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'Night and Fog'

Car headlights pierced the fog Tuesday night as the fog gradually became more dense by evening. The National Weather Service forecasts patchy fog through at least Thursday night. City crews continued through the week picking up tree limbs and branches brought down by the recent winter storm. City commissioner Ken Buchanan reports it could take crews several weeks to get everything picked up, barring another storm. Clinton Fire Department personnel answered 20-plus calls on Sunday dealing with downed power lines. CFD also answered four calls reporting smoke inside homes and one natural gas leak.

City approves mowing contracts

Motion fails to table action on two-year deals

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CLINTON — The Clinton City Council approved contracts for cemetery and parks mowing during its Monday regular meeting. Two council members expressed concerns about the contracts, but a motion to table action on the issue failed

In December, the city placed on file separate bids for mowing the cemetery and the city's parks. Bids for the work varied widely with differences between the low and high bids being in the tens of thousands of dollars.

Commissioner John Wise said he originally had reservations about the plan but came around to supporting it, since no city workers will lose their jobs.

"I don't want people thinking we're just gonna throw our guys out to the wolves or something," said Wise. "That was my biggest concern when we started looking into this."

Wise said he saw advantages with

contracting out the mowing work, while also understanding how city workers might fear for their jobs.

"We're going to take care of the guys who have worked for us all these years," Wise said. Commission Dan

Ballenger was eager to wait on a decision.
"I have quite a few concerns," he told the

want to move toward

tabling it, because Steve

"I personally

Lobb has some concerns."
Lobb is the city's public works administrator.

council.

Ballenger said he felt "all the parties that are going to play in this" should hold a workshop to plan the details of the mowing plan.

"There's too much difference between the top bid and the low bid," Ballenger said.

He said the issue went beyond simply "mowing and weeding."

Ballenger said he wanted more information about how the city would save money from contracting out the mowing work. He felt there still were many unanswered questions about the plan.

Mayor Roger Cyrulik answered quickly.

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Republican lawmakers introduce 'fair maps' legislation

Bill similar to failed 2016 constitutional amendment

Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Republicans in the Illinois House said Tuesday that they hope to use legislation, instead of a constitutional amendment, to change the way state legislative and congressional district lines are redrawn every 10 years.

"fair so-called maps" proposal would authorize the General Assembly to set up an independent, nonpartisan commission to redraw the lines, taking that highly political process out of the hands of legislators who currently are able to use that process to protect themselves politically, a process known as "gerrymandering."

Redistricting is a process that all states go through following each decennial federal census and one that Illinois must complete in the upcoming session so that districts can be established in time for candidates to file for office in time for the 2022 elections.

Butler, Rep. Tim R-Springfield, said the measure is similar to the proposed constitutional amendment that supporters tried to put on the ballot in 2016 before being blocked by a sharply divided Illinois Supreme Court. The main difference is that it would put the process into statute instead of the constitution.

"This is a great way to do it through statute to make sure that we have an independent commission that draws our maps this year, gets it out of the hands of the leadership of the General Assembly and puts it in the hands of a commission of citizens

to draw fair and equitable maps across the state of Illinois," Butler said during a virtual news conference.

In 2016, supporters of such a change circulated petitions to put a constitutional amendment on that year's general election ballot. That's one of three ways the current Illinois Constitution allows amendments to be considered. The others are by a constitutional convention or by a resolution approved by a three-fifths majority in both the House and Senate.

However, the constitution also limits the scope of citizen-initiated amendments to "to structural and procedural subjects contained in Article IV," which pertains to the General Assembly.

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Power surge smokes up hospital; no one injured



Gordon Woods / Journal

HVAC contractors repair an intake motor that circulated smoke through part of the hospital on Sunday as fire department personnel check the facility.

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CLINTON — A power outage on Sunday briefly caused smoke to circulate through parts of Warner Hospital & Health Services.

Emergency personnel responded to the hospital after the loss of electricity in the neighborhood created a problem with an

intake fan.

"Our emergency generator kicked in right away," hospital CEO Paul Skowron told the Clinton Journal. "Unfortunately, that power surge caused an intake fan to have a short in the motor. Since it was an intake fan, it blew smoke in the building, which circulated throughout the lower level, and for a short time, some of it showed up upstairs."

Two patients were evacuated to the emergency room, while fire department personnel inspected the building for other possible issues.

"The good news is that it was isolated to that one fan," Skowron reported. HVAC technicians were on-site to replace the fan motor, and an evaluation is being done to cause less of a power surge in the future."

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Browsing appointments available at library

CLINTON — It seems that everyone is looking for good news to start 2021, and the Vespasian Warner Public Library District can help with two special announcements.

First, browsing appointments are now available at the library by calling (217) 935-5174 to reserve a 30-minute block of time to browse for and check-out items inside the library.

Each visitor must wear a mask and complete a health screen before entering. Do not visit the library if you are feeling ill or if you have been asked to quarantine.

Multiple people from the same household may visit during a single appointment, but try to bring as few people as possible. Children

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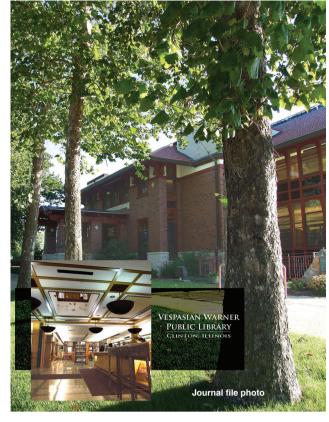
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under the age of 14 must be with an adult at all times. Essential need computer and workspace appointments must be made separately.

Library users who prefer the convenience of curbside pickup still will be able to use this service. Notary, fax, copy and scanning are also available through curbside.

Second, a new grab 'n go craft kit is available for pickup. The free kit includes supplies and instructions to make a winter snow votive craft. Kits are available while supplies last. One per person. The suggested age is 8-up.

Current library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from



10 a.m.-3 p.m. More information and a full list of services are available

online at www.vwarner. org or by calling (217) 935-5174.

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"Most of them have already been answered," Cyrulik said. "We're not going to table it. We're going to vote on a mowing contract."

Cyrulik said the city owed it to the contractors to decide now.

Commissioner Ken Buchanan, a retired city employee, also supported the plan.

"At this point, we're short-handed," Buchanan said.

He said if there had been any danger of city workers losing their jobs, he likely would not have been in favor of the plan.

City treasurer Clint Lichtenwalter said there would be a savings to the city by no longer having to purchase and maintain mowers as well as a savings in the overall cost of city mowing work.

City employees who have performed mowing duties would be shifted to other departments.

Commissioner Tom Edmunds offered one caveat. He said Clinton had a good reputation for keeping the cemetery neat, so he hoped the new contractor would continue that tradition. Edmunds did support Ballenger in his motion to table the issue.

"My concern is to make sure the quality of the work that's done," he said. "Up to the standard that we have now, because that's what the public deserves."

Cyrulik agreed that would be the city's main objective.

The motion to table failed, and the county voted to accept the low big from LKM Mowing & Landscaping for \$80,704 to mow the cemetery. The high bid for this work came from Reinhart Grounds Maintenance for \$157,440.

However, Reinhart submitted the low bid to mow the city parks for \$28,865, which the county approved. The high bid came from Sugg Enterprises for \$120,000.

Four companies submitted bids for each of the two mowing contracts.

The contracts are good for two years. The city plans to keep its mowing equipment in case officials later decide they are not happy with the contract arrangement.

Segregating



Culinary Corner By Chef Roger Joss

the serving portion and twice its depth. In this case, regular waxed paper will suffice. Never use aluminum foil or foil of any kind. If you have several squares to do, a paper cutter is fabulous for the job. In grammar school (about first or second grade), we students called them guillotines. We made paper dolls and cut their heads off. In retrospect, that was not very nice. I have put my cutting talents to better

The next procedure is to fold the square dividers around the edge of an insertion tool such as a knife or flat sheet metal. A thin piece of sheet

metal works best for me. They have all kinds at hobby stores. Wrap the paper over the edge corresponding with the depth of the cut. And then insert this between the portions. Lift the insertion tool out. The paper should remain in place. however, the paper lifts up with the tool, try putting a little vegetable oil on the tool next time. Repeat this process for each individual portion. Since the paper cutter

was mentioned, I wish to discuss a little more about it. I find that a small one, about a twelve-inch square board, works fine. If the paper is wider than the cutter, simply fold it lengthwise and then cut. As with anything else that might cross contaminate food, sanitize prior to using it. When storing it, make sure it is properly cleaned and covered. This

cutter also comes in handy for cutting squares for making candy wrappers. Caramels is a good example.

Since Ι mentioned candy wrappers, I wish to discuss a little more about them. Do not make the common mistake of using regular waxed paper in this case. Regular waxed paper is too thick and will not hold its crease or fold well. Use deli paper. Deli paper is much thinner and easier to fold. However, sticky candy might adhere to the deli paper. You can order a roll of extra thin paper that has been waxed. One can even order already prepared waxed squares of various sizes made especially as candy wraps. Experiment and use whichever method best satisfy your needs.

Until next time, peace to all.

Local students on WIU deans list

MACOMB/MOLINE, Ill. – Three Clinton students were among 1,313 undergraduate students enrolled at Western

enrolled at Western Illinois University named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List. The total includes 140 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

Clinton
Emma R. Lux (Junior)
Haley A.

Hannah F. Morris (Junior)

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

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ou can learn all kinds of things from surveys, and not all of them are

A recent SimplyWise bi-monthly survey showed that 35 percent of seniors age 60 and older are willing to risk getting COVID in order to work.

Of those who are over age 50, only 27 percent have put any money aside recently for retirement. Nearly half could not last one month off their savings.

The number of people who plan to keep working after starting to collect Social Security benefits just keeps rising, up to 74 percent at the time of the survey.

Due to finances, 17 percent of us are considering selling our homes.

I scarcely know where to begin. Between seniors willing to risk getting COVID to keep working, seniors contemplating selling their homes and seniors not able to make it through even one month on savings -- it's a

dismal picture.

My thoughts on how

to cut back on expenses and save money during COVID seem inadequate, but here they are:

- Stop impulse online purchases that you make out of boredom.
- Ask your auto insurance agent about discounts, since your driving is minimal now.
- Double down on asking for senior discounts for everything.
- Don't buy any new clothes (or even a new winter coat) if you're home all the time

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

anyway.

- Take your former entertainment budget (dinner and a movie out) and keep the cash.
- If you're signed up for video streaming services you rarely use, cut all but one.
- Consider selling a second vehicle if it still has payments.
 - Make a ritual of

studying the weekly grocery sales.

None of these things alone will amount to much, but taken together they will keep more cash in your pocket.

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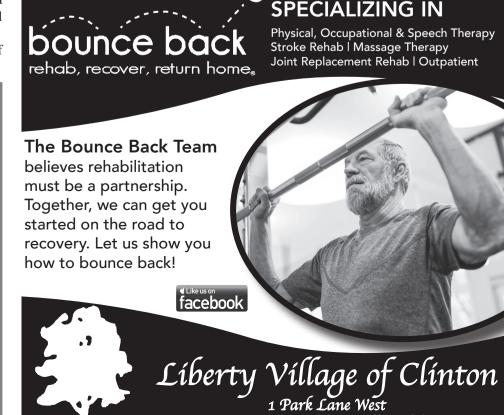
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In a 4-3 ruling, the Supreme Court blocked the proposal from going onto the ballot because the proposed amendment contained elements that also dealt with the attorney general and the auditor general.

The legal challenge to the amendment was brought by several individuals led by John Hooker, a former Commonwealth Edison lobbyist who is now under indictment for allegedly taking part in a bribery scheme aimed at buying the favor of House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Former Justice Thomas Kilbride, who lost his bid for retention in November, wrote the majority opinion in that case, and that was a factor in the GOP-led campaign to remove him from the court.

"And that decision really still burns me to this day," said Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria, who was among the nearly 600,000 people who signed a petition to put that amendment on the ballot.

"So something has to change," Spain added. "And since the Supreme Court decision many years ago, I have repeatedly supported and been either the sponsor or the chief cosponsor of a number of different initiatives to change the way we

approach redistricting in the state of Illinois."

Jackie Haas, R-Bourbonnais, said her district is an example of how gerrymandering can be unfair to certain communities. She said her 79th House District excludes three-quarters of the small town of Momence, whose 2010 population was 3,171, and includes only three streets in the village of Beecher, which has about 4,500 residents.

"These moves were not based on township, village, or meaningful divisions, but on pure partisan maneuvers to advantage (House Speaker Michael) Madigan, to keep his majority in his power," Haas said.

Butler filed the bill, House Bill 5873, Tuesday. That makes it eligible for consideration in the upcoming lame duck session, which begins Friday, Jan. 8.

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Harry Dean Breighner

ROCHESTER, III. Harry Dean Breighner, **=** 89,

Rochester, of Clinton, formerly passed away at 8:17 p.m. on December 30, 2020, of natural causes at the Illinois Veterans Home, Quincy.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at a later date at Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to The Wounded Warrior's Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

Harry was born on July 31, 1931, in Clinton, the son of Harry Daniel Doris (Sprauge) Breighner. He married Leah Delle Newcome on December 27, 1952, at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. She passed away on September 21, 1998.

Survivors include his daughter, Kayla Jo Porter and her husband Michael E., Rochester, Ill., granddaughter, his pride and joy, Dr. Kalysa R. Porter, M.D., MPH, a pediatric anesthesiologist, and her husband Dustin Smith, Florence, Ky, two sisters, Diane Simmons and her husband Ralph and Carol Parker, along with four nieces and five nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Archie, and three nephews.

Harry worked and retired as a locomotive engineer on the Illinois Central



Railroad. He also worked part-time as a licensed legal investigator, serving two terms as Director of the National Association of Legal Investigators. Harry served in the U.S. Navy, as a radio operator, during the Korean War.

associations. of Honor.

Harry had a myriad of interests; he was a member of the U.S. Martial Arts Association, attaining the level of 6th Degree Black Belt in both Judo and JuJitsu. He also was inducted into the U.S. Martial Arts Hall of Fame, receiving the Golden Life Award.

Harry loved music and was an amazing dancer. He was also a member of the Land of Lincoln Barber Shop Chorus. Harry was a leatherwork craftsman, specializing in hand-tooled weight-lifting belts as well as Barbarian and Disney character wall hangings.



He was very patriotic and held lifetime memberships numerous military Harry was a Master Mason for 57 years, serving as a member in the York Rite College - Commandery of the Knights Templar and the Ansar Shrine Legion

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Charlotte F. O'Dea

CLINTON - Charlotte F. O'Dea, 87, of Clinton, passed away at 2:17 p.m. on January 4, 2021, at Manor Court, Clinton.

Services will conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Pastor David Huff officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation will be held from 12-1 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may directed to DeWitt County Genealogical Society.

Charlotte was born on November 6, 1933, in Heyworth, the daughter of George and Viola (Buckley) Pendleton. She married Robert L. O'Dea, Sr. on September 12, 1954, in Heyworth. He passed away on September 22, 2020.

Survivors include her son, Robert L. O'Dea, Jr., Clinton; grandsons, Robert Kyle O'Dea, Clinton; Mark Bradley Simpsonville, Moore, S.C.; great-grandchildren, Olivia Grace Moore



and Rylan Ozias Moore. Simpsonville, S.C.; twin brother, Charles (Betty) Pendleton, Estero, Fla.; and sister, Mary Schmidt, Denver, Colo.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Dorothy Weidner. Charlotte was

beautician and farmer. a past member of the Clinton United Methodist Church, and a member of the DeWitt County Genealogical Society. Charlotte, with husband, Robert, were core members who helped create the Apple 'N Pork Festival

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Jade Darius Wolfe

ESSEX JUNCTION, Vt. — Jade Darius Wolfe, born Jeanne Sue Dunakey, passed away on December 26, 2020, after a long illness.

Jade was born on a hot day in August, 1955, in Clinton, the daughter of James and Norma Hayes Dunakey. She graduated from Clinton High School, in 1973. Jade continued her studies at Illinois Wesleyan University, in Bloomington, and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, focusing on music, English and psychology.

From the mid 1970s to the mid 1980s, Jade had a fulfilling life as a musician and was busy in the field of social services. She was an early pioneer involved in the area crisis team, drug education and hotline and worked tirelessly as a client advocate supporting victims of domestic abuse.

Jade knew how to practice what she preached and spent the late 1980s to the mid 1990s addressing her own mental health issues. As if in reward, in 1996 the universe brought to her the woman who would soon become the love of her life.

Jade moved east, ending



up in Vermont (Illinois with mountains she called it) where she married; and while continuing her music Jade also enjoyed being an artist and writer.

Her life was never driven by ambition nor defined by money. Jade was always ready and willing to go to the mat for anyone she cared about. Throughout her lifetime, she was a fierce advocate for the vulnerable, as Anne Lauren says, "protecting children, respecting racial sexual identities differences and normalizing neurological and physical diversity."

Jade was preceded in death by her parents and survived by Roseanne Prestipino, her wife of 22

Donations in her memory can be made to your local food shelf.

Jerry Dean Morris

CLINTON — Jerry Dean Morris, 59 of Wapella, passed away at 7:40 a.m. on January 5, 2021, at his family home in Wapella.

No services are planned at this time. Calvert Funeral Home has assisted the family with cremation rites.

Memorials may directed to Jerry Dean Morris memorial fund.

Jerry was born on November 1, 1961, in Clinton, the son of Jerry T. and Barbara H. (Yardeen) Morris.

Survivors include his sister, Mary Kay (Nick) Godby, Clinton; Brothers Roy (Becky) Morris, Clinton; Nick (Cherish) Morris, Jackson, Tenn.;



nieces and nephews Max Morris, Amanda Morris, Shayna Rice and Shelby

He was preceded in death by his parents. Jerry was an avid

drummer and cook. He loved to fish. Online condolences

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Mary Lillian Thrasher

ATHENS, Ala. — Mary Lillian Thrasher, 72, of Athens, Ala., and former long-time Clinton residents, passed away on December 30, 2020.

Mary was born on May 4,1948. She married Leonard Thrasher. Survivors include her

sons, Trey Offringa, Athens, Ala.; Mike (Linda) Offringa, Titusville, Fla., and Eric (Courtni) Thrasher, Decatur, Ill.; grandchildren, Tiffany, Brittney, Joseph, Alex and Haylei; her parents June Jones and Bill Pinkston, sister Ethel "Missy" Isle,



two brothers, Ronnie and Jimmy, and two stepsisters, Cindy and Theresa. She was preceded in death by son T.J. Wools.

To know Mary was to love her.

Mary L. Weikel

CLINTON — Mary L. Weikel, 87, of Clinton, passed away at 8:15 a.m. on December 31, 2020, at Carle BroMenn Regional Medical Center, Normal.

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Services

conducted at a later date with the Rev. Michael Taylor officiating and burial at Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Clinton First Church of the Nazarene or the DeWitt County Friendship Center.

Mary was born on May 4, 1933, in Decatur, the daughter of Wesley Elmer and Rena Murril (Moore) Dunham. She married Dale Weikel on November 22, 1953, in Maroa. He passed away on January 17, 2013.

Survivors include her daughters, Cathy Daniels, Clinton, and Patti Darling, Bloomington; son-in-law, Jeff Hendricker, Clinton; five grandchildren, Joe Daniels, Jill (Matt) Sullivan, Jarrod (Erin) Darling, Jessa and Jordan Hendricker, seven greatgrandchildren, McKinley, Ethan, Kelsey, Aidan,



Kaylyn, Cal, Sophia, and brother, Harold Dunham, Maroa.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Judy Hendricker, son-in-law, Joe Daniels, two sisters, and one brother.

Mary was a woman of strong faith and a member of the Clinton First Church of the Nazarene. She worked as the cafeteria manager for the Clinton School District but mostly at the Washington School. She enjoyed meals with her church group "Mondays at Monicals" and also eating with the "Friday Eating Group," and BINGO at the friendship center. Mary truly loved her family and spending time with them.

Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

M. Jean Woolery

TROY, Ohio — M. Jean Woolery, age 89, of Troy, Ohio, passed away peacefully at her residence on December 31, 2020. She was born on August 5, 1931, in Piqua, Ohio, to the late John Harold and Margaret Amanda (Ketzel) Pearson.

She is survived by her

daughter and son-in-law, Pam and David Pendleton, of Mt. Washington, Ky.; sons and daughters-inlaw, Kent and Marsha Woolery, of Troy; Keith and Wendy Woolery, of Holly Springs, N.C.; grandchildren, Sarah (Tom) Schneider; Heather Woolery; Jared (Melissa) Pendleton; Justin Woolery and Kendall Woolery; great-grandchildren, Tristan Pendleton and Cael Pendleton; siblings, Richard "Dick" (Emma "Effie") Pearson, Fletcher; Joann (Robert)

and extended family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death on June 21, 2016, by her husband of 64 years

Fosnight, of Covington;

Louise (Charles) Snead,

of Troy; Nancy (Lynn)

Bierly, of Fletcher; Janet

(Day) Willse, of Okla.,

and many nieces, nephews



of marriage, William G. "Bill" Woolery.

Jean was a graduate of Brown Local High School and attended Defiance College. She was a member of the First United Church of Christ, in Troy. She loved gardening, decorating her home and spending time with her family.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on January 11, 2021, at Riverside Cemetery, in Troy, Ohio, with the Rev. Lauren Allen officiating. Masks and social-distancing will be followed.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373.

Friends may express condolences to the family through www. bairdfuneralhome.com.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

Dec. 18-25

Kristine Parr, 33, Weldon, was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery/Bodily Harm. Parr posted the necessary bond and was released.

Craig Smith, 32, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Driving While License Revoked. Smith posted the necessary bond SHERIFF DENITT COUNTY ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

and was released.

Trenton Wright, 19, Beason, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Wright was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Devonte Barlow, 27, Joliet, was issued a Citation for Speeding (68 mph in a 45 mph zone). Barlow was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Dec. 25-Jan.1

Trenton Wright, 19, Beason, was issued a Citation for Speeding (96 mph in a 55 mph zone). Wright was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Lois Cole, 28, Decatur, was issued Citations for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident; Failure to Wear Seat Belt; Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Cole was given a Notice to appear and was released.

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

U of I partnership to benefit RCC ag students

DECATUR The agricultural program at Community College announced this week a renewed transfer partnership opportunity for their students wishing to attend the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer Environmental and Sciences (ACES) a four-year complete degree.

This partnership, referred to as "the transfer pathway program," was recently formalized at three community colleges in Illinois.

Anna Ball, ACES

associate academic programs, recently explained that the transfer pathway encourages program students to consider majors in food, agriculture and the environment, finance and economics, and family health and dynamics, as well as data and engineering at the University of Illinois. Through the program, ACES hopes to create more awareness about the ease of transferring to the land-grant university in Urbana-Champaign.

Jess Smithers, director of agricultural programs

at Richland, hopes the program provides students peace of mind that their Richland coursework seamlessly transfers to ACES. Students wishing to follow the transfer pathway program will be guided through the process which includes completing the prescribed course sequences Richland Community College, meeting stated GPA requirement, submitting and application for a specific agricultural degree at the University of Illinois. Richland Community

College is dedicated to

student success, and the transfer pathway program is just one more way to help students achieve their career goals.

For more information about the transfer pathway program, or any of the agriculture degrees offered at Richland Community College, contact Jess Smithers at 217-875-7211, ext. 6223, or Dave Shiley at 217-875-7211, ext.6408.

Visit us on the web at www.richland.edu/ agriculture

Use winter season to plan for a fruit garden

URBANA, Ill. – Winter is a time for togetherness and rest before spring. It's also a great time to look ahead and make plans for new garden ventures.

"A perennial fruit garden is a great project with years of benefits," says Bruce Black, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "Proper planning and set up can give you decades' worth of fresh produce."

Begin by looking at the landscape and deciding if and how much space is available for new additions. Tree fruit, such as apples, peaches, and cherries, need more space than small fruits, such as kiwis, strawberries, blackberries, and blueberries. Those with limited space can consider container fruits.

Next, consider the site. Fruit plantings prefer a full-sun, fertile location. Planting in an elevated or sloped site helps with water drainage and air circulation. A windbreak helps tree fruits in the winter and keeping out of low-laying areas helps to avoid frost pockets.

"Make sure you pick a convenient location close to a water source," Black says. "If it is out of sight, gardeners may not prioritize its maintenance, or prefer not to walk to a distant site in the heat of the summer."

Doing a soil test provides a baseline of nutrients and pH. Amendments can be made, as needed, for fruit crop varieties.

Avoid areas that may have had Verticillium wilt, a soilborne fungus that can affect more than 300 plant species. Verticillium wilt reduces fruit yields and, causes wilting, stunting, and killing of plants. Plants may be infected for a while before symptoms are visible. Try not to plant in areas where tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, melons, okra, beets, or roses have been planted within the last three to five years.

The final step in planning a fruit garden, is selecting plants. Cultivars should be adapted for USDA Zone 5, or colder, for Northern Illinois and Zone 6, or colder, for Southern Illinois. Look at local garden centers, nurseries, and national fruit stock retailers for cultivars and necessary cross-pollinator cultivars.

"While you are researching and planning,

feel free to contact the Extension office in your county with any questions," Black says. "Master Gardener volunteers and staff are happy to provide guidance and recommendations."

For more information on fruit garden planting, including fruit-specific information and cultivar recommendations, check out University of Illinois Extension's Small Fruit Crops for the Backyard website at web.extension. illinois.edu/fruit/index.cfm.

SOURCE: Bruce J. Black, Horticulture Educator, Illinois Extension



OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1929 - William S. Paley appeared on CBS
Radio for the first time to announce that CBS had become the largest regular chain of broadcasting chains in radio history.

1935 - The spectrophotometer was patented by A.C. Hardy.

1952 - Marie Wilson came to TV as "My Friend Irma".

1957 - Jackie Robinson announced his retire-ment from major league baseball in an article that appeared in "LOOK" magazine.

1959 - Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

1964 - U.S. President Lyndon Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."

1961 - Robert Goulet made his national TV debut this night on "The Ed Sullivan Show" on CBS.

1973 - Secret peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed near Paris, France.

1973 - The trial opened in Washington, of seven men accused of bugging Democratic Party head-quarters in the Watergate apartment complex in Washington, DC.

1982 - The U.S. Justice Department withdrew an antitrust suit against IBM.

1987 - The Dow Jones industrial average closed over the 2000 mark for the first time at 2,002.25.

1992 - U.S. President George H.W. Bush collapsed during a state dinner in Tokyo. White House officials said Bush was suffering from stomach flu

1993 - Bosnian President Izetbegovic visited the U.S. to plead his government's case for Western military aid and intervention to halt Serbian aggression.

1994 - Tonya Harding won the ladies' U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit, MI, a day after Nancy Kerrigan dropped out because of a clubbing attack that injured her right knee. The U.S. Figure Skating Association later took the title from Harding because of her involvement in the attack.

1997 - Mister Rogers received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1998 - Ramzi Yousef was sentenced to life in prison for his role of mastermind behind the World Trade Center bombing in New York.

1998 - Scientists announced that they had discovered that galaxies were accelerating and moving apart and at faster speeds.

1999 - The top two executives of Salt Lake City's Olympic Organizing Committee resigned amid disclosures that civic boosters had given cash to members of the International Olympic Committee.

1999 - British Prime Minister Tony Blair concluded a three-day visit to South Africa.

2005 - The rate for U.S. First Class mail was raised to 39¢.

Amber Waves









A cynic's perspective

Post-election antics are simply amazing fodder for political cynics. Karl Rove did an editorial a few weeks back wherein he stated the American public loves the underdog and dislikes a sore loser. While that has been said before, it is worth remembering.

Trump has every legal

right to challenge the results of the election. Both political parties and their candidates have done that in the past. The difference is that past challenges were narrowed down to one or two issues and promptly resolved. Trump has taken the approach of throwing mud and hoping some of it sticks. The perception is that of a poor loser and that has political implications.

The person who should be most grateful for Trump's political antics is Joe Biden. Yes, the Trump challenges take away from some of the positive press an incoming President receives. However, it also takes attention away from other issues.

The Hunter Biden

financial issues were just starting to gain some traction in the press. Now all of that attention is going to Trump's actions and the Biden finances will soon become old news and relegated to the back pages, if even addressed. The timing is perfect for the Biden family and they did not create the news cycle. Trump did.

Trump's strongest political asset is his mouth of the "say it like it is persona". Trump's strongest political liability is his mouth, which is having trouble holding his foot as he inserts it into his mouth. Sometimes, a politician needs to know when to shut up. Remember Rove and his poor loser comment.

The public doesn't fault a candidate who challenges an election that goes against him if they can understand the basis of the challenge. Trump, with a gracious loss, would have been in a position to run again in 2024 or be the king maker of any potential



Republican candidate.

With the vitriol that Trump is voicing about his election loss, the public perceives a poor loser. The public doesn't like a poor loser.

Yesterday was the Georgia Senate special elections. From a historical point of view the elections should have been won by the two Republicans. As I write this, one Democrat has been declared the winner and the other Democrat is leading in a very close race. Poor loser Trump may have may have energized his base and retained its voting power, but he certainly energized his opposition to a higher degree.

The Georgia Senate races were a referendum on Trump's post-election temper tantrum and voter's responded with a political

rebuke. That rebuke will have significant political consequences if the Senate is tied and becomes a Democratically controlled body pursuant to the tie breaker vote of the Vice President. Whenever one party, regardless of which party, controls both the legislative and executive branches of government the checks and balances are weakened and bad things can happen.

The Georgia Senate races have emboldened Senator Sanders and Representative Ocasio-Cortez to now push a very deep left political agenda. At the same time, this country has always trended back to the center and hopefully will do so again.

The next two to four years will be very interesting. As Americans we need to accept election results and wish our new officials the best in governing the nation. At the same time, the public must always hold its elected official accountable.

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Meanwhile, be sure



by Freddy Groves

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To learn more about Solid Start, go online to www.benefits.va.gov/transition/solid-start.asp and scroll around. Don't miss the Find Resources button. You'll see links to medical centers, PTSD programs, benefits,

substance disorder programs, all of it.

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CHURCHES

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

long when spelled? 0, 1, 2, 3

- 1. Is the book of Ruth in the Old or New Testament or
- 2. From 2 Kings 13, what prophet ordered a king to shoot arrows out of a window? Paul, Job, Elisha, David 3. How many books of the Bible (KJV) are three letters
- 4. What prophet saw "the tents of Cushan in affliction"? Japheth, Noah, Hezekiah, Habakkuk
- 5. Who said unto the Lord, "Increase our faith"? Jonah, Apostles, Moses, Thieves
- 6. From Joel 2:6, what shall all faces gather? Sunlight, Blackness, Fear, Warmth

3:7;5) Apostles (Luke 17:5); 6) Blackness ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Elisha; 3) 1 (Job); 4) Habakkuk

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 72:15B, 17, 19

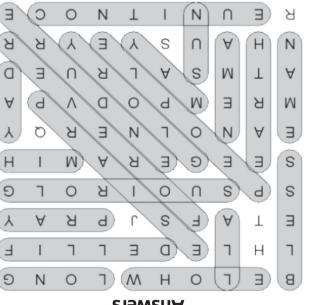
May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long. May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and <u>Amen</u>

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Calvary United Pentecostal Church

412 S. Monroe Street, Clinton (217) 935-8627 10 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship 7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer 7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

Christ Lutheran Church & preschool

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

Clinton Church of Christ

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

Clinton Church of God

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

Clinton **Presbyterian Church**

402 N. Center Street Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Tel. (217) 935-6178 Fax (217) 935-6128 Pastor-Paul Stroup 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 -Believe – Become

Clinton United

Methodist Church 308 E. Main Street Rev. Darrell Howard, pastor (217) 935-5869 **Email** clinton.methodist@frontier. clintonumcil.org Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. 5 p.m.-Saturday evening service 9 a.m.-Sunday service

10:30 a.m.-Sunday school

First Baptist Church 220 Illini Drive, Clinton

(217) 935-2032 firstbaptistchurch3@frontier. 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 Charlie Welke, interim minis-

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

Kenney Christian Church

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

Lane Christian Church

(217) 935-2557 www.lanechurch.org Jim Kilson, preaching and teaching minister Nick Tuttle, youth and family minister 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship 5:30 p.m.-youth group "We're ordinary people helping each other become faithful followers of Jesus."

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200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton (217) 570-0105 www. lifebridgeschurch.com Pastors-Jonathan and Dana 10 a.m.-Sunday celebration 10 a.m.- AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades) 10 a.m.-AMPED Jr. (birth-K) 7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades 6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple

6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study 7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

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(217) 454-6846 www. Texaschristianchurch. Scott Marsh, minister 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-Sunday worship

6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

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112 N. Monroe St., Clinton (217) 464-0780 9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school 11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards 6 p.m.-Mondays, "Great Controversy" study and Pathfinder events throughout the year.

Wapella Christian Church

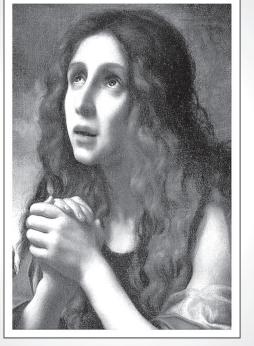
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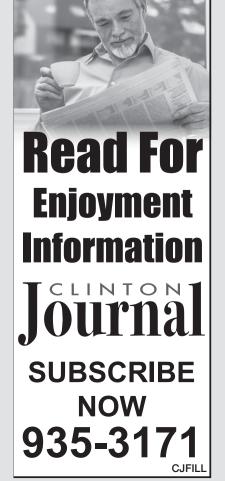


ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 JOHN 1:9

Detail of "The Penitent Magdalen" by Carlo Dolci (1670)



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Mostly Cloudy 30/19

SUNDAY

Precip Chance: 0% 10 mph NW

31/20

Precip Chance: 5% 5-10 mph W

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Mostly Cloudy

10 mph WSW

Mostly Cloudy

34/24 Precip Chance: 50% Precip Chance: 5%

WEDNESDAY

Scattered Snow

5-10 mph E

Scattered Snow 31/19

34/24

THURSDAY

Precip Chance: 50% 15-25 mph WSW 15-25 mph WNW

Cloudy 33/21 Precip Chance: 20%

FRIDAY

In-Depth Local Forecast for Weather Trivia **CLINTON**

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 31°, humidity of 86%. North wind 8 mph. The record high temperature for today is 49° set in 1917. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 20°. North wind 7 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 15°. The record low for tonight is -6° set in 1912. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high temperature of 30°, humidity of 85%. Northwest wind 7 mph. Sunday night, skies will be mostly cloudy, overnight low of 19°.

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Cockburn's double-double pushes No. 15 Illini past Boilermakers 66-58 CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - The fense on the opposing big 10-0 run to conclude the

feated the Purdue Boilermakers 66-58 Saturday evening. Illinois was led by a strong performance from freshman Andre Curbelo, sophomore Kofi Cockburn's second consecutive double-double, and Da'Monte Williams' second double-double of the season.

Curbelo posted 8 points and 6 assists, steadying the Illini offense throughout the night and creating beautiful scoring opportunities for his team. Cockburn scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Williams made three three-point field goals and totaled 12 points while also securing 10 boards.

The game was a back and forth battle, but in the end the Illini defense and playmaking were too much to overcome. Illinois shot 48% on the night while holding Purdue to only 38%, scoring 13 points on the fastbreak compared to the Boilermaker's two.

COCKBURN WINS THE **BIGMAN BATTLE**

Cockburn faced a challenge in the paint in the form of Purdue's Trevion Williams and Zach Edey, but ultimately prevailed on both ends of the court. Kofi converted on 7-of-9 shots while playing great de-

No. 15 Fighting Illini de- men, leading to two crucial half and take a 33-23 lead blocks.

> Thanks to Cockburn, the Illini led in points in the paint by a margin of 32-20.

FRESHMEN & SENIOR IMPACT

Curbelo took control of the Illini offense tonight, adding six assists while also posting a team-high +/- of +23.

Fellow freshmen Adam Miller converted shots of his own, adding 10 points and grabbing three rebounds.

Freshman Coleman Hawkins saw minutes early, making both of his shot attempts for five points while securing two rebounds and blocking a shot in the first

Seniors Trent Frazier and Williams showcased how important their veteran play is for this team, hitting crucial three-point shots down the stretch to keep pace with Purdue. Frazier also propelled Illinois to a win on the defensive end with a steal in the final sec-

GAME OF RUNS

The game started slow, until Illinois broke out to a 10-0 scoring run midway through the first half. They ended up going on another into halftime.

Purdue came out hot and went on a 17-0 scoring run to begin the second period. Illinois made adjustments and brought the defensive intensity to end the game however, taking back the lead thanks to a 20-6 run midway through the final period.

HIGHLIGHT-REEL **PLAYS**

Illinois created great content for a future highlight reel tonight, mainly led by the nifty playmaking of Curbelo. To cap a scoring run in the first half, the freshman found Cockburn in transition for a sweet alley-oop that gave the Illini

Curbelo got his teammates involved all night, but midway through the second half decided to do it all himself, stealing a pass and charging coast-to-coast for a dunk.

The game was capped off by an electric lob pass from junior Ayo Dosunmu to Cockburn for another dunk.

> Courtesy of Fighting Illini.com

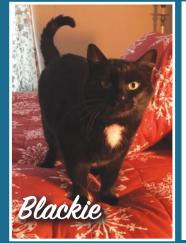
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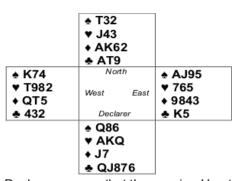
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BRIDGE BITES

THE ART OF CONCEALMENT



South opens 1NT, which nowadays usually shows 15-17 HCP. North bids 3NT, and West leads the ♥T.

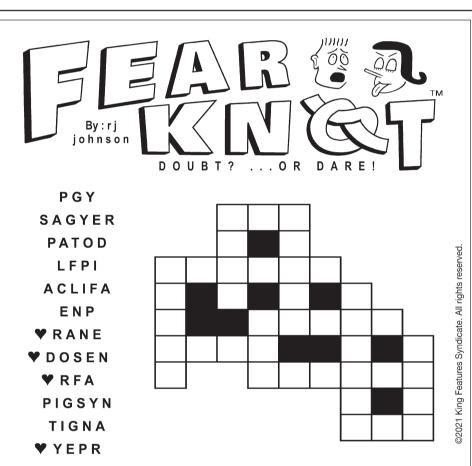
Declarer can see enough tricks once the ♣K is out of the way, but those Spades look somewhat fragile. have two questions. Firstly, how do you play the Hearts? Secondly, how do you play the Clubs? These questions are not misprints, we'd really like to know!

Declarer can see that the opening Heart lead is from T9xx or some such holding. But, from East's seat, it might well be from holdings such as AT9x or KT9x or QT9x. How can Declarer muddy the waters and create some doubt in East's She could routinely play low from Dummy, as most would, but the play most likely to cause confusion is surely the Jack! Declarer then wins the trick with the Ace, and East will say to himself: "I've seen this movie before. Declarer was hoping that I had the Queen and would cover. Clearly she is laying a false trail and has AK doubleton in the suit"

Now Declarer plays on Clubs. If she leads the ♣Q then that pretty much advertises the situation. So, instead, she runs the less informative Jack, and when East wins the King he'll have some thinking to do. Declarer has a maximum of three points in Diamonds, and appears to have seven points in Hearts. The Club situation won't be clear, and East might visualize Declarer's hand as: ♠KQx, ♥AK, ♦QTxx, ♣J87x, or something similar. If so then a Heart continuation beats the contract.

A less devious Declarer will play a low Heart from Dummy on Trick 1, and will run the ♣Q at Trick 2. When East wins his King, he'll have more clues, and is more likely to diagnose Declarer's Spade weakness. If he does, he will be sure to switch to the Spade Jack, a so-called "surrounding play" which allows the defense to grab four Spade tricks, setting the contract.

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



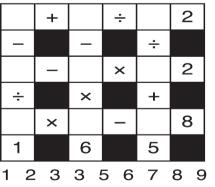
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

by Linda Thistle GO FIGURE!

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

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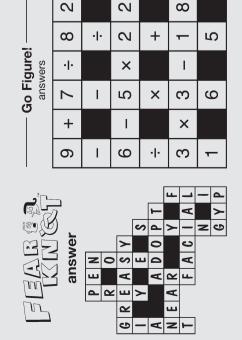
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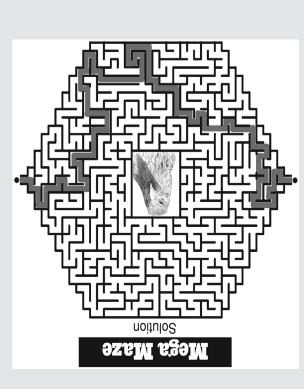
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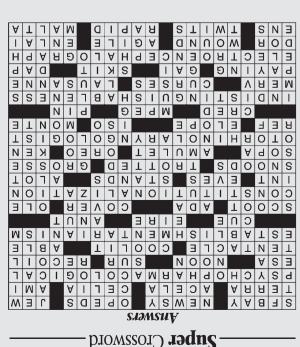
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DEWITT COUNTY IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA MARILYN VOELK-ER-MIX, DE-CEASED

NO. 2020-P-58

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDE-PENDENT ADMIN-<u>ISTRATION</u>

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

Letters of Office

were issued on December 14. 2020 to Jodi Karr, 315 W. Macon Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727 and Tim Schnabel, 206 S. Walnut Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727 as Independent Co-Executors. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Rox 478. Clinton.

Illinois, 61727. Claims may be filed in the office of the DeWitt County Circuit Clerk, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Representative, or both, on or before June 15, 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 delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filling 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

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.

above address.

Jodi Karr and Tim Schnabel, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Wanda Marilyn Voelker-Mix, De-

ceased

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT**

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRANDI LEE BOYD. DECEASED

NO. 2020-P-60

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDE-PENDENT ADMIN-<u>ISTRATION</u>

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

Letters of Office were issued on December 21, 2020 to Ellen Marie Jolliff, 7672 Fiona Lane, Fountain, Colorado 80817 as Independent Administrator. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

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Dated this 29th day of December, 2020.

above address.

Ellen Marie Jolliff, Independent Administrator of the estate of Brandi Lee Boyd, Deceased

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DEWITT COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE V-331-2020

Notice is given that a request for variation has been filed with the above named Board. Andrew and Joan Zocher are requesting a variance from §155.065 of the De-Witt County Code. Said variance request is for a 9 ft. reduction in the side setback on the following described property:

S29 T20 R4, PT SW - BEG S LN SW 1/4 507 W OF SE COR SW, W343 ON S LN, N710, E343, S710 TO POB,

The named prop-

erty is located at

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Weldon, IL 61882 in DeWitt Township and is zoned RD-2 Parcel No. 09-29-300-003. Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on the 25Th day of January, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as is possible. Said hearing will be

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held virtually.

Andy Hedrick, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals

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ASSUMED NAME **PUBLICATION** NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE JANET KAYE HAR-ROLD.

DECEASED NO. 2020-P-61

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDE-PENDENT ADMIN-<u>ISTRATION</u>

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

Letters of Office were issued on January 4, 2021 to James Lee Harrold, II, 8155 Burns Hill Road, Clinton, Illinois 61727 as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office 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 July 5, 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 delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (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 4th day of January, 2021.

James Lee Harrold, II, Independent Executor of the Estate of Janet Kaye Harrold, Deceased

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County of DeWitt

Circuit Court of DeWitt County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Tanner Rae Whiteside, a Minor Male Child. Adoption No. 20-AD-04.

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William L. Gregory, Attorney for Petitioners, Koth, Gregory & Nieminski, P.C., 420 North Main Street, Bloomington, IL 61701 (309) 828-5090

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(NAPS)-Imagine this: consuming a few small bites a day can help you manage your weight and reduce your risk of diabetes, gallstones, heart disease and cancer. It's not some new miracle drug, it's that long-time favorite of kids and adults alike—the peanut.

Large population studies show that small amounts of peanuts and peanut butter in your daily diet can help reduce the chances of developing a chronic disease. Peanuts are a superfood because just a small handful delivers 19 vitamins and minerals that contribute to your overall good health.

Here's more good news. Peanuts are both tasty and versatile and you can enjoy them in a variety of delicious dishes that are easy enough to make any day but special enough for the holidays, such as this one:

Peanut Butter Sweet Potato Casserole with Peanut Streusel Topping

Prep time: 25 Cook time: 1 hour 30 mins Total: 1 hour 55 minutes Servings: 10

For the sweet potatoes:

- 3 pounds sweet potatoes
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 34 cup low fat milk
- ¼ cup creamy peanut butter
- ¼ cup peanut flour or powder

For the topping:

- 2 tablespoons creamy peanut
- 1/3 cup firmly packed light brown
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour ½ cup finely chopped roasted,
- salted peanuts

Preheat the oven to 425°F and wash the sweet potatoes. Lightly prick the



Family and friends will go nuts for this peanut butter sweet potato casserole.

skin of each potato with a fork and place it on a baking sheet. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until the sweet potatoes are tender and cooked through. Allow to cool then peel.

Preheat the oven to 350°F and lightly spray a 2-quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Place the peeled sweet potatoes in

a large bowl and mash well. Add the sugar, vanilla, eggs, milk, peanut butter, and peanut flour/powder and mix until smooth. Spread evenly into the prepared baking dish. To make the streusel, combine the

melted peanut butter, brown sugar, and all-purpose flour in a small bowl. Press the mixture together using the back of a spoon. Keep pressing and mixing until the mixture is combined and crumbly. Add the peanuts and mix well. Sprinkle the topping over the sweet potato filling and bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until the center is mostly set. Serve hot. Per Serving: 363 calories, 10.7 g fat,

2.1 g saturated fat, 38 mg cholesterol, 141 mg sodium, 60 g carbohydrate, 7.7 g fiber, 18.1 g sugar, 10.6 g protein, 65% vitamin D, 5% calcium, 12% iron, 27% potassium.

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Social Engagement

(NAPS)-Maintaining social connections and staying mentally and physically active is key to reducing social isolation and loneliness among older adults, particularly now during the COVID-19 national health crisis.

There are many opportunities for older adults and caregivers to remain engaged and connected to their family, friends and community with and without technology during the pandemic. Here are a few suggestions all of us might consider doing during this time:

Reach out. Try to call a family member or friend every day, write them a note or send a card.



Remaining socially engaged improves the quality of life for older adults and is associated with better mental and physical health.

Stay active, mentally and physically. Move more and sit less. Engage in physical activity such as a walk or online group exercise classes.

Flex your brain. Draw a sketch, write a poem or short story, or start journaling. Create connections using technol-

ogy. Use online tools to connect with friends and family. Attend virtual events and concerts or tour museums from home. Read a book online. Volunteer and share your skills

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