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Celebrating Boy Scouts Week

Local Scouts recently celebrated National Boy Scouts of America Week. See more photos of Clinton Scouting activities on page A5.

Attorney asks county to void permit for wind project

Also suggests county not give-in to fear of lawsuits

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CLINTON attorney suing the county on behalf of 82 clients who oppose the wind energy project told county board members Feb. 18 not to give-in to a fear of lawsuits.

The suit was filed on behalf of residents who would live within or nearby the footprint of the Alta Farms II wind project in northwest DeWitt County.

Attorney Rick Porter revisited the vote taken in July 2020 by the board in office at that time. The board in July voted to approve the special use permit for the Alta Farms II project, going against recommendations of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and the Zoning Board Appeals (ZBA).Members of those boards the application presented by Enel Energy was incomplete and also violated elements of the county's wind energy ordinance.

"As a new county board, you can correct this injustice," Porter told board members on Feb.

Porter said the new board could vote to find the special use permits for the project null and void.

At this point, DeWitt County State's Attorney Dan Markwell, represents the county, interrupted.

"Are you giving legal advice to my clients," Markwell asked Porter. "Somebody needs to,

Mr. Markwell," Porter responded. But, Porter went on to say he was merely making

a public comment.

"When you're telling them what they 'need to do,' that sounds like legal advice," Markwell said.

Porter paused and said he wanted to finish his comment.

"As long as you don't give my clients legal advice, that's fine," Markwell said.

Porter went on to say the county should instruct its zoning administrator to not issue building permits for the project and to direct the county's attorney to not oppose the lawsuits filed against it.

Porter's clients also are suing Enel Energy. He told board members they should not be swayed by threats of lawsuits against it by Enel.

He told county board members they could declare the special use permit null and void with advice of the RPC and ZBA within the first 12 months of the permit

issuance.

Porter also said his firm sent a letter to the county zoning administrator in November 2020 telling him conditions of the special use permit had not been met. This was in reference to the building permits that the zoning administrator would issue.

Porter said conditions set out by the county for issuing a special use permit had not been met.

"It would be wholly improper to issue building permits, and we would hope that you, as a board member, impress that upon your zoning administrator," Porter said.

Health department vaccinating 1,300 residents a week

Locals compliment efficiency of county vaccine program

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CLINTON -David Remmert, director of the DeWitt/Piatt Bi-County Health Department recently gave county board officials a survey of the efforts underway to administer the COVID-19 vaccine locally. Since Remmert last briefed the county, first-round vaccinations have been administered.

"And, those are going on currently at Clinton High School," Remmert said. "We have provided vaccinations through special clinics on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday."

Remmert said department had clinics planned "for as long as it takes" on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the high school.

The 1B priority group has been the first so far to receive the vaccinations. group includes residents 65 and older and essential workers.

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"And that was recently expanded to include those younger than age 65 who suffer from various health conditions," he said. "So, we are expanding that very soon."

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State expands Phase 1B coronavirus vaccine eligibility

Tim Kirsininkas Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker said Monday that the state will move ahead with plans to expand vaccine eligibility under Phase 1B of its vaccination plan later this week. A total of 73,181

COVID-19 vaccinations administered were combined statewide Saturday and Sunday. The state has administered over 2.2 million doses to date, with 4.4 percent of the state's population being fully vaccinated.

In an unrelated Monday news conference, Pritzker Thursday said the eligibility expansion will include individuals aged 16 and older who have comorbidities, disabilities and underlying conditions. Residents will not be required to provide proof of an underlying condition in order to receive a vaccine, he said.

"We're not making people walk in with papers from their doctor to prove that they have diabetes or to prove that they have cancer," Pritzker said. "We are relying on the honor system."

Residents currently eligible for a vaccine under Phase 1B include people aged 65 and older and frontline essential workers.

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Clinton resident pleads guilty to defrauding BR School District

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FARMER CITY — A former Blue Ridge School technology coordinator pleaded guilty on Feb. 18 to defrauding the district of \$336,276 over a two-year period.

Clinton resident Joshua Raymer, 45, appeared virtually before U.S. Magistrate Judge Tom Schanzle-Haskins.

According the allegations, Raymer "falsely represented to a district official that computer switches failed, and replacements

needed maintain the district's computer system, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, in Urbana.

Court documents show Raymer carried out the scheme between April 2016 and December 2018, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"Raymer repeatedly used his position to have the district pay for more than 100 computer switches that it did not need, from two separate vendors, at a total cost of more than \$400,000," the U.S. Attorney's Office reported in a media release.

additional 28 switches were ordered that were never paid for, which resulted in a loss to the vendor of about \$106,000.

Raymer admitted to selling the switches and using the money for himself.

Raymer is scheduled to be sentenced on June 21. As part of a plea agreement, he agreed to pay full restitution of \$336,276 to the Blue Ridge School District and \$106,000 to a computer vendor.

"Raymer has agreed to pay restitution in the amount of \$17,897 to Special Olympics Illinois, where he worked after he was no longer employed by the school district," reported the U.S. Attorney's Office. Raymer had not been

charged in that case. Raymer could receive up to 20 years in prison under the statutory penalty for wire fraud. U.S. attorneys have agreed to recommend a sentence applicable to the advisory sentencing guidelines range.

Farmer City Police Department conducted the investigation with the cooperation of the Blue Ridge School District, the U.S. Attorney's Office reported.

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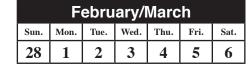
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Remmert said he felt the clinics so far had gone smoothly. Residents who have participated in the vaccine clinics have confirmed that with the Clinton Journal, many complimenting how orderly and efficient the clinics have been conducted.

Health department staff also have heard the positive comments about

the clinics.

"We have received a lot of positive comments residents have gone through those clinics," Remmert said. "We're grateful for the support of the county and the community overall."

He reported the clinic conducted on this night, Feb. 18, went well, receiving support from First National Bank in the form of food from Jimmy

Johns for all the workers at the clinic.

Remmert expected the health department administer about another 1,300 vaccine doses each week to residents of DeWitt and Piatt counties.

"We are in a position right now where we've provided about 7,000 doses total between our two counties overall," he

A model for vaccinations

the health department used during the H1N1 campaign it also is using the coronavirus program, which Remmert said works well.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics show that about 18,000 Americans died during the H1N1 epidemic. 500,000 More than Americans now have died from COVID-19.

Type of water matters

elcome to my culinary delights. There are many handy tips and short cuts that can be used in cooking. Those who have cooked long enough have inevitably come up with several of their own. In this article, I choose to cover a few basics that pertain mainly to household kitchens. After all, to learn helpful hints for efficiently draining a 60-quart stockpot or to clean out jets in a commercial dishwasher has no benefit for the majority of housewives

and male home cooks.

Many homes that suffer

from hard water problems have water conditioners to convert it into soft water. Water which is designated as hard is water that has minerals and usually iron deposits. Soft water is all well and good for taking baths and washing cloths and similar applications. However, it is not good for cooking. I once had this young door-to-door salesman wishing to sell me a very expensive soft water conditioner. One of the advantages he claimed was how much better tea and coffee tastes using soft water. This is a false statement. He felt safe in saying this since few people purposely make a comparative test. Even your betterquality cookbooks strongly suggest avoiding soft water for making beverages or even for boiling foods or making soups. If you have a soft water conditioner, it is therefore wise to have the lines running only to the bathrooms and utility room but not to the kitchen

or garden hose. Using hard water in kitchen presents certain minor problems. Whenever water is boiled



in an aluminum pot, the minerals in the water chemically react with the aluminum turning it black. This does not hurt anything. It just does not look good to most people. On the other hand, if you boil water in a stainless steel pot, a gray hazy band forms near the top where the water line was. This band is a band of mineral deposits attached to the metal as the water along sides evaporates. Since water does not evaporate below the water line, there will be no such deposits below the water

line. way of easy preventing the blackening of aluminum or the band mineral from forming on stainless steel is to add just a dribble of distilled vinegar into the water before turning the heat on. You should not be able to smell the vinegar in the water or even taste it. However, it provides just enough acid to counteract the effects of the minerals. If acidic foods are being cooked, then the vinegar

is unnecessary. One more tip. While watching amateurs cook, I have noticed a tendency for many to add salt first thing to the cooking water. The arguments for this do not standup against the evidence. This neither aids in the cooking or to the final results. To save damage to aluminum cookware, add salt at the very last unless special circumstances

otherwise. Until next time, peace to

Spring is in the air at Warner Public Library

right around the corner, and the Vespasian Warner Public Library can help patrons get ready with a variety of fun programs for the whole family. March brings another four grab 'n go programs

CLINTON - Spring is

to the community. Stop by the library to pick up free supplies and instructions for each kit beginning on the dates listed below. All grab 'n go items are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. RSVPs are not necessary.

- Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! A Celebratory Kit-Begins March 1: (Children & Family) Celebrate the 116th birthday of Dr. Seuss with a kit full of crafts, activities, and so much more. All ages.
- Demolition Stress Relief Kit-Begins March

8: (Adult & Family) Feeling a little stressed out? Release your tension and smash, pop, crumble, and squeeze your way into relaxation. Suggested age

is 8-up. •Paper Chain Rainbow-Begins March 15: (Children & Family) Count vourself as one of the lucky ones! You're about to find the leprechaun's gold at the end of a rainbow-colored paper chain you get to make yourself. Available while supplies last. One craft per person. All ages.

 Whackable Frustration Dolls-Begins March 29: (Teen) If you ever feel frustrated, have we got just the thing for you! Sew these Frustration Dolls up, then swing them around to your heart's content. It's a great stress reliever. Available while supplies last. One kit per person. Suggested age is 12-up.

In addition to the grab 'n go programs, the Vespasian Warner Public Library has partnered with the NNLM All of Us Community Engagement Network to offer a free virtual event on Thursday, March 11 from 2-3 p.m. CT. Join us online as Amy Byer Shainman, also known as the BRCA Responder, discusses her book, Resurrection Lily: The BRCA Gene, Hereditary Cancer & Lifesaving Whispers from the Grandmother I Never Knew: A Memoir. She will be joined by Ellen Matloff, Certified Genetic Counselor. This event will be streamed on the library's Facebook page (@VespasianWarner) and on YouTube.

Finally, the library will

host a blood drive for Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the library. This event will be held in partnership Mississippi with the Valley Regional Blood Center. Online registration information will available soon. For more details, please contact the library at 217-935-5174.

The Vespasian Warner Public Library is currently open for browsing and the community is encouraged to stop in and check-out books, movies, and more. Current hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Hours are subject to change. For more information about the programs above or any library services, visit www.vwarner.org or call 217-935-5174.

Heyworth student receives nursing scholarship

DANVILLE Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville and Charleston, announced scholarship numerous awards for the Spring 2021 semester.

Rigsby, of Madison Heyworth, received Feldkamp the Helen Memorial Scholarship. Rigsby attends Lakeview's Danville Campus.

Lakeview College of Nursing Scholarships are made possible by generous donations to the College's scholarship endowment fund. Scholarships are

awarded based criteria established by the donor as well as the financial need and/or academic merit of each applicant

Lakeview College of Nursing offers a bachelor of science in nursing degree. It is a singlepurpose, private institution that has specialized in nursing education in the Danville, area since 1894. Lakeview began offering the program in Charleston, in the fall of 2001.

Two area students on Augustana dean's list

ROCK ISLAND, III. Augustana College announced more than students were named to the Dean's List for the 2020-21 fall semester.

Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a fourpoint scale for courses taken during the term. The following local students have been named to the dean's list.

- · Kennedy Baldwin, of Heyworth. Baldwin is majoring in Augie Ages Undecided.
- Haley Ester, of Farmer City. Ester is majoring in Communication Studies.

Augustana's innovative program, Augie Choice, transforms students into global citizens, thinkers and doers with a \$2,000 grant to explore the world, complete an internship or conduct research with a professor.

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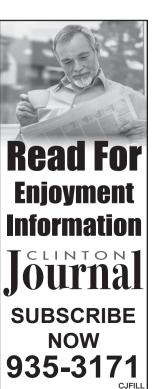
AmVets drive-through breakfast fundraiser February 27

CLINTON — AmVets Post 14 will host a drive-through breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 8-10:30 a.m. at the Clinton American Legion hall, 219 N. Elizabeth Street.

Menu will include biscuits and gravy, sausage patties and scrambled eggs

There will be no inside dining, drive-through only. No ticket is necessary. but advance purchase is available for a guaranteed meal by calling Bob or Kim Pakidis at (217) 201-8622 or any AmVets

member.



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Making the most of 'America Saves Week'

Elaine Popejoy Social Security district manager, Bloomington

This year, America Saves Week runs from February 22 – 26. week is an opportunity for organizations to promote good financial habits. It's also a great time for people to assess their own saving status, as planning and saving are key to a successful retirement.

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I slid through

backdoor of the coffee

shop and found Sarge

discussing the lease with

four new guys -- homeless

veterans moving into the

"And now we come to

the most serious clause

of this lease agreement,"

he was saying. "Theft.

I'm a real hard case about

theft, and I have my own

He looked around the

room and the guys were

"If you take a magazine

off another guy's dresser,

read it and put it back,

you've committed theft,

in my eyes. Theft of trust.

You do not touch another

Half an hour later, we

all piled out the back

door to a rental truck full

of furniture and hauled

bed frames, mattresses,

nightstands and large

cartons up the narrow

Sarge stood at the

top of the stairs like a

drill instructor interior

decorator, ordering the furniture placed in exact

spots he'd marked out on

the floor with blue duct

tape. I popped open the boxes and the men took sheets, blankets, pillows

and towel sets. In short order, the room was ...

beautiful. Three of them

flopped onto their beds,

lamps,

man's stuff, ever."

dressers,

staircase.

watching him warily.

upstairs dormitory.

definition of it."

Sarge's attic dormitory



likely to save successfully. Pledge to save for America Saves Week at www. americasavesweek.org.

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It's never too late for you and your loved ones to begin saving. Younger workers may think they have time to put off saving for their future, but the sooner they begin, the more their money can grow. Visit our website for young workers at www.ssa.gov/people/ earlycareer for resources that can help you secure today and tomorrow.

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groaning with comfort.

One guy refused: "I won't

touch it until I have a

shower." Sarge cocked

his thumb at the bath at

other end of the finished

attic and the guy took off,

cradling his armload of

towels like they were gold.

in the cold outside the back

door, the first snowflakes

of the next storm swirling

around us. "I hope I

selected right," he said.

"I originally thought I'd

bring in six guys, but I

wasn't sure about two of

them. These four seem

like the best combination

for success. I hope they

We heard thundering on

the stairs as his formerly

homeless renters came

down to the kitchen to fix

themselves some dinner.

There was a lot of loud

chattering -- and laughter.

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Sarge smiled.

Synd., Inc.

get along."

Later, Sarge and I stood

by Freddy Groves

Gloria Jean Alsup

MAROA — Gloria Jean Alsup, 70, of Maroa, passed away at 2:10 p.m. on February 18, 2021, Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Pastor Nick Blacklidge officiating. Burial followed at Texas Township Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation was on Sunday, February 21, 2021, at the funeral home.

Memorials may directed to The Clinton Assembly of God Church. Gloria was born on July 12, 1950, in Clinton, the daughter of Ralph W. and L. Margaret (Miller) Pair. She married Gary Dee Alsup on February 14, 1970, in Clinton. He passed away on April 2, 2014.

Survivors include Gary children, her Alsup, (Brandi) Jr., Clinton, and Gina (Joseph) Braun, Kenney; grandchildren, Keegan Alsup, Camdyn Alsup, Hayden Alsup, Calin Braun, and Callie Braun; siblings, Grace



(Larry) Baer, Lebanon, Ind.; Martha Rose (Donald) Welch, Clinton, and Deanna Kay (Steve) Brannan, Clinton; and her best friend of 57 years, Karen Steele.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Gloria was a member of the Clinton Assembly of God Church, Clinton, where she taught Sunday school and directed the children's choir as well the children's Christmas program for over 48 years.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Lou Ann Nortrup (Gloria's sister-in-law) for her special care.

Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

Brian F. Skrobot

WELDON - Brian F. Skrobot, 52, of Weldon, passed away at 12:57 p.m. on February 12, 2021, at his family home, in Weldon.

No services are planned at this time. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, cremation rites.

Memorials may directed to Brian Skrobot memorial fund.

Brian was born on June 18, 1968, in New Brunswick, N.J. the son of Frederick and Delores (Wakefield) Skrobot. He married Lauren Reminger on November 16, 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Lauren Skrobot, Weldon: children. Alexander Skrobot, Casper Champaign; Skrobot, Champaign;



Olson, Champaign; Delores Effingham; "Jim" James Paul Skrobot, and Diane Hagler.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Being a teacher was his greatest joy in life, other

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mother, Skrobot, siblings, Skrobot,

than family.



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David also volunteered his time with the DeWitt

David Wesley Torbert

CLINTON David Wesley Torbert, loving husband, father, son and brother, passed away on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center in Normal, Ill. He was 36. Born to John and Denise

(Powers) Torbert, David grew up in Clinton as the youngest - and clearly favorite - of four siblings (just don't tell the others). He spent his early years at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago overcoming insurmountable health complications with a smile on his face and a prank in his back pocket for nurses and doctors alike. David showed a love

of sports at an early age, following everything from football and basketball to baseball and golf. In high school, he turned his love of sports into a hobby and career, serving as a member of the Clinton High School golf team, working as a sportswriter for the local newspaper and officiating youth soccer and basketball games at the Clinton Community YMCA. He was an avid Cubs fan, proclaiming them the greatest baseball team on earth and arguing with anyone who dared disagree with him.

He and his wife, Rachel (Baum) were high school classmates and college sweethearts. The married in 2008 after David graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in journalism and coaching. David and Rachel spent a short stint in Nebraska, where David begrudgingly worked as sportswriter covering the Nebraska Huskers before moving back to settle in

Using his writing and communication talents in a variety of jobs, David settled in as the Youth and Adult Sports Program Director for the Clinton YMCA, where he served as the Camp Osage director and coordinated all youth sports programs. Teaching youth basketball, football and soccer, and instilling a love of sport, sportsmanship and Christian principles of the YMCA, was a task he dearly loved.



Big Brothers/ County Big Sisters, the Central Illinois CEO program and the DeWitt County Development Council.

David's family, wife and daughter, and friends, were a top priority, and he expressed his love often, always flashing a milliondollar smile and willing to drop anything to help a friend or family member

He is survived in death by his wife, Rachel, and daughter, Hannah; parents, John and Denise; brother, Tim (Stephanie) Torbert and nephew Jake and niece Alexa; sister Jamie (Christopher) McGrew and nephews Liam, Quinn and Conor; sister Amie Farrell and nieces Eileen and Elise; and sister Tracie (Neil) Kennedy and nieces Ellie and Emerson and nephews Cooper, Anderson and Oliver.

David was preceded in death by his grandparents Herman and Brownie Powers and Dude and Dixie Torbert.

Due to the ongoing

and current pandemic public health directives, a private memorial and graveside service for family and invited guests was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at Calvert Funeral Home, in Clinton. Given David's love of youth sports and his affinity for nurses and doctors who saved his life as a child, the family requests any memorial donations be made to Clinton Community YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign, 417 Alexander St., Clinton, IL 61727 and Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, 225 E. Chicago

Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. A public celebration of life will follow at the Clinton Community YMCA this summer.

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Doris Marie Schlotter

LOVELAND, Colo. — Doris Marie Schlotter, 91, died on February 17, 2021, in Loveland, Colo. She will be buried in May 2021 next to her husband, William Schlotter, in Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton.

Memorials may be made to Saint John's Catholic Church, Cinton.

She was born on February 15, 1930, in Richland Township, Ill. to Carl and Leona Puetz.

She married William Schlotter on June 28, 1952.

Surviving children, Susan (Daryl) Huntington, Rantoul Ill.; and Steven (Patty) Schlotter Windsor, Colo.; two birth grandchildren, Baret(Lara) Schlotter and Brigetta (Joel) Lofquist, both of Loveland, Colo.; great-grandson, Victor Lofquist; one stepgranddaughter, Tiffany (Chris) Burns; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Hudson and Harper Burns, Fort Collins, Colo.; and two step-grandsons,

Huntington.
Also surviving are two

and

Brian

Darrick



sisters, Barbra Lyons and Helen Littlefair, both of Ottawa, Ill.

She was preceded in death by brother Robert Puetz and sister Katheyn Liebhart.

She was a retired teacher, graduating from ISU Normal, in 1952. She taught in Bloomington, Decatur, and Clinton, doing volunteer tutoring after her retirement.

Besides membership in professional organizations, she was a past member of St John's Alter and Rosary, Salt Creek Patchmakers Guild, Clinton Elks, and Clinton Country Club.

She enjoyed golfing, gardening, quilting, scrapbooking, travel, and reading.

John Earl Welch

CLINTON — John Earl Welch, 81, of Clinton, passed away at 9:12 a.m. on February 18, 2021, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

Services were conducted on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at the First Christian Church, Clinton, Pastor Stephen Bradd officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation was held on Monday, February 22, 2021, at the First Christian Church, Clinton. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Church of Christ, Clinton.

John was born on October 18, 1939, at the family home near Birkbeck, the son of Nathan and Mary Ona (Spencer) Welch. He married Nita K. Barnhill on June 6, 1959, in Clinton.

Survivors include his wife, Nita K. Welch, Clinton; children, John "Mike" (Deb) Welch, Decatur; Jeff (Patty) Welch, Clinton; Susan (Tony Brennan) Welch, Clinton; and Steve (Sherri) Welch, Waynesville; 13 grandchildren; 10



great-grandchildren; and one great-greatgranddaughter; and siblings, Merle Welch, Clinton, and Mabel Rich, Minooka, Ill.

John was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

John retired 30 years of service at Caterpillar Tractor. After retirement, he worked at the elevator in Birkbeck. John enjoyed bowling and fishing, and he loved his dog, Tinker. He was most proud of the hard work ethic he instilled in his children. Spending time with his family and family dinners was what John enjoyed most of all. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

Linda Jo Harrold

CLINTON — Linda Jo Harrold, 73, of Clinton, passed away at 7:49 a.m. on February 18, 2021, at her family residence, Clinton.

Visitation will be held from 9:30–11 a.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with services following at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Steve Evans officiating. A private burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton.

Memorials may be directed to the Wapella Christian Church or to the Little Galilee Christian Assembly Camp.

Linda was born on March 26, 1947, in Clinton, the daughter of Myron L. and Lucille (McCubbin) Storey. They both preceded her in death. Linda married Scott C. Harrold on January 12, 1969, in Wapella. He survives.

Scott and Linda have three children, Brian (Monica) of Whiting, Ind.; Greg (Julie) of Clinton; and Brad of Sturgeon Bay, Wis. All survive as well as one grandson, Dylan, three stepgranddaughters, and four step-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Pat (Bob) Carter, of Tolono, Ill., and Deanna (Tom) Langley, of Mt. Vernon, Wash., and one brother, David (Susie)



Storey, of Lincoln, Ill.

Linda graduated from Wapella High School in 1965 and Burnham School of Nursing, Champaign, Ill., in 1968. She began her nursing career in Brokaw Hospital, Carle now BroMenn, in Normal. During her career she also worked as office nurse for Dr. Herman Meltzer, the doctor who delivered her as a baby. She finished her career at the Dr. John Warner Hospital, now Warner Hospital and Health Services, in their Family Medicine Clinic, which she helped to establish as the Rural Health Center. She retired in 2012.

Linda's greatest joy, besides her faith, her family, and her work taking care of others, was the opportunity and privilege to sing with the gospel music group "The Joynotes."

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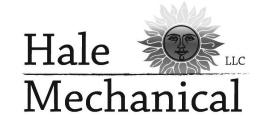




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1929 - U.S. President Coolidge signed a bill creating the Grand Teton National Park.

1930 - New York City installed traffic lights.

1933 - A ground-breaking ceremony was held at Crissy Field for the Golden Gate Bridge.

1945 - In the U.S., a nationwide midnight curfew went into effect.

1952 - British Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed an atomic bomb.

1957 - The Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award was established by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

1979 - "Flatbush" debuted on CBS-TV.

1986 - Corazon Aquino was inaugurated president of the Philippines. Long time President Ferdinand Marcos went into exile.

1987 - The Tower Commission rebuked U.S.
President Reagan for failing to control his national security staff in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

1987 - The U.S.S.R. conducted its first nuclear weapons test after a 19-month moratorium period.

1991 - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced on Baghdad Radio that Iraqi troops were being withdrawn from Kuwait.

1993 - Six people were killed and more than a thousand injured when a van exploded in the parking garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City. The bomb had been built by Islamic extensions.

1995 - Barings PLC collapsed after a securities dealer lost more than \$1.4 billion by gambling on Tokyo stock prices. The company was Britain's oldest investment banking firm

1998 - A Texas jury rejected an \$11 million lawsuit by Texas cattlemen who blamed Oprah Winfrey for price drop after on-air comment about mad-cow disease.

1998 - In Oregon, a health panel rules that taxpayers must help to pay for doctor-assisted suicides.

2001 - A U.N. tribunal convicted Bosnian Croat political leader Dario Kordic and military commander Mario Cerkez of war crimes. They had ordered the systematic murder and persecution of Muslim civilians during the Bosnian war.

2002 - In Rome, Italy, a bomb exploded near the Interior Ministry. No injuries were reported.

2009 - Former Serbian president Milan Milutinovic was acquitted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia regarding war crimes during the Kosovo War.

Amber Waves



From the Clinton Journal & the Illinois Press Association

Stop the state from removing public notices from your local newspaper

very year, an Illinois legislator proposes a bill to remove public notices from being published in newspapers and allow units of government to post them to their websites. They must think they are saving taxpayers money, and that newspapers no longer are relevant.

This year is no different.

House Bill 811 has been filed but not yet been assigned to a committee. As other bills that have come and gone before it, HB 811 is a bad idea. Lawmakers should reject it, as they have in the past.

Newspapers, such as the Clinton Journal, have played a vital role in providing transparency about government through the publication of public notices. It's worked for more than 150 years. Now, with the digital reach of newspapers through their websites and the statewide public notice site run by Illinois

newspapers, notifying the public has never been more efficient, effective and impactful. Posting notices to newspaper websites and the statewide site are at no additional cost to government and is intended to provide even greater public access to these notices.

Conversely, there are nearly 7,000 units of government in Illinois. Only about half have a website. How efficient and effective would that be?

Units of government are required by statute to post meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Yet, many don't. There are more than 1,400 townships in Illinois, and the vast majority don't have a website but for the ones that do only 53 percent comply with the required posting of meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Why would different results be expected from the same government units if they control the posting of

public notices?

We all know there is money to be saved by being more efficient. How about taking a realistic look at eliminating the seemingly redundant units of government? Illinois has far more units of government than any other state. Florida has more than 7 million more residents than Illinois but fewer than a quarter the number of government units. Drainage districts, road districts and mosquito abatement districts could and should become part of the function of county governments. The largest mosquito abatement district in Illinois is the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District and it spent less than \$100 in 2020 on public notices, which is far less than the \$25,000 it spent on memberships and conferences. The cost of public notices is one of the smallest expenses of government entities.

So, it's not surprising that eliminating public notices from newspapers won't reduce taxes. Realistically no unit of government is going to lower its tax levy. So, if the Legislature really wants to lower public notice expense and ultimately property taxes it should address the number of governmental entities in the state.

by Dave T. Phipps

Newspapers across Illinois provide access to public notices and verify compliance by government units. They also serve as a permanent record of public notices.

The majority of the more than 400 newspapers in Illinois are small businesses. Like every other small business, newspapers have been hit hard by the pandemic. Removing public notices will make it even harder for newspapers to do what they do best - serve and inform their communities.

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State and national update

oe Biden has been President for six weeks, and JB Pritzker just gave his State of the State address and his budget proposals. This may be a good time to look at the political tea leaves and see what the future portends.

JB—Following Rahm Emanuel's edict of never letting a crisis go to waste, we have an idea of where JB wishes to go. A year ago JB clearly campaigned on the threat that if his progressive income tax was not adopted there would be massive program cuts and a tax increase for all.

a tax increase for all.

JB, like governors from both parties before him, has simply engaged in smoke and mirrors to meet the state Constitution requirement of a balanced budget. JB now says there will be no increases in taxes and state programs will not be cut. We have a pandemic to blame everything on. Pension reform has been kicked down road.

With the new administration in Washington, JB puts much faith and hope in Uncle Joe bailing out the states with federal money. In all honesty, he just might get a large federal infusion of cash, but that only means we will have to increase our federal taxes to pay for state assistance. No one wants to make the

hard decisions and then

take the political heat. The bottom line is that the state can only spend more than its income for a limited period of time before the day of financial reckoning occurs. That time is rapidly approaching.

JB signed the Criminal Justice Reform Bill into law on February 22nd. It does have some positive elements like deferring low level drug offenders into treatment and requiring additional training for police officers, although I am concerned about what it is to be taught.

What really should upset the public is the catch and release aspect of the bill. Cash bail is going out the door in Illinois. The accused will simply be processed, given a court date, and released. The accused will most likely be back on the streets before the officer completes his paperwork. Civil libertarians praise this as they contend that only the rich can post the bail and it is the poor that stay in jail.

To an extent they have a point, but most judges often reduce the bail for those without criminal records or having to support a family. Instead of going after the few dirty cops, this bill handicaps all police officers who are simply trying to do their jobs. This new model will only increase crime in Illinois as the criminal



element will simply view this as no consequences for their actions.

JOE-One has to give

Joe some credit for political acumen in getting his agenda moving. The magnitude of his Executive Orders is astounding. From a political science standpoint, one must appreciate the speed and decisiveness he has used to initiate his agenda. On a more pragmatic note, those newly imposed Executive Orders may create some significant distress for the country.

Joe said he would Trump's reverse immigration policies and he has lifted travel bans and lessened restrictions some immigrants. on Unfortunately, many in central America and Mexico now believe we have a truly open border and those seeking entry into this country are now starting to head north to the southern border of this country.

The United States does not currently have the manpower on the border to stop this influx, which is building. This will be a major area of contention over the next couple of

years.

I acknowledge that there needs to be a path for citizenship for those who have been in this country illegally for years. The numbers are just too great to mandate a return to the country of origin for over 10 million people. But if we have no viable border policy to stop the entry of illegals in first place, the problem will only get

Joe wants to keep our environment in a safe condition. Admirable, but have a plan that works. The U. S. has recently become energy independent and has even been exporting fuel. Joe's new orders stopped oil and gas leasing on federal lands and he stopped the Keystone pipeline. The immediate net result was a bunch of lost American jobs. Gas prices recently have gone up due to the freeze in Texas. However, my recollection is that the price of gas in Clinton went up in the days after Joe signed those orders. Keeping the environment safe is a valid goal of government.

Keeping energy prices reasonable is also a valid goal of government. Get ready for some serious increases in gasoline and natural gas prices because of these new policies and to this add whatever the cost is going to be for this more open immigration policy.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of 2 Peter in Old or New Testament or
- 2. From Matthew 4, how many days and nights did Jesus fast before his temptation by Satan? 3, 12, 40, 7x70 3. In Genesis 24, who played the matchmaker for Isaac and Rebekah? Nahor, A shepherd, Bethuel, Abraham's
- 4. From Proverbs 6, what is held up as an example to the lazy man? Bee, Flea, Locust, Ant
- 5. Who said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away"? Satan, Adam, Job, Haman
- 6. Who/what was Shishak? Roast lamb, Birthplace of Moses, Serpent, King of Egypt

Ant; 5) Job 1:21; 6) King of Egypt ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 40; 3) Abraham's servant; 4)

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 Peter 3:17-18

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Clinton Church of God

720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton clintoncog.org Jeffrey DeLaughter, pastor 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning 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 clintonpresbyterian.org 9:15 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available Senior high youth group meets twice a month. PC - A Place to Belong -

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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 wor-

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 Services at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Church for 3-year-olds, beginner church (4 yrs.-k), junior church (1st-5th grades) 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 break-9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study 10:30 a.m.-morning worship 7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

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101 N. Poplar (217) 731-4404 Josh Gorrie, minister Wapellacc.com 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship "Celebrating our 150th year"

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202 S. Isham Street P.O. Box 70, Waynesville 61778 Tami Werschey-Kessinger, pastor 9:15 a.m.-Sunday Facebook 10:30 a.m.-Sunday school via Zoom 7-8:30 a.m.-Wednesday community coffee 8:30 a.m.-Wednesday morning Bible study via Zoom



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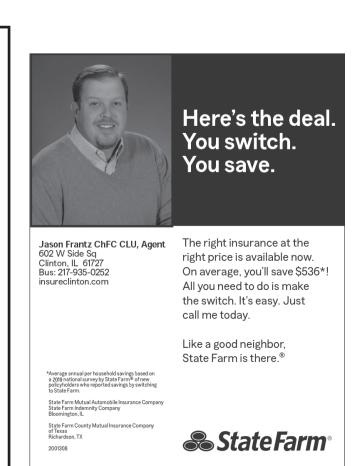
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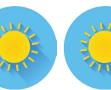
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Weather History

February 27

 1876: A tornado moved across Madison County for 7 miles, peaking at an estimated F3 intensity, and destroying 11 homes, two churches, and a school in the western part of New Douglas. The death toll of 3 included a preacher during a church service, and two people in a funeral procession.

February 28

 1900: Extremely heavy snow fell over central Illinois. Peoria reported 18 inches of snow during a 24-hour period on the 27-28th, the city's all-time record. A total of 15 inches at Springfield stood as the all-time record for over a century.

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state's sevenday rolling average for administered vaccinations stood at 55,499 Monday. The average vaccination rate has dropped over the past week as the state saw inclement weather and shifted focus to administering second doses to those who have already received their first. "We saw a small delay last week because of weather nationally in the delivery of vaccines," Pritzker Monday. said

"But now [health departments] are seeing many more second doses being delivered to them than they've seen before." As of Monday, Illinois ranked 19th in per capita distribution vaccine with 14 percent of the

state's population having received at least one dose, according to data from The New York Times. The state had previously ranked as low as 47th nationally in late January, according to that database. Roughly 4.5 percent of the population has received two doses.

Pritzker said the initial lag in vaccinations was due to a decision to stay in Phase 1A longer than other states.

"We wanted to make sure in Phase 1A that health care workers were covered completely," he said.

Pritzker said he expects the state will receive up to 500,000 vaccine doses from the federal government this week, an increase from the nearly 300,000 per week the state has received in weeks

Additionally, a new single-dose vaccine from Johnson & Johnson could be granted authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in a Friday hearing. If approved, the new vaccine could make millions more doses available to states in the coming weeks.

More than 850 vaccination sites are currently open across the state, with more expected to come online in the coming weeks as the state builds vaccination capacity and the federal government works increase production to meet national demand.

The state announced Monday that two new mass vaccination sites in Rockford and Collinsville will open on Tuesday. The two new sites bring the number of mass vaccination sites to 14 statewide.

Each site will be managed through partnership with Illinois Department of Public Health and the Emergency

Management Agency and will be supported by members of the Illinois National Guard.

"These new mass vaccination sites mobile teams will build on our partnership with local health departments and help ensure we administer doses as quickly as we receive them," Pritzker said in Monday statement.

The statewide seven-day rolling positivity rate stood at 2.8 percent Monday as public health officials reported 1,246 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 out of 37,361 test results.

The state's positivity rate has not moved more than a tenth of a percentage point over the past 11 days.

As of Sunday night, 1,504 individuals were reported hospitalized around the state due to COVID-19. Of those, 377 were in the ICU and 169 were on ventilators.

Public health officials announced 34 deaths due to COVID-19 Monday, bringing the state's death toll to 20,303 since the pandemic began. Illinois has recorded a total of 1.1 million cases to date.

Vaccination location and appointment information is available at coronavirus.illinois.gov.

COVID isolation affects our mental health, too

COVID hits hard. Many of us have underlying medical conditions that make a diagnosis of COVID very risky in terms of recovery. But the lockdown from the pandemic has another risky side: mental health disorders.

Whether we're living at home, in a retirement center or a care facility, our isolation has been very stressful.

conducted A survey June concluded that seniors were less negatively affected than other age groups when it comes to mental health. They say we have better emotional regulation, which means we don't react as strongly to negative events.

But the study was done when we were only a few months into this new way

SENIOR **NEWS LINE**

by Matilda Charles

of living. (Even the study mentions that as a caveat.) Now eight more months have passed. Holidays without family. Missed doctor appointments. We've had to take a crash course in online chat to be able to see and talk to friends and family. Our regular meetings and social outings are canceled. The news has been a daily onslaught of the increasing numbers of positive cases and deaths. A more recent study

from Portugal unearthed the truth, however. After reviewing 41 pieces of research from around world, scientists concluded that "anxiety, depression, poor sleep

physical inactivity" have been prevalent among seniors during our lockdowns.

If you're struggling, ask for help. In some communities, hotlines have opened up to deal with this kind of stress. Look online for "mental health hotline" and your state. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention set up a web page in December. Search online for "CDC Coping with Stress" and look at all the offerings on the page. There is a national helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). Or you can just pick up the phone and dial 211. It's a referral for

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Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Kristina B. Mucinskas (ARDC #6290296) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS**

IN RE THE MAR-RIAGE OF:

BYRON G. SHER-MAN, Petitioner,

TINA V. SHERMAN, Respondent.

NO. 2012-D-33

NOTICE OF PUB-LICATION

To: Byron G. Sherman, Yash Guest House 6, B4-F24, A1 Ruwais, Abu Dhabi, UAE

You, Byron G. Sherman, are hereby notified that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County, IIlinois, a Petition For Adjudication of Indirect Civil Contempt as well as a Petition to Modify Maintenance. There has also been filed a Motion For Rule to Show Cause as to why you were not present on December 21, 2020. You are advised that if you fail to appear or answer in the above cause on

or before March 8,

2021 at 3:00 p.m.,

defaulted and found

in contempt and a

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Dated this 25 day of January, 2021.

Tina V. Sherman, Respondent

By: Taylor & Lynch By: /s/Kelly Murray

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS**

HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, as successor to STATE BANK OF LIN-COLN,

Plaintiff,

UNKNOWN OWN-ERS and NON-**RECORD CLAIM-**ANTS,

Defendants.

No.: 2020CH12 **COURT SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE

is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:

315 North Grant Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 5 in Block 2 in Craig's Addition to the City of Clinton, situated in the County of DeWitt

and State of Illinois.

Situated in DeWitt County, Illinois.

Tax Identification Number: 07-27-46-

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate

3 bedroom 1 bathroom 2 story cape cod style home located on a 44x129.75 lot. The house has approximately 1339 square feet of gross living area with a 2 stall detached garage.

(E) No times have

been specified in

the judgment of

foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale. (F) The time and place of the sale

10:00 a.m. on March 17, 2021

Place: DeWitt County Safety Complex 101 West Washington Street Clinton, Illinois

(G) The terms of the sale are:

Cash at the time of

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of Heartland Bank and Trust Company, as successor to State Bank of Lincoln, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION **NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, February 11, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of De-Witt 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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{SEAL}

Dated: Thursday, February 11, 2021

No. 2021-143 Dana Smith/sw

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March 5, 2021

COUNTY CLERK

LEGAL

Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on www.lockerfox. <u>com</u> beginning on March 11th at 12:00 pm ending March 18th, 12:01 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 1506 Route 54 East, Clinton IL 61727, (217) 935-3200 under a rental agreement with:

12:01 pm, Heather Gharrett, occupant of space 1J02, items: 10 bags, 11 totes, crate of dvd's, air conditioner and misc.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Section 17-20 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/17-20), notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, in the Offices of the Department of Revenue, 101 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois, for the purpose of taking evidence which may be pertinent to the Department's estimate of the percent to be added to or deducted from the aggregate assessment of locally assessed property in DeWitt County for the assessment year 2020. This hearing is required by the Property Tax

Based on the comparison of assessed valuations, the analysis of property transfers, and other available information, the estimated percentage to be applied to the aggregate assessment of locally assessed property other than property assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) is 0.00%. Accordingly, the tentative equalization factor

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David Harris Director of Revenue

DH:ASB:ch

Legal 19142 February 26, 2021

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES K. WIL-SON **DECEASED**

No. 21-P-7

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDE-PENDENT ADMIN-ISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of the above named dece-

Letters of Office were issued on February 16, 2021 to Kenneth J. Wilson, 14736 Fairview Road. Waynesville, Illinois 61778 as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Representative, or both, on or before August 18, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must

be mailed or delivton, Illinois 61727. ered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10

days after it is filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be opened from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2021. Kenneth J. Wilson,

Independent Executor of the Estate of James K. Wilson, Deceased

JOSEPH B. TAY-LOR 02803046 TAYLOR & LYNCH TER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, IL 61727 TEL:(217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 EMAIL: attorneys@ dewittcountylaw.

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IN THE CIRUCIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS - PRO-BATE DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

BILL G. CARSON,

21-P-8

DECEASED.

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDE-PENDENT ADMIN-**ISTRATION**

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

Letters of Office were issued on February 17, 2021, to Debora K. Carson, 3371 Hilltop Court, 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, ClinClaims 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 August 31, 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 to Terminate under section 28-4 of the (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the above

Dated this 19th day of February, 2021.

address.

Debora K. Carson, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Bill G. Carson, Deceased.

Jerry A. Johnson, Attorney at Law Attorney # 6185567 32 Manorhill Drive P.O. Box 571 Clinton, Illinois 61727 Telephone: (217) 935-3335

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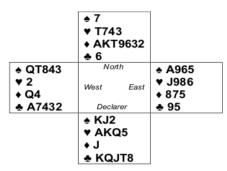
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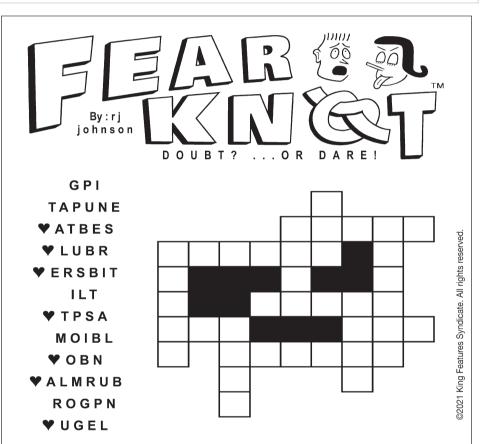
players don't approve of preemptive bids when holding a 4-card major, pointing out that it risks missing (in this case) a 4-4 Heart fit. Others will say that North's so-called Heart suit is pitifully weak, and surely that long, strong minor needs to be bid.

On the actual deal, North's 3♦ preempt got N-S to a dubious 3NT when 4♥ was indeed a superior contract. Against 3NT, the opening lead was a Spade to East's Ace, then a Spade to Declarer's Jack and West's Queen, followed by a third Spade. On the second and third Spades, Dummy pitched a Club and a Diamond (a Heart could not be spared as the 4th Heart is a potential entry).

After winning the third Spade trick, how would you play the Diamond suit? Would you finesse against the Queen, or would you play for the drop? When the hand was played, our Declarer knew that with an 8-card fit, the Diamond finesse was the percentage play, so he successfully ran the Jack. That held, but the bad news was that Hearts were 4-1, so Dummy had no entry and the good Diamonds were stranded.

Declarer goofed. He should have cashed two high Hearts first ... if that suit split 3-2 then he could take the Diamond finesse, the most likely way to bring in the suit ... but when Hearts were 4-1, the lack of Dummy entries meant that he must rely on the singleton or doubleton ◆Q to make his contract. That would have been 10 tricks, just like those who declared the superior 4♥ contract. Does this deal settle the debate about preempting with a 4-card major? Not at all, it merely tells us that rotten contracts sometimes make, especially when played correctly.

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

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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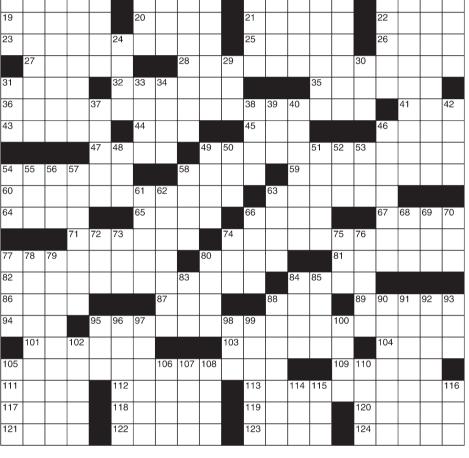
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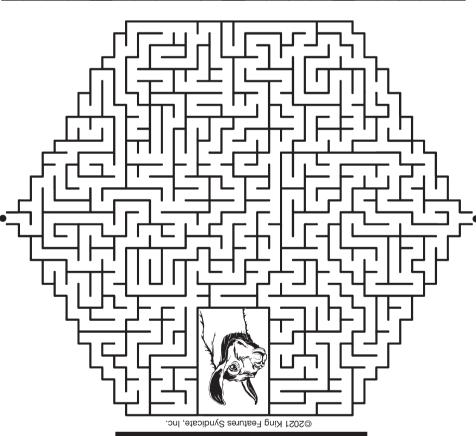
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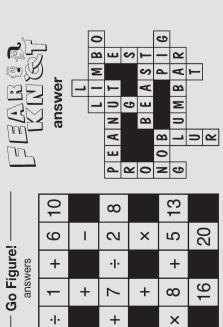
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