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Some board members balk at restricting projects to industrial zones

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CLINTON — An effort to restrict commercial solar energy production projects to areas zoned industrial is on hold after the county board voted to send the matter back through the approval process.

The board voted last week to return a proposed update of the county's solar energy ordinance back to committee for reconsideration. Several board members were hesitant to approve changes that would restrict solar developments to the limited number of areas in the county zoned for industrial use.

A commercial solar project is currently proposed on farmland located near Weldon.

Board member Buck Carter spoke in favor of the ordinance

update, limiting commercial solar development to industrial-zoned areas. Carter told solar developers during an earlier presentation to the board that he was "not impressed" with solar energy production.

Carter has advocated the preservation of what he referred to as "prime farmland." Board member David Newberg questioned whether Carter could differentiate between what Carter called "prime farmland and just regular farmland."

Carter said he thought the Illinois Department of Agriculture used "prime" as a farmland definition.

Following is the United States Department Agriculture (USDA) definition of prime farmland: "Prime farmland, as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical

characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops and is available for these uses. It could be cultivated land, pastureland, forestland, or other land, but it is not urban or built-up land or water areas."

Carter suggested some land could be rezoned later depending on its quality. Other board members had a problem with that approach.

"It's way too subjective for us to sit here and decide your property is worth saving but yours isn't," said board member Dan Matthews. "I don't understand how we, as a group, can decide that."

Matthews said he did not see any way that restricting solar developments to industrialdesignated areas was protecting public health or safety, as included in ordinance language.

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CUSD board authorizes litigation against ISBE

District would prefer to return to its own COVID mitigation plan

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CLINTON — At the Jan. 18 meeting of the Clinton board of education, the board authorized a resolution affirming its intent to adopt and enforce its own return-to-school plan which provides for Covid-19 mitigation measures as deemed appropriate for the district. The resolution also

The resolution also authorizes the initiation of "litigation against the

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and state superintendent of education to prevent the loss or threat of loss of recognition status of the school district."

Superintendent Curt Nettles read the resolution at the meeting.

"While the state mandates are designed to impede the spread of Covid-19, the resolution states the mitigation measures for public schools have been generally uniform across the state and do not contemplate local population density or local conditions pertaining to the prevalence of the virus in the community and school environment," read Nettles.

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Court weighing school COVID mitigations

Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — A Sangamon County judge is considering a motion to block Illinois schools from requiring people to wear face masks in classes and excluding students and staff from school buildings if they've had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Circuit Judge Raylene Grischow heard oral arguments last week in a class action lawsuit against 145 school districts that was filed last year by Greenville attorney Thomas DeVore, who has unsuccessfully challenged the state's COVID-19 mitigation measures in several other lawsuits.

In September, DeVore filed a motion for a temporary restraining order to permit students to continue in-person learning in school.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office is defending the districts and the Illinois Education Association, along with the Illinois Federation of Teachers, has entered the case as intervenors on behalf of the teachers they represent.

The cases were originally filed individually in several Illinois counties but were later consolidated into Sangamon County Circuit Court.

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Representatives of United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois and Vespasian Warner Public Library launch the Imagination Library on Jan. 20. Left to right, Ryan Huffer, United Way; Bobbi Perryman, Warner Library; Debbie Bogle, United Way; and Cody Monkman, Community Care Center.

Inspiring reading

United Way, Warner Library and Dolly Parton working to instill kids with love of reading

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CLINTON — Thanks to United Way, Vespasian Warner Public Library and county music performer Dolly Parton, more local kids will be exposed to the joys of reading through owning their own books.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book donating program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age 5, no matter their family's income. The program reaches internationally. United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois is bringing the program to the Clinton area with the help of Warner Library.

Ryan Huffer, director of marketing for UWDMI helped launch the program last week in

"Books will come directly to their homes once a month," Huffer said. "The books are high quality and age-appropriate, are very diverse, and they also come bilingual."

Huffer said United Way was excited to be part of the program.

"It's completely free to the families. They don't have to pay anything," he said.

All eight DeWitt County zip codes will be eligible for the

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program.

"We're looking forward to seeing how many families will decide to do this," Huffer said.

United Way also is looking for other financial partners in order to grow the program.

Warner Library District director Bobbi Perryman expressed her excitement at being part of the book program. The library has traditionally developed a wide variety of youth reading activities.

"One of the big goals of the library is to enable life-long learning," Perryman said.

She said access to books was fundamental in achieving this. "Reading to children not only improves their literacy skills and introduces them to concepts like numbers and colors, it also makes them associate books and reading with the happiness and love they have for their caregivers,"

Perryman said.

She said getting books to children now would get them into the library later to read more books.

"They will continue to read as they grow. That's why we are so excited to have this program and grateful to United Way."

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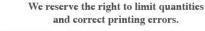
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"There is no public safety issue with putting it on one or the other ground," Matthews said.

County board chairman Terry Ferguson said it was unlikely a county would ever rezone land to or away from industrial.

Tillman, landowner of the proposed Weldon area solar project, said zoning played no part in the planning of a commercial solar project anyway.

"You guys might think that you want to say where they need to go, but that's not how it works," Tillman said.

He said such projects must go where there is access to transmission lines capable of handling the power generated by the facilities.

Ferguson's assessment that zoning was difficult to change. "Once it's zoned

Tillman agreed with

industrial, it's industrial for life, right," he said.

State's attorney Dan

expressed concern that the limited size and number of the county's industrial-zoned areas might make it impossible for the county to comply with its own ordinance.

"Especially with the setbacks that are required within that," Markwell said. "I think the board needs to look at that to see if you can even put a five-acre or greater farm in one of those areas with the setbacks that are proposed."

Markwell said, if the board could not do that, "you shouldn't pass the ordinance because you're setting us up for failure."

He said if the county was proposing something that was impossible, it was essentially a way to tell solar developers, "we don't want you here."

"You can't zone that way, he said."

The board voted to return the proposed ordinance changes to committee.

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continued, stating mitigation measures have been "onerous on students, impacts" while offering containing the spread of the virus.

Nettles said the state made clear that its mitigations were "largely recommendations" which could be adopted or removed by school districts based on local conditions.

With that information, last fall the Clinton school board adopted a return-to-school plan that recommended masks but did not require them. The state later announced emergency regulations with other mitigation measures that could not be removed by local school

The state superintendent and ISBE have "threatened loss of recognition status against the school districts that do not implement the mitigation measures," said

The resolution also states that Clinton school would return to its own mitigation plan if it were not for the "threats to place the school district on probation and remove

Nettles said three other school districts

"Passing the resolution shows your intent," said Nettles. "Nothing happens until a suit is actually

"CUSD 15 would continue to follow the mandate until such time as this may be resolved," he said. "This is not saying that we would be making masking optional or disregard protocols outlined in guidance at

"The hope is to be able to follow the plan we originally passed in July, which gives us the flexibility to move in and out of the mitigations as

The law firm of Miller,



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At issue is whether districts school are violating state law by implementing orders from Gov. JB Pritzker and guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois State Board of Education to impose certain mitigation measures in order to hold

in-person instruction. Those measures include requirements that all students, staff and visitors wear face coverings in school buildings, that students and staff be excluded from buildings if they test positive for COVID-19 or have been in close contact with

someone else who has,

and that school personnel be vaccinated or submit to weekly testing.

In the suit, DeVore argues that exclusions amount to a kind of "quarantine" and that under the Department of Public Health Act, schools cannot exclude students for public health concerns without their parents' consent or a quarantine order from a public health department.

He also argues that schools have no legal authority require to vaccinations the or wearing of masks unless a public health department has issued a quarantine order.



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plans, "We do have sick

people. I want everyone to

understand that," Nettles

"By all measures and all

means we're keeping the

schools open. It is an issue

Nettles said the district is

faced with sick teachers or

teachers with sick children

as well as a shortage

of substitute teachers,

but added the district is

doing the best it can and

covering the classes with

"Teachers have stepped

up," he said, sacrificing

their free periods to help

"We're doing the best we

can. We want to keep the

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Clinton Academy, is up

for sale. The district is

looking into possibilities

of what it may need to do.

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Nettles.

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Kayli Hedrick named to SMSU fall 2021 Dean's, President's Lists

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Kayli Hedrick, of Heyworth, has been named to the Southeast Missouri State University Dean's List for academic achievement during the fall 2021 semester.

Students named to the list earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit, achieved

no grade below a B and received no failing grades enrolled, credit/no in credit or pass/fail courses.

Hedrick also was named to the fall 2021 President's List.

Students named to the President's List earned at least a 4.0 grade point average and completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit in a semester.

Area students named to fall 2021 Monmouth Dean's List

MONMOUTH, Ill. -The following students made the Dean's List for the fall semester at College. Monmouth Students on the list achieved a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on

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- of Clinton
- Preston Rousey, of Heyworth



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are likely to rise 5% in

the first half of 2022. This

is on top of the average

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Charlotte Marie Jackson

CLINTON - Charlotte Marie Jackson, 80, of Clinton, passed away at 4:07 p.m. on January 18, 2022, at Manor Court, Clinton.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday January 27, 2022, at Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton, with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, arrangements.

Memorials may directed to Second Chance for Pets pet adoption, Clinton, or Taylor-Magill restoration project.

Marie was born on November 24, 1941 in Clinton, the daughter of Ernest "Lefty" and Madeline (Chandler) Day. She married Larry D. Jackson on June 19, 1958, in Clinton. He passed away on September 26, 2012.

Survivors include her sons, Jim Jackson and Jackie Ward, Clinton; Gene Jackson, Clinton; four grandchildren, Brittiany, Casie, Bryan, and Justin, five greatgrandchildren, brothers, (Gloria) Day, Clinton, and Steve (Carol) Day, Savanna, Ga. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lefty and Madeline; the love of her life, Larry Jackson; sister, Mary Armstrong, and granddaughter, Katie Ann



Jackson.

Marie was the kitchen manager of the Taylor-Magill Restaurant for over 20 years. During her time there, many of Clinton's youth got to know the loving person Marie was. She later worked at Casey's, where she laughed about getting up to "make the donuts." For years, we have had people tell us they met our mom and how much they loved her while working at Casey's.

Marie never met a stranger. She loved to bake and cook. When we were young, all the neighborhood kids and friends came to mom's house to eat. Many times, friends would just stop by to visit and grab a quick snack, which mom always said, "Help yourself to whatever you want."

Marie enjoyed camping, fishing and was a Chicago Cubs fan. But most of all, she loved her family, which many know is a very large family.

Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

Marion 'Dick' Miller

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Marion "Dick Miller, of Tremont, passed away on Thursday,

born

Ill.

20, 2022, at Aperion Care Morton Villa.

was

September 6, 1943, in Bloomington, to Raymond and Josie Miller. married Cindy Ritchie on May 2, 1986, and she survives. Also surviving

children, Jason (Ashley) Miller and Jillyn (Jesse Deakin) Miller, both of Tremont; Jeff, Sherry Jones; Debbie Moore, of Indiana; Penny McGillem, and four grandchildren, Serenity, Gage, Wyatt, and Jayley. He was preceded in

death by his parents and two brothers, Ronald and Kenneth, and one sister, Doris Bush. Dick served in the

United States Navy from 1960 to 1964. He was a member



of Tremont Apostolic Christian Church and enjoyed drawing, fishing, and working on cars.

funeral conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January on 2022, at Davis-26, Oswald Funeral Home, in Tremont. Ministers of the church will officiate.

Visitation was held one hour before the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, in Tremont.

Memorials may be made to Tremont Rescue Squad. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in

memory of Marion "Dick" Miller, please visit our floral store.

Darrell Mills

CLINTON — Darrell Mills, 96, of Clinton, passed away at 4:40 p.m. on January 23, 2022, at Manor Court, Clinton.

Private services will be conducted on Saturday, January 2022, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, Pastor Darrell Howard officiating. Burial follow at Mausoleum Park Cemetery, Clinton.

Memorials may directed to the DeWitt 4-H County Association.

Darrell was born on June 8, 1925, in Clinton, the son of Frank and Florence (Anderson) Mills. He married Mary Lou Rau on December 1, 1945, in Clinton. She passed away on October 21, 2019.

Survivors include his children, David (Paula) Mills, Clinton; Daniel (Sharon) Mills, Clinton; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren

Darrell was preceded



in death by his parents. daughter, Debra and her husband Wayne Ackerman, one brother, and five sisters.

Darrell was a lifelong farmer, retiring in 2004, and longtime member of the DeWitt County Farm Bureau. He raised Poland China Hogs. In his earlier years, Darrell and his brother had shown pigs in many state and national shows.

In 1935, Darrell started showing livestock at age 10 with Jersey heifers.

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The rising costs of food

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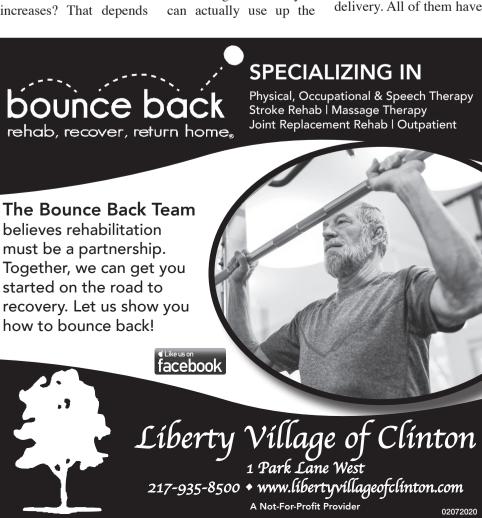
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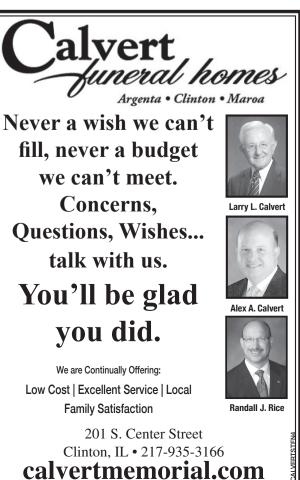
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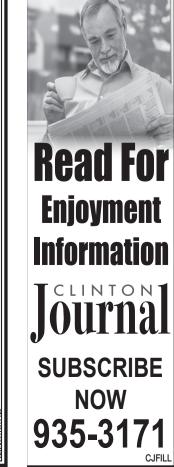
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Mary Colleen (Terpening) Stephens

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Mary Colleen (Terpening) Stephens, 93, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and a native and long-time resident of Clinton, died at 6:06 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at Gardiner Home, Phoenix, Ariz.

She was born on July 18, 1928, in Clinton, a daughter of Charles E. and Nora (Barry) Terpening. She married Marion Lee Wagner on May 29, 1949. They were divorced on August 29, 1980.

She is survived by her

three daughters, Shae (Dr. William) Dixon of Scottsdale, Ariz; Terry Wagner of Wilmington, N.C.; and Paige Wagner of Lake Wales, Fla. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Dr. Ashleigh Dixon, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Dr. Alexis Dixon, of Marina del Rey, Calif.; Neal Dixon of Phoenix, Ariz.; David (Megan) Dixon of Portland, Ore.; Elijah Logue, of Clinton, and Sage (Zach) Lash, of DeWitt, Ill.; and three great-grandchildren.

Colleen married Elmer Eugene Stephens August 29, 1981, in Clinton. He died September 19, 2009. She was a member of First Christian Church,





Clinton, where she was active in choir, Sunday school, and teachers' training.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on June 4, 2022, in the Family Life Center, at the First Christian Church, in Clinton, with Pastor Ernie Harvey officiating. Condolences may be sent to The family of Colleen Stephens, 27166 N 73rd St., Scottsdale, AZ 85266.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Christian Church, in Clinton, Little Galilee Christian Camp, Second Chance for Pets (PO BOX 243, Clinton, IL 61727).

Lois L. West

CLINTON — Lois L. West, 94, of Clinton, passed away at 2:26 p.m. on January 20, 2022, at Manor Court Clinton.

Private graveside services will be conducted Mausoleum Park Cemetery, Clinton, with Autumn Owen officiating. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, arrangements.

Memorials may be directed Clinton to Assembly of God Church. Lois was born on April 7, 1927, in Decatur, the daughter of Ralph K. and Bessie (Gray) Slayback. She married Fenaly H. West on June 30, 1944, in Decatur. He passed away on June 28, 2006.

Survivors include her children, Michael West, Clinton; Tamera (Michael) Thurston, Independence, Mo.; three grandchildren, Autumn (Scott) Owen, Champaign; Garrett



(Erika) West, Springfield; Lance West, DeBary, Fla., and three greatgrandchildren, Scotty Owen; Matthew West; and Lauren West.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, one

Lois was a member of the Clinton Assembly of God Church and served the Lord her entire life. She enjoyed art, needlepoint, and collecting antique hair combs.

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February events at Warner Library

CLINTON - It may be cold outside, but the Vespasian Warner Public Library District, Clinton, has a variety of activities and events that will make everyone forget about the winter chill.

All library events are free and open to the public, but space is limited and advance registration is required. Visit the library or call 217-935-5174 to learn more or register for any event.

- DIY Fairy Doors Saturday, 2/12 at 10 a.m.: Design and create your own enchanted fairy door. Ages 8+.
- Catch a Little Lovebug Craft - Monday, 2/14 at 3:45 p.m.: Come in and make your own little love bug to keep for yourself or to gift to someone you love this Valentine's Day. All Ages.
- Learn Together, Grow Together Book Club -Tuesday, 2/15 at 6 p.m.: Sign-up to attend the inperson discussion session at the library and receive a free copy of the book ("This Blessed Earth" by Ted Genoways) to keep! Thank you to the DeWitt County Farm Bureau for their partnership with this event.
- Organic Gardening Webinar Tuesday, 2/15 at 1:30 p.m.: Learn about what organic gardening is and how you can implement organic practices in your own vegetable garden. In-person and remote viewing is available. Thank you to University of Illinois Extension for their partnership with this event.

Looking for activities to do individually or as a family? Check-out some of the other February highlights.

- Draw Something You Love on the Children's Floor – All Month: It may not be shouting it from the rooftops, but it sure is close! Draw something you love and put it on our board to show the whole world your favorite things! All ages.
- Short Story Contest - All Month: Calling all teen writers! Do you have a (short) story to tell? Well then, we want to read it! Entries must be between two and 10 typed pages, and the top three short stories will win a prize! Contest is limited to teens aged 12-18 and entries can be submitted February 1-26.
- Popsicle Stick Catapult Grab 'n Go Kit – Begins Tuesday, 2/1: Pick up free supplies to make your own catapult to launch soft items through the sky. Available while supplies last. One per person, please. All ages.
- Family Movie Night - Thursday, 2/24 at 4:45 p.m.: Join us for a familyfriendly movie night on the children's floor! Drop in and stay for as long or as little as you like. No registration is required for this program, but seats are still limited!
 - Storytimes Return



- Week of 2/21: The winter storytime session will begin the week of February 21. Join us

for Terrific Toddlers on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Movin' and Groovin' for All Ages on Fridays at 10 a.m.

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is excited to announce

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Clinton Police Department

On 01/21/22 Clinton Police arrested Thomas L. Harris 54, Clinton for Battery and Criminal Trespass to Property. Harris was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 01/21/22 Clinton Police issued citations to Marissa C. Mabon 27, Decatur for No Valid Drivers License, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Operating Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration. Mabon was released on a Notice to Appear in Court. On 01/22/22 Clinton

Police investigated property damage accident at Kleemann Drive & Hillcrest Drive. A vehicle driven by Jesus E. Rodriguez 22, Clinton was westbound on Kleemann when he collided with a parked vehicle owned by Justin B. Smith, McLean IL at the intersection with Hillcrest Drive and some mailboxes. Rodriguez was issued citations for Failure to Reduce Speed to avoid an Accident and Driving Under the Influence. Rodriguez was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 01/24/22 Clinton Police arrested Wesley Thompson 27, Lincoln for Theft and Obstructing Identification. Thompson was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

Jan. 14-21

Travis Beard, Wapella, was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Beard unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Leticia Ramirez, 21. Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (79 mph in a 55 mph zone). Ramirez was given a Notice to Appear and was released. Gavin Wei, 37, Urbana,

was issued a Citation for Improper Lane Usage. Wei was given a Promise to Comply and was released. Xander Randolph. 20, Clinton, was issued

a Citation for Driving while License Suspended. Randolph was given a Notice to Appear and was released. Tyler Busby, 35, Clinton was issued a Citation for

Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Busby was given a Notice to Appear and was released. Cindy Dejarnette, 64, Lincoln was issued a Citation for Speeding (77

mph in a 55 mph zone).

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1915 - The Coast Guard was created by an act of the U.S. Congress to fight contraband trade and aid distressed vessels at sea.

1916 - Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Wilson to the U.S. Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member.

1918 - The Bolsheviks occupied Helsinki, Finland.

1922 - The National Football League (NFL) franchise in Decatur, IL, transferred to Chicago. The team took the name Chicago Bears.

1935 - Iceland became the first country to introduce legalized abortion.

1945 - During World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

1957 - The Brooklyn Dodgers announced that circus clown Emmett Kelly had been hired to entertain fans at baseball games.

1958 - Roy Campanella (Brooklyn Dodgers) was seriously injured in an auto accident in New York. He would never return to play again.

1958 - Construction began on first private thorium-uranium nuclear reactor.

1965 - General Motors reported the biggest profit of any U.S. company in history.

1973 - CBS-TV debuted "Barnaby Jones."

1980 - Six Americans

who had fled the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran, on November 4, 1979, left Iran using false Canadian diplomatic passports. The Americans had been hidden at the Canadian embassy in Tehran.

1982 - Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brigadier General James L. Dozier. 42 days before he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

1986 - The U.S. space shuttle Challenger exploded just after takeoff. All seven of its crewmembers were killed.

1994 - In Los Angeles, Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg declared a mistrial in the case of Lyle Menendez in the murder of his parents. Lyle, and his brother Erik, were both retried later and were found guilty. They were sentenced to life in prison without parole.

1997 - Clive Davis received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1998 - In Manilla, Philippines, gunmen held at least 400 children and teachers for several hours at an elementary school.

1999 - Ford Motor Company announced the purchase of Sweden's Volvo AB for \$6.45 billion.

2002 - Toys R Us Inc. announced that it would be closing 27 Toys R Us stores and 37 Kids R Us stores in order to cut costs and boost operating profits.

Amber Waves







by Dave T. Phipps



Leadership

The vast majority of Americans want this nation to flourish and be a world leader. Inherent within that message is we want our President to lead the country and to be a major player on the world scene. Even if we have political differences,

Americans want our national leaders to be seen as strong and powerful. We don't like bullies, but we do like strong and decisive leadership.

Americans felt empowered with the leadership of George Bush after 911. President Obama proved his leadership by authorizing the attack on Osama Bin Laden. And whether one agrees or disagrees with Obamacare, Obama led the charge to change health care in this country.

Trump would authorize the drone attacks, but he also led by deregulating the economy and being the force behind getting the COVID vaccines developed. All three Presidents had differing political views and agendas. All three led the nation and we knew who was at the helm.

President Biden has yet to truly assert himself as a leader of either this nation or on the world scene. Our exit from Afghanistan was humiliating as a nation. It demonstrated weakness and our adversaries have taken note, both at home and internationally.

At home we have the defund police movement and COVID. On COVID it seems the administration is always playing catch up. Dr. Fauci appears to change the story on a weekly basis and the Center for Disease Control is constantly changing the rules.

The American public wants leadership based on scientific evidence and needs of the nation. President Biden needs to assert his authority and regain control of these appointed bureaucrats and hold them accountable or replace them with some new blood.

Likewise with the defund the police movement, which has the support of the far left in Biden's party. Now Biden is voicing support for the police after serious criminal actions in blue cities. Again, Biden ON POINT RICHARD KORITZ
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needs to lead by asserting the need for law and order with police reform when warranted.

The leaders of both Russia and China have clearly shown their respective political goals to regain the status of Czarist Russia and the dynasties of China. Russia retook Crimea from Ukraine a few years ago. Today Russia has over 100,000 troops massed at Ukraine's border and making political demands that affect the U.S. and its allies. China views Taiwan as part of its geography.

Today China is building military platforms on dormant volcanic islands by building them up for runways and naval stations. China has also started some aggressive military flights near Taiwanese air space.

President Biden has been if office one year and new presidents always get tested. China and Russia are the classic bullies on the block. They saw what they perceived as weakness when Biden pulled our troops out of Afghanistan without a true withdrawal plan.

Perception is all too often the key in relationships. No matter what Biden does today, he will anger some faction of political constituency. The counter truth is that if Biden does nothing, he will anger all of his constituency. Doing nothing only lets the bully win. Putin of Russia and Li of China play hardball and they play to win. America needs leadership.

President Teddy
Roosevelt described
leadership as speak softly
and carry a big stick.
President Biden often
speaks, but we haven't
seen the stick. The
American public simply
wants leadership from its
President.

The American public deserves leadership from its Presidents. It is time for Mr. Biden to lead before the nation and the world fall into disarray.

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The VA versus COVID

The Department of Veteran's Affairs has been battling COVID-19 from the very beginning of the pandemic. The recently released Coronavirus Disease 2019 Response Report Annex B tells just how they've done. The facts are impressive.

So far they've vaccinated 4.3 million people.

The VA was the first federal agency to issue a mandate requiring all VA employees who work in health care to be vaccinated. They beefed up telehealth for veterans at home and those who live in rural areas. This resulted in 2,500 percent increase of telehealth care visits.

The VA carried out 43 Fourth Mission

assignments, improving preparedness on national, state and local levels. These assignments ranged from admitting 630 civilians to VA medical centers to providing 937,000 pieces of personal protective equipment such hand sanitizers, wipes, plexiglass isolation stations, webcams, air machines and so much more. Personnel were deployed to all 50 states to provide support at all levels and in all types of capacities, from handson medical to logistics to grocery delivery to homebound veterans.

They have processed between 70,000 and 90,000 COVID tests per week.

The VA published over

VETERANS

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by Freddy Groves

300 COVID studies, including: a comparison between the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines (Moderna was better), vaccination rates between minorities and white patients (minorities received more vaccines in the VA system while white patients received more vaccines in the civilian population) Baricitinib and plus remdesivir was better than remdesivir by itself, among many other studies.

The VA pulled together pulmonary experts to study long COVID, the long-term symptoms after a COVID infection. It moved early to administer monoclonal antibody therapy and genome sequencing in labs.

If you want to look at the whole 199-page Annex B report, go to www. publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/COVID_19_Response_Reports.asp. Annex B is the second addendum to the original Response Report.

What is clear is that VA left no stone unturned in its battle with COVID-19. States and local communities could learn a lot from what the VA has been doing.

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by Wilson Casey

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A flood of gimmicks

corner of culinary delights. Allow me to give a few things to look for regarding cooking items and utensils. The first thing to consider is from what they are made. Items made from plastic, beware. Your stiff plastic can break especially if cold. Polypropylene is flexible. But if used as a storage container, it can transfer an odor to the food. Polyethylene items are affected by ultraviolet light and quickly deteriorates. High density polyethylene is durable, but as a cutting surface, be sure to periodically clean it with a wire brush. Polycarbonate is great as storage containers. What to look for in pots and pans, cutlery as well as cutting boards was all covered in other articles. I would now like to get into construction.

Welcome to my little

The next thing to look at is the construction of the items. Look to see if anything could come loose and fall into the food such as screws. I once had a roasting pan with a cover. The handle of the cover was screwed on from underneath. This is bad. It should be riveted, welded or screwed from the top into a lug. Avoid any items made with glass or has glass attached. Make sure it can be easily and thoroughly cleaned. One of my favorite examples is your adjustable measuring spoons. They have a slide action that restricts the cavity capacity of the scoop. You can get them at different ranges. However, they are only good for dry items such as flour, baking soda, etc. For liquid, you must go back to your conventional measuring spoons or



The Çulinary Corner **By Chef**

Roger Joss

graduated vials. Why not just follow convention?

The other problem is that powders can get under and behind the slide plate. If then you are measuring for two different recipes, traces of powder from the one can get mixed in with the other. This device must be taken apart and washed each time. These problems are never shown on television or at home parties.

This next part is much more difficult for most people except for those suffering from Asperger syndrome. As a product is demonstrated, visualize in your mind each procedure. After that, visualize every procedure needed in using conventional equipment. As the last consideration, consider just how often you would need to use this fantastic razzle dazzle contraption. If you can follow these steps, that will tell you immediately if you should spend hard earned cash on the item. Above all, ask a lot of questions or contact a true chef.

I like collecting some of this stuff from thrift stores. I am thinking of creating a museum of worthless kitchen gismos. I am being sarcastic here. But I will relate my favorite useless item. It is a turner. It has a spring action handle shaped like an oversized safety pin. You squeeze the handle and the blade rotates 90 degrees so you do not have to turn your hand.

Until next time, peace to

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 18:6

In my <u>distress</u> I <u>called</u> to the <u>LORD</u>; I <u>cried</u> to my <u>God</u> for **help**. **From** his **temple** he **heard** my **voice**; my **cry** came before him, into his ears.

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Peter, John

Timothy,

5. In Mark 5:30, who said, "Who touched my clothes"? Jesus, John the Baptist, David, Solomon 6. What was the name of Seth's son, thus

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Eadbhard, Enosh, Eadmer

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Why law enforcement is essential for the community

(METRO) - Much of 2020 was dominated by newsmaking events that have made the year one few people will soon forget. Unprecedented and stressful circumstances can contribute to spirited debates and uncertainty about the future. Complicated situations can affect people in many ways, but the public may be wise to take some cues on how to navigate challenging situations from the professionals

find confronting themselves adversity.

Law enforcement officers who don the uniform each and every day routinely put others first in the name of public safety. According to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, there are now more than 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving in the United States, which is the highest figure ever. Officers often step up to

serve despite the risks associated with working in law enforcement. A total of 1,627 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty over the past 10 years. There were 135 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2019 alone. Law enforcement

personnel serve many important roles in the communities they serve. Here's a closer look at the integral roles of police and other law enforcement personnel.

• Maintain law and order: The police force is made up of many different departments with the collective goal of maintaining law and order. Traffic police are responsible for enforcing the rules of the road and minimizing the chance accidents. Other departments canvas the ensuring streets residents' civil liberties are not being compromised.

• Save lives: Whether preventing a life-threatening crime administering emergency medical care at a car accident until an ambulance can arrive, law enforcement officers save lives every day.

• Assist in adverse situations and provide crisis support: Police officers often fill the

> We Back The Blue, They

friend to people who find themselves in difficult situations. An officer can play a part in helping people make better life choices in the future. Training in situational de-escalation also means police officers are capable defusing difficult situations before they snowball into serious, potentially life-threatening confrontations.

 Investigate crimes: Police are the first people to respond when crimes have been committed. These individuals investigate the situation and find the perpetrator.

Foster strong communities: Law enforcement officers share a unique solidarity with other officers, peers, community leaders. and medical even professionals, which helps to create a strong fabric for a community. Officers frequently have each other's backs as well as the respect and support of the public for putting their lives on the line.

Law enforcement is an essential component of orderly, safe and supportive communities. Recognizing and respecting the important role law enforcement officials play is a great way to show them how much their efforts and sacrifices are appreciated.



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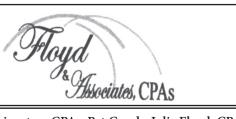
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Mike Walker

How to help police officers cope with stress

(METRO) — A career in law enforcement can be highly rewarding, but it also can require officers to confront extreme levels of stress. Tasked with the vital job of maintaining law and order, as well as investigating crimes and serving as community models, role police officers face extraordinary situations every day. Quite often police officers are exposed to high levels of trauma and must do their jobs under strict scrutiny from superiors as well as the public.

Law enforcement is a high-risk occupation. Officers frequently are exposed to violence, suffering, human physically demanding work, and nonstandard/ rotating schedules. In fact, Time magazine ranked policing as the fourth most stressful profession enlisted military personnel, firefighters and pilots.

Police departments conduct background investigations and psychological screenings police candidates to find applicants with the right dispositions to perform the job. Even individuals tailor-made for the job can succumb to the stress of working in law enforcement. Many officers may develop anxiety, depression and symptoms commensurate with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. That is why adequate support and readily available access to stress and trauma relief can be vital for officers' wellbeing. There are many different ways the public and police departments can help officers confront the effects of the job on their physical and mental health. • Educate personnel

about policies and keep officers in the know. According to retired lieutenant and police instructor Brian McKenna, one of the biggest stressors police officers face is not out on the streets, but in the work environment.

"It's the politics, poor supervision, things coming down from administration that don't make sense, and so on," McKenna says.

Officers who understand the laws and why certain policies and restrictions are in place are better equipped to make smart decisions. Keeping the flow of information open within departments can help.

- Provide access to exercise. The mental health Psychology resource Dictionary advises that cardiovascular activity is important for anyone who has a physically demanding job. It also is an excellent stress reliever. Access to a gym at the precinct can help. Fitness facilities can do their part to support law enforcement by offering or discounted memberships to local law enforcement.
- Match officers' strengths with their assignments. While impractical it is accommodate an officer in every way, administrators can take more time to align officers' skills and strengths with positions in the department that most effectively utilize their skill sets. Satisfaction in a position, as well as doing the job effectively, can make a long-term positive impact that reduces stress.

• Build a support system.

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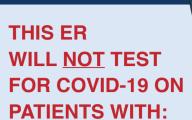
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Lady Maroons' teams extend win records

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CLINTON — On Thursday, January 20, the Lady

Maroons were at home once again for games against the Shelbyville Lady Rams. The Lady Maroons have

been on a tear lately and were out to continue their run on this evening. As usual, the junior var-

sity (JV) teams took to the hardwood first and found the Lady Rams were here to play and not let the Mighty Lady Maroons run over them. The visitors took the early lead with a 5-2 first

The Lady Maroons battled back on good, all-around shooting and hard defense to tie the game 11-all at halftime. Both defenses were stingy, but the Lady Maroons were able to gain a 2-point lead in the third quarter and hold it through to the end, adding another point in the final quarter.

The Lady Maroons won the JV game 23-20. Clinton was led by Alaina Soberalski (#24)with 8 points (including two 3-pointers and scoring the only home team points in the fourth quarter) and Regan Filkin (#3) with 7 points.

The Lady Maroons varsity came out strong in the first quarter with an explosion of offense and a consuming defense. The score at the end of one quarter was 13-2 in favor of the home team, with Mallory Cyrulik (#4) scoring 11 of the 13 points.

At the half, the Lady Maroons were still up 27-13, gaining another point in the second quarter. Coming out of the locker room after the halftime break, the Lady Rams were like a different team.

The opposition went on a 19-6 run to pull within one point of the Lady Maroons. The home team then regained their composure and lit up the nets with 3-point shots by Kaitlyn Rauch (#11) and Heidi Humble (#2) to help lead the Lady Maroons to a 46-41 win.

This gives the Lady Ma- The varsity team was led Rauch (#11) with 14 points.



Mallory Cyrulik (#4) sinks one of 10 free throws she made as part of her 20 point night.

roons a 22-4 overall season by Mallory Cyrulik (#4) and 5-0 in conference play. with 20 points and Kaitlyn

Go Maroons!

Strong final quarter for CHS Maroons in loss to St. Teresa

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CLINTON - On Jan. 18,the Maroons hosted the St. Teresa Bulldogs (Dawgs), an ever-tough and tenacious opponent. This was to be evident this evening.

The junior varsity (JV) teams led off the events. Both teams hit the hardwood on the run, but the Bulldogs were the more aggressive team taking a 9-3 lead in the first quarter. By the halftime buzzer, the opposition had expanded its

Maroons with a spurt of energy to keep pace with the Dawgs, but it wasn't enough to gain ground and the Maroons went down

in double figures in this match-up. The Bulldogs' Bourne (#22) scored 27 points for the opposition.

As the varsity teams hit the floor, the hometown done yet. The home team

fans were uplifted as the By the end of the third Maroons matched up toequarter, the Bulldogs were to-toe with the opponents again up by double the Ma- and hung tight. The first roons' tally, 40-20. The quarter ended with the fourth quarter saw the Maroons down by only 2 points.

The Bulldogs were able to stretched their lead to 7 by the half to give themselves a short breather during halftime. The short midgame The Maroons had no one break was enough for the Bulldogs to fire off an 11-5 run and seemingly put the game away in the third quarter.

But, the Maroons weren't



The Bulldogs had no problem with the Maroon full court press.

took the floor in the final quarter and fired off a run of their own, 24-18. It wasn't enough for a win, but the Bulldogs knew they had underestimated their opponent.

dogs each had three players in double figures. Dawson Graves (#2) led the Maroons with 22 points, followed by Brooks Cluver

The Bulldogs won 66-59. (#12) with 13 points and The Maroons and Bull- Mason Walker (#3) with 12 points.

> The Maroons hit seven 3-point shots, four of which were in the final quarter.



The Maroons struggled for every rebound (7th grade).

CJHS Maroons fall to Braves at home

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CLINTON — The Clinton Junior High (CJHS) Maroons hosted the Mt. Zion Braves on Monday, January 17.

The Braves came on strong, but the Maroons 7th graders stayed with them for a couple of quarters in the first game, down by only 5 at the halftime

However, the second half saw the opposition out distance the home team further to take a 35-21 win.

The 8th grade game was up next, and it started out as a real tussle.

by four after the first quarter but came back to tie the game at halftime, 22-all. That first half became a distant memory as the visitors went on an 18-7 run in the third quarter to take a lead they would not relinquish.

The opposition then put the game away with a 14-8 run in the final quarter to

The Maroons had no one win 54-37. The Maroons in double figures, while were led by Graves (#3) the Braves were led by Fox with 20 points. The Braves (#2) with 13 points and were led by #34 with 26 Lippa (#30) with 12 points. points and #13 with 17

Along with the evening's games, the fans were enter-The Maroons were down tained a couple of times by the award-winning dance team, which has won all of its competitions and are headed to sectionals.

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GAMES

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A CHOICE OF PROMOTIONS

Continuing this month's theme, here is a hand where E-W can beat South's 3♥ contract in one of two ways, each involving a trump promotion.

. JT7 ♥ 98 ♦ AQ54 9543 ♠ AQ8653 ♠ K2 **♥** J3 ♥ Q2 West East ♦ JT32 **+987** ♣ AKJT7 South 62 94 **♥AKT7654** ♦ K6 ♣ Q8

None Vulnerable East South West North All Pass 3₩ East's 2♠ was a "Weak Two", showing

With trumps 2-2, it may appear that the defense can manage four black suit winners and nothing else. no, the defense can also rustle up a trump trick! West cashes the ♣A and

a 6-card suit and less than opening

♣K and leads a third Club. East must ruff with the Jack and now the defense has a trump trick, because an overruff by Declarer sets up West's ♠Q. But you see the snag? Yes, of course, Declarer won't overruff, instead she'll dump a Spade loser, still making 9 tricks.

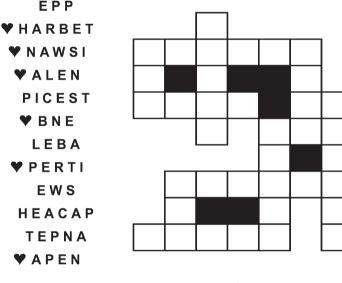
Let's try it a different way. This time the defense starts out by cashing its Spade winners, and, at Trick 3, East leads another Spade. As before, this promotes a trump trick for the defense, whether Declarer ruffs high or low. But, she won't do either, again she'll wriggle out of her predicament by pitching a loser, this time it will be a Club.

OK, here's the defense's last chance to get it right! They must cash all four of their side-suit tricks first. So, the ♣A, ♠K, ♠K, ♠Q take the first four tricks. Now, at Trick 5, another Spade from East dooms Declarer. The defense having cashed all their winners first, Declarer has no losers left to pitch, and this time the trump promotion produces a 5th trick. Down one!

Post Script It may be trump promotion overkill, but there is even a third one on this deal. Picture East declaring 2 (perhaps South was snoozing through the auction). The ♥A. ♥K are cashed, then the three Diamond winners. When North leads a fourth Diamond, Declarer is helpless, and the defense has conjured up the setting trick in trumps.

For bridge games or lessons, please contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone: 309-825-5823 or by email: mjtomlia@gmail.com





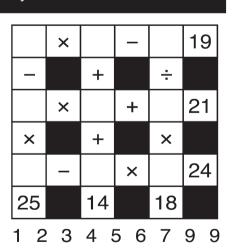
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

FIGURE! by Linda Thistle GO

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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2 Euphoria

honcho

4 "You wish!"

liberated

6 Go on a brief

yacht outing

7 Furious state

8 Wine vessel

9 Marlon of film

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13 Actor Bana of

"Munich"

14 Control the

Spanish

money

16 Puts forth

17 Move like a

18 Didn't leave

24 Ho-hum

dude'

30 Catch red-

handed

grades

29 "No worries

hula dancer

15 Pre-euro

course of

10 Chinese

12 Sandwich

11 Aid in

3 Female

5 Most

into custody

38 Ltr. extra

39 Uncanny

40 Wets a bit

41 "Ew, gross!"

, California

46 Marina del

48 PC screen

Karate Kid"

52 Duel weapon

53 Govt. med

55 Smoothed

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99 Speak like

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116 Healing sign

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118 Luge, diving

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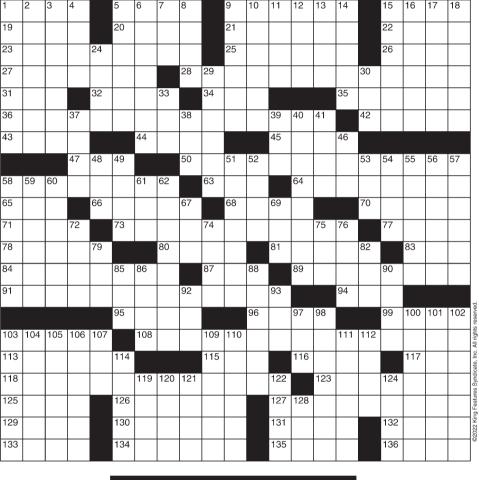
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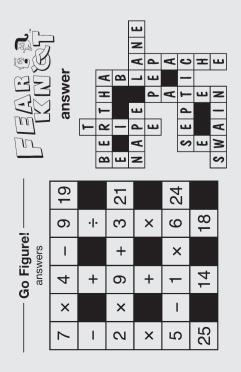
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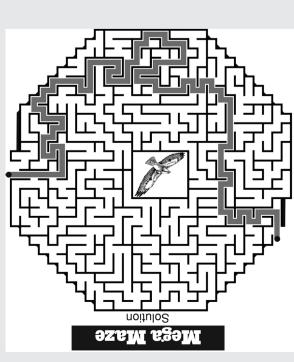
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NO. 2021 - P-53

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ANDREW AL-WOOD; KELSI R. ALWOOD: UN-KNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants.

Case No. 2022FCI

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Estate of: James E. Jiles Deceased. CASE NO. 2022-

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Kevin Hammer

Attorney for the

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Section 17-20 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/17-20), notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 15, 2022, in the Offices of the Department of Revenue, 101 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, purpose of taking evidence which may be pertinent to the Department's percent to be added to or deducted from the aggregate assessment of locally assessed property in DeWitt County

Based on the comparison of assessed valuations, the analysis of property transfers, and other available information, the estimated percentage to be applied to the aggregate assessment of locally assessed property other than property assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) is -1.54%. Accordingly, the tentative equalization factor

is 0.9846.

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David Harris Director of Revenue

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January 28, 2022

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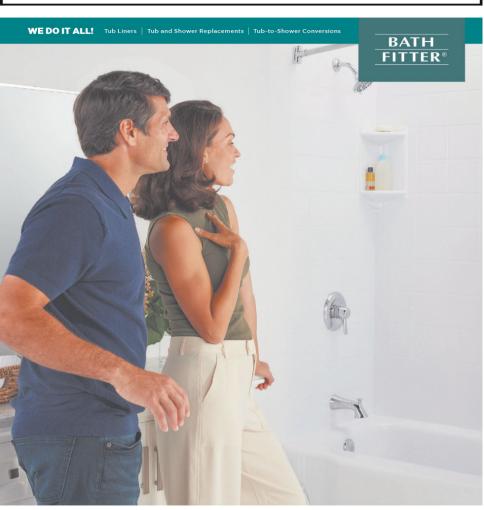
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Garden catalog season gives gardeners chance to explore, shop for next year's seeds

By Richard Hentschel

URBANA, Ill. - January begins the annual flight of vegetable, flower, and fruit tree catalogs to your mailbox or inbox. Depending on your level of gardening, the catalogs are starting to arrive frequently and en mass.

"It used to be you would get either a vegetable catalog or a fruit catalog or flower catalog," says Richard Hentschel, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "Many catalogs now contain something for everyone, including the garden gadget addicts."

It used to be that Swiss chard was green, but it is now also available in shades of pink, orange, yellow, gold, white, and purple.

llinois gardeners should start by looking for plants that thrive in USDA Hardiness Zone 5. Many catalogs offer heirloom vegetables, flowers, and fruit trees. These heirloom varieties can be some of the best tasting and or more unusual looking fruits and vegetables we get to eat.

"They are called heirloom since they have had no or very little traditional breeding," Hentschel says. "This can mean they will have more disease problems though and often less production as well."

With all the plant breeding work going on, vegetables can take on new colors that are a bit outside the lines. Consider a blue potato or perhaps the more acceptable colors of green peppers being yellow, red, purple, orange. These look great in salads and other dishes. It used to be that Swiss chard was green, but it is now also available in shades of pink, orange, yellow, gold, white and purple. Newer varieties have a slenderer stalk and can be used to brighten up salads or cooked as you would

use spinach.

Small fruits such as strawberries come in a variety of shades of red now. More small fruits options are also now available. Plant breeders have had success transforming smaller fruiting shrubs such as currants, gooseberries, and Aronia into well performing plants for the home garden. Rhubarb and asparagus are great additions to the garden.

Technology has been transforming gardening. There is a garden gadget for everyone. Gardeners who start their own seeds will find a variety of pots, seed starting soil mixes, markers, and more.

"You can start your seeds in flats individual cell packs like you see when you buy your annual flowers, or even expanding pellets," Hentschel says.

Planting can be done in pots made of plastic, bio-renewable materials, or an organic fiber. Additional accessories that make seed starting easier include warming mats in sizes from one six pack to a full tray, plant stands with growing lights and self-watering trays, or a variety of temporary outdoor structures to use to grow out and harden vegetable plants before they go into the garden.

Hand tools are forever evolving each with their own unique characteristics.

"Choose wisely and choose what feels comfortable for you," Hentschel says. "Your gardening style changes as you age, so will your tools."

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SOURCE: Richard Hentschel, Horticulture Educator, University of Illinois Extension



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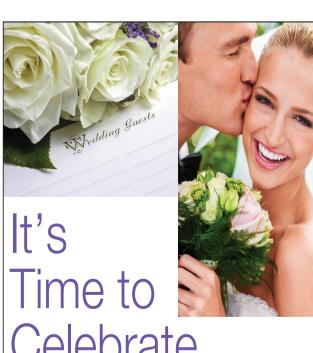
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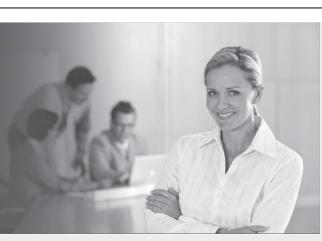
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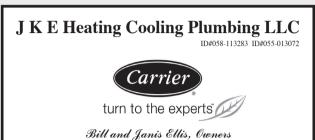




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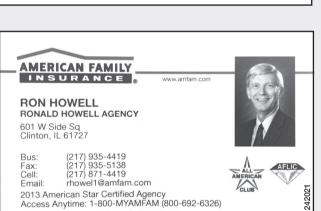
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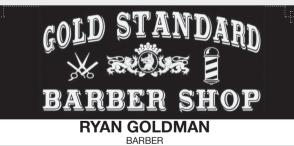
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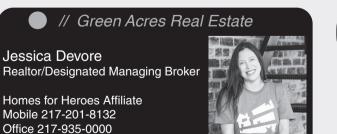
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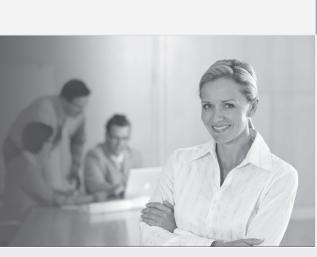
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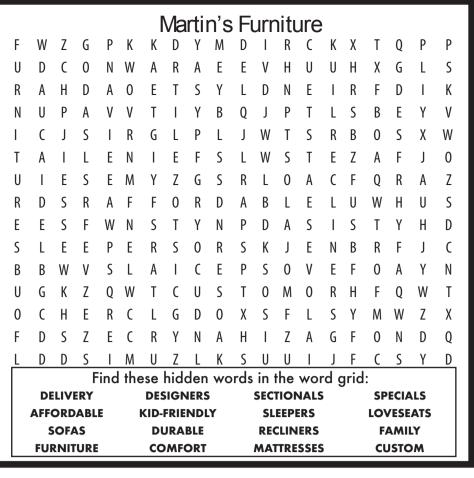
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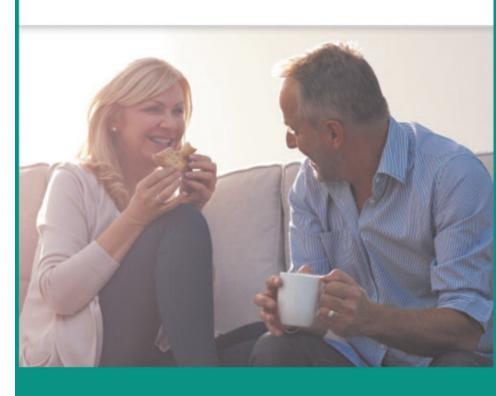
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Even though the coronavirus may slow down the process of hiring and make it even more competitive, job seekers must avoid the notion that they should throw in the towel and try to wait out the lull. Many people have found new jobs during the pandemic, and these strategies can help men and women do just that.

Update your résumé

Many people may think that résumé writing is a "one and done" process, but that's not the case. The Balance: Careers says a résumé should be updated and tweaked each time a person applies for a position. Keep a generalized outline for your résumé, but be sure to modify your skills and accomplishments as they pertain to the specific job for which you're applying.

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over linear job experience, is a good choice because it can gloss over gaps in the résumé or frequent job changes. Remember to fill the résumé with the same verbiage used in the job posting. If scanning software is used to cull résumés for key words, yours will have the right words and phrases.

Update social media

If you use a social media application like LinkedIn, Plaxo or Jobster to network, be sure to keep your profile current. It also may be helpful to join industry networking groups and organizations at this time, as they may have an ongoing aggregator of job openings in particular fields.

Research the industry

While travel, hospitality and event planning have been hit hard due to COVID-19, other industries like online shopping, delivery, healthcare, grocery stores, cleaning services, and more, have experienced growth. Many industries also have revamped operations and may need a consultant or expert to help them change over their business formats. Do not assume that the pandemic has stalled all job prospects.

Prepare for remote interviews

Even after businesses have reopened, remote interviews will likely be the norm. Set up an interview spot in your home with good lighting, a neutral background, limited distractions, and a desirable camera angle. Practice being interviewed digitally. Master various meeting applications by downloading necessary software in advance so that technical difficulties will not derail the process. The interviewer sees only your background, so utilize a paper or whiteboard in front of you with notes or talking points.

A job search may be complicated by the coronavirus, but there are steps to make it easier to find a job. With patience and positivity, the odds can be in job-seekers' favor.



The right way to leave a job

(METRO) —A new year often sparks change. Many people aspire to change jobs at the dawn of a new year, and such changes are more frequent than one might think.

According to a 2018 report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average person changes jobs between 10 and 15 times during his or her career. In addition, many workers spend five years or less in each job.

When leaving a job, it is important that professionals exhibit a certain measure of grace and etiquette. Leaving a job with dignity and mutual respect can benefit professionals in the short- and long-term.

- Speak with a supervisor first. Make sure your boss or immediate supervisor learns of your plans to leave the job first. Do not gossip or suggest to coworkers that you're ready to leave. It's unprofessional if a supervisor hears of your impending departure from others.
- Provide ample notice. Even if it is time to move on, ensure that your current employer has plenty of time to interview potential replacements and train someone to take your place. This ensures an easy transition for all involved, and can show your employer that you have the company's best interests in mind. While two weeks' notice is the standard, if you have held a professional position for some time, extend the courtesy to

hree.

- Check company policy. The employment firm AG Careers suggests reviewing company policy if you will be leaving to work for a direct competitor. There may be strict rules in place and protocol to follow.
- Don't shirk responsibilities. It can be tempting to slack off when another job awaits. The popular job-hunting site Monster.com says it can be human nature to do less when long-term accountability is removed. However, you never know when you might need a referral or even a new job. Leaving a bitter taste in the mouth of your employer at the end of your work history can put a black mark on your employee record.
- Take coworkers' feelings into consideration. Be open and honest with coworkers, but do not gloat that you are leaving the company and they are not. And if anyone has strong feelings about your departure, accept their point of view and do not react outwardly. Take things in stride as much as possible.

When leaving a job, professionals should always be courteous and considerate toward their current employers.

Did you know?

Professionals who have resolved to find a new job in the year ahead may need to be patient. A 2018 survey from the recruitment agency Randstad US found that it takes an average of five months for job seekers to find a new job. In addition to being patient, job seekers also must prepare to do more than simply scan job boards and apply to positions that appeal to them. The Randstad US survey found that professionals edited their resumes an average of four times and wrote four cover letters during their job hunts. Job seekers also may want to focus on preparing for job interviews, as the average job seeker reported being interviewed five times during their searches.





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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.

1. Individual teacher's aide, (9 month position), Qualifications, at least 20 years old, High School Diploma/GED, ETS paraprofessional license or have taken 60 hours of college credit, Will assist, support, and work closely with teachers, administrators, and team members, will follow the student's day of attendance, will devise special strategies for reinforcing learning materials and skills, will monitor work, correct papers, supervise curriculum, will input/chart specific individual student duties, will service as chief information source to help any guest teachers, will perform instructional duties as assigned. Please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals

1. **Teacher's aide**, (9 month position), Qualifications, at least 20 years old, High School Diploma/GED, ETS paraprofessional license or have taken 60 hours of college credit, Will assist, support, and work closely with teachers, administrators, and team members, will devise special strategies for reinforcing learning materials and skills, will monitor work, correct papers, supervise curriculum, will input/chart specific individual student duties, will service as chief information source to help any guest teachers, will perform instructional duties as assigned. Please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals



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