

"Community News You Can Use"

Warner Public Library returning to in-person events in April

CLINTON – April is shaping up to be a busy month at the Vespasian Warner Public Library.

Patrons can visit the library and check-out a favorite book or movie, pick up a kit to take home, or participate in an event.

Library staff said there's something for everyone to enjoy.

First, in-person events at the library resume in April. Note that space is limited and advance registration is required for in-person events by 217-935-5174. calling Masks required are participants for all and social distancing will be observed. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any library event, call the library.

•Seed Starting 101-Thursday, April 8 at 10 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.: Take your garden to the next level. Participants will learn the basics of seed starting and plant their own mini greenhouse to take home. This event is geared towards adult audiences, but children are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian. One greenhouse tray per household, please. Tractor Supply donated supplies for the program. • Make Your Own Planet for Earth Day-Thursday, April 22 at 2 p.m.: Come in to the library and design your own planet to celebrate April 12: (Children and family) Show your love for your furry, scaled, and feathered friends by making a special frame just for a picture of them. All ages.

•Money Smart Week Kit-Begins April 12: (Adult) Stop by the library and pick up a free Financial Savvy Planning Kit. Two kit options will be available while supplies last, Smart Savings and Capturing Each Credit. kit contains two interactive workbooks, bookmarks, a pen, and a reading list. Suggested age is 18-up.

•Seed Library Challenge-Begins April 19: (Adult) The seed library is getting a makeover, and the library has several packets of seeds that expired three to four years ago. Plant them and see if they will grow. Suggested age is 18-up.

•Embroidery Hoop Suncatchers-Begins April 26: (Teen) If you can't get enough of that springtime sun, this is the craft for you. Grab a kit to help catch the sunlight in beautiful colors whenever you feel its warmth. Suggested age is 12-up.

Finally, the library's Revere Ware Room is now available for public rentals. Occupancy for room use is limited to 20 people. Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be observed. Kitchen access, food, and drinks are not permitted at this time. Please visit the library's website or call the library for full details and rental rates. The library is open for browsing, and the community is encouraged to stop in and checkout books, movies, and more. Current hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Hours are subject to change.



Spring in bloom

While the trees haven't yet leafed out, the grass is getting greener and this shrub along W. Main Street was in bloom this week as spring begins to open in 2021.

County board votes for six-month moratorium on new wind farm permits

Board members do not debate declaring Enel special use permit null and void

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CLINTON – During its Mar. 25 regular meeting, the DeWitt County Board approved a plan to suspend for 180 days approval of any new special use permits for wind energy projects. During that period, the board will conduct a review of its current wind energy ordinance with an eye toward making changes it feels are necessary.

opponents of the Alta Farms wind energy project are asking the county to declare the project's special use permit null and void. A recent tie-vote by the county's Regional Planning Commission (RPC) resulted in the commission's failure to recommend the permit be rescinded. completed in that time. Two weeks ago, plaintiffs in a pair of lawsuits against the county and Enel Energy filed to have their suits dismissed. The two lawsuits were filed in Oct. 2020, one by a group of residents living in the area of the planned wind the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) voted 3-3 with one abstention to recommend the county board declare the Enel special use permit null and void. Up to that point, a majority of RPC members had supported denial of the permit, which was

our own using scrap materials and saving them from the landfill. All ages are welcome.

Popular grab 'n go crafts and kits will continue to be available in April as well. All grab 'n go items are available on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last. RSVPs are not necessary.

•Birdseed Hangers-Begins April 5: (Children and family) Make sure your birds are wellfed by making them a birdseed hanger, and get some bird watching in while you're at it. All ages.

•National Pet Day Picture Frames-Begins For more information about the programs above or any library services, visit www. vwarner.org or call (217) 935-5174.

2021 exemption renewals going out on April 15

CLINTON — Forms for the Senior Citizen Homestead, Disabled Persons and Disabled Veterans Standard exemption will be mailed out on April 15, 2021. If you have any questions regarding these renewal forms, contact the Supervisor of Assessments office at 217-935-7800. The board's decision comes at a time when

County board member Buck Carter recommended the moratorium on new special use permits and suggested the moratorium end in six months.

Board chairman Terry Ferguson felt the review process could be project and one by the Village of Wapella and its mayor.

Among other issues, the suits claimed the county failed to follow its own ordinance when approving the special use permit for the project.

The day before the first suit was dropped,

ultimately granted by the county.

Opponents of the wind project had hoped the RPC would support rescinding the permit.

The county board has not taken up discussion on rescinding the current Enel special use permit.

Republicans propose independent redistricting commission

Peter Hancock

Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Republicans in the General Assembly have introduced a new bill that would hand over the process of drawing new legislative and congressional district maps to an independent commission that would be required to use official Census Bureau, rather than survey estimates, to draw the maps.

The latest bill, introduced Tuesday as an amendment to Senate Bill 1325, mirrors a proposed constitutional amendment that was introduced in 2019. That proposal, which had 37 cosponsors, died in the 101st General Assembly without receiving a hearing.

"Voters shouldn't have to rely on politicians who draw maps solely fulfill their to selfserving interests," Sen. Jason Barickman, R-Bloomington, the bill's chief sponsor, said during a virtual news conference. "Remember ... just last year, 18 Democrats in the Illinois Senate signed on to a constitutional amendment supporting an independent mapmaking commission. We've taken the language of that

constitutional amendment and we're proposing to do just that by statute."

Every 10 years, states redraw their legislative and congressional district maps to align with the most recent decennial census. That process is being complicated this year, as the census data needed to complete those tasks has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors.

The Census Bureau has said that the data needed for congressional redistricting will be available by April 30. But the more detailed, block-level data that most states need for legislative redistricting won't be available until the end of September.

But the Census Bureau has also said it will have the more detailed data available in another, less user-friendly format – what's known as the Legacy Format Summary Redistricting File – by mid- to late-August.

Democrats, who control both chambers of the General Assembly, have suggested they can meet the constitutional deadlines by using population estimates from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

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On 03/26/21 Clinton Police arrested Cody D. Herald 28, Farmer City for Violation of Order of Protection. Herald was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 03/27/21 Clinton Police arrested Timothy M. Followell 30, Clinton for Reckless Driving and Following Too Closely. Followell was released on Notice to Appear in Court.

On 03/27/21 Clinton Police arrested Joshua B. Hood 22, Clinton for Aggravated Battery and Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer. Hood was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

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

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But Republicans are objecting to that idea, saying that data is flawed because it is based on only a sample of all households. "So that's what it comes down to," said House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs. "Do we want to rely upon an unproven piece of research, or are we going to do what we've done traditionally in the past? And we can pivot, we can make adjustments. We do that often with deadlines."

The bill calls for the chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court and the most senior member of the court who is from a different political party to appoint a 16-member Independent Redistricting Commission. It would be composed of seven Democrats, seven Republicans and two independents, and no one who has been elected to a state, federal or local government office within the preceding four years would be eligible to serve on the commission.

The bill also anticipates that the commission will not complete its work by the constitutional lune 30 deadline and that an eight-member Legislative Redistricting Commission would also be appointed. The independent commission would then wait to receive the Legacy Format Summary Redistricting File from the Census Bureau and, within 30 days after that, submit a plan for new state legislative maps to the Legislative Redistricting Commission while submitting its plan for congressional redistricting to the General Assembly. "Every Illinoisan deserves to be represented in our democracy, and an independent map drawn by the people for the people, and not by

is really the best way for people to have their voices heard," said Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods. "For too long the people of Illinois have been deprived of the right of having an independent map where they get to pick their elected representatives."

politicians for politicians,

The idea of turning the redistricting process over to an independent commission, often referred to as the "Fair Maps" proposal, has enjoyed broad, bipartisan support in the past. A 2020 survey by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University found that 64 percent of those responding favored redistricting reform, including 40 percent who "strongly" favored it.

In 2014 and 2016, there were citizen-led petition drives to put such an amendment on the ballot, but both initiatives were ultimately struck down by Illinois courts on technical grounds.

year, however, This Democrats have indicated that they intend to use the traditional legislative process to redraw maps, and both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees have outlined their schedules for holding public hearings around the state. The Senate committee, which is divided into 15 regional subcommittees, begun has already conducting virtual meetings focusing on different regions of the state. The House committee released its schedule on Monday. It includes a series of 23 in-person hearings it will conduct around the state beginning Thursday, April 1, in Chicago.

Social Security connecting with vulnerable populations during coronavirus pandemic

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Social Security Administration has a long history of outreach and coordination with advocates and community-based organizations across the nation. During the COVID-19 pandemic, continu-ing to work with advocates and community-based organizations is essential to reaching the country's most vulnerable populations, including individuals with income, limited low English proficiency, mental illness, or those facing homelessness. The agency is fully committed to assisting people in gaining access to the information and services they need with a specific emphasis on applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.

"I made this issue a strategic agency priority and focused resources to reach vulnerable communi-ties and help them access our services and receive their benefits. I ask leaders in every community to share information about our programs with people and help them connect with us to apply for benefits," said Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security. "Social Security is working on many initiatives to reach vulnerable populations and I am pleased to share information about our national outreach campaign, developed in collaboration with leaders in the community, to raise awareness of the SSI and SSDI programs." To ensure effective outreach to these vulnerable populations who need access to agency programs, and to the advocates and organizations who can help to connect people with Social Security, the agency launched a national campaign to raise awareness of the SSI and SSDI programs and en-courage people to apply. Campaign efforts include:



socialsecurity.gov/ thirdparty/groups/ vulnerable-populations. html where all partner groups can access informational materials to share through their networks, including resources tailored to specific vulnerable populations;

updated • An Faith-Based and Community Groups website at www. socialsecurity.gov/ thirdparty/groups/ faithandcommunity.html with a new outreach toolkit and SSI and SSDI fact sheets. The agency coordinated this effort with the White House, and the White House Office of Faith-Based Neighborhood and Partnerships is helping to promote these resources; and

upcoming An advertising national campaign to support all outreach efforts on TV, radio, and social media, with special emphasis on children with disabilities (see the recently redesigned website focused on SSI for children at www.socialsecurity. gov/benefits/disability/ apply-child.html). TVand radio PSAs highlighting SSI for children currently are being tested in the Dallas, TX area to determine their impact.

The agency is

All mixed up

elcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Here, there and yonder, Ι have discussed various forms of mixing as they pertain to specific items, recipes and instructions. In my articles of January, 15 and 22, 2021, I compared stirring utensils with methods. Now I wish to focus on specific mixing procedures.

It is helpful to know mixing types and methods when inventing one's own recipe. Many recipes exist that fail to either instruct what type of utensil and/ or mixing procedure that should be used for best results. This and the following article should alleviate these doubts.

This article may appear elementary. Why include such a simple matter in with advanced culinary teachings? Regardless how simple a matter initially seems; it can have important affects. Even in mixing ingredients, certain requirements necessitate certain processes using the correct equipment and techniques. Good cooking requires exactness in ingredients, equipment and methods.

We must know different mixing techniques in order to compare which is best for the job. This includes existing recipes. I have read and followed many recipes. For better results from some, I needed to substitute different mixing methods. One such example dealt with bread pudding. This seemingly elementary matter is of great importance. I will begin with preparatory procedures and then the various major types of mixing techniques and



Culinary Corner By Chef Roger Joss

to be crisped afterwards. Another example is the need to plump raisins before mixing and to oven dry diced potatoes prior to adding them to casseroles. There is also the need to dust raisins with flour before mixing them into puddings. This keeps them in suspension. There are countless other examples of preparatory procedures necessary for proper combining. Each and every intricate step in culinary must be executed properly for best results. There are no exceptions.

The mixing technique of flipping is done with a sauté pan. This is a favorite procedure of mine. It allows me to show-off. The food is flipped from the pan into the air and hopefully all of it lands back into the pan for further cooking. I have often used a turner for mixing chunks of food in the sauté pan and skillets. A spoon is generally used for stirring liquids and some thicker substances such as porridge and batters. I have found a fork most useful when needing to thoroughly mix a paste such as roux and to cream sugar in with solid shortening. The best instrument I found for mixing dry powdery ingredients is the Foley fork. The whip or whisk is best for homogeneously mixing watery mixtures such as vinaigrettes and mayonnaise. The true value of the whisk is best demonstrated homogeneously for combining opposing ingredients such as paste with liquid as in making béchamel. In making meringues from egg whites is a classic example. Until next time, peace to all.



• A new webpage, People Helping Others, at www.socialsecurity. gov/thirdparty, for anyone who could assist another person with accessing Social Security's programs and services;

• A new outreach website, at www.

now completing training videos for communitybased caseworkers to help their clients with the SSI application process.

People can apply for SSI benefits, and for other benefit programs, through a telephone appointment with the agency, even while local offices are not able to accept walk-in visitors. More people need to be made aware of the SSI program and reminded that they can call toll-1-800-772-1213, free or their local Social Security office, to make a phone appointment to apply for SSI. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call Social Security's TTY number, 1-800-325-0778.

equipment.

One most obvious preparatory procedure is to pre-cook certain items before mixing. For example, bacon bits would need to be crisped before mixing since they are not likely



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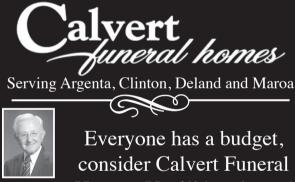
LOS ANGELES, Calif. - Martha Louise (Short) Stone, 73, of Los Angeles, Calif., passed away at 11:27 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, in Los Angeles. She was formerly of Normal.

Graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at Woodlawn Cemetery, in Clinton. Arrangements are by Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory, in Creve Coeur.



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Maurice W. Day

MAROA - Maurice W. Day, 84, of Maroa, passed away at 5:01 a.m. on March 26, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur. Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with the Rev. Mary Alice Cunningham officiating. Burial will follow at Maroa Cemetery, Maroa. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at the funeral home. Maurice was born on July 12, 1936, in Creek Township., DeWitt County, Ill., the son of Burl C. and Gladys (Ballance) Day. He married Nancy B. Florey on July 28, 1956, in Clinton. His sweetheart, Nancy, passed away on February 18, 2017.

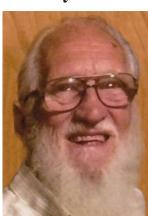
Survivors include his sons, Michael (Kim) Day, Decatur, and Les (Jenny) Day, Maroa; daughter, Pamela (John) Vogel, Decatur; grandchildren, Andrea Cullison, Stephanie Kiley, Heather Hodges and Melanie

Sharon E. Simmons

CLINTON – Sharon E. Simmons, 69, of Clinton, passed away on Friday, March 19, 2021, at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Sharon was born on February 20, 1952, in Decatur, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Armsworth) Sutton. A member of First United Methodist Church, in Clinton, Sharon worked as an emergency room technician at Dr. John Warner Hospital, in Clinton, until retiring.

Surviving are her siblings, Brian (Sue) Sutton, of Florida; Alan Sutton, of Ohio; Teresa Sutton, of Decatur; and Mark Sutton, of Texas.



Casner; seven greatgrandchildren and several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren: siblings, Carol (Lonnie) Schove, Normal; Esther Crotchett, Springfield; and Margaret Grissom, Maroa.

Maurice was preceded in death by his son, Melvin Day, parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Maurice worked and retired from Caterpillar Tractor as a Master Adjuster after 37 years of service. He will be missed by his family, friends, and neighbors

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A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at a later date.

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Stimulus payment merry-go-round

A third round of stimulus payments are on their way. But has your second one shown up yet?

Next question: Did you file last year's 2019 taxes on paper instead of e-filing? If so, that might well be the reason you don't have your money yet.

The IRS got behind on processing the paper tax forms we sent a year ago. If all had gone well, those who were eligible should have received a \$600 stimulus check (the second one) by Jan. 29, 2021.

The IRS has a specific page for you to check the status of your stimulus payment, but it's only good for the third stimulus check. All information for your first and second stimulus money has been removed from their website.

Confused yet? You're not alone.

Start with www.irs. gov/coronavirus/get-mypayment and scroll to Get My Payment. Click on it and fill out the information. You'll go to a page that tells you the status of the payment you're to receive now, the

SENIOR NEWS LINE by Matilda Charles

third payment. If it says that payment information is Not Available, it means you're not going to receive a payment the easy way (and might be why your second payment is still missing). On the Get My Payment page, click on Frequently Asked Questions to see what applies to you.

Even if you don't normally file, you'll need to file for 2020 (preferably e-file) if you want that stimulus money quickly. Look for Line 30 on the Form 1040 or 1040-SR. It's called the Recovery Rebate Credit. If you received Notice 1444 or 1444B in the mail from the IRS, it will tell you what figures to use.

If you did receive the money but your financial situation has changed and you should have received a different amount, click Recovery Rebate on Credit.

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RCC offers online summer tuition discounts, no tuition increase for 2021-2022

DECATUR - Richland Community College will begin its summer enrollment registration cycle next week with no increase in tuition rates for the 2021-2022 academic year. In-district students can expect to pay a total of \$153 per credit hour, which is made up of \$139 per credit hour with fees for academic/technology/ campus enhance-ment/ wellness of \$12 and a registration fee of \$2 per credit hour.

In addition, Richland will continue to offer a discount for online tuition rates for classes this summer. As a result of this discount, a full-time student enrolled in 15 credits of online courses

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Sharon was preceded in death by her parents.



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Online tuition rates will not increase and will be \$175 per credit hour, which includes fees.

will receive a \$375 credit.

Any student not enrolled in 15 hours who takes online classes should expect to pay \$164 per credit hour (which includes \$175 tuition, \$12 tech fee, \$2 registration fee and a \$25 per credit hour tuition credit). The \$25 credit is a 14.3 percent credit off online tuition.

'Financial Literacy Month,' a perfect time to plan for your future

Jonna Reno Social Security operations supervisor, Bloomington

April is Financial Literacy Month, a time focused on educating people about the importance of planning for a secure financial future. Social Security is a vital part of any financial plan. We have online tools to help you understand your potential Social Security benefits and how they fit into your financial future.

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1960 - France signed an agreement with Madagascar that proclaimed the country an independent state within the French community.

1963 - Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King began the first non-violent campaign in Birmingham, AL.

1966 - South Vietnamese troops joined in demonstrations at Hue and Da Nang for an end to military rule.

1967 - In Peking, hundreds of thousands demonstrated against Mao foe Liu Shao-chi.

1972 - Burt Reynolds appeared nude in "Cosmopolitan" magazine.

1978 - The first episode of "Dallas" aired on CBS.

1981 - In Lebanon, thirty-seven people were reported killed during fighting in the cities of Beirut and Zahle. It was the worst violence since the 1976 cease fire.

1982 - Argentina invaded the British-owned Falkland Islands. The following June Britain took the islands back.

1983 - The New Jersey Transit strike that began on March 1 came to an end.

1984 - John Thompson became the first black coach to lead his team to the NCAA college basketball championship.

1984 - In Jerusalem, three Arab gunmen wounded 48 people when they opened fire into a crowd of shoppers.

1985 - The NCAA Rules Committee adopted the 45-second shot clock for men's basketball to begin

Amber Waves





Readers' Letters

In-class learning versus online learning in the Clinton School District

One year ago, teachers and students experienced a change in education that no one expected. COVID took away fourth quarter in-class learning in every school district in Illinois and learning was accomplished remotely with teacher's instruction. Everyone hoped school would return to "normal" in the fall.

We have yet to reach that point even now. In the Clinton School District, there is in-class learning at the schools, which requires masks and social distancing. And there is online learning at home using the Edmentum Online Learning Program. A tough decision to choose between the two for both parents and students.

In-class learning isn't what it used to be, but the teachers are doing their best. Online learning is a whole different story. No teachers to ask questions and no other students to collaborate with. Learning is done on your own.

The Clinton School District established a policy over the summer that required parents make a choice between inclass and online learning before the school year began. After a week, several parents requested a change from online to in-class learning. They

understandably were unprepared for the responsibility. It became clear that online learning had some weaknesses, especially for parents and students experiencing it for the first time.

In mid-October, the administration raised the question of online students returning to in-class learning at the beginning of the second quarter. The teachers had reservations, so the school board made no changes to the policy at that time. The board did amend the policy to allow parents to switch learning styles at the end of the first semester.

Research indicates in-class learning offers the best opportunity for success. Two weeks ago I spoke personally to Curt Nettles, the superintendent of the Clinton School District, and I spoke to every school board member over the phone. Each person I spoke to said they want all students back in class because they feel it is in the best interest of the students. I then attended the March school board meeting and asked the school board to allow online students to return to in-class learning at the beginning of the fourth the end of the meeting. Despite Nettles and the school board members telling me that students should be in school, Nettles reminded the school board that the current board policy restricted online students from returning to class after the beginning of the second semester and he thought teachers still had their reservations. These two items swayed board members against considering my proposal.

Here is the dilemma that faces the Clinton School District. Everyone believes students learn best in the classroom with teachers. The Superintendent told me so. The school board members told me so. And the teachers should believe it or I question their motivation for being in the classroom. If everyone agrees, then how in good conscience can the school district tell students they can't return?

The answer is they haven't. Some students have been allowed to return during the third The quarter. returns "extenuating" required circumstances and only Nettles decided whether the circumstances warranted the returns. One person in the district holds the power to include or exclude a student's presence to learn in the

classroom. Superintendent or not, one person's opinion of what is or what isn't extenuating offers no recourse.

There are students in the district that want to switch learning from online to in-class learning immediately. I personally know of at least two. I also know that their in-class teachers don't have any reservations regarding their return. Both of these students have been told no. So why won't they be allowed to return? Because of the school board's policy not permitting online learners returning and their circumstances don't meet Nettles' criteria.

Can anything be done to correct this? Yes. Contact the school board members. Their phone numbers are on the Clinton School District website. Let them know your opinion of the board policy restricting learners online from switching to in-class learners immediately. The board members have the ability to call a special meeting to discuss this policy and adjust it as soon as possible. The students deserve your efforts.

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in the 1986 season.

1986 - On a TWA airliner flying from Rome to Athens a bomb exploded under a seat killing four Americans.

1987 - The speed limit on U.S. interstate highways was increased to 65 miles per hour in limited areas.

1988 - U.S. Special Prosecutor James McKay declined to indict Attorney General Edwin Meese for criminal wrongdoing.

1989 - An editorial in the "New York Times" declared that the Cold War was over.

1989 - General Prosper Avril, Haiti's military leader, survived a coup attempt. The attempt was apparently provoked by Avril's U.S.-backed efforts to fight drug trafficking.

1990 - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein threatened to incinerate half of Israel with chemical weapons if Israel joined a conspiracy against Iraq.

1992 - Mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering. He was later sentenced to life in prison.

1995 - The costliest strike in professional sports history ended when baseball owners agreed to let players play without a contract.

1996 - Russia and Belarus signed a treaty that created a political and economic alliance in an effort to reunite the two former Soviet republics.

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Security: National and economic

We were all somewhat bemused by the scene of the Ever Given stuck in the Suez Canal. The ship is a quarter-mile in length and transports containers from Asia to Europe.

Many described the stuck ship as a beached whale. Its massive size, turned sideways, in a narrow canal is simply a scene that is hard to forget. In all honesty we shouldn't forget it. This was a peaceful wakeup call for security awareness. It could have been much worse if it was a terrorist act.

The world has become an economy in itself. Very few nations are truly self sufficient. Trade is what makes things go round, and when trade is stopped or curtailed, people and nations can and do suffer. Over 10 percent of world trade passes through the Suez Canal, and that percentage is higher in European economies. Prices of goods were starting to rise in Europe and there were concerns about oil shortages until the ship was freed after being beached for a week. What lessons should we take from this warning

from the Suez Canal. Our economies are fragile and most people are no longer self-reliant. We are no longer a nation of farmers and local merchants. We are now an urban nation and almost everything is shipped in from somewhere else. Economists refer to this as a supply chain. For those concerned about the big picture of security, that supply chain is the weak link in our security. Yes, we have a powerful military in all of its branches, but without basic supplies military might doesn't have much value.

The Suez Canal was blocked for a week and Europe was getting very nervous. What about that canal in Panama which is closer to home. It is just as susceptible to disaster or terrorists acts as is the Suez Canal. Our railroads go coast to coast and a tremendous amount of goods are transported by rail. Railroads have trestles and bridges to pass over gorges and rivers. Realistically there simply are not that many rail lines and they all have bottlenecks. The same



is true of our highway system. We as a nation have been very fortunate that we have not had terrorist attacks on that infrastructure.

Much of our grain is transported on river barges. We have a huge network of lock and dams to assist with that transport. The risk factor is obvious. Those locks and dams are subject to natural disasters and terrorist events. To date terrorist acts have not occurred and we have been blessed, or perhaps just plain lucky.

In the past year we have seen our electrical grids stress and fail in Texas and California pursuant to natural disasters. Our electrical grids are fragile and those opposed to this nation are very much aware of that.

Illinois is in the center of this nation and has major rail, barge and highways that support commerce. We are also

broke as a state and spend very little monies on security. infrastructure One security concern that is just south of Vandalia on Route 51 should be a concern for the state and the nation. Many of the oil and natural gas lines in this country converge in Patoka, a very small and rural community. That distribution center's security should concern all.

Many private entities (such as nuclear power plants) do provide their own security personnel. Federal and state/local law enforcement officers also have security oversight public properties of and provide security. However, that is not the main job description of a county deputy or state trooper. While the Suez Canal blockage may have simply been an accident, its lesson needs to be taken seriously by the world and this nation. We are vulnerable in many areas to attack and we need to be vigilant in our preparation to defend our infrastructure. Our national security and economic life demands that attention.

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Philippians 2:9-11

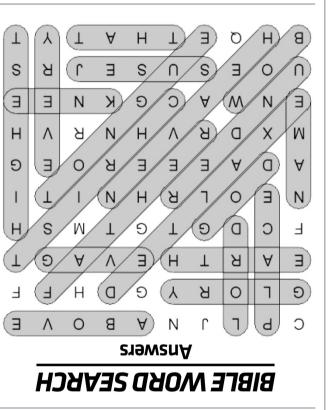
Therefore **<u>God</u>** exalted him to the <u>highest</u> place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the **Father**.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

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

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2. What type of musical accompaniment is given as instructions for recitation of Psalms 4? Flutes, Stringed instruments, Shofars, Mandrakes

3. From Matthew 6, what did Jesus say not to use when we pray? Loud curses, Impure thoughts, Vain repetitions, Wandering shifts

4. 1 Chronicles starts with how many chapters of genealogy? 3, 5, 7, 9

5. From Esther 1, King Ahasuerus lived in what city? Ur, Shushan, Antioch, Tarsus

6. Who was the first son of Moses and Zipporah? Haggai, Gershom, Mark, Zebudah

repetitions; 4) 9; 5) Shushan; 6) Gershom ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Stringed instruments; 3) Vain

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A Salute to Farmers Agriculture and the economy



(METRO) — Though it's easy to look at the tech industry and think this increasingly influential sector is what makes the world go round, something closer to the very core of the Earth may be what's driving your economy.

The agricultural sector plays a strategic role in a nation's economic development and prosperity. From the earliest days, agriculture has been heralded as playing a crucial role in North American culture. Farmers who grow produce and raise livestock for meats and

other products have long exemplified what it means to work hard and take initiatives to be selfsufficient.

The symbiotic nature of agriculture and the economy is noticeable when examining the ups and downs of each. This is because food production and the potential of agriculture extends beyond the fields and local food stands. These resources impact supply chains and other markets. A strong agriculture base influences other employment sectors like food manufacturing, biotechnology, hospitality,

machinery building, and much more, while a weak agriculture can adversely affect those sectors.

While it can be difficult for residents of developed nations to visualize agriculture's effect, one only needs to turn impoverished and to developing nations to see just how big an impact agriculture can have on an economy. Agriculture provides food and raw materials, eventually creating demand for goods produced in nonagricultural sectors. Also, food provides nutrition that can serve as the

foundation of a healthy nation. Earning a living in agriculture strengthens purchasing power, which fuels other markets. Eventually, farming can pave the way for development, including roads, markets, shipping services, exporting, and many other sectors.

Agriculture is an important economic building block. An especially important sector, the agricultural industry, when supported, can contribute greatly to sustained economic growth. Alec Martin Financial Advisor

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A Salute to Farmers How farmers use drones





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(METRO) The farmers of yesteryear might not be too familiar with their surroundings if they were to visit a modern farm. While the men and women who made their livings as farmers decades ago would no doubt still recognize certain farm features that have withstood the test of time,

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they might not understand the inner workings of the modern farm, particularly in regard to the role technology now plays within the agricultural sector.

Technology has changed agriculture in myriad ways. The methods farmers employ to produce food and improve the efficiency of their operations has changed as technology has evolved. One of the more noticeable changes that's hard to miss on modern farms is the use of agricultural drones.

for decades. Sometimes referred to as "unmanned vehicles," aerial or "UAVs," drones can be utilized in ways that can save farmers money and protect the planet.

 Monitor crops: According to senseFly, the commercial drone subsidiary of Parrot Group, drones can help farmers effectively monitor their crops. With a drone flying overhead, farmers can spot and quickly identify issues affecting their crops before those issues escalate into something larger.

potential benefit of agricultural drones highlights their role in analyzing soil.Agricultural drones utilize complex mapping functions to gather data about the soil, including areas where it might be stressed. That enables farmers to develop accurate soil samples that can be used to guide decisions in regard to irrigation and fertilization.

Reduce waste: SenseFly notes that data gathered by drones can help farmers determine the vigor of their crops at various stages of growth. Such information can prevent overfertilization and overwatering, thereby reducing waste and runoff. benefitting the planet as a result. • Planning: Drones can be used to collect data on crop growth and health at various times throughout the growing season. That can help farmers develop accurate predictions regarding harvest quality and crop yield, making it easier for them to plan ahead. Agricultural drones are one of the many examples illustrate how that technology has changed and will continue to change the ways modern farmers conduct business.

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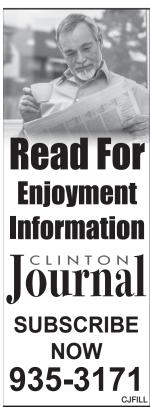
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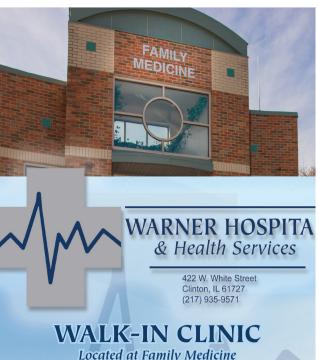


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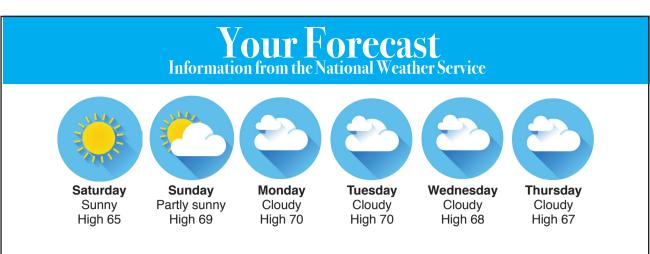


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'World of Outlaws' head to Illinois for 'Illini 100'

FARMER CITY – The World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models Series returns to Farmer City Raceway this weekend for the 13th annual Illini 100.

The Series gears up for two nights of action at the 1/4mile track, with one driver possibly walking away with \$26,000 in winnings between the two nights.

The Friday, April 2, 25-lap Feature will award \$6,000 to the winner. Then, on Saturday, April 3, the Series will run a 75-lap Feature, with the winner collecting \$20,000. Saturday's event also pays \$10,000 to second and \$1,200 to start.

Hot Laps are scheduled to start at 6pm on Friday, and 5pm on Saturday.

Fans can also meet the drivers during an autograph session on Saturday, from 3pm to 4pm.

Teams will get a practice session on Thursday, April 1. After six races, Kyle Strickler has a 66-point lead on three-time and defending champion Brandon Sheppard. Strickler is still the only twotime winner on the Series, so far.

The World of Outlaws Late Models have run 16 races at Farmer City Raceway, with eight different winners. Brandon Sheppard is the most recent winner – April 2019. Billy Moyer has won the most, reaching Victory Lane four times.

If you can't make it either night, watch all the action live on DIRTVision with the annual Platinum FAST PASS subscription for \$299/year or

Model wins in his home state at Farmer City Raceway. Both have been during the 25-lap portion of the Illini 100. He's been close to clinching the 75-lap event, finishing second to Brandon Sheppard in the

Overall, the Chatham, IL driver has four top-fives in World of Outlaws Late Model competition at the track.

Racing Close to home: Brandon Sheppard isn't the only driver looking forward to getting home this weekend. Illinois-native Dennis Erb Jr. has four wins at Farmer City Raceway. However, none have come during World of

In those races, the Carpentersville, IL native has three top-fives, and six top-10s. Two of those top-fives were during the Illini 100 in 2019. New Territory: The Illini 100 will be a whole new ballgame for Series points leader Kyle Strickler. Friday night will be "The High Side Tick-

with the World of Outlaws Late Models. So far this season, Strickler

with the most wins (two), the most top-five finishes (4) currently the only driver with more than three top-fives and the most top-10s (5).

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This Week at a Glance

When and Where April 1-3 at Farmer City

Illini 100 finale in 2017.

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paigner enters the weekend with a 66-point lead over Brandon Sheppard and leads the hunt for Rookie of the Year.

Raceway in Farmer City, IL

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2008 – Billy Moyer on April

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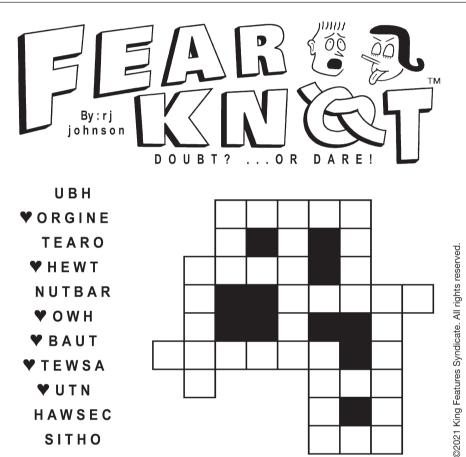
Your writer cannot recall seeing the word "eschew" other than in bridge books. Football players and golfers never eschew, nor do NASCAR drivers, but bridge players seem to do it all the time. Here, North charges into slam (eschewing Blackwood), now see how Declarer makes her contract.

6 is a fine place to be but, after the lead of the ♦K, Declarer is in danger of losing a Spade and a Diamond. Declarer could take the trump finesse now, and that is certainly the percentage play when looking only at the Spade suit. Of course, the danger is that, if the Spade finesse loses, Declarer will be down one in a hurry. Declarer can do better by combining her chances in two suits rather than staking everything on luck in the Spade suit.

The right plan is to eschew the Spade finesse and play the A and K. That will be an immediate success if someone has the doubleton Queen but, even if they don't, Declarer has a second string to her bow. Leaving the &Q at large, Declarer sets about pitching away Diamond losers. There are two choices ... cash the Hearts hoping for one Diamond pitch from hand ... or cash the Clubs hoping for two Diamond pitches from Dummy. Whichever suit is run, for the contract to make, the defender with the AQ must follow three times. Which suit is more likely to succeed?

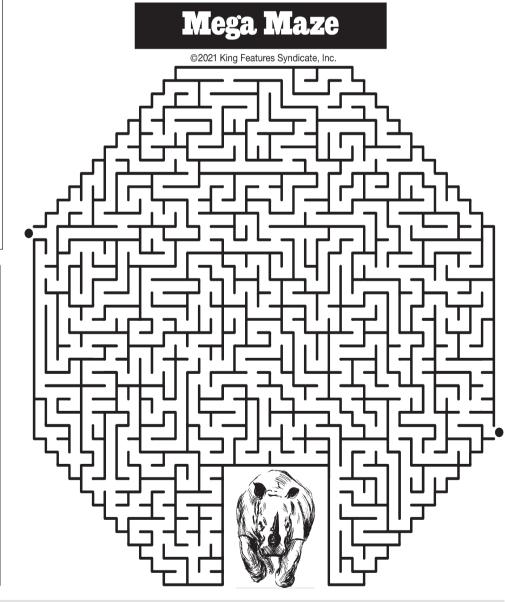
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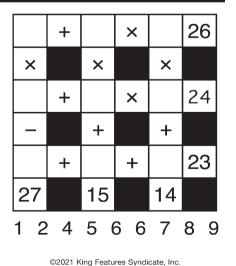
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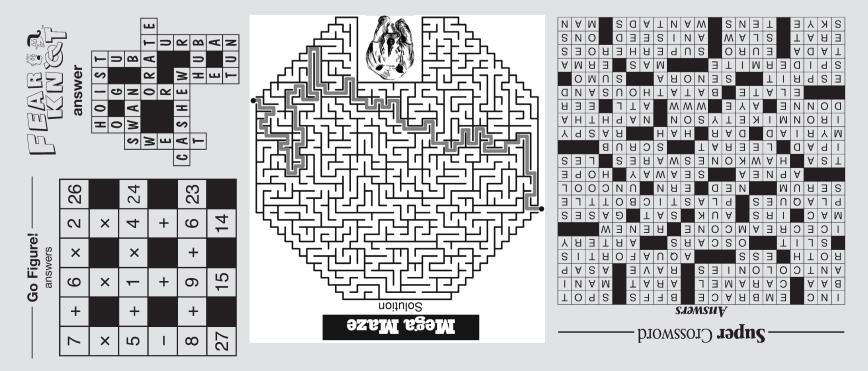
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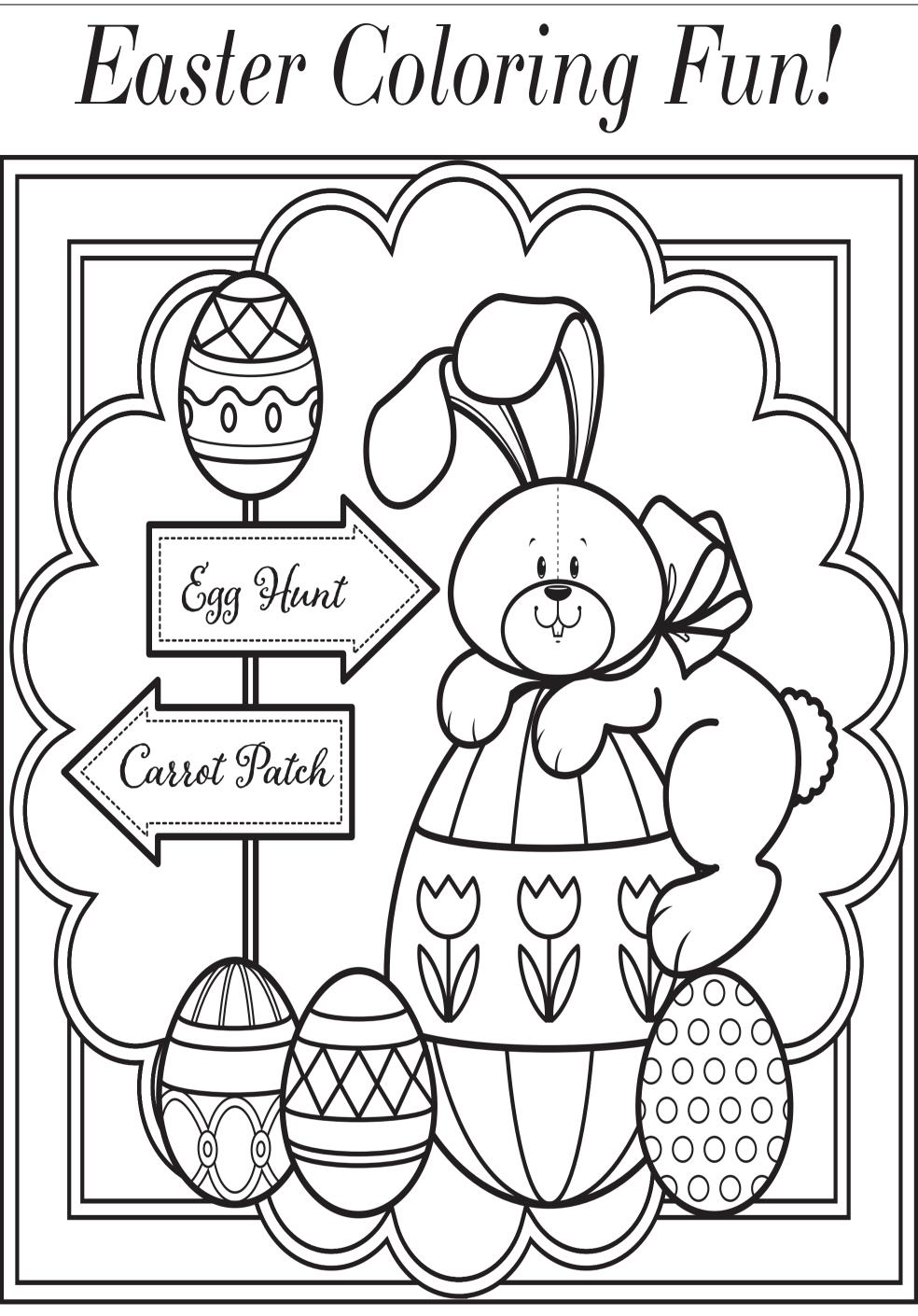
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No. 2021-P-11

NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION

TO: CREDITORS and CLAIMANTS

Notice is hereby given of the death of ALAN LYNN MURPHY, who died on 12/21/2020, a resident of Heyworth, DeWitt County, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2021

to CANDI LYN

TAYLOR, whose

Harrold Points Rd,

Wapella, IL 61777

whose address is

4360 Budds Creek

Rd, Cunningham,

Tennessee 37052;

GINNY MURPHY,

Valley Rd, Clinton,

Illinois 61727; and

MELVIN MURPHY,

Valley Rd, Clinton,

Administrators with

Will Annexed; and

whose attorney of

record is Stephen

R. Myers, 202 W.

Adams Street, Clin-

ton, Illinois 61727.

Claims against the

estate may be filed

in the office of the

Clerk of the Court

at 201 W. Washing-

ton Street, Clinton,

Illinois 61727, or

Illinois 61727, as

whose address

is 9393 Green

whose address

is 9393 Green

OLE BALLEW,

SAMANTHA NICH-

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 Administrators and to the attorney within (ten) 10 days after it has been

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 Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Dated: March 16, 2021

Stephen R. Myers Attorney for the Administrators ARDC No. 2008203 Stephen R. Myers Attorney for Administrators with Will Annexed 202 W. Adams Street Clinton, Illinois 61727 Tel. (217) 935-8326 Fax (217) 935-4333 E-Mail: steve@ stevemyerslaw.com

Legal 19173 March 26, 2021 April 2 and 9, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS - PRO-**BATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER

OF THE ESTATE OF: TIMOTHY J. SEX-TON

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to Terminate under

address.

of March, 2021.

Heather L. Sex-

ton, Independent

Jerry A. Johnson,

Attorney at Law

P.O. Box 571

61727

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Legal 19175

March 26, 2021

April 2, and 9, 2021

Clinton, Illinois

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Tuesday of said

Section 28-4 of the month Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/22-4). At the hour of 7 À form of a Petition o'clock p.m. at to Terminate Independent Admin-Wapella Township istration may be Hall obtained from the

For the transaction Clerk of the Circuit Court at the above of miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Dated this 17th day Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider Administrator of the reports of officers, Estate of Timothy J. and decide on such Sexton, Deceased. measures as may, in pursuance of law. come before the meeting; and es-Attorney # 6185567 pecially to consider 32 Manorhill Drive and decide the

> Dated March 9, 2021

following:

Town Clerk

Legal 19181 April 2, 2021

LEGAL

BUDGET

NOTICE OF PUB-

ROAD DISTRICT

Notice is here-

by given that a

tentative budget

and appropriation

ordinance for road

Wapella Township,

Illinois, for the fiscal

purposes of the

in the County of

DeWitt, State of

year beginning

April 1, 2021 and

ending March 30,

and conveniently

inspection at the

available to public

Wapella Township

hall from and after

8 o'clock pm, 13th

day of April, 2021.

Notice is further

a public hearing

on said budget

given hereby that

and appropriation

ordinance will be

held at 7 o'clock

pm, 11th day, May,

2021, at Wapella

Township hall in

this Town and that

final action on this

taken by the Board

be held at 7 o'clock

pm, on the 8th day

Dated this 9th day

of March, 2021.

Legal 19182

April 2, 2021

NOTICE OF PUB-

LIC HEARING ON

TOWN BUDGET

LEGAL

of June, 2021.

ordinance will be

of Town Trustees

at the meeting to

2022, will be on file

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Wapella, in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 30. 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Wapella Township hall from and after 8 o'clock pm, 13th day of April, 2021. Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing

on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7 o'clock pm, 11th day, May, 2021, at the Wapel la Township hall in this Town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock om on the 8th day of June, 2021. LIC HEARING ON

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CIRCUIT COURT - 6th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DeWITT COUNTY,

ESTATE OF:

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DECEASED. address is 14076

21-P-13

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDE-PENDENT ADMIN-ISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of the above named decedent: Letters of Office

were issued on March 15, 2021, to Heather L. Sexton, 113 South Isabella Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, as Independent Administrator. The attorney for the estate is Jerry A. Johnson, Attorney at Law, 32 Manorhill Drive, P.O. Box 571, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before September 30, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 16, 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:

TOP NOTCH LAWNCARE 9870 NORTHRIDGE CIRCLE CLINTON, IL 61727.

{SEAL}

Dated: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

No. 2021-146

Dana Smith **COUNTY CLERK**

Legal 19180 April 2, 9 and 16, 2021

LEGAL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Wapella in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said town will take place on

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 Being the second

Dated this 9th day of March, 2021

Jay Haycraft, Supervisor . Lindsay Donovan, Clerk

Legal 19183 April 2, 2021

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, March 26, 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:

J DAY TRANS-PORT 13189 LEROY RD FARMER CITY, IL 61842.

{SEAL}

Dated: Friday, March 26, 2021

No. 2021-147 Dana Smith/sw

COUNTY CLERK

Jay Haycraft, Supervisor Lindsay Donovan, Clerk

Legal 19184 April 2, 9 and 16, 2021



with the Administrators identified above, or both, on or before October 8, 2021. Any

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