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## Anderson car show

This 1934 Ford coupe hotrod was on display during the annual Anderson Ford car show on Sunday. **See more photos on page 9.**



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Clinton resident Jim Moberly addresses the city council on Monday night.

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CLINTON — Clinton resident Jim Moberly complimented the city council Monday for their quick action dealing with a derelict property on his

block.

In June, Moberly addressed the council about a house across the street from his residence in the 600 block of N. Quincy Street. Moberly expressed his frustration about the home, which

## City begins action on derelict home

### First step of clearing overgrown vegetation already taken

was occupied but had overgrown grass and weeds, an unlicensed, undrivable car in the yard, damage to the structure and was generally dilapidated. He said the property also had become a magnet for nuisance animals, and the occupant allowed garbage to accumulate.

The city recently posted the property, and Moberly inquired Monday what the posting meant.

City administrator Tim Followell said the code violations cited on the sign posted at the property were from the Illinois Property Maintenance Code. He said the codes cited covered overgrown vegetation, lack of proper siding, lack of a solid roof among others.

“It basically hits the structure from top to bottom,” Followell said. “So, the only way to truly make it habitable, is to go

in and fix everything.”

Followell said the reason the occupant was still living in the house was because the city was not yet at the point at which the court would grant the authority to evict the person.

“But, it’s posted, ‘unfit for human habitation,’” he said.

Moberly said the sign the city posted disappeared.

Followell said it likely

disappeared, “within a few hours of the person getting home.”

The city subsequently re-posted the notice, and Moberly said, so far, the second notice was still there.

City workers sprayed the property on Monday to kill some of the excessive vegetation. They will go in later to clear more.

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## ‘No plans’ for added mitigations; ‘local control’ is focus of new school guidelines

### Districts ‘should’ require masks for unvaccinated students, encourage distancing

**Jerry Nowici**  
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The wide availability of COVID-19 vaccines has changed the state’s approach for mitigating the virus’ spread statewide and in schools.

For school districts, that means suggested rather than required guidance, with an emphasis on

local control in imposing mitigations.

For the governor’s office, that means there are “no plans” to reinstate some of the mitigation measures and economic shutdowns that were commonplace earlier in the pandemic.

“Restore Illinois mitigations that were enacted during the height of the pandemic allowed for safe and proven infection prevention measures since no vaccine was available,” a spokesperson for the governor’s office said in an email Friday. “Currently there is no plan to implement any additional mitigations

now that there is an abundance of vaccine available and accessible across Illinois. We encourage all Illinoisans ages 12+ to get vaccinated as soon as possible.”

Previously, if a region had a positivity rate of 8 percent or higher for three days, the governor’s office and Illinois Department of Public Health had a menu of mitigations they could put in place, such as closure of indoor dining and capacity restrictions at businesses. But, because of the vaccine’s availability, those options aren’t currently on the table, even as positivity rates rise in some areas and a more contagious

variant of the virus spreads.

The state’s guidance currently “recommends” face coverings in public indoor places for those who are unvaccinated, while masks are required on public transportation and in medical facilities.

The “recommended” masking guidance will be the same for schools after the state fully adopted U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance last week. Schools are also encouraged to maintain three feet of distance between each student.

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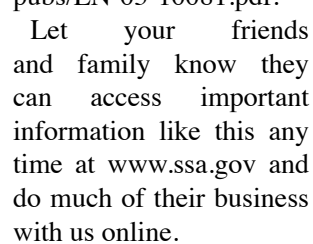
Appointments to donate, contact Marie Maltby at (217) 935-5174 or visit [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) and use code 71115 to locate the drive. Masks and appointments are required.

**Donor Eligibility Criteria:** Potential donors

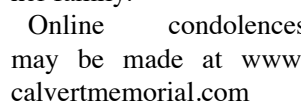
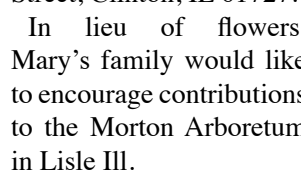
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# NEWS

## Jerry Lee Willoughby

CLINTON — A celebration of life for Jerry Lee Willoughby, who passed away on November 20, 2020, will be held at the Ranch House Cowboy Church, DeLand, Ill., on July 31, 2021.

A visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on July 31 with celebration of life following at 11 a.m.



## Louise 'Lou' Gibson

CLINTON — Louise "Lou" Gibson, 97, of Clinton, passed away at 5:10 p.m. on July 15, 2021, at Hickory Point Christian Village, Forsyth.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Jim Kilson officiating. Burial will follow at Weldon Cemetery, Weldon. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Hickory Point Christian Village.

Lou was born on July 6, 1924, in DeWitt County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Isam and Goldie Mae (Page) Riddle. She married Wendell McBride on January 26, 1947, in DeLand, Ill. He passed away on April 13, 1991. She later married Jack Gibson on December 23, 1995. He passed away on August 3, 2015.

Survivors include her step-daughter, Connie (and the late Kent) Zimmerman, LeRoy, Ill.; step-grandchildren, Travis (Erin) Zimmerman, Normal, Ill.; Chris (Jennifer) Zimmerman, Bellflower, Ill.; Francis (Kevin) Miller, Bellflower, Ill.; Darcie (Jon) Guadalupe, Hanahan, S.C., six step-



great-grandchildren; one step-great-great-Grandchild; several nieces and nephews who rallied and surrounded her these past few weeks.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Raleigh Riddle, Geneva Brown, Lester Riddle, Mildred Twist, Lyle "Pete" Riddle, Kenneth Riddle, and Lorin Riddle.

Lou worked at Moore's Hardware, in Weldon, and at the DeLand State Bank. She loved to quilt and travel as well as being a great host, cook, and baker. Lou was the founder of the "Riddle Girl Weekends." On one "Riddle Girl Weekend," they all got t-shirts that read "Aunt Lou, the Apple of Our Pie."

She was a member of the former DeLand United Methodist Church.

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

## Vespasian Warner Public Library to host blood drive, Sat., July 24

CLINTON — Vespasian Warner Public Library will host a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, at 310 N Quincy Street, inside the donor bus.

**What:** Vespasian Warner Public Library Community Blood Drive

**When:** Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Where:** Donor bus, 310 N Quincy St, Clinton

Appointments to donate, contact Marie Maltby at (217) 935-5174 or visit [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) and use code 71115 to locate the drive. Masks and appointments are required.

**Donor Eligibility Criteria:** Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. is required to donate. For questions about eligibility, please call ImpactLife at

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## Several area students named to Millikin University Dean's List

DECATUR — Millikin University announced recently the names of the outstanding undergraduates named to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester.

Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher

earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors.

The students named to the Dean's List at Millikin University are listed in alphabetical order according to their last names.

**Gregory Aughenbaugh**, of Clinton  
**Austin Baker**, of Clinton  
**Lukah Case**, of Clinton  
**Erika Chapman**, of Clinton  
**Bailey Coffman**, of Heyworth  
**Aaron Gamsby**, of Clinton  
**Shelby Kilpatrick**, of Farmer City  
**Sage Lash**, of Clinton  
**Destiny Schlesinger**, of Clinton  
**Charly Warlow**, of LeRoy  
**Shae Wright**, of Wapella

## Heyworth student graduates from Missouri State University

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Missouri State University awarded 2,954 degrees to students in spring 2021. The commencement ceremonies took place May 13-14, 2021, at JQH Arena.

Ryan Tomlin, of

Heyworth, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

Students who graduated with honors completed at least 30 undergraduate credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

## More gourmet examples

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Chef Lancaster of the Brown Darby in Danville, Ill., taught me many wonderful culinary methods and procedures. One important piece of advice was the need to control every ingredient independently. I will now give an example of how this will fit in with gourmet results. I hope you find it equal to the task. Again, it will be a relatively simple soup.

This soup will be a vegetable chicken noodle soup. It is a good all-around soup equal to being either an entrée or appetizer soup. Heat a thin layer of clarified butter in a large skillet. After reaching 300 to 350 °F on high heat, add cauliflower pieces that have been cut down to soup size. That would be small enough to get into your mouth along with a few other items. The purpose in this procedure is to spot brown or slightly burn the cauliflower. Next, add only enough water for sweating, cover and turn the heat down to low. Allow the cauliflower to soften only to the al dente stage (about five minutes). Transfer the cooked cauliflower into a stainless-steel hotel pan in ice water to cool. Stir for quick and even cooling to stop the residual cooking process. Hold to one side. Do the same for broccoli pieces.

Now for the carrots. Their structure and chemical makeup require a different technique. In this case, we want to roast the carrot pieces on parchment paper in the oven at 350°F only to the point of caramelizing. Keep taste testing until that point is found. This



The Culinary Corner

By Chef Roger Joss

brings out their natural sweetness and intensifies their flavor. No need to cool in an ice bath. Hold to one side.

During all this time, turkey or chicken stock should have been simmering on the stove in a stock pot or Dutch oven. Add some oregano and twice as much basil to taste. Add early enough to allow the herb flavors to infuse the water without over cooking (less than 30 minutes). Then add the noodles just before spot browning the chicken.

Cut roasted chicken breasts into soup size chunks. I like to include some dark meat for added flavor. In a hot skillet, with small amount of pure olive oil, spot brown the chicken pieces. Sweat it on the stove until the noodles reach al dente stage. Once this is done, add the chicken directly into the simmering stock and remove immediately from the heat. Add the reserved vegetables including salt and pepper to taste. Adjust the herbs accordingly. Serve hot with crackers or garlic croutons that you had made.

In all cases, with hot soups, ladle the soup into pre-heated bowls. Set those bowls on a plate or soup saucer that has not been heated. This particular soup can be garnished with fresh minced parsley, chopped chives and/or chiffonade fresh basil leaf. This is a soup fit for a gourmet.

Until next time, peace to all.

## City / from page A1

"Today was the first step of maybe a two-step process to try to get the exterior cleaned up," Followell said. "The yard, not the structure."

He said what the city had done so far was the beginning of a process that might ultimately move the matter to court. The occupant of the house has so far accumulated a number of fines from ordinance violations, and those unpaid fines along with charges from the city for cleaning up the overgrown weeds result in liens being placed on the property.

"That might give us

enough ability to get the court to grant us the authority to go in on the property," Followell said. "It's accruing, but it's a slow pace; it takes time to do all that."

In other business, the council reappointed Sue Whitted to the Clinton zoning board of appeals, approved a contract with Stark Excavating for the Illini Drive subdivision for \$603,316 and placed on file prices for the subdivision lots.

And, commissioner of accounts and finances Tom Edmunds said city sales tax revenue continues to increase for the year.

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# OPINION

## HISTORY ALMANAC

1904 - The ice cream cone was invented by Charles E. Menches during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, MO.

1914 - Austria-Hungary issued an ultimatum to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Francis Ferdinand by a Serb assassin. The dispute led to World War I.

1938 - The first federal game preserve was approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The area was 2,000 acres in Utah.

1945 - The first passenger train observation car was placed in service by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

1952 - Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser overthrew King Farouk I.

1954 - A law was passed that stated "The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to repair, equip, and restore the United States Ship Constitution, as far as may be practicable, to her original appearance, but not for active service, and thereafter to maintain the United States Ship Constitution at Boston, Massachusetts."

1958 - The submarine Nautilus departed from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, under orders to conduct "Operation Sunshine." The mission was to be the first vessel to cross the north pole by ship. The Nautilus achieved the goal on August 3, 1958.

1962 - The "Telstar" communications satellite sent the first live TV broadcast to Europe.

1972 - Eddie Merckx of Belgium won his fourth consecutive Tour de France bicycling competition.

1972 - The U.S. launched Landsat 1 (ERTS-1). It was the first Earth-resources satellite.

1984 - Miss America, Vanessa Williams, turned in her crown after it had been discovered that nude photos of her had appeared in "Penthouse" magazine. She was the first to resign the title.

1985 - Commodore unveiled the personal computer Amiga 1000.

1986 - Britain's Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. They divorced in 1996.

1998 - U.S. scientists at the University of Hawaii turned out more than 50 "carbon-copy" mice, with a cloning technique.

2000 - Lance Armstrong won his second Tour de France.



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## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



## The VA's fourth mission

The Department of Veteran's Affairs has been busy. It was recently announced that it has completed 150 Fourth Mission assignments across the country.

Fourth Mission's goal is to improve preparedness for response to war and national emergencies by developing plans and taking actions to support service to veterans as well as national efforts. In other words, when a need is there, so is help. (The first three VA Missions are health care, benefits and national cemeteries.)

If you ever doubted that the COVID pandemic has been a true emergency, you only need to look at

the very long list of Fourth Mission humanitarian efforts to back up the nation's health care system.

Here are a few examples of what the VA's Fourth Mission has accomplished in all 50 states plus territories:

-- Provided 935,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment.

-- Admitted 488 non-veteran citizens to VA medical centers for treatment.

-- Deployed over 5,000 medical personnel to 1,215 state VA homes, 980 community nursing homes and 94 non-VA hospitals. In Arizona alone, they provided staffing for



by Freddy Groves

six civilian hospitals. In Florida, they worked with over 8,000 long-term-care patients at 82 facilities. In Virginia, it was 852 long-term-care facilities.

There were untold thousands of COVID tests given and results processed. When the vaccines came out, VA personnel were there across the country to administer them.

The efforts weren't limited to hands-on medical staff. Truck drivers were sent to

multiple states to deliver supplies and vaccines. Pharmacists were sent to numerous locations, including federal prisons. VA personnel fed 250 veteran families every month in Georgia, along with 150 homebound VA patients. They held town hall and state meetings with civilian authorities to coordinate how to contain the spread of COVID.

I'm impressed by this massive effort. To the thousands of VA personnel who volunteered to go, thank you.

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## Withdrawing from Afghanistan

Barely a day passes without additional news of Taliban gains in Afghanistan.

Perhaps the Afghan government and its forces will prove more resilient than many expect, but if the country continues its slide toward chaos or, worse, the Taliban rapidly take Kabul, President Joe Biden's decision to withdraw a residual U.S. force will look like an amateurish, unforced error by a man who prides himself on his foreign policy experience and acumen.

With his top military leadership opposed and credible warnings that Kabul could fall within months after a withdrawal, Biden went ahead with it anyway on the basis of what an aide has called "his gut."

So far, indications are that the president would have been better off heeding his military advisers than his viscera.

The Afghan war has, of course, stretched on for two decades and become a holding action-satisfying to no one. But the cost to the U.S. of sustaining 3,500 troops in the country without losing anyone in combat for more than a year hasn't

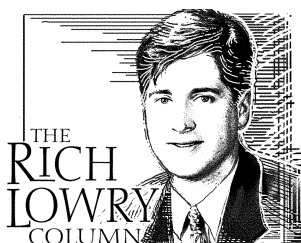
been high compared with the entirely plausible downside of Islamist extremists allied with al-Qaeda sweeping to power again in Afghanistan.

The desire to pull out of Afghanistan has been an area of rare Biden-Trump agreement. Then-President Donald Trump's foolhardy ceasefire deal with the Taliban in February 2020 set the predicate for Biden's withdrawal. It would have taken some determination for Biden to reverse the U.S. promise in that deal to withdraw its forces by May 2021, although the Taliban's transparent bad faith provided plenty of occasion for it.

Biden says not to worry. The U.S. will continue to provide "over the horizon" support, i.e., from a distance, for the Afghan government.

This is likely a pipe dream, and nothing about Biden's poorly thought-out drawdown lends any more credibility to it.

The CIA has been struggling to figure out how to maintain intelligence-gathering capabilities in Afghanistan. There will be no targets to strike from "over the horizon" if we don't have the assets on the ground to find them.



Ideally, the U.S. would locate some other base next door to Afghanistan, but there are no good options in the neighborhood.

Conducting operations from the Persian Gulf eight hours away isn't much of a substitute. In congressional testimony, Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, the head of Central Command, said the long-distance missions would be "extremely difficult to do," but "not impossible."

The U.S. withdrawal has had other troubling loose ends.

The contractors who have worked with the Afghan Air Force to maintain its planes are leaving, too, potentially stripping Afghan forces of air support.

The fate of the Afghans who have assisted U.S. forces is uncertain, although under political pressure here at home, Biden has committed to getting them out.

Biden wants to provide \$3 billion in security assistance to the Afghans, but who will do the

training with that money?

The allies are leaving, with the administration anxious to get the Turks to stay to secure Kabul International Airport, without which we won't be able to maintain our embassy.

As the bad news has piled up, the Biden administration has tried to provide reassuring signals. But are the Afghans, and the Taliban, not supposed to notice that nearly all of his forces have already withdrawn?

One justification for leaving is that it will free up resources for us to concentrate on the growing threat from China. It's not as though the 3,000 ground troops are going to relocate to East Asia, though, and make a difference in the balance of power there. On top of this, if there is an unraveling in Afghanistan, controlling the fallout will become a consuming issue for the U.S. military.

Biden has gotten his drawdown. Now, he may reap the whirlwind.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship  
7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer  
7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

### Christ Lutheran Church & preschool

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

### Clinton Church of Christ

Bus. Rt. 51 south, Clinton  
(217) 935-5058  
Stephen R. Bradd, Gospel preacher  
AudioEvangelism.com  
Clinton CofC.com  
9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study  
10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship  
1 p.m.-Sunday worship  
7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

### Clinton Church of God

720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton  
clintoncog.org  
Mark Cooper, pastor  
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school  
10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship  
6 p.m.-Sunday night service  
7 p.m.-Wednesday service

### Clinton Presbyterian Church

402 N. Center Street  
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.  
Tel. (217) 935-6178  
Fax (217) 935-6128  
Pastor-Paul Stroup  
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308 E. Main Street  
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(217) 935-5869  
Email  
clinton.methodist@frontier.com

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Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri.  
9 a.m.-Sunday service

### First Baptist Church

220 Illini Drive, Clinton  
(217) 935-2032  
firstbaptistchurch3@frontier.com  
John Roberson, pastor  
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school  
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship  
5 p.m.-Sunday evening worship  
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week prayer meeting

### First Christian Church

100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton (W. Main & N. Jackson)  
clintonfcc.com  
Mike Cahill, lead minister  
Adult Bible School 8 a.m.  
Worship Services: 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
First Kids Worship for 3-yr -olds - 5th grade is available at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery available at each morning service.

### First Church of the Nazarene

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

### Kenney Christian Church

213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney  
(217) 944-2275  
Ernie Harvey, minister  
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school (pre-K-adult)  
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship  
10:30 a.m.-Sunday children's church (pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grades)  
10:30 a.m.-nursery  
5 p.m.-Sunday youth group (junior high and high school)

### Lane Christian Church

(217) 935-2557  
www.lanechurch.org  
Jim Kilson, preaching and teaching minister  
Marcus McCollom, youth and family minister  
9 a.m.-Sunday school  
10 a.m.-worship  
5:30 p.m.-youth group  
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### Lifebridges Church

200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton  
(217) 570-0105  
www.lifebridges-church.com  
Pastors-Jonathan and Dana Taylor  
10 a.m.-Sunday celebration  
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7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6<sup>th</sup>-12 grades  
6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple  
6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study  
7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

### St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton  
(217) 935-3727  
Rev. James Henning, pastor  
4 p.m.-Saturday mass  
8:30 a.m.-Sunday mass

### St. Patrick Catholic Church

308 S. Locust Street, Wapella  
(217) 935-8510  
Office hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues.  
Father Geoff Horton, administrator  
9 a.m.-Sunday mass

### Texas Christian Church

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

### The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church

112 N. Monroe St., Clinton  
(217) 731-4005  
9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school  
11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards  
6 p.m.-Mondays, "Great Controversy" study and Pathfinder events throughout the year.

### Wapella Christian Church

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Wapellacc.com  
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10 a.m.-worship  
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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 91:3-4

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

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1) Is the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2) Where is "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" found? Ephesians, Colossians, Galatians, 1 Timothy

3. Who asked God, "Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable?"? Moses, Jeremiah, Abraham, Noah

4. How many angels rescued Lot and his family from Sodom? 2, 7, 13, Dozens

5. Where is the story of the burning bush found? Genesis, Exodus, Luke, John

6. What is the longest Psalm in the Bible (KJV)? 1st, 23rd, 119th, 130th

ANSWERS: 1) OLD; 2) Galatians 6:7; 3) Jeremiah 15:18; 4) 2; 5) Exodus; 6) 130th

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**Tuesday**  
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Dated: Tuesday, June 29, 2021

No. 2021-152

Dana Smith/sw  
**COUNTY CLERK**

Legal 19254  
July 9, 16 and 23, 2021

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Estate of:  
Gail A. Helton  
Deceased.  
CASE NO. 21-P-28

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE**

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Gail A. Helton, of 19 Westwood St., Weldon, Illinois 61882. Letters of Office were issued on July 6, 2021, to Colin R. West, Independent Administrator, 17311 Lakeshore Rd., Weldon, Illinois 61882, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates indepen-

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is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2021.

Kevin Hammer  
Attorney for the Estate of Gail A. Helton  
219 East Main Street  
Clinton, IL 61727  
217/935-7063

Legal 19259  
July 16, 23 and 30, 2021

**LEGAL**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DE WITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**

GLADYS ARMOUR, Deceased.

21-P-29

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day of July, 2021 as Independent Executor, to BOBBY A. GAITROS, P.O. Box 283, Clinton, IL 61727 whose attorney of record is Lamkin & Lamkin, P.C., 200 South Monroe Street, Post Office Box 597, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

CLAIMS against the estate must be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, DeWitt County Building, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, on or before the 20th day of January, 2022, or on or before 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of any Notice, whichever is later. Any claims not filed by that date are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after its has been filed.

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IN Probate

IN RE THE ESTATE OF

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DECEASED

No. 2021-P-26

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: CREDITORS and CLAIMANTS

Notice is hereby given of the death of CHARLENE ANN WALDEN, who died on December 2, 2020, a resident of Clinton, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on July 6, 2021, to TINA M. POE, whose address is 15245 E. 300th Avenue, Dieterich, IL 62424 and STEVEN E. WALDEN, whose address is 590 E. Bridal Beil Falls Road, Oro Valley, Arizona 85755, as Executors; and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Myers, 202 W. Adams Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Executors identified above, or both, on or before January 31, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executors and to the attorney within (ten) 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates indepen-

dent administration by filing a petition to terminate under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Dated: July 13, 2021

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ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTORS

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LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Vespasian Warner Public Library District  
Notice is hereby given to the Public that on August 25, 2021, at the hour of 6:00 P.M. at the Vespasian Warner Public Library, 310 North Quincy Street, Clinton, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Vespasian Warner Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Vespasian Warner Public Library prior to said hearing by the Public.  
Becky Adams Secretary, Board of Trustees Date: July 14, 2021 Vespasian Warner Public Library District 310 North Quincy Street Clinton, Illinois 61727

Legal 19264  
July 23, 2021

LEGAL

NOTICE:

The DeWitt County ZBA meeting originally scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 07:00 p.m. at the DeWitt County Building.

Andy Hedrick,  
Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals

Legal 19265  
July 23, 2021

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DEWITT COUNTY

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE V-336-2021

Notice is given that a request for variation has been filed with the above named Board. Harold Mitchell is requesting a variance from \$155.065 of the DeWitt County Code. Said variance request is for a reduction in road frontage to 130 ft and reduction in minimum lot requirement to .76 acres on the following described property:

S12 T19 R2, E253  
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The named prop-

erty is located at 4505 Spring Road, Clinton, IL and is zoned RD-2. Parcel No. 12-12-100-014.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on the 10th day of August 2021 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as is possible. Said hearing will be held in the Conference Room, DeWitt County Building, at 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL.

Andy Hedrick,  
Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals

Legal 19266  
July 23, 2021

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 15 2021, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:

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Dated: Thursday, July 15, 2021

No. 2021-155

Dana Smith/ba  
COUNTY CLERK

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July 23 and 30, 2021  
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MERGER

First National Bank and Trust Company, Clinton, IL 61727 has made application to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Central District Office, Director of District Licensing, 425 South Financial Place, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL 60605 for its written consent to merge State Bank of Arcadia, Arcadia, WI 54612 into First National Bank and Trust Company, Clinton, IL 61727.

As a result of the merger, it is contemplated that all offices of State Bank of Arcadia and First National Bank and Trust Company will continue to be operated.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written comments on this application by August 22, 2021 to: Director of District Licensing, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Central District Office, Director of District Licensing, 425 South Financial Place, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL 60605.

The public may find information regarding this application, including the date of the end of the public comment period, in the OCC Weekly Bulletin at www.occ.gov. Requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be made to the Director of District

Licensing.

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July 23 and 30, 2021  
August 6, 2021

LEGAL

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ROGER D. DEATRICK,

Deceased.

Case NO. 2021-P-27

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ROGER D. DEATRICK of Le Roy, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 25, 2021, to BUSEY BANK, 6699 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria Illinois 61614, whose attorney is Derek A. Schryer of Davis & Campbell L.L.C., 401 Main Street, Suite 1600, Peoria, Illinois 61602.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727 or with representative, or both, on or before January 31, 2022, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ James A. Crowley  
(Representative)

/s/ Derek A. Schryer  
(Attorney)

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# Autism acceptance: A quest for answers, support

Katie Stafford and her husband struggled to understand their young daughter's unfamiliar behavior, which seemed so unlike the usual tantrums and behavioral quirks of childhood. Julia barely slept. She refused to eat most foods. She was hyper-focused on specific topics. She could care less about opinions or instructions from authority figures. As early as 3 years old, she was diagnosed with attention deficit/hyperactive disorder. She was given a sensory processing disorder diagnosis, because, among other things, she demonstrated a strong aversion to putting on clothes. By 7 years of age, she was struggling in school.

During elementary school, Julia underwent additional testing and collected more inaccurate diagnoses. General anxiety disorder. Social cognitive disorder. Obsessive-compulsive disorder. Oppositional defiance disorder.

When sixth grade hit, "the wheels just totally flew off the cart," Stafford says. Her bright, beautiful daughter was being regularly bullied, in a depressed state, and was threatening suicide. The definition of autism spectrum disorder had significantly changed since Julia was a toddler, and she was ultimately, accurately diagnosed.

The Centers for Disease Control defines Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as a "broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication."

The diagnosis, which impacts 1 in 54 children in the United States, enabled the Staffords to seek targeted resources, training, and support. They turned to The Autism Program (TAP), a University of Illinois academic partnership of five university departments that provides resources, referrals, training, and support for parents of people autism spectrum disorders. In addition, TAP facilitates collaborations with agencies, school districts, organizations, and people who work on behalf of impacted families.

TAP began more than 15 years ago with a small grant, says Aaron Ebata, University of Illinois Extension specialist and associate professor for Human Development and Family Studies. Ebata serves as TAP's program administrator and father of a college senior with an ASD. Ebata and two others lead the early effort, which was further supported by The Autism

Network of Illinois.

Eventually TAP grew from just a resource for parents to a place where students who were interested in working with people with autism could receive trainings, internships, and hands-on experience. It now works through Illinois Extension to provide trainings to parents, professionals, and communities throughout the state, an effort that was broadened by the pandemic.

"The biggest part is inclusion," Ebata says. "We've talked about racial and ethnic inclusion at Extension. But, what do you do with the kid who is nonverbal or seems perfectly fine, but is kind of quirky and odd? So the fit, in terms of training professionals, volunteers, or parents is to try to help create a society or culture who is more accepting of kids."

Ebata uses a seemingly simple social skill, eye contact, as his example.

"A lot of kids on the spectrum have a lot of difficulty making eye contact," he says. "And, typically, people feel that's so important. So, a lot of people would train kids to look you in the eye, which is very stressful for kids on the spectrum."

"So, then the question becomes: Why do we keep expecting people to look us in the eye? We could train them to look us in the eye, or we could train the rest of the world to say, 'That's not a big deal.'"

An ASD can present in varying degrees of severity and is widely misunderstood by the public. Like the Staffords, parents of children with ASD often struggle to find a correct diagnosis.

"Julia's a super verbal kid, and she's very, very good at masking," says Stafford. "At one time, the Asperger's diagnosis would probably would have been the closest, but she didn't really qualify for that because she was so social. Everybody said, 'Well, she's doing okay in school, so she must be fine.'"

Of course, she wasn't, so for the Staffords, the ASD diagnosis brought relief. They finally had answers.

"We kept asking ourselves, 'What are we doing wrong?'" Stafford says. "People would meet my second child and go, 'You're horrible parents.' We got a lot of blame along the way."

Julia is extremely high functioning, with a massive vocabulary and focus on specific topics, such as animals, zoology, and healing the environment. But she struggles when it comes to social cognition, which

broadly speaking, refers to how people process, store, and apply information about people and social situations.

TAP delivers the kinds of resources that make a difference, including new diagnosis orientation for families, social skills programs, and trainings for professionals. Up until a few years ago, the Family Resilience Center also provided the venue for monthly meetings of the Champaign-Urbana Autism Network, a parent-professional networking group.

"In the past, we've done training for first responders, for preschool and Head Start teachers, and for high school teachers," said Ebata. "A lot of what we do are individual consultations when there is a particularly difficult situation."

A diagnosis of ASD often spurs families into targeted action, and the Staffords immediately let their daughter's school know so that appropriate accommodations could be made. They got involved with TAP and learned about strategies they say they wish they had known when Julia was younger.

"I think people need to figure out how to get past needing to make everyone normal," Stafford said. "The hardest part about this is that we're trying to get these kids with all these struggles to be 'normal' and to blend in, to fit in. My daughter's going to be quirky all her life, but everybody's got quirks; hers are just a little more pronounced."

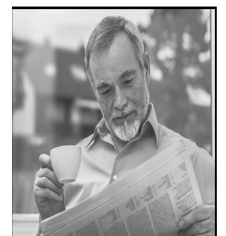
At 14, Julia's early interest and love animals and zoology has been eclipsed by a passion for the saving the environment. She admires Greta Thunberg and has her own dreams for advocating for the planet's health.

TAP workshops address important topics, such as picky eating, managing sleep issues, and improving executive functioning. The family also benefits from TAP's social groups for children with an ASD. TAP's biggest benefit for Stafford is the community it creates.

"Autism can be kind of isolating," she says.

Julia wants to go to college, and Stafford hopes that by the time it's time for that, she can manage her ASD in a way that enables her to meet that challenge.

Helpful resources include Move from awareness to acceptance by debunking autism myths, by Jeanne Kramer, and Autism 101, a TAP comprehensive primer on ASD.



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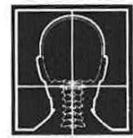
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## Healthy Aging

### 3 Safe Senior Exercise Options For Summer

(NAPS)—Sunshine and warm weather have many people thinking about new workout options. If you're ready to kickstart your fitness routine—but want to do so safely—consider these three simple tips:

**1. Check in with your gym about its COVID-safe offerings.** Many Americans who have been avoiding public places this past year are now looking to expand their horizons, including going back to a gym. Growing numbers of gyms now offer outdoor workout spaces that include many of the weight training and aerobics equipment choices you previously enjoyed indoors—treadmills, stair climbers, weight machines, free weights—and even outdoor classes. Outdoors or indoors, many gyms continue to maintain at least six feet between each workout station, require masks within the space, and provide free hand sanitizer, clean equipment assurances and other COVID-safe protocols. Give your gym a call or visit the location to find out what specific COVID-safe guidelines are in place there, so you can determine whether you're ready to resume your gym routine.

**2. Increase your outdoor exercise routine.** After being cooped up for months, getting outside can work wonders for your physical health and emotional well-being. Take yourself to a park to explore a new walking or hiking path. There are several apps that



**Now's the time to kickstart your summer exercise routine. Pair up with a friend for extra fun and motivation.**

can locate hiking trails near you. Challenge a friend to a regular game of tennis, pickleball or bocce ball. Or dust off your bicycles and enjoy the freedom of feeling the wind in your faces. Establishing a fun exercise routine with a friend can motivate you to keep it up and help lift your spirits. Older adults reported increased feelings of isolation last year. Exercising with a friend can help you shake off the loneliness blues.

Being outdoors offers the added benefit of providing you with a dose of vitamin D. Your body needs vitamin D to absorb calcium and to enhance bone health and immune system function. Regularly spending time outdoors is the most natural way to get the recommended 10 to 30 minutes of sun exposure several times a week. Just don't forget to put on sunscreen.

**3. Augment your workout with home exercise classes.** National guidelines recommend that you get at least 150 minutes per week of exercise. To make sure you're meeting that, augment your workout routine with home exercise classes that you can view on your laptop, phone or other devices. For best results, mix things up. Incorporate cardio exercise classes with strength training videos that use resistance bands or free weights. If you want to improve balance or flexibility, try a yoga or tai chi class. Popular options such as the Silver&Fit Healthy Aging and Exercise program offer a wide range of free online classes specially designed for older adults. Classes premiere daily on Facebook Live from 8 AM to 4 PM Pacific time, 6 days a week. You can join the scheduled classes at <https://www.facebook.com/SilverandFit> to enjoy engaging live with other online viewers. Or you can view the replays on YouTube at a time that's convenient to you. You'll find them at: [www.youtube.com/silverandfit](http://www.youtube.com/silverandfit).

Now can be your time to get back into a fitness routine—or start a new one. Find workout options that you love and that motivate you to stick with them. Then make the most of the season. As always, before you start any new exercise routine, talk to your doctor to discuss your goals and what types of exercise might be safest for you.

## Free workshops for caregivers by Rural Demential Caregiver Project

Millions of rural caregivers provide crucial support to family members or friends living with memory loss and dementia. These same caregivers often feel stressed and isolated. An online workshop may help them.

The University of California, San Francisco is conducting a study of a new online caregiver workshop. The project is funded by the National Institutes of Health. Caregivers may qualify if they:

- Live in a rural area
- Care for someone with memory loss
- Are 18 years of age or older
- Provide care for at least 10 hours per week

Caregivers who participate in the study of the workshop will be asked to complete four surveys on their caregiving experiences and will receive up to \$80 in cash for doing so.

**What does the online workshop offer?**

The workshop is accessible to rural caregivers whenever they want it, day or night. It teaches caregivers new skills to reduce their stress, take better care of themselves, manage challenging behaviors of their care partners, and plan for the future. Caregivers also get a workbook to keep, support from other caregivers, and information on community

resources.

**How can caregivers and others learn more?**

Interested caregivers can go to [caregiverproject.ucsf.edu](http://caregiverproject.ucsf.edu) or call the toll-free number 1-833-634-0603 to get more information. Organizations that work in rural communities or have contact with caregivers can use that same contact information.



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# HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Upgrade Your Home, Downgrade Energy Usage

### 7 efficient home improvement projects

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The best home upgrades not only make spaces more livable and energy-efficient but are also cost-effective. Making energy-efficient improvements is a savvy way to save money on utility bills, curb energy usage and add to the house's value.

Consider a variety of home improvement projects, both big and small, that can reduce the financial burden of maintaining your home throughout the year and improve energy efficiency.

**Add Insulation**

A cost-effective way to save on heating and cooling bills is adding a layer of insulation in the attic where heat loss is typically greatest due to hot air rising. While many newer homes are adequately insulated, those that are several decades old (or older) may benefit from an upgrade in not only the attic but other common problem areas where air can escape such as basements, crawl spaces, fireplaces and ductwork.

**Seal Doors and Windows**

Windows and doors are common culprits for energy loss. While a complete replacement of doors and windows can be pricey, adding exterior caulk and weather stripping to fill in gaps where air can escape around these openings can make a noticeable difference for a fraction of the cost and make it cheaper to heat and cool your home.

**Install Skylights**

Skylights are a cost-effective option for transforming any room in the home with natural light while also delivering energy-saving benefits. For example, Sun Tunnel Skylights from Velux can be installed in as little as 90 minutes and funnel natural light from the roof through the attic and into the room below with an aesthetic that resembles recessed lighting. Customizable with six diffuser film styles to complement interior design, the skylights can make a home more energy-efficient by reducing reliance on artificial lighting. An optional daylight controller makes it easy for homeowners to adjust natural light entering a room, and a solar nightlight provides a moon-like guiding light at night. Installed with the solar nightlight, the skylights qualify for a 26% federal tax credit on solar property.

**Add Reflective Window Film**

When the sun shines through windows, it can heat up the home's interior quickly and trigger the air conditioner to turn on. Window coverings, such as blackout curtains, can help, but adding low-e reflective window film to your windowpanes, particularly southern-facing ones, can provide an additional shield from the sun's hot rays and reduce energy costs.

**Install a Programmable Thermostat**

A programmable thermostat is an efficient way to control the climate inside your home, and those with smart technology take programming to a whole new level. Today's smart thermostats not only let homeowners control temperatures from their smart devices while on-the-go but can also learn daily habits and adjust the temperature accordingly with no other manual adjustments necessary. In addition, some utility companies offer incentives like money back at the end of the year for installing a smart thermostat because the energy savings are so substantial.

**Replace Appliances**

Because appliances like refrigerators and ovens, among others, are major energy users, investing in more efficient models provides both cost and energy savings. Additionally, homes more than 15 years old could benefit from updates to the air conditioner or heater as systems 15-20 years old or older may be candidates for replacement as they're inefficient by today's standards.

**Add Ceiling Fans**

In comparison to running your air conditioner consistently, the cost of running a ceiling fan (or several) is significantly less. Particularly on days that may not require cooling the entire house completely, fans can provide a gentle breeze and circulate air in the spaces you use most often. Simply adjust the switch to the counterclockwise position to ensure it's pushing air downward during warmer months.

For more information and home improvement ideas, visit [whyskylights.com/livellighter](http://whyskylights.com/livellighter).



## Keep your cool this summer with these energy-saving tips

(BPT) - There's a lot to love about summer. At the same time, the season can run up your electric bill fast, especially for Americans living in places where summer temperatures are reaching record highs. According to recent reports, states like Washington and Oregon have seen record-breaking temperatures this summer - just recently, Salem, Oregon, reached 117 degrees and Seattle reached 106 degrees.

Even if things are heating up in your area, there are many ways to keep your body temperature and electric bill down this summer.

**Here are a few things you can do:**

- 1) Spend more time outdoors

If the weather isn't dangerously hot, spending time outdoors can be a great way to enjoy your summer. Plus, the more time you spend outdoors, the less time you spend using electricity in your home, even if you have the AC running. There are plenty of outdoor activities you and your loved ones can do this summer that won't cause your electric bill to skyrocket, like:

- \* Adding an umbrella to your pool/porch
- \* Having a picnic in the shade
- \* Going on a run
- \* Going on a hike
- \* Adding a shade structure, like a pergola

**Automate your thermostat**

Your thermostat is probably the biggest energy sucker in your home. Yes, having it on is crucial for keeping your home cool, but you're likely not home all day, every day.

With its energy-saving capabilities, the Google Nest Thermostat is the ideal thermostat for your home. Its easy installation and auto temperature-adjusting capabilities mean you can save more on your electric bill every month. It can turn itself down



when you leave the house, so you don't waste energy cooling an empty home. And with its Savings Finder feature, it looks for ways to help you save even more.

Plus, you can control the temperature in your home from almost anywhere by using Google Home app.

**Use electricity during off-peak hours**

The time of day you use electricity can also affect your electric bill. Energy companies tend to charge more during what they call "peak hours," where demand for electricity is highest. These peak hours are typically early in the morning or late at night. However, those peak hours have changed as more people are working remotely. Reducing the amount of electricity use during peak hours when reasonable can lessen the load on the power grid and save you some money every month.

**Turn down your lights**

Alongside your AC, your lights can increase your electric bill too. In the summer months this is an easy fix, with early sunrises and late sunsets, there are plenty of opportunities throughout the day to let in a little extra light without using electricity.

However, there can be cloudy skies and rainy days during the summer when the lights in your home can be necessary. The Lutron Maestro Dimmer can automatically turn lights on and off when you enter or leave a room. It's a simple, easy and low-cost way to save energy and add light automation to your home. It can automatically adjust to a favorite dimmed level when you walk in, then turn the lights off when you leave.

**Use your fan instead of your AC**

A room fan can provide an affordable alternative to your AC. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, it costs about 36 cents an hour to run your AC; it costs about a penny an hour to run a ceiling fan. So as long as you run your fan responsibly with other energy-saving strategies, it can help reduce your electric bill.

With its dimmable LED lighting and versatile color temperatures, the Hampton Bay Mena Ceiling Fan uses the perfect combination of technology and energy-saving resources to help you lower your electric bill. It is EnergyStar rated and is 50% faster to install than your traditional fan. Plus, the fan is damp rated and can be used on porches or patios too.

You can find more energy-saving products like this at your local Home Depot store.



# HOME IMPROVEMENT



## Four simple DIY tips to spruce up your home

(BPT) - After spending more time than normal in our houses this past year, a home décor refresh can be both tempting and daunting. Simple and quick DIY solves - such as a quick paint swap or small appliance changes - have the ability to transform a space without the cost and time commitment of a full renovation.

### Refresh a space with new paint

Replace cold, bright colors with warm greys, whites and beiges that complement the surrounding space.

Textured paint finishes like metallic stripes, sandstone, mixed-shaped rectangles or brushed suede can draw the eye to various focal points of a room for added flair. A fresh coat of paint on a trim or accent wall can transform a dated space into a fresh living area.

### Accessorize with DIY materials

Decorating a space does not have to be dependent on finding statement furniture to fill a room. Small accent pieces can work together for a cohesive look. An empty wall provides a blank canvas to tell a story and an opportunity to showcase one's personality. Design a gallery wall that features personal photography or DIY art, hung in different frames and sizes to add dimension.

Or, install refurbished wood shelves to offer a heightened holding place for plants to flourish. Create a uniform look with matching pots, or mix it up with a combination of clay, baskets and ceramics.

### Update fixtures

The kitchen remains the heart of all homes and thus sustains the most wear

and tear. Simple do-it-yourself upgrades ensure the space is able to withstand time while adapting to various culinary needs. Installing new fixtures, like those within the Peerless-Æ Precept-Æ Kitchen Collection, can turn a humdrum area into a modern space, filled with style and functionality.

Replace a rundown kitchen faucet with an affordable, on-trend Precept Commercial Kitchen Faucet by Peerless-Æ. The updated design and pull-down sprayer offer beauty and efficiency, while POWER-INSE, Ñ technology delivers an extra blast of cleaning power. This simple swap customizes the kitchen to work best for the needs of a home, without sacrificing style.

### Creating a spa at home

Establishing a sanctuary in the home can be as easy as remodeling the bath space to feel like an at-home spa. Introducing the Peerless Precept Slide Bar with Hand Shower into an existing shower system provides homeowners with the ability to use a showerhead and hand shower at the same time - proving that a luxurious shower experience is possible at an affordable cost.

Installing soft lighting, such as a dimmer switch or updated lighting fixtures, sets a spa-like ambience. Accessories like a fluffy bath mat, your favorite candle and a luscious plant like eucalyptus help to achieve a DIY, serene bath.

Giving new life to a space doesn't have to include costly renovations or a large time investment. A fresh coat of paint or the addition of trendy accessories can make the old feel new again.



## Protecting Your Property

### Today's Weather Is Unpredictable: Keep Your Outdoor Power Equipment Ready

(NAPS)—Weather today is challenging and the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) reminds home and business owners that it's important to make sure you have the right outdoor power equipment on hand and to keep equipment in good working order year-round.

A chainsaw or pole pruner can trim limbs ahead of a storm or handle fallen limbs helping to clear debris. A generator will power appliances and keep lights on and cell phones charged when the electricity goes out. A water pump can help with flooding in your home or basement. A utility vehicle can be maneuverable and is smaller than a car, helping transport people and supplies quickly in an emergency.

Today's outdoor power equipment is increasingly easier to use, more efficient and cleaner—and powered in a variety of ways, including battery/electric, hybrids, propane and solar, as well as gasoline and diesel. Even robotic, interconnected and remote-controlled technology has entered the power equipment market.

"We've experienced a lot of problematic weather lately but, thankfully, there is a product and power source for every need and to address every scenario. Being prepared for the unpredictable is easier than ever before," said Kris Kiser, President & CEO of OPEI, an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of outdoor power equipment, small engines, battery power systems, portable generators, utility and personal transport vehicles, and golf cars.

OPEI offers the following tips to help home and business owners:

- **Get ready in advance.** Before a disaster or storm strikes is the best time to buy outdoor power equipment. You never know when the electricity might go out or when a storm might arise.

- **Know your needs.** Determine what might need to be cleaned up or tidied before severe weather arrives. Decide what equipment is needed to keep people and property safe before and after a disaster or power outage.

- **Do research.** Outdoor power equipment has changed a lot from what you might remember from years past. The industry is rapidly innovat-



**A chainsaw can help protect your home and family from falling tree limbs before a storm and clean them up after one.**

ing with equipment becoming faster, lighter, more efficient, more ergonomic and cleaner. Get their recommendations from dealers and store personnel who are well versed in equipment.

- **Buy what fits your needs.** Each equipment type and power source has different maintenance and care requirements. Equipment is sized for different levels of need, so it's important to buy what works for your unique situation.

- **Think ahead and purchase accessories.** Buy outdoor-rated extension cords for generators and consider getting an approved cover for your generator for rainy weather. Buy and install a carbon monoxide detector if purchasing a generator. Plan now where the generator will be set up (never in a home or garage and always away from your home and any air intake) and determine how to secure it if necessary. Identify safety equipment needed such as chaps, eye protection or hearing protection. Gasoline-powered outdoor power equipment uses E10 or less fuel and most manufacturers recommend adding a fuel stabilizer.

- **Purchase appropriate fuel and charge batteries just ahead of a storm.** Use only an approved fuel container for gasoline and have an extra set of batteries on hand.

- **Review manufacturer's directions and maintain your equipment.** Always follow all safety and usage recommendations made by the manufacturer. Save a digital copy of the owner's manual on your computer if possible, so it can easily be consulted in the future. Set calendar reminders for regular maintenance.

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