



Courtesy of Clinton High School Facebook and Woods Photography Studio

A teacher’s tribute to her students

Clinton High School agriculture teacher Lee Deal, as with other teachers, couldn’t be with her senior students during their final weeks before graduation because of the COVID-19 restrictions. To show them how much she missed them, Deal displayed on the high school’s Facebook page this FFA senior portrait shot by Woods Studio with a message thanking the students for helping her make it through her first two years as a teacher. “I can’t thank you enough for all the grace you showed me,” she posted. Deal’s entire post can be seen on the CHS Facebook page.

Local teens win ‘Money Smart Week’ essay contest

High school students living in DeWitt County or attending Clinton, DeLand-Weldon or Blue Ridge High Schools were eligible to enter the contest

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Money Smart Week committee has chosen the winners of the 2020 Money Smart Week Essay Contest. High school students living in DeWitt County or attending Clinton, DeLand Weldon or Blue Ridge High Schools were eligible to enter the contest. This year’s winners were Justyn West, 1st place, Peyton Moore, 2nd place and Phoenix Bieber, 3rd place. All three are students at Clinton High School.

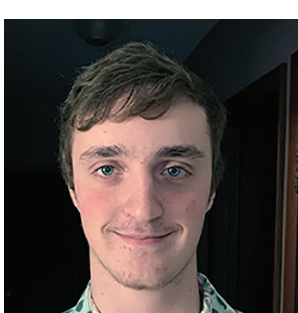
This year’s essay prompt was, “If an investor gave you \$25,000 to solve an economic issue in your community, what would you create to help solve the problem?” First National Bank & Trust of Clinton, IL coordinated the essay contest. The winning essays are available to view on First National’s website at [https://www.firstnbt.com/about-us/financial-](https://www.firstnbt.com/about-us/financial-literacy.html)

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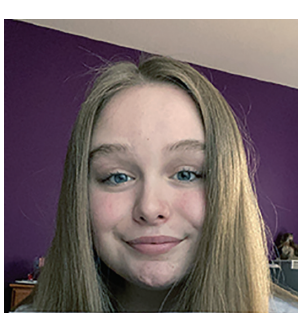
The Money Smart Teen Essay Contest is part of a national program sponsored by the Chicago Federal Reserve to provide free financial education to all through collaborations with local financial professionals. The goal is to produce communities of well-informed residents that can help support a healthy economy.

The DeWitt County Money Smart Week committee members include Connie Unruh, Chairperson, TS Institute; Matt Riley, TS Prosperity; Kim O’Donohue, Edward Jones; Rochelle Moore, Save Moore Tax & Accounting; Keith Wade, Country Financial; and Jessica Devore, Green Acres Real Estate.

“This year’s official Money Smart Week Campaign scheduled for April 4-11 was cancelled due to COVID-19, but we decided to continue with the essay contest since



Justyn West, 1st place



Peyton Moore, 2nd place



Phoenix Bieber, 3rd place

students were already submitting entries before the stay-at-home order was in place,” said Chairperson, Connie Unruh. “We are glad we kept the contest going because we received the most entries this year, to date, and we thought it would be something positive in the news during this time.”

Unruh is the Financial Literacy Coordinator at First National Bank and Trust that provides financial literacy training to students and adults. Unruh also added, “We are going through unprecedented times in which people need to put into practice their financial literacy skills,

choosing needs over wants.”

To learn more about Money Smart Week, visit <https://www.moneysmartweek.org/about>.

Courtesy of TS Banking

City aims Center Street project to start in 2020

Project scaled back to reduce cost with plan to complete later with local MFT funds

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CLINTON — The city likely will go ahead with the Center Street reconstruction project starting this year despite disappointing bidding results. Officials concluded that waiting to go through the state process again could delay the work as much as two years.

“This is our second round through the IDOT letting,” said Steve Lobb, public works director. “We redesigned the project at the council’s direction.”

Lobb said they redesigned the project to try to get better bids for the work.

“We do have prices better,” Lobb said. “This came in at \$1.25 million as opposed to our original bid that came in at \$1.5 million.”

He said the bid still was high. But, he said in both of the bidding processes, multiple bidders picked up bid packages for the project, but only one contractor, Illinois Valley Paving, submitted bids.

Lobb said if the council was not comfortable with accepting the single bid, commissioners had the option to reject it.

“But, if we reject the bid, that does create a whole host of issues,” he said. “We won’t be able to do the project this fiscal year; we would have to push it off to 2021. If we do push the project off to 2021, since we are using federal aid dollars to do this, there is no assurance that the project will make the queue in 2021.”

The city would have to go again through the bidding process.

“The money is the city’s allotted amount, but there is only so much each fiscal year that is put into what they call the ‘queue,’” Lobb added. “We would have to, basically, reapply.”

A possible postponement and reapplication could move the project past 2021 and into 2022.

“I’ve spoken to Tim (Followell), and we do have the available money in the infrastructure funds,” Lobb said. “That’s going to cut us tight, but

it is there, and all things considered, I feel it’s probably the best for the city at this point.”

He recommended the city place the bid on file. The city can officially concur with the bid, but IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) is the official agent awarding the contract for the work, Lobb said.

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Two local car dealers to host social distancing car cruise

Cruise through town set for Saturday night

CLINTON — With dining rooms closed and in-person interaction now limited, two Clinton dealerships will host a car cruise on Saturday, May 9 to offer community support and create a way for customers and residents to get out and about while social distancing due to COVID-19.

The cruise will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will include giveaways and category prizes. All vehicle makes and models are welcome. It is free to participate.

“I have seen different types of these cruises done in other towns and one of my favorite things to do as a kid was drive through The Gag, Steak N Shake and Dog N Suds,” Randy Anderson, owner of Anderson Ford, said. “I was trying to think of a way to start something in Clinton that would be fun for families as well as people who own custom cars. I just want everyone to come out, drive around and have fun.”

To be eligible for prizes, participants must check in at both dealerships prior to 7:15 p.m. Winners will be selected by 7:30 p.m. Categories include: Best Wheels, Best Paint, Best Sound, Baddest Truck, Best of Cruise – Car, Best of Cruise – Truck, Best Family Theme and Best Sports Theme. Participants are encouraged to get creative with the theme categories.

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“A question that comes to everyone’s mind, including mine, is why does this bid continue to come in high,” Lobb told commissioners.

He said is department has consulted with city and IDOT officials and with contractors about it.

“There is no explanation,” he said. “But, we have gone through the process twice, and I think the number seems to be what it’s going to be.”

Lobb said going ahead with the project now seemed to make the most sense.

Some asphalt resurfacing was removed from the project to reduce its cost, so going ahead with the project this year would not achieve everything the city wanted. However, Lobb added, later in the year or in 2021, the city could use local Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds to do that resurfacing.

Lobb said all of the concrete work needed to be completed first anyway before any asphalt work could start.

“We need to get the job done, so we can get this one behind us and move on.”

In additional business, commissioner Ken Buchanan urged the public to use caution when flushing items down their toilets. With an apparent shortage of toilet paper, some substitutes not intended to be flushed have plugged at least one sewer main in town and cause problems with a city sewage lift station.

“Please, don’t flush anything down that’s not supposed to be flushed,” Buchanan said.

Reappointments
The council reappointed the following city officials

for one-year terms: Steve Myers, city attorney; Cheryl Van Valey, city clerk; Clint Lichtenwalter, city treasurer; Tom Edmunds, budget officer, and Steve Lobb, public works director.

Audit
The council approved \$30,000 for the city’s financial audit and \$4,025 for its A-133 audit to Floyd & Associates and \$2,600 for its fiscal year 2020 TIF funds audit.
An A-133 audit ensures the city is in compliance with regulations for any federal money it receives.

Curbside pick-up now available at Vespasian Warner Public Library

CLINTON — The Vespasian Warner Public Library District, in Clinton, announced this week curbside pickup is now available for its patrons.

While the library building remains closed to the public until May 31, the community is encouraged to order and pick up library items using the new curbside pickup service.

All orders must be placed in advance at www.vwarner.org/curbside-order or by calling the library at 217-935-5174. Books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, Blu-Rays, magazines, and videogames can be ordered through curbside pickup.

Requests for specific

items can be made, but they may not be available during this time. The library staff is happy to select items based on general preferences. Book bundles for kids are also available and feature five or six books and activity sheet matching a requested subject. Library staff requests that families place orders together with a limit of 10 items per person.

Once an order is placed, a library staff member will call to schedule a pickup window. Every effort will be made to fulfill orders within 72 hours. Curbside pickup is available on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-noon and 5 —7 p.m. and Saturdays from noon-3 p.m..

Pickups can be made by

pulling up near the front door of the library during the scheduled pickup time. Patrons will be asked to call the library upon arrival or before leaving home and should not exit their vehicle at any time.

Library staff will bring the items out to the vehicle and place them in the trunk or through the back passenger window. Walkers and bikers can also use pickup and should contact the library for details.

Returns can be made in the parking lot book drop during the curbside hours above and on Tuesdays from noon-7 p.m. Patrons should return all previous items before picking up new items.

For those not using curbside pickup, due

dates will continue to be extended until the library is open to the public again. All returned items will be quarantined for three days before being checked in.

Note that patrons must have an active Vespasian Warner Public Library card in good standing to participate in curbside pickup. Temporary library cards are available to residents who live in the district by applying at www.vwarner.org/temporary-card.

Other digital and remote resources also will be available during this time including the digital library, 24/7 Wi-Fi, virtual storytimes, seed library by mail, curbside notary, and digital archive access.

Frying is hot stuff

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. This should be my last article regarding cooking oils.

There are various ways for testing how hot the oil is. Some people put a pinch of flour into it to observe how it reacts. It immediately fizzes and bubbles, but the trick is to notice how quickly the flour browns. This takes practice for getting it right. In some cases, especially if you are cooking for someone with gluten intolerance, you do not want to get into this habit. I have even seen a culinary instructor place his hand above the oil to feel the heat rising. That is far from telling you the temperature and can be most dangerous. In a busy kitchen, you could easily



The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss

get bumped and in goes your hand.

There are a few ways I test the oil. If the oil is shallow as in a pan, I prefer to float the oil. To do this, you tilt the frypan or skillet slowly from side to side. If the oil undulations (makes waves or ripples) then it is in the range of 300°F to 350°F. If I am testing oil for deep frying, then the oil is deep enough to stick a long stim thermometer in. If I need to check the heat for a thin film of oil or for a dry skillet, I use an infrared thermometer device. The infrared thermometer is great. Hold it like a

pistol, aim it, and pull the trigger. You get an instant and accurate readout. I love it. That is a part of technology that I do like.

Deep frying exists where pan frying fails. With deep frying, it is quick and usually for large quantities and repetitive frying. While the baskets are in, other baskets are being filled and ready to go. The food is instantly submersed. The hot oil starts cooking the food on all sides at once. Pan frying does not allow for this. The disadvantage in deep frying is the need to clean the wire baskets and changing the oil. I hate that.

With pan frying, it is best to use an electric skillet so the temperature can be easily regulated. It is also good to have a wire mesh platform in the oil on

which the food can rest. In that way, the crumbs and food particles from the previous batch will not affect succeeding batches. All fried foods need to drain on paper towels or at least on wire racks seated in sheet pans.

I will now list the oils with the highest smoking point that are commonly found in grocery stores. This information is taken from “The Professional Chef” by The Culinary Institute of America. Safflower oil 510°F, rice bran oil 490°F, peanut oil 450°F, vegetable and canola oils 400°F and lard 370°F. My favorite is clarified butter which can reach 450°F but generally not found in grocery stores. You can easily make it yourself.

Until next time, peace to all.

Local Restaurants Carry Out & Delivery

Country Store.
DeWitt, now open seven-days-a-week from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. with curbside and carry-out available.

Coffee Corner.
Clinton, has the drive-thru open Monday-Wednesday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.. Bakery items and drinks are available. Call ahead for food orders: 217-570-0773.
Wishbone Bar & Grill, Clinton, is offering curbside pick up or delivery from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday-Sunday. 217-935-8800.

East End Grill.
Clinton, has carry out and free delivery Tuesday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 217-570-0109.

Snappers Bar And Grill, Clinton, is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Delivery and carryout are available.

Subway.
Clinton: Carryout and online ordering is available. New temporary hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ted’s Garage - An
American Classic Grill, Clinton, is open for carry out and delivery. 217-935-8008 or 217-735-0612 or 217-735-0290.

Underdogs,
Wapella, is offering free delivery to Clinton, DeWitt, Wapella, Heyworth and Waynesville. Free meals for seniors and kids in the local community. 217-570-0414.

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kpyne@theclintonjournal.com or call our office at 935-3171. We will share as a community service.

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Giveaways will include gift certificates to local restaurants, and will be distributed randomly. Free kids’ goodie bags will also be available.

The cruise is simply a drive through town, beginning at Mr. Lincoln’s Square, entering and exiting on the west side. Participants will then take Grant Street to Van Buren Street, visit Anderson Ford at 1001 West Rt. 10, and then Baum Chevrolet Buick at 810 West Van Buren St. To close the loop, participants will travel back to the Square, repeating the route as many times as they like. Residents living nearby are encouraged to view the cars and trucks anywhere

on the route, so long as social distancing is respected.

“We know it has been a challenge for everyone to follow stay-at-home directives when previously, lifestyles were very active,” Scott Baum, owner of Baum Chevrolet Buick, said. “We think this is a creative way to enjoy the fresh air while following social distancing recommendations.”

A route map, as well as more information, is available on both the Anderson Ford and Baum Chevrolet Buick Facebook pages. Questions can be directed to Randy Anderson at 309-838-4125.

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NEWS

Are we bored yet?

Being bored isn't good, especially for seniors. We need to keep our brain cells active, even if we can't get out of the house for any mental stimulation due to the coronavirus. And we need to find ways to move each day, even if it's just for 10 minutes at a time, to keep our muscles strong.

Look at YouTube.com for mild in-place exercises for seniors. Go online to find a kids' basketball hoop and soft ball you can hang over the door. Look for a dartboard with magnetic darts. If you have an old Nintendo Wii console, hook it up and get some exercise with the bowling and tennis.

If you have an indoor hobby, call your closest store and ask if they have curbside pickup or can mail supplies to you. Put "online craft tutorials" in your internet browser for new ideas. Tune up your guitar and order new strings. Find your old piano books if you have a piano.

To keep your brain stretched, if you get a newspaper, do the puzzles, even the ones you normally don't try. Go online for other puzzles you can print out or complete online.

Go to puzzles.usatoday.com for a wide variety of online games. With the crossword puzzles you can choose your skill level (hints versus no hints). Use your keyboard to type in each letter. Try jigsaw puzzles, spelling games, backgammon (play against an opponent or the computer) or mahjong. Also look at Boatload Puzzles (www.boatloadpuzzles.com) for 40,000 crossword puzzles. For real brain stretchers look to Merriam-Webster (www.merriam-webster.com/word-games) or AARP (games.aarp.org). For short-term memory games, look at BrainCurls.com.

Meanwhile, here's a puzzle for you. What is the next letter in this sequence? O T T F F S S _
The answer will be at the end of my next column.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Larry R. Florey

CLINTON — Larry R. Florey, 76, of Clinton, passed away at 4:15 p.m. on May 1, 2020, at his family residence, Clinton.

Private services were conducted on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with his son, David Florey officiating. Burial with military honors followed at Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton.

Memorials may be directed to the Pitbull Rescue, Clinton.

Larry was born February 6, 1944 in Decatur, IL the son of Raymond Udell and Donna Jean (VanCamp) Florey. He married Donna S. Dearing in 1966 in Decatur, IL. He later married Pam Parker in 1982 in Clinton, IL.

Survivors include his children, David (Miranda) Florey, Pontiac, Ill.; Luke



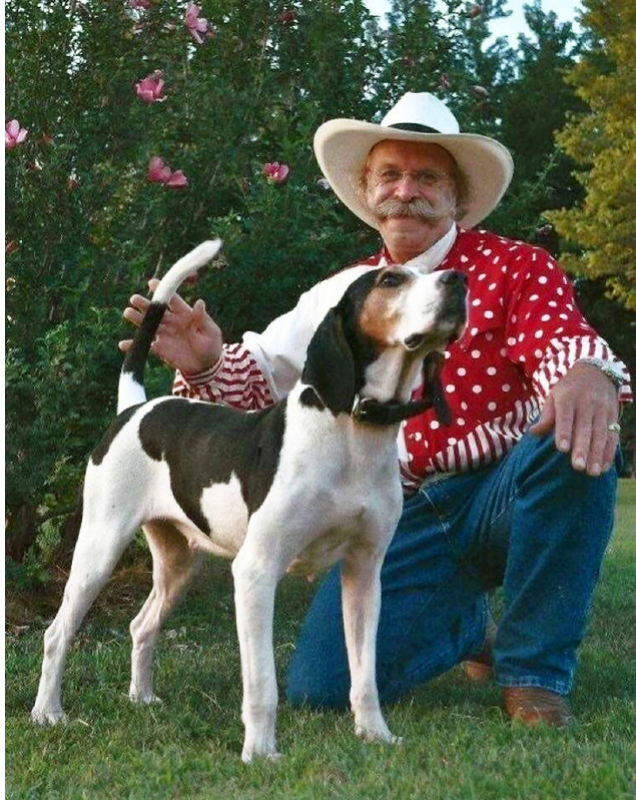
(Brandi) Florey, Newton, Ill.; and Debra (John) Groves, Clinton; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; half-sister, Sandy and half-brother, Sidney

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Charles M. Mills, and half-brother, Gary Florey.

Larry was an operating engineer for 37 years, retiring in 2002. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Steven M. Kinney



KENNEY — Steven M. Kinney, 62, of Kenney, passed away at 4:20 p.m. on April 29, 2020, at his family residence, Kenney.

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

Memorials may be directed to Dewitt County animal shelter.

Steven was born on October 8, 1957, in Maquoketa, Iowa, the son of Edward and Agnes (Grubich) Kinney. He married Cindy Dhooge on May 28, 1977, at St Anne's Church, in Long Grove, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Kinney, daughter,

Melanie Kinney, Clinton; granddaughter, Stephanie Kinney, Marion, La.; siblings Barb (Chuck) Easton, Davenport, Iowa; Loreen (Ted) Peska, DeWitt, Iowa; Janet (Ron) Goldensoph, DeWitt, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Charles Kinney.

Steven was of the Catholic faith. He farmed and was an avid hunter. Steven enjoyed restoring John Deere tractors and loved playing cards, especially Black Jack.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Don Rex Miller

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. — Don Rex Miller, 93, of Ormond Beach, Fla., passed away at 1:28 a.m. on April 28, 2020, at Opis Coquina Center, Ormond Beach.

Private graveside services will be conducted at Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton, with Rev. C. Don Ferrill officiating. Military honors will follow. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton,

with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Don Rex Miller memorial fund.

Don was born on January 19, 1927, in Lane, Ill., the son of Percy and Winnie Beatrice (Brown) Miller.

Survivors include his children, along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

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James E. Staton

CLINTON — James E. Staton, 75, of Clinton, passed away at 9:30 a.m. on May 2, 2020, at Amita Health Adventist Medical Center, LaGrange, Ill.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton, with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. Calvert Funeral Home,

Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to DeWitt County animal shelter.

James was born on September 24, 1944, in Midland City, the son of William Alfred and Evelyn Marie (Dyer) Staton.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Connie D. Hantla

CLINTON — Connie D. Hantla, 84, of Clinton, passed away at 3:53 p.m. on May 1, 2020, at Advocate Bro Menn Regional Medical Center, Normal, not related to COVID-19.

Private family viewing will be held at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton.

Graveside services will be conducted at a later date at Texas Township Cemetery, Clinton, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Connie was born on September 20, 1935, in Bloomington, the daughter of Walter and Lena (Mott) Sprague. She married Robert E. Hantla on April 6, 1962, in Petersburg, Ill. He passed away on December 11, 1993.

Survivors include her children, Barbara Wright, The Colony, Texas; and Mark Hantla, Beason, Ill.; sister, Katie (Jerry) Whitehead, Clinton; two grandchildren: Ashlyn Wright, The Colony, Texas; and Mason Wright, Lewisville, Texas; one great-grandchild, Eden Wright, Lewisville, Texas.




Connie was preceded in death by her parents, brother, William Raymond Sprague, infant son to Lena and Walter.


Connie was a member of the First Christian Church, Clinton, where she served for many years in the food bank. She worked at Clinton Junior High School and the Dr. John Warner Hospital in the dietary department for many years.

Connie helped so many friends and family, as she was a caregiver at heart. Her laughter, her great sense of humor, and infectious smile will be greatly missed. She was well taken care of by her son, Mark, sweet friend, Laurie Burk, and niece, Stacy Meyer.


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1915 - H.P. Whitney's Regret became the first filly to win the Kentucky Derby.

1919 - The U.S. Navy's first transatlantic flight took off with three Curtiss NC flying boats.

1921 - Sweden abolished capital punishment.

1933 - Gandhi began a hunger strike to protest British oppression in India.

1939 - Clay Puett's electric starting gate was used for the first time.

1943 - The Germans suppressed a revolt by Polish Jews and destroyed the Warsaw Ghetto.

1945 - U.S. President Harry Truman announced that World War II had ended in Europe.

1954 - Parry O'Brien became the first to toss a shot put over 60 feet. O'Brien achieved a distance of 60 feet 5 1/4 inches.

1956 - Alfred E. Neuman appeared on the cover of "Mad Magazine" for the first time.

1958 - U.S. President Eisenhower ordered the National Guard out of Little Rock as Ernest Green became the first black to graduate from an Arkansas public school.

1959 - Mike and Marian Ilitch founded "Little Caesars Pizza Treat".

1960 - Diplomatic relations between Cuba and the Soviet Union resumed.

1961 - New Yorkers selected a new name for their new National League baseball franchise. They chose the Mets.

1970 - Construction workers broke up an anti-war protest on New York City's Wall Street.

1973 - Militant American Indians who had held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered.

1984 - The Soviet Union announced that they would not participate in the 1984 Summer Olympics Games in Los Angeles.

1984 - Joanie (Erin Moran) and Chachi (Scott Baio) got married on ABC-TV's "Happy Days."

1985 - "New Coke" was released to the public on the 99th anniversary of Coca-Cola.

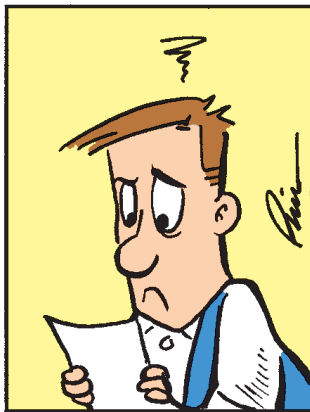
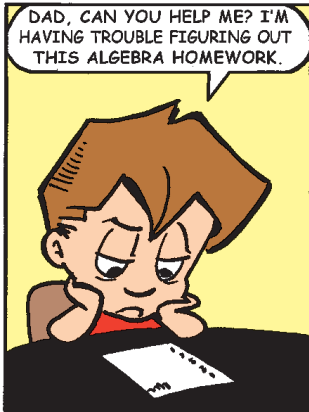
1986 - Reporters were told that 84,000 people had been evacuated from areas near the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Soviet Ukraine.

1997 - Larry King received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1998 - A pipe burst leaving a million residents without water in Malaysia's capital area. This added to four days of shortages that 2 million already faced.

1999 - The first female cadet graduated from The Citadel military college.

Amber Waves



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After COVID

ON POINT

RICHARD KORITZ

COVID will eventually end and then we will have to find a new normal.

COVID for my family has mostly been a mild damper on family life. My wife and I are mostly retired and on a pension and social security. The kids are at home, just like school summer vacation. We live in rural DeWitt County with no close neighbors. We cannot eat out, go to church or events. We wear a facial mask when we go to town, but there is no need for one where we live. Many have lost their jobs and live in crowded situations. Each family is different. So what happens to DeWitt County and the country at large? No one really knows, but here are some thoughts.

Retail has been trending away from brick and mortar stores and going on line. COVID has hastened that trend. Look for several retailers to close, which means the loss of jobs for employees.

Customer service has gone from large office buildings to on-line from home for the business. State Farm essentially stripped their offices of personnel and sent them home with computers. If State Farm determines that they can save money by not having a massive labor force in large buildings, the work from home model may become the normal. That would mean fewer people going out to lunch and making quick purchases over the lunch hour. That would mean less gasoline being used and less employees in food services. That at home work force could become very impersonal. While some may thrive in that environment, many will fail and that will also impact the labor market.

Medical appointments are now being conducted via Zoom and Skype. So much for a personal relationship with your doctor. Video meetings are a great backup methodology when needed, but how many of us want to have an exam over the internet. Now the plus side is that the doctor cannot do a digital exam by video and that may have some merit. If insurance companies and the government believe they can save money by going on the internet, this type of medicine may well be the normal practice within a short time.

The courtroom will change. Video conferences have been available in many counties to set bond on inmates

newly arriving at the jail. It is quick and efficient and maintains security. That video conference has now been expanded. The U. S. Supreme Court this week conducted its first live video oral arguments. It seems to have worked rather well. Locally, I have had Zoom hearings on Thursdays with court cases in Lincoln. It is stressful and difficult, if not impossible, to have a private conversation with your client who is 20 miles away. Video conferencing has helped in the current environment, but will need much more improvement before it replaces the in person hearing.

The family home is also changing. The family has no where to go with the shelter at home situation. This has resulted in families actually having meals together and talking to each other. Yes, the smart phones are still in your children's hands, but they can be required to put them down during dinner. Cabin fever can be a problem during shelter in place, but the aspect of truly having a conversation with your family is a decided plus.

Travel is a great unknown. Many will want to travel when COVID ends. However, many will be concerned about their health with more people about. My thoughts are that travel will be greatly diminished. The public simply will not want to take the risks for some significant period of time.

Restaurants and sporting events are similar to travel. People will want to go back to their old normal, but they will also factor in new risk factors of being in groups until COVID is eradicated. The public's hesitancy to return to restaurants and sporting arenas will again slow the economy.

Taxes are an ever present concern of the public. Yes, we got our \$1,200.00 stimulus check and it was tax free. Sounds great, but the state and federal governments have spent trillions of dollars on COVID. That money has to be repaid

somehow. Historically that means a tax increase is coming down the pike. We are seeing cities and counties all around us looking at their budgets and determining what expenditures they can reduce. The situation will be difficult for local governments and schools.

Lastly, we need to concern ourselves with constitutional rights. Disasters and emergencies call for quick and centralized responses. Someone has to take control and run the show. It is a traditional military model of governance. The public acknowledges that and accepts it during the emergency. The issue with COVID is will the government (federal, state and local) cease to exercise this massive control when the emergency passes or have we acquiesced to big government as the new norm. This is the concern that the public truly needs to watch.



by Freddy Groves

VA's Emergency Preparedness

Did you know the Department of Veterans Affairs has a disaster preparedness team? They do, and it's called the Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System (DEMPS).

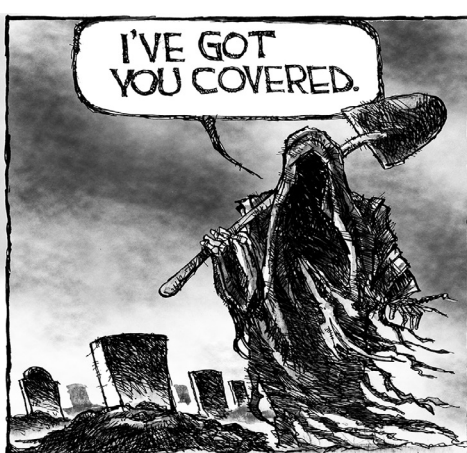
Part of DEMPS is the National Emergency Medical Response Teams: medical and nonmedical volunteers on call for two months at a time who are able to deploy within 48 hours after either the VA requests help or there is a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Whether it's a flood, earthquake or other natural disaster, once a Presidential Declaration is issued the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) jump in. That's when the VA's DEMPS programs can be activated.

The VA isn't just helping veterans during this coronavirus crisis. Per its fourth mission (to support the country in emergencies), the VA started up its 3D printing network to test designs of medical equipment. Along with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), it's creating 3D prototypes of face shields, masks and ventilators.

Additionally, at the request of FEMA, the VA has made 1,500 beds available across the country for non-veterans who need acute and intensive care. In some places it's sent additional medical staff to state veterans homes, given clinical support to the homeless, loaned a pharmacy trailer to a medical center and built a hospital with 1,000 beds. As of this writing, DEMPS has moved into Louisiana to help with the explosion of coronavirus cases, and the VA is seeking medical professionals to help with intensive care units as well as biomedical technicians with ventilator experience.

If you have a nonessential medical need, call your VA facility and talk to them. You might decide to postpone your visit for a little while. Or perhaps you can be seen via Telehealth, either on your tablet or computer.

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CHURCHES

‘Shelter-in-place’ Church Services

Assembly of God

On Facebook, YouTube and the church’s Web site.

Clinton Church of Christ

The church has suspended its services until further notice. Church members are encouraged to pursue worship and study at home and regularly check the church’s Facebook page.

Clinton Church of God

Online services and Bible study are currently under way for the church on its Facebook page. Online tithing also is available.

Clinton Presbyterian Church
Virtual worship via Facebook

Clinton United Methodist Church
Livestream

First Baptist Church
Facebook Live will be used to broadcast services.

First Christian Church
Facebook Live

First Church of the Nazarene
Facebook Live streaming.

Kenney Christian Church
Services via conference call

Lane Christian Church
Video services on YouTube, Facebook COVID devotionals.

Lifebridges Church
Facebook Live

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
All Masses and all fish fry and other events are canceled until further notice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Facebook Live

Texas Christian Church
Video sermons posted on Facebook

Wapella Christian Church
Facebook Live

Waynesville United Methodist Church
Facebook Live

This might not be a complete list of current church online activities. For details about online or other services, call your church. Telephone numbers are listed below.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Samuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Whose hairs were grown like eagles’ feathers, and his nails like birds’ claws? *Daniel, Matthew, Luke, Nebuchadnezzar*
3. “All things are possible to him that believeth” is from what book’s 9:23? *Psalms, Malachi, Mark, Ephesians*
4. Jesus most-often referred to Himself as? *Son of Man, Lamb of God, Bread of Life, Son of God*
5. From Judges 14, who called his wife a heifer? *Saul, Elijah, Samson, Peter*
6. What was the Hebrew name of Paul? *Simon Peter, Andrew, Haggai, Saul*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Nebuchadnezzar; 3) Mark; 4) Son of Man (about 81 times); 5) Samson; 6) Saul.

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First Church of the Nazarene

We are happy to announce that our service on Sundays can be seen on our Facebook page - Clinton First Church of the Nazarene - at 10:30 a.m. We will be using Facebook Live so that you can enjoy the service in your home.

We will have a food distribution on Wednesday, May 13. Sign in will begin at 5 p.m. Food distribution will begin at 5:30 p.m. We will follow guidelines for social-distancing during the distribution.

Please make advanced reservations by calling the church at (217) 935-9516, leaving your name and phone number on the answering machine if necessary. This will help us know how many people to prepare for and allow us to preregister you.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

JAMES 1:27

"Mothers" by Kathe Kollwitz (1919)

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

MATTHEW 23:12

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

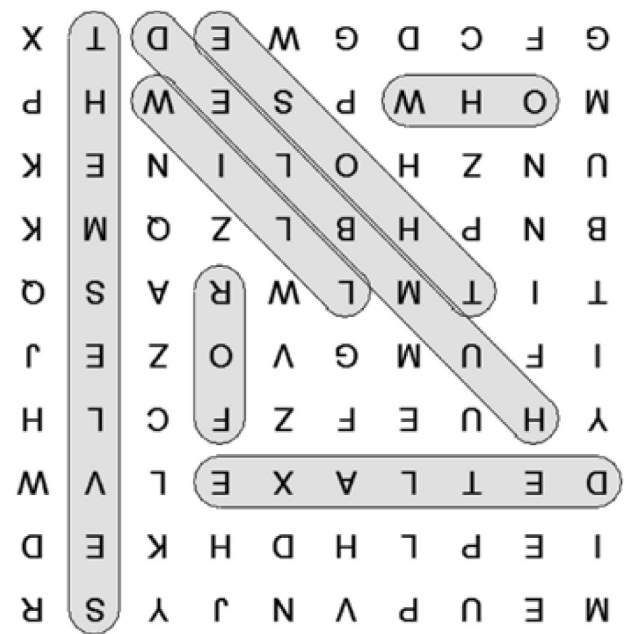
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Answers

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
Clinton CofC.com
9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study
10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
6 p.m.-Sunday worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

Clinton Church of God

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

Clinton Presbyterian Church

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

group meets twice a month.

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Clinton United Methodist Church

308 E. Main Street
Rev. Darrell Howard, pastor
(217) 935-5869
Email
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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
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)
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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-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: 1-5 p.m., Tues.-Thurs.

Father Jeff Stirniman, administrator
9:30 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

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Wapellacc.com
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10 a.m.-worship
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Waynesville United Methodist Church

202 S. Isham Street
P.O. Box 70, Waynesville 61778
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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

Games people play



Check out the crossword every Friday in the Clinton Journal.

NEWS

Health care advocates: Legal lifting of stay-at-home order would be ‘devastating’

Rebecca Anzel
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The novel coronavirus pandemic’s historic impact on Illinois warrants Gov. JB Pritzker’s stay-at-home order, four state

health care advocacy organizations argue in a court filing.

That restriction, in place with modifications since March 21, prevented the accelerated spreading of COVID-19, health care facilities from using

up stores of personal protective gear, hospitals from running out of beds and the short-staffing of personnel, attorneys for the organizations wrote.

At each step of the lawsuit filed by Xenia Republican Rep. Darren

Bailey challenging Pritzker’s authority to issue successive 30-day disaster proclamations, the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, Illinois State Medical Society, Illinois Society for Advanced Practice

Nursing and the state’s chapter of the American Nurses Association have submitted their argument in support of the governor.

The novel coronavirus is not restricted to any one region of the state nor does it adhere to the 30-day timeline the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act references, the groups wrote.

Dr. Michael Wahl, medical director of the Health and Hospital Association, testified that without the stay-at-home order, the financial cost and public burden of COVID-19 would have been “catastrophic.”

Wahl is also an emergency medicine physician at hospitals in suburban Chicago.

And the impact of lifting the stay-at-home order, according to the filing, “cannot be overstated: There will be a resurgence of the virus that will have devastating, widespread, and long-lasting effects” once Illinois’ hospitals are overrun with cases.

Hospitals, assisted living facilities and other health care centers would be unable to restock gowns,

gloves, masks and other personal protective gear “at a time when the ability to rapidly replenish such supplies is unavailable,” according to the court filing.

As Bailey’s case moves back to the Clay County Circuit Court, the advocacy organizations warn in the document that residents in that area would be “heavily impacted by any surge in cases” there.

The only hospital in the county has no intensive care unit beds, needed if the condition of a patient with COVID-19 worsens. That hospital also has only 20 beds available for residents, according to the court filing.

The groups’ argument also applies to a related lawsuit filed by Machesney Park Republican Rep. John Cabello. His case also alleges Pritzker overstepped his authority in ordering Illinoisans to stay at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Its outcome is applicable to all Illinoisans, whereas Bailey’s lawsuit applies only to himself.



Courtesy of the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

Maier receives sheriff's scholarship

The 2020 DeWitt County Sheriff's Office Scholarship Recipient is Elizabeth Maier. Sheriff Mike Walker presents Maier with the scholarship at the sheriff's office.

Weldon native to graduate from Iowa State University

AMES, Iowa — Andrew Larson, of Weldon, will graduate with a bachelor of science degree from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS), majoring in forestry.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and the university’s commitment to prioritize health and safety, spring

commencement has moved to a virtual format. While graduation may look a little different in this format, there are still opportunities for students to celebrate their achievement with their family, friends and supporters.

On May 8, the College of Agriculture and Life

Sciences will host a virtual convocation at 9 a.m. central time. The event will provide individual recognition for graduating seniors and will feature a series of videos hosted on the college Facebook page or at www.cals.iastate.edu/convocation where the virtual celebration will be archived for future

viewing.

In addition, Iowa State University’s Spring 2020 virtual commencement ceremonies for undergraduates, graduates, and veterinary medicine students will be available on-demand beginning 10 a.m. central time.



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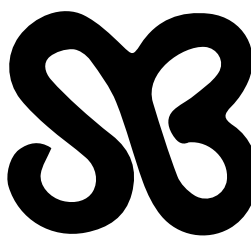


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Weather History

May 8

- 1988: Severe thunderstorms moved across northern and central Illinois. Winds gusted to 81 mph in Rockford, 75 mph in Pontiac, over 80 mph east of Springfield, and over 70 mph east of Peoria. Damage was reported to dozens of trees and power lines down. \$1.5 million damage occurred to buildings in East Peoria, with \$1 million damage in Greene County.
- 1996: Slow moving thunderstorms dumped several inches of rain over a large part of central and eastern Illinois. In Sangamon County, Up to 600 homes were affected by flooding, although most damage was minor. At Springfield's Capital Airport, the rain total of 3.54 inches was a record for the date, and was the 2nd highest total on record for a single day during May. The storms were also responsible for an 80 mph wind gust which caused damage near Loami and Glenarm, in southern Sangamon County. In Lawrence County of southeast Illinois, nearly the entire town of Birds was evacuated due to flood waters.

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Baja

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STAYING SAFE

During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Grocery stores remain open as most of America is shut down. That doesn't mean a trip to the grocery store should be used as a pleasure trip. Social distancing still applies. Since coronavirus is most commonly transferred through other people, it's important to plan your trip at a time when the grocery is not crowded. Here are some tips to minimize the transfer of germs.

UTILIZE GROCERY DELIVERY or curbside service because this provides the least amount of contact with other people. If that service is not available, plan ahead and make a list. Know what you are going to buy before you get there. The less time you spend browsing, the better. Your biggest risk is the time you spend in the grocery store around potentially contagious people.

BRING YOUR OWN antibacterial wipes for your grocery cart in case the store is out. Wipe the handle generously and throw the wipe away.

ONLY TOUCH the food and items in the store that you plan to purchase.

DO NOT TOUCH your face during the shopping trip. Remember, once you start touching items in the store your hands are dirty. Studies have shown that the virus can live on cardboard, plastic and metal surfaces for a limited time.

DO NOT REST your hand on the deli counter or check-out counter.

STAY 6 FEET AWAY from other people. Avoid crowded aisles.

USE SELF CHECKOUT if it is available. Wipe the screen with an antibacterial wipe first. The least amount of contact with other people, including workers, the better.

DO NOT PICK UP magazines to read while standing in line. That is not only for your benefit, but for the benefit of people that come after you.

WHEN YOU GET HOME, wash your hands thoroughly.



PLACE YOUR BAGS on the floor.

WIPE YOUR COUNTER with disinfectant.

AS YOU REMOVE ITEMS from the bags, wipe boxes, cans, plastic with antibacterial wipes and place them on a clean counter. Do not get the disinfectant on food, like produce.

RINSE PRODUCE under clean water. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, consumers should not wash fruits and vegetables with detergent or soap. These products are not approved or labeled by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use on foods. You could ingest residues from soap or detergent absorbed on the produce.

REMEMBER TO WIPE your phone, wallet, purse, credit card or anything else you handled in the grocery store.

WASH YOUR HANDS again with soap and water for 20 seconds.

Cleaning HOT SPOTS In Your Home

It is unreasonable to expect everyone to fully disinfect their home and car each day, instead, experts recommend focusing your efforts on high-touch areas.

Why? High-touch areas pose a higher risk of transmission since they're the ones that you're most likely to have contact with immediately before touching your face, or that you're likely to touch after you've coughed or sneezed but before you're able to wash your hands.



- Doorknobs and handles
- Handles on furniture and appliances
- Tables, desks and hard-backed chairs
- Light switches
- Faucets and sinks
- Toilet flusher
- Toiletries and makeup
- Hand and dish towels
- Handbags, tote bags, laptop bags, etc
- Steering wheels

- Phones
- Television or game system remote controllers

High-touch areas should be cleaned and disinfected regularly with a product appropriate for the material or surface type that is included on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) list of disinfectants for Use against SARS-CoV-2.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUTH E. SPRAGUE, DECEASED

NO. 2020-P-11

CLAIM DATE

NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on April 13, 2020 to Norma Jean Nichols, 324 North Oak Street, Maroa, Illinois 61756 and Janice P. Sprague, 5284 Hoover Road, Clinton, Illinois 61727 as Independent Co-Executors. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the DeWitt County Circuit Clerk, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Representative, or both, on or before October 13, 2020. 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 16th day of April, 2020.

Norma Jean Nichols and Janice P. Sprague, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Ruth E. Sprague, Deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH
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Legal 18903
April 24, 2020
May 1 and 8, 2020

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN M. KOSHINSKI, DECEASED

NO. 2020-P-13

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on the

20th day of April, 2020 to Loretta M. Rogers, 502 N. Mulberry Street, 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 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 21, 2020. 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 filed 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 23rd day of April, 2020

Loretta M. Rogers, independent executor of the estate of Helen M. Koshinski, Dec.

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May 1, 8 and 15, 2020

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

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{SEAL}

Dated: Friday, April 17, 2020

No. 2020-122

Dana Smith/sw
COUNTY CLERK

Legal 18906
May 1, 8 and 15, 2020

LEGAL

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

Estate of:
Wilma I. Mestinsek
Deceased.
CASE NO. 2020-P-14

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Wilma I. Mestinsek, of 815 W. South St., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on April 22, 2020, to Brian Lee Jones, Independent Executor, 823 E. Julia St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 1, 2020, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in the Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2020.

Kevin Hammer
Attorney for the Estate of Wilma I. Mestinsek
219 East Main Street
Clinton, IL 61727
217/935-7063

Dated this 27th day of April, 2020.

Kevin Hammer
Attorney for the Estate of Wilma I. Mestinsek
219 East Main Street
Clinton, IL 61727
217/935-7063

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May 1, 8 and 15, 2020

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

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LEGAL

F20030020 FRDM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY—CLINTON, ILLINOIS
Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff,
vs.
Wesley L. Ramey aka Wesley Ramey; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Defendants.
CASE NO. 20 CH 14
400 Paris Street
DeWitt, Illinois 61735
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Wesley L. Ramey aka Wesley Ramey, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you 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: BLOCK 7 IN ROB-BIN? ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF MARION, NOW VILLAGE OF DEWITT, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
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commonly known as 400 Paris Street, DeWitt, Illinois 61735, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Wesley L. Ramey and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 250000 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. NOW THEREFORE, 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 June 8, 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg
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Legal 18910
May 8, 2020

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

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LEGAL

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF

SAVANNAH SUE HOPKINS

DECEASED

No. 2020-P-15

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given of the death of **SAVANNAH SUE HOPKINS**, who died on February 25, 2020, a resident of Clinton.

Letters of Office were issued on April 29, 2020, to **BARRY SCOTT HOPKINS**, whose address is 925 West Johnson Street, Clinton, IL 61727, as Administrator; and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Myers, 202 W. Adams Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, or with the Executor identified above, or both, on or before November 15, 2020. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Administrator and to the attorney

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Top gardening trends for 2020

(BPT) - Whether you have an outdoor oasis or are a nurturing indoor plant parent, gardening offers a multitude of benefits and has the power to brighten up any space or mood. Spring is the time to plan what plants to grow, and with some expert insight on top trends, you'll be gardening with success and enjoying the results.

The team at Ball Horticultural Company shares the top trends for 2020, guiding plant lovers at all levels to confidently grow a garden, big or small.

Indoor Garden Rooms

Mother Nature has made her way indoors with more people planting inside their homes in a variety of ways. Whether it's creating a soothing space by a windowsill filled with houseplants or growing your own edible herbs and microgreens in your kitchen, planting indoors is on the rise. Serious plant-lovers are even dedicating entire interior spaces to gardening, creating "garden rooms" or "indoor jungles."

Indoor gardening lets homeowners experience the benefits of plants

wherever they live, regardless of the weather outdoors. Easy-to-care-for houseplants, such as Dieffenbachia, a strong and sturdy plant that has stunning and unique tropical leaves, makes people feel like they are on vacation in their own homes. Studies show that foliage plants also clean indoor air and lift overall spirits. Finally, don't be afraid of indoor flowering plants like Gerbera or Cyclamen. Their flowers last 3-4 weeks and are available in many colors to fit your mood or match your seasonal décor.

PanAmerican Seed offers the Kitchen Minis® collection as an option for gardeners who want to grow and harvest their own vegetables year-round. These potted vegetable plants can thrive on a sunny windowsill or counter. With Kitchen Minis, such as the Siam Edible Potted Tomato, people can pluck ingredients right from the container in their kitchen to use in a recipe. The collection also includes sweet and hot peppers with more options to come.

Gardening for Health and Wellness



It's no secret that consuming fresh vegetables and herbs is beneficial to one's physical health, and gardening at home puts a variety of flavorful produce within arm's reach. The benefits of gardening also extend to mental health, as tending a garden and being close to nature helps reduce stress, calm anxiety and acts as a mood-booster.

Herbs are a simple place to start when growing your own food. You can't go wrong with Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil, which adds flavor to many

dishes like fresh Caprese salad. This beautiful, column-like plant not only gives a bountiful harvest, it is also late to flower and can be paired with colorful flowers in a mixed container for month after month of hand-plucked flavor and garden enjoyment.

Mardi Gras Fun Snack Peppers from Burpee Plants are the perfect healthy miniature peppers that add a conversation piece to any garden. They're available in four eye-catching color options that can be grown together in one container for a fun patio display, and kids adore helping to grow, pick and eat these crunchy snacks.

Aromatherapy is also a popular wellness practice, with lavender plants topping the list of must-haves because of its reputation for inspiring relaxation. SuperBlue English Lavender grows rich blue blooms on short flower spikes, providing a calming scent and great garden texture. Alternatively, Primavera Spanish Lavender flowers throughout the summer, displaying great

heat tolerance with bushy, scented florets that attract bees and other pollinators.

Bold Colors

Bold colors are planted in gardens across the country and different hues blanket landscapes large and small. Additionally, people with container gardens are planting flowers known for their vivid color for instant impact, making this trend accessible to all, including those who live in a condo or apartment with limited outdoor garden space.

Some standout plants that feature the best bold hues include Galaxy Geranium, a brand-new series that is vigorous enough to keep its large, semi-double blooms in-color all season. Look for stunning dark red, pink, purple, salmon, violet, watermelon and

white, giving gardeners the option to choose their favorite shade or create a rainbow of flowers.

Another bold option that is wonderful for sunny borders or bright corners is Rose Marvel Salvia. Its mega-large bloom stems result in spectacular displays in spring and summer so you'll enjoy color throughout the warm months. The rose-pink flowers are deer and rabbit resistant, plus they rebloom without being cut back, saving time and minimizing maintenance.

Ask for these plants at your favorite garden retailer, and you're on your way to experiencing all that flowers have to offer. To learn more about these plants and the top gardening trends of the year, visit the plant experts at www.ballhort.com.



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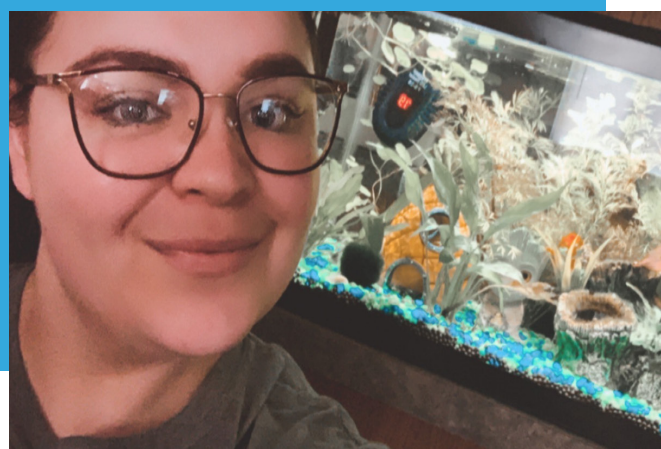
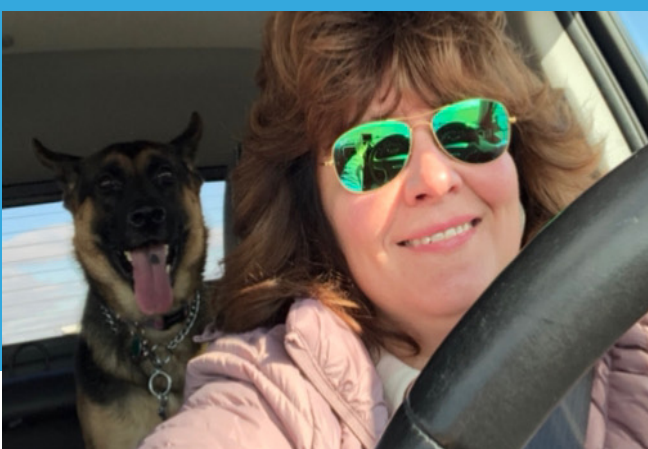


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Most importantly, on behalf of all of us at Tradewind, I'd like to thank our first responders, healthcare personnel and all essential workers for their service through this challenging time.

*Sincerely,
Tom Swierczewski, Senior Development Director
& The Tradewind Energy QuarantEAMs*



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