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First Clinton Festival of Trees

Several hundred residents converged on Mr. Lincoln’s Square on Saturday for the lighting ceremony of the first Clinton Festival of Trees for the holiday season. Santa Claus and the Grinch were on-hand for photo opportunities, and hot chocolate was available to warm chilly visitors. **See more photos on A2.**

No council action on vacating Jemima Lane

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CLINTON — Whether Jemima Lane is or is not an officially recognized street is a point of contention between the city and residents living in southeast Clinton. The city council held a hearing on the matter on Nov. 21. The hearing was set to take questions about the city’s plan to vacate an area known as Jemima Lane.

“We’re here primarily for the purpose of vacating that street,” said city attorney John Hoblit. “Neighboring property owners will receive that road and it will change the description of the respective properties.”

Hoblit said the property vacated essentially is “split down the middle.” Utility easements that already exist would



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remain in place.

The problem, however, as residents of the area see it, is the land in question is identified by the city and county as a street. Although the area used by homeowners to gain access to their homes hasn’t apparently been paved in decades, people living there claim it always has been designated a street.

Tom Redington told the council his family were former owners of the property and that it still was identified as a street.

“It’s still on the county records as a street,” Redington said.

Google Maps shows a short section of street on Clinton’s southeast corner it identifies as “Jemima Lane.”

Families who border the

section have continued to mow the grass on the property.

“The people who live at the end can’t get to their property without going through there,” Redington said.

He said some properties would become “land-locked” if the city vacated what residents contend is a street.

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Three new scholarships available through CCEF

CLINTON — The Clinton Community Educational Foundation (CCEF) recently made three new scholarships available to Clinton High School seniors.

All of the scholarships are available for download on the CCEF website at <https://ccef15.org/>

The latest scholarship is being offered by AAK Mechanical. The AAK Mechanical Scholarship is aimed at students wishing to pursue a career by means of a vocational or technical institution. An example of a trade would be welding, pipefitting, cosmetology, HVAC, massage therapy, electrician, plumbing, construction management, etc.

Earlier this year, two other scholarships were also offered. The first one was from the Chenoweth family. The Chenoweth Farms Memorial Scholarship is aimed at students planning to study in an agriculture/home economics/hospitality area or a music-related field, such as performance/education/music therapy.

The second is from the “Becki” Farris Family. This scholarship, Sgt.

Rebecca “Becki” Farris Memorial Scholarship, named in memory of a former Clinton High School alumna, recognizes the importance of women in law enforcement careers.

All of the three new and five original scholarship applications are now online for viewing and download as a Word or PDF document. The deadline for submitting them is Wednesday April 3, 2024.

- James Adcock Education Scholarship
- Gerald Ryan Scholarship
- Vincent Beggs Scholarship
- Constellation/Clinton Power Station Scholarship
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- Chenoweth Farms Memorial Scholarship
- Sgt Rebecca (Becki) Farris Memorial Scholarship
- AAK Mechanical Scholarship

Website - <https://ccef15.org/>
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Water bill increase accompanying sanitary district improvements

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CLINTON — Residents will see a \$12.50 a month increase to their water and sewer bills in connection to a state-required upgrade

to the Clinton Sanitary District.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) determined the sewage and waste water treatment plant needed major

improvements to replace the aging facility, improve treatment performance and comply with upcoming mandated IEPA discharge requirements, according to the required legal notice publication.

The sanitary district board approved an ordinance to borrow funds not to exceed \$15 million for the improvements, as well as the \$12.50 monthly water bill increase effective immediately.

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Federal benefit rates increase when the cost-of-living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI-W). The CPI-W rises when inflation increases, leading to a higher cost-of-living. This change means prices for goods and services, on average, are higher. The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) helps to offset these costs.

We will mail COLA notices throughout the month of December to retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and representative payees. But if you want to know your new benefit amount sooner, you can securely obtain your Social Security COLA notice online using the Message Center in your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. You can



access this information in early December, prior to receiving the mailed notice. Benefit amounts will not be available before December. Since you will receive the COLA notice online or in the mail, you don't need to contact us to get your new benefit amount.

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an account yet, you must create one by November 14, 2023, to receive the 2024 COLA notice online.

"Social Security and SSI benefits will increase in 2024, and this will help millions of people keep up with expenses," said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

January 2024 marks when other changes will happen based on the increase in the national average wage index. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll tax in 2024 will be higher. The retirement earnings test exempt amount will also change in 2024. Learn more at www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2024.pdf.

Be among the first to know! Sign up for or log in to your personal my Social Security account today at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Choose email or text under "Message Center Preferences" to receive courtesy notifications.

You can find more information about the 2024 COLA at www.ssa.gov/cola.

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Hoblit said it was his understanding there was a plan to consolidate property owned by Redington's son, Seth Redington, with another parcel, which would then give the parcel street access.

Redington said that had not happened.

"If someone objects, it could be we can't vacate it at that point," Hoblit said.

Seth Redington told the council he had tried for three years to have the city pave what he believes is a street.

"I'm tired of mowing the city street," Redington said. "I went over to the county; they show it as a street."

He said the county shows it as "Jemima Street" but when an ordinance was changed to rename the section "Jemima Lane," he claims the city failed to notify the county of the change.

Redington said city officials told him he could not park on the property in question nor use it as access to his property.

"I was told if I parked there, I would be towed because it is not a street," Redington said. "Clearly, it is a street."

He said the plan to have his property redrawn to gain street access was initiated because the city did not recognize Jemima Lane as a street.

"Now, those two pieces of property I own will be facing an alley," Redington said. "So, is the city going to pave the alley?"

He said, other than the renaming of Jemima Lane in the 1990s, "it has never been abandoned." Redington said other streets in the area have been maintained by the city.

"But, apparently, if it's in my name, you don't want to give me access," he told the council.

Redington said if the city vacated the area, he would have to pay property taxes on the additional land.

"Everybody has street access to their property," Redington said. "All I'm asking is, I'm a taxpayer, a lifelong resident. What's the hang-up?"

Hoblit claimed Seth Redington's position on whether the property should be vacated "waivered" during the three-year process Redington mentioned.

"You were trying to ascertain what the city would do and then take the opposite position," Hoblit said.

Hoblit said he didn't believe Redington cared whether the city vacated the property, and that his only interest was in complaining.

"I'm sorry we tried to speak to you to try to

ascertain what to do here," Hoblit said. "Apparently, it was a waste of time."

Redington said it was not a waste of time.

"The question is, is the city going to maintain that street," he asked.

Commissioner John Wise said he couldn't remember the area in question ever being "an actual street."

Redington said a map from the early 20th century identifies the area as a road.

"That's why government have these kinds of things," Redington said. "It's for people who are elected to follow them. Nobody would believe me that it was a road."

Another resident, Martha Latham, said confusion with emergency personnel locating her house because streets identified as Jemima Street bordered her property on the north and south prompted the name change to Jemima Lane to the south.

Latham said the property was paved at one point, but she couldn't remember how long ago.

The hearing was closed to move into the council's regular session. Hoblit said it would be up to commissioners to decide how they wanted to proceed on the Jemima Lane issue.

Learn to preseve food safely with Illinois Extension

DECATUR — Home gardening and food preservation have become more popular in recent years. People are taking advantage of preserving food at home to enjoy the fruits of their labor throughout the year.

Learn how to water-bath and pressure can with University of Illinois Extension and be ready for next year's gardening season.

Yes! You Can: Preserving Safely workshop will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Maroa Public Library, 305 Garfield St. in Maroa. Nutrition and Wellness Educator Caitlin

Mellendorf will share up-to-date information to increase confidence in safely preserving at home and explain the steps to get started or refresh current skills. Participants may also bring their dial-gauge pressure canner lids to be tested.

"While fresh tomatoes will eventually decompose, preserving methods like canning gives them a longer shelf life," says Mellendorf. "Maybe those tomatoes are canned into a salsa for a taste of summer in the fall."

The event is free, but participants should

register by Dec. 9 either in person at the library or by calling 217-794-5111. There is an alternative date of Dec. 19 in the event of inclement weather. For more information, contact Caitlin at chuth2@illinois.edu or call 217-877-6042.

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Books as brain food

Now here's a "novel" way to increase our brain function. It doesn't involve getting more exercise or eating certain foods. It doesn't include doing puzzles. We only need to grab a book and start flipping pages.

Emory University did a study that showed how there are "quantifiable changes" in brain activity when participants read a book. Granted, it was a bit more regimented than just grabbing your favorite author's latest bestseller.

In the study, participants were given a baseline brain scan each day for a few days. Then they were given the thriller "Pompeii" by Robert Harris with instructions to read 30 pages a night.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Each morning they were given another brain scan. After the book was finished (about nine days), they were given more scans to see how the brain reacted. Researchers were able to track which portions of the book the participants were reading and correlate them to the brain scan images.

Here's what they learned: During reading, and for days afterward, there were significant activity increases in the parts of the brain associated with story comprehension, as well as processing language.

According to the study,

the reading has to be fiction to get these brain connectivity changes, something with a narrative that describes events unfolding, and a story we can identify with.

Here's my thinking: While researchers don't know yet how long these brain changes last after reading a novel, it's at least five days. Perhaps we should spend some time in 2024 re-reading the novels that had an impact on us, as well as new narrative fiction and a few of the old classics. The reference librarian is sure to be a good source for book suggestions.

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WPD "Fill a Firetruck" today at Wapella Casey's

WAPELLA — Wapella Fire Department will host the 1st Annual Fill a Firetruck from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 at Casey's, Wapella, 101 Main Street.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted.

All donations will remain in DeWitt County.

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HISTORY ALMANAC

1913 - Ford Motor Co. began using a new movable assembly line that ushered in the era of mass production.

1913 - The first drive-in automobile service station opened, in Pittsburgh, PA.

1919 - Lady Astor was sworn in as the first female member of the British Parliament.

1925 - The Locarno Pact finalized the treaties between World War I protagonists.

1934 - Sergei M. Kirov, a collaborator of Joseph Stalin, was assassinated at the Leningrad party headquarters.

1941 - In the U.S., the Civil Air Patrol was created. In April 1943 the Civil Air Patrol was placed under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces.

1942 - In the U.S., nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect.

1943 - In Teheran, leaders of the United States, the USSR and the United Kingdom met to reaffirm the goal set on October 30, 1943. The previous meeting called for an early establishment of an international organization to maintain peace and security.

1952 - In Denmark, it was announced that the first successful sex-change operation had been performed.

1955 - Rosa Parks, a black seamstress in Montgomery, AL, refused to give up her seat to a white man. Mrs. Parks was arrested marking a milestone in the civil rights movement in the U.S.

1959 - 12 countries, including the U.S. and USSR, signed a treaty that set aside Antarctica as a scientific preserve, which would be free from military activity.

1965 - An airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began.

1969 - The U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

1984 - A remote-controlled Boeing 720 jetliner was deliberately crashed into California's Mojave Desert to test an anti-flame fuel additive. The test proved to be disappointing.

1986 - U.S. President Ronald Reagansaid he would welcome an investigation of the Iran-Contra affair if it were recommended by the Justice Department.

1987 - Construction began on the Channel Tunnel between the United Kingdom and France.

1987 - NASA announced four companies had been given contracts to help build a space station. The companies were Boeing Aerospace, G. E.'s Astro-Space Division, McDonnell Douglas Aeronautics, and Rocket-dyne Division of Rockwell International.

1989 - Dissidents in the Philippine military launched an unsuccessful coup against Corazon Aquino's government.

1989 - East Germany's Parliament abolished the Communist Party's constitutional guarantee of supremacy.

Amber Waves



Frustrated

I truly believe that the United States is the greatest country this world has ever produced to date. That positive note provides for much optimism in my world view.

Unfortunately, I was born a cynic and that part of me has been pushing the past several weeks. Pushing to the point that I am frustrated by some current events. Three things have aroused some frustration: 1. Young workers; 2. Attacks on American interests in the Middle East; and 3. Our national border.

Young workers—A young lady had just finished college and had obtained her first full time job. She tweeted her complaints and the tweet went viral and was picked up by the national news.

She was happy she had a job but was peeved at what that job cost her personally. She had to commute to the job and that took time away from her friends. She then had to prepare her meals and take a shower. Again, taking time away from her social life. The job itself was eight hours a day. More time away from her friends. She was pleased with her job, but resented the actual time it took to do that job.

I certainly appreciated the fact that she was gainfully employed but was frustrated by her

view of labor. Life is not a free ride, but then I realized that she grew up during COVID and the government was handing out money and people were staying at home to work.

I then contrasted her formative years to mine. I grew up on a farm. I loved my mother's cooking, but we had a rule. The livestock and chores were done before breakfast and supper. The rules were simple. I worked to get those things I wanted. They were not given to me.

That model is rapidly changing as witnessed by the young lady's lamentations about not being able to socialize. The frustration is that we are rapidly becoming a nation that wishes to prioritize leisure activities and forego the work ethic that made this nation great.

Middle East attacks—American military installations in the Middle East have been fired upon more than 70 times since the HAMAS attack on Israel on October 7. Our military has responded less than a half dozen times and then to only bomb a building, not a strategic target. Granted no serviceman have been killed, though some have been wounded. The attacks on the U. S. bases are coming from Iranian proxies and the administration does



not want to escalate the conflict. That thought is admirable. The reality is abhorrent.

Failure to respond will only bring about more attacks and danger to our troops. Terrorists only respect one thing: Power. The U. S. response to any attack on our troops needs to be swift and powerful. The military term is shock and awe. At that point the terrorist gets the message. We don't need to engage in a war, but we must forcefully defend our troops or they will be under constant attack and danger. It is frustrating that the Administration will not pull the trigger to defend American lives.

The border—As I write this column the evening news shows another train load of illegal migrants approaching our southern border with individual seeking to settle in this country. This country is a nation of immigrants. The difference between the immigrants that made and developed this country is that they came here lawfully. The train progressing through Mexico has no intention of abiding by the immigration laws now

by Dave T. Phipps

in effect beyond giving a name.

An uncontrolled influx of immigrants comes with many downsides. We don't know what physical diseases/ailments they are coming with. We don't know if they have radical political ideologies. We don't know if they have criminal histories. Even our sanctuary city mayors in New York and Chicago are protesting that their cities do not have the resources to care and provide for a wave of immigrants. The administration essentially opened the border and invited these undocumented immigrants into the country with no plan to make then a part of the society. We have a disaster in the making and it is not getting better. This debacle is totally self inflected and is frustrating to all who love this country. This country has immigration laws that allow for managed entry into the country. They simply need to be followed and enforced.

While the above frustrates me deeply, we as Americans continue to have the right to worship as we choose, we have the right to vote, we have the right to freely express our opinions. We have more freedoms than any other nation in this world. Let's work on those positives.

The million veteran research program

The Department of Veterans Affairs has now taken the DNA from 1 million veterans in their Million Veteran Program. The MVP research project is the first anywhere to study the health and genetic data of the veterans for the purpose of learning more and providing better care to current and future generations.

So far the projects they've researched include diabetes, PTSD, kidney disease, cancer, Gulf War illness and more.

Joining the program is easy: Fill out the consent forms and give permission for the program to get into your health records,

provide a blood sample (mail it in or have it drawn at an MVP facility), and complete all the surveys that cover lifestyle, health and exposures. Then you're in.

To be considered: The information you provide will be kept indefinitely.

No information from the research will be placed in your health record, which means that if the blood screening or anything else turns up an illness, you won't be told. The research is for the benefit of current and future generations, not individuals.

To learn more about the program, see www.mvp.



va.gov/pwa. You'll be able to read the 300-plus scientific publications and sign up for the research updates.

Be sure to scroll down the FAQ for answers to a lot of questions before you consider signing up. Look for the links that access a map showing all the MVP clinic locations. You'll only need to go in one time, unless in the future you agree to join other avenues of research, in which case additional

consent would be needed. Take a long look at the drop-down section titled "Confidentiality, Privacy, and Security" to see how your DNA and health information will be secured and who else will be allowed access.

You can also call MVP with questions at 866-441-6075 or send an email to AskMVP@va.gov. If you don't have (or don't want to use) the internet to join the project or sign the consent forms, you can still arrange an in-person meeting to give your permission.

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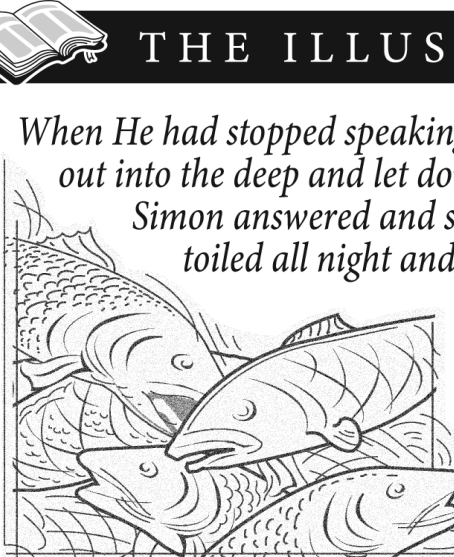
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When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

LUKE 5:4-6

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La grandezza dell’Italia

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Italy’s greatness is in many things. For me, aside from history, I see that greatness in their cuisine. There is no doubt that it is liberally reflected in our culture.

In grocery stores, there are whole isles dedicated to pastas, Italian pasta sauces and cheese. Must not forget the pizzas and wines. Many cheeses sold here come from Italy such as Parmesan, mozzarella, ricotta, provolone, and many more. I named only the ones mostly known here. Mascarpone cheese, made from cow’s milk, is one of my favorites.

In point of fact, I once created a dessert using mascarpone coupled in with seven different composite ingredients. As usual, I have digressed. Sorry.

There are strong contrasts between northern & southern Italy. For one thing, their pasta. In northern Italy, the pasta is traditionally soft or fresh pasta. In southern Italy, it is the hard or dry pasta. The fresh pasta basically has no shelf-life. As soon as it is made, it is to be used. In my judgement, it tastes much better than the dry pasta. I have already



The Culinary Corner
Chef Roger Joss

covered the making and cooking of fresh pasta in earlier articles.

Northern Italy is more prosperous than the rest of Italy. It is more open to inland trade from surrounding countries. This closeness inevitably encourages cultural exchange. Its geography allows for a cooler climate, fertile farm lands, and pasture lands for cattle and the like. Considerable amount of rice is grown here. Therefore, risotto is, in large part, an important food item. Their common cooking methods are boiling, braising, and stewing. Spit roasting is done in a special oven (fogher).

The dry pasta has a long shelf life. Due to this shelf life, that is what you find in our grocery stores. It comes in many forms complete with dozens of Italian names to identify the various shapes and types. This is a strong clue that pasta is a primary staple in Italy.

In contrast to the prosperous northern regions, southern Italy is

the poorest of them all. This causes a tightknit populous with strong family ties. This is a necessity for survival and has carried throughout the centuries. Due to its warmer climate and rugged geography, cattle are rare. Therefore, cheeses, cream, and butter are also rare. They must rely mostly on buffalo, goat, and sheep’s milk. As one may expect, beef dishes are rare (I am not talking about how it is cooked). However, lamb, pork, and chickens are prevalent. Colonel Sander’s would do well there, but not McDonald’s. How does this sound; Colonel Sander’s southern Italian fried chicken?

Considering that there is a large coastline, there would be a lot of seafood. There are also good farmlands and plateaus for produce and plenty of tomatoes for your spaghetti sauces. The copious numbers of olive trees assure plenty of oil for cooking and as salad dressing.

I will next cover one of my favorite areas, central Italy.

Until next time, peace to all.

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NEWS

New estimates on Illinois’ population decline expected next month

(The Center Square) — The U.S. Census estimates Illinois’ population has declined for nine consecutive years. The bureau’s Vintage 2022 estimates released last December showed 110,127 fewer people in Illinois on net than the year before. That’s on top of an estimated 80,000 lost in 2020. In 2019, Illinois lost on net 51,250 people. Annual population estimates for each state are expected sometime next month from the U.S. Census.

State Rep. Marcus Evans, D-Chicago, said the state-by-state population battles shouldn’t matter as long as the United States is growing. While the country has grown moderately, estimates indicate Illinois has shrunk for nine consecutive years. Evans doesn’t think so.

“The biggest thing is, let’s focus on continuing to gain,” Evans said

Monday. “Bringing new jobs here. Creating good job climates. Making sure it’s high quality jobs and making sure that we’re taking care of people who are struggling to make them more productive.”

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said Illinois’ population loss is evident.

“People are leaving the state and the amount of members of Congress shows that,” Bost said.

Illinois has 17 U.S. House seats. Because of reapportionment based on population, that’s down from 22 seats 30 years ago. Bost suggested poor policies by the Democratic majority in Illinois don’t compare to Republican control decades ago.

“If you’ll remember in 1995, the Republicans had control of the House, control of the Senate and every statewide office,” Bost said. “We paid our bills on a 28-day pay cycle and our long-term

indebtedness was less than \$20 billion.”

Illinois’ legacy debt for public employee pensions now exceeds \$200 billion, when considering state and local unfunded pension liability.

This week with Crain’s Chicago Business, Pritzker blamed the population decline on outgoing college students. He said with more taxpayer funding for college scholarships, that’s turning around.

“People who are down on Illinois are not looking at the right indicators of the future of our state. Our future is bright,” Pritzker said. “Our enrollment numbers are some of the best in our university and our colleges are some of the best in the country now.”

Illinois’ population for 2022 is estimated at 12.6 million, down from 12.8 million in 2020.

Law Enforcement

DeWitt County Sheriff’s Office

Nov. 1-18

Kylee Moore, 19, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Moore was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Keshon Rucker, 23, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Disobeying a Stop Sign. Rucker was released with No Court Appearance required.

Neeyah Johnson, 25, Decatur, was issued Citations for Speeding (72 mph in a 45 mph zone) and Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Johnson was given a Court Date and was released.

Joshua Norton, 26, Mahomet, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Norton was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Donald Roberts, 42, Saybrook, was issued a Citation for Suspended Registration/No Insurance. Roberts was given a Court Date and was released.

Jacob Stoltzenburg, 25, Mount Pulaski, was issued a Citation for Speeding (70 mph in a 55 mph zone). Stoltzenburg was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

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Jeremy Phillips, 44, DeWitt, was issued a Citation for Speeding (73 mph in a 55 mph zone). Phillips was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

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Chantel Russell, 32, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (78 mph in a 55 mph zone). Russell was given a Court Date and released.

Ashley Slade, 45, Farmer City, was issued a Citation for Disobeying Stop Sign. Slade was given a Court Date and released.

Norval Taliafero, 56, Danvers, was issued a Citation for Expired Registration. Taliafero was given a Promise to Comply and was released.

Nathan Huffman, 26, DeWitt, was issued Citations for Operating Uninsured Vehicle and using Cell Phone While Driving. Huffman was released without a Court Appearance.

Nalani Thomas, 22, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (90 mph in a 65 mph zone). Thomas was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Saxonia Knox, 43, Little Rock AR, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Knox was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Felicia Anderson, 33, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (90 mph in a 65 mph zone). Anderson was given a Promise to Comply and was released.

Michael Birge, 59, Mahomet, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Birge was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Tina McKee, 52, Tolono, was issued a Citation for Open Container of Alcohol. McKee was released without a Court Appearance.

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CLINTON Journal Sports

CJHS boys' basketball gets under away

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CLINTON — The Clinton Junior High (CJHS) boys' basketball teams had their home-opener on November 9, facing the Argenta/Oreana Bombers. The 7th grade teams were out on the floor first with the Bombers taking control from the start, mounting a 5-point lead in the first quarter of the game. The second quarter saw the opposition add four more points to their lead to take a 27-18 lead into the locker room. The Maroons tried to get a fire started in the third quarter but were shut down by the Bombers after cutting into the lead by only a point. The Bombers again took control adding to their lead to win the early game 45-33. The Maroons were led by Talon Huffman (#34) and Bryce Miller (#45), each with 10 points (Huffman had two 3-pointers). The 8th grade teams then took the floor for the second game of the evening. The first quarter went to the opposition with a 17-4 score. The Maroons then came to life, outscoring the bombers 16-8 in the second quarter to enter the locker room down by only five points at the halftime buzzer.



Marc Rogers / Journal
Emmett Brown (#30) and Xander Reynolds (#11) corral a loose ball for the 7th grade team.

The Maroons run was brief as the Bombers took over the hardwood in the third quarter, gaining a 9-point lead. But the home team didn't give up

that easily. The Maroons battled back in the final stanza of the game and had a victory within their grasp only to lose by just two points,

48-46. The Maroons were led by Jaedon Bell with 24 points including two 3-point baskets.

Box Score	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Maroons	4	16	8	18	46
Bombers	17	8	12	11	48

Night three of 2023 Turkey Tussle

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CLINTON — The third night of competition in the 2023 Turkey Tussle was a three-game evening of thrills. The evening began with the Eureka Lady Hornets taking on the Olympia Lady Spartans. The Lady Hornets were fired up in the first quarter, racing to a 12-7 lead and looking in command of the court. The Lady Spartans had other ideas, working their way back into the game and eking out a 1-point lead at halftime, 25-24. The Lady Spartans were challenged but hung on in the third quarter to lengthen their lead by another point to 35-33. The fourth quarter was a battle with Olympia again coming out on top at the final buzzer 47-43. In the second game, the Lady Chiefs of Deer Creek/Mackinaw (Dee-Mack) were matched with the PORTA Lady Bluejays (Lady Jays). The two teams took the tournament name to heart and had a true Turkey Tussle of a game. The first quarter ended in a 13-all tie. Then, in the second quarter, the Lady Jays cre-

ated some breathing room by taking a 3- point lead into the locker room at halftime, 22-19. Staring the second half, the Lady Chiefs shot their way into contention again by coming to within 1-point of a tie for the second time, just short at 33-32. The final quarter was a nail-biter as the teams put on another tussle that ended in a tie at 38 at the fourth quarter buzzer. Extra time was added for an overtime period. This was another round of edge-of-your-seat play coming down to a final Lady Jays shot made and a Olympia shot missed to give the team from PORTA a 44-42 win. In the final game, the home team Lady Maroons faced the Decatur Eisenhower Lady Panthers. This should have been another tough game, but the Lady Panthers are struggling this year. The Lady Maroons took the first quarter 10-6 and didn't look back. At halftime, the home team was up 26-10 and running away. The second half saw the Lady Panthers try to claw their way back into the fray but just didn't have the go power to withstand the Lady Maroon defense.

The third quarter ended with the home team up 36-18. The final quarter saw the Lady Maroons win by 20 points, 48-28. The Lady Maroons were led by Avery Smith (#22) with 13 points and Regan Filkin (#3) with 11 points (including two 3-pointers). The second night of part two had two games on the bill; first out would be Eisenhower versus Olympia, and in the nightcap would be the home team Lady Maroons playing the Eureka Lady Hornets. The first game was a snoozer as the Lady Spartans of Olympia creamed the Eisenhower Lady Panthers. The first quarter saw the Lady Sptans take a 24-4 lead and not look back. In the second quarter, the Lady Spartans destroyed the Lady Panthers by ending the first half up 31 points. The second half saw the Lady Panthers gain ground as Olympia played their back-up players. But this didn't help as the Lady Spartans were ahead 58-23 at the end of the third quarter. The Lady Panthers did not give up and defensively held the Lady Spartans to one point in the final

quarter, but ultimately lost 59-33. The last game of the tournament before the championship rounds had the Clinton Lady Maroons hosting the Eureka Lady Hornets. On this night, the Lady Maroons got stung. After one quarter the game was tied at a scorching 4 points. Then the Lady Hornets took over taking a 14-7 lead into the locker room at halftime. The Lady Maroons put up a good fight coming to within 1-point of the opposition at the end of the third quarter but couldn't keep up the attack, losing the game 33-25. The Lady Maroons were led by Carly Anderson (#12) with 6 points on two 3-pointers and Regan Filkin with 5 points.



Bryce Miller (#45) goes high for the tip-off in the 7th grade game.

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♣ Q75

♠ Q843

♥ KJ974

♦ 3

♣ J42

♥ AT92

♥ AT5

♦ 8

♣ AKT98

E-W Vulnerable

South

West

North

East

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1♦

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1♠

Pass

3♦

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Against 3NT, West led the ♥Q and Declarer held up on the first trick. West continued the suit, and Declarer had to decide whether to win this or hold up again. Looking only at the N-S hands what would be your choice?

If the Heart suit is 4-3 then it's a good idea to hold up a second time, that way, if the Diamonds don't break, it may be possible to develop the Clubs for a total of nine tricks, without the defense scoring five tricks first. But if Hearts are 5-2 then the second hold-up is pointless.

At Trick 1 Declarer had no idea of the Heart situation. Clearly the King was with East, but West's opening lead could have been from Qx or QJx or QJ9x or QJ9xx, all were equally likely as a Heart opening lead was almost inevitable given the auction. But at Trick 2 all became clear when East played the Jack. Now, unless West was a remarkably slippery customer, given to making extravagant opening leads, surely the suit was 5-2. So, Declarer won the second trick, and played Diamonds from the top. When that suit didn't break, Declarer ducked a Club to West, who could cash a couple of Diamonds. But that was all for the defense, scoring those two Diamonds, a Club, and only one Heart.

In order to beat the contract, East must practice the art of concealment. At Trick 2, if he plays the ♥K, then Declarer will be none the wiser. Now it will appear to Declarer that West has led from ♥QJ93, in which case a second hold-up is required. But, in fact, it turns out to be fatal, that second Heart trick for the defense will result in the ultimate defeat of the contract.

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Super Crossword

A TO Z REPEATEDLY

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1 Dubya or JFK

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12 Bandleader Lawrence

16 NBA's Erving, familiarly

19 Totally alter

20 Visibly sulky

21 Pack of yaks

22 Coastal inlet

23 Monumental

24 Of very hilly regions

25 Livelihood

27 Betray by snitching

29 Possible answer to "Who is?"

30 Scottish refusals

32 Lupe of "Mexican Spitfire"

33 With 73- and 117-Across, notable fact about this puzzle's solution

37 Antigen-attacking lymphocyte

39 Abbr. ending a math proof

40 Suffix with form

41 Deer relative

42 Surgical tool

44 Put a levy on

47 Smidge

49 Des Moines native

51 Cry to a lifesaver

53 Move in spasms

56 "American Pie" actor — William Scott

58 Visibly awed

60 Tailless cat

61 Pop's Grande

63 The Beatles' "Eleanor —"

65 Gibson liquor

66 1847 Herman Melville novel

67 Big name in utility knives

68 Atty.'s title

69 18-wheeler

71 Div. of a hoops game

73 See

80 Mine, in Italy

81 ROY G. —

82 Albuquerque-to-Denver dir.

83 Chef's hat

85 Travel by foot

89 Cable inits. for old films

91 Reverend Jackson

93 Tweak

94 Ending for buck

95 "El —"

96 (nickname of a drug lord)

97 Drink heartily

99 Acorn trees

100 "Incredible!"

102 D-Max pickup maker

104 Tips, as a hat

106 Wd. often ending in "-ly"

107 Rho-tau link

109 Western treaty inits.

111 U.S. spy gp.

112 Former Pan Am rival

115 Decide you will

117 See

121 Part of a ship's hull

123 Cartoon hits

125 Cool, man

126 Some Native Americans

127 Getting a laugh of out

129 Cool guy on "Happy Days"

133 Years, in Italy

134 Traffic snarl

135 Lawn digger

136 Popular place for a piercing

137 Give a test to

138 Log splitter

139 "— Out of My League"

140 Basic nature

141 "That's clear"

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1 Trig, for calc, e.g.

2 Put new concrete on

3 Revised copy

4 Cholesterol-lowering drug

5 Funny Carrey

6 Artist Yoko

7 "Be quiet!"

8 Univ. about 50 miles west of Topeka

9 Coating with glossy varnish

10 Yang partner

11 Office scribe

12 Interlaced

13 Is

14 Third bk. of the Bible

15 Roguish behavior

16 Group of precision marchers

17 Ceremony

18 "Run This Town" rapper

26 Toon frame

28 Laugh syllable from a Stoooge

31 Plant — (claim some territory, maybe)

34 Writer Mario Vargas —

35 Mitigate

36 "King Kong" studio

38 Solidifies

43 "Seminar," for "Marines," e.g.: Abbr.

45 River in Italy

46 "Kisses and hugs" symbol

47 Glide in a rink

48 Glaring

50 "That's the — goes"

52 Med. insurer

53 NFL's Jaguars, on scoreboards

54 The "E" of 39-Across

55 Well-off

57 Muslim face veil

59 Arouse

62 Linguist Chomsky

64 Mark over a short vowel

68 Pliocene, e.g.

70 Big name in informal knives

72 Eligible for Soc. Sec.

74 Class for an Eng. major

75 Little jewel

76 Sam of golf

77 Judo halls

78 Blue hue

79 Walrus tooth

84 Aliens, briefly

85 Tot's glassful

86 Yank who wore #13

87 Small amount, as of sales

88 Jazz saxophonist Dave

90 Injure greatly

92 People crushing things

93 Stick on

96 Biblical song

98 Points of convergence

101 Prizes highly

103 Animals: Suffix

105 Kismet

108 Wolf down

110 Suppress

112 Pre-lift-off expression

113 Hot dog

114 Judicial inquest

116 Book divs.

118 Lauder of cosmetics

119 Cereal utensil

120 Basra citizen

121 Mexico's — California

122 Huge-screen film format

124 In-favor votes

128 "Stupid me!"

130 Partakes of

131 "Grimm" ailer

132 Wye follower

MAGIC MAZE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Unlisted clue hint: FOR — NOR MONEY

A lifetime

A song

All the world

Certain

Dear life

Evermore

Example

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Instance

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The mean time

The record

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Go Figure!

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119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Stop by our office for your Free 2023-2024 Community Guide. This guide will tell everything you need to know about settling into Clinton and making it home. **Clinton Journal 111 S Monroe, Clinton**

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NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. *A childcare facility that is

licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. The Clinton Journal strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

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203 HELP WANTED

THE CLINTON JOURNAL is seeking a substitute delivery driver. Responsibilities include picking up paper bundles from the Journal office and delivering them to designated businesses in a timely manner. **MUST** have a valid driver's license, reliable transportation and valid insurance. Apply at the Clinton Journal office, 111 S. Monroe St., Clinton. (203TFN)

305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

PLACE A RUMMAGE SALE AD IN THE CLINTON JOURNAL. Deadline for ads are: Monday, 5:00 PM for the following Friday edition. Rate: 1 publication and up to one week online, up to 20 words for \$17.00, additional words are 25¢ a word. **OUR RAIN GUARANTEE:** If it rains on your sale day, we'll rerun the same ad (only date & time changes) for free. Must run within 2 weeks.

307 MISC FOR SALE

ROCKING HORSE: wooden, handmade, will hold adult, \$110, 217-944-2106. (307 1210)

LEGAL

TAKE NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, DEWITT COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, DEWITT COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, KAYLA N HECTOR, BILLY R IRVIN, MARTHA HARPST, GREGORY L. PRATT TAX DEED NO.:2023TX11 FILED: 11/03/2023 County of Dewitt Date Premises Sold October 20, 2021 Certificate No. 202000085 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020 Sold for Special

Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 335 High, Weldon, IL 61882 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-09-428-002 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 01, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 01, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Clinton, Illinois on July 01, 2024 at 11:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 01, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk, Dewitt County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Clinton, Illinois, 61727. For further information contact the County Clerk 201 W Washington St Room 109, Clinton, IL 61727. 217-935-7780 Petitioner, INTEGRITY INVESTMENT FUND, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee 6114-937433

LEGAL 19899 Nov. 17, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 2023

LEGAL

TAKE NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, DEWITT COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, ROBERT M THAYER, ROBERT M. THAYER, CATHERINE M. THAYER, ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY AS RA FOR MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC, DAVID KENNETH KOONS, ALLIE T THAYER, ROBERT M. THAYER, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, (407502620), INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, (407502620), ATTORNEY GENER-

AL OF THE UNITED STATES U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, RICHARD L PROBST AS RA FOR P AND N PROPERTIES, INC. **TAX DEED NO.:2023TX14 FILED: 11/03/2023 County of Dewitt Date Premises Sold October 20, 2021 Certificate No. 202000034 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property located at 105 W Macon, Clinton, IL 61727 Legal Description or Property Index No. 07-27-458-008 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 01, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 01, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Clinton, Illinois on July 01, 2024 at 11:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 01, 2024 by applying to the County Clerk, Dewitt County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Clinton, Illinois, 61727. For further information contact the County Clerk 201 W Washington St Room 109, Clinton, IL 61727. 217-935-7780 Petitioner, INTEGRITY INVESTMENT FUND, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee 6114-937433

Dated: November 13, 2023

Michael L. Colliver 10526 E. Tallahassee Ave Mesa, AZ 85212

Jacqueline M. Boring 14582 US Hwy 51 Wapella, IL 61777

Joseph A. Dehn/ 6229120 DePew & Dehn 201 West Olive Street, #4 Bloomington, IL 61701 309-829-7002 email: jadehn@prodigy.net

Legal 19903 November 17 & 24, 2023 December 1, 2023

LEGAL 19900 Nov. 17, 24, Dec 1, 2023

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SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAURA E. COLLIVER, DE-

DOGS PETS LIVESTOCK

Happy Jack® Liquivict 2x® is recognized safe & effective against hook & round worms by the USCMV. Double strength, 3 year stability. At Tractor Supply® (www.happyjackinc.com)

CEASED

2023PR000037

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Laura E. Colliver of Wapella, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on October 18, 2023 to Michael L. Colliver and Jacqueline M. Boring, whose attorney is Joseph A. Dehn of DePew & Dehn, 201 West Oliver Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701.

Claims may be filed on or before May 18, 2024, which is not less than six months from the first date of publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be filed in the office of Clerk of this Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, Clinton, Illinois or claims may be filed with the Executors. If e filed with the Clerk, within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Executors and their attorney and e file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated: November 13, 2023

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Legal 19903 November 17 & 24, 2023 December 1, 2023

REQUIREMENTS FOR MOWING CEMETERIES IN WAPELLA TOWNSHIP

1. Cemeteries to be mowed are Sugar Grove, Long Point, Crum and St.

INFORMATION

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday-Friday) **Closed Wednesdays**
Address: 111 S. Monroe St., Clinton
Mail: P.O. Box 615 Clinton, IL 61727

All classified marketplace line ads will appear in the following print publications and on our newspaper website:
• Clinton Journal
• www.theclintonjournal.com

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DISCLAIMER: If your advertisement appears incorrectly, notify us immediately. We will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion, and will only credit customer for one insertion.

LEGAL

LEGAL NOTICE - FOR SALE

Abandoned property by Kara McGhee from CT Investments. Property includes, but not limited to: Portable tower heater, Couch, table, headboard, wall décor, and other various miscellaneous items. Sale will commence at 8:00am and end promptly at 11:30am on December 13, 2023 at Cleary Building Corp., 8515 Cleary Rd., Clinton, IL 61727 Unit #28

Legal 19907 November 24, 2023 December 1, 2023

LEGAL

Wapella Township is now accepting bids for the mowing of four cemeteries in Wapella Township. For bid information contact Lindsay Donovan, township clerk at 217-855-1942. Mail bids to Wapella Township, 704 Walnut Circle, Wapella, IL 61777. All bids along with proof of insurance must be received by January 1, 2024. Bids will be opened January 9, 2024 at 7 pm in the Wapella Township Office. Wapella Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Lindsay Donovan, Township Clerk

REQUIREMENTS FOR MOWING CEMETERIES IN WAPELLA TOWNSHIP

1. Cemeteries to be mowed are Sugar Grove, Long Point, Crum and St.

Patrick's. 2. Cemeteries must be mowed and trimmed on a weekly basis during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, and October or as needed in those months. 3. All grass and debris must be removed from all headstones after each mowing. 4. Payment will be made one time a month on the second Tuesday of each month. 5. Three year contracts are encouraged. 6. Proof of insurance must be provided with bid. 7. Mail bids to Wapella Township/Attn: Lindsay Donovan, 704 Walnut Circle, Wapella IL 61777 8. Bids must be received by January 1, 2024 to be considered.

Legal 19908 November 24, December 1 & 8, 2023

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN WARNER, IV, DECEASED

2023-PR-39

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Administration - Will Annexed were issued on November 2, 2023 to Jonah

Kolb 7418 S. Road, Clinton, Illinois 61727 as independent administrator. 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 Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 8, 2024. 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 obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2023.

Jonah Kolb, independent administrator of the estate of John Warner, IV deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-



CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS VACANCY NOTICE NO. 13

Please apply on-line at www.applitrack.com/Clinton/onlineapp unless noted otherwise.

Clinton High School

• **Spanish Teacher**, application deadline Dec. 8, 2023

• **Business Teacher for 2024-2025**, application deadline Dec. 8, 2023

Athletics

• **Assistant Softball Coach**, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppe1@cusd15.org

Kitchen

• **Sub Kitchen Staff, plus opportunity to sub for crossing**, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office.

Transportation

• **Sub Bus Drivers**, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office. Must have or be willing to obtain CDL. \$24.50 per hr.
• **Crossing Guard, \$16.00 (1 HR PM Bell) plus opportunity to sub for kitchen or AM crossing**. Please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office. Application deadline December 8, 2023
• **Sub Crossing Guard, \$16.00 (HRS as needed) plus opportunity to sub for kitchen or bus monitor**, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office.

Unit Office

• **Teacher Aide - Bilingual (English & Spanish)**, please see website for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> "An Equal Opportunity Employer"

All employees must pass state & federal background checks.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2023TX10: TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND DEWITT COUNTY CLERK, DEWITT COUNTY TREASURER, DEWITT COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, CITY OF CLINTON, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

Parcel Number	Owners/Parties Interested	Cert Number	Street Or Common Address
07-26-306-003	MORRIS, MICHAEL	202000024	503 E. JULIA ST.
07-26-306-003	MORRIS, GEORGE	202000024	503 E. JULIA ST.
07-35-102-006	OCONNOR, MICHAEL J	202000046	616 1/2 E. NORTH ST.
07-35-102-006	OCONNOR, MARIE	202000046	616 1/2 E. NORTH ST.
14-09-279-017	ROGERS, RENAE	202000081	WATER ST.
14-09-279-017	ROGERS, MICHAEL L.	202000081	WATER ST.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVESAID PARCELS WERE SOLD ON OCTOBER 20, 2021, FOR GENERALTAXES FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES APRIL 30, 2024. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEEDS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVESAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PARCELS BY DEWITT COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON MAY 24, 2024 AT 10:00 AM [COURTROOM A], SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX DEED ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVESAID PARCEL NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30, 2024. /S/ DEWITT COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
ADDRESS: 201 W. WASHINGTON ST, CLINTON, IL 61727
TELEPHONE: (217) 935-7780

Legal 19904
December 1, 2023

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E-MAIL: attor-
neys@dewittcoun-
tylaw.com

Legal 19909
November 24, De-
cember 1 & 8, 2023

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BLANCHE BEVERLY DUBSON, DECEASED

2023-PR-40

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office–Decedent’s Estate were issued on November 9, 2023 to Gayle D. Witt, 217 West Green Street, Farmer City, Illinois 61842 as independent executor. 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 Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 8, 2024. 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 obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2023.

Gayle D. Witt, independent executor of the estate of Blanche Beverly Dubson, deceased

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MAHOMET VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY MEETING DATES FOR 2024

Meeting dates & locations for 2024 for the Mahomet Valley Water Authority are as follows:

January 9, 2024
March 12, 2024
May 14, 2024
July 9, 2024
September 10, 2024
November 12, 2024

All meetings are held in the Monticello Professional Building, Monticello, IL 61856.

Special Meetings are held as needed.

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Notice of Intention of Community Unit School District Number 15, DeWitt, Macon and Logan Counties, Illinois to Issue not to Exceed \$7,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 21st day of November, 2023, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Community Unit School District Number 15, DeWitt, Macon and Logan Counties, Illinois (the “District”), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue

said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the “Secretary”) within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 760 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and on or before the 18th day of December, 2023, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 19th day of March, 2024. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and after the 18th day of December, 2023, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 5th day of November, 2024. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to either of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 15, DeWitt, Macon and Logan Counties, Illinois.

DATED this 21st day of November, 2023.

Sondra Baker
Secretary, Board of Education,
Community Unit School District

Number 15, DeWitt, Macon and Logan Counties, Illinois

Dan Matthews
President, Board of Education,
Community Unit School District
Number 15, DeWitt, Macon and Logan Counties, Illinois

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December 1, 2023

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Joint Review Board
Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Joint Review Board will be meeting on December 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 118 W Washington St., Clinton, IL 61727. This meeting will be discussing TIF I and TIF IV reports.

Taylor Baxter
TIF Administrator

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Protect your pets: Keep paws off overwintering indoor plants

URBANA, Ill. — As winter settles in, many plants and houseplants that were growing outdoors have returned inside. Before bringing in your plants, consider animal companions, such as dogs and cats, because some plants can make them sick if ingested. Knowing what plants you have and how they will affect your furry friends can go a long way in keeping your family safe.

Plants have several natural defenses to protect themselves against pests, including physical and chemical barriers. Physical barriers might be things like fine hairs on okra, prickles on cucumbers, thorns on roses, and spines on cacti. Chemical barriers are phytochemicals that can cause various issues depending on exposure and toxicity, such as irritation or illness. Bitterness is an example of a chemical barrier.

There are plants of concern for humans, and there is another list for pets. One example of a plant that is safe for human use but can make dogs and cats sick is aloe.

With both existing house plants or when bringing plants inside, there are some ways to limit exposure to keep both your plants and pets safe. Labeling plants is key, especially when making room for all your plants as you bring them in for winter.

Keep non-pet-friendly plants in a room out of reach.

Discard plant debris and clippings into an outdoor receptacle or one away from pets.

Hang plants out of reach of pets.
Label plants and use a sticker or label on plants that are unsafe.

Use metal cages or terrariums for added protection if you are unable to separate by room.

The following list from University of Nebraska Extension covers plants that are poisonous to pets: Amaryllis, Andromeda, apple seeds, apricot, arrowgrass, avocado, bittersweet, boxwood, buttercup, caladium, castor beans, cherry pits, chokecherry, crown of thorns, daffodil, daphne delphinium, dieffenbachia, elephant ear, English ivy, elderberry, foxglove, glory lily, hemlock, hemp, holly, hyacinth, hydrangea, iris, jasmine, Jimson weed, Kalanchoe species, laburnum, larkspur, laurel, locoweed, marigold, mistletoe, monkshood, mushrooms, narcissus, nightshade, oleander, peach, philodendron, Poinsettia, poison ivy, privet, rhododendron, rhubarb, stinging nettle, tobacco, tulip, walnut, wisteria, and yew.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals also has species-specific poisonous plant lists for dogs, cats, and horses. If a pet does consume a plant, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Bruce J. Black is an Illinois Extension horticulture educator for Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside counties, as well as Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle counties. Gardeners Corner is a quarterly newsletter from gardening experts around the state. Each issue highlights best practices that will make your houseplants, landscape, or garden shine in any season. Join the Gardener’s Corner email list at go.illinois.edu/GCsubscribe for direct access to timely tips.

December program highlights Illinois Centennial Soil Archive Project

URBANA, Ill. — Illinois soils tell both a story and reveal a history of how soils have changed over the centuries. To understand more, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign needs help from residents and landowners. During a free program, Andrew Margenot, Illinois Extension specialist and associate professor in the Department of Crop Sciences, part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, will visit southern Illinois to share recent findings and discuss how local residents can get involved with the Illinois Centennial Soil Archive Project.

A key piece of Illinois’ agricultural heritage is a world-class, one-of-a-kind soil sample archive collected when local soils were first surveyed. As early as 1899, soil types across the state were mapped by sampling fields to three-foot depth and characterizing the distinct soil layers. Predecessors had the foresight to keep records of sampling locations and to store these soil samples on campus.

Margenot and team have spent four years recovering and curating the archive of soils sampled from 1899 through the 2000s. With the Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council, Illinois Farm Bureau, and residents, researchers now wish to resample these locations to identify how soils have changed over time in Illinois.

Margenot will discuss findings and share how landowners can contribute to the project during a free program at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the Giant City Visitor’s

Center at 1-245 Giant City Rd in Mankada.

In a recent ACES interview, Margenot shared project goals that will “Yield unprecedented insight into our state’s soil resource base and enable improvements in soil fertility management and conservation.”

“The original soils and approximately 450 locations we seek to resample are located on private land, often fields,” says Margenot. “We are looking to identify and contact landowners and producers to ask permission to sample soils.”

To register, visit go.illinois.edu/SoilArchiveProject. To learn more about the project or to discover a map with the location of sample sites, visit margenot.cropsciences.illinois.edu.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in programming, contact Chris Evans at cwevans@illinois.edu or 618-695-3383. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your needs.

SOURCE: Andrew Margenot, Extension specialist, associate professor, Department of Crop Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

WRITER: Heather Willis, marketing and communications program coordinator, Illinois Extension

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ISP to conduct alcohol checks in McLean, Kanakee counties

PONTIAC – Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 5 Commander, Capt. Tim Sweeney, announces the ISP will conduct Alcohol Countermeasure Enforcement (ACE) patrols in Kankakee and McLean Counties on December 22.

ACE patrols allow the ISP to focus on preventing, detecting, and taking enforcement action in response to violations associated with impaired driving and illegal transportation or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

The ISP has zero tolerance for impaired driving in Illinois. Officers working the detail will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license, transporting open alcoholic beverages, and most importantly:

- Driving Under the Influence (DUI);
- Safety Belt and Child Restraint use;
- Speeding;
- Distracted Driving; and,
- All Illinois Vehicle Code and Criminal Violations.

Alcohol and drug impairment are factors in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois. There is one alcohol-related traffic fatality every 53 minutes in the United States. The ACE program allows officers to work even harder at removing dangerous DUI offenders from the road. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

ISP to conduct occupant restraint patrols in multiple counties

PONTIAC – Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 5 Commander Capt. Tim Sweeney, announces the ISP will conduct Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols (OREP) in Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, Livingston, and McLean Counties on December 13 and 18.

OREPs allow the ISP to focus on safety belt and child safety seat laws. Illinois law requires all vehicle passengers (front and back) to be buckled up.

Safety belts are still one of the most effective safety devices in vehicles, estimated to save nearly 14,000 lives each year. Half of vehicle occupants killed in a traffic crash were not properly buckled up.

The objective of this program is to increase occupant restraint compliance through education, child seat inspections, and enforcement.

ISP to conduct nighttime enforcement patrols

PONTIAC – Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 5 Commander, Capt. Tim Sweeney, announces the ISP will conduct Nighttime Enforcement (NITE) patrols in Kankakee and McLean Counties on December 15 and 16. NITE patrols allow the ISP to focus on preventing, detecting, and taking enforcement action in response to impaired driving and occupant restraint violations especially between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The number of unrestrained drivers killed in traffic crashes is significantly higher at nighttime and combined with impaired driving means even more traffic deaths during these critical hours. Officers will strictly enforce violations including:

- Driving Under the Influence (DUI);
- Safety Belt and Child Restraint use;
- Speeding;
- Distracted Driving; and,
- All Illinois Vehicle Code and Criminal Violations.

Alcohol and drug impairment are factors in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois. Over half of all fatal crashes in Illinois occur at night. The NITE program allows officers to work even harder at removing dangerous impaired drivers from the road and making sure everyone is buckled up. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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