

### COVID-19 one-day death total of 14 lowest since March 30

Hospital bed use on downward trend as rolling positive rate remains flat

#### **Jerry Nowicki** Capital News Illinois

S P R I N G F I E L D — The seven-day rolling positivity rate for COVID-19 tests conducted remained at 2.7 percent Monday as the state reported the lowest single-day death total related to the pandemic since March 30.

There were 14 deaths reported Monday after 15 were reported Sunday and 26 on Saturday, bringing the COVID-19related death toll since the pandemic began to 6,902 among 142,461 confirmed cases statewide.

The Illinois Department of Public Health also announced another 738 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 26,918 tests completed over the previous 24 hours.

There were a combined 1,432 cases reported Saturday and Sunday as the number of new cases has leveled in recent weeks.

The number of persons hospitalized due to COVID-19 continued to trend downward as well, with total hospital beds



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# **Clinton High School graduation 2020**

Clinton High School principal Jerry Wayne presents his son, co-valedictorian Garrett Wayne, with his graduation diploma during Sunday's social-distanced graduation.

# Nonprofits benefit from COVID program

First National Bank and Home Loan Bank of Chicago award three groups \$30K for COVID relief program



# School district to pay \$100K to former employee

District owes back pay plus compensatory damages, attorney fees

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CLINTON The Clinton Community School District will former district pay employee Lynn Westhoff \$100,000 in back pay and compensatory damages based on a three-year conciliation agreement from the U.S. Equal **Employment Opportunity** Commission (EEOC).

The district will also pay Westoff's attorney fees of \$50,000.

At a special board meeting on June 25, board president Dan Matthews signed off on the agreement that finds the district discriminated against Westoff "based on her sex, female, by paying her a lower salary, in violation of Title VII and the EPA, and based on her sex, female, her age, 62, and in retaliation for engaging in protected activity, by demoting her and placing her in a less desirable position."

Westoff was hired in 2011 as Chief School Business Official (CSBO). She left in 2018. Westoff reported that if she remained for the 2018-19 school year, she would have held a teaching position for less income. The EEOC conducted investigation its after Westoff filed a discrimination charge against the district. The agreement states the school district will Westoff \$9,150 pay in back pay as well as \$90,850 in compensatory damages. In addition, the district is required to hire an outside consultant to conduct anti-discrimination training for all employees including its definition, "setting of salaries, demotion and reassignment." They will also be trained on "appropriate responses management by complaints to of discrimination and the rights and responsibilities of employees and management."

occupied by COVID-19 patients dipping below 1,500 over the weekend for the first time since the state began reporting the data daily on April 12, before ticking back up to 1,501 as of 11:59 p.m. Sunday.

COVID-19-related intensive care unit bed and ventilator usage dipped to their lowest amounts as well, with 372 and 187 in use, respectively, as of 11:59 p.m. Sunday.

The state also reported Monday that the Illinois Department of Agriculture will host junior livestock and horse shows in place of the events that would have taken place at the canceled Illinois State Fairs.

The Junior Livestock Expo is scheduled to take place in Springfield for two consecutive weekends in September – the weekend of Sept. 11-13 for beef, sheep, dairy goats, pygmy goats and rabbits; and Sept. 18-20 for swine, dairy cattle and meat goats.

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Neighborhood Care Center was one of three local nonprofit organization to receive COVID relief funds, receiving \$15,000. Front row left to right, Ed Beck, Barb Tuggle, Laura Conheady. Back row, left to right, Josh Shofner, Mary Holland, Cody Monkman, Karen Rice.

CLINTON — First National Bank and Trust has partnered with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLB) to provide COVID relief funds to local groups

Together, they granted \$30,000 to three local nonprofits including the Neighborhood Care Center with First Christian Church, Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau and the Clinton Community YMCA.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago offers a COVID-19 Relief Program consisting of zero-rate advances and grants to support all of its member institutions and the communities they serve as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 Relief Program opened on April 27th, with funding available through May 22nd.

"Strategic partnerships with organizations like the FHLB that share our views and commitment to community, allows us to do more for the local community," said Shofner, Josh First National Bank and Trust President. "Whether it be their Down Payment Plus Grant Program for homebuyers or COVID-19 Relief Grants, we are appreciative of the support from the FHLB. Because of them, we were able to impact some great organizations that serve our community well."

The Neighborhood Care Center received \$15,000 in grant funding, the Clinton Area Chamber received \$10,000 and the YMCA received \$5,000. First National Bank donated \$10,000 and the FHLB COVID-19 Relief Program donated \$20,000.

"During these unique times, this gift will help us tackle the challenges of building a network that will bring radical transformation to our rural communities and neighborhoods," said Cody Monkman, director of Neighborhood Care Center. See **AWARDS** / A7

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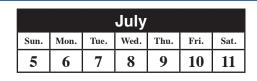
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three-Per the year agreement, the district must revise its employment policy and "implement procedures for reporting, responding and addressing complaints of discrimination or unequal pay."

The district must also post a notice on all employee bulletin boards that age and sex-based discrimination is illegal.

The notice identifies that the Clinton school district violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967. The notice posting requirement is part of the agreement which resolves the charge of discrimination against the district.

"As with any kind of discrimination-racial, age, gender--there will be people who deny it happened because it didn't happen to them," Westoff told the Journal. "It doesn't make it any less real and I am glad the EEOC saw it and agreed with me."

When contacted by Journal, Clinton the Superintendent Curt Nettles said, "I cannot make comments about personnel matters and employee evaluations and that's what this would be. I always do what I believe to be best for the district."

### Olivia Bierbrodt named to dean's list at Pensacola Christian College

PENSACOLA, Fla. Olivia Bierbrodt, of Clinton, was named to the Dean's List by Dr. Troy Shoemaker, president of Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2020 spring semester.

This was a result of earning a semester grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

Pensacola Christian College is a liberal arts college enrolling students from every state in the U.S. and from around the world. The College has an



enrollment of nearly 4,000 students (undergraduate, graduate, and seminary) and offers a variety of programs of study.

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The Du Quoin State Fairgrounds will host a junior horse show on August 29-30 and Sept. 5-6.

"After the cancellations of the Illinois and Du Quoin State Fairs we knew there was a need to recognize our junior exhibitors who work year round preparing for the fairs," Jerry Costello II, acting IDOA director, said in a statement. "We are excited to provide modified shows that will

provide an opportunity for young adults to exhibit their animals safely following the Restore Illinois plan."

Shows are limited to Illinois residents between the ages of 8 and 21.

# Education in sauces

elcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Few people seem to realize that sauces are very important to fine culinary. I hope, in my humble way to be able to give the finer points as well as the extended spectrum of sauces. Sauce creation is both a science and an art. Unfortunately, requires this several articles in order to give it justice.

I begin with a pertinent statement regarding sauces: "Sauces are often considered one of the greatest tests of a chef's The successful skill. pairing of a sauce with a food demonstrates technical expertise, an understanding of the food, and the ability to judge and evaluate a dish's flavors, textures, and colors." - Quoted from "The Culinary Institute of America."

#### Culinary Corner **By Chef Roger Joss**

There are five basic sauces from which all other traditional sauces are made. First of the two main ones from the five would be white sauce and tomato sauce. White sauce includes your béchamel and classic velouté. In the United States and France, white sauce is the foremost sauce followed by tomato. In Italy, it is the other way around.

The béchamel sauce can be directly used or made into other forms of sauces such as various types of cheese sauces, mornay sauce, cream sauce, etc. Your tomato sauce can also be made into spaghetti sauce, barbecue sauce, etc. Brown sauce is another

#### basic sauce. This one includes your espagnole sauce and demiglace to mention only two of many. It can be made as a pan sauce or with veal stock or rendered down by half or to a nappé consistency.

Next basic sauce is the hollandaise sauce. It is made with a lot of egg yolks. Next comes your beurre blanc. It is made with a lot of melted butter.

To make sure you do not have it confused, I will list all five basic sauces: White sauce, tomato sauce, brown sauce, hollandaise sauce and beurre blanc. Any of the five can be served as is. These are the five from which all other classic sauces are made. There is the traditional method of preparation. Due to so many changes over the years, there are also exceptions.

Regardless of any type of preparation, there are certain practices that

remain consistent. Such sauces as the hollandaise sauce, beurre blanc and white sauce has the eggs, butter and milk respectively whipped in vigorously with a whisk while being slowly poured into the hot ingredient. If a reduction is used as the base liquid, it must be strained before use. The same goes for white sauce.

The sauce, regardless of the type, must be tested for proper consistency and thickness. To do this, use a wooden spoon, not a metal one; dipped it into the sauce. Bring the spoon out with the backside up. Run your finger down the center backside of the spoon. If the sauce remains parted, it is ready. Conversely, if it begins to cover the bare spot, it needs further reduction.

Until next time, peace to all.

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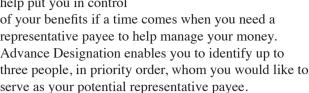
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#### Elaine Popejoy

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### **Ronald C. Oakley**

CLINTON - Ronald C. Oakley, 81, of Clinton, passed away at 3:50 p.m. on June 28, 2020, at Manor Court, Clinton.

Private graveside services will be conducted on Friday, July 3, 2020, at the Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton, with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2020, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton.

Memorials may be directed to the DeWitt County Museum.

Ronald was born on January 3, 1939, in Weldon, Ill., the son of Lester and Eileen (Conn) Oakley. He married Rita L. Day on June 9, 1960, in Clinton.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Rita L. Oakley, Clinton; children, Bethany (Joseph) Mazza, Bloomington, and David Oakley, Clinton; and sister, Beverly (Wilbur) Basting, Anna, Ill.; sisterin-law, Marylin Cushing, Decatur; brother-in-law, Robert Day, Decatur;



and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ronald was a member of the Clinton United Methodist Church. He was a lifelong farmer and had farmed one farm for over 70 years. Ronald served on the DeWitt County Museum Board for 50 years, was a past Harp Township trustee, and a member of the DeWitt County . Co-op Elevator board. He had an artistic talent for drawing and scrimshaw. He loved to watch old western movies.

Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

# Our routines are out of sync

he new ways we shop for groceries is only the tip of the iceberg this year. Thanks to the



coronavirus, there are a number of other things we will likely end up doing in a different way.

Many of us have put aside one item on our annual to-do list: filing our taxes. The tax due date was pushed back to July 15, and that date is coming up quickly.

If you'll owe taxes and generally send in a cashier's check with your return, you'll need to get that in advance if you don't want to stand in line in your bank. Many banks are providing services through the drive-up window. Call to ask if you can arrange for a cashier's check to be waiting for you at the drive-up. Then, to keep from standing in line at the post office to send it certified mail, check with your UPS store. Many of them can do the full array of post office services, and they're likely to be less busy. Something else to consider: When it's time to vote this year, consider whether you'd rather vote by absentee ballot than stand in line. Call your town office and find out how early you need to send in your request for a ballot, as well as return the ballot itself. Ask, too, whether you should return your ballot by mail or if it must be hand delivered to election officials. A number of election offices have secured drop boxes (they look like mail boxes) outside the building. Many states also have in-person early voting during a designated pre-election day period. If you typically shop the Amazon Prime Day in July, internet rumors say that it likely won't take place until August or September. Keep an eye on Amazon for news about this.

### 'Dear Norman, Thank you for planting perennial.' 'All my love, Rachel'

#### **By Rachel Emery**

I had no idea when I finally took the plunge to launch Heart of a Sojourner that I was on the brink of a season that would require that I be so fully present to our journey with my husband's brain cancer that I would not have the time, much less the emotional energy, to invest in writing a blog in addition to managing the Facebook page that updated our support network.

Now, in the wake of Norman's passing, I find myself in completely new territory, and the road ahead is so very hard and painful to imagine. I'm sure the posts will come slowly and probably in fits and starts and may be more for my benefit than yours for a while. Today, it just felt important to me to share a piece of my heart about the kind of man my husband was.

On the afternoon of June 4, I knelt by my husband, Norman, the love of my life, as he drew his last breath. Every single hour of every single day, I ache for him. He is gone, but he is all around me. He went to great effort to make sure I would feel his presence and his love in very tangible ways.

Norman loved landscaping. He loved digging, planting, fertilizing, pruning. All of it. Even after his diagnosis with glioblastoma brain cancer, he pushed his body to its limits working in the yard. In the final months of his life, he kept ordering plants, mapping out where they would go, and overseeing the work he could no longer do. One beautiful early spring day, dear friends came to help plant. He had trees, lilacs (my favorite), and lemongrass to ward off mosquitoes, ready to go in the ground. Norman could only walk with assistance, but still insisted on being maneuvered around the yard so he could participate. As he struggled to walk and talk, we all knew his time was short, but we had no idea how short.

That afternoon I felt so sad, and more than a little overwhelmed. We have five acres of rambling property that always needs a whole host of things done to maintain it. I wanted to be fully present to the work that brought him so much satisfaction, but I was bogged down by anxiety about what the future would hold for him, for us, and for me without him. Tears that burned behind my sunglasses were discreetly wiped away by dirt covered gardening gloves, and my chest felt tight as I choked back feelings that could not be articulated.

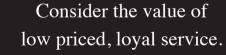
As we planted, I noticed a few tulips were starting to peek out, but I had forgotten how beautiful it would soon become. Norman was all about perennials. He was practical like that. Perennials bloom year after year. They are economical; they pay you back for your efforts, and sometimes they spread and fill in the blank spaces around them. He had a strategy that involved planting things together that would bloom successively, and that meant being the kind of gardener that plans ahead and patiently invests in what is yet unseen. That was my guy.



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My once strong husband leaned hard on his friend and watched him plant things that he knew he would never see grow to maturity. Norman knew he was a sojourner, and that his stay in his temporary earthly abode was coming to an end. He lived fully in the present, but invested selflessly in the years to come. He planned for the future, whether he would be around to enjoy the blooms or not. This mindset was not limited to his penchant for working in the soil. He lived his whole life the way he landscaped. He was strategic and optimistic. He planned and invested his time, effort, finances, and hard won wisdom in people and things that he thought would matter in the long run. Even when it would be easier to not get his hands dirty, so to speak, he dug in. He did the hard work of "weeding" as a parent as well as intentionally creating memories to last a lifetime. He nourished the soil of our marriage with tenderness. When he could barely speak, he still struggled to utter words of gratitude, love and affection. It mattered tremendously to him that the way he lived with cancer would be a source of strength, faith and courage for others in the face of suffering. Norman never used his prognosis as a justification for neglecting the spiritual seeds planted in his heart; he kept on seeking God, and when he could no longer read or attend to teaching, he asked for hymns to be sung and played for him.

In the weeks leading up to Norman's passing, and even more-so since then, my yard has exploded with color. Tall exotic looking lilies shot up unexpectedly in front of the house. I think there were a few last year, but he must have loved them, because many more were planted when I was unaware. Lilacs in bloom make the breezes fragrant. Outside our bedroom window, the plot we dubbed "Hosta Hill" is indeed blanketed with a variety of giant hostas in every shade of green as well as a plethora of flowers to please the bees and the butterflies. Every morning when I open the blinds to face a new day, they greet me with the reminder of how Norman's love created a swath a beauty all around, not only in our yard, but even more-so in our lives, and I'm deeply grateful for every way he was devoted to "planting" with our future in mind. I pray we ourselves honor him and our God by blooming well. Until we meet again, my love.

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# OPINION

### HISTORY ALMANAC

1775 - U.S. Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, MA.

1790 - In Paris, the marquis of Condorcet proposed granting civil rights to women.

1863 - The U.S. Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, PA, ended after three days. It was a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

1871 - The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company introduced the first narrow-gauge locomotive. It was called the "Montezuma."

1878 - John Wise flew the first dirigible in Lancaster, PA.

1880 - "Science" began publication. Thomas Edison had provided the principle funding.

1903 - The first cable across the Pacific Ocean was spliced between Honolulu, Midway, Guam and Manila.

1912 - Rube Marquard of the New York Giants set a baseball pitching record when earned his 19th consecutive win.

1930 - The U.S. Congress created the U.S. Veterans Administration.

1934 - U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) made its first payment to Lydia Losiger.

1939 - Chic Young's comic strip character, "Blondie" was first heard on CBS radio.

1940 - Bud Abbott and Lou Costello debuted on NBC radio.

1944 - The U.S. First Army opened a general offensive to break out of the hedgerow area of Normandy, France.



# Thomas Jefferson must stand

hey're coming for Thomas Jefferson.

Protestors in Portland, Oregon used axes and ropes to topple a statue of President Thomas Jefferson. The New York City Council is agitating to remove a statue of the author of the Declaration of Independence from its chambers.

At this rate, the Sage of Monticello will be lucky if the Jefferson Memorial isn't bulldozed and if he isn't effaced from the nickel.

Jefferson is, to use the argot of the day, the most "problematic" of the Founders. The Virginian was a slave owner who, despite his high ideals, jettisoned never an attachment to the slave system that was a hideous injustice and, in the fullness of time, nearly destroyed the country. But that's not what we honor him for.

in Notes on the State of Virginia.

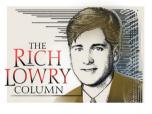
He doesn't have a place of honor in American history because of his (now widely accepted by historians) sexual relationship with one of his slaves, Sally Hemings, who was the half-sister of his late wife.

He isn't held up as among our most exalted Founders because of his fear of slave revolts and his ever-closer association with the slave South as he grew older.

No, Jefferson is on a pedestal for achievements that still define the country today, and for the better.

He wrote the ringing lines in the preamble of the Declaration that eventually took on worldhistorical importance and were used as a rhetorical and philosophical cudgel against the slave system and white supremacy

by the likes of Abraham



of the people, by the people, for the people," as Lincoln famously put it at Gettysburg.

He wrote the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom that became a model for the First Amendment, and he worked to abolish feudal relics such as entail and primogeniture.

As president, he doubled the size of the country in a stroke with the Louisiana Purchase.

He was a man of the Enlightenment, with incredibly wide-ranging interests from architecture to natural history and -- in addition to serving as president, secretary of state and governor -founded the University of Virginia.

compromised deeply by the slave system and yet rose above his own sectional and selfish interests to enunciate timeless principles should be considered an accomplishment, not a reason to relegate him to the ash heap. He always

the ash heap. He always maintained that slavery was unjust and early in his career, tried to abolish slavery in Virginia and prohibit the introduction of slavery in new Western lands.

The woke philistines who are targeting him are incapable of thought or discernment and want to jettison much of the country's heritage. A historian once said, "If Jefferson was wrong, America is wrong." Those who want to grind his memory to dust clearly accept both parts of that formulation -- and indict not just Jefferson, but the America he helped define.

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1945 - U.S. troops landed at Balikpapan and take Sepinggan airfield on Borneo in the Pacific.

1945 - The first civilian passenger car built since February 1942 was driven off the assembly line at the Ford Motor Company plant in Detroit, MI. Production had been diverted due to World War II.

1950 - U.S. carrier-based planes attacked airfields in the Pyongyang-Chinnampo area of North Korea in the first air-strike of the Korean War.

1954 - Food rationing ended in Great Britain almost nine years after the end of World War II.

1962 - Jackie Robinson became the first African American to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

1974 - The Threshold Test Ban Treaty was signed, prohibiting underground nuclear weapons tests with yields greater than 150 kilotons.

1986 - Mikhail Baryshnikov became a U.S. citizen at Ellis Island, New York Harbor.

2014 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 17,000 for the first time. Jefferson isn't memorialized on the Mall in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere around the country because of the racist things he wrote

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champion and able practitioner of what we know as Jeffersonian democracy, "government All of this speaks to his greatness, but none of it is to deny his miserable human failures and his woeful hypocrisy.

That Jefferson was

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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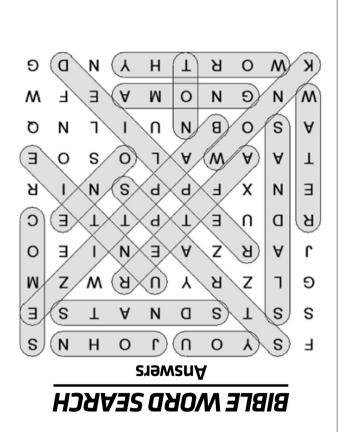
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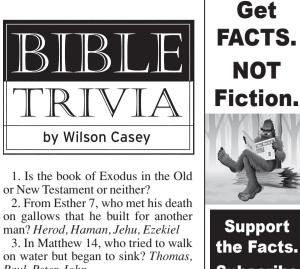
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JOHN 1:26-27

"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."







Paul, Peter, John 4. Which of these cities was destroyed by fire and brimstone? Jericho, Haran, Paphos, Sodom

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6. Where did Hagar meet an angel? Prison, River, Wilderness spring, Temple door

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Peter; 4) Sodom; 5) Jehu; 6) Wilder-ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Haman; 3)

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### **Applications now available** for Mary Rohrscheib Teaching Scholarship; deadline July 15

Local students majoring in education are encouraged to apply

#### **CLINTON**

Applications are now open for a new scholarship benefiting local students majoring in education.

Local attorney Josh Rohrscheib is offering the scholarship in memory of his grandmother, Mary Rohrscheib, to honor her career teaching third and fourth graders in Central Illinois, to celebrate great teachers in Central Illinois, and to encourage the next generation of location teachers.

"Growing up with Mary as a grandmother was a life-long lesson in kindness, curiosity, and generosity," Josh "She Rohrscheib said.

must meet a minimum GPA requirement and submit a short essay about the impact of a special teacher and the lessons the student will carry forward throughout their own career in education.

"We hope this scholarship prompt will encourage applicants to share stories our great local teachers who do so much to inspire students in our community," said Rohrscheib.

Applications are due July 15 for the 2020 scholarship. Winners will be announced on July 22. which would have been Mary Rohrscheib's 85th birthday.

# 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

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 after noon sessions.

group meets twice a PC - A Place to Clinton United Methodist Church Rev. Darrell Howard,

Email clinton.methodist@ frontier.com 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

# Kenney Chris-tian Church

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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-5<sup>th</sup> 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

Father Jeff Stirniman, administrator 9:30 a.m.-Sunday mass

#### **Texas Christian** Church

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

#### The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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

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never stopped learning and never stopped teaching."

Each year, the \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to two area students who are interested in becoming teachers. Students must be a graduate of a high school in Macon, Logan, Dewitt, or McLean County. They

Interested students are encouraged to apply online at: https://rohrscheiblaw. com/scholarship/.

Rohrscheib is a personal injury lawyer with the firm Bolen Robinson and Ellis, LLP, with offices in Decatur, Bloomington, Lincoln, and Sullivan.



And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It will never be inhabited, nor will it be settled from generation to generation; nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there. But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of owls... ISAIAH 13:19-21 🔊

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#### **Clinton Church** of God

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

#### Clinton Presbyterian Church

402 N. Center Street Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Tel. (217) 935-6178 Fax (217) 935-6128 Pastor-Paul Stroup clintonpresbyterian. org 9:15 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available Senior high youth

firstbaptistchurch3@ frontier.com John Roberson, pastor 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship 6 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 Pete Cocco, interim minister 8:15 a.m.-first worship service 9:30 a.m.-Bible school 10:45 a.m.-second worship service Church for 3-yearolds, beginner church (4 yrs.-k), junior church (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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

5:30 p.m.-youth group "We're ordinary people helping each other become faithful followers of Jesus."

#### Lifebridges Church

200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton (217) 570-0105 www. lifebridgeschurch.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: 1-5 p.m., Tues.-Thurs.

#### 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.-2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, comfort and care



# NEWS

### **Awards** / from page A1

"First National Bank has proven to be an outstanding partner with us by serving as the 'wind to our backs.' We are so grateful for this unexpected gift. It means so much to us to know that we have this kind of support coming from a community member like First National Bank."

The Clinton Chamber had to delay, reschedule or cancel several incomeproducing events during the COVID-19 quarantine. The Chamber's operations are dependent on revenue generated from events such as the Clinton Business Expo and May Days.

Marian Brisard, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce joins Josh Shofner, President at First National Bank (FNBT) who received \$10,000 as part of FNBT and Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago partnership in COVID-19 relief funds program.

"Our main priority during this time has remained supporting our local businesses from a locked office. While we support maintaining the safety of the population we serve, we found ourselves in a situation where our nonprofit organization was facing a critical budget deficit," shared Marian Brisard, Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce Tourism and Bureau Executive Director. "We

understand these are unprecedented times and we appreciate the support of First National Bank so we may continue working to promote our businesses and our community."

Other youth and community-based havens, like the YMCA have also been affected by the pandemic.

David Torbert, Youth/ Adult Sports & Camp Osage Program Director joins Josh Shofner, President at First National Bank (FNBT) who received \$5,000 as part of FNBT and Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago partnership in COVID-19 relief funds program.

"The loss of revenue during this weeks-long shutdown certainly put a strain on our ability to provide services to those in our community that would benefit most," said Rennie Cluver, CEO of Clinton Community YMCA. "This donation very much helps us keep with our mission to support our community and we are truly grateful that First National Bank joins us in our commitment to strengthen our community."

To learn more about the Federal Home Loan programs visit Bank www.fhlbc.com and view First National Bank's community reinvestment



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Clinton Community YMCA youth program director David Torbert with Josh Shofner.

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Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau executive director Marian Brisard with Josh Shofner.





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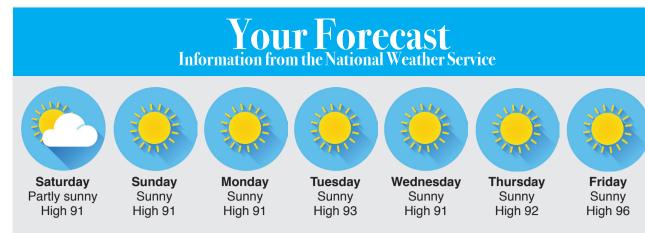
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## Weather History

#### July 3

1873: A tornado in Hancock County, in far west central Illinois, destroyed several farms. From a distance, witnesses initially thought the tornado was smoke from a fire. A child was killed after being carried 500 yards; 10 other people were injured.

#### July 4

1980: Extremely humid weather was found across central Illinois on this Independence Day. Springfield reported 11 consecutive hours with a dewpoint temperature of 80 degrees or higher, before a line of severe thunderstorms brought cooler air to the region. Dewpoints of 80 degrees are extremely high for central Illinois, and would even be a bit unusual in a normally humid location such as Florida.

# Virtual 4-H shows build alumni relationships

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Traditional in-person 4-H shows will not take place this summer, but 4-H members still have an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge learned in project areas.

County shows have transitioned to a virtual format for this year which allows 4-H alumni from across the United States to serve as project judges.

"The exciting part about virtual is being able to pull in DeWitt, Macon and Piatt 4-H alumni from

across the United States to log in online and judge projects," says Lindsey Burden, DeWitt county 4-H program coordinator. "We are very excited about using 4-H alumni to help judge, and hope this will help us build a relationship with them in the future."

For the July virtual show, 4-H members submit project pictures and a written report online in a digital exhibition platform. Judges log in to view and provide feedback

to the members. "We have so many talented 4-Hers who work hard throughout the year," says Jenna Ward, Macon county 4-H program coordinator. "Whether its raising a pig or creating the perfect coffeecake, I'm glad we are still able to give them some sort of experience to show off that hard work, and get to connect with a judge who can give them feedback and advice so they can grow and excel!"

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# Illini player signs to play for Oakland As

CHAMPAIGN, III. — Garrett Acton, one of the most decorated relievers in Illinois history, has signed with the Oakland Athletics. Acton led the nation in saves during both of his seasons in Champaign and this season was Illinois' first Academic All-American in 20 years.

"I am excited to announce that I have officially signed a Free Agent contract with the Oakland Athletics," Acton wrote on Instagram. "Thank you to my friends, family, teammates and coaches for the help and support along the way. I could not be more appreciative and thankful to have been a part of Illinois baseball and to wear the block I these last two years."

The Parkland College transfer had an Illinois and Big Ten record 19 saves in 2019 and added another six saves in the COVID-19 shortened 2020 season. He broke Illinois' career saves record in his final game for the Orange & Blue, an 8-7 win at Elon on March 8 which ended up being the final game of the Illini's season.

Acton's resume includes a 2019 NCBWA and Perfect Game/Rawlings First Team All-American selection, the 2019 NCBWA District Player of the Year, and one of six players in the nation named to the 2019 NCBWA Stopper of the Year finalist list. In the classroom, he had a 3.98 GPA as a finance major, was Illinois third ever Academic All-American, and earned Illinois Athletics' Top GPA Awards in both his junior and senior years. Acton finished his Illinois career with a 1.82 ERA, 25 saves, and 42

strikeouts in 39 2/3 innings over 36 appearances. He had a save in 35.7 percent (25/70) of Illinois' games over the last two years and saved 56.8 percent (25/44) of Illinois' wins during his time in Champaign.

Acton graduated in May 2020 as a finance major from the Gies College of Business, one of the top 10 public business schools in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report.

> Courtesy of Fighting Illini sports

# Area women awarded Illinois Agri-Women 2020 scholarships

GRIGGSVILLE, III. — Clinton native Riley Donelson and Clinton resident Callie Wildman have been selected among 20-plus women to receive Illinois Agri-Women 2020 scholarships.

Donelson and Wildman will each receive a \$1,000 Women Changing the Face of Agriculture "Agent of Change" scholarship.

Riley Christine Donelson – Leido, Inc./Ameren Illinois, is the aughter of Phil and Tanya Donelson, of Quincy, Donelson studied at Illinois Central College, transferring to Illinois State University in ag communications.

Callie Jean Wildman of Clinton is the daughter of Rodney and Stacey Wildman. Wildman is a graduate of Cerro Gordo High School and plans to study Agri-Business. Her college career began at Parkland College, followed by Murray State University.

The Women Changing the Face of Agriculture

(WCFA) conference, a project of the Illinois Agri-Women, takes place each spring to encourage young women to interact with women in agriculture, learn more about careers in the industry, and network with agricultural leaders from across the country. This year, three WCFA Agent of Change \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to college students who aspire to make a difference through their careers in the agricultural industry. The 2020 recipients are as follows:

The Illinois Agri-Women understand the impact of their efforts to reward students based on responses such as Abigayle Endress shared: "I appreciate all that you do for the young women who are interested in agriculture throughout the state. Women Chang-



Riley Donelson

ing the Face of Agriculture is a great resource for young women both sure and unsure of the career path they wish to pursue as well as a wonderful opportunity to network and build relationships with industry leaders, collegiate recruiters, and other young women. I sincerely hope that my course schedule will allow me to attend and volunteer at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture event next year. Again, thank you!"

Mt. Pulaski native Skye Kretzinger also received a scholarship.

Skye Lynn Kretzinger – Tate & Lyle. Kretzinger is a daughter of Tiffany and Joseph Kretzinger of Mt. Pulaski. Her interest in ag law and agriculture in society has been studied at Lincoln Land Community College and will be continued at Iowa State University.

For more information about Illinois Agri-Women scholarships and opportunities, visit illinoisagriwomen.org. To learn more about the 2020 Women Changing the Face of Agriculture conference, visit womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com.

# IHSA Boys State Basketball Tournament to return to Champaign

CHAMPAIGN — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and their Board of Directors announced that the IHSA Boys State Basketball Tournament will return to the State Farm Center in

state's flagship university, celebrating the many virtues of Champaign-Urbana, and maximizing the full spectrum of amenities in State Farm Center to visitors from all across Illinois. The relationship between the IHSA and the University of Illinois extends back more than 100 years, and we are excited to continue this longstanding, positive partnership many years into the future." "Whenever I discuss Fighting Illini Basketball, I always mention the proud history of this program," Illinois Men's Basketball Head Coach Brad Underwood said. "Much of that success comes from the rich tradition of high school basketball in this state. Some of the greatest players ever to wear the orange and blue first competed on our campus as part of the IHSA state tournament. We are pleased to welcome the finals back to the University of Illinois, where dreams will come true for the countless players across the state who spend their childhood imagining playing on the court at State Farm Center. There is nothing like the thrill of competing for a state championship and the impact it has on high school teams and in their communities, and I'm excited that will once again happen here in Champaign." The IHSA opened up the basketball tournament bid after 25 years of playing in Peoria. Visit Champaign County, University of Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, State Farm Center, cities of Champaign and Urbana, along with area municipalities and business leaders joined forces to create a comprehensive and compelling bid package.

The bid focused on the student-athlete experience at the State Farm Center as a superior competitive environment. Through state-of-the-art technology to create an atmosphere worthy of a championship, competing teams will receive the experience of a lifetime. The tournament also provides fans with opportunities to engage further in the history of IHSA Basketball through an unique exhibit, to immerse themselves in the latest technology with the TechHub, to enjoy interactive play through activity areas hosted by chambanamoms.com and to provide students and families the opportunity to take part in an academic fair to not only learn about possibilities with the University of Illinois, but also colleges across the country. "Visit Champaign County" and the State Farm Center will begin preparations for the return of the IHSA Boys State Basketball Tournament immediately. The IHSA will be contacting current state final season ticket holders in the near future to work with them on seating at the State Farm Center. Individuals interested in becoming new state final season ticket holders can submit their info online at https:// fightingillini.com/ihsabb. The University of Illinois ticket office will follow-up with anyone who submits a season ticket inquiry form in the near future to let them know available seats, pricing and more.



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Champaign for three years: March 11–13, 2021, March 10–12, 2022, and March 9–11, 2023.

"We are ecstatic to welcome the IHSA Boys State Basketball Tournament back to its original home at the University of Illinois," exclaims Jayne DeLuce, President & CEO of Visit Champaign County. "Our community has evolved into a much broader vision incorporating sports, education, technology, and a place of diverse culture that will provide incredible experiences for all involved. We are ready to embrace a new tradition of welcoming teams, families, fans, officials, and media for the experience of a lifetime."

"We are thrilled with today's news that the Illinois high school boys basketball state finals will return home to the campus of the University of Illinois," Illinois Director of Athletics Josh Whitman said. "We are grateful to the IHSA and its leadership for choosing State Farm Center and Champaign-Urbana to host the state finals. We are humbled by their confidence in our community, which I know will come together to provide the players, families, and fans of the state's best teams a once-in-a-lifetime experience. My thanks to the many people and organizations locally who collaborated on a compelling bid and proposal. We look forward to showcasing the

Courtesy of Fighting Illini sports





### **Contract Bridge**

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In this deal from a team contest, the final contract at both tables was four hearts, although East-West can make four spades as the cards lie. Both Wests led a spade after having raised East's weak two-spade opening to three.

At the first table, East won dummy's nine of spades with the queen and shifted to the queen of clubs. Declarer covered with the king, losing to the ace, and West returned a club to East's jack. East then exited with a trump.

It did not take South long to find the

winning play. He promptly put up the ace of hearts, caught West's singleton king, drew the missing trump and claimed the remainder, making four.

South had good reason to go against the percentages by playing the hearts as he did. East's weak two-bid promised a strong six-card suit but not enough high-card strength to open with a one-bid.

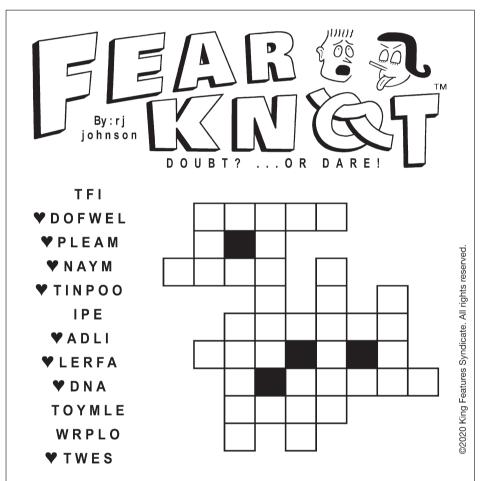
After the first three tricks, East could be credited with the A-Q of spades and Q-J of clubs. If he also held the king of hearts, he would have opened with one spade. Therefore, declarer's only chance was that West held the singleton king.

At the second table, the play to the first trick was the same, but there the similarity ended. Here, East was not inclined to reveal the entire high-card content of his hand by shifting to the queen of clubs at trick two. Instead he returned the club three!

Declarer put up the king, losing to the ace. West did his part to add to the obfuscation by returning the ten of clubs, which held the trick. West then exited with a diamond.

This time, South had much less to go on. He won the diamond in dummy, led the jack of hearts and let it ride. West's king scored the setting trick, and when East ruffed the diamond return for down two, it merely added to the satisfaction of a well-defended hand.

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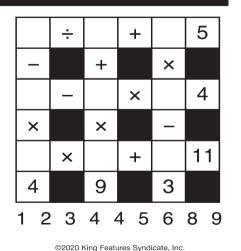
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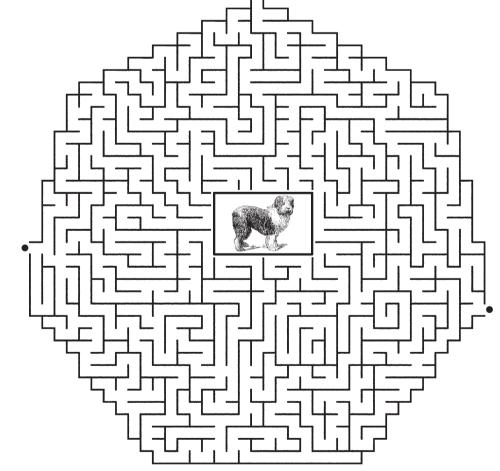
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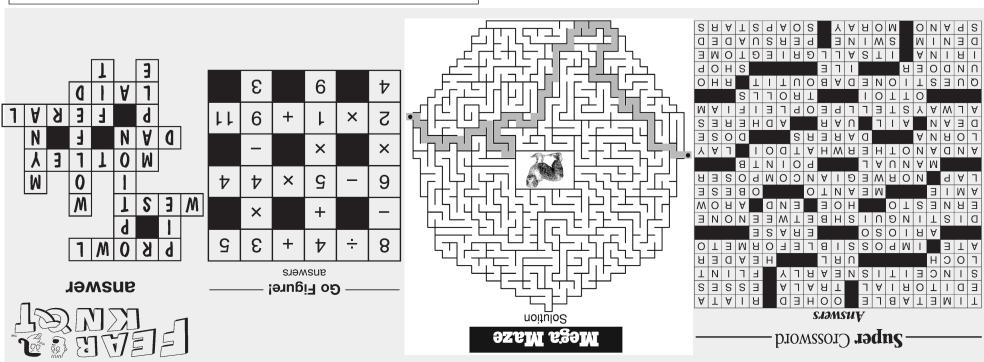
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No. 2020-131

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

#### CASE NO. 2017TX1 P2

To: Mark Mitchell; Spouse of Mark Mitchell; First State Bank of Bloomington; Jordan Mitchell; Dana Smith, DeWitt County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:



JICTB, Inc., Petitioner Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc. 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100 Champaign, IL 61821 Legal 18936 June 19 and 26, 2020 July 3, 2020

#### LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER

OF THE ESTATE OF MARK ALAN KENT, DECEASED NO. 2020-P-19

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

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

Letter of Office were issued on June 8, 2020 to Lisa Kent Hensey, 932 E. 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615 as Independent Administrator. The attorney for the estate is 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

of June, 2020.

Lisa Kent Hensey, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Mark Alan Kent, Deceased. JOSEPH B. TAY-LOR 02803046 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CEN-TER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLI-NOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-

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**RAPHY STUDIO** 824 N. CENTER ST. CLINTON, IL 61727

{SEAL}

Dated: Thursday, June 18, 2020

No. 2020-129

Dana Smith **COUNTY CLERK** 

Legal 18944 June 26, 2020 July 3 and 10, 2020

#### LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS **FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST** CO.,

Plaintiff

THOMAS AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARY F. DILE, HEIRS AND LEGA-TEES OF WILBUR DILE, KIMBER-

pursuant to a Judgement of Foreto it by the mortclosure entered by this court on June 17, 2020, the the same affect at property hereinafter described or as much therefore shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgement, will be sold to will be required to the highest bidder.

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

Josh Shofner, President First National Bank and Trust Company 2 Kelli Ct P.O. Box 191 Clinton, IL 61727 (217) 935-2148

b) The common address of the real estate is: 919 East Johnson Street, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois 61727

c) The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 11 in Block 3 in Carter and Kelley's Addition to the City of Clinton, situated in the County of DeWitt, in the State of Illinois. Parcell 1 No. 07-26-378-011

d) A description of the improvements on the real estate is

The property is improved with a single family residence.

e) The judgement does not provide for inspection of the Respectfully submitted this 23 day of June, 2020.

**First National Bank** & Trust Co., Plaintiff

By: Taylor & Lynch

By: /s/Bryce A. Lynch Bryce A. Lynch Attorney for Plaintiff

**BRYCE A. LYNCH** 6297077 **TAYLOR & LYNCH** 216 SOUTH CEN-TER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLI-NOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com

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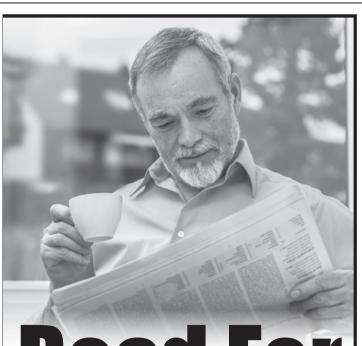
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July 3, 2020

KRISTIN FINK MO-**BILE NOTARY** 3264 WAYNES-VILLE RD WAYNESVILLE, IL 61778.

#### {SEAL}

Dated: Friday, June 19, 2020

No. 2020-130

#### Dana Smith/sw **COUNTY CLERK**

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#### LEGAL

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HERE-**BY GIVEN**

To the legal resi-dents of the Town of Harp Township in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020 being the third Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. on said day at Harp Township Town Hall and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

Dated at 8 AM, this 25th day of June, 2020.

LEGAL To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Clintonia, in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, that the rescheduled Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, July 21 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at 9180 Township Road, Clinton, IL 61727. Face masks will be required to be worn at this meeting and social distancing measures will be taken. The Agenda for

the meeting will be: Call to order/ Appoint Moderator, reading of the minutes from 2019. public comment. Old Business, New Business, expenses and revenues available for FY 2020 for review. The next Annual Clintonia Town Meeting will be April 09, 2021 at 6:01 P.M. at 9180 Township Road, Clinton, IL 61727. The next regular monthly meeting of the Township board will be August 18, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Close meeting.

Debra Coale **Clintonia Township** Clerk

Legal 18949 July 3, 2020



LEGAL IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DE-WITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS** COUNTY DEPART-MENT, CHANCERY

DIVISION

V.

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SER-VICES, LLC Plaintiff,

CHRISTOPHER T. MILLER; ASHLEY M. MILLER; UN-**KNOWN OWNERS** AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,\_ Defendants.

CASE NO. 2020CH3

NOTICE OF SER-VICE BY PUBLICA-TION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, : CHRISTOPHER T. MILLER; ASHLEY M. MILLER; UN-**KNOWN OWNERS** AND NON-RE-CORD CLAIM-ANTS. defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against vou and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

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and which said Mortgage was made by \_ CHRIS-TOPHER T. MILL-**ER AND ASHLEY** M. MILLER \_ as Mortgagor(s) to STATE BANK OF LINCOLN\_, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number \_221750 \_ and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

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NOW THERE-FORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at DEWITT County on or before August 3, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Megan K. Gajewski ARDC #6276927 KELLEY KRONEN-BERG Attorney for Plaintiff

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#### **KITCHEN CORNER**

# **Creating A Chef-Inspired Kitchen**

(NAPSI)-Cooking like a professional doesn't have to mean a kitchen full of expensive gadgets, but you do want one where prepping, cooking and cleaning is seamless and comfortable. That requires considering design details that enhance the workflow. Consider these helpful hints:

#### **Smart Storage**

Items that are used frequently should be kept together and conveniently at hand. Use hooks, magnets and utensil holders to keep favorite knives, pot lids, spatulas and the like within easy reach. A lazy Susan can help spices stay properly sorted.

#### Bright Ideas For Lighting

Choose lighting that maximizes cooking efficiency and comfort. Task lighting should include overhead stove lights and under-cabinet fixtures so cooking and food prep area are properly lit. For dining, overhead chandeliers may be best.

#### **Everything**—Especially The Kitchen Sink

While shiny appliances, countertops and beautiful backsplashes may get all the attention, the sink and its surrounding area are

A well-organized and appointed kitchen may help you cook better—and enjoy it more. the most used in the kitchthat makes it easier to hanen and deserve special

consideration. Position the sink with as much prep space around it as possible. For the sink itself, look for efficiency and functionality. For example, the new BLAN-CO IKON Apron 33" 1 3/4 sink is designed with a convenient low divide

dle large pots and baking sheets. Another advantage of its apron front design is that it's installed further forward with no countertop. This means less strain on cooks and dishwashers because they don't have to lean over as much. What's more, it's made with nonporous, easy-to-clean Sil-

granit composite patented material and comes in eight trending colors.

Optional accessories help enhance the workflow and include a floating grid that provides an extra level within the sink, to further ease the strain of handling heavy pots. A floating cutting board fits right on top of the sink

to instantly create more workspace.

#### **Faucets To Favor**

Faucets designed with a higher arc and a pulldown spray head make rinsing dishes, filling pots and cleaning the sink faster and simpler. The new BLANCO RIVANA collection includes semi-pro, high arc with pulldown and bar faucet options. A coordinating soap dispenser is also available. The convenient Solenta Senso works hands-free. "Handy" when your hands are full—or very dirty.

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# HOME IMPROVEMENT

# Three perennial gardening pointers

(METRO) — Gardening is an engaging hobby that can provide a host of benefits, some of which may surprise even the most devoted gardeners. For example, the Harvard Medical School notes that just 30 minutes of gardening activities burns 135 calories, making gardening a fun and simple way to incorporate more exercise into your daily routine. In addition, scientists have long proven that gardening releases the hormones serotonin and dopamine in the brain, each of which are associated with improved mood.

Perennial gardens can be especially attractive to seasoned gardeners and novices. Perennials are plants that come back year after year, and committing to a perennial garden can ensure people stick with gardening for the long haul, reaping all of the rewards that come with making such a commitment. Before planting a perennial garden, those new to gardening may want to consider these three tips.

#### 1. Make a plan.

A perennial garden comes back year after year, which means any mistakes you make when planting are likely to haunt you year after year as well. Factors like space and location must be considered before planting. Many gardeners utilize garden planning applications like GrowVeg to make the process of planning a garden simpler and more organized. Such applications can be especially useful for novices.

#### 2. Consider aesthetics.

Gardens can be awe-inspiring, especially when gardeners consider aesthetics prior to planting. The DIY Network advises gardeners to consider scale before choosing which perennials to plant. Tall plants and wide beds tend to look best outside large homes, while short plants in small beds tend to look better outside small homes.

### 3. Work with a professional.

Local garden centers can be excellent resources when planning perennial gardens. Representatives at such businesses can offer tips on native plants, which will be more likely to thrive year after year than non-natives. Such representatives also can help you choose the right plants based on the amount of sunlight the plants will likely get after being planted. Each of these factors can be easily overlooked by people without much gardening experience.

Perennial gardens can provide years of joy and inspiration, especially when gardeners give ample attention to certain details prior to planting.



Local garden centers can be excellent resources for gardeners planting perennial gardens for the first time.



# **Understanding R-Values**

(METRO) — Insulation recommendations are based on certain factors that coordinate with regional climate zones to increase energy efficiency. These factors are known as R-values. The R in R-value stands for "resistance," and refers to how certain products





resist the flow of heat through walls, floors and ceilings.

Products should reduce heat escape so heat is kept on the right side of the wall. In summer this means outdoors, in winter it means indoors. R-values relate not only to insulation, but also to walls, windows and other barriers. R-values also coordinate to the type,



thickness and density of the material being used. The higher the R-value, the more resistant to heat the product is. The U.S. Department of Energy coordinates R-value to climate zones 1 through 7 (1: Tip of Florida; 7: Canadian border).

A higher R-value is needed in Zone 7 and a

lower R-value is necessary in Zone 1. Those embarking on home improvement projects that involve choosing between R-values are urged to speak with a professional or to visit the Department of Energy website (www. energy.gov) to determine which R-Value is ideal for their homes.





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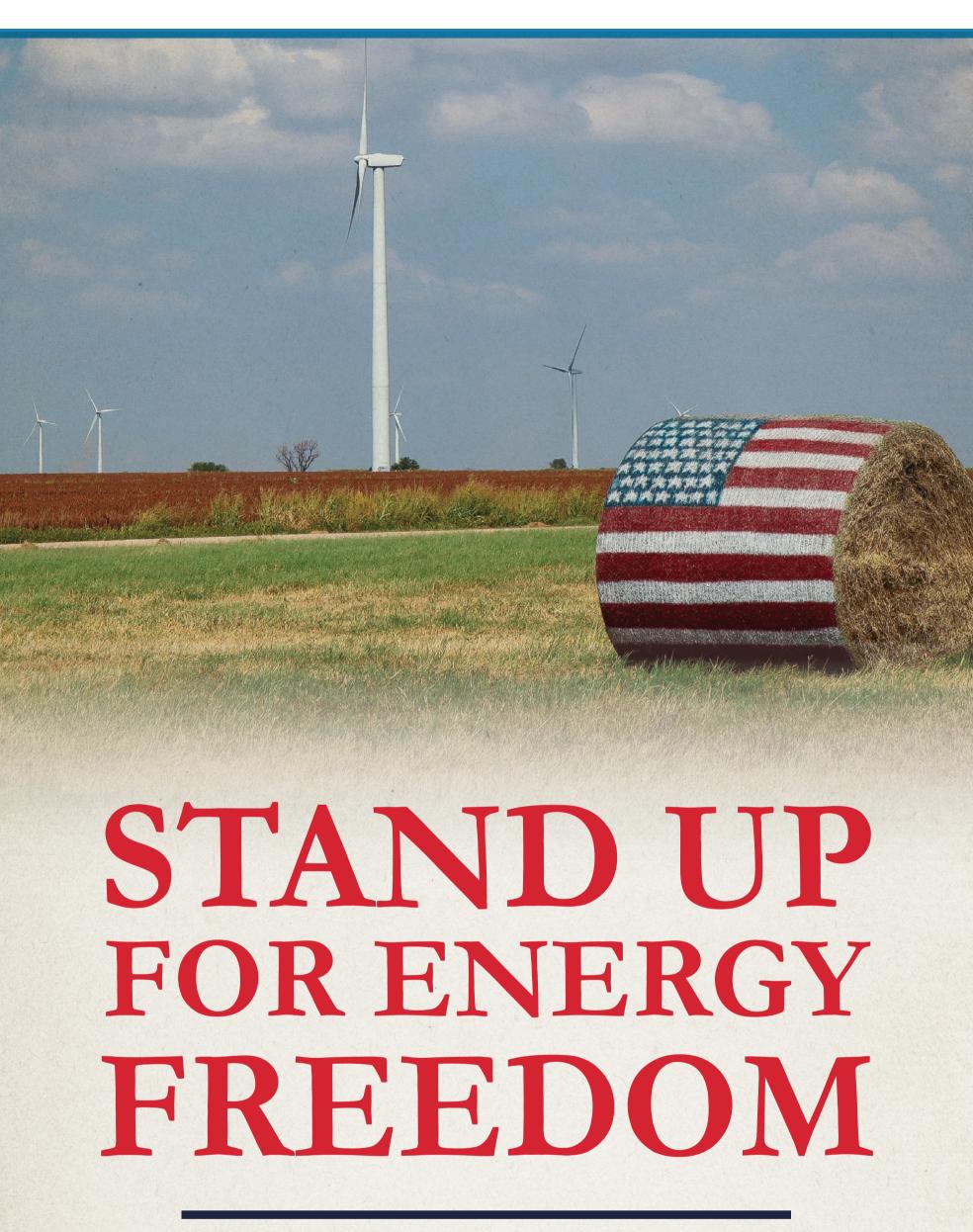






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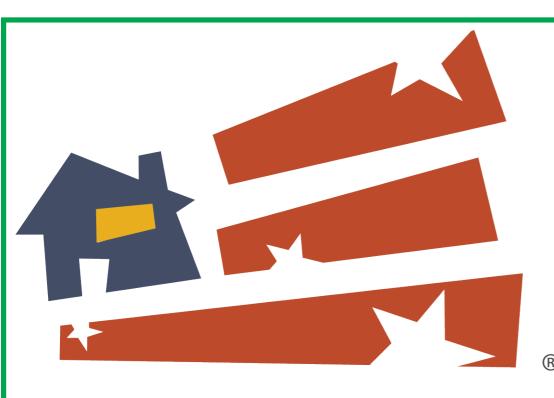
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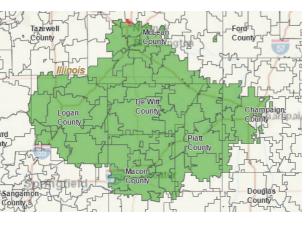
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#### **PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN**

# The history of the American flag

(METRO) — National flags serve to unite citizens of a given country. Flags wave proudly in front of government buildings and schools, and they also identify athletes during international sporting competitions. In many countries, flags also serve as symbols of honor for members of the military and their families.

For more than 200 years, the American flag has been a symbol of unity and pride in the United States. The red, white and blue flag has a storied history and has gone through various incarnations. The following are some of the more interesting facts pertaining to the American flag.

• Six different flag designs were flown before Betsy Ross announced that she had sewn the official American flag. These designs included a series of alternating red and white stripes, the Liberty Tree, the Sons of Liberty, and the Forester flag designs. The Continental Army once used a flag featuring a snake with the mantra "Don't Tread on Me."

• On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress proposed and passed the Flag Act of 1777. This resolution was designed to facilitate the creation of an official flag for a nation that was aiming to earn its independence from Great Britain. The flag was to have thirteen stripes, alternating red and white, with thirteen white stars on a blue field. The thirteen stars signified the original members of the Union.

• The American flag remained unchanged until 1795, when the stripes and stars were increased to 15 for the addition of Kentucky and Vermont to the Union.

• After seeing the new

15-star and striped flag flying over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the poem that would eventually become the nation's national anthem.

• A sea captain from Massachusetts named William Driver named a large, 10-foot-by-17-foot flag "Old Glory" after it survived multiple defacing attempts during the American Civil War. Driver's nickname of the flag inspired the name to be used for all American flags.

• Although Flag Day was established as a formal national holiday in 1949, it was not made a federal holiday. Flag Day is only an official holiday in the state of Pennsylvania. This may be fitting because legend holds that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag in Pennsylvania.

Today's flag features



the original 13 alternating white and red stripes (in 1818, another design went into effect, permanently setting the number of stripes at 13 in honor of the original colonies) and 50 stars to represent the states of the Union. The colors of the flag signify as follows: red for hardiness and val-

or, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice.

The Color Association of the United States creates the palette of colors used for both private and public institutions and the U.S. Army. Mass-market flag manufacturers tend to use Pantone Matching Shade of Dark Red (193 C) and Navy Blue (281 C). The American Flag has been a fixture of the United States for centuries and continues to serve as a symbol of pride, valor and history.

# Oh Say, Can You See?

On Sept.14, 1814, amateur poet and attorney Francis Scott Key watched members of the U.S. military raise the American flag over the British bombardment of Baltimore's Fort McHenry during the War of 1812.

He was inspired to capture the moment in verse. He penned "The Star-Spangled Banner" while he was detained on a ship by the British during the bombardment of the fort.

According to the Library of Congress, Key's song wasn't declared the official national anthem until 1931 during Woodrow Wilson's presidency. The song carried a strong sense of American pride long before it was officially recognized.

#### A FAMILIAR MELODY

While "The Star-Spangled Banner" represents great emotion, the melody was borrowed from a

song written by a group in London in the mid-1760s. The Anacreontic Society was a group of amateur musicians that hired a composer named John Stafford Smith to create music written for the group's president. The tune "To Anacreon in Heaven" was meant to give the society a song to showcase their amateur singers and an excellent vocal range for those more accomplished. Once the melody made its way to North America, it was borrowed to create the campaign song for John Adams' campaign. and meaningful relationship. It was Sept. 5, 1918, during the first game of the World Series between the Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs when the tradition of playing the song during sporting events began. The country was in the midst of World War I and Chicago suffered a bombing only a day earlier. The mood was somber.

During the seventh-inning stretch, the United States Navy band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" everyone sang along. The sense of much-needed unity was so powerful that baseball stadiums began incorporating the anthem as a part of the game.

#### HISTORY IN SPORTS

The anthem, flag and American sports have a long

# **Rules for Displaying the Flag**

The Flag Code is an intricate set of rules compiled by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the United States House of Representatives.

While there are no penalties in place for displaying the flag in ways that go against the rules; guidelines are in place to showcase the utmost respect for Old Glory.

To display the flag the way it is intended, follow these suggestions from the American Legion.

• Do not display the flag on days where weather is inclement unless you are using an all-weather flag. While most banners feature a resistant material, using one in questionable conditions can lead to early degradation.

• Display the flag at half-staff when the president or governor orders it. This is a way for the nation to unite and mourn the death of an important person or after a national tragedy. • Display the flag vertically when it is not positioned on a staff. Hang the banner so the blue union is uppermost and to the flag's own right (to the observer's left).

• Do not allow the flag to touch the ground. The Flag Code says the banners should not touch anything beneath it. While accidents may occur, the idea is that the historic symbol should be handled with care to protect it from becoming soiled or damaged.

• Do not fly the flag at night unless it is properly illuminated.

• Fold the flag in the shape of a triangle. When performed correctly, the blue union should be the only visible part of the flag.

The Legion also suggests that to honor the life of a fallen veteran or highly regarded state and national figures, draping a flag over the casket can be used as tribute.



# Where the Flag is Always Displayed

While proper etiquette discourages flying the flag 24 hours a day, presidential proclamations and laws do authorize it in certain places. Consider taking a vacation to see the locations deemed historic enough to constantly showcase Old Glory.

#### Fort McHenry National Monument And Historic Shrine — Baltimore

Presidential Proclamation No. 2795, July 2, 1948

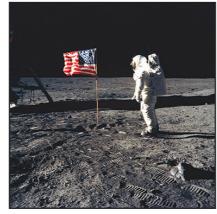
Visit the historic location where Francis Scott Key penned the standing verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the American flag raised in victory during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812. The staff still stands in the exact spot it did in 1814.

United States Marine Corps Memorial — Arlington, Virginia Presidential Proclamation No. 3418, June 12, 1961

The flag constantly flies at this emotional tribute to the men of the United States Marine Corps who have given their lives for their country since 1775. The memorial is a historic statue which captures the moment an American flag was raised after an intense battle for Mount Suribachi in Iwo Jima during World War II. **On the Green of the Town** 

of Lexington — Lexington, Massachusetts

Public Law 89-335, Nov. 8, 1965



This site was host to the opening shots of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, on April 19, 1775 -- the beginning of the Revolutionary War. The former battle grounds are now a public park where several memorials are featured. The White House — Washington D.C.

Presidential Proclamation

No. 4000, Sept. 4, 1970. In some countries, a flag will only fly over a president or monarch's residence to signify they are inside. In America, the banner flies 24 hours a day. The Moon — Outer Space In 2012,

NASA excitedly reported that all but one of the six American flags on the moon are still standing. Their stars and stripes have reportedly faded, but it marks the achievements of our country's astronauts who have ventured into space.



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# **Festive facts for July 4th**

((METRO) — Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate the birth of their nation and independence from Great Britain. This day marks the anniversary of the presentation and acceptance of the Declaration of Independence, signed 242 years ago on July 4, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence began as a letter to Britain's King George to explain why the Continental Congress was interested in declaring independence from Great Britain. The writing of the declaration began on July 2 and the final wording was established on July 4.

Independence Day is full of opportunities to celebrate and enjoy oneself. Parades, fireworks, parties, barbecues, and much more are part of the festivities.

Another way to commemorate Independence Day is to educate oneself about the many historical and entertaining facts that surround the day. The following are some interesting details about the origins of Independence Day and the celebrations that surround it.

 Although 56 people eventually signed the Declaration of Independence, only John Hancock signed the document on July 4, 1776. The rest added their names later on. John Hancock's signature is ornate and widely recognized. Putting your "John Hancock" on a document has become synonymous with the

process of signing something.

• The Declaration of Independence was adopted while the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Statehouse. That building is now known as Independence Hall.

• The average age of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest person to sign was Thomas Lynch, Jr., who was 27 when he signed the document. Benjamin Franklin, at age 70, was the oldest signee. • John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the only signees who went on to serve as presidents. Coincidentally, Jefferson and Adams both died on July 4, 1826, within hours of each other.

• Philadelphia is the birth place of much American history and is home to the Liberty Bell. Each Independence Day, the Liberty Bell is tapped (not rung, as the vibration would further damage the cracked bell) 13 times in honor of the original 13 American colonies.

 The original 13 American colonies were located all along the eastern seaboard. They include Virgina, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.

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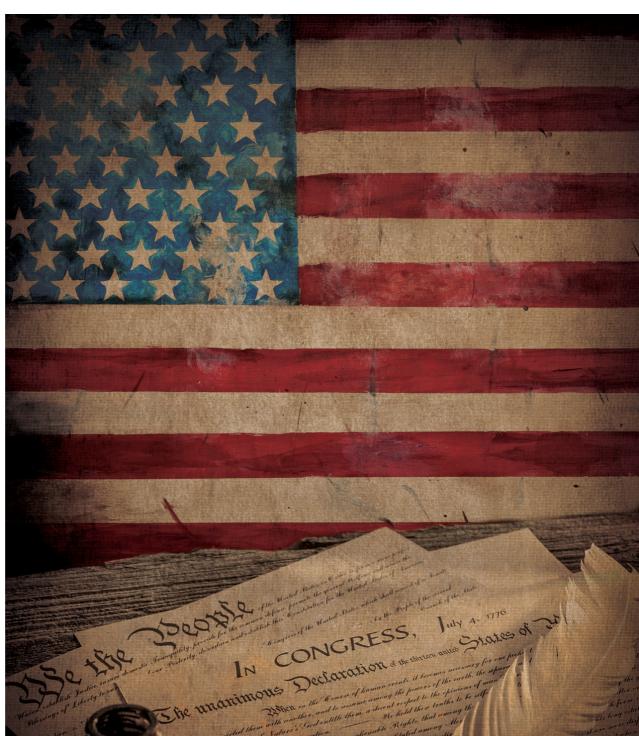
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• The stars on the original American flag were placed in a circle. This was so all of the colonies would be equally repre-House held its first Independence Day festivities in 1801. was gained in 1776, and the

• Benjamin Franklin proposed that the turkey be the national bird of the United States. However, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson overruled him, and the bald eagle became the national bird.

• The only copy of the engrossed and signed Declaration of Independence is in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Independence Day is a time for hot dogs, ice cream and, of course, revisiting America's history.



#### **PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN**

# Events through July 4th history

1776 - The amended Declaration of Independence, prepared by Thomas Jefferson, was approved and signed by John Hancock, the President of the Continental Congress in America.

1802 - The U.S. Military Academy officially opened at West Point, NY.

1803 - The Louisiana Purchase was announced in newspapers. The property was purchased, by the U.S. from France, was for \$15 million (or 3 cents an acre). The "Corps of Discovery," led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, began the exploration of the territory on May 14, 1804.

1817 - Construction began on the Erie Canal, to connect Lake Erie and the Hudson River.

1845 - American writer Henry David Thoreau began his two-year experiment in simple living at Walden Pond, near Concord, MA.

1848 - In Washington, DC, the cornerstone for the Washington Monument was laid. 1855 - The first edition of "Leaves of Grass," by Walt Whitman, was published in Brooklyn, NY.

1863 - The Confederate town of Vicksburg, MS, surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant.

1881 - Tuskegee Institute opened in Alabama.

1892 - The first double-decked street car service was inaugurated in San Diego, CA.

1901 - William H. Taft became the American governor of the Philippines. 1934 - At Mount Rushmore, George Washington's face was dedicated.

1939 - Lou Gehrig retired from major league baseball.

1957 - The U.S. Postal Service issued the 4¢ Flag stamp.

1959 - The 49-star U.S. flag became official.

1960 - The 50-star U.S. flag made its debut in Philadelphia, PA.

1966 - U.S. President Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act, which went into effect the following year.

1976 - The U.S. celebrated its Bicentennial.

1997 - The Mars Pathfinder, an unmanned spacecraft, landed on Mars. A rover named Sojourner was deployed to gather data about the surface of the planet.

2004 - In New York, the cornerstone of the Freedom Tower (One World Trade Center) was laid on the former World Trade Center site.

2005 - NASA's Deep Impact spacecraft took pictures as a space probe smashed into the Tempel 1 comet. The mission was aimed at learning more about comets that formed from the leftover buidling blocks of the solar system. The Deep Impact mission launched on January 12, 2005.

2009 - The Statue of Liberty's crown reopened to visitors. It had been closed to the public since 2001.



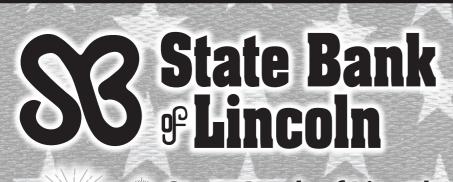
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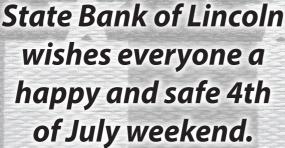
John Adams, a staunch supporter of American independence and a representative for Boston at the First Continental Congress, felt that, after America gained independence from Great Britain, July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate American Independence Day.

July 2nd was when the vote for independence took place. July 4, 1776 was when the Declaration of Independence was officially signed. Thereafter, Adams would reportedly decline invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. In an interesting turn of events, July 4th would prove significant to Adams in another way. Both Adams and Thomas Jefferson, another key figure in American history, died on July 4, 1826, which marked the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. 07032020









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