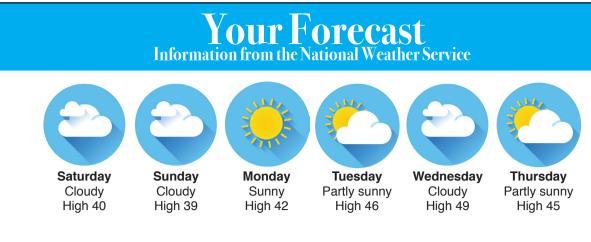
Please welcome Dr. Natasha Minnaert, DO, to our Family Medicine clinic. She is Board Certified in Family Medicine seeing patients from newborn to geriatric. She brings strong experience in rural Family Medicine from both lowa and Wisconsin.



Dr. Minnaert enjoys spending time with her family, camping, and going to concerts.



WARNER HOSPITAL 422 W White St., Clinton www.warnerhospital.org



Weather History

January 7

1979: The southern half of Illinois was affected by a winter storm, with the heaviest snow across far southern parts of the state. 8 inches or more of snow were found west of Carbondale. Further north, up to 5 inches of snow fell near Vandalia. Illinois Weather Trivia for January National Weather Service, Lincoln, IL Page 3

1989: Several out-of-season tornadoes occurred across southern Illinois. The strongest tornado, ranked as a "4" on a scale of 0 to 5, affected the town of Allendale, in Wabash County. Most of the town was destroyed, including 10 businesses and 47 homes. Although 50 people were injured, no one was killed.

The city council discussed the variety of trees that are discouraged in Clinton. Considered invasive species, the city works closely with the local Tree Commission to keep a list of the offending trees. The discussion was prompted by comments from a resident made during a council meeting.

The Clinton school district approved an e-learning plan for schools. The plan makes it possible for students to do schoolwork online during days considered emergencies, such as snow days or other weather-related events. This way, students would be counted as being in attendance rather than the district adding on makeup days at the end of the school year.

The county announced it would update its hazard mitigation plan. The mitigation plan ensures funding for large mitigation projects and anything after a disaster. The plan is paid for through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant.

October

The CO2 issue looked as though it were headed to the forefront of the county's controversies as county board members discussed a proposal to sequester CO2 in the county. The plan would involve a pipeline that would carry liquid carbon dioxide emissions from ethanol plants in Iowa to DeWitt County. Special wells would pump to CO2 about a mile down into geological designated structures. CO₂ sequestration is estimated remove massive to amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as one way of alleviating climate change.

Warner Hospital & Health Services CEO Paul Skowron announced the facility would ease its masking rules for COVID per the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). Barring a resurgence of COVID in the area, visitors no longer are required to wear masks in non-patient care areas of the hospital.



Gordon Woods / Journal

The former Farmers & Merchants Bank building received a new lease on life as a local family moved forward on renovations. A group gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony.





The Clinton Journal was named an Illinois Centennial Business by the Illinois State Historical Society (ISHS). The award recognizes Illinois corporations or nonprofit organizations that have done continuous business in the state for 100 years or more.

The county reported it was tracking penalties racked up by the construction company as completion of the Alta Farms II wind project neared completion. Penalties accumulated the construction by firm for misuse of some roadways during work on the project will result in the company's paying to upgrade those roads.

Gordon Woods / Journal

Several surrounding fire departments attended a fire training session hosted by Clinton Fire Department. Area resident Wes Graves donated an old house on property he owns southeast of Clinton for the exercise. Instructors from the University of Illinois Fire Institute helped with training.

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Shown is one of the many displays in the Wapella Festival of Trees. Tree decorated and donated by Lawrence P. Toohill.

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News of 2022

A Review of Some of the Local Stories from the Past Year



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The Clinton Fire Department marked National Fire Prevention Week and Month in October. The department hosted its annual fire truck parade and conducted fire prevention activities, including fire prevention education in local schools. Fire personnel are pictured here with a department vehicle which was about to be retired.



Gordon Woods / Journal

Ladies of the Clinton American Legion Auxiliary Unit 103 were busy preparing greeting and gift cards to go out to veterans this Veterans Day. The cards are a way of thanking vets for their service. Clockwise, auxiliary members Mary Lou Bennett, Judy Hight, Joy Shofner, Linda Charlett, Sally Toohill, Sharon Dunakey and Cleo Leggett.



Clinton Elementary School assistant principal Ben Mooney was recognized by Clinton Chief of Police Ben Lowers for his help with a missing person case. Mooney helped police review outdoor security footage from the school.

The county announced Constellation, owner of Clinton Power Station, would replace its warning siren system with an emergency message system that would sent emergency and test alerts to land line phones, and electronic devices, such as cellphones. The plan would save about \$80,000 in maintenance to the sirens. Anyone in the county or simply traveling through the county would receive the alerts on their phones.

focused approach to hiring a new city administrator. Two recent failed attempts to retain new city administrators move the city to take a broader approach to hiring. The city also recently hired a firm to develop a classification and compensation plan for city positions.

DeWitt County voters selected Republicans across the board in the November mid-term election. Most local candidates ran unopposed. All state-level Democrats were reelected to office.

Some local veterans spoke on Veterans Day about their experiences in the military. The De-Witt Clinton Chapter of the NSDAR presented the program hosted by the Clinton American Legion and Clinton AM-VETS. tor from 1967-1972.

City treasurer Clint Lichtenwalter reported the city tax levy for the new fiscal year would be 3.66 percent lower, in addition to other good financial news for the city.

The county board reorganized after the November election. New county clerk Kari Harris administered the oath of office to new and returning board members. Dan Matthews was elected new board chairman. Former chairman Terry Ferguson was elected vice chairman.

Energy Harbor won the auction this year to supply electricity to residents of the county living in unincorporated areas served by Ameren. The winning bid resulted in a fixed rate of \$0.1210 cents for a 22-month term beginning in February.

Katy O'Grady-Pyne / Journal

Some of the folks at Heartland Bank & Trust put on their Snow White and the Seven Dwarves personalities for the annual "Trick or Treat" on the Square Halloween activities.



The DeWitt County Board conducted its reorganzation in December following the November election. Newly-elected county clerk Kari Harris administers the oath to Dan Matthews and Melonie Tilley for District D. Matthews also was elected board chairman.



The supervisor of assessments office announced the updated multi-township assessment districts to begin in 2025. Every 10 years following a census, new multi-township assessment districts must be formed based on increases or decreases in individual townships' populations.

November

Clinton Power Station parent company Constellation officials announced they would apply for a 20-year extension of the plant's operating license. Thanks to funds made available through the Federal Inflation Reduction Act, Constellation said the plant could remain operation past its planned closure in 2026. The credit provided by the FIRA applies to power generated by existing nuclear plants through December 31, 2032. The provision of the FIRA making the credit possible is the "zero emission nuclear power production credit." It is another method aimed at curbing CO2 emissions.

Mayor Roger Cyrulik told the Journal the city was continuing a more Because of a city staff shortage, business owners around the square were asked to resume their own snow removal.

December

The outgoing DeWitt County Board held its final meeting following the November election. Board members, as well as the county clerk Dana Evans and county treasurer Gloria Wills, who were retiring, were recognized for their service.

A Weldon man, Kodie Embry-Frank, 31, was held on attempted murder charges. Frank allegedly stabbed his step-father in the neck, threatened a woman with a knife and attacked a county deputy responding to the scene.

The Clinton School Board voted to name the high school basketball court in honor of former player Gene Vance. Vance was a member of the famed "Whiz Kids" University of Illinois basketball team in the early 1940s. Vance later played five seasons in the National Basketball Association (NBA) and was U of I athletic direcThe city began evaluating the proliferation of short-term rental units, commonly referred to as Airbnbs, in residential areas as potentially in violation of city code. City attorney John Hoblit said there didn't appear to be any mention of shortterm rentals, or Airbnbs, in the city's code book, which would make them essentially illegal.

Junior High social studies teacher Kelby McMath received the Illinois State NSDAR "Outstanding Teacher of American History" award. McMath began a project for students to clean grave stones in the Civil War section of the cemetery and research the names on some of the stones.

City commissioners received the results of a job classification and compensation study conducted by GovHR. The study resulted in detailed descriptions of job categories and corresponding salary ranges.

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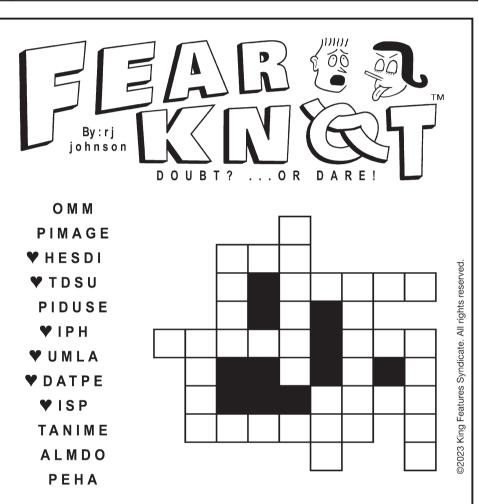
Nest leads the +J and when Dummy goes down you can count only 11 ricks: six trumps in hand, two Diamonds and a ruff in Dummy, and wo Spades (regardless of who holds the **♠**K). Where's the 12th trick?

To make your contract, you will need to score a third Spade trick. After the AQ has been successfully finessed on the first round, how do you play to the second round of Spades? You are doomed to failure if the missing Spades are 5-1 ... and destined for success if the suit is 3-3 ... so what's the play that gives you the best chance when the Spades are 4-2? The two choices are:

- Either, cash the A, hoping that West started with a doubleton King.
- Or, lead the AJ from hand (which West will cover with the King). This caters for East holding the doubleton Ten or doubleton Nine, allowing Declarer's mighty 12th trick!

That should be an easy decision! Kx with West is one winning chance ... Tx or 9x with East is two winning chances. It doesn't need a mathematician to figure out which play is more likely to succeed. After the percentage play brings home the slam, Declarer will avoid saying "My 6♥ was a bit optimistic, but of course I wouldn't have bid it without the Spade Seven". Unless, that is, he wants to infuriate the opponents.

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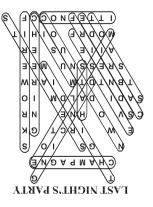
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Notice is given to the creditors of the death of James M. Obermeyer, of 510 N. Walnut St., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on December 20, 2022, to Brant J. Obermeyer, Independent Executor, 505 N. Walnut St., Clinton, Illinois 61727,

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Ringing in the new year with financial wellness

(NAPSI)—If you're like many people, you make New Year's resolutions. Whether you love or hate the tradition, studies show that one of the most popular resolutions is healthier living-followed closely by setting financial goals.

These two resolutions are also interdependent, as 72% of people report experiencing money-related stress at least some of the time. That means financial wellness is proving to be more vital to overall health and happiness than ever.

It's also a fact that only a small percentage of people who make resolutions actually keep them.

Luckily, Chylon Pappas, vice president of marketing at First Tech Federal Credit Union, has tips and savings tricks to get you started on the path to improving your overall financial health in 2023 and beyond.

1.Make a Plan: Mapping out your financial goals is the first step. This will serve as a guide you can reference and fine-tune.

and reviewing spending habits regularly can seem daunting, but there are a few ways to make the process less overwhelming:

• Conduct research and educate yourself to make more informed decisions

• When it comes to investing, start small

• Exhaust all available employer options, such as an employer-sponsored retirement plan, Flexible Spending Account (FSA), Health Savings Account (HSA), etc.

shift and change in different life stages-whether it's sending your child to school or planning your retirement. The key is setting long-term goals and not letting yourself get discouraged by short-term changes along the time. way," explains Pappas.

Tech offers a primer.

2.Become a SMART Shopper: Another tip for reducing spending is to stick to a budget.

Pappas recommends setting specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals-which leads to better budgeting and allows you to adjust it as needed.

For example, eating at home and being mindful of "entertainment" expenses, such as dining out or tickets to sporting events, can help eliminate unnecessary spending. Being a savvy shopper also makes all the difference. This means planning, writing down, "Financial priorities tend to and avoiding tempting impulse in-store or online purchases.

> For more inspiration, you can check out First Tech's budget-friendly meal ideas for under \$10. It's incredible how quickly grocery savings can build over

Whether it's spending less on To help you get started and take groceries, entertainment, or cutthe mystique (and intimidation) ting costs associated with other

Investing, saving for retirement, out of financial planning, First household needs, the key to success is holding vourself accountable to your specific goal. One way to do this is to work with a friend or family member, so they can help keep you focused and on track to turn your goals into reality.

> 3.Flex Your Savings Muscles: Planning and budgeting may automatically strengthen savings, but you don't have to cut off all your spending to save. There are ways you can boost savings, and still have room to "treat yourself," all while keeping a cushion for those rainy days. Pappas suggests:

• Gradually increasing your savings by 1 percent each year

• Following the 50/30/20 rule by allocating 50 percent of your monthly income towards bills and non-negotiables, and 30 percent towards savings, leaving 20 percent to fulfill wants

• Utilizing multiple savings ac-

counts to support specific needs using the 50/30/20 rule

• Using a credit card that deposits cash back

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Becoming a (Financially) Healthier You: Many people are reluctant to talk about money, but real change only happens when you take a close look and rethink your current habits.

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Money management tips for retirees

a perfect retirement is different for everyone. Some people may imagine spending their golden years fishing their days away, while others may aspire to finally embrace their inner globetrotter. pinch in retirement. Though individuals' retirement need money, which only underscores the importance of a wise and disciplined approach to money management.

risen considerably over the last several decades. According to estimates from the United Nations Population Division, the average life expectancy in Canada for both sexes is just under 83 years, while it's slightly more than 79 in the United States. Those figures are a welcome sign, but they

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(METRO) — What constitutes they might outlive their money. No one knows how long they will live, but everyone can embrace a strategies to increase the chances that they won't feel a financial

• Study up on the tax implicadreams differ, every retiree will tions of withdrawing from your retirement accounts. Every retirement investment vehicle, whether it's an IRA or a 401(k), has tax implications. Money withdrawn Average life expectancies have too early may incur tax penalties, and even money withdrawn long past retirement age could elevate retirees into a new tax bracket that could prove costly. A financial advisor can help retirees determine the tax implications of withdrawseniors who are concerned that much should be withdrawn in a won't jeopardize their long-term need long-term care in their life-

given year in order to minimize health. tax liabilities.

• Prioritize your own needs. handful of money management Though retirees, particularly those with children and grand- Retirees who own their homes children, may feel an obligation and live in locations with high to help their families in difficult financial times, generosity can be very costly for adults who have stopped working. Retirees may or may not have opportunities to generate new income, and even those who do likely won't make enough to meet their daily financial needs. Given that reality, retirees must prioritize their own financial needs, including their immediate needs and those they will have for the rest of their lives. Though it might be difficult

• Examine your housing situation. Equity in a home is a feather in the cap of many retirees. property taxes might be able to cash in on their equity by selling their homes and downsizing to a smaller home with lower property taxes. If moving is not a consideration, discuss a reverse mortgage with a financial advisor. A trusted financial advisor can highlight the advantages and disadvantages of reverse mortgages, which are a great option for some people to improve their financial well-being in retirement.

• Stick to a budget during reing money from their retirement to turn down loved ones' requests tirement. The U.S. Department accounts and may even develop a for financial help, retirees must of Health and Human Services detailed guideline of when with- make sure they can pay their bills reports that roughly 70 percent may inspire a little fear among drawals should be made and how and maintain a quality of life that of individuals who turn 65 will

times. That's just one expense retirees must budget for, and it's more sizable than some people may recognize. In fact, the Fidelity Retiree Health Care Cost Estimate found that the average retired couple age 65 in 2022 will need roughly \$315,000 to cover health care expenses in retirement. And health care costs are just one of many expenses retirees can expect to have. Budgeting and avoiding overspending can ensure retirees have the money they need when they need it.

No one wants to outlive their money in retirement. Various strategies can help retirees effectively manage their money so they can enjoy their golden years without having to worry about their finances.

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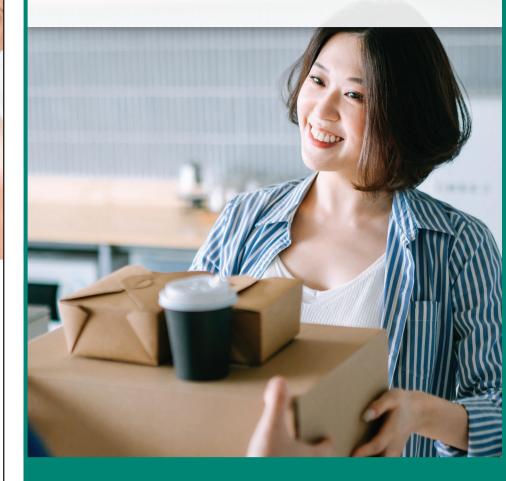
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