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Prevent Respiratory Illness with 8 Healthy Habits

Respiratory viruses such as COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) are common in the fall and winter. There are actions you can take to protect yourself and others. Following healthy habits can help you prevent these viruses.

 Wash Hands Wash hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.	 Stay Home Stay home if you are sick. Stay away from others who are sick if possible.	 Get Fresh Air Open windows or use air filters when possible to increase fresh air in the home, school, or office.
 Don't Touch... Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Wash your face with soap and water.	 Clean & Disinfect Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched often. Follow instructions on the cleaning product label.	 Talk to Your Health Care Provider Talk to your health care provider for respiratory illness prevention advice specific to your health risks.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEF

Putnam County Library to host Tales with Tails

The Putnam County Public Library in Granville, 214 S. McCoy Street, will host Dina Lunken and her dog, Rosie, for Tales with Tails, a fun and interactive program aimed at helping children improve their literacy skills.

This event will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, and 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Granville Library at 815-339-2038.

— Bill Freskos

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"I am eager to begin this important work for the people of the 53rd District," Balkema said. "I'm excited to represent our communities, understand their needs and work together with leaders across the state to drive positive change for Illinois."

For more information, visit his website at senatorchrisbalkema.com and follow him on Facebook and Instagram.

Tipsword sworn in for 2nd term

State Rep. Dennis Tipsword, R-Metamora, was sworn into a second term in office Wednesday as part of Illinois' new 104th General Assembly. Tipsword represents the 105th District in the Illinois House of Representatives. District 105 includes all or parts of Livingston, La Salle, Bureau, Marshall, Putnam, McLean, Tazewell, Peoria and Woodford counties.

"I am honored to be able to represent residents in the 105th District for two more years," Tipsword said in a news release. "I will continue to be your voice in Springfield not as a politician but as a citizen legislator, former small-business owner and active law enforcement officer with the right experience to advocate for com-

monsense policies."

Tipsword, a lifelong resident of Woodford County with more than 30 years of public service in law enforcement, resides in Metamora with his wife Betsy. Their family continues to grow, with three children and now eight grandchildren keeping them busy. Tipsword's first term in office focused on improving public safety and economic prosperity, among other key initiatives, and he said he would continue to work for policies that are in the best interests of residents in District 105.

"As a member of six committees in the House, I have worked to help make significant progress in several areas, including professional licensing and returning unclaimed property and money to their rightful owners," Tipsword said. "I will continue our efforts to protect the rights of law-abiding gun owners and stand strong against soft-on-crime policies like the SAFE-T Act that make our communities less safe."

"We have so much more work to do, including balancing a budget that faces a huge deficit and reversing course on policies that have driven businesses and families out of our state."

For more information, call Tipsword's district office in Pontiac at 815-844-9344, or visit his website at reptipsword.com.

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