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Contentment

How to be happy all year is really a big order to fill. Together we can do it. There isn't anything we cannot do if we put our mind to it! Happiness is a frame of mind. We either decide to be happy or we don't. Simple. Here we are in this winter wonderland. The winds blow and the temperature falls, and I find comfort in the hearts of my family and friends.

I love to go through old cards and notes I've received and reread them. Sometimes I smile, cry or laugh. It's the joy of knowing folks cared about me.

Most of us are not rich in \$\$, yet we are rich in people who share our life. I'm content with my wonderful neighbors, always there if I need them. And my family, even far away who call or e-mail often. What about you, my readers, my friends? You are the greatest because you give me satisfaction that I'm doing it right!

We are happy when we free our mind from worry. Especially "stuff" we have no control over. Why do we spend precious time on situations we have no answers for or are unable to help? My sweet husband always tells me when I start to complain about the city, the country, the price of gas. "What is your solution?" You guessed it. I don't have one!

How I miss those persons that always had the right answers, like Helen Kaufmann, Marlene Baily, Ann Teegarden, Lorraine Tobeck, Ellen Lingley, to name but a few sweet ladies. They scattered sunshine wherever they went. They filled our life with love.

We all want to be happy and content. Just give it a shot! Keep hate and anger out of your heart! Do unto others as you want them to do unto you. Forgive fast and love long! Try putting family and friends ahead of you. Expect little and you will be surprised at all you will receive! Decide to be satisfied with all you have and be thankful for all you did not get!

Stay cool and composed, keep your self-respect intact! Don't let pride stand in your way to contentment! Let's look forward to a happy year. Plan on having a happy year! It's up to us, yes, each of us can make our year happy! Simple!

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Danville prison continues to experience new Covid cases

More than half the prisoners at Danville Correctional Center have tested positive for Covid-19.

On December 26, Public Health Administrator Doug Toole reported 519 Covid-positive cases at a single facility between November 14 and December 23. By January 5, an additional 228 residents tested positive and from January 5-19, another 182 residents tested positive.

In all, 929 residents have tested positive for the novel coronavirus. As of April 22, 2020, the most recent figure available, the prison population was 1,546 adult male inmates. The medium security prison has an operational capacity of 1,854.

In releasing the numbers since December, Toole has not identified the prison by name, but it is the only congregate living facility large enough to accommodate so many residents.

Over the same time, 140 prison employees have tested positive for Covid, he added.

See PRISON on other side

Cases by Community/Zip Code

Community/ Zip Code	Positives 1/24/21	Positives 2/7/2021
Alvin	75	76
Bismarck	123	130
Danville 61832	2982	3114
Danville 61834	1537	1589
Hoopeston	610	633
Potomac	124	133
Rankin	62	64
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Cissna Park	173	176
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From the Blotter
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Court Dispositions
December 9, 2020
Mihail S. Mihalios, Chicago, failed to appear at initial appearance for nuisance structure; sentencing January 13.
Randy S. Dillon, Hoopeston, appeared at trial for trespassing; case rescheduled for January 13.
Daytan L. Davis, Rantoul, failed to appear at initial appearance for trespassing; sentencing January 13.

Prison continued from other side
Due to the spread of the Chinese virus within the facility, the prison is on lockdown and is closed to visitors, according to state documents.
Positive cases continue to rise in the communities tracked by Just the Facts, but the rate of increase has slowed significantly (see chart on other side). Tool said 7,988 positive cases have been reported. Of those, 282 are active, down from 547 on Friday.
Vermilion County Health Department and county hospitals continue to offer Covid-19 vaccines. Tool said the state is reporting that 7,492 vaccine doses have been given to Vermilion County residents and that 925 residents have been fully vaccinated, receiving first and second doses.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has come under fire for the state's vaccine rollout. At the end of January, Illinois was ranked 47th among the states in distributing the vaccine, with only 4.8 percent of state residents having been vaccinated. He was also criticized for the delayed start of an online portal which would allow Illinois' 12.7 million residents to access one site to keep updated on Covid-19 information, as well as schedule appointments for vaccines.

Weather
Partly sunny today. High 18. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 11. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 20, low 10.
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