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Peaceful Christmas Assembly

A crowd gathered along the parade route Sunday for a "Peaceful Holiday Assembly" parade organized by local business owner Lance Schmid. The parade began in the 400 block of N. Center Street, advanced to the square, where it exited on E. Main Street to Alexander. The Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau board decided not to host its annual Christmas parade this year on advice from county health department officials, They were advised by state officials that parades violate Tier 3 COVID mitigation guidelines under "Social Events."

Superintendent announces plans for second semester

In-person classes tentatively set to resume January 4; remote learning will still be offered

Katy O'Grady-Pyne

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CLINTON Late Monday, Clinton schools Superintendent Nettles announced plans for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year.

Full remote learning will continue through Dec. 18.

In-person instruction is planned to return on Jan. 4, however, the district will monitor the number

Pritzker touts

promising

vaccine data

Positivity rate falls

below 10 percent

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SPRINGFIELD

to the general public.

Administration

on a vaccine.

Speaking at his daily

media briefing in Chicago,

U.S. Food and Drug

released its analysis of data

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Peter Hancock

of COVID-19 cases in the county and community.

"We will especially be monitoring cases of COVID or illness among our students and staff over the next few weeks," said Nettles in a memo to parents. "If we feel that there is too great a risk in starting Jan. 4, we will communicate a new starting date."

Second semester schedules remain will

the same at each building as they did during first semester with dismissal at 1:30 p.m. daily. Safety protocols will also remain unchanged.

The district will continue to provide its thirdparty vendor for second semester remote learners, however Nettles asked parents who wish to continue remote learning to contact their school office by Friday, Dec. 11.

Those wishing to switch to in-person learning and those wishing to switch to remote learning also need to contact their school by Friday. Remote learning for second semester will begin Monday, Jan. 11.

Students will not be allowed to move from the type of learning chosen during second semester. Nettles recommended parents uncertain about which method to choose

for their child should contact their principal.

Parents are asked to report any positive virus tests or exposures to school nurses to help keep accurate records and aid in decision making for the schools and the district. Nurse Jill Martin may be reached at 935-8337 and Nurse Shelly Constance may be reached at 935-6772.

swears in new members Terry Ferguson chosen new chairman, Melonie Tilley vice chairman

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CLINTON — The county board chose a new chairman and vice chairman Monday as members met in-person and virtually to reorganize following the November election.

Newly-elected members took their oaths of office from county clerk Dana Smith before Monday's meeting. Those new members included Aaron Kammeyer, Claro "Buck" Carter, Megan Myers and Jamie Prestegaard. David Newberg, Terry Ferguson, Melonie Tilley, Christy Pruser, Jay Wickenhauser, Travis Houser, Nate Ennis and Dan Matthews round out the board membership.

The board unanimously elected Terry Ferguson as new board chairman, replacing David Newberg. Newberg nominated Ferguson to the post. Ferguson voted present in

the 11-0-1 vote. Board members then elected Melonie Tilley as new vice chairman by a vote of 8-3-1. Tilley voted

present. The new board then moved to adopt the Code of Ordinance under which the county operates.

"We're establishing the DeWitt County codes as the rules of activity for the DeWitt County board," Ferguson told members.

Members approved the formality unanimously.

The board continued, voting to approve board committee assignments. Those assignments include the following:

Public Safety: Nate Ennis, chairman, Christy Pruser, vice chairman, David Newberg, Megan Myers, and Claro Carter; Property: David Newberg, chairman, Christy Pruser, vice chairman, Dan Matthews, Jamie Prestegaard, and Megan Myers; Road and Bridge: Travis House, chairman, Jay Wickenhauser, vice chairman, Melonie Tilley, Jamie Prestegaard, and Nate Ennis; Land Use: Terry Ferguson, chairman, Aaron Kammeyer, vice chairman, Jay Wickenhauser,

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Journal in the spirit

Patrick Peterson, sales representative for the Clinton Journal, took out his artist's pallet this week to get the Journal office ready for the 2020 holidays. See more windows in businesses around town in next week's Journal.

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More on pumpkin fun

little corner culinary delights. In the previous article, I explained the difficulties of measuring out four separate components for equaling ¼ teaspoon of the combined quantity. I do not purchase pumpkin spice. However, I make my own to have ready for occasions that call for a little. Therefore, a person can make their own pumpkin spice from scratch to have on hand.

Let us get really crazy with pumpkin. Have you ever heard of pumpkin ice cream? I have made various kinds of ice cream using a churn with salted ice. I have also made sherbets as well as sorbets. This pumpkin ice cream recipe I will give you is much easier than any of You really the above. must try this.

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Çulinary Corner

By Chef Roger Joss

Whip up 8 fluid ounces of heavy whipping cream to soft peak consistency. If you do not want to do it by hand, then use a mixer with a whisk attachment. Begin to slowly add 14 fluid ounces of sweetened condensed milk and ½ teaspoon of vanilla extract. In a seperate bowl, thoroughly combine 34 cup pumpkin puree with 1 teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice. Temper and fold the whipped concoction in with the pumpkin. Pour this into a pan and freeze it overnight.

We have gone this far in our pursuit of being pumpkin crazy. might as well take it a

stage further. Let us see if we can make pumpkin hummus for use with chips, bread, vegetables and anything else it might be good with. Chickpeas are always a big part of making hummus. Put 15 ounces of chickpeas into a blender. Add to this 1½ teaspoon of minced garlic or 1 teaspoon of garlic powder. Include 1½ cups of pumpkin puree, 1 teaspoon ground cumin, juice from one lemon, 1 tablespoon of extra virgin olive oil and ½ teaspoon salt. Blend well to a paste consistency. Refrigerate when not in use.

When Halloween is over and pumpkins go on sale, this is your opportunity to fully enjoy them and even do some of your experimentation. There are plenty of recipes for pumpkin cakes and cookies. I like pumpkin cookies that are soft and

spongy similar to cakes. You can also try different frostings and icings. If a person knows how to time it right, they can easily make up a dozen different types of pumpkin delights from a dozen different recipes. I will be writing a few articles on teaching how to time out recipes and preparations. It is easy enough to do once you know how.

Since squash soup recipes are easy to find, I will not bother to include one. But anything you can make with squash you should be able to make with pumpkin. After all, pumpkin is simply a huge squash with many uses. Was not one made into a coach for Cinderella? That recipe I do not have. Have fun with your pumpkins.

Until next time, peace to

Wapella election information

Village of Wapella **Hours for Election Business**

Monday, December 14 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Tuesday December 15 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

December 17 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Friday,

Thursday,

December 18 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Monday, December 21 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Village of Wapella **Hours for Filing Objections**

Monday, December 21 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Wednesday, December 23 Not Available

Thursday, December 24 CLOSED

Friday, December 25 **CLOSED**

Monday. December 28 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Tuesday December 29 10 a.m. – 12 noon

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Driving; Agg Fleeing/ Eluding. Hunt was placed in custody by IL State Troopers, District 10 and transported to Champaign County for local charges.

Jaren Underwood, 36, Maroa, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him Speeding 35+ MPH Over Limit. Underwood, unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Caleb Brewer, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him Aggravated Domestic Battery (Strangulation (2) Counts)/Domestic Battery (2 Counts). Brewer, unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Joshua Smith, 37,

Clinton, was arrested on an in state Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear. Smith posted

the necessary bond and

was released.

Allsubjects presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

VFW handing out gifts Saturday

CLINTON — Due to the present social restrictions. VFW Post 4168 will not hold its annual kids Christmas party.

However the Post will

still hand out gifts and goodies on Saturday Dec. 12 from 1-3 p.m. Presents will be brought out to vehicles by volunteers.



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Reckless

vaccine was developed by the pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and BioNTech.

Although the state of Illinois is having its own independent team review the data, Pritzker said the vaccine appears to be effective in 95 percent of the people who receive it, and in 94 percent of people over age 65.

"Illinois will distribute a vaccine that is deemed safe, and we are one of many states that have established additional review panels, including Indiana, California, New York, West Virginia and Michigan," Pritzker said. "Our Illinois team is already poring over the analysis released by the FDA on the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine this morning."

FDA review committee is scheduled to meet Thursday to decide whether to grant the companies Emergency Use Authorization to release the vaccine. If that happens, Pritzker said, the first shipment could arrive

The drug company Moderna has applied for Emergency Use Authorization for a vaccine it is developing.

in Illinois next week.

Bonnie Blue, 68, of Chicago, who has suffered from severe asthma much of her life, was among

the people who took part in clinical trials of that vaccine. She spoke at Tuesday's briefing to encourage everyone get the vaccine once it becomes available.

"For a person who has been on life support so many times, for me to take part in this trial was a huge risk, a risk that my family and friends were not happy that I was taking," she said. "But I am here. I'm fine. I did not have horrible side effects from anything."

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said it could take as long as a year for the vaccine to reach everyone in Illinois. She said the first priority will be health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities.

"We can only allocate the vaccine that we're actually given, so we're prioritizing those at greatest risk of exposure and severe illness," Ezike said. "And then we will continue to move through those established priorities. I hope people will understand that yes, there will be people that get the vaccine before you, but we are hoping for everyone to get this vaccine in the coming year."

Meanwhile, **IDPH** reported Tuesday that the

state's COVID-19 case positivity rate fell below 10 percent for the first time in a month.

IDPH said 7,910 new confirmed and probable cases of the disease out of 95,825 tests performed, for a single-day positivity rate of 8.3 percent. The seven-day rolling average positivity rate dropped to 9.9 percent, the lowest

rate recorded since Nov. 6. That raised the total number of cases recorded since the pandemic began over the 800,000 mark, to 804,174 out of more than 11.2 million tests

performed. IDPH also reported 145 additional deaths over the previous 24 hours, bringing the total number of deaths from COVID-19 in Illinois to 13,487.

As of late Monday night, 5,199 Illinoisans were reported hospitalized with the disease, including 1,071 patients in intensive care units and 626 of those

patients on ventilators. While the number of people hospitalized has been falling in recent weeks, there has been an increase in people hospitalized for other conditions, which meant that, as of Monday night, only 25 percent of all staffed hospital beds in the state were available.

CORRECTED NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for the Village of Weldon for tax year 2020-2021 will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:15 P.M. at the Village of Weldon Village Hall, located in Weldon, Illinois.

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Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dan Brown, President of the Village of Weldon at PO Box 54, Weldon, IL 61882 or by email at mayor@villageofweldon. org.

The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for tax year 2019 were \$44,970.00.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for tax year 2020 are \$49,467.06. This represents a 10.0% increase over the previous year.

The property taxes extended for debt service and III. public building commission leases for tax year 2020 were \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for tax year 2020 are \$0.00. This represents a 0.00% increase over the previous year.

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Dan Brown, President Village of Weldon

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Legion drive-through meal December 17, 4-6 p.m.

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The second effort (the first of ham/beans/ cornbread sold out within an hour) will consist of goulash and garlic bread. the cost is \$6 per meal and hours are from 4-6 p.m. There will be no early sales.

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Robert Vernon Dunn

CASTROVILLE, Texas Robert Vernon Dunn, 93, of Castroville, Texas, formerly of Springfield, Ill.,passed away at 8:56 a.m. on December 3, 2020, at his son's home in Reno, Nev.

Graveside services will be conducted at at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Kenney.

Memorials may be directed to The Robert Vernon Dunn memorial fund

Robert was born on August 20, 1927, in Latham, Ill., the son of Lee Roy and Lela Doyne (Gooding) Dunn. He married Shirley Henson on September 22, 1981, in Springfield. She passed away on October 8, 2011.

Survivors include his son, Myirl (Geraldine) Dunn, Castroville, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert Lee Dunn; and one daughter, Leah Jean Dunn

Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

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Melonie Tilley, and Claro Carter; Marina: Matthews, chairman, Travis Houser, chairman, Jay Wickenhauser, Aaron Kammeyer, and Terry Ferguson; Finance: Melonie Tilley, chairman, David Newberg, vice chairman, Terry Ferguson, Dan Matthews, and Nate Ennis; Bi-County Health: Melonie Tilley; 708 board health): Jay (mental Wickenhauser; DeWitt County Friendship Center:

Claro Carter; DeWitt County Development Council (DCDC): Aaron Kammeyer and Megan Myers; 911 board and ETSB: David Newberg; Regional Board Education: Dan Matthews, and Liquor commission: Terry Ferguson, chairman, Melonie Tilley, vice chairman, David Newberg, Dan Matthews, and Jamie Prestegaard.

The new board will meet for its first full meeting at 6 p.m. on Dec. 23.





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William Richard 'Dick' Owens

LINCOLN — William Richard ... "Dick" O wens

passed away peacefully at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital (ALMH), in Lincoln, on December 5, 2020 at 9:40

Cremation rites have been accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home.

Dick was born on January 8, 1938, to James and Lola Owens, of DuQuoin, Ill. Both parents tragically died in 1949. Dick was 11 years old, and he and his two older sisters went to live with their maternal William grandparents, Irvin and Maggie Eakin and their Aunt Myrtle Eakin. They all lived together in a four-room house in the countryside. Grandpa's faith outlook on life was, "God will provide." And HE always did.

Dick attended a oneroom, one-teacher school through 8th grade and went on to graduate from DuQuoin High School, in 1955. On May 13, 1961, Dick married Dana Louis. They had one beautiful daughter, Fadra Mone. She cost \$8.25, born in Anniston, Ala., where Dick served his country in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne, between 1958-1962.

Dick lived in Clinton, and worked for the Illinois Central Railroad for almost 30 years and retired. He also lived in Wapella and Kenny. He was a deputy sheriff in DeWitt County for 10 years and retired. He moved to Lincoln in 1998. He became a driver Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital's CARE-A-VAN service for five years and then finally, really retired!

In bygone days, Dick was a man of many talents. He trapped and skinned game for pelts, hunted ginseng in the woods and eagerly anticipated "deer seasons" each year, bow, pistol, shotgun; he was "Johnny on the spot!"

woodworking, refurbishing antique furniture or reclaiming old barn wood and beams. Many houses, past and present, have his carpentry talent on display.

He got his first Harley-Davidson motorcycle at age 38. He did a solo road trip and travelled through 47 continental states. He was an avid gardener and a pro at canning the produce. He cut down and chopped up many old trees for firewood, using an axe,



wedges and a heavy maul. Dick met Deborah Hoyt in 2002 after she had moved from Africa to

Lincoln. They were married in 2005. Dick like to brag that Deb never found Tarzan in Africa, but she got a "Mountain Man" instead! Dick was blessed with a

loving family, many good friends and a lifetime of wonderful memories His greatest love in life was for his Savior, Jesus Christ. Dick never met a stranger and many people whom he met on life's highway were touched by his evangelistic heart. He always spoke up and stood up for truth and godliness---like it or not! Anyone who ever met Dick, would

not forget him. He was a member of Faith Assembly Church of God, in Lincoln, but he enjoyed fellowship with many Christian friends in other area churches too. God's family was his family - no matter where.

Dick lived a full, exciting life. He always credited God's goodness for living 82 years! He may have lost the 24-month battle with esophagus cancer, but he won the victory in Jesus and a crown of life! He was truly ready to "go home"! Hallelujah!

Dick is survived by

daughter, Fadra Ruenger and son-in-law Russell Ruenger, of Bloominton. granddaughter, Casie Labhart (husband Labhart) O'Fallen, Mo.; two greatgranddaughters, Phoebe and Vivian Page; step great-grandsons, Carter and Spencer Labhart; sister, Charlene Sawyer and brother-in-law Ronnie Sawyer, of Christopher, Ill.; step- granddaughters. Stephanie MacDonald and T.J. Ruenger; stepgreat-grandchildren, Noah Ruenger, Draven MacDonald; wife, his beloved "African Queen," Deborah Ellen (Hoyt) Owens; brother-in-law, John Hoyt, Jr., and sisterin-law, Maria Hoyt.

There will be a private cremation and interment in the DuQuoin area, where his parents are buried. A "Celebration of Life" service will be held at Faith Assembly, in Lincoln, on January 9, 2020 at 11 a.m.

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1936 - Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated in order to marry American Wallis Warfield Simpson. He became the Duke of Windsor.

1937 - The Fascist Council in Rome, withdrew Italy from the League of

1941 - Germany and Italy declared war on the United States. The U.S in turn declared war on the two

1943 - The City Center of Music and Drama was dedicated in New York by Mayor Fiorello La Guar-

1946 - The United Nations International Children's **Emergency Fund** (UNICEF) was established by the U.N. General Assembly. The fund provides relief to children in countries devastated by war.

1961 - The first direct American military support for South Vietnam occurred when a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon.

1967 - The prototype of the Concorde was shown for the first time in Toulouse, France.

1973 - West German

Chancellor Willy Brandt and Czech Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal formally nullified the 1938 Munich pact when they signed a treaty sanctioning Hitler's seizure of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

Jimmy Carter signed into law legislation creating \$1.6 billion environmental "superfund" that would be used to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps.

1980 - U.S. President

1981 - Muhammad Ali fought his last fight. He lost his 61st fight to Trevor Berbick.

of Representatives joined the U.S. Senate by giving final congressional approval to the Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction law.

1985 - The U.S. House

1985 - General Electric Company agreed to buy RCA Corporation for \$6.3 billion. Also included in the deal was NBC Radio and Television.

1986 - The government of South Africa expanded its media restrictions by imposing prior censorship and banning coverage of a wide range of peaceful anti-apartheid protests.

1987 - Charlie Chaplin's trademark cane and bowler hat were sold at Christie's for £82,500.

1988 - 62 people were killed in a Mexico City marketplace when tons of illegal fireworks exploded.

1990 - Ivana Trump was divorced from Donald

Trump after 12 years of marriage.

1991 - Salman Rushdie, under an Islamic death sentence for blasphemy, made his first public appearance since 1989 in New York, at a dinner marking the 200th anniversary of the First Amendment (which guarantees freedom of speech

1994 - Thousands of Russian troops, armored columns and jets entered Chechnya. The move by Moscow was an effort to restore control the breakaway republic.

in the U.S.).

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Where to live after leaving the service?

A quarter of a million of us leave the service every year, and where do we go? If our last duty station was in a great place, we might just put down roots and stay. Some of us go home. And some of us have no idea where to go.

Navy The Federal Credit Union came out with another "best of" list recently, and this time it surveys the best place to live after transitioning to civilian life. While the focus of their survey was for newly transitioned veterans, it also applies to those of us who have been out for a while. Support is support.

They polled veterans and civilians about the importance of crime rates, cost of living, housing costs, outdoor recreation and community diversity in any place they wanted to live, and then ranked over 400 cities. Here are the top 10: 1) Charleston, South Carolina; 2) Fort Myers, Florida; 3) Savannah, Georgia; 4) Daphne, Alabama; 5) Norwich, Connecticut; 6) San Diego; 7) Norfolk, Virginia; 8) Duluth, Minnesota; 9) Gulfport, Mississippi; 10)

To see the descriptions and highlights for each

Fort Worth, Texas.

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by Freddy Groves

of those cities, go online www.navyfederal. org/resources/articles/ news/2020-best-citiesafter-service.php

Personally, I think they should have made "good weather" as one of the criteria for a decent place

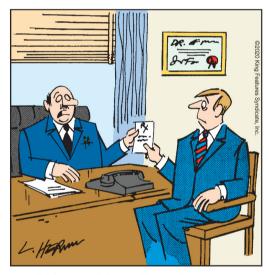
On another note, if you have a few extra dollars, go online to Operation Homefront (operation homefront.org) and scroll

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to the bottom. There you'll find the Urgent Needs listing of both active duty and veterans who've run into a snag and need cash donations. Click on See All Needs to find the filter to select by state, program or military branch. Read a few of the stories of veterans in trouble and see if any touch your heart. If you can't choose, click on Help Feed a Military Family. They'll get gift certificates and vouchers, plus food boxes. Then, open your wallet and help

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"This is the French GI Joe."

Vaccine distribution plan could include hospitals, pharmacies, dentists

Greg Bishop

The Center Square

As the nation awaits distribution of the vaccine, Illinois healthcare leaders are ready to help administer doses.

Memorial Medical Center Chief Medical Officer Dr. Raj Govindaiah said they're prepping for their five hospitals that serve more than 40 counties.

"We'll receive vaccine and we are standing up plans to vaccinate health care workers first and foremost, that's what we've been asked to do," Govindaiah told WMAY.

The first round will be targeted to medical workers and nursing

homes. Nationwide, CVS and

Walgreens are thousands of workers to be able to administer the vaccine in future rollouts.

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said the state is working every avenue they can.

"We want to be clear that we are going to get all of the resources we need, all the help that we need, so that we can expedite this process, and safely, of getting people who are appropriately trained to put this vaccine in people's arms so that we can get to the end of this pandemic journey," she said.

The National Governors Association said to date, states have received \$200 million from federal funds to assist with COVID-19 vaccination. additional \$140 million is forthcoming.

"In addition to funding, states are awaiting critical federal guidance support for addressing challenges related to data reporting, provider enrollment and training, vaccine storage and management and communications," the group said.

Illinois officials don't want to have ample stores of vaccines with limited numbers of people to administer doses, Ezike

"Absolutely conversations are on the table," she said. "I think dentists maybe do have the ability to take part in this process."

Illinois State Dental Society Government Relations Director Dave Marsh said the society is preparing staff to be able to help off-site, like at a public health clinic.

"And then as the vaccines change, obviously they might be able to do them in their office," Marsh said. "The storage issue is the biggest hurdle for any provider to do the vaccines."

The initial vaccine expected to be distributed requires super-cold storage.

Marsh said vaccines are expected to be at no cost to the patient and down the road dentists would either join a medical network or sign up and bill Medicare or Medicaid to cover costs. He said they will work to push legislation addressing the issue in the upcoming legislative session expected second week of January.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Herod in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Which "Caesar" ordered all the world to be taxed, causing Mary to travel to Bethlehem while expecting the baby Jesus? Julius, Tiberius, Claudius, Augustus
- 3. Where in the Bible (KJV) does it inform of the Christ Child being born in a December? Does not, John 1:14, Romans 6:23, Galatians 4:4 4. With seemingly two different New Testament
- Gideon/Ishmael, Solomon/Nahum, Samuel/Pilate 5. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre,

answers, who was the father of Joseph? Jacob/Heli,

6. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Cart, Rode donkey,

Jacob/Heli; δ) Nazareth; δ) Bible not specific

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Augustus; 3) Does not; 4)

"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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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has put out a timely warning about fire safety, especially for seniors. The main statistic is grim: We seniors make up about 16 percent of the population, but account for a whopping 77 percent of all clothing fires.

Cooking heads the list of dangers, with fires from the stovetop and oven. Closely following are fires from smoking and being outside burning trash and debris. Space heaters are on the list, of course.

The advice from the experts:

- -- Don't cook when you're wearing a bathrobe or anything with long, wide sleeves. Any loose clothing can catch fire if you're too close. -- If you burn debris and
- trash outside, stay back from the fire. A better idea, however, is not to do any outdoor burning yourself, especially if you have any health conditions such as heart or lung disease. We're at a much higher risk from the air pollutants caused by burning.
- -- Don't smoke in bed, ever, or when you feel tired.



by Matilda Charles

- -- Keep an eye on your space heater. It's far too easy to be too close to a space heater and not notice that your pants or robe are about to catch fire. Don't run it if you're feeling sleepy, and read the instructions to be sure it's far enough away from you at all times.
- -- If the worst happens and your clothes catch fire, don't run! Drop to the floor and roll, and keep rolling until the fire is out. Grab a blanket if it's necessary to put the fire out. Call 911 and put cool water on your burns until help arrives.
- -- Do you have a fire extinguisher? Did you know that the chemicals inside can expire? They will typically last from five to 15 years, so be sure to check yours.

Remember that during this virus pandemic the EMTs might be delayed getting to you. Stay safe!

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15 mph W

Precip Chance: 85% Precip Chance: 20% 10 mph WNW

Mostly Cloudy 37/23

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

38/24

MONDAY

10 mph W

TUESDAY

Precip Chance: 10%

Mostly Cloudy

10 mph S

Scattered Snow 37/25 Precip Chance: 10% Precip Chance: 50%

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

36/21

5-10 mph W

Cloudy

FRIDAY Cloudy

39/26 44/29 Precip Chance: 0% Precip Chance: 20% 5-10 mph E 5 mph SE

In-Depth Local Forecast for CLINTON

Today we will see cloudy skies with an 85% chance of rain, high temperature of 46°, humidity of 89%. West wind 13 mph. The record high temperature for today is 62° set in 1929. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 29°. Northwest wind 8 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 21°. The record low for tonight is -6° set in 1917. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 37°, humidity of 75%. West northwest wind 10 mph.

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Weather Trivia

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Weather History

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Journal CWS

Clinton FFA Chapter Celebrates 75 Years

Clinton chapter continues to benefit from charter members' dedication to FFA

Janell Baum Thomas

CLINTON — Seventy-five years ago, on Dec. 13, 1945, a group of 29 Clinton-area farm boys had a vision.

Together with their forward-thinking advisor, Clyde Fry, these boys signed on to be members of the National FFA Organization, known at the time as Future Farmers of America.

Though the name has changed – in part to recognize the wide-ranging field that is agriculture - the leadership lessons remain the

"FFA members then and now have used their FFA experiences to become strong leaders in their school and community," said Lee Deal, FFA advisor and agriculture education teacher at Clinton High School.

Deal, advisor since 2018, said this year's roster includes 52 members, most of whom are more involved with agriculture support roles than production agriculture. They use their diverse backgrounds to develop and maintain small businesses, advance agricultural education and build stronger communities through public

"Our organization and the agriculture industry as a and service brought forth by our members are timeless," Deal said, noting that the charter members' dedication to the organization laid a strong foundation for today's students.

Advisors keep things moving

Even with the dedication of great students, most members – current and past – will tell you that a dedicated ag teacher is the key to a successful organization.

At the 60th celebration in

February of 2006, nine original members reminisced about their time with Mr. Clyde Fry, who was the first official Clinton FFA Advisor. "We were all raised on farms," original member John Stapleton said at the time. "We went with the



2016, alongside the charter document and vintage jacket.

flow" when Fry asked them purchase shares in a pureto join, he said.

alumni, former students recall Fry's visits to several Clinton-area farmhouses, whole are ever-changing, but where he spoke with the parthe dedication to leadership ents of prospective members about the benefits of the organization.

> Fry made the case that FFA would not only increase knowledge of agricultural recordkeeping and best practices among the youngsters of the countryside, but it would also provide structured leadership opportunities.

> In 1946, the chapter's first official year, members were each encouraged to develop at least one agricultural project – typically a focus on animal or crop production. They were also expected to serve on at least one committee and participate in chapter goals focusing on scholarship, recordkeeping and fundraising.

> One of the most storied ventures was a cooperative sheep project, in which five members pooled funds to

Fry famously made house produce market lambs with calls with his students. In members' existing ewes. The memoirs collected by FFA ram was kept by member and chapter president, Gene Armstrong.

Setting the standards high

Without the projects and experiences that generated respect for the organization in the community, coupled with the foresight and determination of its original members and many respected advisors, the Clinton FFA Chapter could not have made it to 75 years.

In the time since its inception, Clinton FFA has held countless titles in a variety of contest and project areas, and is also home to numerous recipients of the American FFA Degree, the highest honor awarded to members.

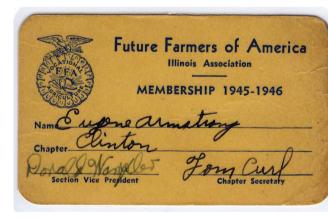
Just this year, Clinton FFA had seven State FFA Degree recipients and three American FFA Degree recipients - placing them in the top tier of Degree awardees in the state - as well as the state Proficiency Award winner in Equine Science Entrepreneurship. Most recently in

contest participation, a team bred Southdown ram, used to of chapter members earned a national title in the area of Food Science.

> Not only are the students highly accomplished; two of the chapter's advisors -Fry (2018) and Don Prather (2009) – have been inducted to the Clinton High School's Wall of Honor.

aside, Accomplishments the year of the 75th anniversary certainly looks different than planned. Members who would typically gather in person to practice for regional conferences and events such as public speaking, surveying, or ag mechanics contests - just to name a few - have shifted to online practices and competitions.

"Students have been participating in practices, contests, and conferences largely on their own time on nights and weekends, as opposed to the in-person events we love so much," Deal explained. "It has been a difficult year, but I couldn't be prouder of how the students have gone above and beyond to continue to shape their FFA experiences in the best way they can."



An original membership card belonging to Gene Armstrong is shown from 1945.

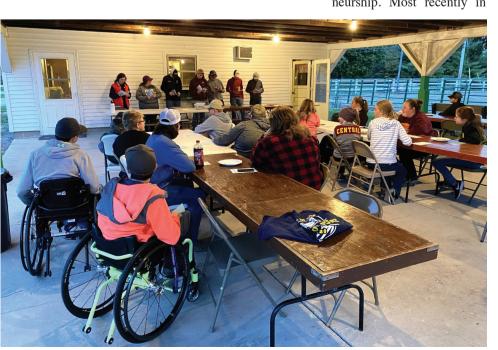
A thanks to the "29 Farm Boys"

Though 2020 likely isn't a year most members and alumni want to repeat, it doesn't change that this is a big milestone for Clinton FFA – and thanks is owed to

the original members. Original charter members include: Gene Armstrong, Sherman Atteberry, John Bolin, Leslie Brannan, Dean Carter, Gene Carter, Jim Clark, Allan Conder, Tom Curl, David L. Day, Harry Eden, Frederick Enos, Don Ferrill, Glenn Griffin, Donald Griffith, W.D. Huff, Chauncey McCrory, Jr., Wilbur Miller, Danny Norton, Harold Dean Reynolds,

John Schumacher, Robert Sessions, Hazen Spainhour, Johnnie Stapleton, Lloyd Thomas, Merle D. Weaver, Jim Webb, J. Arnett Wilson and Bill Wolfe.

The National FFA organization now has more than 760,000 members in all 50 states, the Virgin Islands. and Puerto Rico. Its mission is to a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Learn more at FFA. org, and follow along locally on Facebook by searching 'Clinton IL FFA Chapter."



Current Clinton FFA chapter officers running the most recent monthly meeting held at the Fairgrounds. Officers from left to right: Jessica West (Reporter), Isabelle Arnold (Secretary), Kreston Carter (Sentinel), Cole Young (President), Alex Deerwester (Vice President), Brett Young (Treasurer), Carter Hitchings (Historian)



Fry-Armstrong: Clyde Fry, left, and Gene Armstrong, right, are shown with a group of lambs that were part of the FFA chapter's sheep project.

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Consider this classic case from a rubber-bridge game many years ago. West led a club against three notrump, and South, Harold Ogust, won East's jack with the queen. Ogust saw that he could make the contract easily if he by Steve Becker

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cashed the K-Q of spades and the suit proved to be divided 3-2.

But he also realized that if the spades were divided 4-1, he would most likely be defeated. Unwilling to stake his all on a 3-2 spade division, Ogust devised a method of play that would give him a chance to make the contract even if the spades did not break.

Accordingly, at trick two he cashed the spade king and continued with the queen. But, after West followed with the eight, Ogust overtook the queen with the ace! This extraordinary play had solid reasoning behind it.

If East had followed to the spade, the plan was to continue the suit and thus establish dummy's remaining three spades to assure nine tricks. But when East showed out on the second spade, Ogust was able to switch to the alternate line of play he had reserved in case the spades were not 3-2.

He led dummy's ten of diamonds. It did not matter whether East covered with the queen or not. Ogust could not be prevented from eventually winning four diamond tricks, and he wound up making three notrump.

If he had cashed the K-Q of spades initially, Ogust would have been defeated. His play of overtaking the queen could have cost him a trick or two if the spades had been divided normally, but the overtake gave him a better chance to make the contract.

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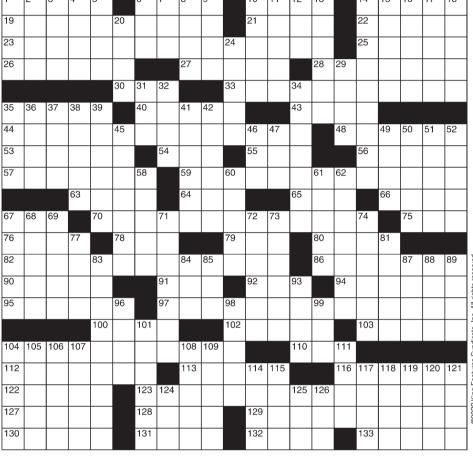
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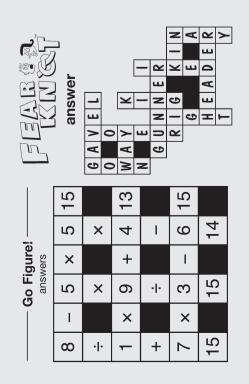
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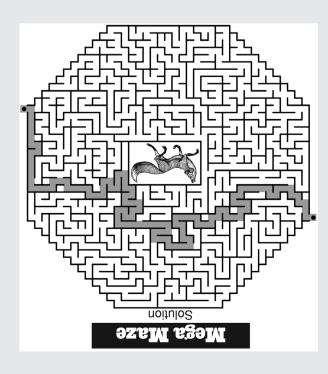
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STATE OF ILLI-NOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE **ELEVENTH JUDI-**CIAL CIRCUIT MC LEAN COUN-TY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE KUMLER DRAINAGE DIS-TRICT

Case No. 6300 C.L.

NOTICE OF FIL-ING OF ANNUAL FINAN-CIAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

TO ALL PARTIES INTERESTED:

TAKE NOTICE that on the 25th day of November, 2020, the Commissioners of the KUMLER DRAINAGE DIS-TRICT filed their Annual Financial Report, under oath, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, McLean County, Illinois, in the office of said Clerk at the Mc-Lean County Law & Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. This report covers the period November 1, 2019, through October 31,

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any owner of land within the District may file an objection to said report with the

2020.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 18-TX-1: TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND DEWITT COUNTY CLERK, DEWITT COUNTY TREASURER, DEWITT COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, CITY OF CLINTON, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 201 W. WASHINGTON ST, CLINTON, IL 61727 TELEPHONE: (217) 935-7780

December 11 & 18, 2020

within ten (10) days after the date that this notice is published. If any objections are filed within said period, a hearing on the report will be held. If no objection to the report is filed, the Court may approve

Clerk of said Court

DATED this 25th day of November,

Jr., Circuit Clerk McLean County, Illinois BY: /s/ Charles Hill Deputy Clerk

(Seal) McLean County Circuit Court, 11th Judicial Circuit, Illinois

Hunt Henderson Attorney for Kumler **Drainage District** Commissioners 112 East Center Street LeRoy, Illinois 61752 (309) 962-2791 Attorney # 1186256 hhattynotice@hunthendersonattorney.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLI-

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IN THE MATTER OF CLINTONIA SPECIAL DRAIN-AGE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DE-WITT, STATE OF **ILLINOIS** NO. 53-TX-

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NO. 96-TX-

IN THE MATTER OF CREEK UNION DRAINAGE DIS-TRICT NO. 1 OF THE COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND MACON STATE OF **ILLINOIS**

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NO. 58-TX-

IN THE MATTER OF WILSON **TOWNSHIP** DRAINAGE DISTRICT COUN-TY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLI-NOIS

NO. 50-TX-

NOTICE

The commissioners of the above drainage district have filed in the above cases, respectively, their Annual Financial Reports which will be approved by the above court unless the owners of land in the respective districts file objections to the reports with the Clerk of this Court within 10 days after

MICHELLE VAN

the publication of

this notice.

This Notice Prepared By: JOSEPH B. TAY-LOR 02803046 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CEN-TER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLI-NOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183

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Attorney for the Commissioners

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In the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois

In the Matter of the North Branch Lake Fork Special Drainage District in the Counties of Logan, Macon and DeWitt, State of Illinois, and Sub-Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Drainage Commissioners of the North Branch Lake Fork Special Drainage District have filed in the Circuit Court of Logan County, Illinois, their Annual Financial Report showing the monies collected and the manner in which the same have been expended

during the period

Picking the perfect Christmas tree starts at home

URBANA, Ill. – From pre-lit artificial trees to potted living evergreens, the holidays have more tree options than ever, but for some only a visit to the tree lot or farm will do.

"Visiting a Christmas tree farm, garden center, or pop-up lot and choosing a real tree is a family tradition for many," says Ron Wolford, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "Keeping that tree fresh throughout the holiday season is a lot easier with some pre-visit planning." The first step is to find the

perfect spot. Pick a location away from heat sources, such as spaces heaters, fireplaces, TVs, radiators, and air vents to avoid drying out the tree and creating a safety hazard.

Next, measure the height and width of the space in the room where the tree will be placed.

"There is nothing worse than bringing a tree indoors only to find it's too tall," Wolford says. "Take a tape measure with you to the farm or the tree lot."

If the tree will be displayed going during the day to get a communities offer a recycling in front of a large window, choose one that looks as good as possible from all angles. If the tree is against a wall, a tree with three good sides is a great option, while a tree with two good sides would work well in a corner

"Keep in mind, the more picture-perfect a tree is, the more expensive it will be," Wolford

When choosing a tree, look for a healthy green specimen with few browning needles. The needles should be flexible and not fall off easily. Raise the tree a few inches off the ground and drop it on the trunk end. It is normal for a few inner brown needles to fall, but very few green needles should drop off should provide one quart of the tree.

Make sure the trunk or base of the tree is straight and long enough so that it will fit easily into the stand after making additional trunk cuts.

When buying a tree from a retail lot, Wolford recommends er rehoming the tree. Many

better view.

"If you're not putting it up right away, store the tree in an unheated garage or some other area out of the wind," Wolford says. "Make a fresh 1-inch cut on the end and place the tree in a bucket of warm water."

Before moving the tree indoors, check for any bird nests or insect egg masses. Cut another 1-inch slice off the stump and place the tree in a sturdy stand with water. Commercially prepared mixes, sugar, aspirin, or other water additives are not necessary. "Research has shown that

plain water will keep a tree fresh," Wolford says. The stand's water reservoir

water for every inch of trunk diameter. Keep the water level several inches above the cut. If the base dries out, resin will cover the cut preventing the tree from absorbing water.

After the holidays, consid-

program, with trees going on to provide habitat for wildlife. enrichment for zoo animals, or to create erosion barriers.

For more information about trees selection and care, visit go.illinois.edu/ChristmasTree-

SOURCE: Ron Wolford. Horticulture Educator, Illinois Extension

WRITER: Emily Steele, Media Communications Coordi-

ABOUT EXTENSION: IIlinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.

Growing a living Christmas tree with Norfolk Island Pine

URBANA, Ill. - Miniature to 10 feet in diameter. living evergreen trees, often decked out with bells and bows, are a common decoration or gift during the holidays. With proper care these Norfolk Island pine trees can last for years as beautiful houseplants.

"Despite their name, these evergreens are not actually pine trees," says University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator Ken Johnson.

Instead, they belong to the ancient plant family Araucariaceae, which were widespread during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods but are now confined to the southern hemisphere. In their native habitat on Norfolk Island, which is in the South Pacific, these evergreens can reach heights of up to 200 feet and have trunks up

European explorer Cook arrived at Norfolk Island in 1774. With the trees' long, straight trunks, Cook believed the island's evergreens could especially in winter, so it is imbe used to make ship masts.

"Ever since, Norfolk Island pines have been transported around the world," Johnson says. "They can be found growing in humid coastal areas in many countries, including

In addition to being used as an ornamental plant, their then place the plant on top of wood is used for construction, the rocks. While Norfolk Island woodturning, and crafts.

As houseplants, Norfolk Is-

land pines grow slowly, about 3 to 6 inches a year and they typically will reach heights of 6 to 8 feet, although they can grow taller.

ing houseplants healthy is to mimic their native environment as closely as possible. "Our homes tend to be dry,

portant to take steps to increase the humidity around your plant," he says. "This can be done by misting plants, using a humidifier, or making a humid microclimate."

Fill a saucer with rocks and add water until the rocks are slightly above the water line; pines like moist conditions, if the plant is overwatered or has wet feet it can lose branches. Allow the soil to dry between waterings and make sure the pot has drainage holes. A diluted liquid houseplant fertilizer Extension

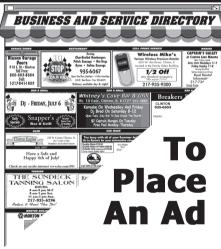
Johnson says the key to keep- can be used every two weeks while they are actively growing, typically from March to September.

Norfolk Island pines enjoy bright locations, but they can tolerate lower light conditions once they have been acclimated. If plants are not allowed to acclimate, entire branches may yellow and die. In low light conditions, branches become long and droopy, and growth will slow. Turn the plant occasionally so it receives adequate light and grows evenly and

straight. With proper care, a holiday Norfolk Pine tree will last for years to come.

SOURCE: Ken Johnson, Horticulture Educator, Illinois





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Simple Packing Tips To Ship Holiday Gifts



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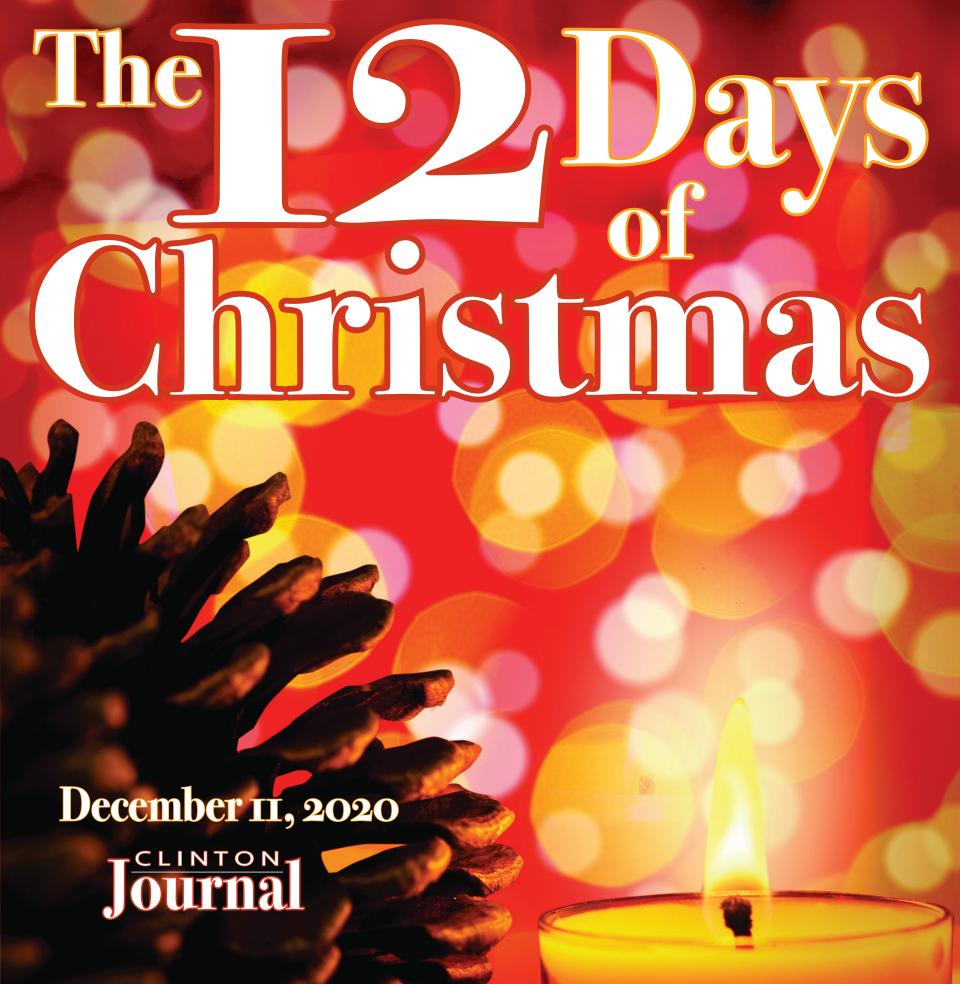
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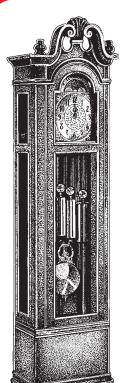
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