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BRIEFS

Farm to Fork seminar

Mark your calendars. The Douglas County Health Department is hosting a Farm to Fork food seminar on April 14 at the Arthur Community Room, 120 East Progress Street, Arthur. Doors open at 8 .m. and presentations run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for this free event to help you safely prepare and legally market your homegrown foods, baked goods, and value-added farm foods.

Reap the benefits of time-tested advice from seasoned cottage food vendors and food safety experts. Learn about farm family wellness and gather valuable information from several support agencies. Mingle with other farmers, bakers, gardeners, and local food lovers while enjoying refreshments and prizes at this fun, food-focused event. As an added bonus -- CEU's are available in food safety. Registration is encouraged by calling 217-253-4137 ext. 1210 or email kross@dchealthil.org.

Scholarship available

The Embarras River Basin Agency, Inc. (ERBA), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), will have scholarships available for income eligible individuals who want to attend college this fall. ERBA serves the following nine counties: Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Jasper, Lawrence and Richland. A limited number of $500 Scholarships will be awarded to eligible applicants in each of these counties.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be attending an Illinois college, university or community college as a full-time student during the fall 2023 semester, have at least a C average, and must meet CSBG income guidelines. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply.

You may pick up an application at the local ERBA office in the county which you reside, or on www.erbainc.org website. Schedule an appointment to return your completed application before June 16.

Weather forecast

Tuesday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Breezy, with a south wind 26 to 29 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Wednesday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 1pm and 4pm, then a chance of showers after 4pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 70. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 25 to 28 mph, with gusts as high as 41 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Breezy, with a west wind 14 to 23 mph, with gusts as high as 29 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 52. Breezy.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 64.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

Upcoming dates

April 5 — Passover
April 7 — Good Friday
April 9 — Easter
April 18 — Tax Day
April 22 — Earth Day
May 5 — Cinco de Mayo

Correction

We misspelled a name in the March 15 marriage licenses in the Court News section. The correct names were Courtney Rachelle Morris, Charleston, and Ky Dylan Thomas Welch, Charleston. We apologize for the error.

Contractors restore façade of historic Armory

Western Specialty Contractors – Springfield branch has restored the brick and stone façade of the historic Armory at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – home to the Fighting Illini track and field team.

The Armory was originally designed by William Carbys Zimmerman as a military drill hall, athletic facility and assembly hall. Constructed in 1912-14, the building was once the largest free-span, no-center-support-system structure in the world. In 1927, a multi-story addition designed by Charles A. Platt was built around the building adding classroom and office space. Its facade matches the Georgian Revival style found in nearby university buildings such as the Main Library and Huff Hall. Today, the Armory is an anchor point for the university's south campus and used for track and field meets and other events.

Western contracted with project general contractor Grunloh Construction of Effingham, IL to tuckpoint the Armory's east elevation as well as portions of its north and south elevations. The scope of work also included the demolition and rebuilding of an existing parapet wall using block masonry, salvaged stone and fabricated stone that closely matched exist-

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Bill to fix prescription medicine rule advances

SPRINGFIELD- A rule in Illinois law has left many people "out in the cold" when it comes to picking up their medicine from their local pharmacy, says Sen. Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet). Under current law, licensed pharmacy staff must be present when customers pay for and receive their prescriptions, which means that when the pharmacist goes home for the night, customers can't pick up their medicine – even though it has already been dispensed, filled, packaged, and labeled with the customer's name on it.

That will all change under legislation filed by Rose and passed by the Illinois Senate on March 30. Rose's legislation will allow cash register clerks and other store employees to go ahead and process the sale, even though the licensed staff has already gone home for the night.

"How many of us have been frustrated trying to pick up a 'script' at the pharmacy only to find that while the retail portion of the store is open, the pharmacy counter is not? You know your medicine is sitting there, just on the other side of the window, it even has your name on it, but the clerk at the cash register can't sell it to you," said Rose. "This is especially frustrating for those who work late, second shift, etc. You try and run by to pick up the script on the way home, but the pharmacy counter is closed," he continued.

A shortage of licensed pharmacists and staff has led to many stores cutting back hours and leaving patients in the lurch. This is even more true in the rural areas of Illinois.

Additionally, while the current rule can be a major inconvenience for consumers, it can also be an extremely serious medical issue for those who require access to critical, life-saving medicines.

"In fact, in a conversation just this week with a working mom, she told me how she missed the pharmacy hours by just a few minutes after getting off work late. Unfortunately for her, that meant that she missed picking up necessary asthma medication for her child. Ultimately, she had to drive hours to find an open pharmacy to fill the script. This is exactly why this legislation is needed," said Senator Rose.

Rose's bill, Senate Bill 1889, now awaits action in the Illinois House.

PUZZLES

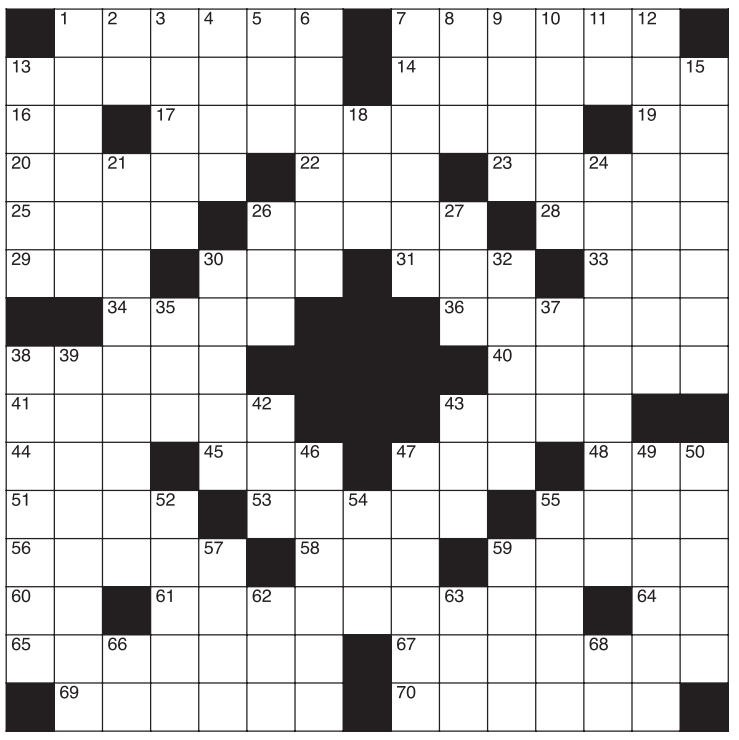
CLUES ACROSS

1. Colas
7. Single-celled animals
13. The rear car of a train
14. Endangered
16. It cools your home
17. Helper
19. "The First State"
20. More aged
22. Partner to cheese
23. Type of wrap
25. From a distance
26. Satisfies
28. "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared
29. God of battle (Scandinavian)
30. Cooking utensil
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
33. Able to perform
34. Big man on campus
36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period
38. Porticos
40. Alban and Peter are two
41. Gets up
43. Humble request for help
44. One-thousandth of an inch (abbr.)
45. Unhappy
47. Hint or indication
48. A way to plead
51. Digits
53. Broadway actress Daisy
55. Jewish calendar month
56. Author Gore __
58. Peacock network
59. White poplar
60. Promotional material
61. A period of calm
64. Take too much
65. Emit energy
67. Something you can take
69. Mended with yarn
70. Inconsistent

CLUES DOWN

1. Calm down
2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
3. One who pretends
4. Hang glide
5. Distinctive practice
6. Mariner
7. Peaks
8. Queens ballplayer
9. Geological times
10. Twofold
11. Atomic #13
12. Tranquillizing
13. Metric weight unit
15. Indicates
18. Unwanted rodent
21. Partly cooked with hot water
24. One who can be recommended
26. Resembles a bag or pouch
27. Midway between south and southeast
30. Sets up for a photo
32. California white oak
35. More (Spanish)
37. After B
38. Decorated tea urn
39. Island
42. Car mechanics group
43. Wordplay joke
46. Cut a rug
47. Prickly plant
49. Speech in praise of a deceased person
50. European buzzard
52. Influential linguist
54. West African languages
55. Siskel's partner
57. Skinny
59. Oblong pulpit
62. Consumed
63. Small, mischievous sprite
66. Powerful lawyer
68. Indicates position

CROSSWORD



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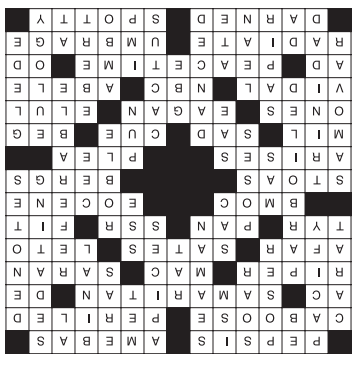

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

A message from a romantic partner or business associate could come this week, Aries. Keep a watchful eye on your email inbox or the regular mail.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, this week you can expect to have an interesting conversation with someone about a topic you're fond of discussing. It could spark a new friendship.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

You likely will have a lot of physical and mental energy this week, Gemini. Figure out a project you can stand behind and put that energy to good use.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Keep an eye on the front door, Cancer. A delivery may be coming your way in the next few days. It's not something you ordered, but could be a gift.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you could use a diversion this week. When a friend seeks your company, this can be the perfect way to direct your mind somewhere else.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, financial paperwork could take up some of your time in the days to come. It's a necessary evil to keep things on track. Seek help from someone else if you get frustrated.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Speaking with someone else on a fascinating subject triggers your curious side, Libra. You may want to take a class or pursue this subject in another way.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Your emotions might get the better of you this week, Scorpio. Try to focus attention onto something that doesn't trigger negative feelings. Distraction could be the key.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Stimulating social occasions are what you need right now, Sagittarius. Such get-togethers will introduce you to new people and new ideas that can inspire.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, this week you have an opportunity to impress others and get them talking, likely changing their opinions of you. Make every effort to win others over.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

It's important to keep in touch with friends even if they have moved away, Aquarius. Phone calls, texts and video chats can bridge the gap created by physical distance.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, tally up your investments because they could be worth more than you think, especially if you are invested in real estate.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 2, Pedro Pascal, Actor (48)
APRIL 3, Paris Jackson, Model (25)
APRIL 4, Robert Downey, Jr., Actor (58)
APRIL 5, Pharrell Williams, Producer (50)
APRIL 6, Peyton List, Actress (25)
APRIL 7, Russell Crowe, Actor (59)
APRIL 8, Skai Jackson, Actress (21)