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Scaled -back virus mitigations in two more regions

Changes the result of falling positivity rates

Tim Kirsininkas **Capital News Illinois**

SPRINGFIELD - Two more Illinois regions will see COVID-19 mitigations scaled back amid declining positivity numbers, state officials announced Tuesday.

The state's seven-day rolling case positivity rate stood at 4.6 percent Tuesday, the 18th consecutive day that figure has dropped, and the lowest mark it has reached since Oct. 14. The state reported 3,667 new and probable COVID-19 cases Tuesday out of 69,285 test results reported over the previous 24 hours.

Regions 8 and 9, which include DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties in the Chicago suburbs, were cleared to move to Tier 1 mitigations Tuesday. Five of the state's 11 public health regions are now currently in Tier 1 mitigations. Tier 1 allows limited indoor service at restaurants and bars and some group recreational activities to resume.



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Snowy weather week

Now in its 90th winter watching over the square in Clinton, the local Van Den Bergen replica statue of Abraham Lincoln received a dusting of snow on Monday. The weather that passed through the area on Monday and Tuesday left some light accumulation and nighttime windy conditions. Some heavier snowfall arrived on Wednesday.

Micro grants could mean macro results for some small businesses

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CLINTON - As state COVID-19 restrictions continue to cause problems for some small businesses, the local economic development group is currently offering

Development Council offering grants for special projects

Development Council's "DCDC Micro Grant" program is available for business owners who have a plan for enhancing the operation of their businesses but could use some financial aid to help get their projects off the ground. "This is the first time

we've done this," said David Torbert, president of the DCDC board.

DCDC also has an existing revolving loan program.

"But, that's more of a gap-financing program to be used in conjunction with a regular bank loan," Torbert said.

DCDC has available \$10,000 to be split among the final applicants chosen. Torbert said the board does not have a pre-determined number of recipients it will award. He said knowing some

possible with the money available.

"The Micro Grant program was kind of born from the idea, 'How can we, as an organization. directly help with maybe some of those smaller things'," Torbert said.

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a new program to help those businesses.

The DeWitt County

projects are less costly than others, they hope to help as many applicants as

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Museum Association invites residents to become members

CLINTON The DeWitt County Museum Association is currently encouraging residents to become members of the museum

Annual membership dues are renewed each January.

With a membership, members will be the supporting C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum in its continuing efforts to preserve and interpret DeWitt County's unique history, provide quality educational opportunities for students and adults, host annual and special events, promote local tourism, maintain the C.H. Moore Homestead, house, carriage barn, farm exhibit buildings, grounds, and historical collections, enhance the local economy, organize and fund the annual



Courtesy of C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum

Apple n Pork Festival, and encourage community pride in DeWitt County's past and present. Benefits of membership

unlimited include admission-free daily museum tours, unlimited free admission to the quilt show, admission-free

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house tours during Apple 'n Pork Festival weekend, and unlimited admissionfree candlelight tours. See MUSEUM / A3

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Student business program sponsoring BINGO Jan. 31 CENTRAL ILLINOIS **CE**也®

CLINTON The Illinois Central CEO (CICEO) program is a high school-led program that meets every weekday from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Students learn about business and the program now in the process is of launching its group business. The group business is "Drive in Bingo."

CICEO Bingo will be held on January 31, at 2 p.m. at the Clintonia Eagle Theater, Clinton. Current Illinois COVID-19 restrictions will apply, so everyone will be in their cars, and the only personto-person contact will take place when students get their tickets.

Concessions restrooms will be available through the movie theater. There also will be prizes available each round with a are total of 15 rounds, a standard 10 rounds, and bonus rounds 11-15.

The current five CICEO students include Emmah Cook, Senior, Warrensbur; Emma Culbertson, Junior, Clinton; Rheys Sams-Moore, Junior, Maroa-Forsyth; Marina Rohman, Junior, Maroa-Forsyth, and Jordan Gearlds. Senior, Blue Ridge.

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He said the program could help businesses with smaller projects without the need to go through a lender.

The money funding the program comes from the DCDC general fund. The board originally considered offering a set number of grants.

"We really hate to lock people into a box to say we're going to give out three grants or five grants or whatever the case may be," Tobert said. "We've left it open because understand that we everybody's challenges are different, and we

wanted to be flexible in that way."

The number of applications might affect how much money a business receives.

"Depending on how much interest we have in the program, we might be able to award only a portion of any particular project," Torbert said. "You may or may not get the full amount depending on the size of the project." He said DCDC wants to help the business applicants as much as possible.

"Some projects have several pieces to them, so if we can kick in a certain amount, and they're just looking for a little extra to finish a project, we want to be able to help them."

Torbert also pointed out that funds some received businesses through other providers' programs ultimately had to be used just to keep their operations going during COVID restrictions. This meant extra or special projects business owners had planned had to wait.

"We understand what COVID did to some businesses, so if we can jump in and offer some help, that's a win for

everyone," he said.

DCDC Micro Grant loan applications are available http://www.dcdcat illinois.net and can be emailed to execdirector@ dcdc-illinois.net or delievered in person to the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce office, 100 Center Street #101.

Farmer City applicants should contact DCDC for the best method for hard copy submission.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 8.

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Guest privileges are included at the \$30 rate or higher, free admission for you and your guests, family, friends, employees, business associates when accompanied by you, the membership holder.

Members also receive complimentary subscription The to Homestead Gazette biannual newsletter as well as the satisfaction that comes from supporting an active nonprofit organization, such as the DeWitt County Museum Association. While members are

under no obligation to become actively involved with the museum, anyone wishing to become an active associate is encouraged to do so. Many volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year. You can also help the DeWitt County Museum Association by attending our special events, making purchases at the Museum Gift Shop, and encouraging friends to do the same.

For more information regarding DeWitt County Museum Association membership or to request membership form, а please contact the museum at (217) 935-6066 or email Museum Director, Joey Long, at chmoore. homestead@gmail.com.

Warner Library offering myriad of programs during February

CLINTON — A myriad of programs in on the schedule in February at Vespasian Warner Public Library.

The library building is open for browsing, and the community is encouraged to stop in and check out books, movies, video games and more.

Four grab 'n go programs will be offered in February. 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 supplies last. One kit per person. Recommended for adults and families. Suggested age is 8-up.

• Walrus Heart Valentine Card-Begins February 8: (Children & Family) Children and families will love making this unique walrus card for someone they care about! Available while supplies last. One craft per person. All ages. Kandinsky Heart Art Kit-Begins February 15: (Teen) Calling all teens! Explore your creative side while feeling the love with this art kit inspired by the work of artist Wassily Available Kandinsky! while supplies last. One kit per person. Suggested age is 12-up. • Spread the Love Rock Painting **Kit-Begins** February 22: (Children & Family) Children and

families will delight in spreading the love to our community with painted rocks! Available while supplies last. One kit per person. All ages.

А free financial education webinar is planned for Tuesday, February 23, from 6-7 Advanced Tax p.m. Planning will cover topics such as utilizing volatility to your tax advantage, why the next five years are crucial for long-term tax planning, eliminating variables for retirement, and using tax advantaged dollars to efficiently plan. This free webinar is offered in partnership with The Institute for Financial Education. Visit www. vwarner.org to register. Finally, the Vespasian Warner Public Library District announces it is a

recipient of a 2021 Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) grant. Funds will be used to offer four Kindle E-readers for youth checkout. Each device will be preloaded with a variety of age-appropriate, popular content. Full details and device check out will be available later this spring. Thank you to the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation and YEP for this wonderful grant to support our community.

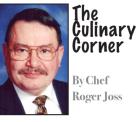
The Vespasian Warner Public Library is currently open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hours are subject to change. For more information about the programs above or any library services, visit www.vwarner.org or call (217) 935-5174.

Applying unrelated procedures

Telcome to my little corner of culinary delights. I have often methodology. discussed In the article just prior, I gave advice on it. From such knowledge, viable methods used elsewhere can be developed and implemented. I shall explain.

Starting very young, I had a keen appetite for learning new things. I was most curious over most everything and it stuck with me. Even my doctor was amused that I asked so many questions. From him, I learned about suturing and stripping veins. I became familiar with forceps and hemostats. The list goes on. Knowing how to make surgical knots became useful. The double looping of the suturing thread kept the laceration in place while the second double looping locked it in place. I have used this in trussing birds for the oven and for making rolled roasts. My culinary instructor observed me doing this. He now teaches it to his students.

At college, we were taught the traditional way to remove the mud vein from shrimp. One must perform an incision the full length of the shrimp along the dorsal side nearest the vein. It leaves a gaping slit that I thought was unattractive. Aside from that, the knife would often cut into the vein making it most difficult to cleanly remove. I make a small lateral incision nearest the tail just deep enough to sever the mud vein. I grab hold of the opposite end of the vein with my hemostat and gently pull; similar to stripping veins. It slips out easily. I then sautéed them. When the instructor inspected mine, he saw no gaping slit and



thought I forgot to remove the mud veins. He took off two points out of ten. I insisted the veins were removed. In disbelief, he cut one open. He restored my two points.

We were taught how little fish to remove bones from the fillets. They even sell a pair of tweezers exclusively for that purpose. It appeared inefficient when the instructor was demonstrating it. I too found it difficult using the tweezers. I resorted to my Kelly hemostat. It got the job done faster and cleaner with less effort.

Having played а musical instrument, I got interested in examining operatic scores. I found it fascinating that so many different musicians were able to execute the notes perfectly on time thus creating musical perfection. I later used this same method of scoring for timing meals. The objective is to have everything that had to be served hot to be ready for serving on time. Each food item has its own preparation and cooking time. By timing and arranging each move similar to musical notes on a score, there would be no dead time and everything would come out on time.

As you can tell from the above, knowing certain procedures from other sciences could be valuable in culinary procedures; thus, your methodology. Ask plenty of detailed questions and learn all you can.

available on a first come, first served basis. RSVPs are not necessary.

• Windowsill Herbs-Begins February 1: (Adult & Family) Learn to grow your own indoor herbs that can later be transplanted outside. Available while

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Until next time, peace to all.

Clinton student makes Kansas State University Dean's List

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Legion drive -through meal February 4



CLINTON — With the overwhelming response to the last drive-through meal at the American Legion, the Legion is again offering a meatloaf meal at a cost of \$6 per meal.

The next drive-through will be on Feb. 4, from 4-6 p.m. This meal will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans and a roll. There will be no early sales and tickets are not required.

The Legion hopes to serve more patrons with this meal, so they are preparing more food to supply the larger demand. Crang-Bennett American Legion Post #103 is located at 219 North Elisabeth Street.

Meals will be served while supplies last, and the hope is not to sell out this time.

Kay Carr

Kay **CLINTON** Carr, 79, of Clinton, passed away at 7:25 p.m. on January 22, 2021, at Hawthorne Inn, Clinton. services Graveside will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021, at the Weldon Cemetery, Weldon, with the Rev. C. Don Ferrill officiating. There will be no visitation. The family has entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to The American Heart Association or The American Cancer Society. Kay was born on February 18, 1941, in Clinton, the daughter of Charles F. and Edith I. (O'Daffer) Carr.

Survivors include her children, Julie Kaye (Ken) Nemecek, Oreana, Ill., and Jennifer Ann (David) Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.; three grandchildren, Denver (Kelsey) Johnson, Jessica Johnson, and Nick Nemecek; one greatgrandson, Diesel Johnson; siblings, Carolyn (Mike) Perkins, Clinton; Annie Hall, Huntley, Ill.; and Bob Carr, Monticello; and



special companion of 30 years, Charlie Mandrell, Clinton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and seven sisters. Kay was a member of the Lane Christian Church and the Eagles #593 She retired Auxiliary. from Wallace Press after 20 years of service. Kay enjoyed shopping and cooking. Most of all, she liked to spend time with Charlie and the rest of her family.

We would like to thank Shelly and her staff for all the wonderful care Kay received during her time in the nursing home. They truly made a difference.

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To set up or use your account to get your online Social Security Statement, go to www.socialsecurity. gov/myaccount.

We also mail Statements to workers age 60 and over who aren't receiving Social Security benefits and do not yet have a my Social Security account. We mail the Statements three months prior to your birthday.

Question:

I run a bed and breakfast. I am tired of all the paperwork involved with filing taxes. Is there an easier way for small businesses to file W-2s for their employees?

Answer:

Absolutely. If you are a small business owner entrepreneur, you or should check out Social Security's Business Services Online (BSO) website. There, you can file your employees' W-2s and W-2cs electronically and print out the W-2s to provide paper copies to your employees. You also can verify the Social



Answer:

You can get both Social Security retirement benefits and military retirement at the same time. Generally, we don't reduce your Social Security benefits because of your military benefits. When you're ready to apply for Social Security retirement benefits, go www.socialsecurity. to gov/applyonline. This is the fastest and easiest way to apply. For your convenience, you can always save your progress during your application and complete it later. We thank you for your military service!

Question:

Why doesn't my estimate using the Retirement Estimator take into account my work as a teacher? I've worked for 20 years in public school systems and thought it would count.

Answer:

If you work for a state or local government agency-including а school system, college, or university-your earnings may not be covered by Social Security. If you are covered only by your state or local pension plan and you don't pay Social Security taxes, your earnings won't be shown on your Social Security record. (Your record will your Medicare show wages if you pay into that program.) For information on how your pension from non-covered state or local employment may affect the amount of your Social Security benefit, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ retire2/wep-chart.htm.

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Retirement Question:

I served in the military, and I'll receive a military pension when I retire. Will that affect my Social Security benefits?

Disability Question:

I'm getting ready to start filling out my disability benefits application online, but I'm concerned I will need to stop before

On Medicare? Beware of COVID card scams

Have you received a phone call asking if you've received your new "special" Medicare COVID card? Beware: There is no such thing. It's a scam.

I did receive such a call. The person on the other end asked if I'd received my new card, which I'd heard nothing about, and proceeded to try to ask me a number of questions. She claimed there are a lot of fancy benefits that come with the COVID card.

In the name of research for this column, I did not hang up immediately as I usually do. Instead, I went along with the caller, listening but not providing any information. I asked where they'd gotten my name and was told they were accessing the



Medicare database. I was quickly convinced it was a scam.

I hung up and called the Medicare fraud line to report it. The fraud people were very glad I did.

Other forms of COVID scams include offering fast eligibility for the vaccine, fake vaccine sign-up websites, fake testing and wellness kits, and fake contact tracers who want to know your Medicare card number.

Fact: There is no new Medicare card for COVID. Fact: Medicare isn't going to call you about anything unless you have called or written to them and asked them to contact you by phone.

If you receive a call such as the one I got, hang up immediately and then call to report it. Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), or HHS at 1-800-447-8477.

As for the fancy benefits the caller promised me, check your Medicare Summary Notice or Explanation of Benefits to be sure there are no errors for items and services that you do not get.

This might be the newest scam against seniors, so spread the word among your friends. There is no "special" Medicare card for COVID.

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1916 - In World War I, Paris was bombed by German zeppelins for the first time.

1936 - The first members of major league baseball's Hall of Fame were named in Cooperstown, NY.

1963 - The first members to the NFL's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, OH.

1963 - Britain was refused entry into the EEC.

1966 - "Sweet Charity" opened at the Palace Theatre in New York City. It ran for 608 performances.

1979 - U.S. President Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House. The visit followed the establishment of diplomatic relations.

1985 - The Dow Jones industrial average peaked at 1,292.62.

1990 - Joseph Hazelwood, the former skipper of the Exxon Valdez, went on trial in Anchorage, AK, on charges that stemmed from America's worst oil spill. Hazelwood was later acquitted of all the major charges and was convicted of a misdemeanor.

1995 - The San Francisco 49ers became the first team in National Football League (NFL) history to win five Super Bowl titles. The 49ers defeated the San Diego Chargers 49-26.

1996 - French President Jacques Chirac announced the "definitive end" to nuclear testing.

1996 - La Fenice, the 204 year old opera house in Venice, was destroyed by fire. Arson was suspected.



Hamstrung cops

he one career I would have to tell any young person to avoid today is law enforcement. Your risk of being physically harmed or sued as a police officer have simply increased in Illinois.

Emotions are running legislation, and common sense isn't even in the race. The Police Reform Bill that recently passed the Illinois legislature is the classic example of action without thought. Yes, the public does not want rogue cops running around the community harming the unjustly accused. Now, take a step back and think about reality. How many police officers are out there trying to violate our civil rights? How many police officers are trying to physically harm or kill citizens? The vast majority of police officers are simply every day men and women who believe they can serve others and better the community. They are pretty ordinary people who make good neighbors.

The legislation that bill essentially makes crime a catch and release model. There will be no cash bail. The offender simply gets booked in, given a court date, and released, i.e. catch and release.

Realistically the offender will be back on the street before the officer completes his report. Yes, we can have a discussion on bail, but this is not a discussion. The guy who ripped off grandma's purse will be back on the street looking for his next victim.

Military style equipment be forbidden will police for civilian departments. Last time I checked, most people thought an armored car was a reasonable means to approach someone with a weapon who was shooting at you. High caliber weapons would be forbidden to the police. Never mind that the guy shooting at you has an AR15 fully automatic.

Choke holds are forbidden, except if you are the offender and then anything goes. Police



Why put restrictions on officers that may well result in harm or death to the officer?

Yes, the bill calls for additional training and recognizing those who may have mental health issues. That is all good, but it doesn't really address what you can do if the mentally impaired individual wants to do the officer or others great bodily harm.

If the police can detain the offender, they must first give him an array of phone calls before they can interview him. The offender should certainly be allowed to contact an attorney, but the social calls appear ridiculous.

Legislation passed in the dead of the night without debate always sends up red flags. Illinois House Bill #3653 is no exception. This is the police reform

in Minneapolis. At this point in time there is a huge emotional divide as to what constitutes valid police work.

Many are taking the position that if a person has died as the result of police action, then the police are automatically at fault. The opposite position is that the police should never be questioned for their activities. Both stances fail the public good. What matters are the facts of the individual case applied to the relevant law.

HB3653 has simply been an emotional response to a valid issue. Unfortunately, there was little, if any, discussion. The police organizations and the state's attorneys association were never given the opportunity to provide testimony on the bill.

Emotions ran the bill and Chicago area politicians literally ran it through Springfield. It appears that the Governor will now sign the bill. Facts, debate and discussion is what should move legislation, not emotional politics.

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1997 - America Online agreed to give refunds to frustrated customers under threat of lawsuits across the country. Customers were unable to log on after AOL offered a flat \$19.95-a-month rate.

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1999 - Paris prosecutors announced the end of the investigation into the accident that killed Britain's Princess Diana.

1999 - The U.S. Senate delivered subpoenas for Monica Lewinsky and two presidential advisers for private, videotaped testimony in the impeachment trial.

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2014 - Archaeologists announced that they had uncovered what they believed to be the oldest temple in Roman antiquity. The temple was found at the Sant'Omobono site in central Rome.

was passed and awaits the governor's signature is so pro-accused and anti-police that one must wonder who these people are who voted for it. The officers need reasonable training in martial arts and excessive force is something that is to be avoided, but that is the current law.

bill authored by the Black legislative caucus.

The bill is primarily in response to the George Floyd death by a white police officer

We do not need a bunch of hamstrung cops who have to check every liability box before they can do their jobs.

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VA is rolling out the COVID vaccine

As of this writing, the Department of Veterans Affairs has given more COVID vaccine shots than multiple U.S. states added together. The VA started with 37 vaccination sites, quickly expanded to an additional 128 sites, and at this point has grown to 195 sites.

It followed a COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan first conceived in September and firmed up in early December. In other words, they were ready the minute the vaccine was.

But the states are struggling with their logistics. How and why

this is, no one seems to be explaining. The VA plan followed three basic steps: Lower the risk of infection and spread, make staff and veterans the highest priority, and ensure distribution is fair, transparent and aimed at maximizing the benefits of the vaccine. The detailed plan included lists of what needs to be done and who's doing it.

What's so hard about that?

You have to do your part, though. Yes, the initial doses are being given to medical staff and patients in VA hospitals. But I've already heard of vaccines



by Freddy Groves

being offered to veterans in general who are not hospitalized. To do that the VA will need to contact you. Call your health care team and be sure they have your current contact information. Also, if you have not yet taken the flu shot, ask if there is a required time delay between a flu shot and the COVID vaccine.

What we don't want to hear about the COVID

vaccine is this: Even after getting the vaccine (and the second dose), you'll still need to beware. Wear your mask, scrub your hands (for one full minute, please) and stay out of risky situations. This will likely go on until a large percentage of the population has received the vaccine.

For updates, check this website: www.va.gov/ health-care/covid-19vaccine.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Ruth 1, who called herself Marah, a name meaning "bitter"? Priscilla, Miriam, Naomi, Deborah

3. What did Malachi say the people of Judah were stealing from God? Servants, Unrighteous miracles, Holy Grail, Owed tithes

4. Which was a city of Ephraim and home of the Ark of the Covenant? Ai, Sardis, Gaza, Shiloh

5. What Old Testament word means "anointed"? Bishop, Messiah, Jehovah, Salvation

6. Ahasuerus was also known as ...? Noadiah, Agrippa, Joash, Xerxes

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Naomi; 3) Owed tithes; 4) Shiloh; 5) Messiah; 6) Xerxes

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

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Mark 1:10-11

Just as **Jesus** was **coming** up **out** of the **water**, he **saw** heaven **being torn open** and the **Spirit** descending on him **like** a **dove**. And a **voice came** from **heaven**: "**You are** my **Son**, **whom** I **love**; **with** you I am **well pleased**."

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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, Clinton

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

Clinton Church of Christ

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

Clinton Church of God

720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton clintoncog.org 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

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220 Illini Drive, Clinton (217) 935-2032 firstbaptistchurch3@frontier. com

John Roberson, pastor 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship 5 p.m.-Sunday evening worship 7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week prayer meeting

First Christian Church

100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton (W. Main & N. Jackson) clintonfcc.com Charlie Welke, interim 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 breakfast 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study 10:30 a.m.-morning worship 7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

Kenney Christian Church

213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney (217) 944-2275 Ernie Harvey, minister 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school (pre-K-adult) 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.-Sunday 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 Marcus McCollom, 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." 6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study 7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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

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

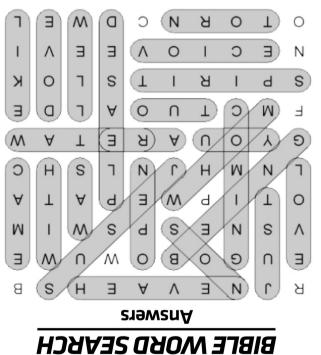
The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church

112 N. Monroe St., Clinton (217) 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.

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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"

Waynesville United Methodist Church 202 S. Isham Street P.O. Box 70, Waynesville 61778 Tami Werschey-Kessinger, pastor 9:15 a.m.-Sunday Facebook Live 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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Lifebridges Church

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

Jan. 1-15

Mauna Jennings, 24, Latham, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Jennings was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Linda Crawford, 38,

Decatur, was issued a Driving Citation for while License Revoked. Crawford was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Pruser, Izaiah 19, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Disobeying Traffic Control Device. Pruser was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Alexander Deerwester, 20, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident. Deerwester was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

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

Illinois lawmakers could raid local revenue to shore up state budget, mayors worry

(The Center Square) municipalities Illinois' are, again, on the watch for a potential reduction of their promised share of state revenue if lawmakers choose to use a tool they've utilized multiple times before to help shore up the state budget.

The state collects income tax and other types of revenue for municipalities and distributes it via the Local Government Distributive Fund. Until 2011, local governments received 10% of the personal and corporate income tax revenue but that was slashed to 5.45% for personal income taxes and 6.16% of corporate income tax collections to help the state fill a budget hole from the recession. Both of the last two income tax increases saw proportional reductions in the LGDF.

As it stands, Illinois is set to deliver municipalities 6.06% of personal income tax collections and 6.845% of corporate tax revenue

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but Illinois Municipal League President Brad Cole says that could change.

always "We're concerned about LGDF as the local share of state income taxes," he said. "There are only so many places where the General Assembly and the governor can go to make reductions and we've seen that LGDF is one that comes out, usually, at the front of the line as a place where they can make cuts."

Illinois lawmakers must figure out how to not only fill a budget hole as deep as \$5 billion but also pay for debt incurred in 2020. The consequence

of reducing local government's share of state revenue isn't just reductions in local services, Cole said, but higher property taxes.

"Every dollar that gets cut from LGDF or that is reduced from local funding has to be made up somewhere else if those programs are going to be retained and that means increases in property tax," he said.

Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara said the state's all-too-often taken the "easy way out" in terms of balancing their budget while also sending local governments more unfunded mandates.

"They put all of these burdens, in the form of unfunded mandates like choosing pension benefits, and then tell us we have to cash the checks that they wrote," he said. "They cut our funding through the Local Government Distributive Fund and then say 'I don't know why our local governments have such high property taxes.""

Gov. J.B. Pritzker is set to give his budget proposal in February. It is not clear if that could be affected by the legislature's decision cancel all but one session day due to COVID-19 concerns. Illinois' new fiscal year begins July 1.

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Another five of the state's 11 public health regions have returned to Phase 4 of the state's Restore Illinois plan.

Only Region 4 in the Metro East area on Missouri border the remained in stricter Tier 2 mitigations as of Tuesday, meaning indoor service is not allowed at bars or restaurants.

Illinois entered Phase 1B of its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan Monday, making the vaccine available to residents age 65 and older as well as frontline non-health care essential workers.

The state announced Tuesday that it would be adding Hy-Vee pharmacies to its list of locations offering COVID-19 vaccinations to the public, joining Walgreens and Jewel-Osco. The announcement brings the state's current number of public vaccination sites to 278.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, an estimated 3.2 million people are eligible to receive a vaccine under Phase 1B.

Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news conference Monday that eligible residents may have difficulty obtaining a vaccine in the early phases as the federal government works to ramp up production to meet state demand.

IDPH officials said that a total of 1.7 million vaccine doses have been delivered to the state, with a total of 719,995 administered to date.

Public health officials also announced Monday that eight cases of a new COVID-19 variant were identified in Cook County. The variant was first identified in the United Kingdom in November and spotted in Illinois on Jan. 15. The new variant is believed to be more contagious than the initial

COVID-19 strain that originated in China over one year ago.

"We are following closely to see if there is evidence that infections by this variant cause more severe disease or death," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said in a statement Monday.

"Based on the information available now, the vaccine will still be effective. Continued masking and vaccination when it is your turn remain our best path to defeating this virus as quickly as possible," Ezike added.

As of Monday night, 3,001 people in Illinois were reported to be hospitalized with COVID-19. Of those, 608 patients were in intensive care units and 320 were on ventilators.

State officials reported 87 deaths due to COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the state's total to 18,883 deaths.

Alzheimer's Association offers safety tips for inclement weather

Sixty percent of those with Alzheimer's disease will wander at some point during their diagnosis. This is a significant safety concern for the more than 230,000 people living with Alzheimer's in Illinois.

A person living with Alzheimer's or another dementia may not remember his or her name or address and can become disoriented even in familiar places. temperatures cold In winter and weather conditions, wandering can be dangerous - even lifethreatening. As weather becomes inclement it is important to keep your loved one with dementia safe by taking simple precautions to prevent wandering.

• Doors and doorknobs: Camouflage doors by painting them the same colors as the walls. Cover them with removable curtains or screens. Cover knobs with cloth in the color of the door or use childproof knobs.

• Monitoring devices: Try devices that signal when a door or window is opened. Place a pressuresensitive mat at the door or bedside to alert of movement.

• Secure trigger items: Some people will not go out without a coat, hat, pocketbook, keys, wallet, etc. Making these items unavailable can prevent wandering.

accessible.

• Ask neighbors, friends and family to call if they see the person alone or dressed inappropriately.

· Keep a recent, closeup photo and updated medical information on hand to give to police.

Know your neighborhood. Pinpoint dangerous areas near the home, such as bodies of water, open stairwells, dense foliage, tunnels, bus stops and roads with heavy traffic.

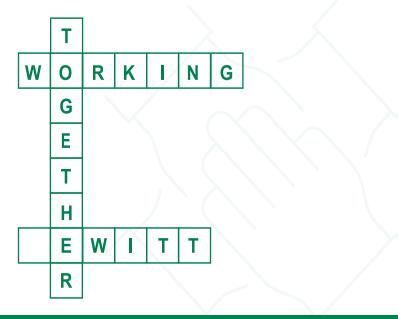
• Know if the individual is right or left-handed. Wandering generally follows the direction of the dominant hand. • Keep a list of places where the person may wander, like past jobs, former homes, places of worship or a restaurant. Should a loved one go missing, especially in colder temperatures, experts recommend calling 911 as soon as possible so that an Silver Search Illinois advisory or other public notification can be issued. For more information about the Illinois Silver Search program, visit silversearchillinois.org.

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Alzheimer's Association's Tips to Prevent Wandering:

• Carry out daily activities: Having a routine can provide structure. Consider creating a daily plan.

Night wandering: Restrict fluids two hours before bedtime and ensure the person has gone to the bathroom just before bed. Also, use night lights throughout the home or facility.

• Locks: Place out of sight. Install slide bolts at the top or bottom of doors.

When weather plummet temperatures and staying indoors is encouraged, planning ahead for your loved one can be crucial for his or her safety. The Alzheimer's Association can help with activity suggestions, communication and how identify confusion to and the triggers that increase the incidence of wandering.

Planning Ahead:

• Keep a list of people for the person with dementia to call when feeling overwhelmed. Have their telephone numbers in one location and easily



KEEPING KIDS SAFE

The most commonly abused drugs among teenagers

(METRO) – Teenagers are in a stage in their lives when they are testing boundaries, gaining independence some and learning more about the world around them beyond the watchful eyes of their parents. Social circles may have expanded outside of immediate neighborhoods, and teens could be influenced by new factors.

The teenage years also may be a time experimentation. of While changes in entertainment dress, and appearance may be normal, teens also may experiment with different substances and risky behaviors.

A 2015 study conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) indicated that more than 58 percent of 12th graders had consumed alcohol and nearly 24 percent had used illicit drugs in the past year. Teens may be drawn to alcohol and drugs for reasons like thrill-seeking, peer pressure, curiosity, and even acceptance from others. Still, defiance or boredom may be other motivating factors.

While some teenagers who experiment with drugs may try them a few times and move on, others may become addicted. Certain drugs can chemically overwhelm developing

bodies, causing brain cells to shut down or Physiological perish. effects may result.

Parents can be more aware of teen's activities and the propensity for use of both legal and illegal substances. By educating oneself about the drugs teens most often try, parents may be in better position to recognize and/or discourage drug use in their children.

• Marijuana: The drug rehabilitation program Solutions Treatment says that marijuana is the most commonly used drug today. Teens may justify use because they've heard about parents' past experiences with pot. Legalization

of marijuana in some areas may have made the drug seem less harmful. today's However, marijuana is much more potent than the pot of the past.

• Alcohol: Studies repeatedly show that teenagers have high rates of alcohol use. The group Best Drug Rehabilitation says research shows kids who started drinking early are four times as likely to grow up to be alcoholics than those who started drinking at legal age. Alcohol can get teens in trouble with the law and lead to unintentional injuries. Data from the National Research Council and Institute of

Medicine Committee on Developing a Strategy to Reduce and Prevent Underage Drinking approximately found 70 percent of television programming has references to alcohol use. This may make alcohol seem acceptable to teens.

• Prescription drugs: Many teens have easy access to prescription drugs in their own homes or the homes of their friends. Some teens even hold "pharming parties," where they bring prescriptions they can find to share with the group.

Highly • Heroin: addictive, heroin may be a go-to drug for people who can no longer get access to prescription opioid pain relievers. Heroin abuse among first-time users continues to rise, offers the Teen Addiction Center, and many heroin batches are mixed with fentanyl, a substance that is more potent than heroin and extremely toxic. With such a low price point, heroin is relatively easy for teens to acquire and it's very addictive as well.

Parents who educate themselves about teens and drug use can be in better position to help their children should kids begin experimenting with drugs.

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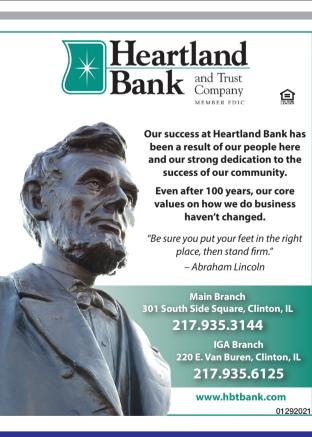
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My husband Francis and I were high school sweethearts and have been married for 38 years. We have raised two great sons who both also live in Clinton with their wives and children. Francis and I are the owners of Big D and are grateful for the years of community support.



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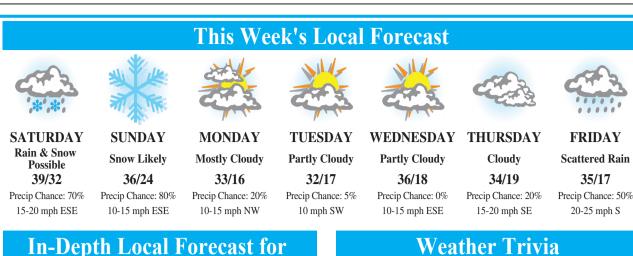
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mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2021.

Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Stephen R. Buchanan 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063

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TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 201700012 TO: TIMOTHY BECHTEL, BILLY BALLENGER, DEBBIE BAL-LENGER, Persons in Occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on the property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of Dewitt County, IL as Case No. 2018TX1P3. The Property is located at: Permanent Index Number: 01-29-378-004, Brief Legal Description: LOT 3 BLK 17 POST & **ISHAM ADDITION.** , Certificate Number: 201700012. Said Property was sold on 10/24/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/ or Special Assessments for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 5/10/2021. On June 1, 2021 at 1:30 pm the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed A B Investments, Petitioner

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unknown owners has been filed with or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on the property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of Dewitt County, IL as Case No. 2018TX1P6. The Property is located at: Permanent Index Number: 07-34-204-004, Brief Legal Description: E 1/2 EX 51 1/2 E SD & EX 50 W SD BLK 3 OUT BLOCKS., Certificate Number: 201700078. Said Property was sold on 10/24/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/ or Special Assessments for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 5/10/2021. On June 1, 2021 at 1:30 pm the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

the Circuit Clerk of Dewitt County. IL as Case No. 2018TX1P7. The Property is located at: Permanent Index Number: 13-06-428-001, Brief Legal Description: LOT 2 COUNTRY MANOR SUB PHASE 1, Certificate Number: 201700125. Said Property was sold on 10/24/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/ or Special Assessments for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 5/10/2021. On June 1, 2021 at 1:30 pm the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. A B Investments. Petitioner

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Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Stephen R. Buchanan, of 13235 Sportsman Road, DeWitt, Illinois 61735 Letters of Office were issued on January 6, 2021, to Melissa A. Peek and Kassidee assessment and le-Buchanan, Indegal fees due under pendent Co-Admin-The Condominium istrators, 31 Park Ct., Clinton, Illinois 61727; and 5219 Cantrell Ct., Spring-If the property is lofield, Illinois 62703, cated in a common whose attorney is interest community, Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court superfees due under the vision unless under Condominium Prop-Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration son, the Purchaser at the sale shall be at any time by mailing or delivering a return of the deposit petition to terminate paid. The Purchasto the clerk. Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of gagor, the Mortgagthe Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit ee or the Mortgag-Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 15, 2021, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in the Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with

the Clerk must be

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TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 201700059 TO: DSV SPV 2 LLC, Persons in Occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners

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LEGAL TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 201700078 TO: MARY BURK, CO-ADMINSTRA-TOR OF THE ES-TATE OF ELOISE PRUNTY, PAMELA MILLER, CO-AD-MINSTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF

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TO: CREDITORS and CLAIMANTS

Notice is hereby given of the death of Martin Lamprecht, who died on May 28, 2019, a resident of Gainesville, Florida.

Letters of Office were issued on April 29, 2020, to BARBARA L. JOHNSTON, whose address is 5135 N.W. 57th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32653, as Executor: and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Myers, 202 W. Adams Street, Clin-

ton, Illinois 61727. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 202 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Executor identified above, or both, on or before July 22, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorney within (ten) 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent administration by filing a petition to terminate under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Stephen R. Myers

takes place after 1/1/2007, purchas-Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on www.lockerfox. com beginning on February 11, 2021 at 12:00 pm ending February 18, 2021 and (g)(4). from 12:02 pm to 12:03 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimment and legal ited, 1506 Route 54 East, Clinton IL 61727, (217) 935-3200 under a rental 605/18.5(g-1). agreement with: 12:03 pm, Jackie Howard, occupant of space 1H25, items: bed frame, bicycles, wooden furniture, camo recliner, safe, clothing gagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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ers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessfees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mort-

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PRESTEGAARD. JAY HAYCRAFT **TOTAL COMPEN-**<u>SATION:</u> <u>\$13,035.86</u>

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: PAYROLL TAXES-\$4,213.02, TOIR-MA- \$500.00, MISC DISBURSMENTS UNDER \$2500-\$622.83 TOTAL EXPENDI-

TURES: \$5,335.85

BEG. BALANCE \$15,378.22

REVENUES \$23,230.96

EXPENSES \$18,371.71

ENDING BAL-<u>ANCE</u> \$20,237.47

John Griffin -Chairman Cathy Cisco -Treasurer

Dated January 21, 2021

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The DeWitt County Board of Review will be in session beginning Monday, February 8, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the **DeWitt County** Courthouse to conduct the business of the Board of Review. Sandy Schlosser Clerk Board of Review

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LEGAL IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DEWITT COUNTY. **ILLINOIS**

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IN RE THE ES-TATE OF

In Probate

DORA ELIZABETH NEAL

DECEASED

No. 2020-P-43

NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION

Notice is hereby given of the death of DORA ELIZA-BETH NEAL, who died on March 2, 2020, a resident of Clinton, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on August 28, 2020, to SHELDON NEAL, whose address is 92 W. Yale Loop, Irvine, CA 92604, as Administrator; and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Myers, 202 W. Adams Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Administrator identified above, or both, on or before August 15, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Administrator and to the attorney within (ten) 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent administration by filing a petition to terminate under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Stephen R. Myers Attorney for Administrator 202 W. Adams

FRIDAY, JAN. 29, 2021



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Legal 19113 January 15, 22 and 29, 2021

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 13, 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:

B AND V CARPET CARE 9452 WILMAX CLINTON, IL 61727.

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Dated: Wednesday, January 13, 2021

No. 2021-140

Dana Smith/sw COUNTY CLERK

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2021 NOTICE OF ELEC-**TION OF DIREC-**TORS

To All Owners And Occupiers Of Lands Lying Within The Boundaries Of The **DeWitt Coun**ty Soil And Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on the 22nd day of February, 2021 at 7:00 am to 5:30 pm at the USDA Service Center, 5920 Revere Rd. Clinton. IL, two Directors will be elected to County Soil and Water Conservation County Clerk of De- District of the State

names and post-of- All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

Myron Kirby Chairman

DeWitt County Soil and Water Conservation District

DATE: 21 day of January, 2021.

January 29, 2021 February 12, 2021

Street Clinton, Illinois 61727 Tel. (217) 935-8326 Fax (217) 935-4333 E-Mail: steve@ stevemyerslaw.com

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Managing Your House And Property Five Ways

(NAPS)—The next time you look around your home, or that of your aging relatives, you may be astonished how much "stuff" accumulates over the years. Are there things—and the stories they tell—you want to save to pass down to the next generation? Is your will or estate plan on hold because you don't know where to start? What if you had a natural disaster or break-in—are your items properly protected by insurance? You can make this year the one in which you get your estate in order with these five easy steps:

1. Get started. The best way to get something done is to start. Decide if it makes sense to tackle items by room or by category and get started. This is not something that has to be done in one day, in fact, it might take several days or longer to get organized. Don't be discouraged. Once it's done, it will only need periodic updating.

2. Take photos. Use a photo-based mobile app, such as Manage My Things, to accurately and efficiently track items. You can upload one item at a time or batches of items such as fine china. "If you've ever had to empty a parent's home, decide which of your heirs gets your things when you die or have confidence you'll be made whole if a disaster strikes, then you know all the decisions you make are emotional," said Rick McKenna, CEO of Manage My Things. "This app takes you through much of the complex decision-making, so your time is better spent with loved ones. All you need to know is how to take photos and answer a few questions. The app does the rest."

3. Donate or discard. There are many services and organizations that can help you remove items from your home, either for donation or to discard. Some exam-



Make a record of what you have and where you have it now to prevent problems for yourself and your loved ones later.

ples include Habitat for Humanity and Goodwill for donations. Some donations may even be tax deductible. To dispose of stuff, you can contact 1-800-GOT-JUNK? to schedule a pick-up.

4. Share with your agents. Fires, hurricanes and floods can often expose the two-thirds of all homeowners who are under-insured. It's important to inventory items in a home and share the report with insurance agents for review to accurately modify home protection policies and ensure you're properly covered. Additionally, 50% to 60% of U.S. adults don't have a will, leaving their loved ones the difficulty of getting affairs in order. By sharing your estate plan, you're helping ensure peace of mind for yourself and the ones you care about.

5. Set and (mostly) forget. Set a reminder to revisit your estate plan at least once a year or when there are major life changes such as a move or significant purchase.

Following these five steps can mean you'll find yourself in better financial and mental space next year and for many years to come.



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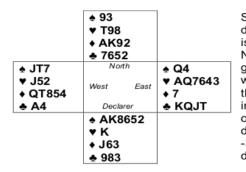
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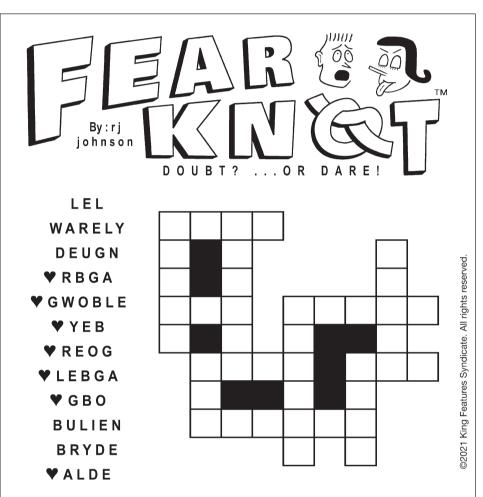
Suppose that you are playing in a duplicate (matchpoint) event. Nobody is vulnerable and E-W bid up to 3♥. Now N-S compete with 3♠ and that gets doubled. Playing in Hearts, E-W would probably make 9 tricks, and that's -140 for N-S. But here N-S are in 3+ doubled and will get a good result only if they can hold their losses to down one, scoring -100. Down two for -300 would be very bad indeed. How do you escape for down one?

Playing $3^{\rm rd}$ and $5^{\rm th}$ leads, West starts out with the Heart Two to the Ace, and East shifts to the ♣K. West overtakes with the Ace and the defense proceeds to play out all four rounds of Clubs. As Declarer, what do you play on the fourth round of Clubs? Remember, you have already lost four tricks and can lose only one more if you are to escape with a good board.

Ruffing the Club high cannot be right, that will ensure that the defense scores two trump tricks. Nor can it be right to pitch a Diamond, that is also a guaranteed down two. Perhaps surprisingly, the only chance is to ruff low. Your hope is that West has three trumps and that therefore, if he overruffs, it will be with a natural trump trick. So, that's what you do, West does overruff, the return of the ♥J is ruffed and trumps fall in two rounds.

So far, so good, but you still have to bring in the Diamonds for no losers if you are to accomplish your goal. Does somebody have the doubleton Queen? Not possible! The opening lead tells you that West started with three Hearts, and the play tells you that he also started with two Clubs and three Spades. That leaves five Diamonds with West and one with East. Therefore, the percentage play in Diamonds is to run the Jack (in case East has the singleton Ten). If West covers with the Queen you can finesse the Nine later. "Down one is good bridge" as they always say.

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



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (**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

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.

DIFFICULTY: * * *

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★ ★ ★ GO FIGURE!

