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## New museum board members named

The DeWitt County Museum Association recently added new members to the Board of Directors. 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.

## Clinton superintendent won’t recommend national sex education standards for district

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CLINTON — At the April 19 meeting of the Clinton school board, Superintendent Curt Nettles said he would not be recommending the district include the state policy update for sex education curriculum for grades K-12. “It is my opinion that curriculum--those national standards that you would have to adopt and use in our district for K-12--is too invasive,” said Nettles. “We need to

let families handle it how they see fit.” Nettles said there would be discussion and terminology used in classrooms that “I firmly believe these children are too young to be talking about at school.” “I decided when my kids would hear things,” he continued. “I didn’t want anyone else to tell them but me. And, I think every family should handle it that way.” No action was taken at this meeting but Nettles wanted board members to be prepared when

the policy updates were presented for approval next month. Nettles also updated the board on its lawsuit against the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), informing them he had requested a summary judgment from the judge. “We want this in writing,” he said. “She (the judge) agrees with our summation that we don’t believe ISBE has the authority to take away school district recognition if they don’t follow a governor’s mandate under the circumstances (as they

were).” In other business, the board: • Met Clinton High School’s new boys’ basketball coach Vic Binkley. • Learned the tuition waiver for children of district employees who live outside the district was approved by the state. Nettles noted these students will still pay all fees associated with registration. • Rejected the lone bid received for the district’s sanitation project. See **SCHOOLS** / A3

## County approves revised ordinance restricting solar

### Code now bars commercial solar projects from land zoned agricultural

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CLINTON — The county board approved a revised solar wind energy ordinance at its April 21 meeting, which board members supporting the measure feel will protect the county’s farmland. But now, a solar developer faces an obstacle that didn’t exist when the firm first announced its plans to county board officials. The revised ordinance passed by the board last week now restricts those projects to areas zoned “industrial.” When representatives for Swift Energy addressed the county board’s land use committee about the company’s proposed 250-megawatt commercial solar project in April 2021, the county had no ban on large solar projects being built on land designated as agricultural. The following month, some board members began advocating for a review of the county’s commercial solar energy ordinance. By July, committee members were discussing how to safeguard agricultural field tiles during solar project construction. In September, county board members began discussing what constituted “prime

farmland” and the desire by some members to bar solar development from those areas. Swift’s proposed \$290 million, 1,700-acre solar project, near Weldon, would be hosted under contract with farmland owners. In April 2021, Daniel Sheehan, a project manager for Swift, gave land use members an overview of the proposed Triple Black Diamond solar project to be located about three miles southwest of Weldon. Sheehan said the company was still in the process of securing property it needs for the project and was ready to begin pursuing a special use permit from the county. The company’s wetland and other studies for the project were underway. Sheehan said he would supply the county with a book outlining steps taken to comply with the conditions of the permit, “once those are complete.” Sheehan also said Swift would include a complete decommissioning plan with its project application. The total estimated tax revenue for the county over 35 years would be \$44 million, about \$1.3 per year split among the local taxing districts. Land use committee and county board member Buck Carter told Sheehan during that April 2021 meeting he was “not excited about solar power” and suggested Sheehan was in for a rough road when it came to approval by the county board. See **SOLAR** / A3

## Lance White joins First National Bank as Agriculture, Business VP

CLINTON — First National Bank and Trust Company announced this week Lance White has joined the bank as the new Vice President of Ag and Business Banking. Lance has over 25 years in commercial, consumer and mortgage lending in community banking. He also has a broad background in the areas of loan administration, compliance and operations.



“The opportunity to add Lance to our team came at the perfect time and reinforces our commitment to lending in and around DeWitt County by growing our lending team,” said First National Bank and Trust Company President, Josh Shofner. “He has been serving DeWitt County borrowers for the vast majority of his 29-year-career, all working and living within DeWitt County.” See **WHITE** / A3

## Clinton Rotary Club marks 100-plus anniversary

**Tom Edmunds**  
Clinton Rotary

CLINTON — The Clinton Rotary Club was founded on April 14, 1920, and had planned to celebrate its centennial in 2020. However, due to the pandemic, the celebration was delayed until this Saturday, April 30, when a dinner, along with guest speakers, will gather at the Clinton American Legion Hall, 219 N. Elizabeth St., Clinton at 6 p.m. to mark the occasion. The evening is open to the public. Dinner tickets are \$10 each.

The Rotary district governor sent a telegram to Dr. Joseph Cunningham, president of the Bloomington Rotary Club, giving him the authority to organize a Clinton club. Twenty-four Clinton men were selected from a “list of men who would be interested in Rotary and who would measure up to the Rotary standard.” Initially, the group met in the office of Dr. W.A. Atkins to organize the club. Its officers were installed during a banquet at the Universalist Church in Clinton. The permanent club home was to be at the Moore

**Clinton Rotary Club 100 Year Celebration Dinner**  
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Community Hall. In the 1920s, a typical club meeting included a program plus two or three different speakers. Records indicate one of the first organizations assisted by the Clinton Rotary Club was the Clinton YMCA. Just three years later, the Clinton Rotarians installed a new chapter in Lincoln where Clinton Rotary president Dr.

George Edmonson was reported to say he believed the Lincoln chapter was “off to a good start.” When members join Rotary their occupation includes a classification. Some early members whose names are recognizable today include John Warner III, whose classification was banking (1935), Jack Boos, whose classification was mortician (1945); Harold Weinberg with the classification of optometrist (1947). See **ROTARY** / A3

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“I just want you to know what you’ll be dealing with when you come in,” Carter told Sheehan. Sheehan attended that meeting via Zoom because COVID restrictions were still in place.

During last week’s county board meeting, Carter said he was not against solar power.

By January 2022, a move was on by some board members to restrict commercial solar projects to areas of the county designated “industrial.”

State’s attorney Dan Markwell warned county board members there were so few areas in the county designated “industrial,” and they were so small, it could be construed as a deliberate effort on the part of the county to keep large solar projects out, making the ordinance potentially unenforceable.

He repeated that concern at last week’s meeting.

The revised ordinance came to the county board from the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) recommending the restriction to industrial zones. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) did not take a position on the restriction.

Sheehan said he had never developed a solar energy project on land zoned as industrial.

Sheehan emphasized at last week’s board meeting the need for large solar energy projects to be in reasonable proximity to available transmission lines able to accomodate commercial solar facilities, which dictates the ideal locations for the projects.

He said areas in the county zoned “industrial” do not necessarily meet the acreage or location requirements needed for solar development. Sheehan added that the industrially-zoned areas of the county were located near communities where such projects would likely meet resistance from residents because of the higher population density.

Sheehan said his company preferred the board keep the language in the original ordinance, which allowed solar projects on agricultural land. He said the concern that agricultural land would be taken permanently out of farm production after a solar farm was decommissioned was not valid.

“That parcel can be returned to farm use if the project is ever decommissioned,” he said.

Board member Aaron Kammeyer asked Sheehan why his company was resistant to the idea of applying for rezoning of the agricultural area planned for the project to “industrial.”

“It just adds another layer to the process,” Sheehan said.

Residents supporting the revised ordinance that restricts commercial solar projects to industrial zones argued Sheehan’s company could simply apply to rezone the proposed project site to “industrial.” Those residents then, of course, could testify against the rezoning during RPC meetings and Zoning Board of Appeals hearings.

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“I know those he has worked with over the years were treated fairly and very appreciative of his service. We look to continue those trends and commitment to clients and the community in his new role with First National Bank.”

Lance, a native of Clinton, graduated from Clinton High School, and then graduated from Olivet Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting and a minor in Computer Information Systems. Additionally, he graduated from three programs with the Illinois Bankers Association including the two-year Illinois School of Banking, Residential Real Estate Lending School, and Advanced Consumer Lending School, as well as the Community Bankers Association of Illinois Community Bankers Compliance School.

“I look forward to expanding my career here at First National Bank and Trust Company and working with this great team! My goal as a lender is to provide a positive and personal experience in every banking relationship and I look forward to continuing that here,” said Vice President of Ag and Business Banking, Lance White. “The community reinvestment First

National Bank and Trust Company contributes to our community and our youth attracted me to this bank, including the REV grants for small businesses, Junior Achievement and financial literacy programs provided to the schools, as well as the support to local nonprofits. I am impressed by the culture and vision this bank has established for the employees, the bank clients and the community we serve.”

Lance is 20-plus year member of Clinton Kiwanis Service Club with many of those years as a board member, and currently serves as a board member and treasurer with the DeWitt County Development Council.

He has also been a past board member of the Clinton Exchange Club and volunteered as assistant coach for multiple youth sports leagues. For over 25 years, he has been a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, served many years as a board member and his most cherished position was serving as president and leader of the youth group.

Lance and his wife, Sally reside in Clinton and have three adult children. In his free time, he enjoys riding motorcycles, attending car shows and spending time with family and friends.

Rachel Marten named Retail Support Manager for State Bank of Lincoln

LINCOLN — State Bank of Lincoln, a Division of Heartland Bank and Trust Company, announces Rachel Marten has been named as Retail Support Manager for the bank’s Lincoln and Clinton offices.

She is responsible for ensuring value and top-of-the-line service to bank customers, as well as retail employee development and training.

Marten has 25 years of banking experience. She holds a Bachelor of Arts



Rachel Marten

degree in Social Work from Lincoln Christian College and a Masters degree in Organizational Leadership from Lincoln Christian University. She helps teach Junior Achievement and is a part of Lincoln Rotary Club. Rachel is a lifelong resident of Lincoln and makes her home with her husband Tim and their children, Kelsey, Kyle, and Karina.

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- Approved a bid for a masonry project at CJHS for \$304,950 from Western Specialty Contractors.

- Approved sick leave taken by staff due to Covid will be returned to them. Recently, legislation was passed that only those who were fully vaccinated would get their sick leave returned. Nettles, however, requested the board return sick leave to everyone who falls into this category whether they are vaccinated or not.

- Approved a pollinator field project in cooperation with the DeWitt County Farm Bureau and the DeWitt County Pheasants Forever. Grace Clark, manager of the DeWitt County Farm Bureau and the DeWitt County Pheasants Forever requested a plot of land southeast of CJHS near Illini Drive be designated for a pollinator project.

- Heard a request by Clinton resident Jeff Bowling that the Clinton High School gymnasium or basketball court be named after the late Gene Vance.

- Moved the May board meeting to May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

- Approved a CHS softball team spring break trip for 2023.

- Approved the student exchange program presented during the March board meeting.

- Approved the following employments and appointments: CES teacher Lindsey French, co-coach for CJHS cross country; Mally Hickman, freshman volleyball coach; Eric Smith, transportation maintenance; Marie Lotta, CHS math teacher for 2022-23; Alyssa Saulsbery, CHS social students for 2022-23; Levi Nettles, CHS math teacher for 2022-23; Kaitlyn Blake, CHS English teacher for 2022-23; Courtney Layton, CES 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher for 2022-23; Amelia Busby, CES aide; Barb Lester, CHS food service; Cheryl Briggs, CJHS food service; Caisie Bazer and Joe Scanavino as freshmen class sponsors for 2022-23; Jeff Bell, 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ basketball coach for 2022-23.



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The Rotary’s annual Christmas party tradition to invite underprivileged children to the club for lunch and presents from Santa Claus began in 1949 and continues to this day.

A June 22, 1954 meeting included a panel discussion about the history of Clinton that included the railroad, Abraham Lincoln visits, Weldon Springs and the Chataquas, Pastime Park, Morrison Grist Mill, the small excursion steamer on Salt Creek, and a ball game between the Chicago Cubs and the Corn Belt Association team which was played “north of the Snell place on Route 51.”

Before women could be members of Rotary, the Clinton club held a ladies’ night in 1954 that included a dinner and plane rides over DeWitt County.

Another special meeting in 1955 was held at Clinton High School and featured John Carmichael, sports editor of the Chicago Daily News.

In the mid-1950s meetings moved to the Lucky Stop Cafe.

Rotary members were often the first to hear about new business in the area.

On March 13, 1956, Rotarian Harold Schindler, general manager of the Clinton plant of Revere Copper and Brass Co. announced his company would spend in excess of \$5 million to expand in Clinton and 350 new jobs would be added. In 1958 Rotary members were given a private tour.

In 1957, Ed Henning, local manager of Wallace Press, announced construction would soon start on a new plant. A tour of the new facility for the local Rotary members was held on May 17, 1929.

Times have changed since the 1950s when Rotarians who did not attend church on Sundays would be fined 20 cents per week.

Some meeting highlights from the early 1960s included learning about Clinton Fire Department’s first aerial ladder truck; a program on the new telephone dial system; and the new ZIP code system and why it was important to the post office.

Rotary clubs are known for the scholarships they provide and the first Clinton Rotary scholarship started in 1965

with a \$10 increase in member dues. Additional funds were raised from an annual auction that required members to bring something to be auctioned. Sam Vinson was the first scholarship recipient. He would return to the club in 1982 as a state representative.

Today, Clinton’s Rotary Club recognizes its senior active members who have been with the club for at least 15 years. They include Gary Riegel (dentist); Joe Taylor (corporate law); John Heap (hardware); Terry Ijam (banking); Tom Edmunds (savings and loan); Jerry Milton (home appliances); Philip Lamkin (attorney at law); Tim Reeser (farm equipment).

Other long-time, well-known community members who joined Clinton Rotary in the 1980s include Dick Helton, Steve Wilson, Dave Jackson, Tom Gaff, Larry Duling, Ben Baker, Jerry Johnson, Carm Sartie, Alex Calvert, Hal Gray, Steve Vandiver, Russell Utterback, Jerry Watkins.

The 1990s brought these new members: Gary Himstedt, Steve Willis, Jay Peterson, Jim Harrold, Jesse Johns, Randy Rice, Peter Goschwy, Doug Neuschwander, Mike Chapman, James Bernhard, Roger Massey, Terrie Baker, Lynn Wollenberg, Mike Reidy, Bruce Gammage, Phil Matone, David Nash, Cameron Maun, Ken Heuermann, Randy Martin, Fay Collins.

Fundraising in order to help others has long been a part of the Rotary tradition. For many years the annual fall Apple n Pork Festival has provided the club with its major fundraising efforts. Today the club is known for its festival pork sandwiches but in years past the group has sold cruellers, baked potatoes, and watermelon slices.

Clinton Rotary members who have received the Paul Harris Fellow Designation for contributions of more than \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation include Emmett Kent, Carle Walker, Jens C. Nelson, Jack Boos, Paul Phillips, Haskell Bohn, Carm Sartie, and Gary Riegel.

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# NEWS

## Genealogical Society meets May 10

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Genealogical Society will meet at 4 p.m. on May 10 in the Genealogy Room at Vespasian Warner Public Library. The public is invited to attend. Edith Brady-Lunny will speak about Prairie Flyers: A Century of Aviation in DeWitt County, an upcoming exhibit at the DeWitt County Museum.

## Christian Women's Connection scheduled to meet May 17

BLOOMINGTON — The Christian Women's Connection will meet for a brunch program from 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17 at Holiday Inn, 8 Trader Circle, Normal. All ladies are invited to the program, which will feature storyteller Susan Grundy and speaker Kathy Bishop, of Lodi, Wis. Reservations are due by Tuesday, May 10 by calling/texting Crystal (Eureka) at (217) 358-1268 or on Facebook: Bloomington-Normal IL Christian Women's Connection.



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## Theron Fredrick Noth

TAVERNIER, Fla. — Theron Fredrick Noth, 81, of Tavernier, Fla., formerly of Heyworth and Clinton, passed from this life into Heaven on March 8, 2022.

He was born November 19, 1940, in Norwalk, Wis., and was the son of Alvin Henry Noth and Gladys Purdy Noth.

He married Fern Ensminger on April 5, 1968, in Clinton, and they were married for 54 years. She survives along with a daughter, Julie (Mark) Alexander, Tavernier Fla., and a son, Scott (Scarlett) Noth, Sellersburg Ind.; grandchildren, Alana and Malia Alexander, Iris, Oliver, and Max Noth, Brother, Mike (Judy) Noth, Asheville N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Ardel (Jim) Pelton, and a niece, Nan Pelton Schneider.

Theron was a graduate of Webb High School, Reedsburg, Wis., North Central College, Naperville, Ill., and Naval Officers Candidate School, Newport, R.I. Lieutenant Noth served two tours to West Pac aboard the U.S.S. Turner Joy Destroyer, DD951, serving as a Legal Officer and Communications Officer. He served 10 years in the U. S. Naval Reserves. Theron and Fern enjoyed attending many "Turner Joy Reunions."

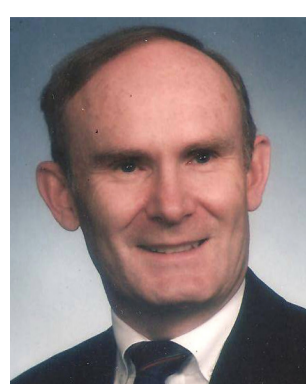
He was employed at GTE North/Verizon, retiring in May, 1993 after 27 years of service. He then was employed at State Farm Insurance Companies, retiring in 2004.

He was a member of Heyworth Masonic Lodge #251, Wade Barney Masonic Lodge, Bloomington, and a 32nd degree Mason with the Scottish Rite Consistory in the Valley of Bloomington, where he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award in June 2019. He was a member of the Cast and Choir and a Herald Trumpeter in the American Passion Play for 35 years, Dickens' Christmas Carol, Heyworth Unit 4

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School Board, served as Assistant Scoutmaster of Heyworth Boy Scout Troop #31, member of the GTE and State Farm Golf and Tennis Teams, ISU Civic Chorale, Morton Community Chorus, and a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bloomington.

He enjoyed woodworking, working outdoors, music, playing the trumpet, playing tennis, golf, and bicycling, especially on the Wisconsin and Illinois bike trails. He and Fern traveled extensively in Germany, France, Austria, Italy, England, Scotland and Wales, and on many cruises in Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands, The Baltic, Panama Canal, Eastern and Western Caribbean, Egypt, Jordan, and Israel. They also enjoyed camping and exploring all 50 States and Canada in their RV.

Theron was a strong and gentle man, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend to many. He loved to go to church, and his family was very important to him. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

Per his request, cremation services were accorded from Allen-Beyer Funeral Home, Key Largo, Fla. The ashes will be in a box made by Theron Noth of barn board from the old 1878 year barn on the Heyworth family farm. He will be interred at South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, Fla. with full military honors this summer.

Memorials can be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3516 White Eagle Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704 or The American Passion Play, 107 East Chestnut, Bloomington, IL 61701.

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## Thomas B. 'Tom' Bray

CLINTON — Thomas B. "Tom" Bray, 92, of Clinton, formerly of Wapella, passed away at 1:58 p.m. on April 18, 2022, at Manor Court, Clinton.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Pastor Darrell Howard officiating. Burial will follow at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wapella. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Clinton United Methodist Church or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice.

Tom was born on September 9, 1929, in Albion, Ill., the son of Albert and Violet (Rodgers) Bray. He married Thora E. Watson on December 25, 1949, in Clinton.

Survivors include his wife, Thora E. Bray, Clinton; son, Bob (Martha) Bray, Wapella; grandchildren, Sarah (Scott Filipiak) Ehrmantraut, Cincinnati, Ohio; Cade Bray, Clinton; great-grandchildren, Chelsi Cline, LeRoy;



McKenna Ehrmantraut, Boston, Mass.; one great-great grandson, Bentley Cline, LeRoy; siblings, Helen Wilson, Clinton; Dennis (Carol) Bray, Clinton; Norma (Ron) Brown, Bloomington; daughter-in-law, Karen (Denny) Rosenberger, Westcliff, Colo.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; son, William Thomas Bray; brothers, Robert Dean Bray, Harold "Jack" Bray and sister, Wanda Mix.

Tom was an agribusinessman and a lifetime resident of DeWitt County. He was a member of the DeWitt Masonic Lodge AF & AM for 65 years and the Clinton Kiwanis Club for 24 years. He enjoyed traveling and flying his airplane.

Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

## Thomas Jacob Curl

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Thomas Jacob Curl, 94, of Tallahassee, Fla., formerly passed away at 3:23 p.m. on April 24, 2022, surrounded by family at his family residence in Tallahassee.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Scott Marsh officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Legion Post #103, Clinton.

Tom was born on February 16, 1928, in Clinton, the son of Charles W. and Edna H. (Hoffman) Curl. He married Helen M. Delamere on March 14, 1958, in Hernando, Miss. She passed away on July 13, 2018.

Survivors include his grandsons, Gary (Robyn) Armstrong, Pooler, Georgia; Greg (Bobbie Jean) Armstrong, Tallahassee, Fla.; great-grandchildren, Dustin (Mavis) Armstrong and their children, Amiaya and Savannah; Dallas Armstrong; Dillon



Armstrong; Jacob Armstrong; Joshua (Holly) Armstrong and their son, Wyatt Thomas; son-in-law, Jack (Bonnie) Armstrong, Tallahassee, Fla.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Edna Curl, his wife Helen Marie Curl, and his daughter Rose Marie Armstrong.

Tom was a veteran serving in the U.S. Army and was a retired farmer. He was a 65-year member of the Clinton Elks Lodge, along with being a member of the American Legion Post #103 and the American Corn Growers Association. Tom was a lifelong member of the American Agriculture Movement, (AAM). He was a founding member of the Illinois AAM and served as president there for many years until his retirement from farming.

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# OPINION

## HISTORY ALMANAC

1916 - Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities in Dublin.

1918 - Germany's Western Front offensive ended in World War I.

1924 - An open revolt broke out in Santa Clara, Cuba.

1945 - The German Army in Italy surrendered unconditionally to the Allies.

1945 - In a bunker in Berlin, Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun were married. Hitler designated Admiral Karl Doenitz his successor.

1945 - The Nazi death camp, Dachau, was liberated.

1946 - Twenty-eight former Japanese leaders were indicted in Tokyo as war criminals.

1954 - Ernest Borgnine made his network television debut in "Night Visitor" on NBC-TV.

1961 - ABC's "Wide World of Sports" premiered.

1974 - U.S. President Nixon announced he was releasing edited transcripts of secretly made White House tape recordings related to the Watergate scandal.

1975 - The U.S. embassy in Vietnam was evacuated as North Vietnamese forces fought their way into Saigon.

1984 - In California, the Diablo Canyon nuclear reactor went online after a long delay due to protests.

1988 - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev promised more religious freedom.

1990 - The destruction of the Berlin Wall began.

1992 - Exxon executive Sidney Reso was kidnapped outside his Morris Township, NJ, home by Arthur Seale. Seale was a former Exxon security official. Reso died while in captivity.

1992 - Rioting began after a jury decision to acquit four Los Angeles policemen in the Rodney King beating trial. 54 people were killed in 3 days.

1994 - Israel and the PLO signed an agreement in Paris which granted Palestinians broad authority to set taxes, control trade and regulate banks under self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

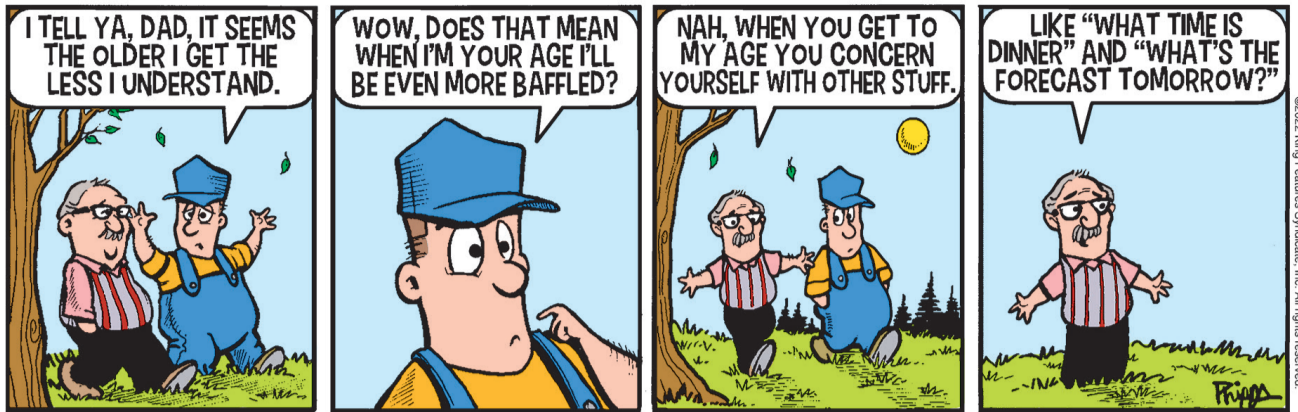
1996 - Former CIA Director William Colby was missing and presumed drowned after an apparent boating accident in Maryland. Colby's body was later recovered.

1998 - The U.S., Canada and Mexico end tariffs on \$1 billion in NAFTA trade.

1998 - Brazil announced a plan to protect a large area of Amazon forest. The area was about the size of Colorado.

2009 - NATO expelled two Russian diplomats from NATO headquarters in Brussels over a spy scandal in Estonia. Russia's Foreign Ministry criticized the expulsions.

## Amber Waves



## Change is coming

Sometimes the American public fails to realize what change can entail. Academics call this unintended consequences.

The defund police movement and the Black Lives Matter movement are two groups that really stand out for the proposition of unintended consequences. This column will address the long term aspects of those movements and not the riots that came about after the death of George Floyd, which appears to have been the catalyst that really advanced the movement.

Today more police officers have been killed in the line of duty than at any other time in my memory. It seems that blue lives no longer matter. That should be of great concern to all who value knowing that a police officer is there when he/she is called to respond.

Today's police officer is being hamstrung with too many rules to actually be able to do the job. On a similar note, according to FBI statistics, the Black murder rate as victims has increased by 32 percent in 2020 over the previous year. The very people that BLM wanted to "save" are now being killed.

There is simply something inherently

wrong with the movement, even if its original members were well meaning. The value of life seems to be diminished as of late.

Illinois seems to have adopted the fallacies of the above movements. For many years, there has been the objection that bail bonds were simply a tax on the poor and the rich could bond out if they got into trouble. The argument went racial, and complaints were made that Blacks were more often incarcerated than Whites. While there is some merit to the comment that bail bonds have a more negative impact on the poor than the wealthy, most judges have tried to be fair with their bond rulings.

The Illinois legislature at the request of members of the black caucus passed some interesting laws in February which have not caught the public's attention.

Governor Pritzker signed into law House Bill No. 3653, which dramatically alters how defendants will be treated. It needs to be stressed this is a defendant's rights bill, not a victim's rights bill. Starting in January, cash bail goes by the wayside. Except for the most dangerous offenders, it is simply going to be catch



and release for the police. Illinois has become the first state to do away with cash bonds.

The legislature passed the bill and the governor signed it. The Supreme Court now has to make the rules for the courthouses and that is an ongoing process. At this time the proposal is that all pretrial detention reviews will be done in Springfield by state probation staff. If you can imagine every arrested person that the police want detained will now have somebody in Springfield doing the background checks, instead of local authorities, you have the picture. This is centralized management at its highest level or more likely a logistical nightmare that will not work.

If the defendant is detained, every time he comes to court, the court must hold a hearing to determine if he should continue to be detained. The paperwork is going to be ridiculous. If the defendant is released, which will be the vast majority of cases, and does not appear for his

next court hearing the proposed rules have again been changed. Today, if a defendant does not show up for a criminal court hearing, there will probably be bench warrant issued for his arrest. Under the new proposals, the state's attorney will first be required to issue a rule to show cause. Essentially this means, the defendant will receive correspondence asking him to again come to court. Then a warrant may be issued if he again fails to appear.

The legislation also requires more licensing of police officers and training. It also makes it easier to terminate a police officer's employment. While the intent to have police officers be more accountable has merit, the implementation appears to be onerous. The likely result will be that fewer persons will aspire to be a police officer and that those now employed will only be waiting to retire.

Grassroot movements have their place in this country. This movement has not been thought out. As of today, Illinois is heading for some difficult times starting in January. I hope that I am in error, but my projection is that the crime rates in 2023 will increase.

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## Can VA puppy program help combat PTSD?

The Department of Veterans Affairs has published its plan for starting up a pilot program for the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers for Veterans Therapy Act. In the PAWS Act, the VA will do a five-year pilot program to train dogs as a means of assisting veterans with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), with the veterans doing the training.

Five VA medical centers will be part of the pilot program: San Antonio; West Palm Beach, Florida; Anchorage, Alaska; Asheville, North Carolina; and Palo Alto, California.

There are three

requirements for veterans to be eligible to join the pilot program: be enrolled in VA health care, be diagnosed with PTSD and get a recommendation from a VA mental health-care provider.

Veterans getting care from a non-VA provider will need to contact the VA facility where they get authorization for the non-VA care and ask about taking part in the pilot. Additionally, the veteran must have had an appointment for some type of care within three months of asking to join the program, and then continue with appointments every three



by Freddy Groves

months.

The VA would be required to provide the dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility problems with training provided by certified trainers. Veterans would not be allowed to be around the dogs unless the trainer is present, nor to use any shock collars.

At the end of training, the veteran can adopt the dog if the trainer believes it's in the veteran's best

interest, and additional training will continue for the life of the dog. However, some of the training involves getting a dog ready to be a service animal for someone else, so a veteran might work with multiple dogs.

To read all the fine print about the dog program, go to the Federal Register (www.federalregister.gov) and search for PAWS Act, then look for Implementation of the PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act.

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# NEWS

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

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1. Is the book of Judas in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?

2. From Exodus 16, what bird served as miracle food for the Israelites? Raven, Dove, Quail, Duck

3. In Genesis 29:17, what part of Leah was tender (weak)? Foot, Hand, Mind, Eyes

4. From Jonah 1:15, how did he (Jonah) end up in the sea? Drunkenness, Fell in, Capsized ship, Cast in

5. In Matthew 17, what size faith did Jesus say was needed? Mountain, Mustard seed, Ant hill, One's heart

6. James and John were the sons of ... ? Bartholomew, Zebedee, Zadok, Barnabas

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Quail; 3) Eyes; 4) Cast in (thrown); 5) Mustard seed; 6) Zebedee

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

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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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## Seasoning cast-iron cookware

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. There is more to seasoning than seasoning food. There is a different type of seasoning important to the process or mechanics of cooking.

In the old days, it was important, even necessary, to season one's cast iron cookware. Casting is done with sand molds which leave a rough surface and pits. Therefore, the surface on which food is cooked must be reconditioned. Even at that, seasoning the cookware is necessary. To do this, a heat-treating process was developed. Since it worked so well with cast iron, it has been tried on aluminum and stainless-steel cookware as well.

The primary advantage in seasoning cookware is to create a non-stick surface. You would be surprised over the difference and how well it performs. You might even question what need there is for such things as Teflon coated cookware, and enameled cookware. As I have said before, ceramic and enamel is great for cooking but worthless and hazardous if chipped. Cast iron skillets are virtually indestructible. One could drive over it with a heavy truck and not damage it. Whereas, sheet metal pans would be flattened.

The seasoning process is called thermoxidiz or thermal oxidation. "Therm" stands for temperature or heat and "oxidize" is the reaction that that polymerize fats and oils. This in turn produces a hardened surface. For any of this to be successful, the manufacturer's anti-corrosion coating and anything else adhering to the surface must be removed. In more serious cases, as in re-seasoning, more drastic measure must be taken such as using very high heat as produced by a bonfire. If you do not wish to build a bonfire in your back yard, you might try an oven set at 600°F or a grill. If any rust remains, you may need to sand it with a fine grit sandpaper.

The actual process requires a thin coating of oil of oil such as vegetable oil, soybean, or animal fat. I prefer lard. Place the cookware in an oven set anywhere between 310°F and 500°F. There is still debate as to what temperature is ideal. There is also debate over the length of time in the oven. Some say half an hour and others say a full hour. I say, if the thing begins to smoke, that is time enough. Carbon steel sheet metal skillets, such as your French pans, may need several applications. Just because it has been seasoned, it is not advisable to cook any acidic foods in them.

Word of caution, be aware that handle grips on some cookware should not be subjected to high heat. To season aluminum pans, I prefer doing them on the stove top. Get the pan heated and wipe oil all around inside of it. Heat to medium high. Allow to cool; wash and test it. You may need to repeat the process. Properly seasoned pans help to prevent foods from sticking to it.

Until next time, peace to all.

### The Culinary Corner

By Chef Roger Joss

### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6: 14,15

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## Some facts about farming

### What agricultural goods are produced in Illinois?

Illinois is a leading producer of soybeans, corn and swine. The state's climate and varied soil types enable farmers to grow and raise many other agricultural commodities, including cattle, wheat, oats, sorghum, hay, sheep, poultry, fruits and vegetables. Illinois also produces several specialty crops, such as buckwheat, horseradish, ostriches, fish and Christmas trees.

### What are the characteristics of a typical Illinois farm?

According to the United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA-NASS), as of April 2019, Illinois had 72,000 farms. Illinois farmland covers 27 million acres -- about 75 percent of the state's total land area. The large number of farms, coupled with the diversity of commodities produced, makes it difficult to describe a typical operation. However, statistics provide some indication about what

it means to farm in Illinois.

The average size of an Illinois farm, including hobby farms, is 375 acres. Most farm acreage is devoted to grain, mainly corn and soybeans. About 3 percent of Illinois farms have swine. Beef cows are found on about 22 percent of farms, while about 1 percent have dairy cows. Some farms produce specialty crops and livestock, including alfalfa, canola, nursery products, emus and fish. Many farming operations also support recreational activities such as hunting and fishing.

### How does agriculture benefit Illinois' economy?

Marketing of Illinois' agricultural commodities generates more than \$19 billion annually.

Corn accounts for 54 percent of that total. Marketing of soybeans contributes 27 percent, and the combined marketings of livestock, dairy and poultry generates 13 percent. The balance comes from sales of wheat and other crops, including fruits and

vegetables.

Billions more dollars flow into the state's economy from ag-related industries, such as farm machinery manufacturing, agricultural real estate, and production and sale of value-added food products. Rural Illinois benefits principally from agricultural production, while agricultural processing and manufacturing strengthen urban economies.

### How are Illinois' agricultural commodities used?

With 2,640 food manufacturing companies, Illinois is well-equipped to turn the state's crops and livestock into food and industrial products. In fact, the state ranks first in the nation with \$180 billion in processed food sales. Most of these companies are located in the Chicago metropolitan area, which contains one of the largest concentrations of food-related businesses in the world.

Illinois' agricultural commodities also provide the base for such products as animal feed, ink, paint,

adhesives, clothing, soap, wax, cosmetics, medicines, furniture, paper and lumber. Each year, 274 million bushels of Illinois corn are used to produce more ethanol than any other state -- about 678 million gallons. Illinois also markets other renewable fuels, including soybean-based biodiesel.

### How does agriculture benefit from the state's geography and climate?

Illinois measures about 400 miles from its northern border to its southernmost tip.

Temperatures generally vary by 10 to 12 degrees from one end of the state to the other. Cold, fairly dry winters and warm, humid summers with ample rainfall allow the land to support many kinds of crops and livestock. Much of Illinois is comprised of fertile flat loess, left behind by glaciers and wind millions of years ago. About 89 percent of the state's cropland is considered prime farmland, ranking the state third nationally in total prime farmland acreage. Prime farmland is important because it provides an

environmentally sound base for crop production. The central three-fourths of the state are especially well suited for growing crops, while hilly areas in the northwest and south provide excellent pasture for livestock.

### Who farms?

Although Illinois' food and fiber industry employs nearly 1 million people, there are only 75,087 farm operators, down from 164,000 in 1959. During the same time period, the average farm size more than doubled as sophisticated technology made many aspects of the industry less labor-intensive. Illinois farmers are generally more than 50 years old. Forty-nine

percent hold jobs off the farm and consider farming their secondary occupation. Family farms still dominate, though some of these have incorporated.

### Are many of Illinois' agricultural products exported to other nations?

Illinois ranks third nationally in the export of agricultural commodities with \$8.2 billion worth of goods shipped to other countries. Exports from Illinois account for 6 percent of all U.S. agricultural exports. Illinois is the nation's second leading exporter of both soybeans and feed grains and related products.

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**April 30**  
1962: A squall line moved from St. Louis northeast to Chicago. The area from Hardin to Springfield to Hoopston was greatly affected, as was the area from Pontiac to Joliet to Chicago. The southern end of the squall line experienced winds of 55 to 90 mph, while the northern end had winds of 65 to 110 mph with unofficial gusts to 135 mph. At Rantoul, two people were killed by falling debris. In Springfield, a boy was killed when a chimney fell through a school roof.

1997: A line of severe thunderstorms moved across Illinois during the afternoon and evening hours. Several tornadoes, most of them weak, were produced, as well as strong winds gusts as high as 70 mph. The most damaging tornado occurred in Fulton County, when two separate thunderstorms merged. In the town of Fairview, several homes were damaged, with two people injured. In Middle Grove, the tornado destroyed two mobile homes and damaged 25 houses. The tornado then took an intermittent northeast track across Fulton, southeast Knox, western Peoria, and Stark Counties. Other tornadoes touched down in Macon, McLean, Adams, Hancock, and Montgomery Counties.

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# CLINTON Journal Sports

More sports on B6

## Maroons two for three in recent ballgames

Marc Rogers  
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CLINTON — The Maroons have been up and they’ve been down, and the season continues to roll on. But, there have been some good recent outings for the team.

Clinton traveled to Warrensburg-Latham to take on the Cardinals and managed to hold them scoreless for this game. Clinton scored a run in each of the first and second innings.

Then, there seemed to be a stalemate for three innings until the Maroons broke through with a run in the sixth inning and 2 more scores in the seventh inning for a 5-0 win on the road.

Jacob Sterr went 2-3 at the plate with an RBI and

Wes Harrold hit a triple. Mason Walker (1-1) got the win for the Maroons.

Next on the schedule for the Maroons was another trip down Route 51 to Central A&M in a match with the Raiders. This was a slow-moving game with the first score a run by the opposition in the second inning.

The next score came in the fifth inning when the Maroons got on the board with one run. The Maroons then added 3 more runs in the 6th inning to take the lead.

There was a scare in the 7th inning when the Raiders added one more run, but they could muster no more. Clinton won 4-2.

Mason Walker (2-1) got the win for the Maroons. Brooks Cluver went 2-2

at the plate and Dominick Thayer hit a double and had 4 RBIs.

Then, the Maroons returned home over the weekend to take on the Meridian Hawks. The windy day seemed Hawks as they struck early and often.

The barrage started in the second inning with one run. The Hawks then kept adding one run per inning until the sixth when they plated 2 runs. That was all they would need as they held the Maroons scoreless for 7 innings.

Dominick Thayer (1-2) took the loss for the Maroons and Mason Walker went 2-3 at the plate.

The Maroons are now 4-5 overall and 4-4 in conference play.



Marc Rogers / Journal  
Dominick Thayer (#24) swings and gets contact against the Hawks.

## Clinton hires Hall of Fame basketball coach Binkley

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CLINTON — With a vacancy at the boys basketball head coaching position, the feeling of anxiety was in the air.

But, just a day after resigning from the head coaching position at conference foe Warrensburg/Latham High School, Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame Coach Vic Binkley signed with the Clinton

Maroons.

Binkley has been coaching for 42 seasons (a 724-445 record) with 36 of those seasons at his alma mater Warrensburg/Latham (a 632-382 record). His team was 25-8 last season, placed 3rd in the Central Illinois Conference (CIC) and played in the regional final game. Coach Binkley loves the game of basketball and tries to make the game enjoyable for the players and is excited to be at Clinton High School.

As a player for the Cardinals, Binkley was All Okaw Valley and team co-captain his junior and senior years and co-most valuable player his junior year. With the Cardinals, Binkley has coached teams to 15 regional titles, three sectional titles, two

super-sectional titles as well as two third place finishes at the Illinois High School Association State Tournament.

At a meeting with this season’s prospective players, Binkley said he wanted to develop the players to be competitive, play hard and enjoy the experience of being a team, taking care of each other. And he said he might throw in a little fun.

Binkley plans to use the ball press, along with pressure on the opposition at all positions of the game. He also loves the motion offense and likes to be competitive on the floor.

He also told the players that practices “are games.” In other words, no half-hearted practice routines, it’s all for real.

## Lady Maroons split a pair of games with Lady Comets

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CLINTON — The Lady Maroons traveled recently to Tuscola to play in their tournament.

The first team to face the Lady Maroons were the Oakwood/Fithian Lady Comets. The game began with both teams scoring two runs each in the first.

The second inning was a rest for the teams before crushing the ball again. Clinton added 6 runs in the top of the third inning, followed by the Lady Comets adding 4 runs of their own, brining them within a couple of runs of tying the game again.

The fourth inning saw the Lady Maroons add one run and the Lady Comets add 2 runs to close the scoring gap even more. The fifth and final inning saw the Lady Maroons tear the game wide open with

7 unanswered runs, giving Clinton a 16-8 win.

The Lady Maroons were led by Morgan Fortune (#2) hitting 3-4, Ella steward (#22) hitting 1-2; and Heidi Humble (#27), Ariana Humes (#33), and Sarah Mills (#35) each going 2-3 at the plate.

It might have been better if the Lady Maroon saved some of their hits for their second game against the Paris Lady Tigers. And furious tigers they were.

The Lady Maroons scored a single run in the top of the first inning to have it answered by the Lady Comets’ 10 runs in the bottom of the inning.

The second inning tallied 4 more runs for Paris, and they added 5 runs in the third inning.

Clinton was able to score one final run in the fourth, losing 19-2.

Heidi Humble (#27) had the only hit for Clinton, a home run.

Box Scores	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Maroons	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	5	6	2
Cardinals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2
Maroons	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	4	4
Raiders	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	1
Maroons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
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By: Brian Gunnell

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♥ A92

♦ 8

♣ KJ32

North

♠ 4

♥ QT85

♦ T973

♣ AQ75

♠ J

♥ K76

♦ KQJ642

♣ T98

West

East

Declarer

♥ AKQ876

♥ J43

♦ A5

♣ 64

**N-S Vulnerable**

South West North East

1♠ 2♦ 4♠ Pass

Perhaps East should have tried 5♦ over 4♠, that would be a cheap sacrifice if 4♠ is making. Instead, she guesses to defend and must find a nice defensive play if she is to justify her shyness in the bidding.

You are that shy East, so try looking at only the N-E hands. West leads the ♦K, won by Declarer's Ace. A Diamond is ruffed in Dummy, followed by a Spade to Declarer's Ace. Then a Club to Dummy's Jack and your Queen. What next?

At this point, you cannot play a Club or a Diamond without blowing a trick, so you must shift to a Heart. Which Heart? It seems routine to play a low Heart, but let's stop and think. If Declarer has the ♥K it won't matter what you do, so let's assume that West has the King. If West has the ♥J to go along with that King then you can shift to any old Heart, again it won't matter. So the case to worry about is the one you see looking at all four hands.

Look what happens if you shift to a low Heart. Dummy plays low, West must play the King, losing to the Ace. That's only one Heart loser for Declarer. The required shift is the Heart Ten! Your Ten and Eight have Dummy's Nine "surrounded" and that's what makes the surprising shift to the Ten the winning play. The Ten is covered by the Jack, King and Ace, after which East's Q8 sits over Dummy's 92, providing two Heart tricks for the defense.

Surrounding plays don't happen every day, and are easy to miss in the heat of battle. But now that you are an expert on the subject you will no doubt spot this one right away:

Dummy T65

West A432 East KJ9

Declarer Q87

East's J9 surround Dummy's Ten and it is a shift to the Jack which is the winning play, picking up the whole suit.

Visit [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email [marketing@acbl.org](mailto:marketing@acbl.org)

FEAR

By: rj johnson

KNIGHT

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

TTA

MEFTON

♥RIMTE

♥EMTE

DRAFIA

LIO

FIFT

DEFTI

♥ADM

♥MEFDRO

♥OMNEL

♥ORDO

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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.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Super Crossword

WHO TO WHO?

ACROSS

1 Otis of elevator fame

7 One-named co-star of "Crime Without Passion"

12 "Striped" fish

16 Trick-or-treating mo.

19 Sine and cosine, say

20 Korean, e.g.

21 "I smell —!"

22 Golf standard

23 Road trip between apparitions?

26 LAX guess

27 Bobby on ice

28 Otis on "The Andy Griffith Show," e.g.

29 Darling

30 Above, in verse

31 Unrefined

32 Phone conversation between ministers?

37 Little Bighorn tribe

40 Summer mo.

41 Many millennia

42 "The Wire" channel

43 Organic compound

44 Choose as a member

47 — Locka, Florida

49 Get back together, as alumni

51 String of vehicles between gas station patrons?

56 Pointer

57 Market segment

58 A fifth of XV

59 Old fed. led by Nasser

60 Nuts are high in it

61 In the least

63 Maine city near Bangor

65 New York stage awards

67 Conga line between Arab leaders?

73 Pistons great Thomas

74 "The Chronic" rapper

75 Love a lot

77 Sahara viper

80 Soothing treatment, for short

81 One in a pod

82 Cher and Adele, voicewise

85 License plate

86 Rugs between casino high rollers?

91 Eminent

92 Publicize

93 "The — falling!"

94 Went by taxi, e.g.

95 Eminent lead-in

96 French noble

98 Multipurpose truck, in brief

99 Perfected

100 Guy peddling between clodhoppers?

107 Hooter

108 Playwright Levin

109 Antagonist

110 Tara of "Sharknado"

111 Lick like a cat

114 Common co. name ender

115 Brief romances between Copenhagen residents?

120 School gp.

121 Ax part

122 Pop or bop

123 Fidgets

124 Cur's noise

125 Potting dirt

126 Exhausted

127 Attack like a cur

DOWN

1 Hence

2 Lion player

3 "Believe — not!"

4 Gal in the family

5 Depilatory treatment

6 Moving about

7 Myopic cartoon "Mr."

8 Pale gray

9 With

10 Very fuel-inefficient wheels

11 In first place

12 Gin joint

13 Songlike

14 Buy for less

15 Draconian

16 Regular at the Met, maybe

17 Spanish region

18 Fish with a heavy net

24 Come- — (lures)

25 Genetic stuff

32 Orange juice stuff

33 Siesta takers

34 Ballet garb

35 Back part

36 Julia Child or James Beard

37 Nasal partitions

38 Some Alaska natives

39 Repeating polka sound

44 Dernier —

45 Non-Rx

46 "Pick me! I know this!"

47 Strong pain reliever

48 Architect I.M.

49 Little-seen instance

50 Outer: Prefix

52 In the military

53 Vitamin's relative

54 Heavy brass

55 Drought relief

62 Maui wreath

64 Worrywart's cry

65 Grammy-winning Beck album of 1996

66 Caesar of TV

68 Piper's skirt

69 Tortilla treat

70 Hershey chocolate bar with crisped rice

71 Vague idea

72 See 9-Down

76 Spurred (on)

77 Barley beard

78 Store proprietor

79 Cop's vehicle

81 Chi lead-in

83 Angle lead-in

84 Photo —

87 Lewd look

88 Texas city

89 This, to Jorge

90 1982 Disney sci-fi film

96 El — (city of legend)

97 African river

98 Exhausted

99 Reveled

100 Twanging spring sound

101 Ebb-and-flow phenomena

102 Frequently, in verse

103 Inn offerings

104 Raise

105 Deep blue

106 Makes mad

111 Talk like

112 Vicinity

113 "Hey ... you"

116 Wiggling fish

117 Enzyme suffix

118 Diarist Anaïs

119 Actor Butterfield of "Ender's Game"

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127

Mega Maze

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TOIL

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Go Figure!

answers

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7 - 3 x 5 20

Mega Maze

Solution

Super Crossword

Answers

1 OTIS

7 CRIME

12 FISH

16 MOON

19 SINE

20 KOREAN

21 I SMELL

22 HOLE

23 ROAD

26 LAX

27 BOBBY

28 OTIS

29 DARLING

30 ABOVE

31 UNREFINED

32 PHONE

37 LITTLE

40 SUMMER

41 MILLION

42 WIRE

43 ORGANIC

44 MEMBER

47 LOCKA

49 GET

51 STRING

56 POINTER

57 MARKET

58 FIFTH

59 OLD

60 NUTS

61 LEAST

63 MAINE

65 NEW

67 CONGA

73 THOMAS

74 CHRONIC

75 LOVE

77 SAHARA

80 SOOTHING

81 ONE

82 CHER

85 LICENSE

86 RUGS

91 EMINENT

92 PUBLICIZE

93 FALLING

94 TAXI

95 EMINENT

96 FRENCH

98 MULTIPURPOSE

99 PERFECTED

100 GUY

107 HOOTER

108 LEVIN

109 ANTAGONIST

110 TARA

111 LICK

114 COMMON

115 BRIEF

120 SCHOOL

121 AX

122 POP

123 FIDGETS

124 CUR

125 POTTING

126 EXHAUSTED

127 ATTACK

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CURCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
LOIS L. WEST  
DECEASED

No. 2022-PR-13

#### CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of office were issued on April 5, 2022 to Michael F. West, 69 Kirkwood Drive, Clinton, IL 61727 as independent executor. 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 October 5, 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.

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Michael F. West,  
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April 15, 22 and 29, 2022

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

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#### DECEASED

2022-PR-15

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Letters of Office were issued on April 8, 2022, to E. Jeanine Rowbottom, P.O. Box 5541, Lakeland, Florida 33807, as Independent Executor. The attorney for the estate is Jerry A. Johnson, Attorney at Law, 32 Manorhill Drive, P.O. Box 571, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Notice is hereby given to William Huskey and unknown heirs, who are heirs or legatees in this cause, and whose names and/or addresses are not stated in the Petition to Admit Will and for Letters Testamentary, that an order was entered by the Court on April 7, 2022, admitting the Will to Probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court, or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You will also have the right, under the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with

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Dated this 11th day of April, 2022.

E. Jeanine Rowbottom, Independent Executor of the Estate of Donna J. Swearingen, Deceased

Jerry A. Johnson,  
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Attorney # 6185567  
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April 15, 22 and 29, 2022

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No. 2022-PR-14

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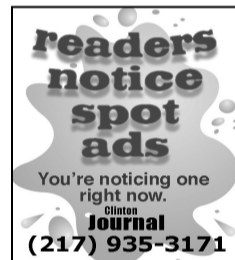
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# Know what to do around downed power lines

By Ann Augspurger

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — May is Electrical Safety Month and a good time to think about how to stay safe in a situation where there are downed power lines, such as after a storm or as the result of an accident.

Mary Gehrig encountered such a scenario during a severe storm, and she shares what happened to her to increase awareness about downed power line safety.

Seventeen-year-old Gehrig was driving home from a friend's house from Fargo to Kindred, N.D. on a stormy June night. Al-

though some cars had pulled over to wait out the storm, Gehrig was close to home, and she thought she could make it.

Around 25 minutes into her 30-minute drive, Gehrig turned onto the county road that would take her home. Although there was near-zero visibility due to the storm, which turned much more severe than originally forecast, she noticed two white lines in the distance. As she got closer, she realized that those lines were across the road, in her path, and they were anything but small.

"I realized I was not going to (be able to) drive over it," Geh-

rig recalls. She slammed on the brakes and her car struck the object, which happened to be one of two high-voltage transmission power lines lying in the road. The massive cable stopped Mary's car in its tracks. The car's electrical system was damaged, and she was stuck there alone during the storm.

The next thing Gehrig did was pick up her phone and call her parents. When her dad heard that there was a downed power line involved, he told her to stay in the car and call 9-1-1.

Fire chief Rich Schock, who was on the scene that night, said,

"Those are large transmission lines with a lot of volts in them," adding that the outcome could have been fatal had Mary gotten out. "Mary did everything right," he said.

When there is an accident involving downed power lines, a padmount transformer or other related utility equipment, Safe Electricity offers these safety tips:

Call 9-1-1 and report that a downed line or other electrical equipment is involved.

Do not get out of the vehicle until electric utility workers say it is safe to exit.

Warn those involved in the accident to stay put and alert others who might approach to stay back.

Exiting a vehicle or equipment is the last resort and should only be attempted if the car is on fire or giving off smoke. If this is the case, exit the vehicle by crossing your arms and jumping from the vehicle without touching it. Then, hop with both feet together as far as you can.

To watch Mary's story or to learn more, go to [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).

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# Lady Maroons fall to Lady Rams, Lady Cardinals

Marc Rogers  
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CLINTON — The Lady Maroons have been struggling through their season thus far. They have suffered some dramatic losses, yet come back with an equally dramatic win.

In mid April, between icy cold weather, drenching rain and hefty winds, the Lady Maroons got in several games. The first was a home stand against the Shelbyville Lady Rams. The game began with the Lady Rams plating 2 runs in the first inning. The Lady Maroons answered with a run of their own to close the gap. However, the Lady Rams were load-

ed and ready for battle. In the second inning, they then added 2 more runs in the third inning before the home team scored their second and last run. The opposition then added 2 runs in the fourth inning and 4 runs in the fifth to take the 15-2 win in five innings.

Chloe Griffin got the only hit for the Lady Maroons. The Lady Maroons also committed 7 errors during the game, the Lady Rams had none.

Next on the schedule was an away match-up with the Warrensburg/Latham Lady Cardinals.

The Lady Maroons drew first blood in this outing

with a single run in the first inning. Then, the Lady Cardinals responded with a flurry of 7 runs of their own in the second inning. They then added 2 runs in the third and one more in the fourth.

In the fifth inning, the Lady Maroons added another single run which was answered by the opposition with a single run in the sixth inning. The Lady Maroons had one last chance in the seventh inning, but the mountain was too high.

The Lady Maroons scored three runs in the seventh, but it ended an 11-5 Lady Cardinals' win. The Lady Maroons had just 4 hits in the game, but committed no errors.



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# How employers benefit from engaging employees more effectively

(METRO) — The COVID-19 pandemic prompted millions of people to reconsider their careers. That reflection has had a profound effect on the labor market. Data from the U.S. Department of Labor indicates that 4.5 million people quit their jobs in the United States in November 2021, which led to a near record-high number of job openings around the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022.

Though the pandemic may have led millions of people who were previously dissatisfied with their

careers to make positive changes, employers forced to confront staff shortages may be wondering what they can do to attract qualified and talented candidates. Finding ways to engage workers more completely could benefit companies in various ways. A recent poll from Gallup found that companies suffer some pretty significant consequences when their employees are disengaged. Gallup reports that such companies suffer from 16 percent lower profitability, 18 percent lower



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No two workers are the same, so there's no magic wand employers can wave that will ensure everyone is suddenly engaged and satisfied with their jobs and career prospects. However, recognition of what employees value most could help businesses retain workers longer and keep those workers engaged.

A recent survey of 540 full-time employees from the market insight firm Clutch found that the most important workplace values for full-time employees are fair pay and fair treatment. It's no surprise that compensation bears such significance, as pandemic-related inflation and global conflicts have led to rising costs on everything from food to fuel.

However, a survey from the

risk management experts at Willis Towers Watson found that there's a disconnect between employees and employers in regard to the importance of fair pay and its relation to workplace stress. Employees consider low pay to be the second greatest source of workplace stress, while employers indicated that eight other factors are greater sources of such stress for their employees.

Employers concerned about staff dissatisfaction, and the effects that disengaged employees can have on their bottom lines, can make a concerted effort to revisit their compensation policies. An overhaul of such policies could be just what companies need to reengage employees and improve employee retention, giving businesses a significant advantage in an era marked by significant turnover in the labor force.

# Six ways to improve yourself

(METRO) — Aspiring to continue to learn and grow is one of the keys to a fulfilling life. Sometimes it can be eye-opening to look in the mirror, examine oneself and figure out where there may be room for improvement.

Self-improvement is a noble endeavor, and there's no limit to what one can achieve. These six strategies can serve as catalysts for change.

## 1. Make good habits even easier

Individuals can be their own worst enemies, procrastinating in regard to personal goals. Some habits require consistency, and they include exercising, waking up earlier, drinking and eating healthier, and

reducing stress. One way to make sure you stick to healthy habits is to prioritize them and make a concerted effort to overcome your uncooperative side. Lay out workout clothes the night before if you want to exercise in the morning. Meal plan on the weekends and create healthy lunches to take to work. Set phone reminders to breathe and meditate several times during the day to calm stress. Eventually these habits will be as easy as brushing your teeth.

## 2. Read every day

Books have the power to educate, inspire creativity, strengthen cognition, and so much more. Think of

reading a book as a daily multivitamin for the brain. Even if you can't devote hours on end to reading, plan 20-minute sessions each day to tackle some pages.

## 3. Learn a new skill

One way to grow is to continue to learn new things. Many people like to explore new languages, not just for the potential for travel or employment, but also for personal betterment. Other skills to learn include baking, woodworking, accounting, crocheting, or anything that requires practice to master.

## Boost positivity

There's something to be said about maintaining a positive outlook no matter your positivity baseline. Rather than seeing what went wrong in a day, figure out what went right. Memorize positive words and personal reflections to help build stronger neural connections to positive concepts, which may help you become even more positive.

## 5. Overcome persistent fears

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Personal growth involves taking inventory and making gradual improvements and alterations in areas that require attention.

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1. **8th Grade Girls' basketball Coach**, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letter of recommendation to Matt Koepfel, AD, at [mkoepfel@cusd15.org](mailto:mkoepfel@cusd15.org), application deadline May 7, 2022

1. **Color Guard/Flags' Coach, Internal Applicants Only**, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letter of recommendation to Matt Koepfel, AD, at [mkoepfel@cusd15.org](mailto:mkoepfel@cusd15.org), application deadline May 7, 2022

1. **CJHS Assistant Baseball Coach**, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letter of recommendation to Matt Koepfel, AD, at [mkoepfel@cusd15.org](mailto:mkoepfel@cusd15.org), application deadline May 7, 2022

### Transportation

1. **Bus Driver Substitutes, Van Driver Substitutes, Bus/Van Monitor Substitutes (\$22.85 Bus Route, \$20.64 Van route, \$13.91 Monitors)** Bus Drivers must have a CDL or be willing to obtain one.

### Cafeteria

1. **Kitchen Staff 2022-2023 School Year**, 4.0 hours, application deadline May 7, 2022

### Unit Office

1. **Extended School Year Teacher - Elementary - requires LBS1 - internal applicants only**—email Kari Veldman at [veldmank@tcsea.org](mailto:veldmank@tcsea.org), application deadline May 7, 2022

1. **Extended School Year Teacher - Transition - internal applicants only**—email Kari Veldman at [veldmank@tcsea.org](mailto:veldmank@tcsea.org), application deadline May 7, 2022

1. **Extended School Year Teacher Aide -Elementary internal applicants only** - email Kari Veldman at [veldmank@tcsea.org](mailto:veldmank@tcsea.org), application deadline May 7, 2022

1. **Extended School Year Teacher Aide -Transition internal applicants only** - email Kari Veldman at [veldmank@tcsea.org](mailto:veldmank@tcsea.org), application deadline May 7, 2022

### Transition Program

1. **Job Coach (9-month position)**, Qualifications, at least 20 years old, High School Diploma/ GED, Experience working with people with disabilities a plus. Will assist, support, and work closely with students in the school and community by providing vocational support to prepare students for employment. Will work with individual students or small groups of students with job skills, will assist the certified staff in devising special strategies for finding student strength and areas to work on in job setting, will input/chart specific individual job performances, serve as chief informational source for vocational coordinator, assist in bus loading, and work to maintain safe work environment. Note: Electronic Devices: Personal electronic devices should not

be used during regular work hours. Periodic checks for personal information can be made on a limited basis.

