

CUSD lawsuit against ISBE declared moot

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CLINTON — At the June 21 meeting of the Clinton school board, Superintendent Curt Nettles told the board the lawsuit against the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) was declared moot.

“Unfortunately, the judge agreed with the Attorney General’s office that our lawsuit against ISBE is moot,” said Nettles, reading a letter from the attorney representing CUSD and the other school districts involved in the suit.

“Accordingly, she dismissed our lawsuit against ISBE. In doing so, she did not indicate approval for ISBE’s actions or position.”

In 2021, the ISBE threatened school districts with a loss of recognition if they failed to follow Governor JB Pritzker’s executive order requiring indoor masking.

“Instead, the judge expressed doubts that ISBE had acted properly,” he said.

“That’s really what we wanted,” said Nettles, “so if things like this should happen again, we can go right back to (this statement from the judge).”

At this time, Nettles said all the superintendents involved in the suit agreed they will not take any

further action.

The board also agreed to transfer \$200,000 from its Working Cash Fund to its Education Fund for expenses as well as \$62,497 from the Education Fund to the Debt Fund for Apple leases.

In other business, the board:

Agreed to a five-year lease with EB Properties for the Clinton Academy building.

Approved a bid of \$64,000 for asbestos removal at Clinton High School kitchen from Triple A Asbestos, the low bidder on the proposed project. Renovation of the CHS kitchen is planned for 2023.

Approved compensation and contracts for support staff and administrators for the 2022-23 school year.

Learned interviews for a new junior high assistant principal are underway.

Approved the cancellation of the July board meeting.

Approved the following appointments and employment: Karen Monk, CES reading teacher; Amelia Busby, CES administrative assistant; Brenna Finck, 5th grade special needs teacher; Christa Carroll, part-time CHS kitchen worker; Fay Douglas, part-time Douglas kitchen worker; Becky Walters, transfer to CJHS library aide.

State Supreme Court declines for second time to rule on FOID Act

Jerry Nowicki
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — In a 4-3 decision with a blistering dissent from the Republican minority, the Illinois Supreme Court declined to rule on a question of whether Illinois Firearm Owners Identification Act is unconstitutional.

It was the second time the case of the People v. Vivian Brown came before the court and the second time the court declined to rule on the constitutionality of the state statute requiring Illinoisans to receive a permit to legally own a gun.

The majority opinion released Thursday was written by Chief Justice Anne M. Burke and was procedural in nature. It contended that the White County Circuit Court failed to adhere to the

Supreme Court’s previous 2020 ruling in the case, so it once again vacated the lower court’s ruling that the FOID Act was unconstitutional.

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Courtesy of DeWitt Clinton NSDAR

DAR awards Calvert Funeral Home

On June 13, Dewitt Clinton Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented a certificate of award to Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton Chapel, for appreciation of their proper use, correct display and patriotic presentation of the American Flag. Randy Rice accepted the award on behalf of Calvert’s. Pictured, left to right, Rosemary Parker, chapter regent; Randy Rice; and Terri Lemmel, chair of the chapter historic preservation committee.

Cummins gives status report on wind project

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CLINTON — The county board received a lengthy briefing June 23 about the status of the Alta Farms II wind energy project. Terry Fountain, of Cummins Engineering, covered progress of work so far, and answered questions from board members.

As part of the county’s agreement with Enel Green Energy, a third-party engineering firm was hired to monitor various aspects of Alta Farms II construction.

Fountain reported the meteorological towers were up and foundations for the Aircraft Detection

Lighting System (ADLS) towers were in place. Access roads to those towers also were in place, he said.

“The towers just haven’t been constructed yet,” Fountain said.

Fountain also has been working to coordinate documentation in relation to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements for the project.

Enel was still working on signage that was part of the requirements for the special use permits. The signs are required at each wind tower.

“Which I anticipate they will work on later this fall sometime,” he said.

Enel will contact

Fountain when the initial signs go up, “and I’ll make sure everyone is onboard with what is required.”

Fountain will inspect all tower signs once they are up.

Within 12 months, following the notice of commercial sale, Alta Farms is required to submit a post-construction noise profile study, according to county requirements.

“That’s something we’ll see if the county must review that again,” Fountain said.

In an initial sound study, Fountain said his firm concluded the methods used for the study were sound, “and followed what we believe are industry standards.”

Cummins also checked various test locations to make sure they complied with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) guidelines.

Fountain also is involved with a study examining the effects of the wind project on county roads and Enel’s plans for road improvements in the area of the project.

“That, (the study) has pretty much been completed,” he said. “Then we move on to overseeing the construction of any improvements in the roadway, whether it’s on the county highway system or the township roads.”

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C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum host annual quilt show

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Museum Association announced the annual “Quilted Keepsakes” quilt show will take place from July 1-31 at the C.H. Moore Homestead and DeWitt County Museum, 219 E. Woodlawn, Clinton.

This year’s show will feature exclusively quilts from the museum collection. Quilts of various styles and patterns spanning the

19th century as well as the first half of the 20th century will be displayed throughout the historic mansion.

The quilts can be viewed during regular museum and gift shop hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays.

Admission, which includes the house tour, quilt show, farm museum, covered bridge, gardens

and grounds, is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 12-18 and ages 11-under free. DeWitt County Museum Association members (and their guests if applicable) are also admitted at no charge.

Groups are encouraged, but not required, to make reservations. Email chmoore.homestead@gmail.com for additional information or call the museum at (217) 935-6066.

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Resurfacing had begun on County Highway 17, Fountain reported. There also would be incidental resurfacing performed to entrances and side roads. Cummins has been meeting weekly with White Construction, Enel, and county highway engineer Mark Mathon to keep tabs on ongoing road improvements, including seal-coating, as part of the project. "There are 11 locations

under the road, I believe, that require a casing under the drainage district's tile," Fountain said. Working with the county, Cummins also has developed a list of culverts that will need to be replaced or extended. Fountain will review boring logs for wind tower cables and develop a method to verify the cables are where specifications require in relation to drainage district tiles.

Some board members asked if there was a way to notify residents in the area of the project in advance of days when roads would be primed for sealcoating. This might make it possible for residents to avoid driving through the oil. Mark Mathon said contractors would prep only as much roadway as they could complete in a day. He said his department would try

to post what sections of roads workers were on for any particular day. This could be in coordination with the Plan-of-the Day posting by Enel. Fountain said signs would be up to notify drivers of road work. Some signs would be posted at intersections to attempt to give drivers enough notice so they can detour.

Wapella native honored with Valor quilt

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. — Karen Mayes, the daughter, of Butch and Judy Ooms of Wapella, was honored on Saturday June 18 with a Valor quilt. Karen lives in Crawfordsville, Ind. and is involved with the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans(DAV) there. Currently she is serving her second year as adjutant. Karen served in the United States Army between 1981 and 1991, honorably discharged as a Sgt. after 10 years-5 months. of service as an accounting specialist. Karen was stationed in Germany, Korea,Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., Ft Leonard Wood, Mo., and Ft Harrison, Ind.



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Burke was joined in the majority by Democrats Mary Jane Theis, P. Scott Neville Jr. and Robert Carter. Justice Michael Burke — who is not related to the chief justice — wrote the dissent, making up 11 of the 21 pages in the Thursday order. He argued the majority decision was “based on a misunderstanding of the record and a misreading of this court’s precedents,” and that it could keep the defendant in “legal limbo” for an untold period of years. The case involves a White County resident, Vivian Claudine Brown, who was charged in March 2017 with possession of a firearm without a FOID card after police responded to her estranged husband’s call that she had fired a gun in her home. Police found the rifle but no evidence that she fired it. Nonetheless, she was charged with the crime. But a circuit judge in White County threw out the charge, ruling that the fees and forms required to receive a FOID imposed an unconstitutional burden on Brown’s Second Amendment right to keep a firearm in her own home. But it was an alternative ruling made by the same court without prompting from Brown’s legal team

that allowed the state’s high court to decline to rule on the constitutional grounds. That alternative ruling contended that the Illinois General Assembly, when it passed the FOID Act, never meant for it to apply in the home, because if it did, it would mean anybody with knowledge of a firearm and exclusive control over the area where it was kept could be construed as possessing the gun. As a general rule, courts decline to rule on constitutional matters when a case can be decided on other grounds. Because the circuit court ruled on an aspect of the FOID Act pertaining to state law, the Supreme Court’s 2020 decision vacated the order pertaining to constitutionality and sent the matter back to White County to “permit the normal appellate process to run its course.” Therulingwasessentially a win for Brown, but her legal team contended it wouldn’t stand up to an appeal. Thus, Brown’s attorneys filed a motion to reconsider, arguing that the inevitable loss on appeal would delay clarity in the case. The circuit court agreed and reinstated the charges. Brown’s

attorneys then filed a new motion to dismiss on constitutional grounds, which the judge upheld, finding that “any fee associated with exercising the core fundamental Constitutional right of armed self-defense within the confines of one’s home violates the Second Amendment.” Thus, the state appealed the ruling back to the Supreme Court, leading to the Thursday ruling in which the majority decided the lower court had no authority to reconsider the case after the Supreme Court’s 2020 ruling. “When a cause is ‘remanded by the reviewing court with instructions to the circuit court to enter a specific order, the reviewing court’s judgment is, with respect to the merits, ‘the end of the case,’ and there is ‘nothing which the circuit court [is] authorized to do but enter the decree.’” the court wrote, quoting other case law. If the lower court were allowed to make changes to the Supreme Court’s ruling, the majority wrote, it would set a precedent “upending our hierarchical judicial system.” The dissent from Michael Burke, however, argued

that the majority asserted finality of its ruling while also suggesting that the proper place for review is now an appellate court, which is itself a lower court. “In reality, the judgment of the circuit court was not a judgment of this court that was final and conclusive on all the parties because this court declined to reach the merits of the statutory analysis and only vacated the circuit court’s judgment on procedural grounds,” Michael Burke wrote in the dissent. “Accordingly, the trial court was free to reconsider the merits of that ruling, and nothing about it doing so upends our hierarchical judicial system.” Michael Burke argued that the majority’s supposition that Brown received “complete relief” when the circuit court vacated her charges was faulty, because the legal reasoning backing that decision is unlikely to hold up upon appeal. Thus, he predicted, the case will ultimately end up back at the Supreme Court on the constitutional basis, only after a significant delay to Brown’s detriment as the case moves through the appellate court.

Making do

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. If you were raised in a home that lacked the finer things of life, you would often hear it said, “Make do with what you have.” This is what I had to do.

As a child, I could not afford model kits for making cars and airplanes like other children. Therefore, I had to make do with a box of toothpicks and tube of glue. I went to work making toothpick models. I do believe I enjoyed that more than if I had store-bought model kits. This encourages ingenuity and the ability to create and invent. Even under adverse circumstances, one can find solace. But what has this to do with culinary?

I have often recommended experimentation in cooking. My articles taught the fundamentals of inventing recipes. Thus, becoming independent of following other people’s recipes. My articles also explained how to substitute ingredients. This also included how to proportion a recipe when lacking in having enough of an ingredient (the limiting ingredient). When you stop to think about it, this all pertains to making do with what you have. I think we can now move on to utilizing equipment and utensils.

I like using my stack steamers. There is so much you can do with them to improve on the cooking process. However, there was a time I lack having such luxuries. What I was able to do was to put my vegetables in a colander. After rinsing the vegetables, I would simply place the colander, with the vegetables still in it, over a pan of boiling



The Culinary Corner By Chef Roger Joss

water. Also, there would be one less item to wash. A fry basket could be used for steaming smaller food items. Then comes the double-boiler. In this case, I would mix my ingredients in a stainless-steel mixing bowl. I would then place this on top of a pot with simmering water. In point of fact, this is much better than your double-boiler pan. With a hemispherical mixing bowl, a whisk can be used and there would be no corners interfering with a thorough mixing. Again, there would be one less item to wash since the bowl is not only used with the boiler but can be used throughout the mixing process. It is also easier to use the rubber spatula for scraping out the bowl as appose to a pan. Juicers can be very expensive and labor intensive in cleaning their parts before and after use. I find a very efficient way is to chop-up your food item, place this in a ricer lined with sanitized clean cotton cloth, and squeeze. This works well for such things as fruits and pulverized melon rinds. In using fruit, you can use cheese cloth. Be sure to remove any seeds before squeezing. Harder items, such as raw carrots and celery, need a juicer. If you could get by with steaming them to soften them, then a ricer will work. Until next time, peace to all.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

June 10-17

Dylan Buggar, 20, Weldon, was issued a Citation for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident. Buggar was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Investigation into the scene of an accident which occurred at approximately 17:40 on 6/9/22 revealed that Freddrica Brown, 30, Bloomington was traveling eastbound on State Highway 10, approaching White Pigeon Road. Brown slowed down and began to turn north onto White Pigeon Road. Dylan Buggar, 20, Weldon, did not see Brown turning and began to pass Brown's vehicle. Buggar struck Brown on the driver's side, forcing Brown into a field on the

north side of the road. Front airbags deployed in Brown's vehicle. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage. All drivers and passengers involved were wearing seat belts. Buggar received a written warning for improper passing and Citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Michael Dupin, 46, Waynesville, was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Dupin unable to post the necessary bond remains lodge in the DeWitt County Jail.

Torey Lancaster, 30, McLean, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging her with Possession of Meth <5 Grams/PTR. Lancaster unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt

County Jail. William Wooldridge, 73, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Driving While Revoked. Wooldridge was given a Notice to Appear and was released. John Logue, 41, Monticello, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Domestic BTRY/PHYSICAL Contact. Logue unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County jail.

James Samuel, 21, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding 88 mph in a 55 mph zone. Samuel was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

All subjects are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

Area students earn degrees from Illinois State University

NORMAL — Illinois State University recently announced the names of students who completed requirements for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at the end of the spring 2022 semester. The announcement of those awarded degrees was made following certification of all academic records.

Undergraduate degree recipients

Clinton

- Bone, Quentin - Bachelor of Science
- Chapman, Sierra - Bachelor of Science
- Jacobs, Gabbriella - Bachelor of Science
- Kiser, Alexis - Bachelor of Science

Farmer City

- Gearlds-Turner, Joseph - Bachelor of Science
- Voyles, Brian - Bachelor of Science

Heyworth

- Holland, Anna - Bachelor of Science
- Neuleib, Lauren - Bachelor of Science

- Pauley, Grace - Bachelor of Music Education
- Rettig, Ryan - Bachelor of Science
- Rexroad, April - Bachelor of Science

Maroa

- Moore, Kaleb - Bachelor of Science

Wapella

- Nettles, Levi - Bachelor of Science
- O'Brien, Erin - Bachelor of Science
- Wertz, Emma - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Graduate degree recipients

Farmer City

- Spese, Cameron - Master of Business Administration

Heyworth

- Bussan, Nicole - Master of Science
- Steve, Justin - Master of Science in Education

Maroa

- Newbon, Ashley - Master of Science

More than 600 people participate in Warner Library summer reading program

CLINTON — Staff at the Vespasian Warner Public Library District said they are “blown away” by the number of residents who have registered for Summer Reading: Oceans of Possibilities.

More than 600 people, youth and adult, have challenged themselves to read this summer with the incentive of treasure box prizes and entries into a grand-prize drawing. To celebrate, the library will host a “Summer Reading Celebration” on Saturday, July 23 beginning at 11 a.m. Readers can expect a fun day of outdoor games, a free picnic lunch, and magician Chef Bananas performing a show as silly as his name.

The full event schedule is available at www.vwarner.org. Advance registration is required by calling the library at (217) 935-5174. Friends of the Library will provide lunch.

Residents who have not yet started their Summer Reading journey are encouraged to stop by the library to get started now through July 31. All library events and activities, including summer reading, are free and open to the public.

July Calendar of Events

All library events are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required for events marked with an asterisk (*). Visit the library's website at www.vwarner.org, Facebook page @VespasianWarner, or call (217) 935-5174 to learn more.

- Summer Reading: Oceans of Possibilities (All Ages) Continues through 7/31
- July Grab ‘n Go Kit: Clay Marble Coasters (All Ages) Begins Fri. 7/1
- Children's Storytimes (Ages 0-5) Every Wed. and Fri.10am
- Nature Photo Wall (All Ages) All Month
- Master Gardener Help Desk (Adult) Sat. 7/2 & 7/30 - 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Thu. 7/14 - 3-5 p.m.
- *Rolled Sushi Candles (Teen 12-18) Thu. 7/7, 4 p.m.
- *Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) 101 (Teen 12-18) Mon. 7/11, 3-5 p.m.
- *Identifying Common Lawn and Garden Weeds Webinar (Adult) Tue. 7/12, 1:30 p.m.
- *D&D: A Deep and Creeping Darkness (Teen 12-18) Tue. 7/12, 1 p.m.
- *My Safe City: Electric and Natural Gas Safety

Presentation (Children K-5) Thu. 7/14, 2 p.m.

- *The History of Weldon Springs (All Ages) Sat. 7/16, 10:30 a.m.
 - *X Marks the Spot! Treasure Maps at the Library (Children & Family) Mon. 7/18, 3:45 p.m.
 - James Webb Space Telescope First Images Activity (All Ages) Drop-In: July 19-23
 - *Book Club (Adult) Tue. 7/19, 6 p.m.
 - *Summer Scares! Author Visit: S.M. Cornthwaite (Children & Family, 7+) Thu. 7/21, 5:30 p.m.
 - *Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Celebration! (All-Ages) Sat. 7/23, 11 a.m.
 - *D&D: Lore of Lurue (Teen 12-18) Tue. 7/26, 1 p.m.
- The library is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Hours are subject to change. The library will be closed on Monday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day.
- For more information about the event above or any library services, visit www.vwarner.org or call (217) 935-5174.

DeWitt, Macon and Piatt 4-H members showcase projects at annual 4-H Fair

CLINTON, Ill. — One highlight of a 4-H member's year is the annual 4-H Fair. This event provides an opportunity for 4-H youths to demonstrate new knowledge, abilities, skills, and attitudes. The 4-H Fair allows members to practice the invaluable life skills of teamwork, cooperation, communication, sportsmanship, club pride, and unity — all necessary skills for positive youth development.

The DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt counties 4-H Fair will be held at the DeWitt County 4-H Fairgrounds in July. The 4-H Horse show will be on July 2 and July 3, followed by the 4-H Livestock and General Projects Show on July 8 through July 11. Local 4-H members will be on-site to showcase their projects completed during the year. Judges will provide 4-H members with feedback to encourage personal growth and mastery.

“We have over 400 members from all three counties that will exhibit projects, and we cannot wait to see what everyone has in store,” says 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator Kendra Wallace. “The awards program will take place Sunday evening, so please come out and help us celebrate everyone's hard work!”

For more information about this year's fair, please contact Kendra Wallace at 217-935-5764.

Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 2
9 a.m.
Horse Show
Sunday, July 3
1 p.m.
Horse Show

Friday, July 8
5:30 p.m.
Display Judging for Tractors and Tractor Driving
7:15 p.m.
Family Fun Night
Saturday, July 9
9 a.m.
Poultry Show
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
General Projects Judging
3 p.m.
Livestock Judging Contest
5:30 p.m.
Master Showmanship Contest

Sunday, July 10
8 a.m.
Swine Show
9 a.m.
Rabbit Show
Noon to 3 p.m.
General Projects Judging
2 p.m.
Sheep Show
6:30 p.m.
Show Awards Ceremony

Monday, July 11
9 a.m.
Beef Show

Genealogical society meeting set for July 12

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State Commission
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igin. It was the first such
agency in the U.S.

1946 - The U.S. explod-
ed a 20-kiloton atomic
bomb near Bikini Atoll in
the Pacific Ocean.

1951 - Bob Feller set a
major league baseball
record as he pitched
his third no-hitter for the
Cleveland Indians.

1960 - Somalia gained
its independence from
Britain through the unifi-
cation of Somaliland with
Italian Somalia.

1961 - British troops
landed in Kuwait to aid
against Iraqi threats.

1961 - The first com-
munity air-raid shelter
was built. The shelter in
Boise, ID had a capac-
ity of 1,000 people and
family memberships sold
for \$100.

1966 - The Medicare fed-
eral insurance program
went into effect.

1968 - The Nuclear Non-
proliferation Treaty was
signed by 60 countries. It
limited the spreading of
nuclear material for mil-
itary purposes. On May
11, 1995, the treaty was
extended indefinitely.

1969 - Britain's Prince
Charles was invested as
the Prince of Wales.

1974 - Isavel Peron
became the president of
Argentina upon the death
of her husband, Juan.

1979 - Susan B. Anthony
was commemorated on
a U.S. coin, the Susan B.
Anthony dollar.

1979 - Sony introduced
the Walkman.

1980 - "O Canada" was
proclaimed the national
anthem of Canada.

1980 - U.S. President
Jimmy Carter signed
legislation that provided
for 2 acres of land near
the Lincoln Memorial for
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial.

1989 - The Montreal
Protocol, an international
treaty, went into effect.
It limited the production
of ozone-destroying
chemicals.

1991 - Court TV began
airing.

1991 - The Warsaw Pact
dissolved.

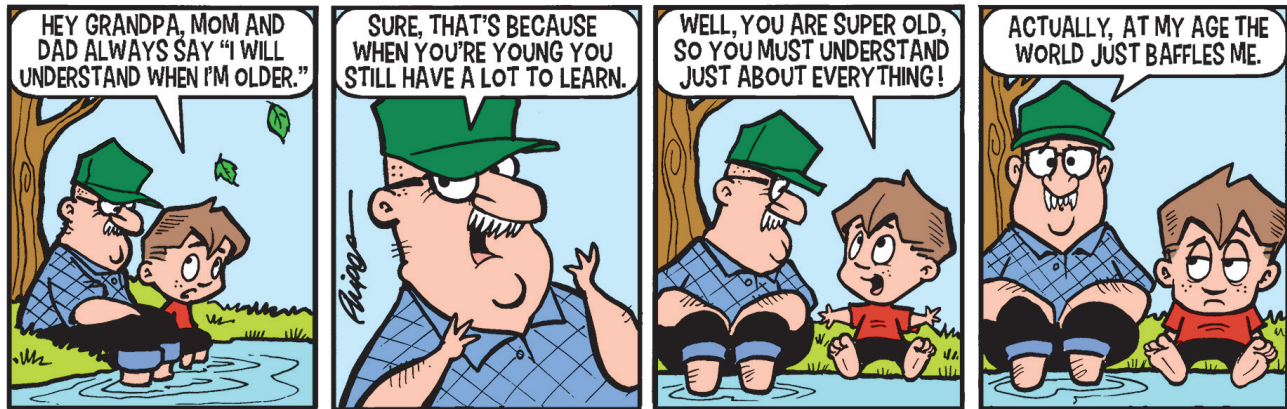
1994 - Yasser Arafat of
the Palestinian Liberation
Organization visited the
Gaza Strip.

1997 - The sovereignty
over Hong Kong was
transferred from Great
Britain to China. Britain
had controlled Hong
Kong as a colony for 156
years.

1999 - The U.S. Justice
Department released
new regulations that
granted the attorney
general sole power to
appoint and oversee
special counsels. The
1978 independent-coun-
sel statute expired on
June 30.

2003 - In Hong Kong,
thousands of protesters
marched to show their
opposition to anti-subver-
sion legislation.

Amber Waves



Illinois and Roe v Wade

In 1973, in a case titled Roe v. Wade the U. S. Supreme Court determined that the 14th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution had within its meaning afforded women a right to privacy with their bodies. Essentially this ruling gave a woman the legal right to an abortion up to the time that the fetus became viable to live outside of the womb.

Litigation has continued for years about the viability. There is a very vocal segment that argued abortion should be legal up until the moment of birth. There were also advocates that argued abortion should never have been legalized. The debate raged.

The state of Mississippi enacted legislation that truly restricted women's access to abortion in that state in a case commonly referenced as Dobbs. Legal scholars from the right and left have acknowledged

for years that the Roe decision is somewhat weak in that there is no explicit language in the Constitution referencing abortion. Last Friday the Supreme Court did something that it does not like to do. The Supreme Court made political waves.

The Supreme Court ruled that Roe was "egregiously" wrong and reversed the standing constitutional law. That ruling sent shockwaves throughout the country.

Those opposed to abortion were thrilled and those supporting abortion were angered to the point of both peaceful and violent demonstrations. As is often the case, both sides appear to be misstating what the Dobb's ruling really does.

Abortions are not illegal in this country by that ruling on a national level. In like fashion, abortions are not legal on a national



basis.

The Supreme Court essentially said that abortion is a state's rights issue not a national constitutional concern. This means that we are going to have 50 different laws regarding abortion.

Illinois has one of the most liberal abortion statutes in the country. Missouri next door has one of the most restrictive statutes. What is illegal in Missouri is legal in Illinois as regards much of the abortion statutes.

For Illinois, there is no real change in the law. For Missouri, there is monumental change. Illinois will soon become a mecca for those women seeking abortions whose

state of residency does not allow for the procedure.

We are going to see much turmoil between the states until all of this is worked out. Those who emphasize state's rights will be happy, and those who want a strong centralized and national government are disappointed.

This ruling may well have significant impact on the November elections. Political pundits were almost all projecting a Republican landslide in the November elections. That projection may well change since this is the one Supreme Court ruling that has energized the Democratic base.

Some may argue that it has also energized the Republican base. Whatever the case, it is obvious that elections have consequences. We shall see how this all works out over the next couple of years.

OIG finds lax security at VA mail pharmacies

The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General performed IT security inspections at two outpatient VA mail-order pharmacies to see if they were meeting federal security guidance. Being mail pharmacies (preparing and dispensing outpatient refills of drugs), they rely heavily on IT.

The Texas facility computers were past their "sell by" dates, meaning they were no longer getting vendor updates and support. When it came to IT security, there were 22 critical vulnerabilities on 62 computers and 34 high-risk vulnerabilities on 328 computers.

Access controls were an

eye-opener. The system was deficient in device lock (which prevents access to systems when users are away from their workstations), ID and authentication of users (knowing who is typing in what), multiple users sharing one high-level account, open computers with no one around in a warehouse, access logs that were overwritten (erased) in 20 minutes and not saved anywhere ... and more. Inspectors even found 98 more computers onsite than the facility thought it had.

That Texas facility alone processed over 19 million prescriptions in one year, servicing VA medical sites in six states.



by Freddy Groves

It didn't even get parking security right. VA rules say there can't be parking right next to a facility in case of a vehicle attack. The VA medical center police department had even issued a report about there being no physical barriers. When asked, facility managers told the OIG that parking wasn't an IT issue.

At an Arizona facility, the OIG found a similar set of deficiencies: an inaccurate inventory list of computers, multiple vulnerabilities on

hundreds of computers, missing software update patches, use of default (fresh out of the package) passwords for security camera systems, with half of the systems not generating audit logs.

The facility filled 24 million prescriptions in one year, servicing VA facilities in 12 states.

At least the Arizona facility didn't have vehicle barrier problems, with a hefty metal fence all around it -- although a check of the facility on Google maps showed the gates swinging wide open.

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Participants may register for one or both classes. The fee for one class is \$10 or \$15 if taking both classes. Register by July 25 at go.illinois.edu/Preserve101. Contact Caitlin at 217-935-5764 or chuth2@illinois.edu for questions.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 19:1-3

The **heavens** **declare** the **glory** of **God**; the **skies** **proclaim** the **work** of his **hands**. Day after **day** they **pour forth** speech; night **after night** they **reveal** knowledge. They **have** no **speech**, they **use** no **words**; no **sound** is **heard** from **them**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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- ## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

 1. Is the book of Amos in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
 2. What does the shortest verse in the Bible (KJV) say Jesus did? Walked, Prayed, Preached, Wept
 3. Which false prophet wore a yoke which Jeremiah broke? Bar-Jesus, Jezebel, Hananiah, Zedekiah
 4. What was Bartimaeus healed of in Mark 10? Demons, Leprosy, Blindness, Deafness
 5. From Psalms 135, who was king of Bashan? Ur, Og, Tu, Za
 6. Who was exiled to the land of Nod? Cain, Abel, Abraham, Aaron

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Wept (John 11:35); 3) Blindness; 4) Jezebel; 5) Og (135:11); 6) Cain


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Yankees fall to @Bat at home despite tenacious play

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CLINTON — It seemed like a hot August night, but it was mid-June, 93 degrees with a heat index of 99. The teams were loosened up, and the opposition on this evening were the @Bat team from the Washington, Ill. And as their moniker implies, they love to be at bat.

In the first inning, @Bat had help from the Yankees' pitcher with a walk and a hit batter. The Yankees seemed to hold with two on and two out when the fourth batter strode to the plate and doubled to the outfield.

The opposition was then shut down for the inning. In the bottom of the in-

ning, the Yankees proceeded to get players on and into scoring position only to follow with two outs, leaving three stranded on base. Then the wheels not only came off the bus, but the bus totally came apart for the Yankees.

The second inning was approximately 45 minutes long as @Bat brought 18 batters to the plate and scored 12 runs on 7 hits. The Yankees used three pitchers to try to quell the onslaught to no avail. The Yankees were three up and three down in the bottom of the inning.

The third inning saw the @Bat add one more run to their count and the Yankees also were able to plate a run.

In the top of the fourth and final inning, the first opposition batter hit a home run, the second of the game for the @Bat team, taking a lot of wind out of the Yankees' sails. The opposition added three more scores in the inning for their final total of 19.

The Yankees made a last



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The @Bat players were on base and scoring runs.



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♠ T9		♠ K765
♥ AQJ		♥ 9654
♦ A543		♦ Q72
♣ AQ52		♣ K7
♠ 2	North	♥ T83
♥ T83	West	♦ JT96
♦ JT96	East	♣ JT984
♣ JT984	Declarer	
♠ AQJ843		
♥ K72		
♦ K8		
♣ 63		

Against your 6♠ contract West leads the ♠J. You finesse the Queen but that loses to the King and East returns a Club to Dummy's Ace. It was a fine slam but it got worse when that Club finesse lost. Now you must pick up the trump suit for no losers. You run the ♠T and it holds. You say a silent "Yippee!" but that quickly changes to "Rats!" when you repeat the finesse and West shows out. How will you overcome this setback?

East still has ♠K7 but there are no Spades left in Dummy with which to repeat the finesse. That might seem like a certain trump loser but you have a resource, it's known as a Trump Coup. For this to work you must shorten your trumps down to two (the same length as East) and also make sure that you win the 11th trick in Dummy. If you can do that, then when you lead from Dummy at Trick 12, East will be forced to ruff in front of you, thereby losing his "sure" trump trick.

So, after the second trump finesse wins, the play goes: ♦K; ♦A; Diamond ruff; over to Dummy's ♥Q; Club ruff; back to Dummy's ♥J. The ♥A is now cashed and at Trick 12 Dummy leads a Club (or Diamond) and East is forced to ruff in front of you. Great stuff! Be sure to realize that you needed *both* those ruffs in your hand, if you had not shortened your trumps to the right length then there would have been no Trump Coup.

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Super Crossword

THREE-TO-FIVE FIRST NAMES

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DOWN

1 Jason's ship

5 Categorized

12 Schoolboys

16 Actor Ayres

19 Coffee bit

20 Sea cow

21 "Orinoco Flow" singer

22 Yes, to Yvette

23 Pigeonhole the 16th president?

25 Toy-package span

27 1950s politico Stevenson

28 — -CIO

29 Cut all ties with the star of "Our Miss Brooks"?

31 Sniff the singer of "Coca Cola Cowboy"?

35 Barber's stuff

36 Color shade

37 Senator Cruz

38 — -bitsy

39 Investigate the director of "Stand by Me"?

43 Barber's stuff

45 Positive vote

46 Writer Blyton

47 Bathe the star of "Caroline in the City"?

53 Didn't include

58 Gate joint

59 Light hit

60 Berg material

62 Bride in "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"

63 Hank in the Basketball Hall of Fame

64 Floats in the breeze

67 Make a genetic replica of the star of "The Wolf Man"?

70 Jules Verne captain

72 According to

73 Dawn goddess

74 Boxer Frazier

75 Muscle jerks

76 Mistreat the director of "Splash"?

79 In districts

81 Holy Fr. woman

82 Broadcaster

83 Rumpus

84 Stable feed

85 Pungent

87 Barber's stuff

88 "Says You!"

90 Trample the playwright of "Travesties"?

94 "Me neither"

96 "— so sorry!"

97 "— so sorry!"

98 Extort money

103 Rational

105 Prefix related to birds

108 Helps out

109 Whirlpool site

110 Spill hot coffee on baseball's "Iron Man"?

114 Kidnap the star of "Madam Secretary"?

118 Mil. jets' site

119 Indistinct

120 Candy — (hospital helpers)

121 Contradict the inventor of the cotton gin?

125 Certain pipe shape

126 Provided

127 Retired academics

128 Ladder rung

129 Certain pipe shape

130 Mimicked

131 Halter's cousin

132 Former times

1 Something super-fun

2 Software instruction file, often

3 Like houses with pitched roofs

4 Hoops' Shaq

5 Roman 950

6 Chou En- —

7 Yearly records

8 Hit resulting in an out and an RBI

9 Absolut rival, for short

10 Sushi roll fish

11 Forest lairs

12 Do not disturb

13 Resident of "la-la land"

14 Batik worker

15 Gilbert of "The Connors"

16 Soho setting

17 Actor Levy

18 Hot dog

24 Mae West's "Diamond —"

26 Intro painting course, say

30 Self-love

32 Be inclined

33 Tingly feeling

34 1974 CIA spoof flick

40 Lubes again

41 Glass edge

42 Piaf of song

43 Phone game, maybe

44 Another time

45 Phone game, maybe

47 Gab, informally

48 African land

49 Infatuates

50 Capital of Canada

51 Moms

52 Sgt., say

54 Flawlessly

55 African land

56 Ballot caster

57 Bedtime hour

61 Delights in

65 Relief sound

66 "Alice" waitress

67 Cape —

68 Era upon era

69 Capital of Canada?

71 Law school beginner

73 Like amatory literature

77 Marvelous

78 Radio spots

79 Electric jolt

80 Dimwit

84 "Let's see ..."

86 "Says You!" broadcaster

88 "Eat — Chikin" (Chick-Fil-A slogan)

89 Pickle or cure

91 Acorn sources

92 Be inclined

93 Finished

95 Levied, as a tax

98 Droopy-eared hound

99 Diminutive

100 Channel swimmer

101 Gertrude

101 Morales of film and TV

102 McKellen of movies

103 "On Language" columnist

104 Even though

105 A lot like

106 Wood overlay

107 Composed and ready for printing

111 "The Alienist" novelist Carr

112 "As — care!"

113 Crooner Cline

115 Women's Open org.

116 Hurdle

117 "Yeah, right"

122 Tall bird

123 164-nation commerce gp.

124 Au courant

Mega Maze

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of:

Olivia Henson, Minor.

No. 2022-GR-3

GUARDIANSHIP NOTICE - STATE OF ILLINOIS

County of DeWitt, ss. - Circuit Court of DeWitt County

In the matter of the Petition for Guardianship of Minor, OLIVIA HENSON, Probate No. 2022-GR-3 To PHILLIP MEREDITH, biological father and REBECCA HENSON, biological mother: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County, Illinois for the guardianship of the minor named OLIVIA HENSON. Now, therefore, unless all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of DeWitt County, at 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois, on or before the 8th day of July, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

Dated 6/1/2022

/s/Michelle Van Valey
Michelle Van Valey
DeWitt County Circuit Clerk

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Legal 19513
June 17 and 24, 2022
July 1, 2022

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA MAE SPENCER, DECEASED

No.: 2022-PR-21

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of the above named decedent;

Letters of Office were issued on June 7, 2022 to Terry L. Spencer, 17497 Wildwood Road, DeWitt, Illinois 61735, Martha M. Schultz,

1501 Tamarack CC Trl., Normal, Illinois 61761, and Jeffrey K. Spencer, 6977 Paintball Road, Clinton, Illinois 61727 ad Independent Co-Executors. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 9, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk of the court must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be opened from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2022.

Terry L. Spencer, Martha M. Schultz and Jeffrey K. Spencer, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Anna Mae Spencer, deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077
TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727
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{SEAL}

Dated: Thursday, May 26, 2022

No. 2022-177

/s/Dana Smith
COUNTY CLERK

Legal 19518

June 17 and 24, 2022
July 1, 2022

LEGAL

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ANOTHER LITTLE DINER 603 WEST SIDE SQUARE CLINTON, IL 61727.

{SEAL}

Dated: Friday, June 10, 2022

No. 2022-178

/s/Dana Smith
COUNTY CLERK

Legal 19519
June 17 and 24, 2022
July 1, 2022

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD E. TYLER, ERIKA M. TYLER, NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and POSSIBLE TENANTS IN POSSESSION,

Defendants.

No. 2021-CH-7

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by this court on March 28, 2022, the property hereinafter described or as much as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidders.

a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate:

Rachel M. Emery 5184 Brush College Road Clinton, IL 61727 (571) 294-3301

b) The common address of the real estate is:

4 Sandburg Court, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois 61727

c) Lot 27 in Flair Subdivision to the City of Clinton, according to Plat recorded 06/27/1967 in Plat Book "E", page 337 in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, Illi-

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nois, situated in the County of DeWitt, in the State of Illinois. Parcel No.: 12-03-104-004

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The property is improved with a single family residence.

e) The judgment does not provide for inspection of the real estate prior to the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

f) The time and place of the court sale are:

The sale will be held August 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office, 101 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois. The sale will be conducted by the Sheriff of DeWitt County.

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Section 3, Township 15N, Range 5E

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PENN STATION, 122 EAST PROGRESS, ARTHUR, IL

Sellers: Willard & Mary Diener

AUCTION TERMS: 10 percent down payment on the day of auction with the balance due at closing on or before October 15, 2022. Auction subject to sellers' approval. Representing attorney Robert E. Kosc 217-268-3609. For more information on this opportunity contact John Miller: 217-543-2883.



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION EXAMINE THE COURT FILE OR CONTACT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, BRYCE A. LYNCH, 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET, P.O. BOX 478, CLINTON, ILLINOIS, TELEPHONE NO. (217) 935-2183.

Respectfully submitted this 15 day of June, 2022.

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BY: /s/Bryce A. Lynch
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Legal 19522
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July 1 and 8, 2022

LEGAL

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12:01 pm, Timothy Followell, occupant of space 2o44, items: boat (salvage only)
12:02 Dustin Long, occupant of space 1H36, items, dryer, 2 window A/C, vacuum, assorted furniture, household items, home décor and misc.

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Tips to making delicious ice cream at home



(METRO) — Ice cream is a favorite dessert across the globe. The average American consumes more than 23 pounds of ice cream per year, says the International Dairy Foods Association.

Even though a trip to the local ice cream parlor can yield many different opportunities to indulge, making ice cream at home is easier than one may believe. Also, creating homemade ice cream can be a fun way to experiment with unique flavors and textures. It is easy to customize concoctions based on what everyone likes best. Making ice cream also is a fun way to bring the family together with the reward of a tasty prize for all of the effort. Here are some tips for making ice cream at home.

- Buy quality ingredients. Choose fresh, high-quality ingredients. Real vanilla beans or extract can produce better flavor than

imitations. Select in-season berries and other fruits and, if possible, use organic milk. All of these ingredients will blend together for fresh flavor.

- Freeze equipment early. Cold equipment is necessary to produce ice cream. Store the bowls of an ice cream maker in the freezer to keep them frozen and ready for when the mood strikes to make a batch of ice cream.

- Avoid ice crystallization. According to Food 52, a foodie equipment and recipe resource, ice crystals in the ice cream can ruin texture by making ice cream crunchy. Freezing ice cream quickly at very cold temperatures is essential. That means freezing the bowl and keeping the ingredient mix cold. Spinning the ice cream and transferring it quickly to the freezer helps keep ice crystals small.

- Keep mix-ins small. Mix-ins, like cookie pieces or cake crumbs, can add a different dimension to ice cream. Chill the ingredients and make sure they are small (roughly the size of chocolate chips). Add them after the ice cream is entirely frozen.

- Watch alcohol usage. Alcohol can create a tipsy ice cream experience, but adding too much can interfere with ice cream's ability to freeze. Therefore, use alcohol sparingly.

- Store ice cream smartly. According to David Lebovitz, author of "The Perfect Scoop," store ice cream in a shallow container to keep it softer. Also, cover the surface of the ice cream with plastic wrap to prevent ice crystals from forming. Homemade ice cream will last for roughly a week in the freezer. Making ice cream can be a challenging but rewarding endeavor.

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Stop in and place your ad today!

Clinton Journal

Tips for hosting a fun 4th of July party

(METRO) — The Fourth of July is a day to celebrate in the United States. Much about July makes the fourth day of the month the ideal time to celebrate. School is out, the weather is warm and the generally relaxed attitude of summer has typically set in by the first week of July.

People tasked with hosting Fourth of July festivities may not feel the same pressure when hosting such gatherings that they would when hosting more formal affairs. The relaxed nature of summer often pervades Fourth of July festivities, but hosts can still take a crash course in summer hosting to ensure everyone has a good time.

- Don't try to break the mold. Some hosts may be tempted to think outside the box in regard to the foods and beverages they'll serve at their Fourth of July parties. While hosts can still experiment and serve new foods and creative cocktails at their parties, many guests will be anticipating some Fourth of July staples, such as grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and cold beer and lemonade. Making sure such foods and beverages are served alongside more experimental fare won't disappoint traditionalists, and those looking for something beyond the norm won't be disappointed, either.

- Embrace the red, white and blue. When decorating, opt for red, white and blue decorations. This gives the party a distinctly Fourth of July feel. Red, white and blue napkins and tablecloths are readily available come July, and hosts with a gift for crafts can even create their own decorations to use year after year.

- Prepare to entertain. Unlike holiday season gatherings that typically begin in the evening, Fourth of July parties tend to begin in the afternoon and extend into the night. That means hosts must not just feed their guests, but entertain them as well. Since Fourth of July parties tend to take place outdoors, plan lots of backyard games, such as badminton, bocce, Wiffle ball, horseshoes, and more. Hosts with swimming pools should have pool games readily available as well.

- Leave the fireworks to the professionals. Hosts should not succumb to pressure, real or perceived, to supply fireworks at their Fourth of July parties. Fireworks can lead to injuries and accidents and are best left to the professionals who put on community fireworks shows. Discourage guests from bringing their own fireworks by making it known they will be asked to leave the party if they do.

- Arrange transportation home for guests. To make sure everyone gets home safe and sound, arrange in advance for some guests to serve as designated drivers. Hosts also should abstain from consuming alcohol during the party so they can get people home safe if necessary. Keep a list of local taxi company phone numbers on hand and encourage guests who plan to consume alcohol to use ridesharing apps to get to and from the party.

Fourth of July festivities typically are less formal than other celebrations, but hosts still must plan their parties to ensure everyone has a fun, safe Independence Day.



Take your Fourth of July burgers up a notch

(METRO) — The year 2020 is one few people will soon forget. Life changed dramatically and perhaps forever in 2020, when the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 forced billions of people across the globe to make sacrifices in an effort to prevent the spread of the potentially deadly virus.

The sacrifices made in response to COVID-19 are perhaps most noticeable on holidays, when people accustomed to gathering with family and friends were unable to do so, or only able to do so on limited terms.

Despite those restrictions, people continued to celebrate on holidays like Easter and Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July does not figure to be any different. Fourth of July celebrations often take place in the backyard by the grill, and this year marks a perfect opportunity to expand your culinary repertoire. This recipe for "Best Burger With Blue Cheese Butter" courtesy of Eric Treuille and Birgit Erath's "Grilling" (DK Publishing) offers a new take on a backyard barbecue staple.

Best Burger With Blue Cheese Butter

Serves 4

1 pound ground chuck steak
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
4 1/2-inch slices blue cheese butter (see below)
4 sesame hamburger buns, halved

Combine ground steak with salt and pepper. Divide into 4 equal-sized pieces and gently shape into 4 burgers about 1-inch-thick. Grill burgers and warm buns according to instructions below. Top burgers with butter and serve hot in sesame buns.

Outdoor cooking:

Grill over hot coals for 3 minutes per side for rare, 4 minutes per side for medium rare, or 5 minutes per side for well done. Place buns cut side down on grill until warm and lightly golden, 1 minute.

Indoor cooking:

Preheat a ridged cast-iron grill pan over high heat. Cook for 3 minutes per side



for rare, 4 minutes per side for medium rare, or 5 minutes per side for well done. Place buns cut side down on grill pan until warm lightly golden, 1 minute.

Blue-Cheese Butter

Makes 15 servings

16 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
4 ounces (1 cup crumbled) blue cheese
2 teaspoons black pepper

Place ingredients in a food processor or blender; pulse until well blended. Wrap in foil. Place in the freezer until hard, about 45 minutes. To serve, roll back foil and cut into 1/2-inch slices. When slicing from frozen, warm the knife under hot water first. After slicing, always tightly rewrap the unused flavored butter roll in the foil before returning

to refrigerator or freezer.

Best Burger Variations

- Herbed Burger: Add 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves or 1 teaspoon dried thyme, 1 crushed garlic clove and 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion to the ground steak.

- Spicy Burger: Add 1/2 teaspoon tabasco, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce and 1 teaspoon Dijon mus-

tard to the ground steak.

Think ahead:

Shape burgers up to 1 day in advance. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

Cooks' Note: Overhandling the meat when shaping will result in a tough, dry burger. To guarantee a juicy burger, handle the meat as little as possible.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

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Celebrate Clinton sponsoring July 5 fireworks, Founders Day event in August

CLINTON — Celebrate Clinton Association is getting ready for two fun summer events in Clinton.

The July 5 fireworks display on Clinton's west side celebrates the nation's independence.

Good locations to view the fireworks show include Sunrise Court near Monical's Pizza and the Clinton Nazarene Church parking lot on Illini Drive. Spectators can bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the show.

On Sunday, August 21, Celebrate Clinton will host the Clinton's Founders Day celebration.

The event will start with a ceremony at 1 p.m. on Mr. Lincoln's Square followed by a historical presentation at the C.H. Moore Homestead & De-

Witt County Museum by three men who played important roles in our city's early years, Abraham Lincoln, C.H. Moore and Jesse Fell.

The three special visitors will share their recollections from the front porch of the museum.

Lincoln, Moore and Fell will be available for photos and to chat afterwards during refreshments at the museum.

The summer events are possible because of dedicated volunteers and donations from Clinton businesses, individuals, and organizations.

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The history of Flag Day



(METRO) —The American flag is a symbol of the country's history, pride and success in overcoming political oppression. Through its many incarnations and variations, the Stars and Stripes has waved over government buildings, schools and private residences.

According to History.com, in 1775, the Second Continental Army led to the creation of the first "American" flag. However, that flag was too similar to the British Union Jack flag, George Washington requested a revision. In 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution stating that the "flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white." Furthermore, the "union" was represented by 13 stars of white

in a blue field, "representing a new constellation."

More than a century later, a small-town Wisconsin teacher named Bernard Cigrand came up with the idea for an annual flag day in 1885. Even though the Fourth of July, a holiday in which the flag is prominently and proudly displayed, had long been celebrated as the birthday of the United States, Cigrand wanted a holiday that would focus specifically on the flag in all its glory. June 14 was selected because it marked the anniversary of the official adoption of the first flag. Cigrand led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday, and throughout his life continued to advocate for respect of the flag.

Various other organizations liked

the idea of a day to honor the flag, including the State Board of Education of New York, the Betsy Ross House and the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Yet, it wasn't until May 30, 1916, that Flag Day was officially established by presidential proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. Still, it would take another 33 years for President Truman to sign an Act of Congress designating June 14 as the official National Flag Day, which he did on August 3, 1949.

Americans can honor the flag by displaying it on Flag Day. Here's how to display the flag properly, courtesy of Military.com.

- The flag should be free of any obstructions, such as power lines or

tree limbs.

- If displayed with other flags, Old Glory should be at the top-most point or in the center of a horizontal array of flags.

- If the flag is displayed on its side, the blue field should be to the left.

- The flag should be raised in the morning at a residence or business and taken down at night. The only exception to the flag being out at night is if it's illuminated.

- Flags can be repaired. However, if a flag is tattered, it can be removed and brought to a local VFW hall to be properly disposed of.

Flag Day honors the Stars and Stripes, a symbol of the great American nation.

United States flag facts & handling etiquette

(METRO) — The United States flag was first imagined after the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The Continental Congress authorized creation of the first national flag on June 14, 1777. It was decided that the flag should have 13 stripes, alternating red and white, to represent the original 13 colonies, and that the new union be represented by 13 white stars in a blue field to signify a “new constellation.” Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is most often credited with the original design.

Today there are 50 stars on the flag to represent the 50 states, while the 13 stripes still represent the 13 British colonies that became the first states. While this may be common knowledge, Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, may not be as widely known. The code dictates that the flag is to be treated with respect and proper etiquette. The code is extensive, but the following guidelines can help private individuals interested in displaying their flags do so in accordance with the law.

- Flags should only be displayed in public from sunrise to sunset, unless the flag can be properly illuminated during darkness. In this instance, it may be displayed at all times.

- When displayed with other flags, such as on a single staff or lanyard, the U.S. flag should be above all other flags. If flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer’s left.

- State and local flags are traditionally flown lower than the American flag.

- During marching ceremonies or parades with other flags, the U.S. flag should be to the observer’s left.

- The flag should be displayed at every public institution and at schools during school days.

- When displayed vertically and not on a staff, the union should be on the left when observed. It should be suspended so its folds fall freely as though the flag were staffed.

- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

- The flag is often displayed at half-staff on days of mourning, including Memorial Day. The flag should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to half-staff position, which is half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

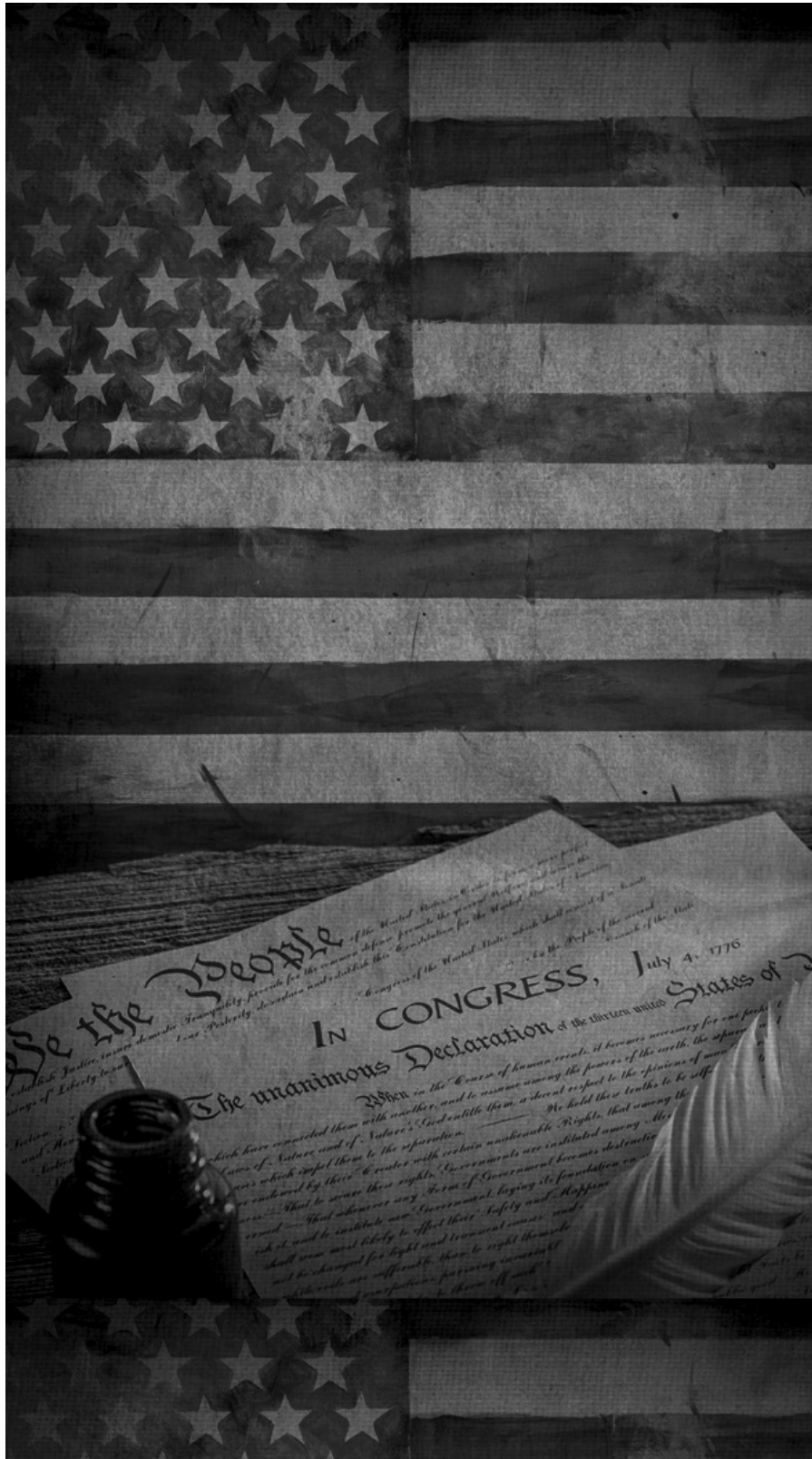
- On a vehicle, the U.S. flag should be displayed from a staff firmly fixed to the chassis. It should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.

- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. It also should never have anything placed on it.

- A flag in poor condition should be destroyed with dignity, preferably by burning. Most American Legion posts and local Boy Scouts troops will have the resources to retire flags accordingly. Many will host annual flag retirement ceremonies on Flag Day.



Festive facts for the Fourth of July



(METRO) — Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate the birth of their nation and independence from Great Britain. This day marks the anniversary of the presentation and acceptance of the Declaration of Independence, signed 242 years ago on July 4, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence began as a letter to Britain's King George to explain why the Continental Congress was interested in declaring independence from Great Britain. The writing of the declaration began on July 2 and the final wording was established on July 4.

Independence Day is full of opportunities to celebrate and enjoy oneself. Parades, fireworks, parties, barbecues, and much more are part of the festivities.

Another way to commemorate Independence Day is to educate oneself about the many historical and entertaining facts that surround the day. The following are some interesting details about the origins of Independence Day and the celebrations that surround it.

- Although 56 people eventually signed the Declaration of Independence, only John Hancock signed the document on July 4, 1776. The rest added their names later on. John Hancock's signature is ornate and widely recognized. Putting your "John Hancock" on a document has become synonymous with the process of signing something.

- The Declaration of Independence was adopted while the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Statehouse. That building is now known as Independence Hall.

- The average age of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest person to sign was Thomas Lynch, Jr., who was 27 when

he signed the document. Benjamin Franklin, at age 70, was the oldest signer.

- John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the only signees who went on to serve as presidents. Coincidentally, Jefferson and Adams both died on July 4, 1826, within hours of each other.

- Philadelphia is the birth place of much American history and is home to the Liberty Bell. Each Independence Day, the Liberty Bell is tapped (not rung, as the vibration would further damage the cracked bell) 13 times in honor of the original 13 American colonies.

- The original 13 American colonies were located all along the eastern seaboard. They include Virginia, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.

- The stars on the original American flag were placed in a circle. This was so all of the colonies would be equally represented.

- Independence was gained in 1776, and the first celebration took place in Philadelphia four days later. The White House held its first Independence Day festivities in 1801.

- Benjamin Franklin proposed that the turkey be the national bird of the United States. However, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson overruled him, and the bald eagle became the national bird.

- The only copy of the engrossed and signed Declaration of Independence is in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Independence Day is a time for hot dogs, ice cream and, of course, revisiting America's history.

American Flag terminology you should know

Everyone in the country is familiar with the American Flag. Yet, many don't know how much goes behind the maintenance and observance of the flag. From terms for the flag to action taken with the flag, there is no shortage of words used especially in connection with our nation's most recognizable symbol.

There are a plethora of terms and definitions that are unique to the flag and all Americans should know. Here are some of the most prominent.

Canton

The canton is the blue square or rectangular area on the flag that holds the 50 stars. It is located in the upper left corner (the hoist side).

Casket flag

A 5 foot x 9.5 foot United States flag used in military funeral services. The flag is typically laid across the coffin of the fallen soldier during the ceremony, then given to the family as a token of respect.

Color

In a military service, a flag carried by fellow soldiers is called a "color." The expression "the

colors" is generally referring to the flag.

Dip

This is when a flag is lowered during a salute. The American Flag is never dipped, but other governmental bodies flags will be dipped while the American Flag stays upright.

Distress

When the flag is flying upside down or the wind knots it up so it cannot fly freely. The flag should only be flown upside down when there is extreme danger to life or property.

Field

The backdrop color to a flag.

Fly

The side of the flag that is free flying, usually when the wind picks up.

Half-mast

This is a nautical term that indicates the position of flag as approximately halfway up a ship's mast. It can also be known as Half-staff. It is usually done as a sign of respect or mourning.

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The meaning behind the 13 folds of the United States flag

If you've ever attended a military funeral, perhaps you noticed that the honor guards pay meticulous attention to folding the U.S. flag that once draped the casket. Guards make crisp, precise folds a total of 13 times to complete the ceremony. Much like every other aspect of our nation's greatest symbol, each of the 13 folds holds a special significance.

Flag etiquette dictates that every time an American flag is to be stored or presented during a ceremony, its handlers should fold it in half twice lengthwise; then starting with the end opposite the blue field, make a taut triangular fold. Handlers continue to fold the flag in triangles until the flag has formed a triangular "pillow" with the blue field showing on the outside. It's a dignified way to treat the flag, and gives a powerful touch to patriotic ceremonies.

This 13-fold procedure was common long before the more modern assigned meanings. The source and date of origin of the meanings is unknown, but for those who participate or witness a formal flag folding ceremony, whether it be on Flag Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day, or at a military funeral, the 13 meanings can create an uplifting

experience.

This is what the 13 folds mean:

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

2. The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.

3. The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.

4. The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.

5. The fifth fold is an acknowledgement to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealign with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.

8. The eighth fold is a tribute to

the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

9. The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.

11. The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

12. The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

13. The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

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<https://nationalflagfoundation.org>



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Halyard

The rope that is used to hoist the flag on a flagpole.

Heading

The heading of a flag is the material used to secure the flag to the flagpole halyard line. It is usually heavy and made of some form of durable cotton or synthetic material. It is important so flags do not rip away during heavy winds or rains.

Hoist

Hoist can mean multiple things when it comes to the flag, depending on how you're using it. If used as a verb, hoisting the flag means to raise or lower it on a pole. If used as a identifier, the hoist is the vertical height of the flag and the side of the flag that is used to attach it to the pole.

Lower

The act of taking the flag down from

the pole.

Peak

The highest point at which a flag can be raised.

Staff

The flagpole itself. On a ship it may be referred to as a mast.

Storm flag

The smallest American Flag that should be flown only at Army posts during stormy weather, measuring 5 feet by 9.5 feet.

Vexillologist

This Whitney Smith-coined term means someone that studies flags, their history, meanings and symbolisms. Essentially, a flag buff.

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