

County money in tax escrow in budget

\$303,000 held from nuclear plant tax appeals

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CLINTON — During county board discussion Monday about revisions to the final fiscal year 2022 budget, money associated with Clinton Power Station raised a question from a board member.

Buck Carter asked about \$303,000 held for the county in an escrow account.

“It’s been there for years,” Carter said. “My question is, why is that there, and why can’t that money be transferred over to help offset part of this cost?”

County administrative assistant Dee Rentmeister said the county would be in negotiations this year with Exelon to establish a valuation for Clinton Power Station. Rentmeister said if negotiations went well, “the county board at that time can make a motion to decide where to put that money back into the general fund.”

The money held in escrow dates back five years during Exelon’s challenge of the county’s declared assessment of the power station.

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Clinton Christmas parade 2021

The drizzle stopped just in time for the 2021 Clinton Christmas parade to have a rainless run on Saturday. And for eager kids, parade participants had plenty of candy to distribute. **See more photos on A8-9**

Board renews appellate prosecutor agreement

Receives \$1,000 break on cost over the next year

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CLINTON — DeWitt County has renewed its service agreement with the Illinois Office

of the State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor (ILSAAP). The office provides prosecutors for special circumstances for Illinois’ state’s attorneys. “This is a resolution we pass every year,” said DeWitt County State’s Attorney Dan Markwell. “This is to allow the appellate prosecutor to do work that I can’t do.” The ILSAAP would

provide a special prosecutor in cases in which the state’s attorney had a conflict. “They do all the appellate work for the office, which would cost a ton if I had to farm that out to somebody else,” Markwell said. Under the agreement, the county pays the ILSAAP \$7,000. Markwell said the county

had been paying \$8,000, but state’s attorneys’ offices had received a break on the cost during COVID. “It’s going back to \$8,000, I suspect, next year,” Markwell said. “But we’re saving a grand this year.” The county board passed the measure unanimously.

New congressional maps become law

Peter Hancock
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday signed legislation redrawing the state’s congressional district maps, saying they reflect Illinois’ diversity and preserve minority representation. “These maps align with the landmark Voting Rights Act and will ensure all communities are equitably represented in our congressional delegation,” Pritzker said in a statement. Due to the state’s declining population, Illinois will have only 17 congressional seats after the 2022 elections, one fewer than it currently has.

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Horizon Lane progresses

Site work continued on Tuesday at the newest Clinton subdivision, Horizon Lane / Illini Addition. The subdivision is located across from Clinton Junior High School on Kleemann Drive.

Clinton Chamber of Commerce announces Christmas parade winners

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Board member David Newberg said the county decided to escrow the money at that time in case it had to return it later to Exelon. Exelon dropped its appeals freeing the county to keep the money. “That money has been sitting there for five years,” Carter said. “Why isn’t it being used to offset an increase in the budget?” Rentmeister said the money was budgeted for county expenditures

in the new budget. “If you look at the proposed budget, it is budgeted to spend that \$303,000,” she said. “Just because it’s budgeted doesn’t mean you have to spend it, number one,” Newberg said. “Number two, we might have been the only taxing body that did create an escrow account, everybody else spent it. They got lucky.” In the event Exelon had pursued

and won its tax appeal, taxing districts might have been required to return the money. “That \$300,000 was laying there for five years,” Carter said. “We’ve lost a ton of interest on it.” “Actually, we gained interest on it by keeping it separate,” Rentmeister said. “Three thousand dollars,” Carter said. “It just doesn’t make sense to me.”

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Because most of the state’s population loss occurred in southern Illinois, the new maps combine what are currently the 12th and 15th Districts, held by Republican Reps. Mike Bost and Mary Miller, respectively, into a new 12th District that covers most of the southern one-third of the state. Miller, however, has indicated she might run in the newly-drawn 15th District, which stretches from west-central Illinois eastward across the state, curling around the city of Champaign and stretching back west and south to an area just west of Collinsville. It also creates a new 13th District stretching from the Metro East region across a narrow strip of land through Springfield and Decatur, to Champaign. In the Chicago metropolitan area, the maps create a new largely-Latino 3rd District that currently has no incumbent while also putting Democratic Rep. Marie Newman’s residence in the same district as fellow-Democratic Rep. Jesús

“Chuy” Garcia. Newman, however, has indicated she intends to run in the new 6th District where she would face Democratic Rep. Sean Casten in a primary. Elsewhere, the new maps link Rockford, the Quad Cities, Galesburg, Macomb and Bloomington into one large C-shaped district. Analysts at the Princeton Gerrymandering Project gave the new maps an overall grade of F in the categories of partisan fairness, competitiveness and compactness. They estimate the maps create 14 likely Democratic districts and three likely Republican districts. The Illinois delegation is currently split between 13 Democrats and five Republicans. The political reform advocacy group CHANGE Illinois, which has advocated for an independent redistricting commission, also harshly criticized the new maps, saying it was designed to produce “predetermined winners and losers in nearly all 17 districts.” “The map is undemocratic and leaves all voters without

choices, undermining the very elections that are supposed to allow voters to hold officials accountable,” the organization said in a statement. Pritzker, however, said the maps align with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits practices and procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, color or membership in a recognized language minority. He said they also align with the Illinois Voting Rights Act, which requires redistricting plans to preserve clusters of minority voting groups that are large enough and cohesive enough to exert collective electoral power. Pritzker’s signing of the congressional maps comes less than two weeks before a three-judge federal court panel will hear oral arguments in three separate lawsuits challenging the new legislative maps that Democrats pushed through in August and Pritzker signed into law in September. Plaintiffs in those suits include Republican

leaders in the General Assembly; a group of Latino voters in the Chicago area represented by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, or MALDEF; and a group of civil rights organizations that include the East St. Louis Branch of the NAACP, the Illinois State Conference of the NAACP and the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations, or UCCRO. Those plaintiffs allege the new legislative maps reduce minority representation by breaking up Latino communities in the Chicago area and Black communities in the Metro East region. Arguments in those cases are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Dec. 7. *Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government and distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.*

‘Old Fashion Christmas’ at Weldon Springs December 18

CLINTON — Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet visitors at the “Old Fashion Christmas” event Dec. 18 at Weldon Springs State Park. The Christmas party, hosted by the Weldon Springs State Park Foundation, will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the Union Schoolhouse at the park. Children can make a craft ornament, enjoy cookies and cocoa and listen to holiday music by the Clinton Uke group. New Weldon Springs t-shirts and other merchandise will be available for sale, with proceeds benefitting foundation projects. The Union Schoolhouse and Texas Township Hall Nature Center provides educational opportunities to children and families interested in the wonders of the outdoors. The Weldon Springs State Park Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports the educational and recreational opportunities of the state park.

Time as an ingredient

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. “Time is our most valued asset,” “Time is money,” “Lost time is time lost forever,” “Time is not negotiable nor-renewable.” These platitudes, and many more like them, give wisdom. Every moment of time lost can never be replaced. Therefore, we should be prudent with our time and respect other people’s time. James J. Walker postulated that “Counting time is not so important as making time count.”

That which will be covered here I call “peripheral time savers.” They deal with the pre and post cooking procedures. It requires organization. The other type of time savers I call “internal time savers.” This deals with saving time during mise-en-place and the cooking process. For now, I will cover some time saving procedures regarding peripheral culinary matters.

Safety is paramount. One of the prime factors of lost time and money is industrial accidents. One needs to put safety first. Safety procedures have been covered in past articles. However, to repeat that which has been covered is a waste of time. Making mistakes is the next great time waster as well as wasting materials. In order to avoid this waste; first have a game plan and then review each procedure. It takes little time to do so. Once the wrong ingredient, or amount goes in, or using too high a temperature for too long, can ruin food, and there is little hope for correcting it. As a result, materials are wasted and starting over wastes time. Preliminary planning aids



The Culinary Corner By Chef Roger Joss

to prevent this. Having recipes in a professional format is most helpful. It takes some time to type one up, but it saves much time in the long run (See articles of June 5 and 12, 2020). In this way, you would know exactly what equipment needs to be ready and available for use. You would also know exactly which ingredients are needed, and you could then start your mise-en-place (see article of March 2, 2018). A great time waster is having to stop in the middle of everything in order to clean or find equipment and/or needing to go to the grocery store. It is wise to keep a list of food items handy and their amounts. In this way, they are replenished before you run out. Include non-food items, such as paper towels, on that list. To further save time, I suggest starting a kettle of hot water. If then water needs to be added to stock, soup, etc. due to evaporation, there will be no lost time by waiting for the cooking pot to get up to temperature. The leftover hot water can always be used in building-up the dish water. I shall continue this matter in the next article. I know this is dull stuff, but it is most useful. It can prevent needless headaches, tears and the occasional bad language. Keep safety, order, and the purpose for cooking in mind so you may succeed. Until next time, peace to all.

Social Security benefits increase in 2022

Jonna Reno Social Security district manager, Bloomington



Approximately 70 million Americans will see a 5.9 percent increase in their Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in 2022. Federal benefit rates increase when the cost-of-living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor’s Consumer Price Index (CPI-W). The CPI-W rises when inflation increases, leading to a higher cost-of-living. This change means prices for goods and services, on average, are a little more expensive, so the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) helps to offset these costs. We will mail COLA

notices throughout the month of December to retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and representative payees. But, if you want to know your new benefit amount sooner, you can securely obtain your Social Security COLA notice online using the Message Center in your my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. You can access this information in early December prior to the mailed notice.

If you prefer to access your COLA notice online and not receive the mailed notice, you can log in to your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to opt out of a mailed COLA notice and any other notices that are available online by updating your Preferences in the Message Center. Did you know you can receive a text or email alert when there is a new message waiting for you? That way, you always know when we have something important for you – like your COLA notice. If you don’t have an account yet, you must create one by November 17, 2021, to receive the 2022 COLA notice online. January 2022 marks other changes that will

happen based on the increase in the national average wage index. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll tax in 2022 will be higher. The retirement earnings test exempt amount will also change in 2022 and you can view that at www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2022.pdf. Be among the first to know! Sign up for or log in to your personal my Social Security account today. Choose email or text under “Message Center Preferences” to receive courtesy notifications. You can find more information about the 2022 COLA at www.ssa.gov/cola

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1931 - Alka Seltzer was sold for the first time.

1947 - The Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened at Broadway's Ethel Barrymore Theater.

1967 - In Cape Town, South Africa, a team of surgeons headed by Dr. Christian Barnard, performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky. Washkansky only lived 18 days.

1967 - The famed luxury train, "20th Century Limited," completed its final run from New York to Chicago.

1973 - Pioneer 10 sent back the first close-up images of Jupiter. The first outer-planetary probe had been launched from Cape Canaveral, FL, on March 2, 1972.

1982 - Doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center removed the respirator of Barney Clark. The retired dentist had become the world's first recipient of a permanent artificial heart only one day before.

1983 - 3-foot-high concrete barriers were installed at two White House entrances.

1984 - In Bhopal, India, more than 2,000 people were killed after a cloud of poisonous gas escaped from a pesticide plant. The plant was operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary.

1992 - The UN Security Council unanimously approved a U.S.-led military mission to help starving Somalians.

1992 - The Greek tanker "Aegean Sea" ran aground at La Coruna, Spain and spilled 21.5 million gallons of crude oil.

1993 - Britain's Princess Diana announced she would be limiting her public appearances because she was tired of the media's intrusions into her life.

1993 - Angola's government and its rebel enemies agreed to a ceasefire in their 18-year war.

1995 - Former South Korean president Chun Doo-hwan was arrested for his role in a 1979 coup.

1997 - In Ottawa, Canada, more than 120 countries were represented to sign a treaty prohibiting the use and production of anti-personnel land mines. The United States, China and Russia did not sign the treaty.

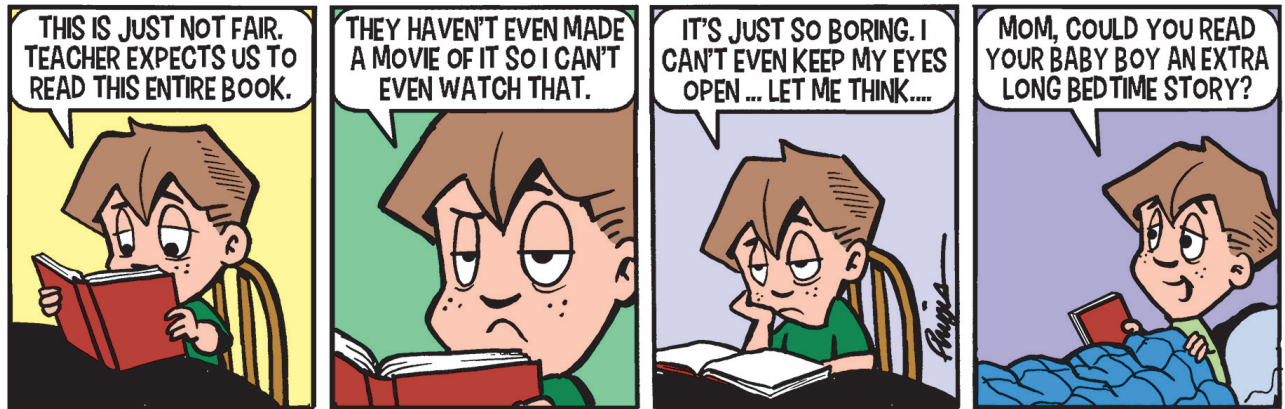
1997 - South Korea received \$55 billion from the International Monetary Fund to bailout its economy.

1999 - Tori Murden became the first woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean alone. It took her 81 days to reach the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe from the Canary Islands.

1999 - The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) lost radio contact with the Mars Polar Lander as it entered Mars' atmosphere. The spacecraft was unmanned.

2010 - The Boeing X-37 returned to Earth on successfully after its first orbital mission. It launched on April 22, 2010.

Amber Waves



Give thanks

I am writing this article on Saturday. Thanksgiving is over. The Clinton Christmas parade has ended. Illinois has won its final football game of the season. It's time for a little reflection about the holiday season and what it means to this community and to each of us.

GRAND MARSHAL—The Christmas parade has ended. Two of my grandkids were in the bands and that is always nice. Our oldest daughter even drove up from Granite City to watch the parade. The real joy for my family was that Gramps, Ivan Stanwood, was the Grand Marshal. Gramps is 94 and a WWII veteran (Navy). There aren't too many of them left. He and Donna have been married for 72 years and live independently.

To whoever nominated him and to the Clinton Chamber of Commerce for designating a veteran and senior citizen as Grand Marshal, thank you. The smile on an old man's face is always something to behold. My thanks to Ivan and Donna for simply being great in-laws and grandparents. They have always been supportive and never imposing. That has meant a lot. Thank-you.

C o m m u n i t y Thanksgiving meals—

Three entities in Clinton deserve special recognition: The American Legion, Ted's Garage and the Clinton Family Restaurant.

The Clinton American Legion has always supported its veteran members and the community. This year was no exception. Tom Reddington and his crew at the Legion prepared 300 free meals for veterans and First Responders. The American Legion is far more than a social group. The Legion is a big part of this community and is always involved in the community. Just a reminder to all, the Legion does make its facility available to those who need a reception or meeting venue. Thank-you Clinton American Legion.

Ted's Garage remade their dining room into a dining hall and served 3 seatings of diners at 11, 12 and 1 for free payback to the community of Thanksgiving dinner. Delfino Naxi owns Ted's and Cinco. For the last 6 years, Del has opened Ted's Garage to the community on Thanksgiving as his way of thanking the community for supporting him and his family. Del's story needs to be retold. Del was born and raised in Mexico. He married a girl from McAllen, Texas and



is now a U. S. citizen. Del started as a dishwasher at the old Three Star restaurant. He caught the eye of Ted Lowers and Scott Baum and became the cook at the original Ted's Garage. Del learned how to cook from Ted and gained business acumen from Scott. After the fire destroyed the old Ted's Garage and Ted's was moved to its current location, Del was able to buy the business. Del now has two restaurants in town that are doing very well. His family has moved here and are involved in the restaurants. Del's story is about the American dream and hard work. Del represents immigration that works.. Del and his family are a significant part of this community and they give back to the community. Thank-you Del and family for being giving members of Clinton.

Clinton Family Restaurant—This restaurant just opened in Clinton. Several of the extended family members of the restaurant's management own other restaurants throughout

central Illinois. Clinton Family chose to provide free Thanksgiving dinners from 11 to 1 on Thanksgiving as their way introducing themselves to the community and thanking the community for its patronage. Thank-you Clinton Family for giving back to the community.

Clinton Square—As many others have mentioned, city workers did an excellent job of decorating the Square for Christmas. The lighting simply makes the Square into a very festive scene. Thank-you City Council and workers for demonstrating the Christmas spirit. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Lastly—Don't forget what Christmas stands for. Gifts, while a nice touch, are not the reason for the season. The word Christmas is simply a shortened version of Christ's Mass if you like the Latin version. Take a moment to read your kids or grandkids the real Christmas story and teach those kids to be thankful for the real meaning of Christmas. Please attend the church of your choice this season and just give thanks for the blessings of this great nation and God's gift to us through the Christ child. GIVE THANKS.

LETTERS

Thanks for making a successful Clinton Christmas parade

The Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau's "A Magical, Musical Christmas" parade took place on Saturday, November 27.

The Chamber would like to thank everyone that participated in the parade, along with the public that attended the event. Congratulations once again to the 2021 Clinton Christmas Parade Grand Marshal, Mr. Ivan Stanwood.

Complimentary cups of hot cocoa and delicious cookies were served by volunteers from Celebrate Clinton, Inc. The Vespasian Warner Public Library offered parade attendees a free holiday craft after the parade was over.

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all the volunteers that helped with the parade:

- Parade entry line-up volunteers: Steve Meade, Gabe Goldsmith, Jordan Sturgeon, Tony Girardi, Mikey Jameson, Chae Mills-Pugsley, Carolyn Jameson, and Marian Brisard.

- Parade Announcer: Jared White, Station Manager at W H O W / W E Z C / DeWittDailyNews.com and crew.

- Banner carriers are proud members of the Clinton Rams Baseball Team and Clinton Maroons Youth Baseball: Dylan Jameson, Emmett Brown and Grayson Cornwell.

- Drivers who volunteered were Mayor Roger Cyrulik (City of Clinton Officials); Ivy Koritz drove her father, Mr. Ivan Stanwood in the Grand Marshal entry. This vehicle was provided by Baum Chevrolet Buick; and Jacob Taylor, owner of AMS, Inc., pulled Santa's float.

Others deserving a thank you for their assistance with the parade are Clinton City Council's Mayor Roger Cyrulik, Commissioners Dan Ballenger, Kenny Buchanan, Tom Edmunds, and John Wise, City of Clinton Street Dept., Clinton Police Dept., Lance Schmid Auctions, Clinton Auto Auction, Krystal & Ed Cienas of

EMC Photography, Jim Mandrell, and Central Illinois Associates, LLC.

If you were unable to attend the parade, EMC Photography created a video for all to enjoy and Clinton Chamber Staff videoed the parade live. Both videos are posted on the Clinton Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. We also discovered some drone footage, which we shared. (Thanks, Aaron Kammeyer.)

See the parade winners on page A1.

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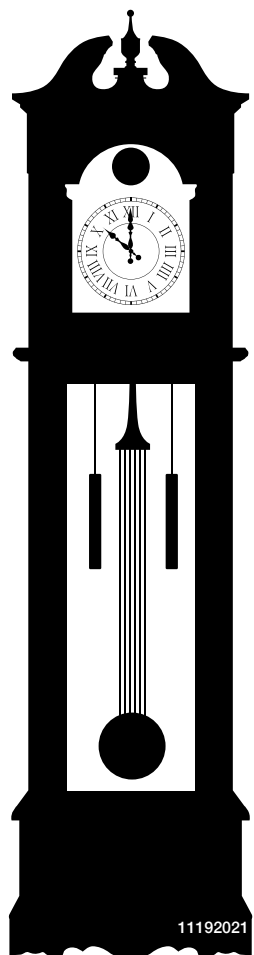
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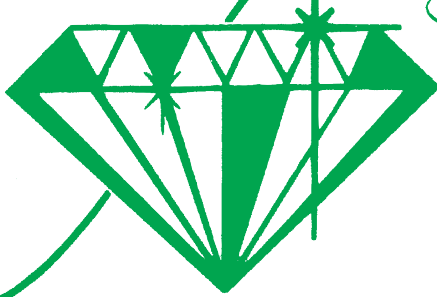
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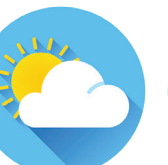
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High 50



Wednesday
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High 41



Thursday
Cloudy
High 51

Weather History

December 5
2002: A major winter storm brought significant snow and ice accumulations to all of southern Illinois, beginning the morning of the 4th and continuing into the morning of the 5th. The precipitation was mostly snow, except in counties bordering the Ohio River, where the snow changed to an extended period of freezing rain. Ice accumulations were around one quarter inch from Cairo to Metropolis and Golconda. Snow accumula-

tions across southern Illinois were generally 6 to 8 inches. Travel was heavily affected by the winter storm. Numerous vehicle accidents occurred. Schools were closed for the remainder of the week in some counties. The winter storm began during the early morning hours and ended late the following night.



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Clinton Journal

Tough Thanksgiving week for CJHS Maroons vs Trojans, Eagles

Marc Rogers
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CLINTON — Thanksgiving week, the Clinton Junior High (CJHS) Maroons faced the Maroa/Forsyth Trojans and the Bloomington/Normal Evans Eagles.

The first pair of games were on Monday, November 22, with the Trojans as the opponent.

The omen for the week began with the jump ball, which came to the home team in the 7th grade match. Clinton did not make good on the possession, nor did they capitalize on anything in the first half, conceding a 13-0 lead to the opposition.

The Maroons came out in the second half and began playing ball, scoring 9 (one 3-pointer) in the third quarter and 10 with two 3-pointers in the final stanza. However, the Trojans scored 12 and 11 in those quarters respectively.

The home team was close in the second half, but the game was already won in the first half with the Trojans taking it 36-19.

The second game of the evening was the 8th grade foray with Clinton again winning the jump ball. But, again the quarter went to the opposition 11-6, and it was a struggle from that point on for the Maroons.

The Trojans took a 6-point lead into the locker room at halftime, and when they returned to the court, the dominance continued. Although the Trojan offense dropped off some in the final two quarters, they shot just enough to keep the win out of the Maroons' reach.

The trojans won this game 38-26.

The next day (Tuesday, November 23)

the Maroons again were at home to face the Bloomington/Normal Evans Eagles. And true to Eagle form, they were flying high and shooting well.

The Maroons 7th graders at least scored some points in the first half (6 in quarter one and 3 in quarter two) for 9 points, while the visitors tallied 22 points in the first half.

The second half was also a learning experience with 10 points scored in the third quarter and only 2 points in the final stanza.

The Eagles flew through the second half with 33 points to win 55-21.

The home team never got anyone out of single digit score while #25 for Evans had a heyday, scoring 26 points from everywhere on the court. This was the third loss of the week for the Maroons.

The final home game before Thanksgiving was the 8th grade match-up with Evans. The first quarter the Maroons kept it close end with the Eagles ahead 13-9. A respectable first quarter and the home team did not win the toss-up. Things were looking up.

Then, the second quarter arrived, and the Eagles sank their talons in deep, outscoring the home team 20-10 for a 33-19 lead at the half.

The second half took off where the first half ended. The only bright spot was the fourth quarter, when the Maroons outscored the Eagles by two points. This did not matter much as the visitors had already out scored the Maroons 48-26.

The Final was Eagles 52, Maroons 32.

The Maroons were led by Graves (#3) with 20 points and little supporting help. Evans had a well rounded attack with one player in double figures, but all other players scored except one.

Fighting Illini down Notre Dame in Big Ten/ACC Challenge

CHAMPAIGN — Kofi Cockburn continued dominating his opponents on Monday night, leading the Illini to a 82-72 victory over Notre Dame in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. Cockburn's 28 points, combined with another strong team outing from the three-point line, gave Illinois its third-straight win.

The Illini shot 40.7% from deep against the Fighting Irish, with Alfonso Plummer and Jacob Grandison each hitting three treys. Plummer had his third consecutive night with 20+ points, scoring 21 points on Monday. He put the game away down the stretch, going 8-8 from the free throw line in the final minutes.

Head coach Brad Underwood expressed his pride for the Illini on Monday night as they battled for the win with multiple players out due to illness or injury. While Trent Frazier and Grandison were able to play, Underwood was prepared to go without some of his key scorers.

"It's probably one of the five to ten best wins I've been a part of," Underwood said. "The trials and tribulations and and unknowns and all of that, and I'm not trying to make any excuse or anything, but Joey Biggs asked me before the game was starting, at the 45-minute mark, I said I don't know yet. And that's a really bad feeling as a ball coach. And so this group took a huge step tonight in being connected and being together. I had not seen Jacob Grandison since we got home from Kansas City. He has been in bed, I've not seen him till he walked in today for shoot around. Trent Frazier has not practiced, had no idea that he was going to play. Fletch does a deal with ForcePlates that he's got 1000s and 1000s of points of data that he jumps on and those tell you where your strength's at where your energy is at. Those numbers were good, so they determined he could play."

Neither Frazier nor Grandison started for Illinois, but ended up playing significant minutes. Frazier played all but eight minutes for the Illini and added a team-high six assists while scoring seven points. Underwood commended his perseverance and ability to lead his team through adversity.

"Trent's a dog. I mean you talk about the ultimate competitor," Underwood said. "And he hates missing practice, he hates anything that he can't compete to win at. He literally walked in the coach's locker room and said, 'Coach, I'm good for 35 tonight if you need me.' And man, don't you love that as a coach, that makes your heart feel pretty good when you know you've got a guy like that ready to line it up and go, because that was his mindset."

Even without Frazier to start the game, both teams were hot from deep early, as they traded pairs of three-pointers to start the game. Illinois' first four shot attempts were all threes, with Da'Monte Williams, RJ Melendez and Luke Goode all sinking shots.

Notre Dame capitalized on five early turnovers by the Illini, to take a 12-9 lead nearly five minutes in. But, that would be the Fighting Irish's last time in front.

Frazier and Grandison checked in for the Illini, helping to settle the offense down and get Cockburn involved. The Illini big traded layups with Notre Dame, but threes by Melendez, Grandison and Frazier let Illinois keep its lead.

Notre Dame's Nate Laszewski's three-point shot kept Notre Dame close, but a deep ball from Plummer at the buzzer gave Illinois a 41-34 halftime lead.

Courtesy of Fighting Illini Athletics

GAMES

BRIDGE BITES

AN OLD RUSE

Here's a neat deception, but, alas, it won't work against modern signaling methods.

♠ 54 ♥ 7542 ♦ AQJT ♣ Q93		♠ J932 ♥ AJ3 ♦ 976 ♣ 865	
North		East	
♠ KT86 ♥ KT86 ♦ 542 ♣ K4	West	East	♠ J932 ♥ AJ3 ♦ 976 ♣ 865
South			
♠ AQ7 ♥ Q9 ♦ K83 ♣ AJT72			

None Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Against 3NT West leads his 4th-best Spade. East's Jack is taken by Declarer's Queen, then a Diamond to Dummy and the losing Club finesse. At this point West can count 9 or 10 tricks for Declarer, via 2 Spades, 4 Diamonds and 3 or 4 Clubs. West's only hope for defeating 3NT is that the defense can cash 4 Hearts. Bingo! He shifts to a low Heart and it's down one.

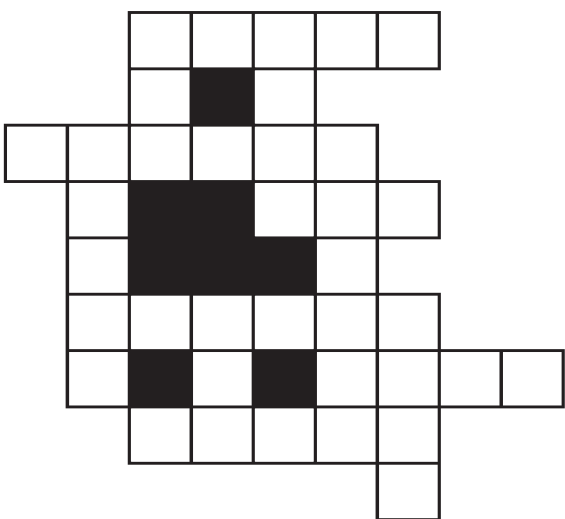
Take Two! West leads a low Spade, as before, but this time Declarer wins East's Jack with the Ace! Yes, really! Declarer doesn't need a second Spade trick, but he does want to avoid a Heart shift and that extravagance in the Spade suit is just the way to do it. Later, when West wins his ♠K, he's likely to be duped into assuming that East has the ♠Q and will lead another low Spade. 10 tricks!

The Antidote! Twenty or thirty years ago, this sneaky ruse worked every time, but nowadays there is a defensive antidote. It involves East telling partner whether or not he likes that opening Spade lead. When Declarer leads a Diamond at Trick 2, East can signal with the Nine (high means "I like your opening lead"), or with the Six (low means "I don't"). On the actual deal, East plays the discouraging Six, alerting West to Declarer's shenanigans. That signal is called a Smith Echo and is a common agreement among tournament players. For more on this, please Google "smith echo for dummies". No offense, dear readers, it's merely a search which takes you to a most helpful article.

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



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

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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	+		÷		1
x		x		+	
	+		+		20
28		25		26	

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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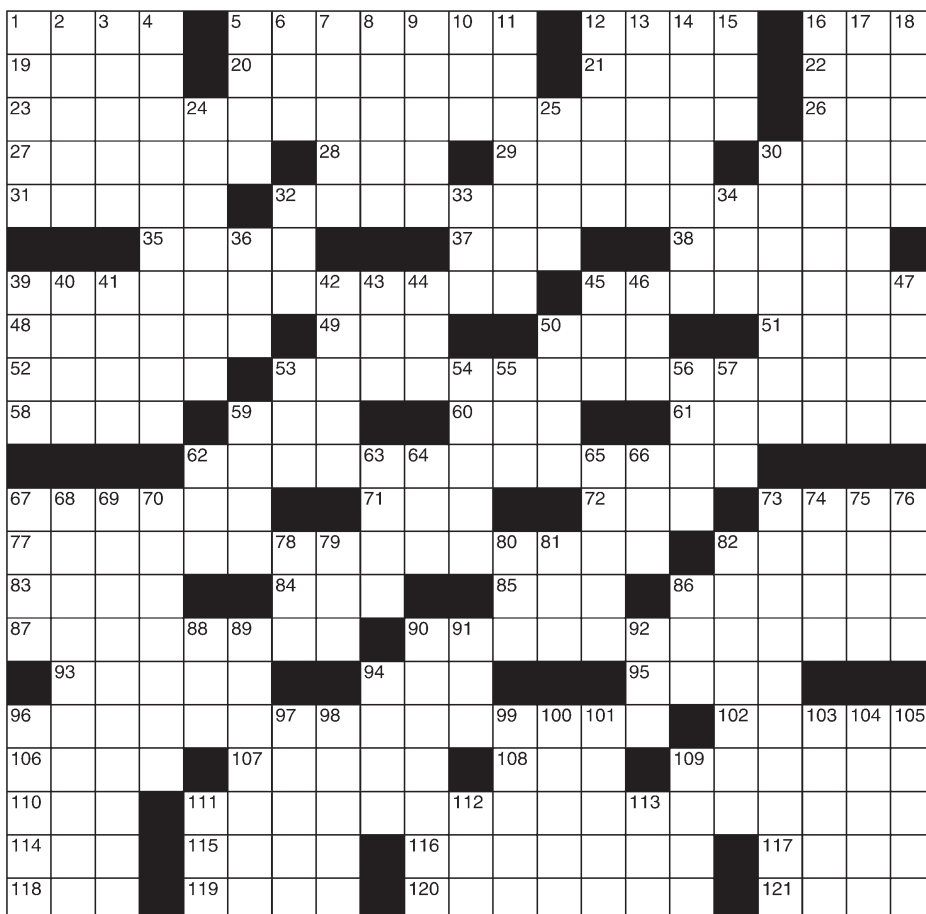
Super Crossword

BEGINNING AT THE TOP

ACROSS

- 1 Skipper's site
5 Las Vegas attractions
12 Part of WMD
16 Dol. fractions
19 Safe, at sea
20 Venezuela's main river
21 Brand of skin cream
22 "— Abner"
23 Limit for riding a roller coaster, often
26 Oath reply
27 In — by itself (unique)
28 '60s muscle car
29 Port-au-Prince locale
30 Profound
31 Spherical bacterium, for short
32 Payoff of athletic training
35 "Othello" foe
37 Grammy category
38 Rocker Patty of Scandal
39 Animal that hunts, but isn't hunted
45 Is remorseful
48 Life's work
49 Frazier foe
50 Mauna —
51 Peel, as fruit
- 52 Preteen
53 It has a "3D White" product line
58 Reproachful clicks
59 Fish in a garden pond
60 Writer Levin
61 Be fixated
62 Company that owns Log Cabin, Vlasic and Mrs. Paul's
67 Decides to participate
71 Sallie —
72 Gp. backing arms
73 Auntie played by Lucille Ball
77 The Isle of Man, to Britain
82 Sealed up, as a package
83 Singer Basil
84 About half of all adults
85 Prevaricate
86 Lubing
87 Begins
90 NCAA conference of the Midwest
93 Barkin of film
94 Sinking ship's call
95 Hippie's "Got it"
- 96 Source of wacky products in Road Runner cartoons
102 Jab gently
106 Dress shirt ornament
107 Company shuffle, for short
108 PC undo key
109 Fetus' place
110 Grafton's "— for Alibi"
111 Onetime competitor of Magnavox
114 — polloi
115 Kitchen scraps
116 Discard from the memory
117 "Puppy Love" singer Paul
118 Kin of Ltd.
119 "To be," to Brutus
120 "My friends," in France
121 Vodka brand
- DOWN
- 1 Good laughs
2 Choose (to)
3 1983 J.P. Donleavy novel
4 Digital camera resolution units
5 Foldup beds
6 ETA part: Abbr.
7 Long attack
8 Photo-sharing app, for short
9 Totally unacceptable
10 Bar code-scanning gizmo: Abbr.
11 "That's how it was told to me"
12 Artistic theme
13 Supreme Court's Samuel
14 2015 and 2017 Best Actress nominee Ronan
15 Similar-meaning wd.
16 Set of regular customers
17 Tables with data on daily ebbs and flows
18 Steepness
24 Like the Greek letter eta
25 Type of fish that a 59-Across is

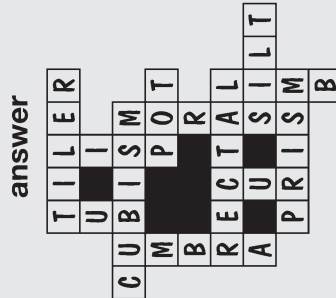
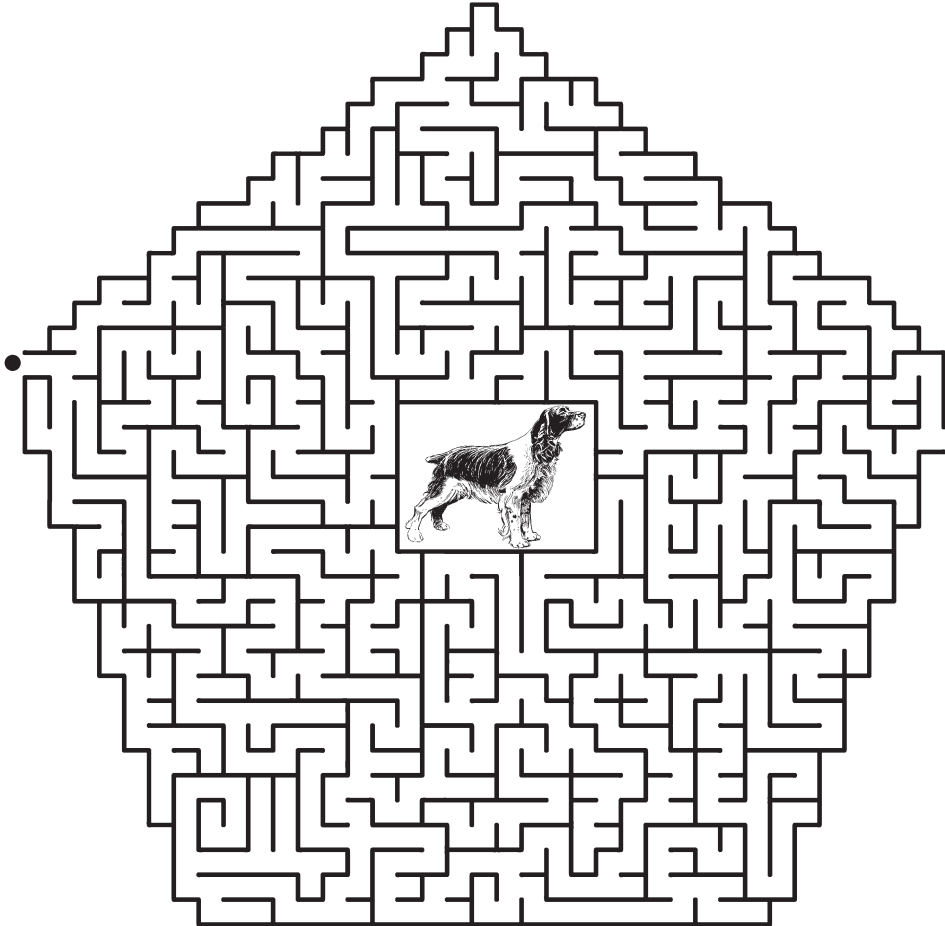
- 30 Places to get body wraps
32 "The Raven" writer
33 Positive aspect
34 Roman 2,050
36 Cur's threat
39 Bank stmt. ID
40 Oom- — (tuba sounds)
41 TV's Estrada
42 Singer Bobby
43 Bar order
44 "— a pity"
45 Egg — yung
46 Scarf down
47 Poor grades
50 Bread buy
53 33-Down's opposite
54 Like mosaics
55 Uno + due
56 "Today" co-host Kotb
57 "Nova" ailer
59 Variety
62 ATM code
63 "That's right!"
64 Spam holder
65 "— had a secret love ..."
66 Suffix with contradict
67 They precede Novs.
68 Shelter
69 Key-centered compositions
70 Eddied
- 73 Spanish dances like fandangos
74 Happy as — in mud
75 List of dishes
76 Verge
78 Aussie bird
79 Verve
80 Stately tree
81 Takeaway game of strategy
82 Link with
86 Ancient
88 Sleuth, slangily
89 Noisy nappers
90 Tropical cereal grass
91 D.C.'s home
92 Spam holder
94 Variety
96 Tokyo beer
97 Subtles, e.g.
98 Social grace
99 Narrates
100 "— bad moon rising"
101 Philosopher with a "razor"
103 Bar order
104 Slimy
105 Think piece
109 Footed vases
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112 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.
113 Hexa- halved



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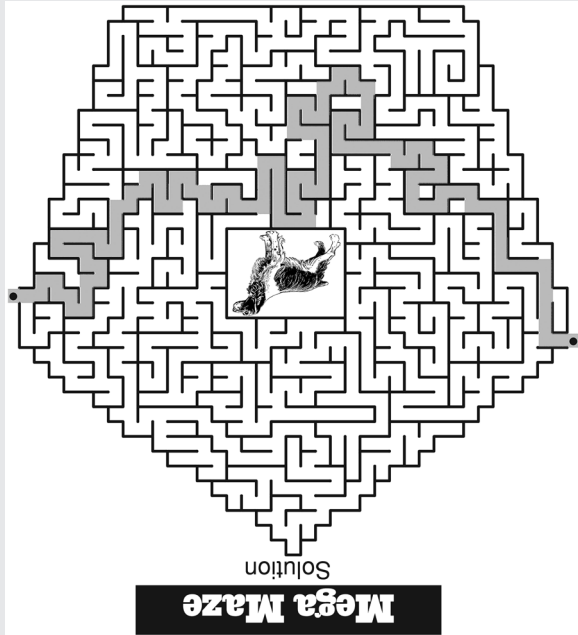
Mega Maze

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Solution
Mega Maze

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DEFENDANTS NO. 19 CH 24

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

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NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Roy Coppenbarger. On September 21, 2021, a Petition to Admit Will to

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One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

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Probate was filed in the above proceeding. The Will of Roy Coppenbarger, dated March 4, 2021, was formally admitted to probate and Mary F. Coppenabrger was appointed as Independent Executor on September 27, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on November 12, 2021 to Mary F. Coppenbarger, as Independent Executor of the Estate of Roy E. Coppenbarger, The Executor is represented by attorney Catherine H. Barbercheck.

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DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STANLEY CLIFFORD ARNOLD DECEASED

2021-P-49

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATION

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Letters of Office were issued on November 15, 2021 to Larry Arnold, 3825 Arthur Court, Decatur, Illinois 62526 and Terry Arnold, 108 Camelot Drive, Bloomington, Illinois 61704 as Independent Co-Administrators. The attorney for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor 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, Illinois 61727, or with the representative,

tative, or both, on or before May 15, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (775 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be opened from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2021

Larry Arnold and Terry Arnold, Independent Co-Administrators of the estate of Stanley Clifford Arnold, Deceased

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DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH LYNNE CARR, DECEASED

NO. 2021-P-47

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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Illinois 61727 as Independent Executor. The attorney for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

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Dated this 9th day of November, 2021

Darrell L. Carr, Independent Executor of the Estate of Judith Lynne Carr, Deceased

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, CLINTON, ILLINOIS

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-vs-

Debra G. Ertl a/k/a Debra Gail Ertl; United States of America; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS

DEFENDANTS NO. 19 CH 24

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Said property is legally described as follows:

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The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

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Christmas Tradition

The Royal Roots Of Today's Christmas Traditions

(NAPS)—Many Americans are not aware that some of the enduring Christmas traditions they enjoy every year are rooted in those started by the British Royal Family back in the 1840s. Here's a look at a few of the more colorful:

The Christmas Tree

It all started with Queen Victoria and her German-born husband Prince Albert, who were instrumental in bringing German Christmas traditions to Britain, such as the Christmas tree. Until then, most people in Britain thought the idea of having a tree inside the house was a little strange. A branch of a tree,



A traditional holiday celebration may mean you have more in common with royalty than you realize.



or holly, or mistletoe was common, but the Christmas tree as decoration wasn't truly accepted until an engraving published in 1848 in the Illustrated London News depicting the Royal Family celebrating Christmas at Windsor that the tradition was adopted widely. Soon every home in Britain had a tree decorated with candles, sweets, fruit, homemade decorations and small gifts.

Christmas Cards

The notion of sending Christmas cards also originated during this period. Thanks to the industrialization happening at the time and the widespread use of the printing press, items such as cards and books became less expensive to make. When postage costs lowered in 1840, this led to the real boom in buying and mailing Christmas cards.

Christmas Feast

While the Victorian Royal Family may have been the impetus behind the pub-

lic's adopting Christmas trees and cards, when it came to the Christmas feast, there was a lot of variety on the Royal menu. Roast beef, turkey, mince pies, soups and plum pudding for dessert. But the majority of people in Victorian England weren't wealthy, so in order to have a festive bird on the family dinner table, some would join a goose club so they could pay in installments throughout the year.

Melding American and European Traditions

The idea of Father Christmas is one that predates the Victorian era and was part of English folklore; a figure of merrymaking just for adults. In the middle of Queen Victoria's reign, however, American and European traditions came together to create the idea of Father Christmas or Santa Claus, as we now know him, as the bringer of gifts to children.

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Mental health matters: Learn how to respond when someone needs aid

By Emily Steele

URBANA, Ill. — Mental health and substance use issues are common. Nearly 1 in 5 U.S. adults lives with a mental illness according to the National Institute of Mental Health. From 1999 to 2016, 630,000 people died from drug overdose according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Farmers, ranchers, and agricultural workers have worse mental health than the general population. Give someone in your community a hand by learning how to recognize and respond when someone might need help with the free Mental Health First Aid workshop on January 19 offered by University of Illinois Extension and the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center.

Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based program, where participants learn and practice a five-step action plan to identify common signs and symptoms of someone coping with mental health or substance use problems and how to help. Gain skills to feel confident interacting with a person in crisis and leave with resources to connect the person with appropriate care. Topics also include trauma, addiction and self-care.

This training is open to the public and is appropriate for anyone in the agricultural community. Participants will build skills by practicing with real-world, agriculturally based scenarios.

Register for free online at go.illinois.edu/mental-

health2022. Participants will complete a two-hour self-paced online training before joining the instructor for a live webinar 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CT Wednesday, January 19. For more information, contact Karla Belzer at kbelzer@illinois.edu or (815) 632-3611.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the program coordinator at (815) 632-3611. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.

This program is affiliated with The North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center - a 12-state, 15-partner collaborative created to develop and expand stress management and mental health resources and services for agricultural producers and stakeholders in the North Central region. The North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center is funded by USDA NIFA (2020-70028-32728).

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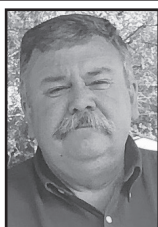
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