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A map showing, in yellow borders, the footprint of the planned Alta Farms II wind energy project.

GOP pushes back on new virus rules

Says evidence lacking that bars, restaurants are major source of COVID-19 spread

Peter Hancock
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Republicans in the Illinois House and Senate pushed back Wednesday against Gov. JB Pritzker's efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, arguing that lawmakers should be involved in crafting the state's response to the pandemic.

In back-to-back virtual news conferences, GOP leaders in the House and Senate argued that they believe there is scant evidence that bars and restaurants — which will be closed to indoor service in eight of the state's 11 regions by the end of the week — are a significant source of COVID-19 spread.

"Many Illinoisans have invested their life savings into restaurants in their state," said Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady, R-Bloomington. "This is a cornerstone to many of our communities."

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County moves wind project forward

County board approves four Alta Farms II items, sends one to land use committee

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CLINTON — Barring outcomes of two lawsuits currently pending against Tradewind Energy, the company is another step closer to beginning work on its Alta Farms II wind energy project in northwestern DeWitt County.

The DeWitt County Board voted Tuesday to approve several items to advance the project, including a

construction observation contractor scope of services, a building permit review contractor scope of services, an insurance agreement and engineering services contract.

The board voted to table the sound study agreement and send it first through the land use committee.

County land use committee chairman Terry Ferguson reported during Tuesday's virtual meeting that county zoning administrator Aaron Paque met earlier with representatives of Cummins

Engineering, Springfield. Paque talked to Cummins about the county's expectations in regard to work the company will perform in connection with the wind project.

"Cummins is a reputable firm out of Springfield," Ferguson said. "I've had them do work for our township doing a bridge design."

Ferguson is also a township official. Cummins has performed other work in DeWitt County.

Cummins was selected by Tradewind Energy to perform

work on the wind project. This has been a point of contention between board members on opposite sides of the wind farm issue and between board members and members of a group called DeWitt County Residents Against Wind Turbines. Some disagree with Tradewind's choosing the engineer for the project, feeling that the county should have that prerogative.

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Lots of activities at Warner Library in November

CLINTON — Partons are invited to visit the Vespasian Warner Public Library during November to check-out the latest in books, movies, and more.

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- Autumn Leaf Jar Grab 'n Go-Begins November 2: Pick up a free kit with supplies and instructions to decorate a jar with an autumn leaf stencil. Available while supplies last. One kit per person. Suggested age is 8-up.

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- Blood Drive-November 14: Together we can change the world! Join the library and the Mississippi

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- Closed for Thanksgiving-November 27-27: The library will be closed on Thursday, November 26



and Friday, November 27 in honor of Thanksgiving. The digital library is open 24/7 at www.vwarner.org.

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.

Soils are drying out across Illinois during October

Jennie Atkins
Illinois State Water Survey

CHAMPAIGN — Dry weather in October has led to declining soil moisture across Illinois, according to Jennie Atkins, Water and Atmospheric Resources Monitoring (WARM) program manager at the Illinois State Water Survey.

Rainfall was lower than average throughout the state in the first half of October. According to the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, Illinois received 1.36 inches from Oct. 1 to 15, 1.08 inches below normal. Combined with a dry September for southern and parts of central Illinois, these conditions have caused

soil moisture levels to fall to near the wilting points for most of the state.

Soil moisture at 2-inch depths averaged 0.17 water fraction by volume (wfv) on Oct. 15, a 23 percent decline from the beginning of the month. The largest declines were in northern Illinois, which saw a 32 percent drop. Levels fell only 6 percent in the east with soils already dry due to a lack of rain in September.

Similar decreases were seen in depths from 4 to 20 inches. Soil moisture remained high at 39 and 59 inches with changes of 2 percent or less in all regions.

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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Bill and Janis Ellis celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

WAPELLA — Bill and Janis Ellis, of Wapella, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family at a later date.

Ellis and Janis Woollen were married on October 31, 1970, at Wapella Christian Church. Their attendants were Ralph Holland and Judy Followell.

They are the parents of Laura (Greg) Hale, Wapella, and Stefanie (Jeff) Wrage, Wapella. They have four grandchildren.

They are the owners of JKE Heating, Cooling, and Plumbing LLC.

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But, a representative of Cummins said his firm would work with the best interests of the county in mind. The company's representative said his firm had worked on wind projects before, this one being its first for Tradewind Energy.

"We haven't had a land use meeting for the past couple of months, when the zoning administrator could have brought this forward to us," said board member Melonie Tilley.

Tilley felt the matters on Tuesday's agenda that dealt with the wind project should have gone through the land use committee before going to the full county board.

"Terry, until you just spoke right now, none of us board members even knew that happened," she said.

Ferguson apologized for not convening the land use committee, "to talk about this."

On Wednesday, he voted

to approve most of the items moving the project forward.

Tilley felt the wind farm items should have been sent back to the land use committee before going to the board, citing the county's usual practice.

State's attorney Dan Markwell, however, said since the special use permit already passed the county board, issues in connection with the permit did not necessarily need to go through the committee screening process. He said the decision was at the discretion of the county board.

Betsy Shifflet, a member of DeWitt County Residents Against Wind Turbines, addressed board members on Tuesday.

Tradewind Energy issued a statement after the meeting.

"The items up for vote are just like the decommissioning agreement you voted

to approve in August," Shifflet said. "Tradewind is submitting an engineering contractor or consultant that they have picked for your approval. We already know Tradewind has trouble submitting complete applications."

Shifflet suggested Tradewind would have too much control over the engineering aspect of the project by naming the firm to perform the work.

"We already know this county board has trouble complying with its own ordinances," Shifflet said.

Those opposing the wind project, including some board members, feel Tradewind's special use application was submitted incomplete.

Tradewind officials maintain the company's application met all requirements of the county's wind energy ordinance.

Tradewind issued the following statement

after the county board's Tuesday meeting:

"The Alta Farms II wind project enjoys the support of DeWitt County residents and has earned the special use approval of the county board. We appreciate the continued attention of the county board to administrative items related to Alta Farms II, particularly during this challenging time. The county board left one item in the development process unfinished, and we will continue dialogue with county officials in an effort to resolve it. We look forward to generating new economic growth in DeWitt County."

Tradewind Energy and DeWitt County are named as defendants in lawsuits brought by DeWitt County Residents Against Wind Turbines and the Village of Wapella to stop the Alta Farms II project.

Drive-through health expo at ALHM, Lincoln November 2

LINCOLN — The Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Community Health Collaborative and the Logan County Department of Public Health is offering a drive-through health expo and flu shot clinic for all ages featuring a chance to win a \$250 gift card to Lincoln IGA.

The event will take place from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, November 2 in the parking lot of the Oasis Senior Center located at 2810 Woodlawn Road in Lincoln. All vendors will wear masks and observe social-distancing.

"As we continue to

navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we felt it was more important now than ever to promote healthy behaviors and offer an opportunity for our community to learn about local resources," said Angela Stoltzenburg, ALMH community health collaborative director. "We are so thankful to the Oasis for allowing us to use their property. We think the Oasis parking lot will provide an ideal space to keep the line moving and provide a nice experience for participants and vendors."

Over 25 vendors are scheduled to provide

free resources, referrals and services from their vehicle. Participants can expect to receive free masks, hand sanitizer and more while supplies last.

The Lincoln Police Department will collect unwanted medications for free and proper disposal. The on-site flu shot clinic will be facilitated by the Logan County Department of Public Health. Individuals interested in receiving a flu shot must bring their identification and proof of insurance.

Those without insurance can pay a fee and should contact the health

department directly if they have any questions by calling (217) 735-2317.

All Logan County residents are encouraged to attend the expo and will have an opportunity to complete a 2020 community health survey. Those who complete the short survey will be entered to win a \$250 gift card to Lincoln IGA. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

For more information about the drive-through, call the ALMH Community Health Collaborative at (217) 605-5008.

Entries sought for 2020 Farmer City Christmas parade, November 22

FARMER CITY — Entries are needed for the 2020 Farmer City Christmas parade, scheduled for 2 p.m. on

Sunday, Nov. 22.

This year's parade theme is "The Polar Express on Parade."

Traditional parade entrants include various high school bands, Shriner entries, holiday floats, former WCIA 3 weather forecaster Judy

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They barely survived the shutdown that was initiated by the governor earlier this year. But after that, they scraped together to take the proper health precautions to operate their restaurants in a safe manner, employing the people who worked so hard for them and providing a livelihood for those employees.”

The Republicans' comments came on the same day the Illinois Department of Public Health announced it would impose enhanced mitigation measures effective Oct. 31 in northern suburban Lake and McHenry counties, which make up Region 9 of the state's reopening plan. And it came one day after those same measures were announced for the city of Chicago, which makes up Region 11, effective Oct. 30.

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Soil temperatures have remained steady the first half of October. Temperatures at 4 inches under bare soil averaged 59.7 degrees on Oct. 15, a 0.7 degree increase from Oct. 1. Highs reached the mid-60s with lows mainly in the low to high 50s. Temperatures were slightly warmer than normal, averaging 4.8 degrees higher than last year and 2.7 degrees higher than the long-term average.

That means that by Saturday, eight of the state's 11 regions will be under enhanced mitigation measures, which include the closure of bars and restaurants to indoor service, limits on the size of public gatherings and other measures.

Pritzker and IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said last week that bars and restaurants are the second most frequently identified source of virus spread, based on data from contact tracers. The governor's office distributed a graphic on Oct. 20 showing 2,300 of 17,939 contacted COVID-19 positive individuals said they had been at a bar or restaurant within 14 days prior to diagnosis. That was second only to “other,” which included social gatherings such as weddings, parties and more. The governor's office said the report included data from 69 of 97 health departments.

They have also cited, among others, a study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which showed COVID-19 positive individuals studied were “twice as likely to have reported dining at a restaurant” than those who tested negative.

But Republicans on Wednesday questioned those findings, saying the administration has not been forthcoming with the specific contact-tracing data they are using.

“There has been an absolute lack of transparency with regards to the governor's office and Department of (Public) Health regarding the data that is being used to determine whether bars and restaurants are, in fact, significant contributors to the spread of the virus,” said Sen. Don DeWitte, R-St. Charles.

Republicans haven't been the only ones questioning data about

bars and restaurants. Tuesday night, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a Democrat, was interviewed on the PBS NewsHour where she said the mitigation plan there would effectively shut down one of the city's major industries.

“Two-thirds of the people that are testing positive and are talking to our case investigators are telling us that they got it from somebody that they knew, and that they got it in a home or other social setting that's not in public,” Lightfoot said.

During a separate news conference, House Minority leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, presented data from DuPage County, which is part of Region 8, showing that most of the cases reported there were associated with long-term care facilities and skilled nursing facilities.

“And restaurants don't show up,” Durkin said. “Contact tracing during the month of October did not show one case that appears on their list of confirmed cases that came from restaurants.”

Rep. Brad Stephens, R-Rosemont, in suburban Cook County, also questioned the accuracy of the data that state and local health officials are using.

“There is no exact data that shows that at a certain time, and on a certain day that that's when I'm contracting the virus,” he said. “And if there is, we haven't been shared that information. But how does somebody know that? What if I'm at five different restaurants over five different days, and I'm also at Target and the shopping mall and Walmart? People are free to move about.”

Speaking in Chicago during his daily press briefing Wednesday, Pritzker said the state will start sharing its data

publicly in the coming days.

“Let me begin by saying we have 97 local public health departments in Illinois. Some are more technically proficient than others,” he said. “And so it's taken us some time to work with those departments to get them up to speed working on the same system so that they're reporting into the Department of Public Health all of the data in all of those 97 public health departments.”

Brady called on Senate leaders to form a committee that could meet and review the data being used by IDPH and provide feedback to the agency. And when asked what kinds of mitigation measures he and other Republicans would support, he suggested reducing occupancy limits to 25 percent of capacity instead of closing restaurants to indoor service altogether.

He also said the state should put more focus on testing, contact tracing and isolation of people who test positive.

“We don't think we've moved quick enough to do that,” Brady said. “And this is why we're calling for evidence within the contact tracing that will tell us what we need to do based on science and based on the evidence in terms of mitigating. But so far, there's no proof that restaurants are mass spreaders of this, and particularly if they were reduced to 25-percent occupancy.”

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HISTORY ALMANAC

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1943 - In Moscow, a declaration was signed by the Governments of the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and China called for an early establishment of an international organization to maintain peace and security. The goal was supported on December 1, 1943, at a meeting in Teheran.

1944 - Martha Graham's ballet "Appalachian Spring" premiered at the Library of Congress.

1961 - The Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb with a force of approximately 58 megatons.

1961 - The Soviet Party Congress unanimously approved an order to remove Joseph Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb.

1972 - U.S. President Richard Nixon approved legislation to increase Social Security spending by \$5.3 billion.

1975 - Prince Juan Carlos assumed power in Spain as dictator Francisco Franco was near death.

1975 - The New York Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead." The headline came a day after U.S. President Gerald R. Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City.

1982 - Portugal's constitution was revised for the first time since it was ratified on April 25, 1976.

1984 - In Poland, police found the body of kidnapped pro-Solidarity priest Father Jerry Popieluszko. His death was blamed on four security officers.

1989 - Mitsubishi Estate Company announced it would buy 51 percent of Rockefeller Group Inc. of New York.

1993 - Martin Fettman, America's first veterinarian in space, performed the world's first animal dissections in space, while aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

1993 - The United Nations deadline concerning ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide passed with country's military still in control.

1995 - Federalist prevailed over separatists in Quebec in a referendum concerning secession from the federation of Canada.

1997 - The play revival "The Cherry Orchard" opened.

1998 - The terrorist who hijacked a Turkish Airlines plane and the 39 people on board was killed when anti-terrorist squads raided the plane.

2001 - In New York City, U.S. President George W. Bush threw out the first pitch at Game 3 of the World Series between the New York Yankees and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

2001 - Michael Jordan returned to the NBA with the Washington Wizards after a 3 1/2 year retirement. The Wizards lost 93-91 to the New York Knicks.

Your vote matters

This column is somewhat of a continuation of the column of two weeks ago. I certainly have my opinions on the candidates and issues. I hope that you have made, or are making, your decisions on how to cast your votes. I urge you to vote for the candidates or issues that you support. Your vote matters and it reflects the essence of American democracy.

Trump and Biden actually debated last week. It was a civil and informative debate. Compared to the debacle of their first debate, it was a marked improvement. Both candidates tended to go to their historic bases. Trump emphasized business as the cure for what ails the country and Biden emphasized government assistance as the cure. Both candidates

have issues they need to resolve. Trump has yet to provide a comprehensive health care plan to replace the Affordable Care Act. The public needs to know just what Trump is proposing for medical care in this country. Biden has yet to explain the wealth generated in his family by his son and his other family members. If that wealth was inappropriately attained and Biden was complicit, then there is a problem of trust in government that would seriously harm a Biden administration. Both men need to provide answers to the public on these issues.

It is obvious that the Biden campaign has strategized to make the election a referendum on Trump. Biden has been holed up in his residence and has basically forgotten the personal campaign



trail. That strategy may well be working. Biden is ahead in the polls. As a candidate, Biden cannot make too many verbal gaffes if he is not out talking to the people. It is a very strange candidacy, but it does appear to be effective.

Trump on the other hand is the energizer bunny. He has been doing at two and three campaign rallies daily. The rallies are well attended and the participants are fervent Trump supporters. It appears that Trump is gaining ground in the rust belt states, which should trouble Biden.

Biden is running an any body but Trump campaign.

He has not enthused his base and perhaps he doesn't need to. Biden had a significant lead in most polls two and three weeks ago. We have a lot of early voting and those votes may very well reflect the polls at that time. Good news for Biden and bad news for Trump. So Biden sits on his lead and waits out the election.

Trump then doubles down and does massive campaigning, after his COVID 19 hospitalization. Trump is on the campaign trail with passion, while Biden stays home. People notice. Trump improves his poll ratings and the race tightens in the swing states. Too little. Too late. Or does Trump grasp victory from defeat? We will know when the votes are counted.

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As we approach the holiday season and we continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the time to double our efforts to minimize our exposure to the virus and to do everything possible to prevent its spread.

Therefore, we would like to provide you with friendly reminders about health and wellness tips that everyone should constantly be practicing:

Be Respectful: Wear a Mask! – Wear a mask when you're in public to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Avoid masks that are made of materials that make it too hard to breathe. Also avoid masks with valves or vents that allow virus particles to escape and masks that

should be saved for healthcare workers. Wear masks with two or more layers to help protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Establish Social Distancing – Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself and others who are not from your household. As we move most of our activities indoor, this is critically important. The CDC recommends staying at least 6 feet or about 2 arms' length from others.

Wash your Hands – Wash your hands often and thoroughly to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Encourage your family members, particularly children, to wash their hands frequently.

Eradicate Influenza Risk: Get a Flu Shot – the CDC recommends annual influenza vaccination for everyone 6 months and older. Research suggests patients can get sick with both the flu and COVID-19 at the same time, which could amplify the effect of both infections.

Listen to Your Body: Don't Ignore Routine Healthcare – putting off regular visits to your physician or postponing care for chronic diseases may only exacerbate your condition. Be careful, but do not ignore your ongoing healthcare needs. And, IF you think you're sick, stay home! Monitor your symptoms, avoid close contact with everyone, and call ahead before

visiting your doctor.

Limit Holiday gatherings, especially indoor events. When planning to host a holiday celebration, you should assess current COVID-19 levels in your community to determine whether to postpone, cancel, or limit the number of attendees.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Pantan, MD
Shikha Jain, MD
President, Illinois State Medical Society
Elmwood Park
Co-Founder, Illinois Medical Professionals Action Collaborative
Team (IMPACT)
Chicago

ELECTION LETTERS

New candidates trying to make a change for the better

It is clear that new candidates running for DeWitt County Board have been unfairly mentioned by an anonymous faction in mailings, postcards, phone calls and online posts. Having attended most board meetings over the past several years, I can attest to why these candidates decided to run for office.

In a recent mailing, it was questioned about whether new candidates (so-called "no show candidates")

didn't want to show lack of knowledge about issues affecting the county at a recent radio forum. Each new candidate was named in this letter and accused of numerous things.

One new candidate was called a "Manchurian candidate," a reference to "political thriller about the son of a prominent U.S. political family who is brainwashed into being an unwitting assassin for a Communist conspiracy."

Why is it necessary to

name-call?

In a recent newspaper ad, the claim was that wind turbines are being built all around. They don't list counties implementing ordinances protecting residents from falling blades or radar impediments, both real safety issues.

In recent postcards, it was claimed that the new candidates were recruited by a local group. In fact, after attending many board meetings, it became

obvious to each that safety of residents was not being considered at board meetings, and incumbents rarely stated reasoning for votes.

What the new candidates observed during county board meetings was unsettling and drove each to try to make a change for the better.

Terry Husted
Clinton

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OPINION

More letters on A7

LETTERS

Thank you for making museum event a huge success

The DeWitt County Museum Association would like to publicly thank all who made our "Back to Our Roots" ham and bean grab and go drive-through event such a huge success, those who volunteered and those who purchased meals. The first Apple 'n Pork

Festival was little more than one kettle of ham and beans and a stack of ham sandwiches sold to raise funds to help establish the C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum. Then, just as on Sept. 26, they sold out quickly (even with 135 gallons of beans filling 3 large kettles)

because of the generosity of this community and those who have made the festival an annual tradition.

With sincere gratitude,
**DeWitt County
Museum Association
Board of Directors**

I apologize for any part I played in the Arcosa closure

I apologize for any part I have had in the closing of Arcosa. People can be helped or hurt by words.

I have not been in favor of the towers; I have given money to the opposition, I put up two signs across

from the Irish Circle.

So, to the men who worked at Arcosa, at this time of year, I cannot imagine how you and your families feel.

I don't know what else to say. You are the frontline

workers that make America.

Sincerely,
**Jim Hull
Wapella**

ELECTION LETTERS

Would you fire someone for doing a great job?

To all DeWitt County residents,

If you were going to fire someone for something they did that you felt was wrong, for which of the following reasons would it be?

They were good stewards of company money and always stayed within budget?

They have been able to work together with other employees regardless of differing views to get the job done?

They didn't cause unnecessary scrutiny by news sources?

They found ways to bring the company from being in the red to being in the black?

They have worked extra hours without compensation to get the job done?

They volunteered their skills to enrich their employer (at no charge and not needing recognition)?

When a critical employee safety component of the business was about to be lost they found a less expensive solution while protecting more?

They found a way to decrease utility costs at no extra expense for the

employer?

They lobbied to keep an important source of revenue for the company?

They transformed a company disgrace into a state-of-the-art facility?

They protected the company from chemical contaminants insuring all employees stayed safe?

They made sure all departments had the resources needed to perform properly?

They looked forward to ensure that the revenue needed to survive was being addressed?

They proactively made required minimum wage increases less of an impact on the company's bottom line, while working at well below minimum wage levels to do their own jobs?

They are willing to keep their positions even though they know the road ahead is going to be difficult because of revenue losses created by Covid19 and other factors?

They continually look for a revenue stream which doesn't cost the employees any financial burdens...even when not all support their efforts?

There have been no lay-

offs during their tenure because of good budgeting and fiscal responsibility?

They make decisions because it was good for the company and other employees rather than what a minority thought of them?

They were willing to voice their opinions in public when others who are applying for their jobs wouldn't?

Now, substitute **DeWitt County** for company and workplace, **residents of DeWitt County** for bosses and other employees, and **they** for incumbent board members now running for reelection.

Looking at the very possible loss of revenue that we may face down the road, it is more important now more than ever, to keep experienced and proven leaders in the offices of the County Board.

Reelect Camille Redman and Lance Reece in District A and Jay Wickenhauser, Scott Nimmo, and Dave Newberg in District C.

**Kim Spencer
Clinton**

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\$350,000 ... IS THAT ENOUGH?

As you are reading this, the County Finance Committee has proposed a balanced budget to the DeWitt County Board for the next fiscal year. The tax levy has had to be increased by \$100,000 for the Liability Fund to start forward with the lawsuits filed by the DeWitt County Residents Against WindFarms and the City of Wapella.

Will that be enough?

Who is going to pay for these lawsuits?

We, the taxpayers, will be funding these lawsuits!

How and from where will these funds come? Increased taxes and fewer services will have to happen. We all know lawsuits are very costly.

What are examples of services that could be affected?

Ambulance Service?

DeWitt County Sheriff's services?

Senior services?

Mental health services?

Reduced service hours at the DeWitt County Courthouse?

County employee layoffs?

Road and bridge repair and maintenance?

Only sixty-nine people of the DeWitt County Residents Against WindFarms signed the petition to sue the county. The leaders and spokespeople of the group did not sign. The mayor of Wapella is the only signature on the Wapella suit. This is going to take a lot of work and time by all the DeWitt County Board members to deal with these suits and for how long? Who knows?

DeWitt County 1st recommends retaining the incumbents, David Newberg, Camille Redman, Lance Reece, Scott Nimmo, and Jay Wickenhauser. They have worked hard keep our county in a balanced budget. They will work hard to keep our county growing and prospering.

OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

Once we recognize the interdependence of the world, we can shape a better future

Sovaida Ma'ani Ewing

If there is one lesson that the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing global economic recession have taught us, it is that we live in a world that is so interconnected and inextricably interdependent that it has effectively become a single organism. This is a reality that no amount of denial will change. On the contrary, such denial will only cause us to suffer more intensely. We will be better off if we fully recognize and embrace this reality.

It is worth pondering what acceptance of this reality means. Two thoughts come to mind. The first is that if the world is so interconnected that it is truly akin to a single body, it is futile for any single organ or member to claim that it can go it alone without the support and aid of the rest of the body. Just as it would be nonsensical for the liver to tell the kidneys that it does not care if the kidneys are diseased because it is only concerned with its own health, it is similarly untenable for any nation to tell another nation that its problems are its own and are of no interest to others.

The growing litany of challenges that have been plaguing the world for years — ranging from climate change to the current pandemic — are demonstrating with increasing clarity that in today's world the advantage of one nation can only be guaranteed by assuring the advantage of the whole world, just as the well-being of any one organ of the body is dependent on the systemic health of the body as a whole. Once we have deeply understood this truth, the next logical step for humanity is to put aside the childish fetish of nationalism and develop new capacities such as consultation, collaboration, and cooperation, worthy of its growing maturity toward unity and the capacity to meet its current needs as a single organism.

The second thought that comes to mind is that while many of our most intractable

challenges are global in nature — including climate change, the threat of nuclear war, COVID-19 and other pandemics, global economic recessions, and terrorism, to name a few — and therefore demand global solutions, we find ourselves entirely lacking the collective decision-making and enforcement institutions we so desperately need to effectively tackle these global challenges.

Now, more than ever, we need to have an infrastructure of global governance that includes a world legislature that has democratic legitimacy, allowing for the voices of people of all nations to be properly heard in the context of frank and respectful consultation and a fair and transparent system of decision-making that leads to effective results. Imagine how much better off we would all be during this pandemic if such a system of global governance existed today.

Equally important, however, we need to develop the skill of electing worthy leaders who possess the skills and qualities of character necessary to make service to humanity's collective interest a prime consideration in all their decisions. This skill is vital to ensure that any new global institutions we create are not subject to abuse.

We can begin to hone this skill of picking fit leaders who are aware of the interconnectedness of our world and our oneness by practicing it in our elections at home. Every time we think about electing a public servant, whether at the local, state, or national level, we should mindfully seek out a person who recognizes that their job is to guarantee the well-being of the people who elect them while also taking into account the collective interests of the community of nations.

Sovaida Ma'ani Ewing is an author, speaker, lawyer, founding director of the Center for Peace and Global Governance (cpgg.org) and member of the Board of Directors of Citizens for Global Solutions Education Fund.

ELECTION LETTERS

Board incumbents need to answer a few questions

In 2018 and 2019, the wind company for Alta Farms Wind Project II submitted two special use permits. Each permit filed required a sizable fee to be paid by the wind company.

In each case, it was reported that the monies, much more than \$250,000, were added to the general fund. These monies could have instead been earmarked to pay for independent engineering and/or legal costs. What was this money used for, and why wasn't it placed in a special fund?

In the years before the filing of these permits, several amendments

to wind ordinances were recommended to the board that would have prevented legal and engineering costs, among others, from being incurred by the county (residents). I believe the term "indemnification" (compensation for harm or loss; security against legal liability for one's action) was part of the recommended amendment wording, which was brought forward by one of the new candidates. Why did all the incumbents vote against this recommendation?

Why weren't these questions asked during the

radio forum or the latest pro-incumbent letters to the editor, or all the postings, mailings and newspaper articles?

All these communications suggest the apparent shortcomings in the incumbents' operation of this county board and are deemed to be the fault of those affected by this project. Now, the liability falls on the county's residents. Where is the incumbents' share of responsibility?

Pamela D. Elliott
Wapella



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November 3rd

Re-elect Incumbent DeWitt County Board Members

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District C



Camille Redman



Lance Reece

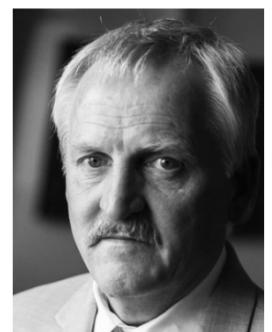


David Newberg



Frederick Jay Wickenhauser

Together We Are Better



Scott Nimmo

CHURCHES

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 John 3:2

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Beelzebub in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 12, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring? 2, 3, 7, 16
3. In which book's 22:18 does it state, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"? *Exodus, Numbers, Isaiah, Hebrews*
4. From 1 Samuel 16, what king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit? *Solomon, David, Elah, Saul*
5. Who called the city of Nineveh the mistress of witchcraft? *Ahab, Nahum, Lucifer, Peter*
6. What mark of the beast number comes from Revelation 13? 7, 333, 490, 666

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 7; 3) Exodus; 4) Saul; 5) Nahum; 6) 666

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

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Answers

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

AREA CHURCHES DIRECTORY

Calvary United Pentecostal Church

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

Christ Lutheran Church & preschool

701 S. Mulberry Street, 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
 ClintonCofC.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
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Clinton United Methodist Church

308 E. Main Street Rev. Darrell Howard, pastor (217) 935-5869
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 clintonumcil.org
 Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 5 p.m.-Saturday evening service
 9 a.m.-Sunday service
 10:30 a.m.-Sunday school

First Baptist Church

220 Illini Drive, Clinton (217) 935-2032
 firstbaptistchurch3@frontier.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 children's church (pre-K-5th grades)
 10:30 a.m.-nursery
 5 p.m.-Sunday youth group (junior high and high school)

Lane Christian Church

(217) 935-2557
 www.lanechurch.org
 Jim Kilson, preaching and teaching minister
 Nick Tuttle, youth and family minister
 9 a.m.-Sunday school
 10 a.m.-worship
 5:30 p.m.-youth group
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Lifebridges Church

200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton (217) 570-0105
 www.lifebridges-church.com
 Pastors-Jonathan and Dana Taylor
 10 a.m.-Sunday celebration
 10 a.m.-AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades)
 10 a.m.-AMPED Jr. (birth-K)
 7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades
 6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple
 6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study
 7 p.m.-Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

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

Texas Christian Church

8301 Texas Church Road, Clinton (217) 454-6846
 www.Texaschristian-church.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.

Wapella Christian Church

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

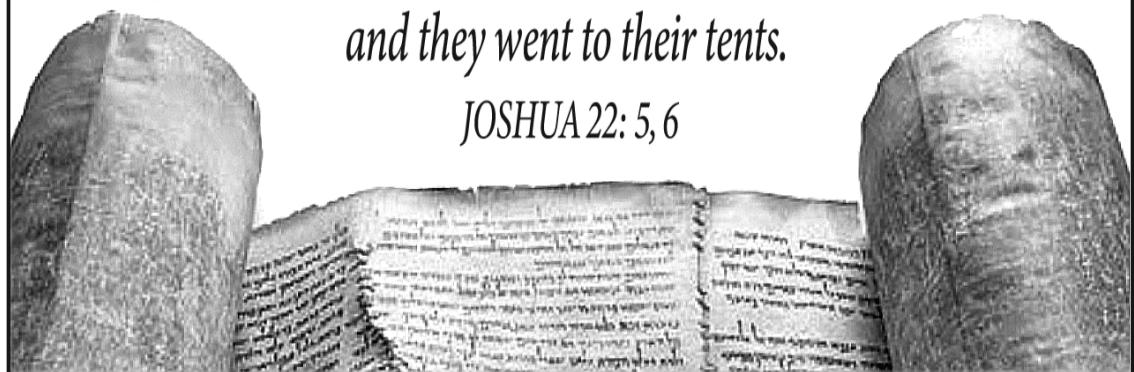
202 S. Isham Street P.O. Box 70, Waynesville 61778
 Tami Worschey-Kessinger, pastor
 9:15 a.m.-church service
 10:30 a.m.-Sunday school 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays quilting
 7-8:30 a.m.-Wednesday community coffee
 8:45 a.m.-Wednesday morning Bible study
 7 p.m.-2nd Thursdays, comfort and care



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

"...Take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul." So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

JOSHUA 22: 5, 6



WEATHER/NEWS

Reminders for our

COVID TESTING TENT.

We are open Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm. You must bring or have faxed to the hospital the following items:



1. A Doctor's Order
2. Insurance Card
3. ID Card

Our fax number is 217-937-5210.

We are **not** a drive through testing facility. If you would like one of those, please see IDPH's website listed below.

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This Week's Local Forecast

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Few Showers
57/35	49/28	53/34	60/42	64/44	63/46	61/41
Precip Chance: 0% 10-15 mph S	Precip Chance: 5% 10-20 mph WNW	Precip Chance: 0% 5-15 mph SW	Precip Chance: 0% 10-15 mph SSW	Precip Chance: 0% 15-20 mph S	Precip Chance: 0% 15-20 mph S	Precip Chance: 50% 5-10 mph WSW

In-Depth Local Forecast for CLINTON

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high temperature of 57°, humidity of 61%. South wind 8 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 79° set in 1933. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 35°. West southwest wind 10 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 32°. The record low for tonight is 16° set in 1925. Sunday, skies will be sunny, high temperature of 49°, humidity of 52%. West northwest wind 9 to 18 mph. Sunday night, skies will be clear, overnight low of 28°.

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Weather Trivia

Is it ever too cold to snow?



Answer: No, no matter how cold it gets, there is always moisture in the air.

Weather History

Oct. 31, 1846 - Early snows in the Sierra Nevada Mountains piled five feet deep, with 30 to 40 foot drifts. These weather conditions trapped 87 pioneers. Just 47 people survived the "Donner Pass Tragedy".

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CLINTON Journal Sports

Governor, IDPH announce halt to winter school sports

IHSA announces it will defy state order

Peter Hancock
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health announced new guidelines for youth and adult winter sports on Tuesday that temporarily put a halt to competitive basketball, hockey and wrestling events.

Although participants in those sports may continue with non-contact training and drills, they will not be allowed to participate in competitive games or matches.

“As with sports in the fall, nothing is ‘cancelled,’ just put on hold until we’re through the thick of this pandemic,” Pritzker said in a news release. “We adapt as we learn. That has been our mantra throughout this pandemic, and as is true in every other facet of life, we know this virus is of most concern when people are indoors with high contact, especially in vigorous situations that bring about heavy breathing — like in wrestling, hockey and basketball.”

The new restrictions were announced in response to a continuing surge in

COVID-19 cases throughout the state. They apply to school-sponsored competitions as well as travel clubs, private leagues and clubs, recreational leagues and centers, and park district sports programs. They do not apply to collegiate or professional sports.

Like the fall sports guidelines that the state first issued in May, the winter sports guidelines divide events into low, medium and high-risk categories.

They also provide for four different levels of activity, ranging from level 1, in which only no-contact practices and train-

ing are allowed, to level 4, in which tournaments are allowed, including out-of-conference and out-of-state play is allowed.

Basketball was originally classified as a medium-risk event in the fall guidelines, but the winter sports guidelines classify it as high risk due to close contact between players and the fact that it is played indoors. That means it is limited only to no-contact practices and training.

Other high-risk sports include football, lacrosse, martial arts, rugby and ultimate Frisbee.

Medium-risk sports — including fencing, flag football, paintball, soccer and volleyball — are

allowed to take part in level 2 activities, such as intra-team scrimmages with parental consent for minors but no competitive play.

Lower-risk sports include competitive cheer and dance, as long as masking and social distance rules are enforced, as well as bowling, gymnastics, swimming, archery, track and field and weight lifting. Under the guidelines, people in those sports can take part in level 3 activities, which include games or meets within a conference or an Emergency Medical Services region or intra-league events. Level 3 also allows for state and league championship

events for low-risk sports.

Under the current pandemic guidelines, no events are allowed to compete at level 4.

A full list of winter sports and their risk categories is available on the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website.

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IHSA statement about the state order stopping winter school sports

“The Illinois High School Association Board of Directors made the decision today to continue with the IHSA basketball season as scheduled in 2020-21. In August, the Board slated basketball to take place from November to February based on the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) assigning a medium risk level to the sport. The IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) offered additional mitigations, such as masks during play and social distancing on benches, that the SMAC believed would allow basketball to be played safely.

The high school basketball season was potentially put on hold on October 27, when Governor Pritzker announced that IDPH had changed basketball’s risk level from medium risk to high risk.

After diligent discussion, the Board has made the decision today to follow the recommendation of the IHSA SMAC as it relates to basketball. The Board remains considerate of rising COVID-19 cases in Illinois and understand the importance of adhering to safety guidelines for the good of all citizens. However, the Board has not been presented any causal evidence that rising COVID-19 cases make basketball more dangerous to play by the IDPH or any other health organization nationally or internationally. On the contrary, the IHSA has been looking to bordering states who have sponsored both medium risk and high risk sports in the fall that have noted a low incident rate of COVID-19 spread.

Instead, we will require all IHSA basketball teams to adhere to those SMAC mitigations, and allow local school officials to make decisions related to participation.

Mounting challenges, from increased mental health issues among our students to a shrinking calendar that limits our ability to move sport seasons this school year, were instrumental in this decision to move forward with basketball as scheduled. We see our students regularly leaving the state to play sports, or covertly continuing to play locally. Students can be better protected in the high school setting, and the Board remains steadfast that playing under IHSA rules and SMAC mitigation is the safest way to conduct athletics at this juncture.

Illinois is a large and diverse state, and the IHSA membership is reflective of that. We understand that this decision will impact each high school and district differently. Some schools who remain in remote learning may not be able to start winter sports on time, and we feel for those in that situation. However, we have also learned that we cannot continue to look down the road to a season that may never come.

Contact days for our teams this fall have been an incredible boon to our students’ well-being. We fear for the mental health of students who attempt to traverse a long winter with no athletic outlet available. So much about dealing with this virus has been learned in the past eight months, and this decision will grant the membership the opportunity to apply that knowledge during their basketball season.

Each member of the IHSA Board volunteered for this position because they are passionate about high school sports and activities, and the positive impact they have on our students’ physical and mental health.”

Ethan Black advances to Sectional cross-country



Ethan Black in one of his final Maroon meets leading the pack.

Marc Rogers
jmarr@frontier.com

STANFORD — On Saturday, October 24, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) held this season’s regional tournament at Olympia High School, Stanford, Ill.

The hometown Maroons and Lady Maroons sent 12 runners (7 Maroons, 5 Lady Maroons) into the fray. The ladies race was first off the line, with Eureka taking the championship followed by Normal University.

The Lady Maroons, minus their top runner, finished well down the line in

10th place. Clare Holland was the top Lady Maroon in this race.

The men’s race began a little later, and that race was dominated by Olympia. The Maroons finished in 9th place as a team, but Ethan Black (our conference champion) took 6th place and earned a berth in

the state sectional run to be held this coming Saturday, October 31.

The sectional will be run at Maple Lane Country Club in Elmwood, Ill. The course appears to be fairly flat and well laid out.

#Maroon Strong

GO MAROONS!

GAMES

BRIDGE BITES

TRUST THE OPPONENTS

♠ AT		♥ 72		♦ 54		♣ AKQJ872	
♠ 2		♥ AKQJT943		♦ KQ		♣ T3	
North		East		Declarer			
♠ 753		♥ 65		♦ JT876		♣ 654	
West		East		Declarer			
♠ KQJ9864		♥ 8		♦ A932		♣ 9	

E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♣
4♥	5♣	Pass	5♣
5♥	DbI	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

On this deal, West trusted Declarer's bidding and found a brilliant shift at Trick 2. And Declarer trusted West's bidding enough to find a clever counter and bring home her slam.

On lead against 6♣, West cashed a high Heart and had to decide what to do at Trick 2. If he had tried to cash a second Heart then there would be no story to tell, as Declarer would ruff that, draw trumps and run the Clubs. But West was in a trusting mood, and concluded that Declarer was unlikely to have two Heart losers on this auction. So he found the fiendish shift of the Club Ten, knocking out Dummy's only side-suit entry before trumps had been drawn.

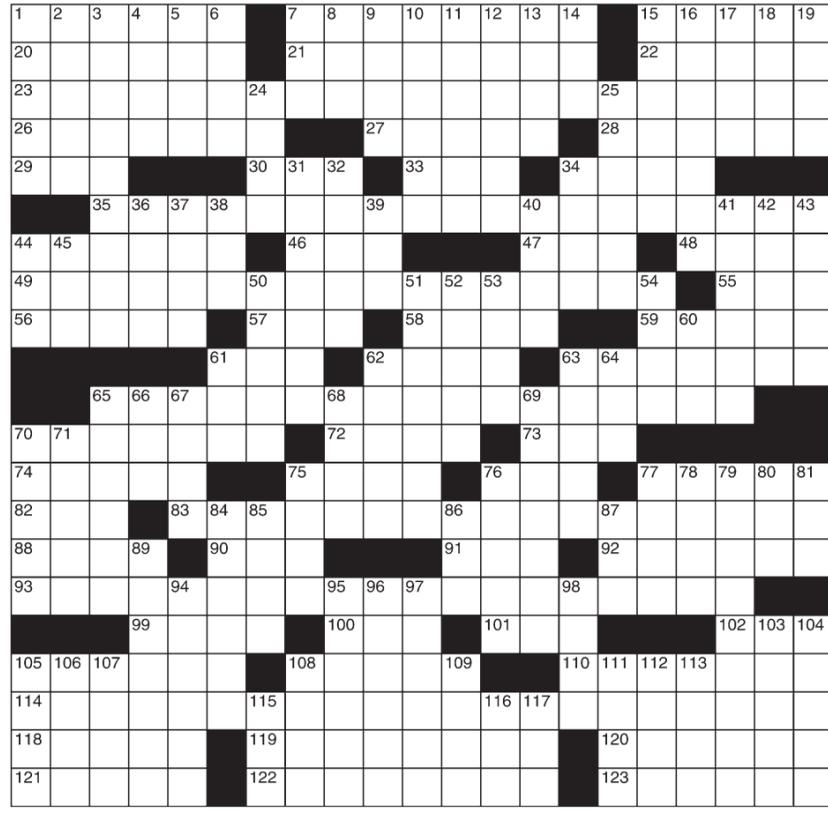
What should Declarer do now? One possibility was to hope for 2-2 trumps, in which case trumps could be drawn, ending on the board, and the Diamond losers then disposed of on the Clubs. But Declarer reasoned that West had done a considerable amount of vulnerable bidding and probably had 8 or 9 Hearts. That being so, it seemed more likely that West had a singleton trump. So, Declarer cashed just one trump on the board and started running the Clubs, pitching Diamonds. East ruffed the fourth round of Clubs, Declarer overruffed, returned to the board with a trump (drawing East's last trump in the process), and got rid of the last Diamond loser on another Club winner. Well bid, well defended, well declared!

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

Super Crossword

C 5
ACROSS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Patronize for purchases
 - 7 Tennis segment won without loss of a point
 - 15 Dude
 - 20 Actress Duff or Swank
 - 21 Not righted, as wrongs
 - 22 Epic about Troy
 - 23 What a Siemens is a unit of
 - 26 Open into flower
 - 27 Seamless shift
 - 28 Get fixated
 - 29 Scottish port
 - 30 Viper type
 - 33 — T (just so)
 - 34 Broiling bar
 - 35 Diverse assortments
 - 44 Flip out
 - 46 "— help if ..."
 - 47 — Khan (Islamic title)
 - 48 Elicit an encore, say
 - 49 Italian entree
 - 55 Ore —
 - 56 Gift getter
 - 57 Signs off on
 - 58 "My treat"
 - 59 Mars vehicle
 - 61 "Dilate" artist DiFranco
 - 62 Formerly
 - 63 Oakland team
 - 65 Flukes
 - 70 Many a released prisoner
 - 72 Grandpa Walton
 - 73 Tarzan player Will
 - 74 Draw out
 - 75 Jai —
 - 76 Reagan's "Star Wars" prog.
 - 77 Tries to trim down
 - 82 Luau chow
 - 83 Dartboard's rings, e.g.
 - 88 Astral bear
 - 90 Alternate spelling of a word: Abbr.
 - 91 Fair-hiring abbr.
 - 92 Actor Kevin of "Weeds"
 - 93 Part of a routine baby immunization
 - 99 Churn up
 - 100 Stetson, say
 - 101 Ending of ordinals
 - 102 Flow stopper
 - 105 Err in finding the total of
 - 108 Fruity pastries
 - 110 Jaffa citizen
 - 114 Assembly associated with a church creed
 - 118 Put off
 - 119 Cheapest ship
 - 120 Take out of the pier
 - 121 Number of dwarfs
 - 122 Infuriated
 - 123 Gazes
 - 14 Academy email ending
 - 15 Activity-tracking device
 - 17 See 65-Down
 - 18 Mille — (Minnesota county)
 - 19 Fruity beverages
 - 24 Apple buy
 - 25 Police cruiser
 - 31 Post-it note, informally
 - 32 Gyro breads
 - 34 Utah's lily
 - 36 Winans with 12 Grammys
 - 37 Be fond of
 - 38 French for "summer"
 - 39 Govt. health agency
 - 40 Tardy
 - 41 Pitted garnishes
 - 42 The Green Party's Ralph
 - 43 Trades jabs
 - 44 Watch readout, for short
 - 45 "So that's your trick!"
 - 50 For the — (temporarily)
 - 51 Self-pride
 - 52 Run up, as expenses
 - 53 The "A" of OAS: Abbr.
 - 54 Bana of "Troy"
 - 60 Poem of exaltation
 - 61 Suffix with pent- (Minnesota county)
 - 62 Whale locale
 - 63 Keepsake
 - 64 At least one
 - 65 With 17-Down, Princess or Royal Caribbean
 - 66 Ad — committee
 - 67 Baldwin of "Aloha"
 - 68 Eye suggestively
 - 69 British soldier of old
 - 70 Add zing to
 - 71 Beautify
 - 75 Prefix for "height"
 - 76 Food filter
 - 77 Three, in Ulm
 - 78 Optimistic declaration
 - 79 Interior-design magazine
 - 80 Saints linebacker Manti —
 - 81 Tax form ID
 - 84 Egg-shaped things
 - 85 Salt, chemically
 - 86 Clergyman's area: Abbr.
 - 87 Ltd. cousin
 - 89 Civil War folk song
 - 94 Trendy
 - 95 Pursued
 - 96 Hauled (off)
 - 97 Clothes
 - 98 Trendy
 - 103 1970s-'80s sitcom
 - 104 Gets as much as one can out of
 - 105 Docs' orders
 - 106 Big name in slushes
 - 107 1970s-'80s skit show
 - 108 "Toodles!"
 - 109 Read digitally
 - 111 — chef (#2 in a kitchen)
 - 112 Peewee pup
 - 113 Cost an arm — leg
 - 115 Belief system
 - 116 Epoch
 - 117 Guided

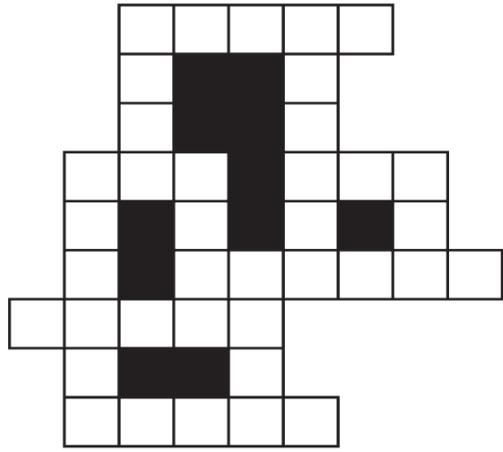


FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ♥ UTG
- BRILEG
- ♥ SEBTA
- ♥ LTIA
- SAGOLT
- ♥ TBA
- ♥ TOBL
- ♥ RHUBS
- ♥ BGI
- BELGIO
- GAONT
- ABUE

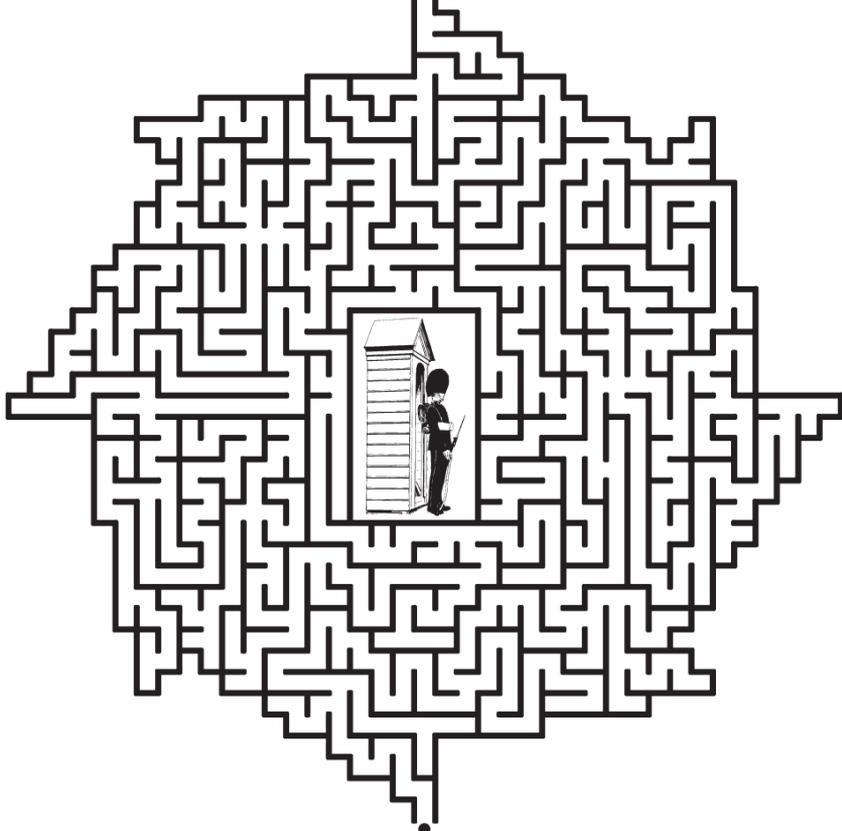


Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

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Mega Maze

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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.

	+		×		18
×		+		+	
	÷		+		11
+		×		×	
	×		+		21
22		20		14	

1 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9

DIFFICULTY: ★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

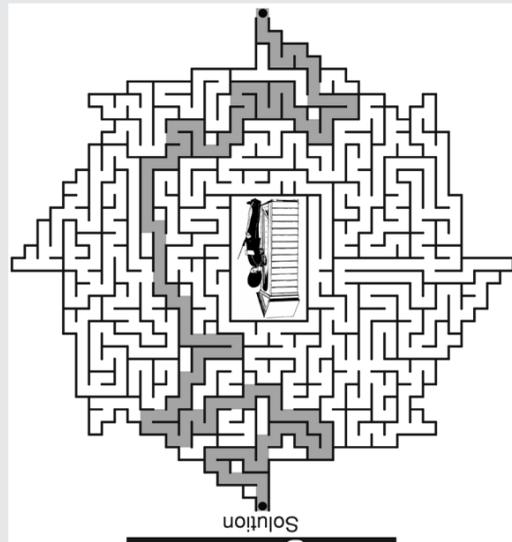
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Go Figure! answers

6	18							
1	6	+	8	×	1	21		
2	1	+	3	×	5	20		
3	2	×	9	+	4	22		

FEAR KNIGHT answer

T	A	L	B	L	O	B	A	S
A	L	R	B	A	T			
G	I	B	I	L	L	I	G	E
B	A	S	T	E				
T	A	N	G	O				
S	H	R	U	B				



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Super Crossword Answers

S	H	O	P	A	T	L	O	V	E	G	A	M	E	F	E	L	L	A
E	L	I	T	A	R	I	C	A	L	C	A	L	C	A	L	C	A	L
B	O	S	S	O	T	S	E	S	S	E	S	S	E	S	S	E	S	
A	V	A	R	A	S	P	I	T										
N	O	N	O	S	O	K	S	O	K	S	O	K	S	O	K	S	O	K
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E	D	U	C	E	A	L	A	I	S	D	I	C	T	S				
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M	A	S	S	A	D	D	T	A	V	A	S	I						
L	I	C	E	N	S	I	A	C	A	L	C	A	L	C	A	L	C	A
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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JAMES DURBIN, Plaintiff,

vs.
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Defendants.

NO. 2019-CH-25

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by this court on June 3, 2020, the property hereinafter described or as much therefore shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

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

James Durbin
6 Delmar Drive
Clinton, IL 61727
(217) 935-3401

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1612 East Washington Street, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois 61727

c) The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 7 in Block 3 in William Fuller's Subdivision of the City of Clinton, situated in the County of DeWitt, in the State of Illinois. Parcel No.: 07-35-229-004

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The property is improved with a single family residence.

e) The judgment does not provide for inspection of the real estate prior to the sale. This property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

f) The time and place of the court sale are:

The sale will be held November 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office, 101 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois. The sale will be conducted by the Sheriff of DeWitt County.

g) The terms of the sale are:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION EXAMINE THE COURT FILE OR CONTACT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, BRYCE A. LYNCH, 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET, P.O. BOX 478, CLINTON, ILLINOIS, TELEPHONE NO. (217) 935-2183.

Respectfully submitted this 7 day of October, 2020.

James Durbin, Plaintiff

By: Taylor & Lynch
By: /s/Bryce A. Lynch
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CASE NO. 20-P-52

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Larry L. Helton, of 19 Westwood St., Weldon, Illinois 61882. Letters of Office were issued to SARAH H. GREER, JOHN R. HOUSER and DAVID E. HOUSER on September 30, 2020. The attorney and designated registered agent for the estate is Thomas A. Jennings of Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder, LLP, 115 West Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Bloomington, Illinois 61701.

Claims against the estate may be electronically filed via Odyssey eFileIL with the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, DeWitt County, Illinois or with the designated registered agent, or both, on or before APRIL 16, 2021. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the designated registered agent and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery within ten (10) days after a claim has been filed.

Dated: October 8, 2020

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By: Thomas A. Jennings, Attorney at Law ARDC #06229494 Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder, LLP 115 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 400 Bloomington, IL 61701 (309) 828-5281 tjennings@lbb.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DE WITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGIANA HOUSER, Deceased.

Case No. 2020-P-48

CLAIM NOTICE

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on September 6, 2020 owning an interest in real property located in De Witt County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to SARAH H. GREER, JOHN R. HOUSER and DAVID E. HOUSER on September 30, 2020. The attorney and designated registered agent for the estate is Thomas A. Jennings of Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder, LLP, 115 West Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Bloomington, Illinois 61701.

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Piatt County Nursing Home is currently seeking an individual or organization to remove snow this season from our facility.

Would be required to remove snow of 2" or more inches during the season. The ability to salt the parking lots. This would include half of the front drive and all the rear parking lot.

Interested candidates please submit your bid to:

Scott Porter, Executive Director
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Monticello, IL 61856

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY-IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA R. WEAVER, DECEASED

NO. 2020-P-51

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on OCTOBER 2, 2020 to Mark Weaver, 2727 E. Portico Court, Spokane, Washington 99223 as Independent Administrator. The attorney for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South

Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, or with the attorney for the estate who also acts as the registered agent for the executor, said agent and attorney being Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, for the services of claims or other designated matter, or both, on or before April 5, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the attorney for the estate which also acts as the registered agent for the estate, Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch and file with the clerk proof of such mailing or delivery within 10 days after it is filed.

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

Dated this 6th day of October, 2020.

Mark Weaver, Independent Administrator of the estate of Donna R. Weaver, Deceased

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Legal 19032 October 16, 23 and 30, 2020

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY-IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUNE G. BLUE, DECEASED

NO. 2020-P-53

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on the 7 day of October, 2020 to Joni Lynne Newberg, 16244 State Highway 10, Clinton, Illinois 61727 as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 7, 2021. Any claim not filed within that

period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk of the court must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates independent administration by filing a petition to terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a petition to terminate independent administration may be opened from the clerk of the court at the above address.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2020.

Joni Lynne Newberg, independent executor of the estate of June G. Blue, Dec.

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Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on www.lockerfox.com beginning on November 12, 2020 at 12:00pm ending November 19,2020, 12:01 pm to 12:13 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 1506 Route 54 East, Clinton IL 61727, (217) 935-3200 under a rental agreement with:

12:01 pm, Virginia Mitchell, occupant of space 1E14, items: bike, fishing equipment, assorted tools and misc.

12:04 pm, Christopher Daniels, occupant of space 1126, items: Electric fireplace, furniture, laptop and misc.

12:05 pm, Geraldine Blades, occupant of space 1N05, items: Household goods and misc.

12:06 pm, Toni Plotke, occupant of space 1H15, items: Mini fridge, sofa, cabinet and misc.

12:08 pm, Jackie Howard, occupant of space 1H25, items: Bicycles, safes, riding lawnmower, furniture, tools and misc.

12:11 pm, Adreana Leblanc occupant of space 1F14, Items: mattress, TV, furniture, pots, pans and misc.

Legal 19037 October 23, October 30

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE BANK OF LINCOLN, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

v. UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants

No.: 2020CH12

Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is November 30, 2020.

The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on March 13, 2020, and is now pending.

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is:

State Bank of Lincoln.

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Lot 5 in Block 2 in Crang's Addition to the City of Clinton, situated in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois.

Situated in DeWitt County, Illinois.

Tax Identification Number: 07-27-462-008

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

315 North Grant Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage.

(B) Date of mortgage: May 12, 2012.

(C) Name of mortgagors: Eugene G. Mandrell and Deanna J. Mandrell.

(D) Name of mortgagee: State Bank of Lincoln.

(E) Date and place of recording: May 18, 2012 in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, DeWitt County, Illinois.

(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 235856.

Michelle VanValey Clerk of the Circuit Court

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Kristina B. Mucinkas (ARDC #6290296) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com kmucinkas@hswnet.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF

EFFIE MAXINE VANCE

DECEASED

No. 2020-P-4

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: CREDITORS and CLAIMANTS

Notice is hereby given of the death of Effie Maxine Vance, who died on 10/11/2019, a resident of Lake Jackson, Texas.

Letters of Office were issued on February 17, 2020, to Brenda Kay Hill, whose address is 51 Mandevilla Court, Lake Jackson, TX 77566 and Paula Jean McGlawn, whose address is 10890 West 150 South, Linton, Indiana 47441, as Executors; 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 Executors identified above, or both, on or before January 4, 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 Executors 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 to terminate under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Dated: October 16, 2020

Stephen R. Myers ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTORS

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NORTHERN PIATT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020

JOHN HANNAH, Treasurer of the Northern Piatt Fire Protection District, pursuant to 30 ILCS 15/1, hereby makes his annual statement of receipts and disbursements of public officers pursuant to said Act, as follows:

- 1. All monies received and from what source: Champaign County Collector Real Estate Taxes \$11,947.45 Comptroller \$1,840.14 DeWitt County Collector Real Estate Taxes \$1,564.87 First Mid-Illinois Bank Interest \$523.70 Interest Earned \$56.98 Illinois Municipal League Foreign Fire Tax \$3,608.96 McLean County Collector Real Estate Taxes \$12,431.06 Piatt County Col-

lector Real Estate Taxes \$169,300.15 Other Income Miscellaneous \$781.00

- 2. All expenditures where total amount paid exceeds \$2,500.00 for the fiscal year: Ameren IP Gas & Electric \$5,534.90 Compass Insurance Partners Insurance \$11,391.35 Cynthia Giertz \$3,634.39 ESO Solutions, Inc \$3,105.00 Feller & Kuester CPS Audit, \$3,050.00 FireCatt Precision Service Testing \$3,053.00 Foltz & Rupiper Legal Services \$3,435.68 Menards \$3,872.68 Municipal Emergency Services \$8,168.56 Rocket Supply \$4,998.32 Scott Harper \$2,747.00 Sherman Small Engine \$16,777.11 Todd Jones \$2,512.01 Warner Plumbing \$2,950.00

3. All expenditures for compensation of personal services:

- Larry L. Borhart \$125.00 Brian Cahoe \$1,261.00 Zachary R. Cahoe \$392.00 Jacob A. Cook \$42.00 Cody Davis \$656.00 Donald Deffenbaugh \$125.00 Bryan Edwards \$622.00 Cynthia Giertz \$4,415.00 John W. Hannah \$125.00 Bobby M. Henderson \$125.00 Dustin L. Holoch \$825.00 Dane R. Houser \$686.00 Derek S. Johnson \$334.00 Todd Jones \$3,001.00 Harold R. Kirby \$2,700.00 David J. Kramer \$498.00 Dale M. Lipsey \$125.00 Jason T. Nolan \$1,003.00 Zachary P. Reynolds \$911.00 Andrew Stiger \$677.00 Christopher L. Winstead \$282.00 Caleb W. Woliung \$352.00

Submitted this 29th day of October, 2020

/s/ John Hannah John Hannah, Treasurer Northern Piatt Fire Protection District

Legal 19042 October 30, 2020

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

The commissioners of the KUMLER DRAINAGE DISTRICT will hold their annual meeting for said drainage district at 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 16, 2020, at the office of Hunt Henderson, Attorney at Law, 112 East Center Street, LeRoy, IL 61752, for the purpose of:

- approval of minutes of last meeting of the drainage district commissioners;
- approval and payment of bills;
- consideration of and vote upon annual maintenance assessment rolls and levy;
- consideration of and approval of annual financial report of the commissioners;
- and
- such other business as may come before and be considered by the commissioners.

Individuals with

disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and participate, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or facilities, are requested to contact Hunt Henderson, attorney for the drainage district (309) 962-2791.

Additionally, any persons planning to attend the annual meeting during any period covered by Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Illinois in response to Covid-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) are requested to contact the law office of Hunt Henderson, Attorney for the Kummer Drainage District, at (309) 962-2791, for specific instructions related to in person and remote attendance measures currently in effect which comply with the orders of the Governor of the State of Illinois.

s/Hunt Henderson Hunt Henderson, Attorney at Law for Kummer Drainage District, of McLean & DeWitt Counties, Illinois.

Legal 19043 October 30, 2020

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

The commissioners of the RUTLEDGE-EMPIRE DRAINAGE DISTRICT will hold their annual meeting for said drainage district at 10:00 a.m., Friday, November 20, 2020, at the office of Hunt Henderson, Attorney at Law, 112 East Center Street, LeRoy, IL 61752, for the purpose of:

- approval of minutes of last meeting of the drainage district commissioners;
- approval and payment of bills;
- consideration of and vote upon annual maintenance assessment rolls and levy;
- consideration of and approval of annual financial report of the commissioners;
- and
- such other business as may come before and be considered by the commissioners.

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and participate, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or facilities, are requested to contact Hunt Henderson, attorney for the drainage district (309) 962-2791.

Additionally, any persons planning to attend the annual meeting during any period covered by Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Illinois in response to Covid-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) are requested to contact the law office of Hunt Henderson, Attorney for the Rutledge-Empire Drainage District, at (309) 962-2791, for specific instructions related to in person and remote attendance measures currently in effect which comply with the orders of the Governor of the State of Illinois.

Legal 19044 October 30, 2020

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEIWTT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAEVEN A. JACKSON, DECEASED

NO. 2020-P-54

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

s/Hunt Henderson Hunt Henderson, Attorney at Law for Rutledge-Empire Drainage District, of DeWitt & McLean Counties, Illinois.

Legal 19044 October 30, 2020

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEIWTT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAEVEN A. JACKSON, DECEASED

NO. 2020-P-54

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on October 16, 2020 to Rodney Dean Jackson, 9062 E. Hannibal Street, Mesa, Arizona 85207 as independent administrator. The attorney for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, or with the attorney for the estate who also acts as the registered agent for the administrator, said agent and attorney being Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, for the services of claims or other designated matter, or both, on or before April 16, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the attorney for the estate which also acts as the registered agent for the estate, Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch and file with the clerk proof of such mailing or delivery within 10 days after it is filed.

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

Dated this 20th day of October, 2020.

Rodney Dean Jackson, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Daeven A. Jackson, Deceased

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HOMEBYHOME

Hints For Homeowners

Seven tips to ready your outdoor power equipment for winter

(NAPSI)—After your lawn gets its last cut before winter, it will be time to put away spring and summer outdoor power equipment, like lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and trimmers. What's next? Snow throwers, generators and other small engine equipment need to be readied for winter use. How and when you prepare your equipment for seasonal changes can save you time and money later, says the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI).

With record-breaking sales of outdoor power equipment, homeowners are spending more time during the COVID-19 pandemic working or renovating their family yards. This means more people are using outdoor power equipment, and OPEI reminds everyone the importance of proper outdoor power equipment storage, maintenance and safe handling.

"During this very challenging pandemic, we've learned our outdoor spaces are more important than ever," says Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI and the TurfMutt Foundation, which encourages outdoor learning experiences, stewardship of our green spaces, and care for all living landscapes. "Our yards, parks and schoolyards are our safe space for connecting with friends and family, acting as outdoor classrooms and offices. Green space also contributes to the health and wellbeing of people, pets and wildlife, and having the right outdoor power equipment to take care of it is key. But preparation is everything — understanding how to store equipment and get it serviced, how to operate it safely, and how to ready your space to use that equipment."

He adds, "Always follow your manufacturer's guidelines, and remember to keep kids and dogs away from operating equipment at all times."



Here are a few tips from OPEI to ensure your lawn mower and other spring equipment will be available for use when warmer temperatures return, and snow throwers and other winter equipment will be ready for use when the snow falls.

1. Review owner's manuals. Re-familiarize yourself with how to handle equipment safely. Lost manuals can be found online. Save a copy on your computer if possible, so it can be consulted when needed. Be familiar with your equipment, and all its features, including how to turn it off quickly and safely.

2. Service all equipment. Before storing spring and summer equipment, clean and service it or take it to a small engine repair shop. Drain and change engine oil and safely dispose of the old oil. Service the air filter, and do other maintenance as directed by the owner's manual. Check winter equipment and see if any maintenance and repairs are required.

3. Handle fuel properly. Unused fuel left in gas tanks over the winter can go stale and even damage equipment. Before storing equipment, add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank, then run the equipment to distribute it. Turn the engine off, allow the machine to cool, then restart and run until

the gas tank is empty. For winter equipment, buy the recommended type of fuel no more than 30 days before use. Use fuel with no more than 10% ethanol in outdoor power equipment. Use a fuel stabilizer if recommended by the manufacturer. Get more information on safe fueling for outdoor power equipment at LookBeforeYouPump.com.

4. Charge the battery. Remove and fully charge batteries before storing. Don't store batteries on metal shelves or allow them to touch metal objects. Store them on a plastic or wood shelf in a climate-controlled structure.

5. Shelter equipment from winter weather. Store spring and summer equipment in a clean and dry place such as a garage, barn or shed. Winter equipment should be kept away from the elements, but be easily available for use.

6. Prepare, prepare, prepare. Make space in the garage or basement before the weather changes, so there is room to store larger yard items. Clean up the yard of sticks, debris, dog and kid's toys and other items that can damage or destroy equipment. Clear the paths used regularly in your yard, especially during the winter when snow can "hide" things.

7. Have the right weather appropriate extension cord for your generator. Keep heavy duty weather proof extension cords on hand to use with it. Ensure the length of the cord is necessary to operate the generator a safe distance from the house or building. Never operate a generator indoors, in a garage, breezeway or under an open window.



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